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## GOOD OF THE ORDER GM CELEBRATES FRIENDS



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about helping others?



Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
New Brunswick Lodge No. 6

**Trap Shoot Fundraiser**  
**Saturday April 27, 2019**

**12:00 Start • Entry Fee \$35+ Pledges/Donation(Includes 50 Shots & Targets)**

**Mallard Trap Club**

**67 Monroe Blvd, Monroe Township, NJ 08831**

[www.mallardtrapclub.org/directions/](http://www.mallardtrapclub.org/directions/)

*Trophies awarded for High Score and Most Money Pledged*

**Shooter must have gun or make arrangements to share**

**Register by 4/15/19 - SPACE IS LIMITED**

Go to [www.IOOFNJ.com](http://www.IOOFNJ.com) to download Pledge Sheet.

Shoot Groups will be assigned as Registration Pledge Forms are received.

Please return forms to any IOOF NB No.6 Member or

Mail to: IOOF NB No. 6 Trap Shoot, 44 9th st. Hazlet, NJ 07734

**Questions? Call Tom 732-423-6715 or Dan 732-266-4831**



Photos on pages 2 and 3

by Pastor Roman

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# As Elders Pass On, We Become The Mentors

**G**reetings to all my Brothers and Sisters around the great state of New Jersey!

First, my condolences to all the brothers and sister that have lost a love one, as we have lost many in the last few weeks. I hope that you all are able to reach to us in your time of need.

As we get ready to start with official visits and work for the order. I hope that we are in the right state of mind. It has been a very interesting time as Grand Master as I was invited to many functions. I hope to be able to visit all lodges of the Order. I would like to take this moment and remind everyone that my theme is **EDUCATION** and hope that the lodges are trying to keep the traditions of

the order with new regulations and by-laws.

I remember when I was installed as Grand Master many brothers and sisters were concern with changes in the order but I have full faith that things will change only for the better. We have lost many of our mentors which now makes us the new generation of mentors for new members. Let's teach them properly



so our order can be a fruitful one.

We are trying to establish more direct communication between our members and Grand Lodge so I'm asking all to please have your lodge secretary send the Grand Lodge an updated Member Roster so we can inform you of up to date information and current events.

Please feel free to send any comments to me at RAULIOOF@AOL.COM. Please put IOOF in the subject line so that I know it's from one of our members and I will respond as soon as possible.

*In Friendship, Love, & Truth,*  
**Raul Rodriguez,**  
Grand Master

We're really excited to have you and a prospective member join us for the Pinelands Adventures Discovery Tour!

The Discovery Tour is a unique exploration on land and water in the Pine Barrens along the Mullica River at Atsion Lake.



**Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 9 am to 12pm**

Please RSVP by April 28, 2019



**Atsion Village & Recreation Center, US-206, Shamong, NJ 08088**

The morning will be led by PPA Education Director John Volpa as we discover native plants and animals, enjoy some canoeing (if you want), and for our more ambitious, some guided hikes. Not feeling so ambitious? There are ADA trails that might be more your speed. (Sorry, there is no ADA canoeing.)

After the provided box lunch (please pack a lunch if you have dietary needs), you can hang out at the Atsion recreation area for as long as you like.

You might want to bring some extra clothes just in case...

**Please RSVP by April 28, 2019**

Box lunch provided, so if you don't respond, you might get hungry.

Please print clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ By checking this box, all names submitted on this card agree to be photographed and used in the The Samaritan and NJ IOOF and PPA promotional media.

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Steve wooton335@comcast.net or Raul raulioof@aol.com**

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suggestions are always welcome, too!

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**GRAND LODGE MEETINGS**

*First Saturday of  
each month at 9:00 am*



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## *Spring Flowers For A Friend*

I hope by the time you receive this issue of The Samaritan, there is no more snow and you are enjoying Spring! I didn't attend many events over the winter due to inclement weather. It seems Odd things really slow down after the holidays and rightfully so. The holiday months are very busy when you're an active Odd Fellow!

One event Steve and I were invited to on February 7th, was the AtlanticCare Red Tie/Red Dress Fundraiser for the Cardiology Department at Smithville Inn. The NJ Odd Fellows and The AtlanticCare Foundation have been partnering on some projects over the last two years and this invite happened to be as a result of the Odd Fellows' donation of \$10,000.00 toward AED units. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of music, gift auctions and great food with Jim (Union Lodge No. 213 Noble Grand) and Sandy Smith. Thanks to our Order, we really make a difference in the world as we humbly remain just faces in the crowd...

