



January/February Highlights

**DDGM Official Visit
Saturday January 13th**

**Master Mason Degree
Saturday January 27th**

**Brother Bring a Friend Night
Thursday February 8th**

**Summoned Communication—Building Sale
Saturday February 24th**

Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 721
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Was your dues card included with this issue? If not, please send your payment in and we'll get it out to you ASAP... and please don't forget the Brotherhood Fund!

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

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www.JTL721.org



My Brothers,

I sincerely hope that this Trestleboard finds each of you in good health and enjoying the New Year. Our 2007 Trestleboard reflects a Lodge that is growing and on the move. As you scan the calendar of events you'll notice that our meeting schedule is filled with important undertakings which will shape the future of Jerusalem Temple Lodge. On January 27th, 2007 we will confer the Master Mason degree on as many as three Brothers. Almost immediately, due to candidates in waiting, we will begin the Degree cycle once again. The goal of the Lodge is to initiate, advance and raise at least six new Brothers in the Lodge each year for the foreseeable future.

We must also face the fact that we must, in the near future, make a decision on our ownership of the Lodge Building. Though our membership is growing, we must face the reality that the building is aging and requires an aggressive maintenance schedule that will tax the finances of the Lodge throughout our ownership. In meetings of the Cornwall Masonic Association, made up of members of Jerusalem Temple and the Ladies of the Eastern Star, it has been decided that we must explore the possibility that the sale of the building would be a fiscally prudent course of action. Therefore, we will begin to research what potential benefits and problems we will encounter with the sale of the building and report the findings of the CMA to the Lodge. Let me assure you that no action will be taken arbitrarily. Committees will be formed by the Master to investigate our options and thoroughly research all courses of action we have at our disposal. Of course, of paramount importance in this process, will be the securing of a home for Jerusalem Temple somewhere in the Cornwall area. There is much work to be done prior to any decision being made and this will require some time to accomplish. The Lodge will hold a Summoneed Communication on February 24th expressly for the purpose of providing information and seeking input from the members as this process moves forward.

We will continue to attract new candidates to the Lodge in our efforts to secure the membership of men who will guide

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Have you made your donation to the Brotherhood Fund yet? This year's Brotherhood Fund Campaign will soon come to a close. Have you made a contribution to support our Masonic programs and charities? It doesn't have to be a lot, every little bit helps. Remember, the total raised by our Lodge is less important than showing 100% of our Brothers have taken their obligation to Help, Aid, and Assist to heart! For more information, or to obtain a donation envelope, please contact the Worshipful Master.



Saturday January 13th 9:00 a.m.

Summoned Communication: Official Visit of the DDGM

Thursday January 25th 7:00 p.m.

Mandatory Rehearsal for Master Mason Degree

Saturday January 27th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Communication: Master Mason Degree

Thursday February 8th 6:30 p.m.

Brother Bring a Friend Night

Saturday February 10th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Communication: Symbolism of the Third Degree

Thursday February 24th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Summoned Communication re. Building Sale

Thursday March 8th 7:00 p.m.

Mandatory Rehearsal for Entered Apprentice Degree

Saturday March 10th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Communication: Entered Apprentice Degree

Saturday March 24th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Communication: Masonic Development Course Part I

Thursday April 12th 7:00 p.m.

Mandatory Rehearsal for Fellowcraft Degree

Saturday April 28th 6:00 p.m.

**Table Lodge Honoring Tom Gill, Oscar Meisner,
Bob Burwick and Jake Pryne**

Saturday May 12th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Thursday May 24th 7:00 p.m.

Mandatory Rehearsal for Master Mason Degree

Saturday May 26th 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. Breakfast)

Communication: Master Mason Degree

Saturday June 9th 12:00 p.m.

Public Installation of Officers and Luncheon

Saturday June 23rd 12:00 p.m.

Annual Chicken BBQ and Family Picnic Fund Raiser

JTL through the years to come. Toward that end we will hold a "Brother-Bring-A-Friend" Dinner on February 8th. My most fervent wish is that each of you gives some consideration to whom you might suggest for membership so that we can formally invite this individual or individuals. Perhaps a son, grandson, nephew or friend possesses the qualities that you feel would make a good Mason. If each of us provided but a single invitee to this dinner we might substantially increase the number of men we hold in our ranks.

I have reported for some years that Jerusalem Temple is a Lodge on its way back from the brink of collapse. This continues to be true. The Lodge has for the first time in many years an active, participating Brother in each of the elected and appointed offices of the Lodge. We conduct our affairs, for the most part, without the need for outside assistance. The ritual work of the Lodge is conducted on a very high level and continues to improve continuously as Brothers learn new parts and actively participate in our Degree work.

Sadly, I must also report that we have lost several members of our Lodge who have returned home to the Great Architect of the Universe. One passing, in particular, is most saddening for me personally. R.:W.: Bob Burwick, long time Secretary of Jerusalem Temple Lodge passed away recently after a long illness. Bob along with Oscar Meissner and Jake Pryne were instrumental in keeping the Lodge going through many long years. It was through Bob's efforts that we are able to do the things we do today. Bob, like our dear brother Oscar, will be sorely missed.

