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The Gifts of Bro. Megerdichian



Winter and Spring
Quarterlies

From the East of Grand Lodge

HARVEY JOHN WAUGH

“Let’s Make A Difference.”

Brethren:

On the afternoon of March 11th at the Grand Lodge Quarterly, the temperature in Boston reached a warm and pleasant 57°. Despite the piles of snow still on the ground from the unprecedented winter we had experienced, a feeling of spring was in the air. Whether it was the anticipation of Passover and Easter, the start of another Red Sox campaign, or the daffodils, lilacs, and tulips soon appearing in our gardens; the hallmarks of the new season were close, while the memories of February remained fresh on the minds of the Brethren. The sense that we had persevered—if not thrived—was palpable.

So it is with Freemasonry. The past can provide inspiration for the future. As we plan our work, and work our plans for the betterment of our institution, our Masonic forefathers who built this great fraternity serve as the best example of what can be accomplished by working together as Brothers.

A recent development of historic note that received nationwide media coverage was the revelation of the time capsule removed from the cornerstone of Massachusetts State House. Originally placed in 1795 by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts during the tenure of M. Wor. Paul Revere, there was great interest in the contents of the time capsule. Fortunately, the records and archives of your Grand Lodge let us know exactly what was inside. I look forward to continuing the tradition of laying the corner stone at the State House when it is re-interred later this summer.

As you probably know, Brother Revere was a silversmith in his early professional life. Historians have speculated that he may have produced the engraved silver plaque that was the final item placed in the time capsule. We learn in the Second Degree that our ancient Brethren wrought in operative as well as speculative Masonry. Similarly, there are members of the fraternity who are also craftsmen by trade or hobby. Recent issues of TROWEL profiled Brother William Wallace Dudley of the Dudley Masonic Watch, and our own Kenneth Westgard, who has made many of the jewels and jewelry our Brothers wear today. In this issue, we learn of two more artisans: Brothers William Hogarth and Abraham Megerdichian.

The wealth of talent and creativity in our fraternity across many disciplines and professions is one of our great strengths. It is up to us to deploy our Brothers in a manner that satisfies their desires and provides every member the opportunity to help, “to make a difference,” on behalf of the Craft. In doing so, we are best able to confront any challenges and seize any opportunities that ensure our order perseveres and thrives for many seasons to come.

Fraternally,

Harvey J. Waugh
Grand Master

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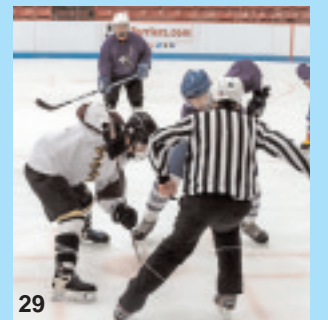
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MAKING IN MASONRY

When I was raised, I first heard about making a Mason. I did not know that when I was first called Brother, that I had been made a Mason, but when I heard it I remembered the question I asked at the open house I attended with my son, "What do you guys do here?"



The answers are as many as there are lodges and Masons. I heard about meeting once a month. I saw brothers helping brothers by transporting them to lodge and other appointments. I later heard about some brothers visiting the VA. Others build ramps. Others cook. The brothers in Masonry do many things in and out of the Fraternity.

But what are we making?

All of this begins with my getting what I pay for, by attending lodge. In lodge, something amazing occurs; something is made beyond completing business or a degree.

In readying for lodge, there is often a moment when a brother helps another with his collar or bow tie. It is a little moment, the folding of a shirt collar, the straightening of a jewel, but it is that moment that makes the Mason better in a way that is not just presentation.

In lodge, whether on the sidelines in my own lodge or as editor of TROWEL, I spend a great deal of time sitting and listening. Lodge is where something happens, something is made. When it will happen, I don't know. What will happen, I don't know. The only part I do know is that after lodge, I will be made better by it. When we make a Mason, work them through the degrees, something changes for everyone.

The act of making is integral to my life as a Mason. I do that in lodge, in my work, and in my home. Many brothers do it in other ways. Wor. Charles Stockbridge made a sign for Satuit Lodge. Bro. William Hogarth made fun, and a bit naughty, art. Bro. Abraham Megerdichian made miniature marvels in metal. And, of course, the New England Patriots went past Grand Lodge to thank us for helping make them champions. Well, maybe the team had something to do with it, but I like to think our cheering made them better.

In Masonry, we make. We start by making good men better. We make our lodge, district, and community better. Masonry makes a lot of things, but it also makes everything better.

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*

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Cornerstone to be Re-Interred June 17th

Bro. and Senator Richard J. Ross with M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh at the Museum of Fine Arts at a private showing of the contents of the State House time capsule interred by M. Wor. Paul Revere and to be re-interred June 17th. (See back cover.)

Hope Lodge Celebrates 150th Anniversary with Table Lodge

On March 21, 2015 in the banquet hall of Hope Lodge in Gardner, the Hope Lodge 150th anniversary Table Lodge took place. In between each toast and course a speaker talked about the history of Hope Lodge's 150 years of existence.

We learned when a man wanted to become a Mason in the area of Gardner 150 years ago, one had to travel two or more hours by horse and buggy one way. Dedicated Masons made that journey; but they were not fools. Saving their time, backs, and horses was the motivation for the creation of Hope Lodge.

A local group of Masons in the area got together and petitioned Grand Lodge to start a lodge in Gardner. It was signed by Levi Heywood, Henry C. Hill, Edward J. Sawyer, Charles Heywood, George Woodman, Nathaniel Holmes, Horace Whitney, James Lakin, Andrew Moore, and George Nichols. All these men had been made Masons in Fitchburg, Athol, and elsewhere; all they wanted was to form a lodge closer to home. The Fitchburg and Athol Lodges supported this petition as well.

A short time afterwards, a letter arrived; it was from Grand Master M. Wor. William Parkman, and he issued a

Wor. Daniel Madru, Master of Hope Lodge, in front of the banner for his 150th anniversary Table Lodge.



Ezekiel Bates Warms then Plunges

On March 1st several members of Ezekiel Bates Lodge braved the elements to fry up some Oreos for the Attleboro Winter Festival. Members also sold hot dogs and popcorn.

Just two weeks later, on March 14th 2015 members of Ezekiel Bates Lodge, Bristol Lodge and spouses participated in the Massachusetts Special Olympics annual Polar Plunge. The lodges collected nearly two thousand dollars which will go to the group Heller's Angels, a local Special needs program that provides sporting opportunities, such as bowling, to special needs families at no cost. The Water was a balmy 34 degrees and fun was had by all!

— *Bro. Bryan Simmons*

Nicole Nelson, Jennifer Simmons, Bro. William Swenson, and Bro. Adam Perreault on the brink of 34 degree water for a Polar Plunge



letter of dispensation on February 22, 1864, "authorizing and empowering the aforesaid brothers to form and open a lodge after the manner of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, therein to admit and make Free Masons according to the ancient customs and not otherwise." This dispensation continued until the next regular communication of Grand Lodge in the month of March, 1865.

On March 9, 1865 Hope Lodge was formally constituted and received its official Charter.

Most of the petitioners were made officers of the newly formed lodge. Of the first three names, Wor. Levi Heywood was Master, then Bro. Henry C. Hill was S.W., and Bro. Edward J. Sawyer was J.W. (also they became the first three Past Masters as well).

The whole evening at Hope Lodge was filled with history of Hope Lodge, with music played by Bro. Ivan (better known as Skip) Wood on his harmonica, and the food was great.

— *Bro. Lee Wood*

THE WINDING STAIRS

by Rt. Rev. and Rt. Wor. Brian R. Marsh

Our Masonic ritual contains a great deal of information. Much of it is symbolic. But there is also a great deal of practical and spiritual wisdom contained in the concentrated, poetic language of the three degrees of our ancient Craft.

One of the most vivid symbols in our Masonic ritual is that of the winding stairs. The phrase “winding stairs” is immediately recognized by all Masons. For those who had come to Masonry as new Fellow Craftsmen, the phrase may bring back memories of that time when they first heard the words of the famous Middle Chamber Lecture, a time when they were invited to take a symbolic journey by climbing a particular flight of stairs. For those mature Freemasons who have served as Senior Deacons, the Middle Chamber Lecture represented the first substantial ritualistic work they were required to master. Both the new Mason and the committed lodge officer thereby make their own separate journeys by flights of winding stairs.

An ascent by a flight of winding stairs or, perhaps, the climbing of a mountain symbolize the gaining of wisdom. Many spiritual writers have employed these symbols. St. John of the Cross, one of the great mystics of the Western tradition, wrote a classic called *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*. In this masterpiece of contemplative literature, he described the soul in its journey upward toward God. But this symbol of ascent is employed within the spiritual writings of every religious tradition.

Within our Masonic tradition, the individual Mason makes a symbolic—and indeed, physical—journey toward wisdom and understanding through the practice of the Craft. The journey through the various winding stairs we make in our Masonic careers begins with discovery, the discovery of a journey we are about to make. We learn of this particular journey through our own symbolic progress in the lodge itself. And, throughout our Masonic lives, we continue this remarkable journey in many forms; we climb the many winding stairs of our lives and careers.

Our ascent is often full of surprises. A winding stairway is like that. As we climb, we notice that the

world looks a little different with every step upward. We notice, as well, that each turn in the stairway offers us a view that we could never have seen before. Human lives are just not capable of seeing around every corner or anticipating every eventuality. We need able and trusted guides to ensure that we stay on the correct path.

