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Constituted December 15, 2004

### **MARCH** 2008

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(Except July & August)

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18<sup>th</sup> District www.nj18dist.com

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### **Living Past Masters**

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Raymond Banes	1941	Frederick H. Martin, Jr.	1994
Louis F. McDowell	1960	Michael E. McCabe	1995
George W. Ruth	1967	William C. Godfrey, P.G.C.	1996
Robert J. Powell	1969	Eugene E. Reckard, Jr.	1996
William C. Godfrey, P.G.C.	1970	Robert J. Stukane+	1996
James M. Sprankle	1970	Arnold Shannon	1996
Joseph E. Essinger	1971	William C. Godfrey, P.G.C.	1997
Walter J. Rowand	1973	Gary R. Thomson	1997
William C. Barrows	1973	Raymond L. Garrison	1998
Grant R. Keller	1974	Eugene E. Reckard, Jr.	1998
Robert S. Terry	1975	William H. Berman, S.G.W.	1999
Lalit K.H. Udani	1977	Michael E. McCabe	1999
Lalit K.H. Udani	1978	Frank M. Blizard, III+	1999
Richard C. Brooks	1978	John L. Reader, III, P.G.C.	2000
Luther C. Leconey, III	1979	Michael E. McCabe	2000
William F. Ostrander	1979	Steve M. Gibbs	2000
Eugene E. Reckard, Jr.	1981	Fredrick R. Shindle, III*	2000
Frederick H. Martin, Sr.	1981	William R. Billingham, P.G.C.	2001
John D. Roberts	1982	John J. Forberger, G.Org	2001
Wayne L. Hartman	1983	Glenn E. Latshaw*	2001
Norman L. Wilson	1983	Michael E. McCabe	2001
Richard M. Booth*	1983	William R. Billingham, P.G.C.	2002
Leroy J. Myers	1984	Peter F. White	2002
Kent W. Cantermen*	1984	Michael E. McCabe	2002
George C. Mastoris	1984	Steven R. Sharp, Sr.	2003
Preston H. Keller	1986	Michael J. Downes, Jr.	2003
Frederick H. Martin, Jr.	1986	Patrick C. Weisgerber, Sr., P.G.C.	2003
Howard R. Quick, P.G.C.	1987	Steven R. Sharp Sr.	2004
John F. Klaus	1988	Donald H. Hutchinson	2004
Gary L. Jones	1989	Arnold Shannon	2004
Louis F. McDowell	1990	Glenn E. Latshaw*	2006
William H. Berman, S.G.W.	1991	John J. Forberber, G.Org.	2007
John D. Roberts	1991	* Dual Member +Withdrew	
Raymond L. Garrison	1992		
John L. Zidek	1992		
Harold W. Monahan	1993		
Frank H. Guinn	1993		

1994

Carl W. Keller

# MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

# March 2008

Raymond Banes	1932	Ryan M. Godfrey	2005
John Robinson	1947	John C. VanVoorhees	2005
Alexander J. Michler	1951	Robert Henderson	2005
Robert R. Holt	1952	Clinton D. Lowden	2005
Norman C. Saylor	1963	John W. Poinsett	2005
Richard C. Brooks	1963	Scott Grilli	2005
James T. Nolan	1970	Gary T. Towers	2005
Robert W. Nolan	1970	Allie A. Kazan	2005
Franklyn H. Lord	1970	Leroy G. Palmer	2005
Karl E. Haug	1973	Glenn W. Garwood	2005
James W. Pickup	1974	Robert S. Cattell	2005
Carl Gustavson	1975	Jason P. Palmer	2005
Wayne I. Hartman	1975	Walter B. Betson	2007
Thomas T. Martin	1975	Joseph E. Carroll	2007
Jack N. Hill	1980	Brian J. McGovern	2007
George C. Mastoris	1980	Scott M. Obermeir	2007
Wayne L. Bobo	1981	Paul F. Ostrom	2007
Larry J. Clark	1981	Mario Straccialini	2007
Franklyn A. Barnaby	1981	Scott A Schwartzberg	2007
John N. Merkh	1982	Michael J. Laird	2007
Donald L. Maddy	1982	Richard W. McGinley	2007
Richard J. Herritt	1982	James Vaux	2007
Walter E. Ratzell	1982	Stephen A. Walsh	2007
Russell L. Anderson	1984	Harry V. Pison	2007
Thomas M. Scott	1990	Erik Pendleburry	2007
Michael H. Kantner	1990	Arthur K. Perry	2007
Thomas F. Jones	1991	Philip Lopez	2007
Frederick R. Shindle	1995	Robert R. Pace	2007
Thomas L. Vernon	1997	Edwin Lopez-Petrilli	2007
Javier Seguinot	2001	Kevin C. Jones	2007
Thomas W. Tuckhorn	2001	Epifanio DeJesus	2007
Dtephen A. Benigno	2003	James Elcess	2007
Edward Aguilar	2005	David B. Foote	2007
Thomas M. Epley	2005	Ricky B. Foote	2007

