

A Message from your WORSHIPFUL MASTER

I would like to thank the brethren who saw fit to choose me as your Worshipful Master for the 2012 Masonic year. I am humbled by your confidence in my abilities and hope that I can lead in the tradition of our past masters. I look forward to working with the excellent officers of the lodge and the craft in general to try to make this a successful year and continue to grow the lodge.

I thank WB Rikkola for his guidance, leadership and his outstanding service to our lodge. I hope I can live up to the example set before me.

This coming year may prove to be a defining one for our lodge. We have been bringing in new brethren and making some headway in fund raising. I want to thank the older brethren who have given their time to teach and counsel the newer brethren. Without your knowledge and advice we would not be able to do our work as masons. We need a good mix of old and new to remain an active and working lodge. I encourage all of you who are within the length of your cable tow to make a conscious effort to attend lodge when able.

As stated in our past trestle board we are faced with the need to increase revenue. Unfortunately the bulk of our income comes through dues. The plan is to phase this increase in dues in over time, but in these difficult economic times I am sure it will also be a burden on many of our brethren who are on fixed incomes. We will try to do what we can to mitigate any hardships.

I have heard many tales of our lodge's vibrant past, the reality is before many of the current officers were raised, those days were indeed past. Please do what you can to help maintain the tradition those who have gone before us helped build.

Fraternally,

Scott R. Woodward
Worshipful Master

JAN-FEB 2012 # 42 DATES

All Officers must attend
District Lodge of Instruction and Practices

January	
Jan 4	Officers Practice.....7:00PM
Jan 10	Masters & Wardens – Warren#13.....7:00PM
Jan 11	Officers Practice.....7:00PM
Jan 13	Dinner.....6:00PM Regular Communication.....7:30PM
Jan 15	Breakfast.....8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Jan 18	Officers Practice.....7:00PM Fellowcraft Degree
Jan 25	Officers Practice.....7:00PM
Jan 23	DLI – Mansfield #36.....7:30PM
Jan 27	Dinner.....6:00PM Regular Communication.....7:30PM Entered Apprentice Degree

February	
Feb 1	Officers Practice.....7:00 PM
Feb 8	Officers Practice.....7:00 PM
Feb 10	Dinner.....6:00PM Regular Communication.....7:30PM
Feb 14	Masters & Wardens.....7:00 PM
Feb 15	Officers Practice.....7:00PM
Feb 19	Breakfast.....8:00AM – 11:00AM
Feb 22	Officers Practice.....7:00PM
Feb 24	Dinner.....6:00PM Regular Communication.....7:30PM Master Mason Degree
Feb 27	DLI-Musconetcong #42.....7:30 PM
Feb 29	Officers Practice.....7:00PM

BALLOTING MAY TAKE PLACE AT ANY REGULAR COMMUNICATION

In WAITING:

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE REPORT

*Stanley Joseph Klimek
Erik Luker
Robert Tierney*

Entered Apprentice

Suad Hadzic
Louis Berretta

FELLOWCRAFT

Sean Korp
Shawn M. Snyder
Adam James Parnau
Gary Gaertner

Master Mason

James Richard Lappegaard
Don De La Pena

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Lodge Dues are divided into two parts; Musconetcong and Grand Lodge Assessments. Dues for 2011 were \$79.75 - \$40 for Musconetcong and \$39.75 for Grand Lodge. Our Lodge continues to operate at a deficit (although much progress has been made) and Local dues have not been increased in over ten years.

At the October 24, 2011 Regular Communication, a motion was brought before the Lodge to amend the first sentence of Article VI, Section 2 of the By-Laws of Musconetcong Lodge #42 F&AM as follows:

From: The annual dues shall be forty Dollars (\$40) per year, plus any Grand Lodge Assessment, payable in advance.

To: The annual dues, which are payable in advance and which are in addition to any Grand Lodge Assessment, will be fifty dollars (\$50) per year in 2013; and will increase to fifty-five dollars (\$55) per year in 2014 and to sixty dollars (\$60) per year in 2015.

