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Atlas Pythagoras #10
1st & 3rd Fridays, 1011 Central Ave.,
Westfield

AzureMasada #22
1st & 3rd Monday
478th South Ave., E. & Thomas St.,
Cranford

Jerusalem #26
1st Tuesday, 107 Seventh St., Plainfield

LaFayette #27
2nd Friday,
1550 Irving St., Rahway

Loyalty #33
1st & 3rd Tuesdays,
1912 Morris Ave., Union

Mount Zion #135
1st & 3rd Thursdays,
483 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen

Theodore Roosevelt #219
2nd & 4th Mondays
Elm St. & Taylor Ave, Carteret



Past Masters Night, LaFayette Lodge No. 27.
October 23, 2009.

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LaFayette Lodge

#27 Free & Accepted

Mason



NOVEMBER 2009

Original Charter
Granted November 9th, 1824
Reconstituted January 11, 1854

10th District, New Jersey

Communications 2nd Friday

Masonic Temple

1550 Irving Street
Rahway, New Jersey 07065
732-388-0309

From the East. . .

My Brethren,

What mystery surrounds the legend of the Lost Treasure of the Knights Templars?

The secrecy around the powerful medieval order of the [Knights Templar](#), and the speed with which they disappeared has led to many different Templar legends. These range from rumors about their association with the [Holy Grail](#) and the [Ark of the Covenant](#), to questions about their association with [Freemasonry](#).

John J. Robinson argues for the Templar-Masonic connection in his book *Born in Blood: The Lost Secrets of Freemasonry*. He alleges some French Templars fled to [Scotland](#) after the suppression of the order.

Others believe even though the Knights Templar were disbanded in the early 1300s, they possessed a sizable fleet of ships, and may have fled to the New World by following old Viking routes, making this one of the pre-Columbus voyages to the Americas.

Another claim is that the Paris Templars arranged for their treasure be loaded aboard their Templar fleet, fleeing to an unknown destination. According to Andrew Sinclair, author of "*The Sword and the Grail*", similar to Robinson's book, the Templars fled with the treasure to Scotland. It was in Scotland that they founded the St. Clair family, later to be known as Sinclair. The Sinclair's then became the Grand Masters of the order. Using their money, military might, and their sailing abilities, the Templars ultimately sailed westward to Nova Scotia.

One question remains, what happened to all the Templar treasure? An interesting theory is outlined in *The Lost Treasure of the Knights Templar: Solving the Oak Island Mystery* by Steven Sora. Assuming the treasure still remained after the voyage, it would have been necessary to safely hide it. Sora's theory regarding the lost treasure suggests that in their travels to the New World, the Templars brought it to Oak Island. Oak Island is a small island off the south coast of Nova Scotia. Supposedly, they built a complex 'Money Pit' on Oak Island by engineering flood traps to prevent anyone from finding

the treasure. The spot is said to be marked using the form of a stone cross, symbolism typical of the Templars.

Beginning with the discovery of the "Money-Pit" in 1795, many different groups over the years have tried and failed to dig down to the treasure said to be hidden in the "Money Pit". Even the young FDR is said to have been among the Oak Island treasure hunters. However, centuries after the Templars disbanded, the whereabouts of the lost Templar treasure still remains a mystery to this day.

My brothers, I submit to you that we have found the real Templar treasure, here in LaFayette Lodge! As with the early Knights Templars, the brotherhood and comradeship that we share at Lodge is priceless, without question. So to my brothers, I invite you to share in this rich tradition at our next business meeting

