

JEFFERSON LODGE NO. 15 A.F. & A.M.

November 2019 TRESTLE BOARD



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Message from the East

Brothers,

"I KNOW MY RIGHTS!"

How often have we heard this statement, often shouted defiantly, in media reports or perhaps even in person. And the person making it is often correct. He or she has rights which should be respected. Valiant lives were put at risk to secure and defend those rights.

However, they are coupled with equally undeniable responsibilities. This part of the equation sometimes gets left out of the discussion. We have an obligation, an old-fashioned word is "duty", to act for the common good. The whole can then move forward because everybody has a stake in its success.

So it is with Masonry. We often hear and speak about the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. The concept is scattered through much of our Work. We may associate freely with men of good character, and enjoy mutual affection and respect. We have thousands pledged to protect and relieve our families in the event of distress. We may receive public and private esteem for our charity and service to our communities. We may be remembered after our passing by those who will extoll our virtues.

Our responsibilities are mentioned in the Charges after each Degree. They can be grouped into duties to Society: to revere Deity, practice the Golden Rule, be a peaceful citizen, pursue your vocation; and duties to the Fraternity in general: uphold our rules, judge fairly, practice virtue. The most practical of our obligations are to the Lodge; to attend its meetings, pay your dues promptly, vote ethically, and participate in its activities.

Striking the balance between privileges and responsibilities will bring us the satisfaction of expending worthwhile effort for the benefit of all. Fortunately, that effort is not burdensome and the benefits are greatly rewarding.

Fraternally,

Peter E. Pagani
Master

P.S.: November affords three opportunities to recognize the contributions of others which have greatly benefitted us. Veterans Day remembers the service and sacrifice of all those who gave of themselves and their families to protect us and our liberties. Thanksgiving is a time to acknowledge the manifold heavenly blessings and comforts which surround us. Masonic Devotion Sunday, November 24th, encourages us, regardless of denomination or place of worship, to recognize the importance of the SAOTU in our lives. We are, after all, a Fraternity of men of Faith.

So mote it be.

Officers 2018-2019

Worshipful Master
Peter Pagani
(Judith)
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Senior Warden
Nicholas Acord
(Crystal)
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James Craig
(Leslie)
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Rolando Chavez
(Katrin)
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Charles (Chas) Van Heest
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Anthony Valenti
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(Teresa)
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COMMITTEES 2018-2019

Activities
David Lorah
Hunter Wenke
Audit
W. James Horn
W. Eric Evans
W. J.B. Walsh
Benevolence
W. Eric Evans
Robert Silvagni
Budget
W. Gerald Cowen
Patrick Shearon
Candidate Examination
W. Eric Evans
W. David Beebe
Christmas Dinners
W. Ronald Ferraro
Kenneth Ciarlone
Craig Boles
Christmas Float
W. Brian Benfer
W. Ron Ferraro
Rob Jennings
Communications
Ken Ciarlone
Cole Benfer
Anthony Valenti
Finance
W. J.B. Walsh
Patrick Shearon
Robert Karafin

Fund Raisers
Nick Accord
Sean McLaughlin
Cole Benfer
Funeral Services
W. Eric Evans
Peter Pagani
Arthur Sutton
Robert Karafin
Grand Master Visit
Nick Accord
James Craig
Peter Pagani
Intender Program
W. John Badeen
First Line Signers
Second Line Signers
Ladies Night
James Craig
Nick Accord
Anthony Valenti
Ernie Baynum
Mentor Program
W. Carl Wenke
W. Eric Evans
Past Master's Dinner
W. Carl Wenke
Hunter Wenke
Past Master's Night
W. James Horn
James Craig
Anthony Valenti
Pop Jefferson Award
Dickie Brittingham
Robert K

Public Relations
Peter Pagani
Robert Silvagni
Refreshments
James Craig
Chas Van Heest
Sean McLaughlin
Anthony Valenti
Cole Benfer
Ritual
W. Eric Evans
W. Brian Benfer
W. David Beebe
Scholarship
W. Walter Hopkins
W. Gerald Cowen
David Lorah
Visitation of the Ill
All Officer
All Members
Web Page
Rolando Chavez
Anthony Valenti
Sean McLaughlin

(The Worshipful Master is an Ex-Officio member of all committees)

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

The change to our by-laws has been approved by Grand Lodge. To bring your copy of the by-laws booklet up to date, you will receive a self-sticking label with your dues notice. Place the label on page 3, section 3. Please call if you have any questions.