# REGULAR COMMUNICATION

You are cordially invited to attend the **Regular Communication** of **U.S.S. New Jersey Lodge No.62**,1205 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd. at 1295, Cherry Hill, NJ on Monday **March 24, 2008** at **7:30PM**. There will be a dinner served at 6:30PM. *Please contact the Secretary for reservations*.

- Opening
- ♦ Usual Business
- ♦ Ballot Upon Petitions
- Ballot Upon Proposed By-Law Amendments
- ♦ Masonic Birthdays
- ◆ Entered Apprentice Examination &
   Fellowcraft Degree To Be Conferred Upon:

Brother E.A. Robert A. Hudgins

Brother E.A. Michael P. Davis

Brother E.A. Francis X. Fullerton, III

Brother E.A. John A. Cooper, III

- ♦ Closing
- ♦ Refreshments & Fellowship

By order of

Robert F. Parker.

Worshipful Master

Attest: R.W. John L. Reader, III, P.G.C.

Secretary

F.&A.M. Cherry Hill, NJ

# WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S CORNER

Brethren,

I must start by thanking all those that participated in Our visit to the Masonic Home and to all those that participated in Our Official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master last month. We have made considerable strides and continue to build a strong foundation. I was very proud of all Our Officers, Past Masters and Members that contributed and helped our evening be a successful one, one we can build on and one to learn from. So far my time in the East has been a wonderful experience. Thank you all for your continued support and dedication. It is truly an honor representing this Lodge.

"Brotherhood is of the heart. In the Lodge the artificialities of life are swept away; you and your brethren are as isolated from society, from professional or business life, from clubs or legislatures or vocations, as if you were all suddenly transported to a desert island and stripped naked. In the Lodge you meet your brother and greet him for what he is in his heart; and here " on the level " you and he both gain knowledge of man as he is, of his soul unfettered by artificial distinctions". A Master's Wages, Little Masonic Library, Volume IV.

We often hear of Operative and Speculative Masonry. In Operative Masonry it is a beautiful sight to watch a building start from the ground and form into this amazing strong structure. We are able to watch its progress and when completed we are then able to admire its architectural beauty. Today, we are builders of brotherhood. We are sworn and dedicated to make good will prevail in all relations of life. It is easy to tear down, to criticize, to find fault. To construct, to build, erect and preserve is more difficult. It is more nobler and requires the art of our minds and love of life. It is also beautiful to watch a man, our Officers and members of Our Lodge for example, grow and form into a strong structure, a strong foundation of Our Lodge that will continue to be built and continue to strengthen so that it will last the test of time and Masons will benefit long after we are gone. It is that which keeps me inspired and motivated to lead you as best I can so that we and all others that follow us may prosper from our hard work.

"If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth." Numbers 30:2.

This month we will be conferring four Entered Apprentices in our Fellowcraft degree. Please come out and support Our Lodge by participating or by simply witnessing our Ritual work. As always I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

Fraternally

, Robort F. Parker Worshipful Master



# DESIGNS UPON THE TRESTLEBOARD

#### **BROTHER!**

#### Mark These Dates On Your Calendar Now!



#### March

21st Fri. 6:30PM **Mandatory Officers Rehearsal** All are welcome!

24<sup>th</sup> Mon. 7:30PM **Regular Communication** 

#### **April**

4<sup>th</sup> Fri. **Table Lodge** - Laurel Lodge No.237 \$15pp Contact Worshipful Master Micheal E. Owsiak 856-797-1069

9th Wed. 7:30PM **District Lodge of Instruction** All Officers must attend! All are welcome. **At U.S.S. New Jersey Lodge No. 62** 

Fri. 5:00PM South Jersey Past Master's, Master's & Warden"s Assoc. Candidates Night at USS New Jersey Lodge Masonic Center. \$35pp (Contact the DDGM for tickets.)

12th Sat. TBA Opening Day Cherry Hill Little League Come out to see the Worshipful Master throw the first pitch!