Like Freemasonry, most religions use some form of journey in their teachings. Buddhism employs the noble “eightfold path.” Within the Judeo-Christian tradition, The Book of Proverbs expresses very clearly the need to stay on the right path. Deviation from that path leads to spiritual danger. The writer of the book of Proverbs addresses all who begin a journey toward wisdom, identifying those actions one should take, as well as those to avoid. The journey all Masons take is one that, if fully embraced and internally digested, will also lead to wisdom. It requires us to remember our duty to God and man, to keep our passions within due bounds and seek always to grow in knowledge and understanding.

It is no accident that the symbol of the winding stairs occurs during the Second Degree. This degree, sometimes regarded as a “transitional” degree, is full of symbolic meaning. It symbolizes the transition between youth and age, a time when temporal and spiritual skills are acquired. This important time in the life of every man is filled with new insights. These insights are gained through a gradual, step-by-step acquisition of knowledge.

Finally, having arrived within the Middle Chamber, all that has gone before makes sense; it all comes together in a landscape of perfect nicety. Our lives are like that, too. We reach the fullness of our being when we complete the flight of winding stairs that is the practical realization of a certain symbolic journey; a journey we undertook during a time in our lives when we learned an important lesson in Masonic wisdom. And began our own unique adventure in the Craft. ■

The Rt. Rev. and Rt. Wor. Brian R. Marsh, Grand Chaplain, is a past District Deputy and a Bishop in the Anglican Church in America.

The December 2014 & March 2015 Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



by Wor. Lee H. Fenn

December 2014 Quarterly

Most Wor. Grand Master Harvey J. Waugh welcomed the Color Guard, Bro. Matthew S. Gero, Jr. Warden, Caleb Butler Lodge; Wor. Leo M. Kenen, Past Master, Frank W. Thompson Lodge; Bro. Mark P. Barrett, The Massachusetts Lodge; and Wor. Jacob T. Yanovich, Master Rural Lodge before beginning the December 10, 2014 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Grand Master called upon his marshal to escort Patty Latham and Lisa Hastings to honor Rt. Wor. Leon Halperin as Secretary of the Year. He is Secretary of both of both Beth-horon Lodge (Needham) and Moses Michael Hays Lodge (Needham). Grand Lodge also wished a happy birthday to Lisa Hastings.

After opening Grand Lodge, the Grand Master welcomed the following honored guests:

M. Excellent Charles R. Austin, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts; M. Ill. Robert C. Corr, M. Ill. Grand Master, M. Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons

of Massachusetts; Sir Knight Richard W. Seychew, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy, Ill. Peter R. Smith, 33°, Active, Ill. Donald G. Smith, Jr., 33°, Active, Ill. C. William Lakso, 33°, Active Emeritus, Ill. Ralph I Sewall, 33°, Active Emeritus, for Massachusetts, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA; Rt. Wor. Wilbur Evens, Sr., Grand Marshal Emeritus, Rt. Wor. Reuben Meade, Deputy Grand Master, M. Wor. Nicholas Locker, Past Grand Master and Grand Representative to Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; M. Wor. Donald G. Hicks, Jr., President, George Washington National Masonic Memorial; Rt. Wor. and Dad Brian S. Noble, Executive Officer of DeMolay for Massachusetts and Active Member International Supreme Council; and Bro. MacLean B. Rankin, State Master Councilor, Massachusetts DeMolay (recently raised Master Mason, St. George Lodge of Brockton).

Left: The color guard in Dec: Bro. Matthew S. Gero, Jr. Warden, Caleb Butler Lodge; Wor. Leo M. Kenen, Past Master, Frank W. Thompson Lodge; Bro. Mark P. Barrett, The Massachusetts Lodge; Wor. Jacob T. Yanovich, Master Rural Lodge. **Right:** Patricia Latham and Lisa Hastings (of the Grand Secretary's office?) presented Rt. Wor. Leon Halperin as Secretary of the Year. He is Secretary of both Beth-horon Lodge (Needham) and Moses Michael Hays Lodge (Needham).



The Grand Master proceeded to open the floor for balloting on the office of Grand Master. He turned the floor over to the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Joseph C. DeNicola, and was escorted from the room. The completed ballots were then collected and counted by a committee of past Grand Masters.

When the committee returned, they announced that M. Wor. Bro. Waugh was unanimously elected to serve a second year as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

The Grand Master returned to the East and opened the balloting for the office of Senior Grand Warden. The candidates for that office were Rt. Wors. H. Robert Huke III (Rural Lodge, Quincy) and Thomas A. Rorrie (Celestial Lodge, Westwood). During the balloting, several lodges presented gifts to the Grand Master. A committee of past Senior Grand Wardens counted the ballots that were cast. The result was a unanimous election of Rt. Wor. Bro. Huke III for the office of Senior Grand Warden.

The Grand Master opened the balloting on the office of Junior Grand Warden. The candidates were Rt. Wors. Richard Maggio (William Parkman Lodge, Woburn) and Paul A. Cataldo (Mount Holyoke Lodge, South Hadley). A committee of past Junior Grand Wardens reviewed the ballots that were submitted, and the result was a unanimous



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The Grand Master discussed his special visit to

Freeport Lodge #23 in Maine for their 200th Anniversary. Freeport Lodge was chartered originally by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1814. He also attended the 150th Anniversary of Blue Hill Lodge (Canton), the merger of Delta and St. Paul's-Algonquin Lodge (Braintree), and a DeMolay Legion of Honor ceremony in Boston for Rt. Wor. Sen. Bruce Tarr, Grand Representative to Venezuela.

The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Virginia, and Maryland. He discussed his Listening Tour events, which were held in Marlborough and Pittsfield. In March, the annual Grand Lodge trip to Florida to visit with our snowbird Brethren is slated for the third week in March. He announced a \$2.00 per year increase in Grand Lodge dues. The Grand Master closed Grand Lodge in ample form. ■

March 2015 Quarterly

After the Grand Master and his suite entered the lodge room, Grand Lodge Medical Corps, Rt. Wors. Jerry Bergeron, Kevin Hamel, Craig Erikson and Wor. Mark Lindsay, were the color guard and presented the flags.

The Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge Spring quarterly and welcomed the following honored guests: M. Excellent Charles R. Austin, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts; M. Ill. Robert C. Corr, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal & Select Master Masons of Massachusetts; Sir Knight Richard W. Seychew, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy—Ill. Peter R. Smith, 33°, Active—Ill. C William Lakso, 33°, Active Emeritus—Ill. Ralph I. Sewall, 33°, Active Emeritus all for Massachusetts, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA; M. Wor.

Nicholas B. Locker, Past Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Bro. MacLean Rankin, State Master Councilor, Massachusetts DeMolay (member St. George Lodge; Bro. Joseph DeSisto, III, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star, and Wor. Aristidis Baria, District Grand Marshal, District of Panama. The past Grand Masters in attendance were M. Wors. Albert Timothy Ames, Arthur Eugene Johnson, Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr. (and Active for Massachusetts, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA), and Jeffrey Black Hodgdon.

M. Wor. Arthur E. Johnson read the Recognition of Proxies and Rt. Wor. Paul F. Gleason chronicled the actions of the Charter and Bylaws Committee.

After both were accepted, Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Donald H. LaLiberte read the necrology. Ten members of Grand Lodge passed to the Celestial Lodge in the



At the March Quarterly, the Grand Master presented the Grand Master's award to 22 lodges, recognizing their excellent work over the past year.

past quarter, comprising around 500 years of Masonic experience.

Two lodges, Bethany and Saggahew, petitioned for consolidation. The new name for the consolidated lodge will be Saggahew. The petition was accepted and the Grand Master commented on consolidations. They make lodges more resolute in their direction and give them an opportunity to improve themselves, he said, and he told the brethren of a new committee to address lodge preservation and is chaired by Rt. Wor. Joseph DiNicola.

M. Wor. Bro. Johnson announced a Request for Dispensation to establish a new lodge, Northeastern University Lodge. The Grand Master mentioned that this is a new academic lodge and brought the vote to the floor.

Without dissent and with joy, the Grand Master brought down the gavel in approval saying "It's a vote."

After careful review, a suspension for five years, imposed five years ago by M. Wor. Roger W. Pageau, was lifted and the Brother was reinstated. Sadly, one brother was suspended indefinitely and another was expelled: both for un-Masonic conduct.

The Grand Master presented the Grand Master's award to 22 lodges: Caleb Butler, Ayer, Dist. 14; Columbian, Boston, Dist. 1; Daniel Webster, Marshfield, Dist. 18;

Essex, Salem, Dist. 9; Fellowship, Bridgewater, Dist. 17; Franklin, Grafton, Dist. 23; Independence, Melrose, Dist. 4; Meridian, Natick, Dist. 15; Mount Holyoke, So. Hadley, Dist. 27; Mount Tom, Holyoke, Dist. 27; Mount Vernon-Galilean, Malden, Dist. 4; Norfolk, Needham, Dist. 5; Orient, Norwood, Dist. 6; Palestine, Everett, Dist. 4; Paul Revere, Brockton, Dist. 17; Phoenix, Hanover, Dist. 18; Satuit, Scituate, Dist. 18; Simon W. Robinson, Lexington, Dist. 14; Tahattawan, Littleton, Dist. 14; Thomas Talbot, Billerica, Dist. 12; William Sutton, Saugus, Dist. 4; and Wyoming, Melrose, Dist. 4.