It was felt that the \$60 Local dues are appropriate but that the increase should be implemented over a three year period of time. The major component of Lodge expense relates to the operation of the building itself. In fact, local dues barely cover the cost of heat and light. Utilities, maintenance and insurance costs have all continued to rise. The overall Consumer Price Index has risen 30% since dues were last increased.

Since dues are set in our by-laws, we must change them in order to implement the changes. Notice is hereby given that this motion has been set down for a vote at the January 27, 2012 Regular Communication. If approved, we must then gain Grand Lodge approval prior to implementation in 2013. I ask your support for this proposal so as to keep the Lodge on a firm financial footing.

Fund Raising Appeal

You will see in this Trestleboard you also received a book of ten 50/50 tickets. The cost of each is \$1 and the winner will be drawn at the March St. Patty's Day fund raising dinner. Please help the lodge and Eastern Star in this joint fund raising effort. Please return the money, stubs and any unsold tickets to the lodge by 1 March 2012.

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FIRST DISTRICT LODGE SCHEDULE

Harmony # 8, Newton..... 1st & 3rd Thurs.
Warren # 13, Belvidere.....Fri. on or before full moon
Musconetcong # 42, Budd Lake2nd & 4th Fri.
Kittatiny # 164, Branchville..... 1st & 3rd Mon.
Blairstown # 165, Blairstown ... 2nd & 4th Thurs.
Mansfield # 36, Washington 1st & 3rd Wed.

LIVING PAST MASTERS

Dale A. Beltzner1958
Harry B. Metzler Jr.1961
Thomas C. Cavanaugh, PDDGM.....1966
Salvatore Anzalone, PGH.....1966
Eric H. Stoll.....1967
Daniel Yankiv1968
Jerre C. Budd1969
Raymond N. Hill1970
Joseph E. O'Reilly.....1971
Herbert E. Hower.....1972
Walter J. Albinson, PDDGM.....1974
Alfred K. Vanderbilt.....1974
Robert Kastenhuber, Sr.1975
Charles A. Zweigle, PGC1976
Stephen H. Payson, Jr.....1977
Leroy S. Hutchins, Jr.1978
Stanley Fink1979
Alvin T. Hill.....1979
James Phillips.....1980
James H. Holden, PJGS1981
Lloyd I. Anderson, PJGD1981, 2004, '05
David A. Chase, PGM1982, 2008
John E. Reed1983
Robert E. Hartman, PDDGM.....1983, 2001
Kjell F. Andersen.....1984
Ronald P. Smith.....1985
Earl S. Rush, PGC1985, '86
William R. Von Hollen.....1986
John F. Stevens, PJGS.....1987
William B. Morgan, III1989
Louis L. Rainey1989
David J. Rush.....1990, 2000
Robert C. Hill.....1990
John R. Meyer, PGC, PDRI.....1991, 2001, '02
Earl R. Bowers, Jr.1991
Robert J. Lenox.....1992, 2006
George F. Allenspach, III.....1994, 2003
Timothy P. O'Connor1995
Morris C. Sherrer, PSGD1996, '99
Lester Snyder, PJGS.....1996, 2000, '08
Charles G. MacDonald1997
George R. Paffendorf1998
Howard C. Housel, PGC1998, 2005
Rodney D. Wadhams, PDRI.....1999
James A. Taylor, PGC, PDRI.....2000
Dominic Vendola, PGC.....2001
Richard R. Brown.....2002
William C. Kelly.....2006, '07
Fred Jordan, DRI2007
Henry P. Shotwell.....2008
Donald B. Jennings.....2009
Samuel A. Martinez2010
David S. Rikkola.....2011

COMMITTEES

LODGE TRUSTEES

2012 Steven Abrams
2013 Samuel A. Martinez, PM
2014 Donald B. Jennings, PM

CANDIDATE INSTRUCTION

John R. Meyer PGC
Rodney D. Wadhams, PDRI

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Organist R.W. Thomas W. Thornton PGO

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Musconetcong Lodge

No. 42

Free & Accepted

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