16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Communication, Bally's Atlantic City

17<sup>th</sup> Thur. 6:00PM **Grand Lodge Banquet**, Bally's Atlantic City

18<sup>th</sup> Fri. 2:00PM **Grand Master's Open Installation**, Bally's, Atlantic City

20<sup>th</sup> Sun. 7:00PM **Craftsmen's Club Meeting** 

26<sup>th</sup> Sat. 7:00PM **CIGAR NIGHT** presented by the USS New Jersey Craftsmen's Club

28<sup>th</sup> Mon. 7:30PM **Regular Communication** 

#### May

5<sup>th</sup> Mon. 8:00AM **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Brie's Buddies Golf Classic** 

17th Sat. 3:00PM Reception & Banquet Honoring the Grand Master and Chairman of the Masonic Charity Foundation Board of Trustees

18<sup>th</sup> Sun. 7:00PM **Craftsmen's Club Meeting** 



#### TO: ALL LODGES & WHITE BOOK

In the event of the election of R. W. John M. Colligas, as Grand Master of Freemasons of the State of New Jersey and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Charity Foundation, at the 221<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge and 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Masonic Charity Foundation on 18 April 2008, the Brethren, their ladies and friends are cordially and fraternally invited to attend the following:

## GRAND MASTER'S OPEN INSTALLATION BALLY'S, ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

\*FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008\* Installation- 2:00 P.M.

# RECEPTION & BANQUET HONORING THE GRAND MASTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES Grand Lodge of New Jersey

Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, New Jersey Saturday, May 17, 2008 Worship Service: 2:00 P.M. (at Chapel) Reception: 3:00 P.M. Social Hour: 4:00 P.M. Dinner 5:00 P.M. Tickets-\$50.00

Admission to Banquet by reservation only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 2, 2008. For those attending the Reception only, there is no charge and no reservations are necessary. Upon arrival, all Present and Past Grand Lodge officers attending are requested to check in with the Grand Marshal.

Please make checks payable to <u>Raritan Valley Lodge #46</u> and mail with self addressed stamped envelope to: Curtis Benson, Chairman, 34-C Locust Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831-1225. **Any questions please call (732) 521-1874** 

Larry S. Plasket, PGM Grand Secretary

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#### RE: GRAND LODGE BANQUET - ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The following is to be published in your Trestleboard and read at every regular communication of the lodge between now and the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in April.

Most Worshipful John S. Ryan, Grand Master, extends a cordial invitation to our Brethren and their Ladies to attend the <u>Grand Lodge Banquet</u> at the 221st Annual Communication in Atlantic City. Details are as follows:

Place: Ocean Ballroom, 6th Floor, Bally's Park Place

**Hotel & Casino** 

Park Place at the Boardwalk

Date: Thursday, 17 April 2008

Time: Social Hour - 6:00 P.M. (Cash Bar)

Dinner - 7:00 P.M.

Menu: Chicken Sorrento or Crab Cakes or Filet

Mignon & Chicken

Price: \$45.00 Per Person

Entertainment

For tickets, please forward your check made payable to the **Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of New Jersey** for the number of tickets needed and the meal choice, along with a **self-addressed stamped envelope**, to the Grand Secretary's Office, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ 08016. **The DEADLINE for reservations is Friday, 21 March 2008. Tables of 10 can be reserved.** 

We must have the name and meal choice of every person for whom a ticket is purchased.

Thank you for your interest and support. We look forward to breaking bread and sharing an evening of Masonic fun and fellowship with you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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Larry S. Plasket, PGM Grand Secretary

cc: Elected Line DDGM's



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of Bree and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey

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#### NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICE 609-239-3950 B 2008 - 2009

609-351-3298 C

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#### **GRAND SECRETARY**

Larry S. Plasket, Merchantville Lodge #119 17 Carlisle Court, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

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Jack A.E. Ford. Princeton Lodge #38 71 Emerson Road, Somerset, NJ 08873

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Marshalll R. Biron, Maple-Shade-Moorestown Lodge #281 27 W. Central Avenue, Moorestown, NJ 08051

Robert H. Klick, Congdon-Overlook Lodge #163 20 Bridal Path, Asbury, NJ 08820

George A. Olsen, Genesis Lodge #88 25 Gail Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07935

Roger Quintanna, Blue Stone Mystic Tie Malta Doric #35 75 Cameo Place, Colonia, NJ 07067

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> Michael Pastuzyn, Peninsula Lodge #99 4 Reid Way, Freehold, NJ 07728

James J Ross, Mercer Lodge #50 2445 Lamberton Road, Trenton, NJ 08611

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at **USS New Jersey Lodge No.62** Masonic Center 2105 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ

(Adjacent to Exit #32, I295)

Shuffle Board

Air **Hockey** 

**Darts** 

#### 4 Hours - OPEN BAR

4 Hours - Buffet 3 Hot Entrees, Salad, Pepperoni & Cheese 3 - Select Cigars for Your Enjoyment!



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Send to:

Steven R. Sharp, Sr.