The Grand Master rose from the East to recall that at the Feast of St. John, the temperature was around 50° with almost no snow. "I predicted a mild winter," he recalled, "My prediction was a little off, about eight feet off."

Because of the snow, Grand Lodge committee meetings were canceled as were many lodge meetings. Much of his time was spent issuing dispensations. But, despite the weather thwarting our work and societal shifts lessening our numbers, Freemasonry strives forward.

There is a new position, created by the Grand Master, in December. There was a District Grand Master for Panama and Chile, Rt. Wor. Gerard Dowden. Now, he will have a Deputy, answering to

The Grand Master welcomes and accepts a gift from Wor. Aristidis Baria, District Grand Marshal, District of Panama.





Left: Wor. Philip Privitera, Master of Mystic Valley Lodge, presents a gift to the Grand Master for the Brotherhood Fund.

Right: Wor Basil Pawlyk, of North Reading Lodge, presents the Grand Master with a gift for the Brotherhood Fund.



him and the Grand Master, to perform functions in Chile. The Grand Master appointed Wor. William Buston Fyfe to cover this important duty for our Chilean brothers.

The Grand Master recounted the one day class which had taken place the prior Saturday in East Longmeadow and Boston. At the suggestion of Rt. Wor. George Bibilos, the class accommodated current Entered Apprentices and

Fellow Crafts. The one day class “also became a ‘Business Man’ Class where good men could join the Craft and become Master Masons in a time frame” that suited their needs.

The Grand Master explained that “the business side of Massachusetts Masonry is big” and expressed his appreciation for all the hard work of the Grand Lodge Board of

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The Young Tyler

by Wor. David Riley

The Young Tyler was talking with one of the lodge’s newest members as the Senior Steward walked past with his arms filled with regalia.

“Bro. Senior Steward, come listen to this,” the young Tyler said quickly.

“I’ll listen,” said the Senior Steward, “if you’ll help me with set up.”

“I should have seen that coming,” the young Tyler said with a laugh. “But we might as well,” he said to the new member, “It’ll fulfill one of the requirements for your Master Mason Rookie Award anyway.”

As they set up the lodge for the upcoming communication, the new member explained his membership in the Fraternity had just been discovered by one of his friends. His friend told him that membership in the Fraternity was inconsistent with their shared religion and that Freemasonry was a religion itself. When the new member had finished, the Senior Steward gave the lodge room a quick examination and nodded with satisfaction.

“Good job, gentleman. So, your friend is wrong,” he added with a smile. “I’m sure it isn’t the first time that you’ve had to tell someone that.”

The new member chuckled and said, “I did tell him that. But no matter what I said, he kept insisting that we worship

a god called the Grand Architect. Oh, and he said that we don’t allow people to talk about religion in lodge because we don’t want anyone to be converted from Freemasonry.”

The Senior Steward chuckled. “I don’t preach my religion at my kid’s Scout Troop meetings either. It would be unwelcome and inappropriate.” He shrugged and said, “You told him the truth and he didn’t choose to believe you. He thinks he knows better.”

“He said I didn’t understand because I wasn’t a ‘high enough’ degree Mason,” the new member added, with a slightly hurt tone.

“And he is?” the young Tyler said quickly. “Look, you told him the truth about Freemasonry and I don’t think anything you say will change his mind. It isn’t a lack of information or even a misunderstanding—he just doesn’t want to know the truth.”

The Senior Steward looked around the room and said, “In the end, brother, I think you’ll probably just have to let your life serve as the evidence of the truth of what you have said. Perhaps, in time, your friend will come to see that your membership in Freemasonry has enriched your faith rather than supplanting it.”

The young Tyler nodded and said, “You can tell a man anything but what he sees for himself, he knows to be truth. That’s good advice.”

Together, the three turned to greet the other brethren as they began to come into the lodge room. As the young Tyler assumed his station, he took a moment to reflect on the conversation. “In the end,” he thought to himself, “only God and I know what’s in my heart. Maybe that’s another reason Masons don’t talk about religion in lodge; silence may be the wisest commentary you can make on another man’s faith.”



HUNT TAKES OVER FOR ALCORN AT GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

by Wor. Lee H. Fenn

In September 2014, the grande dame of the Samuel Crocker Lawrence Library, Ms. Cynthia Alcorn, retired after 22 years as librarian. During her term of duty, Cynthia brought a significant level of professionalism and organization to one of the world’s great Masonic libraries. To see her work, look at any shelf in the library, or consult the on-line catalog. Her replacement, Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt, will carry on her efforts.

The Library is currently receiving attention in a number of areas. Papers and ephemera are being catalogued; various items are being put on display on a rotating basis; and recent books are being particularly highlighted for perusal. The Library is currently showing more than 100 dispensations for new lodges, some dating to the 1850s. Rt. Wor. Bro. Hunt has also developed a set of one-page informative handouts on various subjects, available at the circulation desk. Visitors to the library are also asked to mark their home state or country on maps, which show the variety and diversity of those who tour it.

The Samuel Crocker Lawrence Library is presently open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or by appointment with the Librarian. Brethren and visitors are welcome to peruse, study, or simply relax; the library is now equipped with wi-fi, and there are three workstations with Internet access.

“This library is available for the Craft and for the public,” Rt. Wor. Bro. Hunt says. “It’s a wonderful resource, and I’m honored to be able to work there. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions.”



M. Wor. Edgar Darling gets some help from Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt while Rt. Wor. Paul Cataldo looks on.

To reach the library, call Grand Lodge at 617-426-6020, or email Bro. Hunt at whunt@massfreemasonry.org

ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

by Rt. Wor. Robert F. Doherty, Chairman of the Grand Lecturers



As I write this, we have wind chills in the single digits. Hopefully as you read it that is not the case.

Q Since this exemplifications are on the first degree is it OK to bring first and second degree candidates to the Exemplifications?

A No. It could cause awkward situations. It is almost impossible to confine the agenda to a specific degree. A significant part of the discussions revolve around how the wording varies from degree to degree. We do not wish to discourage interested candidates but in this case it is best all around that they wait a year.

Q When doing Blue Lodge ritual should Grand Lodge Officers wear their Grand Lodge aprons and regalia? If so how should they be addressed?

A The wearing of aprons and regalia by Grand Lodge Officers doing degree work is appropriate. However the ritual applies to everyone and they are addressed by the title of the office they are filling. For example, if a Past District Deputy (or a Past Grand Master for that matter)

is filling the station of Senior Deacon, he is to be addressed as Brother Senior Deacon.

Q Why must Past Masters serving as officers attend Exemplifications? Haven’t they have heard it all before?

A As we said in the last issue, the fact we have heard it all before does not mean that we heard it correctly nor does it mean we remember it all correctly. Perfection is limited to the Supreme Architect. The rest of us need continuing education. Many professions require this and as Masons we need to be willing to do this with or without requirements.

As important is that is, the example we as Past Masters set is even more important. If we take the position that as Past Masters, the rules do not apply to us, our credibility with our newer Brethren is severely compromised. We need to show our Brothers what should be done not just tell them about it.

Q Where is it determined which parts the first section of the first degree are to be done on one candidate at a time?

A Some of it is determined by the Grand Constitutions and some by Grand Master’s Edict. Actually at one time it was required to perform the entire first section for every single candidate alone.

BRO. MEGERDICHIAN SHINES IN METAL

by Wor. Lee H. Fenn

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A gavel made from aluminum.



A pipe and holder made of brass and aluminum. When smoked, it was harsh and very very hot.



An extremely detailed in ground garbage can container with hinged cover made of brass and a precision fit aluminum insert.

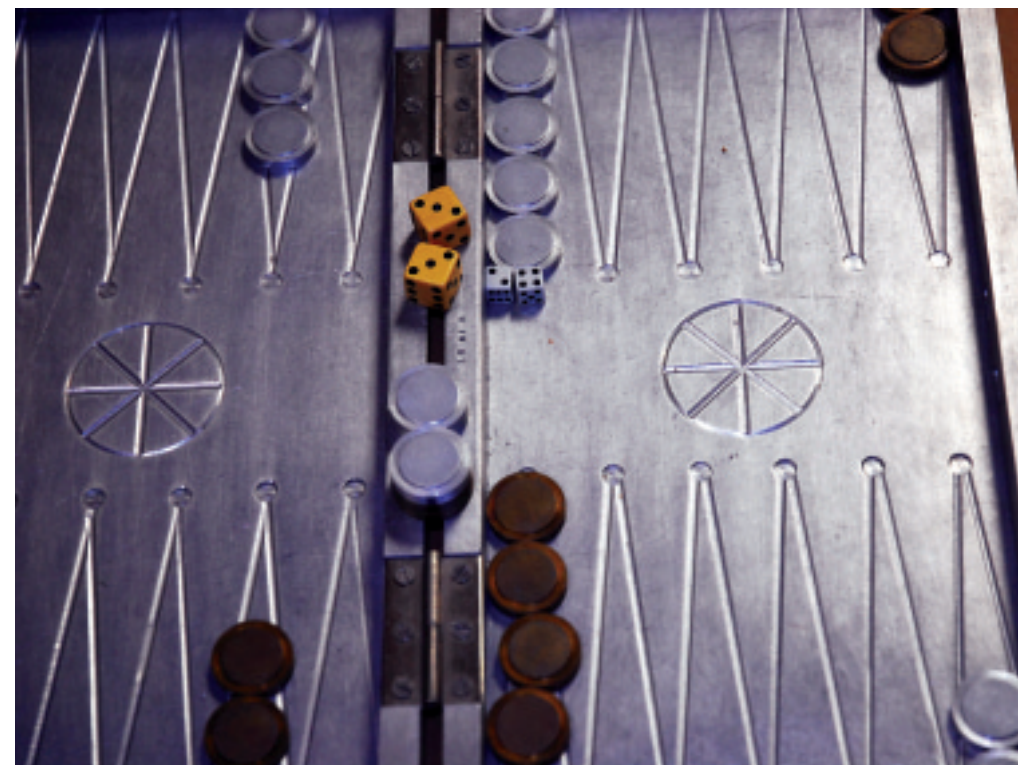
They were presents for birthdays, Christmas, or any occasion in the Abraham Megerdichian household. And they were tiny. One was an old style trash can, the type that was inserted in the ground—perfect in every detail. Another was a horse reined to a carriage. There was also a pair of salt and pepper shakers. A certain item was odd: a hockey stick with two pucks attached, or so the family described it. All of them were metal.