This past February, we unexpectedly lost one of those humble faces, Pastor Hippolito Roman, PGM PGP. I met Pastor on many occasions at Odd Fellow events prior to becoming an Odd Fellow and immediately reminded me of my Grandfather because they had the same facial features but Pop Pop was Polish. Pastor was EVERYWHERE I went with camera in tow. Since I always carried a camera—I'm not of his camera caliber—we had a common interest and he would educate me without me even knowing it. We really began our friendship when I started doing the Samaritan after Hurricane Sandy to help Dan LeFever with the look of his newsletter. Pastor jumped right on board with literally hundreds of photos from a single event, and remember he was everywhere...



...an extraordinary loss to the Order  
in ways we may not even realize yet.

By the time I officially joined the Odd Fellows in 2014, Pastor and I were becoming a great collaborative team as he helped me with The Samaritan as it became my project. We tried the half English/half Spanish issue but it became too lengthy. We limited the dual language to Officer's messages but again it became too lengthy so we decided we'd do it occasionally. I think at one point he believed I could speak Spanish because I'd throw out some of my rudimentary Spanish once in a while, or email him in Spanish, but in email I used Google Translate. Funny thing was when he'd send me articles in Spanish and English, he'd use Google Translate too, so we'd get a good laugh at the strange translations. Either way we both trusted each other to correct our attempts at communications and get the job done. He had great sense of humor.

As my friendship with Pastor grew, I realized that he was a true gentleman and family man, as well as a stellar role model for Odd Fellowship. It didn't matter what his role was, he remained on an even keel, was always willing to help, did his work extremely efficiently, and followed through with his responsibilities as it states in our Encampment charge (page 164): "...Your duties well

*performed will make others ambitious to emulate or excel you. Whatever you do, let it be done cheerfully, promptly, and effectively."* Pastor's death is an extraordinary loss to our Order in ways we may not even realize yet.

Sometimes, and quite by accident, we hear or read things that we need to hear. I stumbled on this quote by George Bernard Shaw (below this message), which is apt when remembering my Samaritan co-conspirator, our brother Pastor. When you're finished reading, please turn to pages 6 and 7 for a pictorial of some of my favorite photos of Pastor.

Rest Well Hiccup.

*In Faith, Hope, & Charity,  
Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin  
Grand Matriarch*

**This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.**

**I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.**

**I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live.**

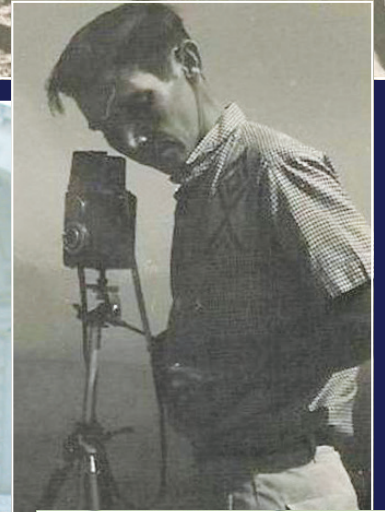
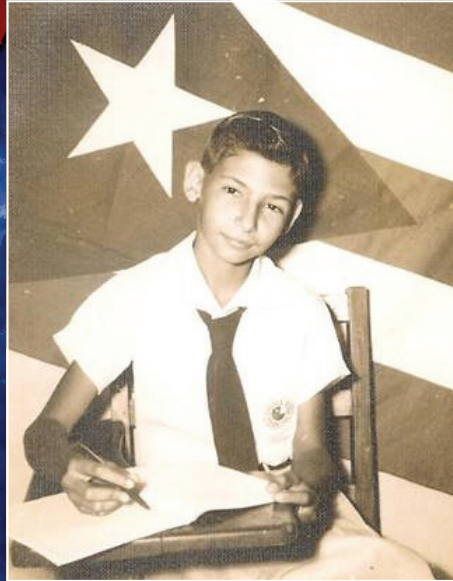
**I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no "brief candle" for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.**

