



May 2011

# The District Light



The 18<sup>th</sup> District Masonic  
Masters and Wardens Association  
Cordially Invites You to Our

## Gold Token Night

May 24, 2011

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Registration opens at 5:30pm

Adelphia's Restaurant  
1750 Clements Bridge Road  
Deptford, NJ

Cash Bar  
Hor D'oevres (Hot and cold)  
Choice of  
Prime Rib  
Chicken Franceis  
Crabcakes

Please R.S.V.P. by May 14 to  
your lodge Secretary with payment and  
Entrée Choice

Cost \$40 each.

Gold Token Night Entrée Choice:	
Prime Rib	_____
Chicken Franceis	_____
Crab cakes	_____
Total	_____ X \$40 ea. Amount enclosed: _____

## Merchantville Lodge

*Friday May 13th, 2011*

7:30 PM Opening - Regular Business, Balloting on Petitions, Birthdays, Greet Visitors

8:30PM "Open Lodge" Presentation, Guest Speaker: Most Worshipful Edgar N. Peeper, Past Grand Master-1979, and Past President of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, will make a Presentation on the Masonic Memorial that proceeds the Lodge's Trip there on October 22nd to host the "Past Grand Master's Conferral of the Master Mason Degree" upon eligible Candidates from Class #3 of 2011

*Friday May 20th, 2011*

7:00 PM Opening - Emergent Communications: Fellow Craft (FC) Degree Conferral

## Collingswood Cloud Lodge

### ***Collingswood MayFair***

10:00 AM to 5PM - Saturday May 28, 2011

Collingswood will be bursting with art, music and activities for all ages and Collingswood Cloud Lodge will be right in the middle of it providing

#### **Child ID Program**

#### **Masonic Kettle Korn**

Come on out and support Collingswood Cloud Lodge. If you would like to volunteer and help out please contact the secretary.

## Mozart Lodge

Emergent Communication

Tuesday May 17th, 2011 - Dinner at 6:30 PM

Conferral of Master Mason Degree

George W. Niessner, W.M.

## Rising Sun Lodge

6/1/ Education Night in honor of the Lodge Teacher of the Year and Student Awards presented  
6/12 Spaghetti Fund Raiser (as seen in the TBoard)  
7/9 A Night at the Riversharks

## Travel Lodge

Brethren:

Let's Kick this MM off for the "Travel Lodge".

What is the Travel Lodge? It's a select group of Brothers who attend at least ONE MM in each lodge in our District (18th) during the Masonic Year. Its not a sanctioned nor a clandestine lodge, but a group of MM's who wish to support all District 18 MM Degrees.

If you wish to get on the email list for the MM's and send me an email directly with "I want to join the Travel Lodge" (to [dabutlers2@comcast.net](mailto:dabutlers2@comcast.net)).

Jim Butler

Past Master Collingswood Cloud, No 101 F&AM

### **Why does Freemasonry have such odd symbolism like the skull?**

The skull and bones, or specifically the skull (or deaths head) is actually a symbol to remind us of death, as it is the ultimate equalizer of man as none can avoid its eventuality. This is more a means to remind us that no matter our station in life, rich or poor, we are all subject to the same fate, and that our goal should be to make this world better for everyone. The course of that meaning is that all Masons should always strive for our noble endeavors, namely brotherly love, relief, and truth.

# Blue & Gold Degree Team



## CHARITY FUND-RAISER

## B-B-Q & BEER

(Wine & Mixed Drinks Available - Cash Bar)



May 21, 2011

7:00PM - Midnight

USS New Jersey Lodge No.62

1201 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

(Adjacent to Exit #32 I295)



Chinese Auction ♦ Raffles  
DJ ♦ Humidor & Cigar Raffle



*Enjoy The Cigar Lounge & Game Room  
Cigars Available For Purchase*

**Tickets: \$30.00 Per Person**



Make Check Payable to: Blue & Gold Degree Team

Send to: John L. Reader, III

475 Jessups Mill Road, Mantua, NJ 08051

856-981-5225 [bgfundraiser@fastmail.fm](mailto:bgfundraiser@fastmail.fm)





Eagle Scout Court of Honor, February 26, 2011 held at Epworth United Methodist Church in Palmyra, NJ for Albert Fenton Scanlon of Boy Scout Troop #7 of Pennsauken, NJ. Pictured in above are: (l to r) Scout Master Jim Gibson, Mrs. Cathleen Scanlon, Eagle Scout Albert Scanlon, Mr. Michael Scanlon, James Choyinski, Worshipful Master of Merchantville Lodge #119, F. & A.M. located in Pennsauken and Members of Merchantville Lodge: Chris Kochon, Junior Warden, Russell Collins, Chaplain, R.W. Ray Taylor, Sr., Admin. Secretary, Raynaldo Santiago, Senior Deacon and Christian Kochon, Jr., Eagle Scout.