Sometimes silly, sometimes fun, sometimes useful, the miniature metal pieces of Bro. Megerdichian were always made with love for family, friends and co-workers. The family played on a solid aluminum backgammon set; the children saw their mother’s sled accurately recreated in a brass miniature. The small scale metal work of Bro. Megerdichian filled their home with testimonies to his love of them and joy of life.

Bro. Megerdichian was born in 1923 in Franklin, Massachusetts, to Armenian immigrants from Turkey. Soon thereafter the family moved to Cambridge. Upon graduation from Rindge Technical High School he enlisted in the Navy, served in the Pacific as ship’s cook and occasional gunner, returned to Cambridge and got employment as a machinist in a factory. The machine skills he learned at school and in the military

guided him as a machinist throughout his career.

Bro. Megerdichian married and raised three children, all of whom graduated from public schools in Cambridge. His son and daughter still live in the city. He took his Masonic degrees in Mount Olivet



The Megerdichian family's backgammon set, made of brass and aluminum.

Lodge, Apprentice and Fellow Craft in 1949 and Master Mason Degree in 1950. He signed the bylaws of the lodge in 1950.

In the 1960's Bro. Megerdichian began making utilitarian, metal objects for use at home— pans,



knives, candle holders, and flower vases, and then more complicated, motorized woodworking and metalworking machines for sanding, sawing, and grinding. As he became a more skilled machinist he began milling from blocks of brass, aluminum, copper and stainless steel

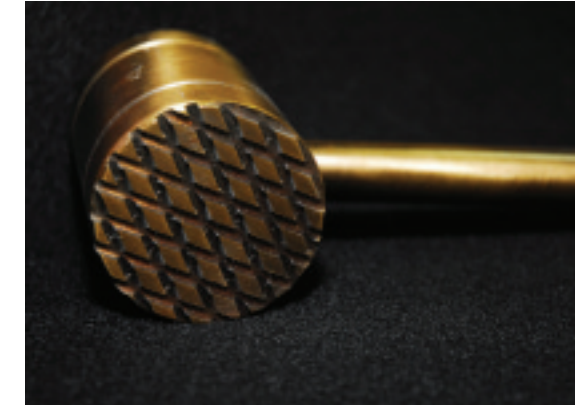
letter J and was made as a gift for his wife Jenny. Also on display is a violin, complete with case and bow.

Following Abraham’s passing in 1983, the Megerdichian family donated many of his machinist’s tools to the Bray Mechanical Lab at Tufts University. His legacy remains for mechanical engineering students at Tufts can use his tools to this day.

Each of Bro. Megerdichian’s metal miniatures is an original and one of a kind. He created a set of tooth picks to be extraordinarily detailed swords. His backgammon set has ornamental grooves in a sunburst style.

Many of Bro. Megerdichian’s pieces allude to Masonry. As Masons we can see the symbols of our craft, but none more so than the hockey stick with two pucks attached, affectionately symbolized as a Two-ball-cane. This he made for himself and drilled a hole in one end for unknown reasons. Any Mason would recognize it from the one reference to Tubalcain in the Bible, Genesis 4:22. According to the King James Version, “And Zillah, she also bore Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.”

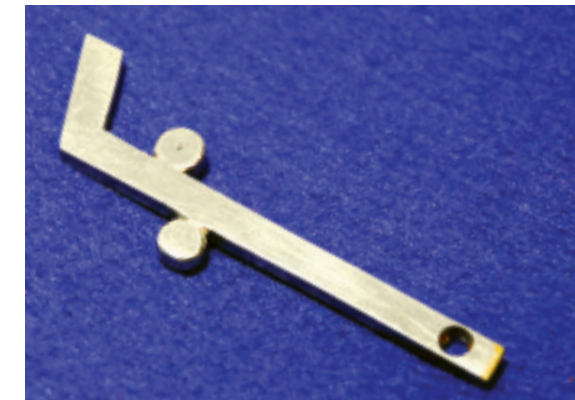
Bro. Megerdichian’s son Robert has said that “the miniatures made by my father are a tribute to the skill of a trained machinist combined with an artist’s eye and a generous man’s heart.”



A meat tenderizer made of solid brass weighing almost four pounds.



The Mark: Most of Bro. Megerdichian's metal miniatures carry a date and his mark, AM.



The Two-ball-cane that was a mystery.

Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt

1887–1889



Most Wor. Henry Endicott

“A Man of His Time”

“Ideal Masonry says that it is not enough for a man to be simply good, in the sense of not being bad; he must be good for something. He must do his part towards making the world better than he found it; for in these days of action no man, nor institution, has a right to hold back expecting others to do the work of the world.”

—Henry Endicott,

at the constitution of Winthrop Lodge, April 1888

The sixteenth installment in the continuing series
focused on our past
Massachusetts Grand Masters.

In 1912, Winthrop Lodge celebrated its 25th anniversary, welcoming Grand Master Everett C. Benton with a splendid reception as part of the commemoration of the event. But there was one invited guest who could not be present that day: Most Worshipful Henry Endicott, the “Father of Winthrop Lodge.” The Senior Past Grand Master sent a letter with his felicitations—and his regrets for one of the four lodges to which he had granted a charter during his term in the East of Grand Lodge. His presence was missed—but not unexpected: he had long been confined to his home, infirm, and rarely appearing in public. He had not attended Grand Lodge since 1906; he can be seen in a group portrait taken at the corner-stone laying for the new Masonic Temple in Boston, sitting stiffly with a walking-stick held in front of him, looking uncomfortable due to the rheumatism that afflicted him during the last fifteen years of his life.

By 1912, the year before his death, Henry Endicott was a man who had outlived his time.

Henry Endicott came to Masonry in 1860, taking his degrees in Amicable Lodge in Cambridge at age 36. He was descended from the branch of the family that had settled in Wells, Maine and relocated in the middle eighteenth century to Canton, where he had been educated. He had entered business in Boston and had come to Cambridge in 1858, a successful manufacturer of engines and boilers. He served as Master of the lodge in 1864, 1865, and 1866, then became the first Master of Mizpah Lodge under dispensation. He progressed to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and at the end of 1872 he was elected Senior Grand Warden, serving with Most Worshipful Sereno Dwight Nickerson.

He was extremely active within all areas of Masonry, particularly in the Royal Arch (he served as Grand King in 1864), and the Commandery in Boston. He took his degrees in the Scottish Rite and was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General in 1874. Away from the Craft, while he did not aspire to political office, his brothers had become publically prominent in Massachusetts: Charles was State Treasurer and State Auditor, and Augustus was sheriff of Norfolk County. The year after he served as Senior Grand Warden Bro. Endicott retired from his manufacturing business, but he continued to participate in the public affairs of his adopted city: as his biographers noted, “He was known and revered for his sterling integrity and business capacity, while his genial temperament made him the friend of those with whom he had dealings and the kindness he showed to others reacted in respect and affection for him.”

He was selected to be Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts in December 1886. At his election, Henry Endicott’s predecessor said the following words to him:

“Right Worshipful Sir,—the honored name you bear—that of Endicott, eminent in civil and social life and historically renowned, receives this day, from a united and har-

monious Brotherhood, representing the exalted and exalting tenets and truths of Ancient Craft Masonry, throughout this Commonwealth, another jewel, to be set in its crown, already resplendent with honor, virtue and love.”

With those remarks, Grand Master Abraham H. Howland, Jr. acknowledged the proud lineage of the new occupant of the Oriental Chair of the Grand Lodge. Endicott’s response was characteristically humble: “. . . when I recall the honored names of those who have presided over the deliberations of this Grand Lodge, I feel keenly my own inability to fulfil its obligations in that correct and acceptable manner which has characterized my predecessors . . . The future holds still more in store for us, if we press forward with united effort towards our common end: the welfare of humanity.”

At his first Grand Feast, he proposed cordial and affectionate toasts to three of his esteemed predecessors: Grand Masters Howland, Welch, and Parkman. Whatever he stated in public, he was not unprepared for the task.

Whether this was false humility or a true sense that he was unprepared for the Grand Mastership is unclear—but whatever the case, he was ready to get to work.

