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Pitman, N.J.

October 2022

Regular Communications Second Tuesdays (Except July & August)

21st Masonic District-Grand Lodge of New Jersey

www.pitmanmasons.org

Pitman Lodge #197
Free and Accepted Masons
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The lodge is moving to electronic delivery of our trestleboards. If you want a paper copy mailed to you see the article at the end of this newsletter for more information. We will continue to mail paper copies to those who require them.

District Lodge Meetings

Mantua: Second Thursday of the month.
Pennsgrove-Excelsior: First Wednesday of the month.
Clarksboro: First Monday of the month.
Williamstown #166: First and third Tuesday of the month.
Woodstown: The first Tuesday of the month.
Pitman #197: The second Tuesday of the month

DLI's

October 27th, 2022 Pitman #197. Start time 7PM
November 21st, 2022 Clarksboro. Start time 7PM

October 2022

Brethren,

As we enter the month of October my year as Worshipful Master is coming to a close. With this in mind, at our October communication, on the 11th, we will entertain nominations for officers to serve in 2023. We will also vote to pay for the hotel room at Ceasar's in Atlantic City for the top three officers this year,(Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Deacons),To attend the Grand Lodge Communication, Nov.8-10.

We are having our All You Can Eat breakfast on Saturday October 8th. We need help from all the brothers to make this work. I am looking forward to everyone's help.

On October 27th we will host the District Lodge of Instruction, opening is at 7PM.

Our lodge did an excellent job at the official visit in September. Kudos to all. We also had a very successful parking fund raiser, making over \$1400. Thanks again to all that helped.

Please help YOUR lodge by coming out to these events. They require many hands to be successful.

“The real secrets of Masonry are never told, not even from mouth to ear. For the real secret of Masonry is spoken to your heart and from it to the heart of your brother. Never the language made for tongue may speak it, it is uttered only in the eye in those manifestations of that love which a man has for his friend, which passeth all other loves.”

William Howard Taft

Fraternal Greetings

Brian M Kane, WM

Attest: Michael Paris, Secretary

Lodge Dues

Lodge dues are now due. As of this mailing there are still 25% of our members who have not paid their dues for this year. This increases our budget deficit to over \$7000. It is imperative that you make your dues payment in order for the lodge to function. If you are in financial distress please contact the secretary and discuss a solution. Thanks to all.

Please use the link to PayPal if this would be an easier way to pay your dues.



Pitman Lodge 2021 Officers

WM . Brian M. Kane (856) 419-0626
SW Keith M. Lypka (856) 742-0151
JW ... Michael Paris Jr.....(856)236-7598
Tres . Robert B. Schaefer (856) 582-5687
Sec... Michael J. Paris, PM (856) 881-6312
SDJason M. Rickert.....(856)381-6035
JD..... Eli Berkowitz.....(609)605-5456
SMC . John Young.....(609)820-9888
JMC. Darin Peters.....(609)221-4292
SS James Baehr.....(609) 636-2260
JS Louis Kohn.....(856)283-1020
Chp .. Gerald Montgomery (856) 359-6212
MAR..Michael Robinson.....(609)221-3136
TLR .. Michael T. Lowe (856) 589-6612

Lodge Trustees

RW Joseph A. DiNovi PM
WB Keith S. Sanders PM
WB Vincent Baehr PM

Building Trustees

Keith Lypka
Robert Schaefer
Jason Rickert

Grand Lodge Officers

Grandmaster of the State of New Jersey

MW **Robert V. Monacelli**
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District Deputy Grand Master

RW **Richard G. Norbuts**
856-498-3539
Par4217@aol.com

District Ritual Instructor

RW **Thomas G. Rathof**
856-981-8844
trathof@gmail.com

Sick and Distressed Brothers

If you know of any sick and distressed brothers, or anyone that has passed, please contact our Grand Chaplin.