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#### NOTICE OF BALLOT March 24, 2008

#### Petition for Membership by Initiation

Mr. Joseph J. Howe

2411 Craig Drive, Hainesport, NJ 08036 DOB: March 8, 1978 Born: Willingboro, NJ Spouse: Kristin Occupation: New Jersey State Trooper Employer: State of New Jersey

Recommended by:

Bro. James Dalv

Investigation Committee R.W. John L. Reader, III, P.G.C. W.B. Steven R. Sharp, Sr., P.M. Bro. Rvan M. Godfrev Bro. Walter R. Betson, Jr.

#### Petition for Reinstatement to Membership

#### Brother Leonard M. O'Neil

1820 Lark Lane, Cherry Hill, nJ 08003 DOB: 7-6-48 Born: Philadelphia, PA Spouse: Lois Occupation: Owner, Keystone Sewing Machine co.

Recommended by: W.B. Raymond L. Garrison, P.M. W.B. Peter F. White, Jr., P.M. R.W. John L. Reader, III, P.G.C. Bro. J. Casey Pierce

Investigation Committee: Bro. Paul Ostrom

# CRAFTSMEN'S CLUB

Brethren.

As you may or may not know, the Craftsmen's Club is a group of Brothers from our Lodge who are interested in assisting the Lodge, but may not have enough time to become an Officer. The Craftsmen's Club has many fund-raisers (for Brothers and non-Brothers alike) to help those in need. We meet once a month and determine what needs the Lodge and the Brothers may have. Then we try to fulfill those needs. It's a great deal of fun and rewarding all at the same time. It's very informal and everyone has the opportunity to provide ideas. Any Brother can stop in at our meeting to see what it's all about. After our brief meeting, we generally have some great Fraternal fun and take advantage of our recently renovated Craftsmen's room. If you're considering coming out and have some questions, please feel free to contact me or the President of the Craftsmen's Club. Phil Dunne.

President Phil Dunne (856) 571-1216

Vice Pres. & Director of All Things Entertaining Bill Billingham (856)931-2302

Next Meeting - April 20<sup>th</sup> - 7:00PM

#### U.S.S. NEW JERSEY LODGE No. 62

#### **By-Law Proposed Amendments**

Brethren,

Below are proposed by-law amendments as recommended by the Grand Lodge Committee on By-laws. As you can see, these are housekeeping type changes and do not change the intent of any of the by-laws voted upon and approved by the membership, with one exception. Article IV, Sections 1 is a union of the Grand Lodge Committee recommendation and a proposed by-law change submitted at the Regular Communication in February.

Please not that these are changes to our original by-laws which have not yet been approved by the Grand Lodge By-Laws Committee. These proposed changes must be approved in order to have the Grand Master approve our by-laws.

## Article I Communications

- Regular Communication of the Lodge shall be held on the third Monday of the month, except for July and August, when there shall be no Regular Communication. The hour of meeting shall be 7:30PM; the Worshipful Master may, in his discretion, open Regular Communications up to one hour earlier, provided that due and timely notice shall be given to every member and that no business is transacted until the regular hour of opening.
- Section 1. Regular Communications of the Lodge shall be held on the third Monday of the month, except for July and August, when there shall be no Regular Communication and in December when the Regular Communication shall be held on the second Monday. The hour of meeting shall be 7:30PM; the Worshipful Master may, in his discretion, open Regular Communications up to one hour earlier, provided that due and timely notice shall be given to every member if possible and that no business is transacted until the regular hour of opening

#### Article II Officers

- As regards the election of a member to more than one elected office, no member can be elected to two or more offices if such election would conflict with Grand Lodge By-Laws.
- Section 3. As regards the election of a member to more than one elected office, no member can be elected to two or more offices if such election would conflict with Grand Lodge By-Laws, except as specified in Art. IV, Sect. 2.

