The Grand Lodge

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Event:	**Teen Suicide Prevention Program**
Date:	**Tuesday Sept 19, 2017**
Place:	**Olive Branch Lodge, 2 Dutch Lane, Freehold**
Time:	**7:00pm – 9:00pm**
RSVP:	**RW Bruce Golway margo66@verizon.net cell: 856-305-7483 or**
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Dear Parent and Grandparent,

As parents when you hear someone is sick, you more than likely feel bad, and say something pleasant about the person, go on about your life. That is what I used to do. On November 26th, 2012, one of our member's daughters came home from college because she had sent some disturbing pictures of some bruising on her body. The member had made a Doctor's appointment, and ultimately, she was diagnosed with leukemia. Before that day, sickness in kids happened to other people, not mine, or yours.

Today, we parents are faced with an issue that also happens to other people, not my child. That being teen suicide, or teen suicide attempts.

The members of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, recognize that there have been more than a few attempts over the last 12 months, with some completions. These are, or were, boys and girls aged 13 to 18, who are just like your children. Each was in distress, and that distress went unrecognized.

On September 19, 2017 The Grand Lodge will be hosting a Teen Suicide Prevention program for parents. At this seminar you will be provided with materials to help you identify the warning signs that might indicate that your child or grandchild may be at risk. You will learn how to recognize these risks, and leave educated to make decisions based on your observations. You will also be provided places to get immediate help if it is determined by you that your child (or any other child in your group) may be contemplating doing something to harm themselves.

Seating is limited, and we ask that you RSVP to RW Bruce Golway. The program will be run by Ms. Phyllis Alongi LPC, NCC, LPC, ACS. She is with the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide.

In closing, the most important asset any family has is their children. The most valuable investment you can make for your children is time. Please make the time to come out for a few hours and learn what we as parents are up against. The child you save might just be your own.

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Grand Master