R.W. Kenneth W. Thomas 609-432-2631
kenwthomas23@gmail.com

Living Past Masters

Sharp, Jay H.	1971#	Henry, Frederick B.	2000#
Lang, Harry E	1975	Anderson, Allen S.	2003
Davis, Alan A.	1976#	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2005#
Thomas, Kenneth W	1978	DiNovi, Joseph A.	2007
Kier, James R.	1981	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2008
Morris, Donald G.	1981#	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2009
Coblentz, William W.	1982	Sanders, Keith S.	2011
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1984	Nesbit, Robert Scott	2012
Schubert, Joseph E.	1984#	Fuscia Jr., Russel E.	2013
Cooper, Danny L.	1989	Polonsky, Arthur A.	2015
Stowman, Robert A.	1990	Marek, Peter A.	2016
Leap, Wayne E.	1991	Paris, Michael	2017
Eckenroth, Richard L.	1993	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2018
Marker, David W.	1994	Thomas, Kenneth W.	2019
Dillon, Douglas F.	1997#	Baehr, Vincent L.	2020
Stanger Jr., Hiram	1998	Baehr, Vincent L.	2021
DiNovi, Joseph A.	1999		
Bradley, Theodore K.	2000		

Lodge Events

Oct. 8th, 2022 Lodge Breakfast 8AM to 11AM

All you can eat. \$10

Oct 11th, 2022 Regular Communication

Official Visit of the DDGM Richard G. Norbuts

Oct. 19, 2022 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Day

The lodge is selling discount passes for \$5. You get up

To 25% off on this day and a chance to win \$100 gift

Card. See Pitman Lodge officers for discount card.

Oct 27th, 2022 DLI at Pitman Lodge

Start time 7PM.

Nov. 21, 2022 DLI at Clarksboro Lodge. Start time 7PM

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Mission Statement of the Grand Lodge
Of New Jersey

Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.

www.newjerseygrandlodge.org

Masonic Birthdays in June

Name	Raised	Years
Frank D. Borelli	10-29-1991	31
John Borelli Jr.	10-27-1987	35
Ronald W. Cunningham	10-27-1987	35
Robert E. Foster	10-28-1975	47
George R. Haines	10-19-1965	57
Franklin R. Kirchner	10-30-1984	38
Oran G. Lloyd	10-28-1958	64
Michael T. Lowe	10-28-2008	14
Keith M. Lypka	10-09-2000	22
Ralph R. Mcquade	10-18-1966	56
Albert J. Mitchell Jr.	10-27-1964	58
Michael P. Mollet	10-28-1999	23
Robert A. Stowman	10-22-1985	37
Anthony R. Tonelli	10-27-1987	35

Practice!!

Brethren, we have a practice every Sunday at 10:30 AM. There, we go over ritual work and improve our skills for any upcoming degree work or DLI's. Please make an effort to attend.

Digital Issue!

In an effort to cut costs we are only mailing a paper trestleboard to those who request it beginning in September. Our monthly cost to mail about 190 trestleboards is about \$170. Every month we get 3-4 back because of address changes or wrong addresses etc. We can email them for free and also expand them as it becomes necessary.

So if you want to receive a mailed paper how can you do it?

1. If you have email contact the lodge with your current address and request a paper copy.
pitmanmasons@gmail.com
2. Call Mike Paris at 856-881-6312, (leave a message if no answer) and request one. Also leave a current address so I can make sure I have a correct one on file.
3. You can also visit the Lodge's webpage at www.pitmanmasons.org where you'll find not only the current trestleboard but an archive for the last year or so.

As always we are trying to save the lodge money while providing the best membership experience we can.

We succeed with the support of the members.

Thank you for that support!

WM Brian Kane

Secretary, Michael Paris

Lodge Rental Donations

Masonic organizations: \$110

Members of Pitman Lodge: \$250

Non-members with Masonic affiliation: \$300

Non-members: \$350

Grand Lodge News

The 2022 Annual Communication will be November 8-10, 2022
At Caesar's Hotel and casino in Atlantic City. The events are as follows: Grand Master's Banquet on Tues. night 11/8/22.

Morning and afternoon sessions on Wed. 11/9/22.

