

## Committees 2009

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**Atlas Pythagoras #10**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 1011 Central Ave.,  
Westfield

**AzureMasada #22**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
478th South Ave., E. & Thomas St.,  
Cranford

**Jerusalem #26**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 107 Seventh St., Plainfield

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

**Loyalty #33**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays,  
1912 Morris Ave., Union

**Mount Zion #135**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays,  
483 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen

**Theodore Roosevelt #219**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
Elm St. & Taylor Ave, Carteret



Token Night, LaFayette Lodge No. 27.  
November 13, 2009.

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# LaFayette Lodge

#27

Free & Accepted  
Mason



*In closing Brethren, be ye all of one  
mind, live in peace, and may the God of  
love and peace delight to dwell with  
and bless you!*

DECEMBER 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,  
I apologize for sending an unmasonic message in my December, 2009 trestleboard. Please destroy the message and replace it with the following:

### Where and When was Lafayette made a Mason?

That La Fayette was a Master Mason is well known, but where and when was LaFayette made a Mason? There is a tradition General Lafayette was made a Mason in one of the military lodges at Morristown, N. J. during the winter of 1777 at which Bro. George Washington presided in person.

The second tradition is General Lafayette was made a Mason in a military lodge at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78.

In an address delivered by Bro. George W. Chaytor before Lafayette Lodge, No. 14 located at Wilmington, Del., on Jan. 18, 1875, he said "...It was at VALLEY FORGE THAT HE WAS MADE A MASON. On this point there should be no second opinion--for surely LA-FAYETTE KNEW BEST WHERE HE WAS MADE A MASON. We have this statement FROM HIMSELF--MADE AT THE TIME HE WAS THE GUEST OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE. The statement LaFayette made was as follows: "...During the winter (1777-78) the Army lay at Valley Forge he learned there was a Masonic lodge working in the camp. He made his wish known to a friend, who at once informed him that he, himself, was a Mason, and would take great pleasure in making his wish known to the lodge. This was done--and he was there made a Mason. He also stated that Washington was present and acted as Master of the Lodge at the time of his initiation.'

Now, listen to what LaFayette said later: 'After I was made a Mason, General Washington seemed to have received a new light--I never had from that moment any cause to doubt his entire confidence. It was not long before I had a separate command of great importance.'

It is significant that Lafayette, on Dec. 4, 1777, was made a Major General by act of the Congress and was given the charge of a Division of the Army by Washington on that authorization.

My Brothers, we at LaFayette Lodge No. 27 take great pride in our Masonic connection with Brother LaFayette.

Historical credit to BRO. HARRY J. GUTHRIE, P. G. M., Delaware

Fraternally, WB G. Frank Bines Worshipful Master, 2009

## Trestleboard

**Wed., Dec. 2, 2009 7:00pm**  
**DLI at AzureMasada Lodge #22 Cranford**  
Qualifying & Installing teams ONLY

**Mon., Dec. 7, 2009 7:00pm**  
Rehearsal for installation  
All officers and participants **must** attend

**Fri., Dec. 11, 2009 7:30pm**  
**Regular Communication – Annual Meeting**  
Election of Officers, Suspensions for NPD  
Officers Dress: **Business Suit**

**Thurs., Dec. 17, 2009**  
**Qualification of Incoming Master and**  
**Open Installation of Officers for 2010**  
Qualification – **6:45pm** Memorial Service & Installation – **7:00pm** Dinner to follow  
Officers Dress: **Tuxedo**

### In Memoriam

Bro. James H. Samo  
EA-5/6/57, FC-6/3/57, MM-10/21/57  
Deceased – 04/04/2009

Bro. Herbert A. Crompton  
EA-6/27/46, FC- 9/12/46, MM 10/24/46  
Deceased – 07/04/2009

Bro. W. John McKeel  
EA- 1/16/78, FC-3/20/78, MM-5/15/78  
Deceased – 07/13/2009

Bro. Richard S. Braun  
EA-3/6/59, FC-5/1/59, MM-10/16/59  
Deceased – 09/18/2009

Bro. Charles R. Mohr  
EA-3/3/64, FC-4/7/64, MM-5/19/64  
Deceased – 09/25/2009

Bro. John J. Smith  
EA-9/20/76, FC-10/18/76, MM- 12/6/76  
Deceased – 09/28/2009