In 1887 there were about 28,000 Masons in Massachusetts, about 80 percent of the number we have in this jurisdiction today. Freemasonry was growing: Grand Master Endicott signed 1,445 diplomas in his first year and one charter: for Converse Lodge in Malden. He would grant three others during his term: Winthrop, Golden Rule of Wakefield, and Thomas Talbot of Billerica. Other than the lodge that claimed him as its “father,” these lodges all still work today—and are among the most active and successful ones in our jurisdiction.

His contemporaries while serving as Grand Master were such luminaries as William Parkman, William Sewall Gardner, Sereno Nickerson, Charles A. Welch and Samuel C. Lawrence. This was a different era in Massachusetts Masonry: these men arrived shortly after the subsidence of the Anti-Masonic furor that swept the country. During his time, Baalis Sanford, Dana Flanders, and his immediate successor, Samuel Wells, served in high office; Otis Weld, Edwin Holmes and Richard Briggs were all prominent in Grand Lodge circles during that time as well. Endicott was particularly fond of Briggs, whom he eulogized in 1893—which was, as it turned out, his last address to the Grand Lodge:

“At no other time do the faces of those who have been accustomed to meet with us, but who have left us for the unknown world beyond, appear before us so vividly as



Endicott Hall in Cambridge Temple, 1912

Courtesy of Wor. Bro. Keith MacKinnon.

here, where we have listened to their voices and felt our hearts warm to them in friendship. . . He has gone from us, apparently in the full vigor of manhood touched by none of the weaknesses that usually accompany advancing years, but able to enjoy the work, the friendships, and the pleasures of a rich, full life. It is given to few men to see their life’s efforts crowned with a fuller measure of success than was the case with our friend and Brother.”

In this address, as in the several others recorded in our Proceedings, can we hear the eloquence and gracious manner of Bro. Endicott. At a corner-stone laying in the summer of 1887 in Winchester, he noted that “The public ceremonies which attend the laying of the corner-stone of a new building have come down to us hallowed by tradition and by custom . . . the world has come to believe that every building may serve the purposes of God, by serving the needs of his creatures, and should, in thought, if not by public service, be nobly begun.” At the dedication of the Masonic Hall in Georgetown later that year, he said: “If Freemasonry existed for itself alone, and the claims on the individual ceased as soon as he left the Lodge-room, it would have but small excuse to seek to perpetuate itself; but it demands far more, and one cannot be a good Mason without at the same time being a good man, honoring the claims of the family, the State and humanity.”

He exhorted the new Brethren of Winthrop Lodge in April 1888 by giving them this thought: “Ideal Masonry says that it is not enough for a man to be simply good, in the sense of not being bad; he must be good for something. He must do his part towards making the world better than he found it; for in these days of action no man, nor institution, has a right to hold back expecting others to do the work of the world. His Masonic principles must be shown by quick sympathies, thoughtful words and generous deeds.” When constituting Golden Rule Lodge in January 1889, he expanded upon that thought: “Apply the universal principles which it teaches to the performance of your daily tasks, and let its words be remembered not only in the calm of the Lodge room, but in the hours of business, in forming your judgments of your fellow-men, in the courtesies of home, yes, in every relation of life. What does it profit a man to repeat here the words justice, fraternity, virtue, and yet forget that to be a good Mason his heart must echo them in sincerity and truth? Let the Constitution of this new Lodge be a blessing to the homes from which you come and to the community in which you live.”

These were the sentiments of another time, one that slowly passed away as those figures that had preceded him

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Meet an Active Massachusetts Mason

It's always beneficial for Lodges to be able to welcome new members. It is more so when the new member is young and eager to learn and contribute to the Lodge's successes. Such is the case with

Brother Atilla Kara of Mumford River Lodge in Douglas. Bro. Kara was no stranger to Freemasonry as his father, Wor. Atilla Kara, is a past master of that Lodge and his grandfather is Rt. Wor. Stu Glass, a PDDGM and past master of Level Lodge in Shrewsbury. Additionally, one of his uncles is a past master of Level Lodge and many of his father's friends were Masons. Growing up he always looked up to his father and the many friends in the Lodge who always encouraged him in his endeavors. Joining a lodge was never a decision that was consciously made as he says he always knew he wanted to follow in his father's and grandfather's footsteps.

He took his Entered Apprentice degree a mere 20 days after his 18th birthday in November, 2011. Since he is also a student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he has not had the time to devote to serving his Lodge the way he would like. But he enjoys the ritual and is attempting to learn it in between his studies in Management Engineering and Biomedical Engineering. While learning the ritual of the first degree, he was proud to be able to recite it to a recent candidate. His next goal, he says, is to learn the "Four Cardinal Virtues" and recite them in his Lodge.

When he's not studying in school, or playing on WPI's varsity football team, Bro. Kara enjoys volunteering with the district's MyCHIP program every year during Douglas' Oktoberfest as well as the routine fraternal events within the Lodge. Throughout high school he always volunteered with the Lodge's Fish Fries leading up to Lent and Easter every year. He has tried to do so while at WPI although time is much tighter.

At Worcester Tech, he is also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and participates in whatever his "house" is doing at the time. He says that being a Mason taught him that

"there is ritual in fraternities;" he got respect for it early. "College fraternity ritual is very similar to Masonic ritual, but Masonic ritual is way more detailed. . . . It really is the best fraternity in the world, and was able to realize that even more so when I joined Sig Ep," he said.

He says his Lodge has benefitted from the Ben Franklin advertising campaigns. He frequently hears questions such as "What is a Mason" and "I see those commercials on TV!" He says the campaign definitely puts bugs in people's ears. He says they always get activity during the open house events. It's very rewarding to make a new person feel welcome and see his eagerness to become a member of the Lodge. It always brings them all together.

For Bro. Kara, Freemasonry is on the right track. For him it's the ritual, the lessons, and views the ritual has to offer that is important. He says we "have to try and better ourselves as men every day, and hopefully the symbols and lessons of Freemasonry aren't forgotten in the process."

The way his Masonic membership has affected him is the numerous connections he has made. These connections are "outstandingly huge, especially now that [he] is so close to graduating college."

He is a younger member who is very passionate about learning and understanding

the ritual that is a part of Masonry. He says "this is what defines our Fraternity from all others, especially having the experience of being a part of the college fraternity system, and seeing this statement hold true."

One of the areas he says he'd like to see improved is the impression that Freemasonry is religion-based, which is not true. He says he feels that "Aside from having to believe in a higher being of power, there is nothing religious about the Fraternity."

Bro. Atilla Kara has certainly learned how to juggle! He's always juggling his academic studies with Lodge activities and his extracurricular activities on campus. He is looking forward to his graduation from college and being able to take a more active role in his Lodge once again. ■



Bro. Atilla Kara



The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



I'm sure I'm not alone in this, but there are times when my various Masonic duties make me quite busy. By the way, "quite busy" is a nice way of saying, "bounce off the walls." Of course, this is caused by the fact that I belong to more than one lodge. I'm also a member of a number of other Masonic bodies. I know I am not alone in this.

If I haven't forgotten something, my memberships are: two lodges, four Scottish Rite bodies, two Eastern Star chapters and one Amaranth court. If you add on my starting point, one DeMolay chapter, I end up with 10 Masonic bodies.

I know the four Scottish Rite bodies normally count as one—as in one valley—but I actually count all four as individuals. I'm Thrice Potent Master in Lodge of Perfection and I work on the degrees for Council and Consistory. The only place I get to sit on the sidelines is in Rose Croix.

I went to the Internet to find out just how many Masonic groups there are. Unfortunately I couldn't get what I can accept as a definitive answer. I found some 60 different groups Masons can join, but I'm sure that just scratches the surface.

Over the years Masons have formed a large number of groups to appeal to a variety of needs and interests. Each has its own charity and each has its own dedicated membership. And I'm sure there are countless numbers of reasons Masons join these groups.

My first venture outside my lodge was Scottish Rite. Frankly, I joined Scottish Rite because my friends from my lodge were joining. I also joined because my father wanted to join Scottish Rite so he could go on to the Shrine.

When I joined Scottish Rite, I realized my reason for joining other Masonic groups was the camaraderie. I like the idea of having friends and brothers across a large area. Since I'm an active Mason in New Hampshire as well as Massachusetts, I have a good chunk of New England covered.

While I am active in these other bodies, I have remained just as active in my lodges. The only exception to being

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active in any Masonic group is the time when my children were young. Then my time was filled with hockey, softball, baseball, soccer, dance recitals, and music recitals. When that time was done, it was back to the lodge.

As I said, I am active in both my lodges. In one I am secretary; in the other, chaplain. I can tell you that what you see the secretary do is less than ten percent of his duties. Most chaplains prepare special prayers for meetings and other events, so half of his duties are done out of sight. When you think about it, what any of the officers do outside the lodge takes far more time and effort than what they do inside the lodge.

Knowing what officers go through and the effort it takes to put together a Masonic program, I get a bit discouraged when I see all those empty seats at lodge meetings. When I went through the chairs the first time (in the late 70s and early 80s) lodge rooms were filled. Ladies nights had 200 to 300 in attendance, and table lodges filled banquet halls.

Today, there are no ladies nights that I know of and if a table lodge has 50 attendees, masters count themselves lucky. I know our membership numbers are down, but we should be able to fill the average lodge room.

