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**Ritual**  
Charles P. Kurowsky PDRI, (Chair.)

**Candidate Instruction**  
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1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 1011 Central Ave.,  
Westfield  
AzureMasada #22  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
478 South Ave. E. & Thomas St.,  
Cranford  
Jerusalem #26  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 107 Seventh St., Plainfield  
Lafayette #27  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 1550 Irving St., Rahway  
Loyalty #33  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays,  
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2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
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Master Mason Degree, Saturday February 19. Worshipful Master, Lawrence C. Bodine,  
Officers and newly raised brethren; Jonathan C. Kovacs & Robert J. Derczo.

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# Lafayette Lodge

## #27 Free & Accepted Masons



MARCH 2011

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

*10th District, New Jersey*

Communications 2nd Friday  
**Masonic Temple**

1550 Irving Street  
Rahway, New Jersey 07065

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## From the East. . .

Brethren, at our recent Officer Installation in December, I was handed a beautiful gavel, hand made by RW Donald A.C. Black, Sr. On it was an inscription of a portion of my father's favorite poem, "If", by Rudyard Kipling. I doubt if my father knew that Bro Rudyard was a Mason, but my Dad being a survivor of the Great Depression, a veteran of WWII and Korea, a man who worked hard to feed his family, he has always been my ideal of a "real man". I reprint "If" to better understand.

If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you but make allowance for their doubting too,  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master,

If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
and treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,

And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it all on one turn of pitch-and toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew

To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"  
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,

Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;  
If all men count with you, but none too much,

If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

Bro. Kipling was made a Mason under dispensation for being younger than 21, showing that Masonry has always been flexible when desirous of a few Good men. It has been written that Bro. Kipling left many Masonic references in his poetry and writings. I would like to think that he was thinking of Masonry when he wrote this as well. He writes of his joining, "I was entered by a member of the Brahma Samaj (a Hindu), passed by a Mohammedan, and raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew. We met, of course, on the level...". Surely our oaths and obligations are designed to make us better men. Therefore, we should constantly be reminded of them and keep them in front of our mind as we travel through life. Thus, when we say that "Masonry takes a good man and makes him better", we know it to be true from firsthand knowledge.

Fraternally,  
Lawrence C. Bodine,  
Worshipful Master 2011

## Grand Lodge Events

### CHAIRMAN'S BALL

**March 12, 2011 at the Fellowship Center**

### **ANNUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION**

**April 26-28, 2011 Bally's Atlantic City**

All members of LaFayette Lodge wishing to attend will be charged **\$200** to cover expenses – contact WM to reserve space

To keep informed of 10th District events electronically, please go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/njfreemasonsdistrict10> click on "Join Group" and follow the instructions!

## Trestleboard

**Wed., Mar. 9, 2011 7:00pm**  
Rehearsal for EA Degree  
All officers and participants **must** attend

**Fri., Mar. 11,, 2011 7:30pm**  
**LaFayette Lodge Regular Communication**  
**Entered Apprentice Degree**  
Officers Dress: **Tuxedo**

**Wed., Mar. 16, 2011 7:00pm**  
Rehearsal for upcoming degrees  
All officers and participants **must** attend

**Wed., Mar. 23, 2011 7:00pm**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Dist. DLI- LaFayette Lodge #27**  
Officers must attend – dress is business casual

**Wed., Mar. 30, 2011 7:00pm**  
Rehearsal for upcoming degrees  
All officers and participants **must** attend

### In Memoriam

#### **Bro. Edmund M. Etzold**

EA – 5/31/60, FC -9/6/60, MM- 10/18/60

Deceased – 12/23/2010

#### **Bro. Albert H. Schultz**

EA – 6/29/53, FC – 9/21/53, MM – 10/19/53

Deceased – 02/20/2011

### From the Secretary

If your dues card does not say '2011' on it, you owe your Lodge dues. Please send a check to the Secretary as soon as you are able. Thanks to all the Brethren who have already submitted their dues payments.