*~ George Bernard Shaw*

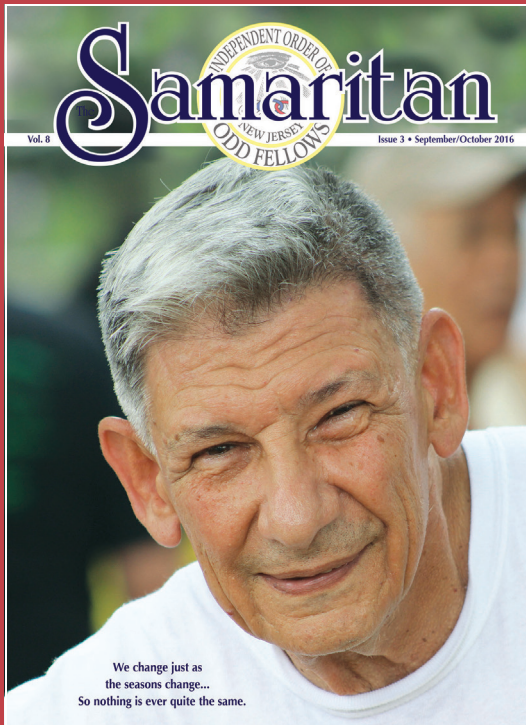




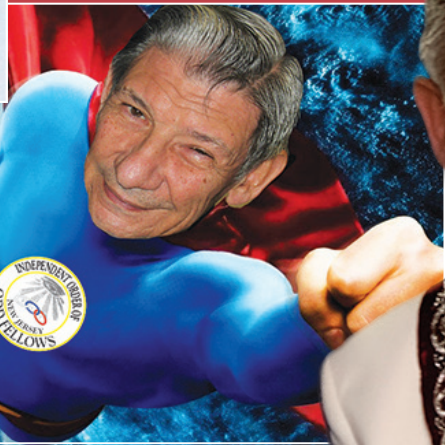
**¡Yo Soy Un  
Odd Fellow!**







We change just as  
the seasons change...  
So nothing is ever quite the same.



**I am an  
Odd Fellow!**



# *Past President, Ana Galan, Living A Full And Active Life*

**I**N 2013, ANA GALAN, NOW 71, started noticing some unusual symptoms. The Union City resident wasn't able to urinate during the day but was going frequently at night. Her primary care physician at the time sent her for a CT scan, which detected a cyst on her right kidney. He told her not to worry about it and to do a repeat scan in six months. "My son wasn't happy with the physician's recommendation and urged me to see his doctor," she says.

So Ana made an appointment with **Francisco Gonzalez, M.D.**, a primary care physician at **Palisades Medical Center**. Dr. Gonzalez reviewed the scans. "I didn't like the appearance of the cyst, so I wanted to make sure we took a closer look," he says. Dr. Gonzalez referred Ana to **John Kerns, M.D.**, a urologist at Palisades. Dr. Kerns ordered another CT scan, which enabled them to visualize the lesion in more detail. The results showed the cyst was suspicious for cancer, so he recommended Ana undergo a biopsy. The biopsy revealed she had cancer.

"I was shocked," she says. "I never expected to hear the words *You have cancer*." Ultimately, Ana underwent a complete nephrectomy, having her right kidney removed. The cancer hadn't spread beyond the kidney, so she didn't require any additional treatment.

## **ONGOING CARE TO STAY WELL**

Since 2013, Ana has received ongoing care from Dr. Gonzalez and **Stephen Thomsen, M.D.**, a nephrologist at Palisades. She visits Dr. Gonzalez and Dr. Thomsen every three months, and the physicians are in close communication about Ana's care.

"For a patient like Ana, close follow-up is essential," Dr. Gonzalez says. "Given the fact that she has only one kidney, we want to do everything we can to prevent further deterioration of her kidney function." Dr. Gonzalez works closely with Ana to provide

preventive care. He makes sure her blood pressure and cholesterol levels are well-controlled and that she doesn't develop diabetes, which can damage her kidney.

In addition, whenever Ana needs to take a new medication, she always discusses it with Dr. Gonzalez first. For example, she has to take medicine to treat severe knee osteoarthritis, but the dose she takes is limited because she has only one kidney to filter it. Dr. Gonzalez always safely guides Ana through managing her medications and routinely checks her kidney function to ensure she stays well.

## **'I WOULDN'T GO ANYWHERE ELSE'**

Thanks to the care that Dr. Gonzalez and other physicians have provided along the way, Ana is able to lead a busy and active life. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, is very involved in her community and travels.

"No words can adequately describe the gratitude I feel for Dr. Gonzalez or his kindness or compassion," Ana says. "I'm also so grateful for the care and attention I've received at Palisades. They treat me like family. I wouldn't go anywhere else." ❄

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## GOOD OF THE ORDER GRATEFUL IN NJ

### GIVING BACK

Ana Galan, 71, enjoys helping the community. She has served with the Amor y Verdad Rebekah Lodge for 26 years and is pictured here holding an award she received for her outstanding term as Noble Grande.