I'm the secretary for Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge. We are one of those lodges that can't fill a lodge room. Of course, our lodge room in North Andover has more seats than we have members. And if we are lucky, we may have one candidate for degrees every four or five years. We are a lodge of affiliates.

We have a first-time master: Wor. David LaPlante. He has a tough job. With just a couple of exceptions, his officers all have Wor. or Rt. Wor. in front of their names. Actually, it is an easygoing corps of officers who are all active in other lodges. Camaraderie is the main attraction for attending Daylight Lodge.

Wor. Bro. LaPlante is trying some things to spark attendance. He is trying to complete business as quickly as possible and then have a program to entertain the members. For his first program he asked me to present the lodge with some Masonic trivia. I'm not sure if he selected me to go first because he thought it would be a good start or because he thought everything after me would be an improvement.

In any case, I hope his idea works. I would really like to see a full lodge room again. I would like to see more and more brothers enjoy my favorite activity—Masonic camaraderie. ■

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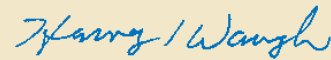
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Valentine's Day came a day early for the residents of the Overlook Masonic Health Center, delivered with love from the Greater Charlton community. Heidi West and Lisa Ballard, of local radio station Q90.1, wanted to encourage their listeners to give back to the community and share a message of love with others. But the high piles of snow and extreme cold were obstacles to having the listening audience participate in any outdoor event. So the creative D.J.s found a way to challenge their listeners to spread the love in their own way—they held a Valentine campaign.

Buckets of Love Delivered to the Overlook

by Cathy M. LaRocca



Overlook resident Barbara Daltiero receives handmade valentines from Lisa Ballard of the Q 90.1 radio station in Worcester.

Heidi and Lisa encouraged the listening audience to create valentines for residents in local Nursing Homes, and planned to make personal deliveries. The pair contacted Stephanie Nikopoulos, Overlook Director of Enrichment, and made arrangements to deliver the handmade cards on Friday, February 13. The two women greeted Stephanie with two buckets of cards, posters, bookmarks and even hand-crocheted stuffed hearts, all made for the residents with love by families, home-schooled children, church groups, and other organizations. Then they personally delivered these tributes to each resident.

Their gifts and delivery made a real impact on the residents. As they approached the Memory Care Unit, residents were seated in the community room, listening to the Chaplain, Rev. James Benson. When he saw the valentines, he beamed. "I was just preaching about love", he said with a huge smile. "The timing is perfect." One of the residents piped up, "The Lord brought the (continued on page 29)

NEWS FROM OVERLOOK

Love of Pool Flourishes

by Sandy O'Shea

You can feel the excitement. The cues have been chalked, the rack of 15 balls has been broken and shots are called. With every ball pocketed, the crowd grows more and more captivated. As the cue ball follows its final path to the 8-ball, Overlook resident Bro. Bruce Sandberg breathes a sigh of relief as cheers erupt. "I have always loved pool, but never really had a chance to practice or play until I moved to Overlook. When I saw the pool table, I set my mind to working hard at the game and improving. I'm still learning, but I'm getting there. There's great comradery and friendship among the guys that play plus it's a lot of fun and I've made wonderful friends. I love it!" Bruce is most proud of beating last year's reigning champion, knocking him out of this year's tournament!

Pool or pocket billiards is an important aspect of recreational life at Overlook—almost sacred. Matches go on at all hours and all days of the week. Whenever a game is in play, you can bet on there being a large audience gathered. Masons Jack Bennett and Charlie Lodge are some of the regulars who challenge Bruce.

Soon to be proudly celebrating 50 years as a Mason, Bruce was originally from Chelmsford and belonged to William Sewell Gardner-Kilwinning Lodge in Lowell. He and wife Nancy moved to Centerville for 14 years of Cape Cod living. After deciding to retire to Overlook in 2013, Bruce joined Rose of Sharon Lodge right on campus, where he remains active in Freemasonry. ■

Rt. Wor. Wallace Jack Bennet looks on as Bro. Bruce Sandberg hones in on a shot in the Overlook game room.



Overlook Woodworkers Never Have to Retire!

A Work Ethic that Keeps Working in Retirement

by Scott McCaskey



Bro. Gordon Pike of Oxford and Rose of Sharon Lodges working in the Overlook wood shop.

Hard work is a way of life for Bro. Gordon Pike. A carpenter by trade, Navy Seabee in the Vietnam War and from a family of lifelong Masons, Pike in retirement still enjoys working for himself and others. He and his wife Melinda live at the Overlook in Charlton. There he spends much of his time building and repairing furniture in the community's expansive woodworking shop, often making and fixing furniture for incoming residents.

"We have a beautiful 100 by 100 square-foot shop with all types of machinery and open seven days a week," said Bro. Pike, 67, said Bro. Pike, who is a member of the Oxford Masonic Lodge and also affiliated with the Rose of Sharon Masonic Lodge at Overlook. "We have all we need to provide for residents that are moving in, live here, or for the community. There's a tunnel to access the shop so we don't even have to go outside if we don't want to, and with this winter's weather, the tunnel has come in very handy."

The Pikes have lived at the Overlook since 2007 and moved into their 1600-square-foot cottage last fall. His mother resided there for more than 15 years. The 460-acre hilltop community provides independent living, skilled nursing, dementia care and short-term rehabilitative service.

"We knew Overlook was the type of place we wanted to live; the campus has everything," who worked for Cutler Associates contractors in Worcester. "The care here is great and you can move into the appropriate levels of support as you age. Very few places have one-resident-per-room accommodations in a nursing facility, so if you need to go

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The Past Becomes the Future

by Sandy O'Shea

Bro. Robert "Bob" Grieve, a Mason since 1946 and resident of Overlook since 2006, has a passion for transforming wood into lasting beauty. Bob, an avid and accomplished woodworker, transformed a headboard into an heirloom. When one of Bob's Overlook neighbors was moving in, she wanted to bring a headboard but knew it was not going to fit in with her new décor. After learning the headboard had been built by her grandfather over 100 years ago, Bob knew he could help keep this sentimental piece in her possession—albeit a smaller scale. Bob sketched a design to construct a Bible storage box using only the wood from the headboard. The clever box design allowed the Bible to remain stationary in the box for safekeeping yet allowed

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Bro. Robert Grieve, a member of Reading's Good Samaritan Lodge, working on a project in the wood shop at Overlook.



Katie's Conversion to Caregiver Advocate

by Jen Kulig

When you meet Katie Brandt, you see a bright, confident, unassuming woman in her mid-thirties. When you learn who Katie Brandt is—a doting mother to a six year-old boy, Noah; a widow; a caregiver for her father; and an advocate for those dealing with heartbreak and loss—you will feel compelled to join her in her mission "to help raise caregivers' voices to the national level."

In February 2009 at the age of 29, Katie's husband Mike was diagnosed with Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD), a rare terminal disease that results in the progressive degeneration of the temporal and frontal lobes of the brain. These areas of the brain are an integral part of someone's ability to make decisions, control behaviors, show emotion, and communicate verbally. Four days after Mike's diagnosis, Katie's mother unexpectedly died of a massive heart attack at the age of 58. Three weeks following her mother's death, Katie's father was diagnosed with young onset Alzheimer's at the age of 59. It was a life changing and tragic month of loss and mourning . . . and it was only the beginning.

"I went into survival mode and would literally just try to get through the day. I was extremely overwhelmed and trying to do my best to hold myself together," said Katie. She was swiftly thrust into the role of caregiver—as a mother to a newborn baby and to her husband and to her father. "I was buried so deep in care giving, I didn't know who I was."

"I gave up my whole life to care for my family and that in and of itself is really traumatic." Katie left her job, moved herself and her son into her father's home to be his primary caregiver, and transitioned her husband into a skilled nursing facility when his erratic behaviors became unsafe and too difficult to manage.

"With Mike, everything was a crisis but with dad, I learned to be proactive." Katie handled all the care decisions for Mike independently of any outside support or guidance. "The whole process with Mike allowed me to admit that I need help and gave me the validation I needed to say help was required." Katie hired care management services from Overlook CARE to provide her with resources and recommendations that would ultimately help her plan for how to handle his evolving care needs. "I had

to put trust in Overlook CARE because I literally didn't have the time to do it myself."

"Katie needed immediate respite from the many caregiving expectations she was facing, so my first priority was to introduce her to a professional caregiver who could relieve some of her day to day burden," noted Jennifer Besarick, Katie's care manager from Overlook CARE. "We needed to react to her needs immediately to ensure that we could make her situation more sustainable long term. Katie knew what she needed but didn't know how to locate the specific resources; this became my role."

Katie's story has given her an incredible platform for caregiver advocacy. "I'm trying to help caregivers re-define success. How can we all manage our caregiver responsibilities while still keeping our quality of life intact?"

For Katie, despite dementia's looming presence, she was able to figure out how to re-define 'family' and still create moments and memories, even if they weren't what they used to be. She and Noah visited Mike in the nursing home regularly over the course of two years before his passing in 2012. They would find time to be a family, even though it wasn't anything Katie ever envisioned 'family' to be.

Katie's educational and awareness campaign, aptly titled "Love is Out There," is promoting the trifecta of care: the medical community (medical team providing the care), the disease community (finding support groups and others who can relate to your experience), and the informal community (neighbors, friends, and loved ones). "There is a cure for loneliness and isolation, even though there isn't a cure for FTD." Katie plans to continue using her voice and sharing her message so that all caregivers can have access to the support and resources they desperately need.

