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To: The Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Grand Inspectors General and Officers of the New Jersey Council of Deliberation

Fraternal Greetings!

I hope that this correspondence finds you and your families in good health and high spirits.

During these times of "Distress" as a result of this devastating Covid-19 Pandemic, I am Masonically reminded of two of following questions/statements , "In times of peril and great danger in whom do you put your trust" and "In our present affliction, what shall we now do?" As Officers and Members of the Craft let's continue to profess our trust in G.A.O.T.U. and continue to pray.

In closing, "Be Safe" and as I continue to pray for you and your family, please continue to pray for me and my family. Until we meet again, "May Brotherly Love Prevail".

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Henry Andrew Francken

A naturalized French subject born as *Hendrick Andriese Franken* of Dutch origin, was most important in assisting Morin in spreading the degrees in the New World. Morin appointed him Deputy Grand Inspector General (DGIG) as one of his first acts after returning to the West Indies. Francken worked closely with Morin and, in 1771, produced a manuscript book giving the rituals for the 15th through the 25th degrees. Francken produced at least four such manuscripts. In addition to the 1771 manuscript, there is a second which can be dated to 1783; a third manuscript, of uncertain date, written in Francken's handwriting, with the degrees of the Order of the Royal Secret with additional detail, as well as three other *Hauts Grades* rituals; its literary structure suggests it is derived from a common source as the rituals 4–25°, which was

found in the archives of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire in Liverpool in approximately 1984; and a fourth, again of uncertain date, with rituals 4–24°, which was known to have been given by H. J. Whympner to the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab and rediscovered about 2010. Additionally, there is a French manuscript dating from 1790-1800 which contains the 25 Francken Manuscripts.



S.G.I.G. ROBERT L. OGLESBY, SR., 33°
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Theme:

**“United in Service and Commitment;
Action, Accountability, Sustainable Results”**

*Where there is no vision, the people perish,
But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

Proverbs 29:18

New Jersey Council of Deliberation
The United Supreme Council
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
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Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your door behind you. Hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed. **Isaiah 26:20**

Greeting’s,

As you know on March 1, 2020, The United States declared a national emergency due to the terrible disease COVID-19. Our entire world has changed and a very large percent of the population was affected. The Orient of New Jersey has been devastated as well, but we must remember who is in charge and that’s our Heavenly Father.

I pray for all of our Fraters, Loyal Ladies and their families along with our sister’s and brother’s that have gone on to Glory.” Keep your Hand in God’s Hand”

I pray for the countless number of individuals experiencing this virus, especially those who are the most venerable to this disease.

I pray for all of the workers, advocates and volunteers on the frontlines. The parents and children who are struggling with this new normal of homeschooling. Give them the courage, strength and endurance. I am asking special prayer for our leaders in government; “Lord may they be guided by your wisdom, give them the courage to make the correct decisions necessary to assist our Country, our States and our Municipal governments”.

I ask that we all provide welfare checks on our membership and especially on our beloved senior members. I thank all of those who have submitted to me their Sick and Distress Reports which included the status of your respective Valleys. In closing, I am looking forward to fellowshiping with all of my Brothers and my Sisters “face to face” very soon.

Stay Safe, “God Loves You and So Do I”

Chapter of Rose Croix ...

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL



The Christian world traditionally fixes the date of Easter as the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the vernal equinox (March 21).

Holy Week begins with the preceding Sunday (Palm Sunday)

and Maundy Thursday (its name a corruption of the Latin word *mandatum*, commandment) in the middle of Holy Week. Freemasonry has remembered this special day, and Brethren have gathered throughout the world to re-affirm their faith in the universal fraternity of mankind. The members of the Chapter of Rose Croix have, since 1866, observed Maundy Thursday as a special day, when they honor those who have passed on



d u r i n g the previous year.

In deference to the Maundy Thursday rites in churches, it was decided to replace the Scottish Rite ceremony with a non-obligatory "Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal". This observance would be held near the vernal equinox, March 21. This new ceremony is not a religious observance. It is neither the Feast of the Passover nor a Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates the spirit of both days.

While it may seem to be a sad occasion to remember the loss of our friends and brothers, it is also a time for reflection and growth. Because the Ceremony is held in the spring we are reminded that the season is symbolic of growth and that "spring comes again, growth matures, and fruit is eternal".