## Ridgely Canton No. 5

Burlington Lodge  
4527 Route 130 South  
Burlington, NJ 08016

Next meeting:  
**Saturday, June 1, 2019**  
12 o'clock pm

### Interested?

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## canton

noun, can•ton | /'kan,tän/

Middle French, from Italian *cantone*,  
from *canto* corner, from Latin *canthus* iron tire

### First Known Use: 1522

The Canton, also known as the Patriarch Militants,  
is the highest branch in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Membership is open to an Encampment Member  
who has attained the Royal Purple Degree.

The name *Patriarchs Militant* conveys the two-fold idea of peace and soldierly valor.

This branch is semi-military in character  
and formed solely for the purposes of chivalric display.

Members are admirably fulfilling our mission through the many  
dedication ceremonies such as The Pilgrimage to the Tomb of The Unknowns  
held annually at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

# Join Us!

## 2019

The GL of the IOOF NJ and its respective lodges, promotes and hosts many events throughout New Jersey and the country. The following list is representative of some but not all activities, fundraisers, and assorted Odd events that we'd love for you to attend. **Don't forget to send your event info!**

*And while you're at it,  
bring a friend or two...*

### April 2019

- ✓ **April 27:** New Brunswick Lodge No. 6 Trap Shoot Fundraiser, Mallard Trap Club, Monroe, NJ. Contact Tom, Tomz59@aol.com

### May 2019

- ✓ **May 3-5:** 86th IOOF Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA; For info/forms contact your Lodge Secretary
- ✓ **May 11:** Pinelands Preservation Day/Discovery Tour, Atsion Rec-

reation Area, Canoeing, exploring, and lunch in the Pine Barrens, See page 3 of this issue for invitation or contact Beth: 609-294-0237, Raul: raulioof@aol.com, or Steve: wooton335@comcast.net

### June 2019

- ✓ **June 19-21:** 186th NJ GL and 176th GE Sessions, Golden Nugget, Atlantic City, NJ. Contact your lodge secretary for details.
- ✓ **June 30:** Trenton Thunder Baseball Game, Trenton; Contact Tom, Tomz59@aol.com or Debbe, oddfellows22@comcast.net about tickets in this year's Yankee Suite (air conditioned)

### July 2019

- ✓ **July 27:** NJ GL Statewide Picnic, 10am-4pm at Thompson Park, Forsgate Dr., Jamesburg, NJ. For info contact Ben 609.614.6578

### Ongoing 2019

- ✓ **First Saturday of the Month (except December):** NJ GL Meeting, Burlington Lodge, 4527 Rt. 130 South, Burlington, NJ 08016. Please contact Debbe at oddfellows22@comcast.net or 609-386-0025
- ✓ **Ridgely Canton No. 5,** Burlington Lodge, 4527 Rt. 130 South, Burlington, NJ 08016. Please contact Steve at 856-217-6382 or wooton335@comcast.net



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## What's so ODD about hiring an Odd Fellow?

Not a thing that we can think of, so we started a business listing featuring services, talents, and occasional hobbies for hire of our brothers and sisters. Email your listing info to IOOF\_NJ@comcast.net or mail to The Samaritan Business Listing, 209 Cedar St.



Tuckerton, NJ 08087. You will receive a confirmation call so any listing without a phone number will not be published. We publish every two months so listings must be received a month prior to publication. Questions? Call Beth at 609-294-0237.





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*And ask yourself...* ARE YOU ODD ENOUGH?

#### I AM AN ODD FELLOW!

I believe in the  
Fatherhood of God, and  
the Brotherhood of man.  
I believe in Friendship, Love and  
Truth as basic guides to the  
ultimate destiny of all mankind.  
I believe my home, my church or  
temple, my lodge, and my  
community deserve  
my best work, my modest pride,  
my earnest faith, and my  
deepest loyalty, as I perform  
my duty, to visit the sick,  
relieve the distressed,  
bury the dead and  
educate the orphan"  
and as I work with others  
to build a better world, because,  
in spirit and in truth, I am and must  
always be, grateful to my Creator,  
faithful to my country  
and fraternal to my fellow-man;

**I AM AN ODD FELLOW!**

what is an  
odd fellow?

family, youth, men, women, pro active, creative, education, conscientious, development, universal, fraternity, faith, research, community, fun, volunteer, respect, harmony, charity, visit the sick, bury the dead, educate the orphan, relieve the distressed, help, reliable, humanity, hope, friendship, love, truth, unity, faith, justice, relief, fellowship, honorable, universal, justice, relief, honorable