Also, **applications for various Masonic scholarships are now available.** Scholarship applications can be obtained by contacting me via phone or Email

**Note: Application deadline is March 31.**

## Dates to Remember

**Sat., March 12, 2011**

**St. Patrick's Day Parade in Union**  
Assemble at Loyalty Lodge at 11am  
Officers Dress: Tuxedo, aprons and jewels

**Fri., Mar. 18, 2011 7:30pm**  
**Regular Meeting of RACC (Raritan Americus Craftsmen Committee)**  
Ladies invited for social time after meeting

**Sat. Mar. 19, 2011 6:30 – 9:00pm**  
**Annual St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner**  
Sponsored by the RACC  
**\$15 per person plus cash bar**  
**Open to the public – all you can eat**

**Mon., Mar.21, 2011 7:30pm**  
**Regular Convocation of LaFayette Chapter #26 RAM**

All Companions are encouraged to attend

**Wed. Apr. 6, 2011**

**Central Jersey Candidates Night**  
**Forge Inn**

**Route 9, Woodbridge \$35pp**

5pm - Social Hr. (cash bar)

6pm - Dinner (presentations to follow)

**Awaiting Entered Apprentice Degree**

Mr. John Paul Vaughn Walker II

**Awaiting Fellowcraft Degree**

Bro. Craig Robert Beecher

Bro. Ramon Antonio DeLaCruz

Bro. Andrew Nicholas Hallas

Bro. Anthony George Goncalves

Bro. Celal Steve Koch

Bro. Louis J. Muzyka

Bro. David Vincent Wells

**Awaiting Master Mason Degree**

Bro. Joseph Vincent Caplette

Bro. Freddie Carr Melton

Bro. Derrick Christopher Roberts

**Awaiting Master Mason Exam**

Bro. Robert John Derczo

Bro. Jonathan Cedric Kovacs

## PHOTOS! PHOTOS! PHOTOS!

There are several Past Masters of our Lodge that either did not have their photograph taken or somehow it did not make it into the large frames in the ante rooms. As Worshipful Master, I hereby invite the Past Masters of LaFayette Lodge during the years of 1989 through 1994 and 1996 to present to come have their head shots taken by RW Ken Nielsen on either March 26 or April 9 at 10 AM.

This invite is also extended to any Past Masters of Raritan Americus 1994 and 1995, and 1997 thru 2004.

Also to any Past Masters of Cornerstone-Tyrian 2002 thru 2006.

**Note: Please be prepared to be photographed wearing your tuxedo.**

Please contact me if any questions L.Bodine 848-219-0458 (cell)

## GETTYSBURG! GETTYSBURG! GETTYSBURG!

Also Brethren, I would like to plan a trip to Gettysburg, Pa. in late July or early August (7/30-31 or 8/6-7) At this time we are calculating the cost per person to be \$200. This should cover hotel, meals, etc. (alcoholic beverages will be your own responsibility) We are figuring 2 people per room. You may bring your wife or significant other. If we receive a good response we will get a bus, if a small response, we will rent a van or 2 for the 3 ½ hour trip. It should be a fantastic learning experience for all to walk this hallowed ground so please respond by contacting either me or RW Charles Kurowsky and letting us know your intentions. Once we set the date and book the rooms we will need at least half payment. Rest assured, if for any reason the cost is less than expected, you will be reimbursed proportionately. Thank You. See you in Gettysburg!

Fraternally,  
Larry "BO" Bodine WM



Lafayette Lodge No. 27



1550 Irving Street  
Rahway, NJ. 07065



Annual St. Patrick's Day Feast

Saturday March 19, 2011 6:30pm-9pm

Cost: \$15.00 pp

Cash bar for alcoholic beverages

All You Can Eat

Menu Includes:

Corned Beef

Cabbage

Potatoes

Carrots

Irish Soda Bread

Dessert



Sponsored by the Raritan Americus Craftsmen Committee

For Information Call

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