"FTD thought it was going to have all this power over my life, but I'm here to say I'm taking some of that power back," said Katie. "When life pushes you down, you don't have to lie on the floor. You have to figure out how to keep living."

To learn more about Katie's campaign or Overlook's care management services, please call 781-837-7444 or visit her website: <http://katiebrandt.org/loveisoutthere/>. ■



Katie, her husband Mike, and their son Noah enjoying a day together. Below: Katie and Mike during his treatment.



Lodge in Focus: LOGIA AMERICA

by Rt. Wor. Edgar R. de León

Logia America started just over 20 years ago with meetings in a hotel in Cambridge near the Charles River. The brothers at that meeting were Masons mainly from countries outside of the United States. They had affiliated with lodges in the Massachusetts jurisdiction. But something was missing. They were in lodges that did not speak their common language: Spanish. They wanted their Masonic experience to be expressed in their Mother tongue, both being so close to their hearts. This pushed them to conceive the idea of an all-Spanish speaking lodge in their new home country.

But there was one major problem: the Massachusetts ritual was all in English and there was no Spanish translation. The brothers spend hundreds of hours of the course of three years to translate the ritual to a form that Grand Lodge would approve. This was accomplished. The latest version of the Spanish Ritual in cipher is in the works, soon to be approved and issued by the Grand Lodge.

The name, Logia America was chosen to represent under one name all the countries that belong to the American continent (America in Spanish), signifying with it for us Masons the universality of our Institution.

Logia America became the first lodge that works in the Spanish language under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. It was organized and chartered on September 27, 1993, and constituted in a Grand Lodge Special Communication on November 17, 1995 by M. Wor. David W. Lovering, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. It meets regularly at the Cambridge Masonic Building on the fourth Monday of each month except on July and August.

Attending the first meetings on the banks of the Charles, were Brothers, Antonio Arcos, Juan Cubas, Edgar R. de León, Aljadith Gómez, Rubén Guzmán, César Mantilla, Daniel Montenegro, Fernando Palomo, Richard Portal, Marco A. Vásquez and Julio Villarroel.

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Rt. Wor. Edgar R. de León and Rt. Wor. Phil Nowlan with members of Logia America and members of other lodges at the celebration of their 20th anniversary.

Rt. Wor. Edgar R. de León y Rt. Wor. Phil Nowlan con miembros de Logia América y miembros de otras logias en la celebración del 20avo. aniversario.

This successful project that is now working for more than 20 years could be accomplished with the direction and support of M. Wor. Bro. Lovering and other Grand Lodge Officers of that time. Logia America thanks profoundly to Rt. Wor. Benson Brown, Wor. Keith MacKinnon, Rt. Wor. Ernest Pearlstein, and Wor. Arthur L. Beals and many others for their invaluable contribution to make this Lodge a reality.

During the 20 years of Masonic life, the Brethren of other lodges, especially the ones in the Cambridge Masonic Building, have been very supportive and helped us to where we are today. Our fraternal bonds are continuously strengthened by sharing and practicing the tenets of our Institution: Love for God, our country, family, neighbors, and the Order are present in every meeting and in our daily lives. Today we are a strong Lodge because of the dedication of its members.

Our membership is and has been integrated by members of many countries of the Americas and the world: members come from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Israel, Mexico, Perú, Portugal, Puerto Rico, United States, and Venezuela, making it a truly international lodge. Our quantity has varied from 60 to 85.

On April 8, 2008, M. Wor. Roger Pageau, Grand Master, presented to Logia America a "Certificate of Appreciation" which reads "in Recognition of your Dedication and loyalty to Freemasonry and your efforts of show others 'the universality of Freemasonry.'" ■

Logia en Foco: LOGIA AMERICA

por Rt. Wor. Edgar R. de León

hermanos trabajaron muchas horas en la traducción que fuera aprobada por la Gran Logia. Esto finalmente se consiguió. La última versión del ritual en español en clave aprobada por la Gran Logia esta por terminarse.

Se escogió el nombre de Logia América para representar bajo un nombre a todos los países del continente de América, lo que significa para nosotros los Masones la universalidad de nuestra institución.

Así entonces, Logia América es la primera logia que trabaja en el idioma español bajo la jurisdicción de la Gran Logia de Masones de Massachusetts. Ésta fue organizada y autorizada el 27 de septiembre de 1993, y constituida en la Comunicación Especial de la Gran Logia el 17 de noviembre de 1995 por el Muy Respetable David W. Lovering, Gran Maestro de la Gran Logia de Massachusetts.

Sus tenidas regulares se llevan a cabo en el Edificio Masónico de Cambridge el cuarto (4to) lunes de cada mes, excepto en julio y agosto.

Atendieron la primera reunión en las orillas del rio Charles, los QQHH Antonio Arcos, Juan Cubas, Edgar R. de León, Aljadith Gómez, Rubén Guzmán, César Mantilla, Daniel Montenegro, Fernando Palomo, Richard Portal, Marco A. Vásquez y Julio Villarroel.

Este exitoso proyecto que ha estado trabajando por más de 20 años pudo llevarse a cabo por la dirección y el apoyo del Muy Respetable Hermano Lovering y otros Gran Oficiales de aquel tiempo. Logia (continued on page 29)

Rt. Wor. Edgar R. de León and Past Masters of Logia América: (front) Wor. Master Sócrates Cárdenas, W.M. Bro. Richard Portal, W.M. Bro. Fernando Palomo, (back) W.M. Al Gómez, W.M. Marco A. Vásquez and W.M. Arthur Beals.



Rt. Wor. Edgar R. de León y Past Masters of Logia América: (enfrente) Wor. Master Sócrates Cárdenas, W.M. Bro. Richard Portal, W.M. Bro. Fernando Palomo, (atrás) W.M. Al Gómez, W.M. Marco A. Vásquez y W.M. Arthur Beals. Logia América y miembros de otras logias en la celebración del 20avo. aniversario.

Logia América comenzó hace más de 20 años con reuniones en un hotel de Cambridge, cerca del rio Charles. Los hermanos que se reunieron eran Masones provenientes de otros países y estaban afiliados a logias bajo la jurisdicción de la Gran Logia de Massachusetts. Pero había algo que faltaba. Ellos trabajaban en logias en las que no se hablaba en su idioma común: el español. Deseaban que su trabajo fuera expresado en su idioma materno, teniendo ambos en su corazón, la Masonería y el idioma. Esta condición originó la idea de levantar columnas de una logia que fuera totalmente en español en su nuevo país, los Estados Unidos de América.

Pero había un problema: El ritual de Massachusetts estaba en inglés y no había traducción al español. Por lo que los

Past Masters / Ex-Venerables Maestros de Logia América, A.F. & A. M.

WM Aljadith Gómez 1993-1996 (4 años), 2001-2002 (1 año), 2013-2014 (1 año)
WM Marco A. Vásquez 1996-1997 (1 año), 2002-2003 (1 año)
WM Fernando Palomo 1997-1999 (2 años), 2003-2004 (1 año), 2010-2012 (2 años)
WM Arthur L. Beals 1999-2000 (1 año)
WM Richard Portal 2000-2001 (1 año)
WM Carlos A. F. Da Silva 2004-2006 (2 años)
WM Sócrates Cárdenas 2006-2007 (1 año)
WM Renato Orna 2007-2008 (1 año)
WM Alberto Delloca 2008-2009 (1 año)
RW Edgar R. de León 2009-2010 (1 año)
WM Gerardo Pinto 2012-2013 (1 año)

70 Candidates in One-Day Classes



The candidates and their sponsors are seated for the One Day Class in Boston.

Seventy candidates participated in the Grand Lodge One Day Class, with 50 in Boston and 20 in East Longmeadow. In Boston the lodge with the most attendees was Joseph Webb with nine and in East Longmeadow it was a tie between The Meadows Lodge and Wilbraham Masonic lodge with four each.

Most candidates took all three degrees that day. Some, however, only took the first two and will be raised in their mother lodges, while others who had been unable to complete their degrees were able to do so in the One Day Class format.

Bro. Mitchell T. Happeney, a one day class candidate, said, "I really enjoyed the proceedings. I thought all of the Masons did a great job. I was especially impressed with the coordination of the event. There were many players and they all worked well together."

The Grand Master, M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh, started the day in East Longmeadow for the Entered Apprentice Degree before heading to Boston.

We received a lot of positive feedback from the lodges that they were not pressured to register candidates for the One Day Class and that the class should be used as a tool to help their membership efforts. There seems to be general recognition that One Day Classes can be a part of the solution to deal with our membership challenges, but it cannot be "the solution."

Special thanks go to the committee of Rt. Wors. Scott Jareo, Ted Morang, Mike Jarzabek, Alfredo Canhoto, Bill Yanakakis, Kevin Willis, Ken Pfeiffer, Geoff Kromer and Elliott Chikofsky who made the day a success. Thanks also go to Rt. Wor. Bob Jolly, Bro. Chris Rooney, and Bro. Mike Worrall for their efforts supporting the class.

—Rt. Wor. George Bibilos



Morning Star Lodge—Rt. Wor. Gregory L. Stahl presented Rt. Wor. Robert Johnson the Distinguished Service Award, Joseph Warren medal and certificate on March 3, 2015, at a fraternal visit. Rt. Wor. Bro. Johnson is the past DDGM for the 23rd District and member of Morning Star Lodge. His wife Linda was presented flowers.