Chapters of Rose Croix observe the celebration of the Mystic Banquet as a memorial service honoring the Knights of the Chapter who have passed on during the preceding year. This observance strengthens the ties of brotherly love, past and present. They meet together to break the bread of fraternity to reconcile themselves with those whom they may have offended, and to drink the wine of refreshment and renewal. They celebrate the lives of their departed Brethren and promise to abide by the New Law, the Law of Love, with their present Brethren and all mankind.

*One thing and only one thing a masonic lodge can give its members
which they can get nowhere else in the world. That thing is Masonry.
George Washington*

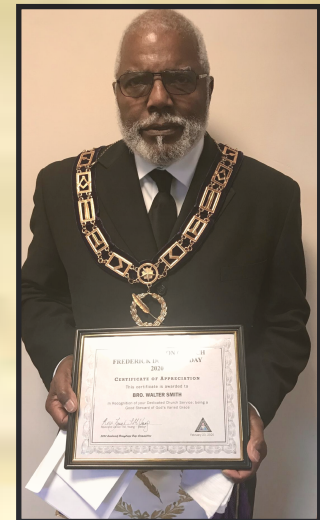
AROUND THE ORIENT:

ORIENT OF NEW JERSEY'S DELEGATION



United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., PHA, Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. "TESTIMONIAL BANQUET", Honoring: ILL. Melvin J. Bazemore, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander held at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance, Detroit, MI. on January 10-13, 2020.

(L to R) G.I.G. Tisan Rosool Dawud, 33° (MWPGM); G.I.G. Anton Rudolph, 33°, (#41); S.G.I.G. John M. Bettis, 33°, ILL. 1st Lt. Commander (MWPGM); S.G.I.G. Robert L. Oglesby, Sr., 33°, ILL. Deputy for the Orient (MWPGM); S.G.I.G. William M. Moore, 33°, Asst. to the Deputy; S.G.I.G. James G. Allen, 33°, NJCOD Secretary and S.P. Cameron Cox, 32° (#10).



**ANNUAL
FREDERICK DOUGLASS DAY
CELEBRATION
Black History Month Program
Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church
Burlington, New Jersey
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
Presented to
R.W. Walter A. Smith**

**Awarded by the
2020 Frederick Douglass Day
Committee
February 23, 2020**



SCOTTISH RITE ENLIGHTENMENT

'Relighting the Lights'

..... And why are they 7 Questions?

1. What and where is the oldest authenticated Scottish Rite document in the Western World?
2. What are the Ineffable Degrees?
3. Who are the Sublime Masons?
4. What is the probable date of the first official use of the double headed its and its Scottish Rite name?
5. How is the Latin word Illuminati used Masonically?
6. What is the motto of the Thirty-second Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite?
7. To whom may we apply the title "Illustrious"?

NJCOD APPRECIATION LUNCHEON







G.I.G. DR. KENNETH WALTON, 33rd
NJCOD MEDICAL DEPT.

IS IT CORONAVIRUS OR IS IT THE FLU

The world continues to monitor the outbreak of 2019-nCoV (coronavirus). According to the World Health Organization (WHO) Situation Report on 2019-nCoV dated February 10, 2020, there were 40,554 cases of confirmed 2019-nCoV infection worldwide (with 909 confirmed deaths). Only 319 of these cases have been diagnosed outside China, with 12 cases diagnosed in the United States.

Although highly concerning, these numbers are dwarfed by the number of individuals affected by influenza in the United States alone in the 2019-2020 flu season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates at least 22 million cases of influenza in the United States this flu season, with 210,000 hospitalizations and 12,000 deaths. This flu season has resulted in higher rates of hospitalization among children and young adults. According to these numbers, it is currently much more likely to encounter a patient with influenza vs 2019-nCoV in the United States.

Sign and Symptoms

The following symptoms were presented in 500 patients with the 2019-nCoV:

- Fever (with or without recorded temperature)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Pneumonia
- Low or normal white-cell count
- Low lymphocyte count
- Muscle ache
- No reduction in symptoms after antimicrobial treatment for 3 days

The following signs and symptoms of the flu:

- Often sudden and include fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea (more common in children)

As you can see, the 2019-nCoV symptoms are similar to that of the flu although the course of illness of the 2019-nCoV is generally more severe than that of the flu. It is safe to conclude that it is impossible to tell for sure if a patient has the flu according to symptoms alone. According to the WHO, differentiating the flu from 2019-nCoV can be difficult through clinical symptoms alone because the symptoms are similar, as is the case with infectious respiratory illnesses. Clinicians need to perform a thorough history and physical examination and perform necessary tests to make a proper diagnosis.