Fraternally,

WB G. Frank Bines Worshipful Master, 2009

Dates to Remember

Mon., Nov. 16, 2009 7:30pm

LaFayette Chapter #26 RAM

Regular Convocation – all companions encouraged to attend

Fri., Nov. 20, 2009 7:30pm

Regular Meeting of the RACC

Raritan Americus Craftsmen Club
Ladies invited for social time

Sun. Nov. 22, 2009 10am

Official Visit of MWGM William Berman to Menlo Park Veterans Home

Sat., Dec. 5, 2009 9am - 2pm

Blood Drive at LaFayette Lodge

Sat., Dec. 19, 2009 7:00pm

Trim-A-Tree Party and Potluck Supper
Sponsored by the RACC

Sun., Dec. 20, 2009 1pm – 3pm

Children's Christmas Party-ages 12 & under
Sponsored by the RACC

Trestleboard

Thurs., Nov. 5, 2009 at LaFayette Lodge
10th Dist. Grand Lodge of Instruction
Social Hour 5pm Dinner 5:30pm
GLI opens at 6:45 SHARP
Officers Dress : **Tuxedo**

Mon., Nov. 9, 2009 7:00pm
Rehearsal for upcoming EA degree
All officers and degree participants **must attend**

Fri., Nov. 13, 2009 7:30pm
Regular Communication - Silver Token Night

25, 30, 35, 40 & 45 yr. tokens presented
Officers' dress: **Business Suit**

Mon., Nov. 23, 2009 7:30pm
Emergent Communication – EA Degree
Officers' Dress: **Tuxedo**

Wed., Nov. 25, 2009 7:00pm
District Lodge of Instruction at AzureMasada Lodge #22 Cranford
Qualifying & Installing teams ONLY

Fri., Dec. 11, 2009 7:30pm
Regular Communication – Annual Meeting
Election of Officers, Suspensions for NPD,
Qualification of Incoming Master

Thurs., Dec. 17, 2009
Installation of Officers for 2010

Petitions under Investigation
Mr. Jonathan Edward DeFelice
1121 Madison Hill Rd., Rahway - Police Officer

D. Black, Jr. – Chmn.

Mr. Frank Ignatius Hefferen
G. Yancolowitz - Chmn.

Mr. Shawn Robert Hohner
12 Scheid Dr., Parlin Union Electrician
C. Kurowsky – Chmn.

Dr. Tiberiu Kovacs
15 Fox Hill Rd., Edison Physician
J. Kolchin – Chmn.

Mr. Edison Roldan
S. Lutz – Chmn.

Grand Lodge Events

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN

Date: Saturday December 5, 2009
Time: Social 5:30PM, Welcome 6:30PM, Dinner 6:45PM, Program 8:00PM
Location: Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ
Cost: \$50.00 per person and must be purchased in advance from the Grand Secretary's office, in person or via mail: 1114 Oxmead Rd., Burlington, NJ 08016, please include a self addressed, stamped envelope. Tables may be reserved for 8 or 10, provided they are paid for in advance and include the names of those attending. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Ill Brother Seamus P. McCaffrey, 33rd Degree, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice

MASONIC FAMILY HOCKEY GAME

Trenton Devils vs. Elmira Jackals
Date: Sunday March 28, 2010 4:00PM
Location: Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton, NJ
Cost: Tickets: \$15.00 lower level behind the net, \$18.00 club level
Benefit: Hero Scholarship Fund
Send your check payable to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, along with a self addressed stamped envelope to: R.W. Glenn E Latshaw, 444 West Avenue, Delanco, NJ 08075
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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE GRAND MASTER Brethren,

It has come to my attention that a currently duly tried and expelled Mason, Michael McCabe, has been sending e-mail messages to Masons in good standing regarding Masonic subject matter.

While you cannot stop someone from sending you an e-mail, aside from placing that person's e-mail address in your spam or junk mail filters, you are accountable for replying to, or forwarding, e-mails originating from an expelled Mason when discussing Masonic matters. Replying to, or forwarding e-mails emanating from a duly tried and expelled Mason which contain matter is a violation of your obligation where your swore Masonic subject not to hold Masonic communication with a clandestine, suspended, or expelled Mason, you knowing him to be such.

Should any Mason in good standing do so, he will be subject to Masonic penalties. Govern yourselves accordingly.

Awaiting Entered Apprentice Degree

Mr. Phillip Justin Ledet

Awaiting Fellowcraft Degree

Bro. Warren Heiser Bro. John Patrick Martin
Bro. Luis Danilo Roman

Awaiting Master Mason Degree

Bro. David M. Saltzman