Grand Lodge Banquet on Wed. night.

Morning session on Thursday 11/10/22

Installation of officers Thursday afternoon.

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Return Service Requested

*Pitman Lodge Hall Rentals: members of Pitman Lodge \$250.00 donation — Non-members with masonic affiliation
\$300.00 donation — Non-members no affiliation \$350.00 donation*

The Grand Lodge



Most Ancient and Honorable Society
of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey

MW ROBERT V. MONACELLI
GRAND MASTER
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HACKETTSTOWN, NJ 07840-1802
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September 15, 2022

Mr. Gary J. Olsen
665 Valley Road
Brielle, NJ 08730

Dear Mr. Olsen:

RE: Order of Expulsion

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that:

WHEREAS, This matter came before the Trial Of Charges Committee Panel for your Masonic trial on September 14, 2022, from which you, and your attorney, voluntarily departed after the trial had begun, and continued *in absentia* after your departure, pursuant to Title Four, Article XI, Section 7, Part 2(c) of the Grand Lodge By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, the trial panel, having received evidence from the Accuser in support of the charges, deliberated thereon, and returned a verdict of Guilty of 47 specifications of Un-Masonic conduct, and Not Guilty on 2 specifications; and

WHEREAS, the trial panel further deliberated upon the question of penalty, and returned a verdict of Expulsion;

NOW THEREFORE, it is this 15th Day of September, 2022, Ordered that you be, and hereby are, **EXPULLED** from Freemasonry; and

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Order shall be communicated by the Office of the Grand Secretary to all Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, all concordant and appendant bodies, and to all Grand Jurisdictions in comity with this Grand Lodge.



Robert V. Monacelli, Grand Master of Masons
For the State of New Jersey

Attest:



John S. Ryan, PGM, Grand Secretary

Sent – crrr #7021 1970 0000 0749 1770, Regular USPS, email

Cc: Ralph G. De Palma III, Regular USPS/email

Elected Line

Appendant and concordant Bodies

All Lodges within GL of NJ

Recognized Grand Jurisdictions

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September 19, 2022

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NJ
MERCER VICINAGE
CHANCERY**

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Brian E. Kasper, Esq. (Atty I.D. No. 086412013)

Attorneys for Defendants

GLENN TRAUTMANN; GREGORY SCOTT,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT MONACELLI; THE GRAND
LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND
HONORABLE SOCIETY OF FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS FOR THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY; ET AL,

Defendants.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
GENERAL EQUITY PART
MERCER COUNTY**

DOCKET NO: C-55-22

Civil Action

ORDER

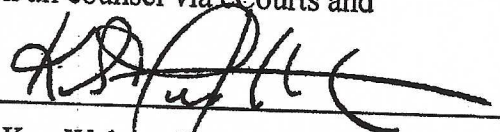
THIS MATTER, having been opened to the Court by Defendants, Robert Monacelli and The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons For the State of New Jersey, for an Order Dismissing the Complaint of the Plaintiffs, Glenn Trautmann and Gregory Scott, pursuant to R. 4:6-2(e), and the Court having considered the papers submitted; and for reasons stated on the record; and for good and sufficient cause:

IT IS, on this 19th day of September, 2022;

ORDERED:

1. Plaintiffs' Order to Show Cause Seeking a Preliminary Injunction be and hereby is **DENIED**.
2. Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Plaintiffs' Complaint is hereby **DENIED**.

A copy of the within Order shall be served upon all counsel via eCourts and electronic mail.



Hon. Kay Walcott-Henderson, P.J.Ch.

PURSUANT TO RULES 1:6-2(f) AND 1:7-4, THE COURT PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN EXPLANATION.

In addition to the oral decision stated on the record, a review of Exhibit A of Defendants' surreply; a By-law enacted by the Grand Lodge in 2016 relating to election endorsements and publications, including publications through electronic media, the Court is further persuaded that Plaintiffs had notice of the prohibition of publications advocating for the election of any brother to office without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Master.