Bro. Lewis A. Pratt  
EA-6/7/63, FC-9/20/63, MM-12/6/63  
Deceased – 10/3/2009

Bro. Clifford A. McGarry  
EA-2/16/53, FC- 3/16/53, MM-4/27/53  
Deceased – 10/17/2009

Bro. Robert O.Hansen  
EA-3/24/66, FC-5/12/66, MM-10/27/66  
Deceased – 1028/2009

## Dates to Remember

**Sat., Dec. 5, 2009 9am - 2pm**  
**Blood Drive at LaFayette Lodge**

**Sat., Dec. 19, 2009 7:00pm**  
Trim-A-Tree Party and Covered Dish Supper  
Sponsored by the RACC

Election of 2010 officers will also be held  
**Sun., Dec. 20, 2009 1pm – 3pm**  
Children's Christmas Party-ages 12 & under  
Sponsored by the RACC

**Reservation Deadline is DECEMBER 10**  
Contact WB Ed Londino (732) 522-0174  
**Mon., Dec. 21, 2009 7:30pm**

**LaFayette Chapter #26 RAM**  
Regular Convocation – all companions  
are encouraged to attend – Holiday Collation to follow

**Sat. Jan. 23, 2010 6:00pm**  
**Annual Robert Burns Supper**  
**\$35pp All Welcome**

RACC Officers will be installed as well  
Contact RW Donald A.C. Black, Sr. for info or reservations (732) 277-6062

**Sun. Feb. 7, 2010**  
**Annual RACC Super Bowl Party**  
Details to be announced

**10<sup>th</sup> District Installations**  
**Dec.12** – Mt. Zion #135 1:00pm  
**Dec.14** - Theo. Roosevelt #219 7:30pm  
**Dec. 18** –Atlas-Pythagoras #10 7:30pm  
**Dec. 19**- AzureMasada #22 7:00pm  
**Jan. 2**- Jerusalem #26 2:30pm  
All Installations are OPEN

**Petitions under Investigation**  
**Mr. Frank Ignatius Hefferen**  
G. Yancolowitz - Chmn  
**Mr. Ian Benson McDermott**  
435 West 8<sup>th</sup> St. Plainfield - Acct. Exec.

**Mr. Jeffrey John Morey**  
625 Hemlock St. Roselle Park. - Retired  
**Awaiting Fellowship Degree**  
Bro. Jonathan Edward DeFelice  
Bro. Warren Heiser Bro. Shawn Robert Hohner  
Bro. Tiberiu Kovacs Bro. Phillip Justin Ledet  
Bro. John Patrick Martin Bro. Edison Roldan  
Bro. Luis Danilo Roman  
**Awaiting Master Mason Degree**  
Bro. David M. Saltzman

## Grand Lodge Events

### FEAST OF SAINTS 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  
**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:** Ill Brother Seamus P. McCaffrey, 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**Date:** Saturday December 12, 2009  
**Time:** 9am - 12 Noon (Santa arrives at 10am)  
**Location:** Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ  
**Cost:** \$10per adult \$5 per child 12 and under; includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, French toast sticks, pictures with Santa , crafts and a gift for each child. Reservation deadline is December 4. Call 609-239-3940, or email [SpecialEvents@njmasonic.org](mailto:SpecialEvents@njmasonic.org) or mail to Masonic Home of NJ, Breakfast with Santa, 902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ 08016. Checks payable to Masonic Charity Foundation or credit cards

### POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Join the Grand Master and many, many Masons at this fundraiser for the Special Olympics of New Jersey.  
**Date:** Saturday, February 27, 2010  
9am-10:30am Free Breakfast – Harmony Lodge, RT 37W, Toms River, NJ  
10:30am Grand Lodge Trolley/Carpool to Seaside Heights, NJ  
12:30pm Staging on Beach, 1:00pm PLUNGE  
Register online at [www.njpolarplunge.org](http://www.njpolarplunge.org) under our team name: **Hiram On Ice**  
\$25 to register, total \$100 to plunge. Plungers are encouraged to get sponsors to reach the \$100. Plungers receive a nice Polar Bear Plunge garment. You do not have to be a Plunger to attend or donate. At the website you can donate easily to a registered Plunger. If not plunging, please consider to donate any dollar amount to our Grand Master under: William Berman.  
Call R.W. Dieter Hees at 732 300-4860 for information.

### 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  
Contact R.W. Brother Latshaw at 856-278-0012 or [bigdaddyglenn@aol.com](mailto:bigdaddyglenn@aol.com) for more information.