Fraternally

Robert Karafin

Living Past Masters

MEETING TIMES FOR DISTRICT #3 LODGES

HOPE #4

3rd Tues. 7:30

UNION #7

1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30

TEMPLE #9

*2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30
Supper 6:30*

FRANKLIN #12

2nd & 4th Tues. 7:30

ENDEAVOR #17

2nd Tues. 7:30

HIRAM #21

2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30

GETHSEMANE #28

3rd Wed. 7:30

DORIC #30

1st & 3rd Mon. 7:30

DELAWARE #37

2nd Tues. 7:30

Jefferson Lodge

1965 H. Dale Parsons
1969 George A Gibson
1970 Donald D Mitchell
1971 John H Lehman
1978 John Gibson
1981 Clyde E Seibert Jr.
1983 Lee J McDaniel
1984 William H Dawson
1985 John Jay Dentino
1988 James B Walsh
1989 Eric D. Swanson
1991 Eric J Evans
1993 Christian L Dull Jr.
1994 John R Souder
1995 Albert C Vopalecky
1996 Donald Schneck
1997 James G Horn
1998-99 Leon D Ware Sr.
2000 Thaddeus N Truitt
2001-02 Walter C Hopkins
2003 Steven D Berlin
2004 David K Edwards
2007 Bryan A Ware

2008 David R Beebe
2009 James Lewis
2010 John Kapochus
2011 David K Edwards
2012 Joseph Bishop
2013 Brian Benfer
2014 Carl Wenke
2015 Gerald Cowan
2016 Timothy Wolfe
2017 Ron Ferraro
2018 Ron Ferraro

Other Lodges

John J Badeen 2007-8-9-10
St. Andrews #64, CT
William E Edwards 1981
Chillum Castle #186, MD
Michael McDade 1985,
2000, 10, 14. 15
Charity #3190, PA
Donald L McElwee 1988
Chester #236, PA
Charles W Mohacey 1979
Tacony #600, PA
Charles Oakes
Perry #458, PA
John Turansky 2011-12
Endeavor #17, DE

**Congratulations on
your progress in the
journey to become
Master Masons**

ENTERED APPRENTICE

FELLOW CRAFT

MASTER MASON
AWAITING PASSOFF

Frank Carmichael
(Instructor
Kenneth Ciarlone)

Ernie Baynum
(Instructor
Pat Shearon)

UPCOMING MASONIC BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER

John J Badeen, Mark A Dawson, George A Gibson, John M Haldeman, Adrian W Hudson

Mark Hurling, Robert Jennings, Courtney L Jones, Kenneth H Logan, Craig Long,

Allen McIlvain, Charles W Mohacey Jr, Charles Oakes II, Edwin B Perry Jr, Jeffrey T Puglia

Jesse C Sheppard Jr, Stephen H Smyk, William J Tobin Jr, Hunter R Walsh, Hunter Winke,

Henry "Carl" Winke III, Timothy Wolf

Jefferson Lodge Upcoming Events

(Need more information about an event? Send your question to: jeffersonlodge15@yahoo.com.)

November

**11-1st 7:30 PM Visit to Military #28 PHA,
1412 College Rd., Dover Dress: Masonic**

11-4th Officer Practice 7:15 PM

**11-6th Grand Masters Visit – Stated
Communication Dress Masonic**

5:00 Open Lodge

6:00 PM **Dinner @ Bethany Blues**

7:30 PM Grand Master's Official Visit

Dress: Masonic

**11-9th 8:00 AM Lodge
Breakfast & DeMolay Pancake
Fundraiser @ Jefferson Lodge Dress:
Casual**

11-11th 7:15 PM Officers' Practice

11-18th 7:15 PM Officers Practice

**11-20th 7:00 PM Special Communication
Dress: Masonic, Refreshment after**

**11-21st 6:30 PM Oyster Night, J.D.
Shuckers, Georgetown**

11-25th 7:15 PM Officers' Practice

December

**12-2 10 am Decorating Harbor Health
Care**

7:15 PM Officer Practice

**12-4 7:30 PM Stated Communication,
and drawing for Holiday \$ Raffle
Dress: Casual**

**12-4th first fundraiser Holiday Cash
Raffle**

**12-7 8:00 AM Lodge Breakfast &
Work on Float
4:30 PM Parade
5:00 PM Lodge Christmas Party**

12-16 7:15 PM Officers Practice

**12-18 7:00 PM Special Communication
Dress: Masonic
Refreshment after**

**12-19 6:30 PM Oyster Night, J.D.
Shuckers, Georgetown**

12-23 Officers Practice 7:15 PM

12-30 Officers Practice 7:15 PM

Masonic Trivia

The Obligation and the Oath: The obligation is a promise made by the candidate to the members of his Lodge and to the Fraternity. The oath is the "So help me God!" that follows the obligation.

The letters of the English word GOD are the first three letters of Hebrew words for beauty, strength and wisdom. G in Gomez, O in Oz, D in Dabar.

The Republic of Texas had four Presidents: David G. Burnett, 1836; Sam Houston, 1836-1838; Mirabeau B. Lamar, 1838-1841; Sam Houston, 1841-1844; Anson Jones, 1844-1846. All were Freemasons.