



Please plan to join us on  
January 24th as we begin  
our series of Saturday  
morning breakfasts and  
Communications.  
Details inside!

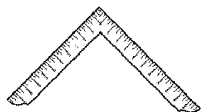
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Do you know a brother who  
would like to attend lodge  
meetings but can't do so dur-  
ing the week? Be sure to tell  
him about our

NEW SATURDAY  
MORNING MEETINGS!

Don't forget to visit our website at  
[www.JTL721.org](http://www.JTL721.org)

## From the East



My Brothers,

The beginning of 2004 finds Jerusalem Temple Lodge at a crossroads. I've previously reported to you that the Lodge was experiencing difficulties due to a declining membership and increased costs of maintaining our Lodge building. Additionally, I held a Summoned Communication for discussion concerning the sale of our building and other possible options. It was determined then, and recently supported by a financial analysis by R.W. Oscar Meisner, that the building has become a financial drain on the Lodge.

On Saturday, January 3rd 2004, the Brothers of the Lodge held an informal meeting to discuss ways of improving our condition. The floor was open to all topics but chiefly to that of membership recruitment. It was decided that Jerusalem Temple Lodge will experiment with Saturday morning meetings in an attempt to reach those Brothers who wish to participate in Masonic activities but find attendance at evening meetings at their Lodges inconvenient. Please refer to the schedule of meetings below for a schedule of our activities.

The number of Brothers attending our meetings has reached an all-time low. Due to the illness of R.W. Oscar Meisner, who is the rock on which this Lodge rests, many of our activities have been curtailed over the last two months. We need to attract to our Lodge, in a brief period of time, several experienced Brothers from throughout the district who will aid us in rebuilding our Lodge membership. If this can be accomplished we can then make a concerted effort to attract, initiate, and raise new Brothers in our Lodge. Simply attracting new Brothers who are inexperienced and putting them

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### More Dates to Remember

January 26th	ORDMA at Hoffman Lodge
February 16th	District Ritual Competition (ORSMI)
February 23rd	ORDMA Meeting
March 12th	ORDMA Dinner Dance
March 13th	DeMolay Legion of Honor Investiture & Fundraising Dinner
March 15th	Grand Lecturer's Convention
April 3rd	33 ° White Hat Presentation to R.:W.: Norman Moon
April 3rd	DeMolay Installation of Officers

Do you want to attend a meeting but need a ride?  
Contact the Senior Warden and he'll set it up for you!

My brother, if you are reading this, then you know how it must end... with you. We are in dire need of assistance in conducting the Work of Masonry. I hope you will give consideration to our plans and choose to be a part of the process of revitalizing Jerusalem Temple Lodge and Freemasonry in the area. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or ideas and please give serious thought to joining us at our next few meetings to see what a true Masonic experience we are seeking to provide. Better still, give thought to a brother who hasn't been able to attend lodge in awhile and bring him along. We'll have the coffee on! Until then, I remain

Yours in service to the Craft,  
V.:W.: Joe Leo  
Senior Warden

## On The Trestleboard

Saturday January 24, 2004  
Summoned Communication of Jerusalem Temple Lodge  
Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Saturday February 14, 2004  
Stated Communication of Jerusalem Temple Lodge  
Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Saturday February 28, 2004  
Stated Communication of Jerusalem Temple Lodge  
Entered Apprentice Degree (Grand Master's Edict)  
Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m.



into "the Line" will only make our job more difficult.

We've worked out an aggressive program to bring these plans to fruition. Over the next several weeks Jerusalem Temple Lodge will reach out to the Masonic community and the Community at large through some new and truly innovative means. Our success and the success of our Lodge depends on how well these programs turn out.

Therefore I, as Master, have set a deadline of June 1, 2004 for certain goals to be met. Hopefully, we'll be successful in our efforts but if we should not meet with the success for which we hope then we'll establish new goals for the future of the Lodge. I invite all who read this communication to attend a meeting at Jerusalem Temple Lodge and discover how comfortable Masonry can be.

Fraternally,  
Wor :. Wayne J. Flavin  
Master

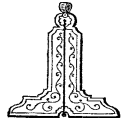
**As we finish the year, we remember those Brothers who have passed to the Celestial Lodge in 2003**

**W.: Harold J. Bliss  
R.:W.: Thomas A. Gill Sr.  
R.:W.: Frederick S. Rose  
Bro. James E. Seaman Jr.  
W.: Egon A. Weiss**

**Please plan to attend our Summoned Communication on Saturday January 24th where we will vote on the following by-laws change:**

***The number of brothers constituting a quorum to conduct business at a Communication is five.***

## From the West



Greetings,

I'd like to begin by wishing all of you and your families a safe, happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. Some folks only see the snow and bleak landscape around this time, but some of us realize that this is the time of greatest potential, laying out our plans for the upcoming months and preparing for the labors of the Spring.

It's winter time for Jerusalem Temple Lodge and things do, indeed, look bleak but at the core are some optimists who are committed to taking some chances and putting in some extra hours to see if we can revitalize our lodge and help the Craft blossom once more in our communities. I'd like to echo some of the sentiments of the Master and go into a little more detail about ways we hope to breathe new life into our distinguished but hurting lodge.

Our approach is two-fold. Recruiting new brothers is certainly a necessity but unless we can provide those new brothers with a proper education, a true sense of the Masonic Experience, and a sense of pride in their lodge we cannot hope to retain them. To that end, we are actively reaching out to the brothers of the Lodge and to the brothers in the Orange-Rockland District on the hopes that they will join us in our quarries for a few years while we educate and indoctrinate new blood. We recognize too that we need to offer these brethren something to make their own experience worthwhile, perhaps some of the Light that they can't attain with their own lodges right now.

The key factor for many of us is time, and one more night out during the week is difficult. It's also hard for some of our own brothers to attend evening meetings because of the weather and age. Other brothers are affected by changes in lifestyle that now call for longer hours at work and many work nights and can't attend their own lodge meetings.

We hope to provide a niche for all of the above by holding Communications on Saturday mornings for a few months to see how it goes. The plan is simple, join us at 8:00 a.m. for a nice, high cholesterol breakfast followed by our traditionally brief meetings, and we'll do our best to have everyone home around eleven, in time to tackle our Honey-Do lists. We are hoping to offer some brief programs and talks to keep things interesting but more importantly, we hope to share the warm and fraternal feelings that Jerusalem Temple Lodge has always extended to its brethren and guests. We hope those brethren from other lodges who can join us will do so, not to replace their mother lodges, but to grab a little Light when their work and home situations preclude them from attending during the week.

Once we boost our attendance a little we can begin the work of bringing in new brothers. Freemasonry has contributed significantly to the community over the years and we hope to see that spirit of involvement renewed by re-establishing ourselves through service and participation. We hope to establish relationships with several of the area churches, and work with them and their youth programs in delivering Child ID programs. We have been invited to make a presentation at the Cornwall Historical Society and hope to have an information booth at some of the local spring festivals.