Source: Medscape February 2020

NEW JERSEY COMMANDERS OF THE RITE

2020 DUES ARE PASS DUE

Fraters, if you do not have a validated dues card in your possession, then you are not on good standing!
Please send your **\$20.00** dues payment to:

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For Immediate Release
Wednesday, March 11, 2020

To: Sovereign and Grand Inspectors General, Commanders-In-Chief
First and Second Lieutenant Commanders, Most Wise and Perfect Masters, Thrice
Potent Masters and Sublime Princes

Greetings,

Effective immediately, by the power in me vested as the Deputy for the Orient of New Jersey have declared that all communications scheduled for Consistories for the balance of the month of March be suspended and additional information regarding forth coming communications will be sent at a later date.

In terms of performing the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal can be done in the month of April provided that the suspension of communications has been lifted. I ask that you follow all protocols for novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Attached for your information, is a statement regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak from S.G.I.G. Melvin J. Bazemore, Sovereign Grand Commander.

I prayerfully request that each of you remain safe and remember God Loves each and every one of you and so do I!

Fraternally submitted,

S.G.I.G. Robert L. Oglesby, Sr., 33°
Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief

Attest: James G. Allen
S.G.I.G. James G. Allen, 33°
Grand Secretary

N. J. C. D.



A. A. S. R.

“Leaders don't create
followers, they create more
leaders.”



SCOTTISH RITE

WORD SEARCH

H	A	M	M	O	M	E	N	T	O	M	O	R	I	W	C	V
F	P	E	L	I	C	A	N	D	C	O	S	G	P	G	A	A
A	M	A	S	O	N	I	C	E	O	G	O	L	M	O	M	L
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C	H	N	K	I	U	T	I	E	A	S	I	E	R	U	B	Y
I	I	E	U	S	N	A	S	E	N	B	G	G	E	O	S	S
T	S	K	U	L	L	R	T	S	D	Y	N	D	L	D	C	N
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U	S	I	U	A	E	H	A	O	R	E	R	R	D	U	T	I
J	A	G	N	N	S	H	N	D	I	R	A	O	G	B	T	T
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S	I	N	O	N	E	L	L	A	D	R	O	F	W	A	R	C

This puzzle has a specific theme consisting of 13 remaining letters. Players must find the missing words, which are hidden in the grid horizontally and diagonally, (15 scrambled letters are highlighters to assist you in your quest).

Hint: There are (3) corresponding clues on the page.

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| GOD | DEUS |
| GAOTU | MEUMQUE |
| FRANCKEN | JUS |
| MORIN | DOUBLE |
| PIKE | HEADED EAGLE |
| DE HOYAS | ORDO AB CHAO |
| SCOTTISH RITE | ROSE CROIX |
| UNITED | PELICAN |
| SUPREME | PERFECTION |
| COUNCIL | ASSR |
| ORIENT | PHA |
| NJ | KADOSH |
| VALLEYS | INEFFABLE |
| SOVEIGN GRAND | ELU |
| COMMANDER | CAMPS |
| COMMANDER IN CHIEF | ANNO |
| BAZEMORE | MUNDI |
| OGLESBY | INRI |
| BETTIS | GRIP |
| JUSTICE | BOAZ |
| WINN | SON |
| MOORE | GLOBE |
| CRAWFORD | SIGN |
| MCNEIL | YOD |
| ALLEN | SUN |
| CHRISTIAN | APEX |
| PRIOR | AM |
| ALTAR | ASK |
| SKULL | CUE |
| CROSSBONES | SALIX |
| MOMENTO MORI | NONIS |
| BIBICAL | GEO |
| LAW | HAM |
| DEGREES | MOAB |
| KNIGHTS | RUBY |
| MASONIC | SEINES |
| WORDS | SIN |
| MYTH | |
| ERA | |
| TETRACTYS | |
| LODGE | |
| FANE | |

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 April 2020

OUR SCOTTISH RITE 'MOTTO'

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<i>Latin Translation</i>																
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