My Brothers, I look to the future of JTL with a great deal of pride and satisfaction. We have accomplished a great deal in the last several years but we are involved in a process not a journey. There will never be a point at which we will be able to say we have succeeded, for the Lodge will continue to move forward and function beyond the years that we will walk its halls. We will endeavor to continue Masonry as it has existed here for over a 130 years and seek to lay a foundation that will carry it for 130 more.

Fraternally,
W.: Wayne Flavin
Master



Brothers,

Jerusalem Temple Lodge will host its "Brother Bring a Friend Night" on Thursday February 8th. We need to start preparing for this important event if we want to make this both a fun and profitable night for our lodge. We need **every** brother to submit names and addresses of potential attendees so that we can send invitations to them. These names and addresses should be sent to me by e-mail at JrWarden@JTL721.org or telephone by January 13th. Think about people you work with, people you do business with, and people you "hang out" with; your doctor, your lawyer, your accountant, and so on.

If you are not comfortable with approaching someone and talking about Masonry, you don't have to! Just send the names to me and the Lodge will send them an invitation. They won't even know you suggested them until they see you at the meeting! Remember, we need good attendance at this event. We want to show our prospects that we have a working Lodge and that we truly enjoy each other's company! Come join us for a great meal, some informal presentations, and a great social evening. I expect to hear from YOU soon!!!

Fraternally,
Bro. Nick Iacovitti
Junior Warden

ORDMA NEWS

Mark your calendars! The annual ORDMA Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday March 17th at Anthony's Pier Nine in New Windsor. The evening, which will feature a full cocktail hour, beer and wine with dinner, live music, and dancing is only \$55 per person. ORDMA is supplementing the price with journal ads to make it easier for people to attend, but hope you will encourage your Lodge and local businesses to support ORDMA's charitable projects by purchasing an ad. For more information on tickets or ads, please contact your Secretary, R.:W.: Joe Leo

Sickness and Distress

With deepest regrets, we report that R.:W.: Robert Burwick, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nevada near the Grand Lodge of New York and long-time Secretary of our Lodge, was summoned Home by the Great Architect on Friday December 15th at the age of 87. A Masonic Service was performed on December 18th. Bob was a pillar of this Lodge and will be sorely missed. He will be among the Brothers honored at our Table Lodge on April 28th.

We also regret to inform you of the passing of Bro. Andrew G. Lee Jr., a Brother of our Lodge who celebrated his 60th year in the Craft last year. Bro. Lee passed away at his home in Ohio and was 83. We extend our deepest condolences to his family.

Online Resources

We have many useful online Masonic resources for our internet users to enjoy. Here are a few recommended sites:

Orange-Rockland Masons Online (Weekly District Newsletter)
www.O-RMasons.org

The Orange-Rockland District Masonic Association
www.ORDMA.org

Grand Lodge of New York (and NY NETNEWS)
www.NYMasons.org

New Grand Lodge Membership Web Site
www.NYMasons.info

Chancellor Robert R Livingston Library & Museum
www.NYMasonicLibrary.org/

The Historic DeWint House at Tappan
www.DeWintHouse.com

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The following Brothers are celebrating birthdays over the next few months. I'm not going to embarrass anybody, but seven out of the thirteen are over 70, and one is turning 94! Happy birthday to all!

January 1st	Abby S. Mayer
January 1st	Elwood L. Bailey Jr
January 6th	William S. Smith
January 9th	John P. Sullivan
January 10th	Alfred Bucci
January 10th	Alberto W. Lorenzo
January 12th	Robert P. Ushman
February 5th	William H. Emes Jr
February 20th	Joseph R. Leo
February 21st	Frederick A. Vestea
February 26th	William Vanderploeg
March 4th	Ronald W. Hengst
March 20th	Arnold E. Babcock Jr

JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Robert Adams	8 yrs
James Amore	1 yr
John Girolamo	1 yr

FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Robert Maher	8 yrs
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MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Russell Anderson	6 yrs
Thomas Serra	21 yrs
Edwin Fischer	21 yrs
Thomas Leishman	4 yrs
Daniel Bink	8 yrs
J. Wesley Drake	61 yrs
Paul J. Serra	2 yrs
John Sullivan	4 yrs

From the Secretary

R.:W.: Joe Leo



Brethren,

In mockery of my oath never, ever, ever to take on the job of Secretary of a Lodge again, I have assumed the duties of Secretary of Jerusalem Temple Lodge. I would like to thank Bro. Bob Alicky for all of his hard work and will do my best to maintain our records in some semblance of order. As you know, I am also the District Deputy Grand Master and as such, I asked the Grand Master to appoint another DDGM to audit the books of the Lodge prior to my **Official Visit on January 13th** (subtle, eh? I'd love to see you there!). I am pleased to inform you that R.:W.: Richard Hawthorne, DDGM of the Dutchess District, met with the Master, Treasurer, and myself in early December and certified our records to be in order and in full compliance.

