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Lodges of the 10th District

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

Officers for 2009

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Gold Token Night, May 8, 2009

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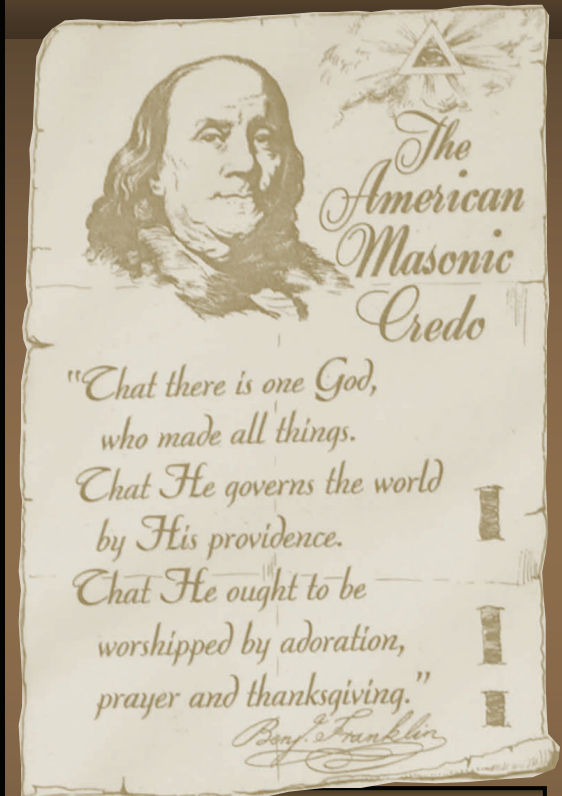
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Lafayette Lodge

#27 Free & Accepted

Masons



JUNE 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. . .

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, FREEMASON

Printer, author, editor, inventor, scientist, diplomat; founder of schools, postal systems, and government; ambassador, philosopher, politician and Freemason. Having amazing intellect, he was one of the most gifted men of all times. Franklin was initiated in 1731, probably at the February meeting of St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia.

He was appointed as Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1732. Even those who believe this Grand Lodge was not "really" a Grand Lodge but only St John's Lodge working as a Grand Lodge, are glad to know that Franklin became its Grand Master in 1734.

According to Old Masonic and family traditions the cornerstone of the Statehouse in Philadelphia (Independence Hall), built while Franklin was Grand Master, was laid by him and the Brethren of St. John's Lodge.

Among his first actions in France when he appeared as U.S. Ambassador, were affiliations with Masonic Lodges. In 1777 he was elected a member of the famous "Lodge des Neuf Soeurs" (Lodge of the Nine Sisters, or Nine Muses) of Paris, and later elected honorary Master.

In 1782 he became a member of Lodge de Saint Jean de Jerusalem, and the following year was elected Venerable d'Honneur of that body. Eight years later, April 17, 1790, Benjamin Franklin passed to the Grand Lodge above. Franklin lived to be eighty-five years old. Sixty of those years as a Freemason; he lived and wrote and practiced the principles of the Order.

No catalog of Franklin's offices, services, convey the essential facts regarding his Masonic Membership. One of his biographers pictures the man as he was "in his heart" which is not only good Masonic ritual but also good scripture, since, "as he thinketh in his heart, so he is."

His whole life of service exemplifies the practice of toleration. We cannot prove that he

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received the inspiration for these from Freemasonry, which he loved and practiced, but neither can anyone prove the contrary.

It is not for us to say what he would have been had there been no Freemasonry in his life; it is for us only to revere the Franklin who was among the very greatest of any other nation, in all times; for us to congratulate ourselves and be thankful for our country, that this wise philosopher, this leader of men and of nations, had taken to his heart the immutable and eternal principles of the Ancient Craft.

Source: MSA Short Talk Bulletin
Fraternally,
WB G. Frank Bines, Worshipful Master, 2009

In Memoriam

Bro. Alfred E. Baker, Jr.

