

# Essex Lodge No. 7

September 2010

**Regular Communications:  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM**

**Trustees Meeting:  
1st Tuesday @ 6:30 PM**



## ESSEX LODGE OFFICERS 2010

Worshipful Master - Michael A. DeMiro Jr.  
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Junior Warden - Robert Fortunato (973) 403-8358  
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Proxy - Jason Marquart (973) 787-7690  
Chaplain - Christopher Bollotta (973) 325-7413  
Marshal - Jack Darakjy (973) 226-6282  
Historian - John Clyburn (908) 781-1406  
Senior Deacon - Jason Marquart (973) 787-2690  
Junior Deacon - Matt Fielder (201) 723-6348  
Senior Master of Ceremonies - Mitchell Austin  
(973) 226-0749  
Junior Master of Ceremonies - John Povich  
(732) 424-6419  
Senior Steward - Wayne Oshin (973) 429-2556  
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Tyler - Ronald Brown (973) 226-5191

**M.W. Joseph H. Rival Jr.  
Grand Master of Masons  
of the State of New Jersey**

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**8th District Deputy Grand Master  
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**8th District Ritual Instructor  
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## TRUSTEES

Brian F. Johnson - 2010  
William Preuninger - 2011  
Jack Darakjy - 2011  
Ronald Brown - 2012  
Christopher Bollotta - 2012

## COMMITTEES

### Benevolence:

Robert Bowen (609) 836-0894  
Dave Kramer (973) 420-7728  
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### Finance:

Mitchell Austin (973) 226-0749  
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### Building Use:

Worshipful Master, Lodge Secretary

### Scholarships, Teacher of the Year, & Awards:

Dave Kramer (973) 420-7728  
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### Ritual:

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## Worshipful Master's Message

My Brother,

As summer fades and fall arrives, the officers of Essex Lodge #7 have organized a wonderful September calendar for the brethren as we are called from refreshment to labor.

On September 5, the Craftsmen Club will be hosting a deep sea fishing trip on the Miss Belmar docked in Belmar, New Jersey. A passenger van has been arranged by Br. Robert Bolcar and a strong contingent of brethren have already signaled their intentions to attend.

On September 11, Essex Lodge will be hosting its annual Masonic-oriented trip under the direction of Br. Marcelo Vide. This year, we will be visiting the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Shriners Hospital for Children. Each year, Br. Vide has organized a wonderful trip and I encourage you all to make your best efforts to attend.

In the Lodge room, the Past Masters of Essex Lodge #7 will conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on September 21, 2010. I heartily welcome all Past Masters and White Apron brethren to come out to Lodge and join us for this special degree.

Please make every effort to join your brethren in September's events. The greater the participation by the brethren, the greater the success will be enjoyed by the Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

Michael A. DeMiro, Jr.  
Worshipful Master

## Lodge Events

Tuesday, September 7  
Regular Meeting (Officers Dress: Business)  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Opening at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 14  
FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE (Officers Dress: Tux)  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Opening at 7:30 p.m.

## 8th District & Grand Lodge Events

Monday, September 13: MWA / DLI, Livingston  
Thursday, September 23: GLI, Livingston  
Wednesday, September 29: NJPMMMA White Table Dinner, Clifton  
October 8 & 9, 2010: Masonic Home Holiday Bazaar  
Saturday, October 9: Square & Compass Day 11am - 3pm  
Tuesday, October 26: GMOV / Reception 2/4/5/8 Districts, Fiesta, Wood-Ridge

## AWAITING FC DEGREE

Seth Kenter, Robert Andrews, Arron Mark Ludlow, Joseph M. Cioffi

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES (Vote on Oct 5th)

### Article VIII Section 2. Currently reads:

The application fee shall be \$125.00 and shall be paid before the candidate is initiated. Each candidate shall pay in addition such sum as may be assessed by the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Charity Foundation. The fee shall in no case be considered funds of the Lodge until the candidate is initiated.

### Article VIII Section 2. Proposed change:

The application fee shall be \$250.00 and shall be paid before the candidate is initiated. Each candidate shall pay in addition such sum as may be assessed by the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Charity Foundation. The fee shall in no case be considered funds of the Lodge until the candidate is initiated.

### Article VII Section 3. Currently reads:

The annual dues of this Lodge shall be \$15.75 plus the Grand Lodge assessment. The annual dues of the Lodge may be adjusted at the Annual Communication after due notice is provided to the brethren through publication in the trestle board for a period of one (1) month and upon approval by the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master.

### Article VII Section 3. Proposed change:

The annual dues of this Lodge shall be \$35.00 + 3% annual increase plus the Grand Lodge assessment. The 3% annual increase will take effect in the 2012 dues year and be compounded annually thereafter.

## GRAND MASTERS CAMPOUT 2010

September 24th, 25th and 26th, 2010  
Holly Acres R.V. Park  
218 South Frankfort Ave.  
Egg Harbor, New Jersey 08215  
Cost to include: - 2 Nights Camping with Water, Electric and Sewer  
Friday Night - Wine and cheese party at hospitality followed by campfire  
Saturday Morning - Breakfast (Egg McMarshalls) followed by games and golf  
Saturday Dinner catered by Country Crock Followed by campfire and fun  
Sunday Morning -Continental breakfast and Church Service  
Sunday - Lunch bring your own  
Cost: 1 Rig /2 people-\$150.00  
1 Rig /1 person-\$120.00  
Each additional person in rig \$35.00  
Saturday walk in/dinner-\$25.00

Deadline for reservations is Friday - 09/15/2010  
Reservations to be sent to Robert Kunze at 117 21st Ave Monroeville, NJ 08343 Make Checks Payable to "Robert Kunze" with Grand Masters C/O on the memo line. For more info Call Bob at 856-217-1540(cell) or 856-881-2528(home).

## ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. JOHN

Presented by Masonic Charity Foundation and Grand Lodge  
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2010  
Time: 5:30 P.M. - Social Hour 6:30 P.M. - Welcome and opening exercise 6:45 P.M. - Dinner - Buffet style 8:00 P.M. - Program  
Place: MCF Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ  
Price: \$50.00 per person  
Speaker: John Chatterton, one of the world's most accomplished and well known shipwreck divers. A few of his legendary diving expeditions include the RMS Lusitania, the SS Andrea Doria and the USS Titanic. He also co-hosted 57 episodes of the History Channel's Deep Sea Detectives and is a technical consultant to the film and television industries.  
Deadline for Reservations – Friday, November 19, 2010  
Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check along with a self addressed, stamped envelope along with the names of the persons attending to the Grand Secretary's Office, 1114 Oxmead Rd., Burlington, NJ 08016. Tickets mailed from the office must be paid for in advance. Please note that no tickets will be sold at the door. Table reservations may be made for groups of 8 or 10.