As to Defendants' formal application for dismissal of complaints pursuant to Rule 4:6-2(e), the Court must limit its examination to evaluating the legal sufficiency of the facts alleged on the face of the complaint. Rieder v. State, 221 N.J. Super. 547 (App. Div. 1987). The Court is to "search the complaint in depth and with liberality to ascertain whether the fundament of a cause of action may be gleaned even from an obscure statement of claim, opportunity being given to amend if necessary." Di Cristofaro v. Laurel Grove Mem'l Park, 43 N.J. Super. 244 (App. Div. 1957). The Court is not concerned with the ability of Plaintiff to prove the allegation contained in the complaint at this preliminary stage of the litigation; therefore, plaintiffs are entitled to every reasonable inference of fact. Indep. Dairy Workers Union v. Milk Drivers & Dairy Emps., 23 N.J. 85 (1956). In short, "the test for determining the adequacy of a pleading [is] whether a cause of action is 'suggested' by the facts." Printing Mart-Morristown v. Sharp Elecs. Corp., 116 N.J. 739 (1989).

Ordinarily, a dismissal for failure to state a claim is without prejudice, and the court has the discretion to permit the Plaintiff to amend the complaint to allege additional facts in an effort to state cause of action. Hoffman v. Hampshire Labs, Inc., 405 N.J. Super. 105 (App. Div. 2009). If the complaint states no basis for relief, and further discovery would not provide for one, dismissal of the complaint is appropriate. Camden Cty. Energy Recovery Assocs., Ltd. P'ship v. N.J. Dep't of Env'tl. Prot., 320 N.J. Super. 59 (App. Div. 1999). While dismissals are ordinarily without prejudice, Hoffman, 405 N.J. Super. at 116, the court may, within its discretion, dismiss a claim with prejudice. Johnson v. Glassman, 401 N.J. Super. 222 (App. Div. 2008).

In this case, given the liberal standard of review and the deference granted to plaintiffs in the filing of complaints. And the fact that at this stage, the court is not concerned with the ability of plaintiffs to prove the allegations made, the court denies defendants' motion to dismiss this Complaint.

FILED

June 30, 2022

SUPERIOR COURT OF NJ
MERCER VICINAGE
CHANCERY

OTSC as Original Process –
Submitted with New Complaint
Preliminary Injunctive Relief
Pursuant to Rule 4:52-1 – No TRO

Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division – General Equity Part
Mercer _____ County
Docket Number C-55-22

Glenn R. Trautmann, et. al.

Plaintiff(s)

Civil Action

v.
Robert V. Monacelli, et. al.

Defendant(s)

**Order to Show Cause
Seeking a Preliminary
Injunction Pursuant to
Rule 4:52**

This matter being brought before to the court by Robert T. Trautmann, Esq., attorney for plaintiff, Glenn R. Trautmann, et. al., seeking relief by way preliminary injunction at the return date set forth below pursuant to R. 4:52, based upon the facts set forth in the verified complaint filed herewith and for good cause shown.

It is on this 30th day of June, 2022 **ORDERED** that defendant(s), Robert V. Monacelli, et al., appear and **show cause** before the Superior Court at the Mercer County Courthouse in, Trenton, New Jersey on August 8, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., **why an order should not be issued preliminarily enjoining and restraining Defendant from:**

- A. Allowing Robert V. Monacelli to continue as the unelected Grand Master of Masons for New Jersey
- B. Enforcing any edicts issued by Robert V. Monacelli after November 2021;
- C. Barring the Plaintiffs herein from running for elected office in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey;
- D. Granting such other relief as the court deems equitable and just.

And it is further **ORDERED** that:

- a. A copy of this order to show cause, verified complaint, legal memorandum and any supporting affidavits or certifications submitted in support of this application be served upon the defendant(s) personally, or by electronic mail and regular mail within ten days of the date hereof, in accordance with R. 4:4-3 and R. 4:4-4, this being original process.
- b. The plaintiff must file with the court his/her/its proof of service of the pleadings on the defendant no later than three (3) days before the return date.