The Dues Cards are finally in and will be sent out upon the receipt of your payment. The notices were sent out almost two months ago but we have received replies from less than 25% of our Brothers. We also have a number of Brothers in arrears for 2005 who are in peril of being dropped from the Rolls for non-payment. If you are in a situation where you require assistance in paying your dues, please call me and we can work something out. All you have to do is take the first step and communicate with your Lodge. As a reminder, the Dues for Life Members this year is \$30 and it's \$92.00 for everyone else.

We hope to publish a pocket-size By-Laws and Lodge Directory shortly. Please drop me an e-mail, or give me a call, with your address, phone number, and e-mail so that I can double-check our records before we go to print.

That's it for this month. If you have any questions, needs, or concerns that I can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please accept my most sincere best wishes for a safe, happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely and fraternally,
R.:W.: Joe Leo
Secretary

Ritual Corner

In one of the earliest English rituals, no longer practiced, the candidate is brought to Light within a circle of Brothers holding swords toward his breast. After the Master explains the Three Great Lights and the Three Lesser Lights, he continues with the following.

The appearance of the Brethren around is not intended to alarm or intimidate, but to teach you that, if you remain true to the trust this evening reposed in you and keep faithfully all that is committed to your charge, the Sword of every Brother will be ready to start from its scabbard in your defence, but, if you betray us, every Mason's hand will be raised against you; you will become as an Ishmaelite amongst us, perjury will stamp her brand of infamy upon your forehead, the finger of scorn will ever be pointed at you as the faithless and unworthy steward, curses will supply the place of blessings, until at last, unable to bear the hiss of universal contempt, which will everywhere tingle in your ears, you will be ready to exclaim in the agony of spirit of Cain, the first-born, "My punishment is greater than I can bear."

The Circle of Swords by which you are surrounded is also emblematic of the universality of Masonry, for, wherever it shall please the will of Providence to cast your lot, whether you sojourn in civilized Europe, visit the icebound regions of the north or languish under the burning sun on the trackless sand of an African desert, whether you traverse the banks of the Nile, the Ganges, the Euphrates, or Mississippi, whether you dwell amid the immeasurable wilds of the scattered Indian tribes across the mighty Atlantic, among the wandering Arabs, roaming Tartars, or far distant Chinese, aye, even on the battlefield itself, you will everywhere find a Brother, who will greet you in the universal language of Masonry, his door will be open to receive you, his couch ready to rest your weary limbs, your parched lips will kiss his sparkling cup, and his bread will be broken with you with that true Brotherly Love, which in every place shows itself characteristic of our Order. Thus over the whole surface of the globe, by means of Signs and Tokens, which have been carefully preserved and handed down amongst Masons from the remotest ages, you will in every nation find a Brother, and in every clime a home.

Brother Bring a Friend Night Names Worksheet



The purpose of this worksheet is to help brothers come up with prospective candidates for Freemasonry. Some will live in the area of Jerusalem Temple Lodge and others may be men who can be recommended to lodges in other areas. We understand that some Brothers can be unsure of how to approach a prospective candidate and so we simply ask that you forward their names and addresses to the Junior Warden and the lodge will send out information to these men. When they arrive for their degree, they'll be pleasantly surprised to see a familiar face... you!

Instructions

1. Get a piece of paper and write down as many names as possible for each category. Don't consider qualifications yet, just write down names! If they live out of the area, we'll get their names to a lodge near them. Add any we missed.
2. Review the list and cross off anyone who you feel would NOT be a good candidate for Freemasonry. (If you make an honest effort and cross out every name, think about the company you're keeping!)
3. Look at the names of the men who are left and provide them, with any contact information you have, to the Junior Warden.

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| 1. Your Male Relatives | 17. Your Kids' Friends Dads |
| 2. Your 3 Best friends | 18. Your Kids' Teachers |
| 3. Your Doctors | 19. Your Local Librarian |
| 4. Your Dentist | 20. Name 5 Veterans |
| 5. Your Clergyman | 21. Name 5 Firemen & EMTs |
| 6. Your Attorney | 22. Name 5 Friends from High School & College |
| 7. Your Accountant | 23. Name 3 Local Politicians |
| 8. Your Electrician | 24. Your Local Newspaper Editor |
| 9. Your Plumber | 25. Your Morning Coffee Guy |
| 10. Your Handyman | 26. Your Bartender |
| 11. Your Mechanic | 27. 3 Guys You Golf With |
| 12. Your Realtor | 28. 5 Lions, Elks, or Rotarians |
| 13. Your Veterinarian | 29. 5 Guys named Bob or Bill |
| 14. Your Barber | 30. 5 Guys Named Jim or Tom |
| 15. Your Train Conductor | |
| 16. Your Kids' Coaches | |