On Saturday afternoon, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Boy Scout Albert Fenton Scanlon of the 2600 Block of Union Avenue in Pennsauken, NJ received the highest rank in Scouting, that of Eagle Scout. The Award was presented at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Palmyra where Eagle Scout Scanlon completed his eagle Scout project which consisted of a restoration project of restoring over 100 grave stones using biologically safe cleaning methods. The project also including raising rails around family plots that had fallen years ago restoring them. The national average OF Boy Scouts attaining the Rank of Eagle is four out of one-hundred.

The Worshipful Master of Merchantville Lodge represented the Grand Lodge of New Jersey by presenting a plaque and proclamation on behalf of the Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey, Most Worshipful Joseph H. Rival, Jr.

# George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA

Merchantville Lodge #119, F. & A.M. will be Hosting a  
"Past Grand Master's Master Mason Degree"  
at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA.  
Date/Time: Saturday afternoon, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, 1:00 P.M.

Cost is \$40.00 PP

Includes Bus, Coffee & Donuts, Box Lunch, Dinner  
Buses Depart From Masonic Home, Merchantville Lodge or USS New Jersey Lodge Parking Lots at  
7:00 A.M. on October 22<sup>nd</sup>

If interested in attending, please fill out the below Reservation Form and Return it to the Merchantville Lodge Secretary's Office by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact RW Ray Taylor, Sr., PGC, Chairman, for more Information @ (856) 663-1719, or E-mail: [Rtaylorsec119@aol.com](mailto:Rtaylorsec119@aol.com).

We will be Chartering Buses for the Trip and tie it in with a dinner, or a luncheon, while in the beautiful City of Alexandria. Please Specify Bus Departure Location on Reservation Form.

Also, the Grand Master has been invited to join our Worshipful Master in participating in the "Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns" at Arlington National Cemetery, at Approx. 11:30 A.M., prior to our visit to the George Washington Masonic Memorial while in Alexandria, Va. The Wreath Laying Ceremony concludes with "Taps" being played in a very moving ceremony that takes place in a very special setting. **(WAITING LIST)**

## **RESERVATION FORM**

*George Washington Masonic Memorial Trip October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011*  
=====Past Grand Master's Master Mason Degree=====

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ CK No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Departure Site: Masonic Home/Merchantville Lodge/USS New Jersey Ldg (Please Circle One)



Annual Merchantville Square Club  
**Phillies Fireworks Night**  
***(Sold Out—Waiting List)***

at Citizen's Bank Park

***Thursday Evening, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011***

**PHILLIES VS: SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**

Tickets \$50.00 PP

*Includes Bus, Hoagies & Refreshments on Bus,  
Game Ticket & Spectacular Fireworks Show after Game*

Reserved Seats, Section 427

Left Field Foul Line above 3<sup>rd</sup> Base

RW Ray Taylor, Sr., PGC, Chairman  
C/O Merchantville Lodge #119, F. & A.M.  
6926 Park Avenue Pennsauken, NJ 08109

*Payment(s) for Tickets MUST Be In Prior to Square Club Meeting of Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011!!*



# Blessing of the Bikes

**May 15th, 2011**

**11:00 AM Staging Begins  
Noon: Color Guard  
Presents the Flag  
Followed by: Group  
Blessing by Rev Ron then  
individual blessings by  
request.**

**Group Ride to follow**

**FUN FOOD PRIZES**

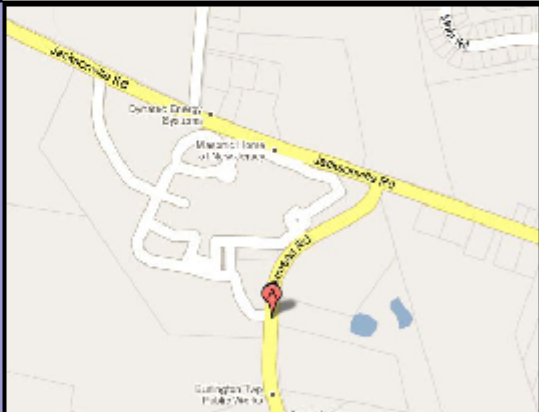
**The Blessing will take place in the lot adjacent to the Masonic Home. Easy to get to from the Turnpike or 295**

**Enter the lot at approximately: 1084 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ**

We will have an assortment of

- Vendors
- Raffles
- Games
- Food

A portion of the days proceeds will benefit the Masonic Home of New Jersey



Sponsored by :  
The Traveling Men Chapter  
of the Widows Sons of NJ  
Masonic Riders Association

For more information, or to register.  
**Mike Ohr Jr. 609-330-2213**  
modF@travelingmennj.com



**Vendors welcome, in advance only!  
All bikes and positive attitudes welcome!**