- For compensation for his services, the Secretary shall receive a stipend of \$3.00 per member plus other incurred expenses as shall be adjudged to be paid by the consent of the lodge annually based on the per capita as established at the beginning of the current Masonic Year. It shall be submitted and remitted to the Secretary for quarterly or otherwise timely compensation. Incurred expenses shall be paid by order of the Worshipful Master.
- Section 4. The Secretary shall receive stipend of \$3.00 per member which shall be paid quarterly based on the number of members of lodge as of the date of his installation. He shall submit his expenses to the lodge for payment in the same manner as any other expense of the Lodge.

Section 4.

- Section 5. For compensation for his services, the Treasurer shall receive a stipend of \$300.00 annually plus incurred expenses as shall be adjudged to be paid by the consent of the Lodge annually. It shall be submitted and remitted to the Secretary for annual compensation. Incurred expenses shall be paid by order of the Worshipful Master.
- Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive a stipend of \$300.00 annually. He shall submit his expenses to the lodge for payment in the same manner as any other expense of the Lodge.

#### Article III Proxy

At the regular meeting immediately preceding the annual communication there shall be elected a proxy to the Grand Lodge.

At the annual communication, there shall be elected a Proxy to the Grand Lodge.

#### Article IV Trustees

#### **Lodge Trustees**

- The Lodge Trustees shall consist of three (3) members and serve three (3) year terms. Initially, the three trustees will be appointed by the Worshipful Master from the defunct West Jersey Masonic Association Board of Trustees as follows: One will be appointed for a three (3) year term, one for a two (2) year term, and one for a one (1) year term. There after, one (1) Lodge Trustee position will be up for election annually.
- Section 1. The Lodge Trustees shall consist of three (3) members who shall serve three (3) year terms. The Trustees shall be elected for a three (3) year term on a staggered basis such that one (1) Trustee=s term

shall expire each year with an election held to replace that position each year.

#### **Finance Trustees**

- Section 1. The Finance Trustees shall consist of three members, one appointed yearly by the Worshipful Master, for a term of one year with seniority of three, two and one year terms respectively with the senior member as Chairman. Their duties and responsibilities shall not conflict with any such as outlined by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
- Section 1. The Finance Trustees, also known as the Financial Oversight Committee, shall consist of three (3) members who shall serve three (3) year terms. The Trustees shall be elected for a three (3) year term on a staggered basis such that one (1) Trustee's term shall expire each year with an election held to replace that position each year. Their duties and responsibilities shall not conflict with any such as outlined by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

## Article V Election of Officers

- Section 1. At the first Regular Communication preceding the Lodge's Annual Communication, immediately after the opening of the Lodge, the Secretary shall place the ballot-box upon his table, wherein any member of the Lodge may place nominations for any or all of the elective officers, which nominations shall be read for the information of the Lodge, before proceeding with the election.
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#### Article VI Committees

Section 2. A The Committee on Relief and Charity of three to be known as the *Relief Committee* as appointed by the Master. Where it is indicated or apparent that the total disbursement involved in any one case shall exceed \$500.00, it shall the duty of the *Relief Committee* to confer with the Worshipful Master as to the propriety of these matters. The Master's decision shall be final.

#### Section 2.

- **Sub-section A.** The Worshipful Master shall have at his disposal an initial sum of \$1.000.00 for
  - the purpose of Charity and Relief. He may dispense said fund at his discretion as
  - needed for the purpose of charity and relief. He is not required to divulge the
  - recipient's name nor the destination of the amount provided.

    After said fund is
  - depleted, the Master may request additional funding for such purposes at the

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## Article VII Fees and Dues

Section 2.

The annual dues shall be the sum of the Grand Lodge Assessments heretofore and hereafter levied; in addition, there shall be an assessment representing funds sufficient per capita to provide for the operation of the Lodge and maintenance of the temple property. This sum shall be calculated annually and reflected in the dues notice distributed to and payable from all members of the Lodge. However, upon granting a demit, the Lodge shall remit such portion of the Lodge dues sufficient for the operation of the Lodge as shall be unearned.

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- Any member who has marked their seventy fifth (75) year of age with not less than forty (40) years of continuous membership in the U.S.S. New Jersey Lodge #62 may be exempt from payment of the Lodge dues providing they are in good standing and shall instead be responsible only for Grand Lodge assessments.
- Section 3. Any member who has marked his seventy fifth (75) year of age with not fewer than forty (40) years of continuous membership in the U.S.S. New Jersey Lodge #62, or any of the three lodges from which it was formed, shall be exempt from payment of the Lodge dues providing he is in good standing. Provided, however, nothing contained herein shall excuse such member from payment of of Grand Lodge assessments, and the failure to pay such assessments shall subject the member to suspension for non payment of dues, as though he had not paid lodge dues.