EA-10/18/49, FC- 12/13/50, MM- 2/7/50

Deceased – 03/31/09

Wor. Bro. Sidney Josen

EA-1/4/44, FC-11/1/44, MM- 12/6/44

WM - 1951

Deceased – 5/08/2009

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Mon., June 1, 2009 7:30pm

Emergent Communication – FC Degree

Officers' dress: **Tuxedo**

Mon., June 8, 2009 7:00pm

Rehearsal for upcoming FC degree

All officers and degree participants **must** attend

Fri., June 12, 2009 7:30pm

Regular Communication

Officers' dress: **Business Suit**

Mon., June 22, 2009 7:30pm

Emergent Communication – FC Degree

Officers' dress: **Tuxedo**

Wed., June 24, 2009 7:00pm

10th Dist. DLI at Theodore Roosevelt Lodge- Carteret

Dates to Remember

Sat., June 6, 2009 9am - 2pm

Blood Drive at LaFayette Lodge

Tues., June 9, 2009 6:00pm

10th Dist. Scholarship Dinner at

Snuffy's Pantagis See WM for tickets

Thurs., June 11, 2009 7:00pm

10th Dist. PM&W Assn. meeting at

Mt. Zion Lodge - Metuchen

Mon., June 15, 2009 7:30pm

LaFayette Chapter #26 RAM

Regular Convocation – all companions encouraged to attend

Fri., June 19, 2009 7:30pm

Regular Meeting of the RACC

Raritan Americus Craftsmen Club

Ladies invited for social time

Sun., June 28, 2009 12 Noon

Annual Lodge Picnic at the Danish Home

New Durham Road, Edison

See attached flyer for details

Saturday, July 18, 2009 6pm – 9pm

Emergent RAM/Council White Table Dinner honoring LaFayette Chapter's Past High Priests and Adoniram Council's Past Thrice Illustrious Masters

Price \$15 per person Special Guest speakers

All Blue Lodge Brethren and Companions welcome RSVP Only by July 8th

Contact either John Kolchin (908-295-6309) or Mike Romano (908-943-6530) to RSVP

Petition under Investigation

Mr. David Raymond Krempa

210 Midland Ave., Metuchen Retired

T. Gerak – Chmn.

Petition for Dual Membership

Bro. Rev. Herbert Thomas Freeland

Awaiting Entered Apprentice Degree

Mr. David Michael Saltzman

Awaiting Fellowcraft Degree

Bro. Leo J. Battenhausen Bro. Bartosz Kowalski

Bro. Michael C. McCall Bro. James B. McKee

Bro. Jonathan W. Mitchell Bro. Bryan S. Passione

Bro. Richard E. Poplowski Bro. Rosnei Rocha

Bro. Joel Ruiz Bro. Raymond Siecinski

Bro. Robert T. Spillane, Jr. Bro. William J. Walsh

Awaiting Master Mason Degree

Bro. Alek Lesniak

Grand Lodge Events

Mon., June 1, 2009

Grand Master's Golf Fundraiser

Sat. & Sun. June 6 and 7, 2009

Wheelchair Athletic Meet

North Brunswick High School

Sat., June 13, 2009 10am –

2pm

Grand Lodge Pistol Shoot

to benefit The Hero Scholarship Fund

Square Circle Sportsmen Inc.

97 Clementon Rd. West

Gibbsboro, NJ. 08062

Saturday, October 10, 2009

Official Visit of

Most Worshipful William H. Berman,

Grand Master of Masons of the State of NJ and

Open Reception and Dinner in honor of

Right Worshipful Glenn R. Trautmann,

Junior Grand Warden and

Member of the Board of Trustees

of the Masonic Charity Foundation

Social Hour - 5:00 p.m.

Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

Reception – 7:30 pm

Fellowship Center Burlington, NJ

Choice of Beef Tenderloin or Salmon

\$50.00 per person - checks payable to Jephthah Lodge No. 233

Please mail checks and Dinner Choices to:

Henry J. Stein

2 Spring Valley Drive

Florham Park, NJ 07932

Reservations Deadline is September 25, 2009

Our Dining Room and the Nielsen Room have been totally renovated and are available for parties, weddings and other events.

Please contact our rental agent, **Chris Wenson (732-221-5278)** for rates and availability. **Discounts offered to members!**

Have you notified the Lodge Secretary that you would like to receive the Trestleboard via E-Mail? Sign up today and help the Lodge save money. Thanks!