—Rt. Wor. Gregory L. Stahl



Above: The Benjamin Franklin Chapter of DeMolay did the Ceremony of Lights at Rt. Wor. Gregory L. Stahl's Fraternal Visit to Franklin Lodge.

23rd Supports Youth Groups

The 23rd District's Brethren support the youth groups, DeMolay and Rainbow. After being to three Rainbow installations of officers and one installation for DeMolay, it is apparent from the full sidelines that the future leadership from our youth is going to be great. I see many brother Masons on the sidelines supporting our youth.

—Rt. Wor. Gregory L. Stahl



Workshops Works Floor Work

On the morning of March 14, 2015, the Ritual Workshop started out like any other at Masonic Lodge, 1 Ionic Ave. in Worcester. Most Masons arrived around 8:00 a.m., signed into their respective Districts and went to get coffee, juice, and a McMason sandwich (supplied by Quinsigamond Lodge) served by the Rainbow girls for a donation of \$5.00.

Around 9:00 a.m., when class was about to start we heard something different from our District Grand Lectures, Wor. Gordon L. Forsberg Jr. and Wor. Walter Peterson Jr.; they said; "grab your books and pencils, we are going upstairs to the Lodge room." It was a surprise to all in attendance, for normally we stay downstairs and read from our ritual books.

As all 97 Masons headed upstairs, you could hear a soft spoken confused whispering going on until we made the journey to the Lodge room.

We were all surprised to find out that this year's format included floor work and Mason participation. The modification to this class made an immense difference. This approach



Wor. Gordon L. Forsberg Jr. in the lodge room explaining ritual work for Districts 22, 23, and 24.

to the class made the day more enjoyable plus, the hands on approach makes it easier to understand what is going on, and you're not just following along with a book.

Talking with some Mason after this class they were all in agreement that this change made this class enjoyable to be in attendance.

—Bro. Lee Wood

Rabboni Works, Despite Dark Night

You are Master. You planned to open your lodge, proceed to dinner, and then, promptly at 8:00 pm, receive the District Deputy Grand Master and suite. Then, a storm knocks out the power to the building. What do you do? On the evening of March 17th, Wor. Michael Visconti surveyed this situation in Rabboni Lodge of the 6th Masonic District. The power to the area was out, the daylight was fading, and the emergency lights were running out of power one by one. The dinner was enjoyed by the brethren and guests by candle light, the suite in the ante room signed in by flashlight, and the meeting was illuminated by two battery operated lanterns. The evening was reminiscent of how our brethren of yesteryear conducted their meetings, prior electric lights. To put all of this into perspective, Rabboni Lodge has a precedence date of 1869 which was ten years prior to Thomas Edison creating the incandescent lighting system in 1879 which finally made indoor lighting practical, so this meeting in a way hearkened back to those first days of Rabboni Lodge.

The meeting, while memorable for the lack of lighting, was made even more special with the signing of the bylaws of a new member and the presentation of a 50 year veteran's medal. Bro. James MacDonald was raised as part of the one day class on March 7, and signed the bylaws of Rabboni Lodge in the presence of his father Wor. John MacDonald and

his grandfather Rt. Wor. Jack MacDonald. Bro. MacDonald represents the fifth generation of his family to become a Master Mason. Bro. Edward Nasson was presented with his 50 year veteran's medal in the presence of not only his family but also Wor. William Noun who introduced him to the Fraternity. As part of the 50 year veterans medal presentation, the Rt. Wor. Bro. Stahl spoke about the year 1965, and pointed out that a blackout had hit the Northeast and parts of Canada, lasting up to 13 1/2 hours. The coincidence of the blackout of 1965, and the lack of power some 50 years later in 2015, was not lost on those in attendance.



Bro. James MacDonald, the newest member of Rabboni Lodge, being presented in the East to Wor. Michael Visconti and to the District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Glenn Kubick, by his grandfather Rt. Wor. Jack MacDonald, and his father Wor. John MacDonald

While this may not have been a typical Masonic meeting in the year 2015, it will certainly be remembered by those fortunate enough to have been in attendance. As talk about the meeting being held by the illumination of lanterns spread throughout the District, there were many brothers that lamented that they were not in attendance to witness this unusual event first hand.

—Rt. Wor. Glenn Kubrick

< Solve this Masonic Mystery

In the photo, you see two Commanderies: on the left is Trinity Commandery of Hudson (long gone, merged). There are two Masonic Mysteries: what is the other Commandery, and where was this event held. The date would be around 1880 to 1910ish. It looks like summer, so it probably was a St. John's trip and parade. Commanderies back then celebrated the June 24 St. John's day with either a meeting, or outing or dinner, and parade. Sometimes one Commandery would invite the other to join them, like Cambridge going to Haverhill or Providence, Rhode Island.

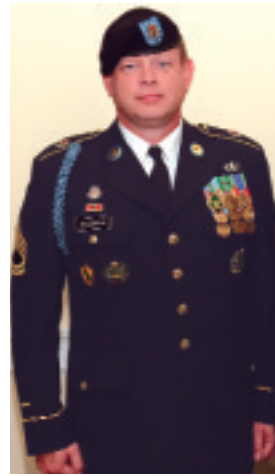
—Wor. Keith MacKinnon

Dress Properly for Lodge—You Deserve It

In Massachusetts the requirement is a jacket and tie for brothers and a tux and gloves for officers, unless you have a dispensation from the Grand Lodge. At Major General Henry Knox Lodge, as a military lodge can wear uniforms from our past or present branch of service.

It has been said that the purpose of Freemasonry is the pursuit of excellence. All of the teachings of Masonry are directed to excellence in performing our duties to God, our country, our neighbors and ourselves. The continuing effort to improve oneself is the true mark of a Mason.

What is expected of all Masons should be explained during the ini-



Bro. William Maldonado in uniform dressed to attend the Massachusetts Military Lodge, Major General Henry Knox.

tial interview, this includes proper dress. After that, enforce the standard. New Masons will learn from the vets, and if our seasoned brothers aren't upholding the standard, why should the new guy?

We all have loyal brothers that in some cases may have financial issues. No one is saying "come dressed properly or don't come." If brothers need help we need to reach out.

Could we donate extra suits, ties and sports coats, dress shoes that we have in our closets to our brothers? Could we set up a room for some of these items like upscale restaurants have, where a member can wear it for the meeting and then put in back?

Simple issue, just address it.

Freemasons are held to a higher standard; we must continue what our forefathers set in place. Just because society thinks its okay to go out in pajamas, do we adjust to meet them or should they adjust to meet us? Proper dress is a must for meetings and public functions; it's part of our history.

For some brothers, Freemasonry might be the only place where they have ever been asked to hold themselves to a higher standard, which is a benefit to them, not a detriment. Do you think it might help them at job interviews showing up properly dressed? I do. Maybe the wife or girlfriend is thrilled to see him looking great for a change.

Too many places schools, businesses etc. lower their standards to accommodate. We don't lower the bar, we raise it. It's not hard to put on a pressed suit or throw on a tie and sports coat on the way out the door. By the way, shoe polish is still being sold, really it's true.

—Bro. William Maldonado

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the Bible to be opened and flipped through without removing it. Working in the well-equipped Overlook wood shop, Bob carefully dismantled the headboard and stripped all the varnish from the wood, getting it ready for cutting.

Bob learned not only was the wood from the headboard a family heirloom, but so was the Bible. It had been passed down through the generations even longer than the headboard, telling the family's history in handwritten documentation on the inside front cover. It was fragile, valuable, and large; the box had to measure 15 inches long and 13 inches wide to house it. His mission of transforming the precious pieces of wood required exact measurements and precision cuts. Bob's creativity, skill, and special care crafted a one of a kind "new" family treasure, one that will surely last another 100 years and hold priceless memories for future generations.

Bob joined Nehoiden Lodge in Needham 68 years ago and is now a member of Good Samaritan Lodge in Reading. In his free time, Bob spends mornings in the Overlook wood shop working on projects for friends, family and charity. From building boxes to bookshelves, he says, "Living at the Overlook allows me to do things I enjoy when I want. The wood shop has all the tools and power equipment I ever need, I get to work with my hands plus I get to enjoy the camaraderie of other resident woodworkers. Sometimes we just sit in the wood shop and shoot the breeze over a cup of coffee. It's a great place to be!" ■

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there, it's very nice to know you'll be well taken care of. The dining and food are exceptional, as well as the amenities and services. The staff is very dedicated."

The community supports many charities in the area and Bro. Pike volunteers with the Chip-In program, which benefits Charlton residents in need.

"I do a lot of the revenue-generating activities for Chip-In," he said. "We raised more than \$2200 in two weeks for the Christmas food baskets program."

Bro. Pike's work ethic and carpentry talents served him and the country well in Vietnam. As a combat veteran of two tours from 1968 to 1971, he not only used his skills in battle, but helped repair and build infrastructure vital to the war effort.

"The Seabees' motto is 'We Build, We Fight' and we did a lot of both," he said. "We were in the thick of the action and repaired a lot of blown-out bridges, roads, and all types of structures and facilities."

When not woodworking, involved in Masonic activities or supporting charities at the Overlook, Bro. Pike and his wife Melinda like to travel.

"I think we've taken about 22 cruises, mostly to warm destinations," he said. "We're not going south this winter, but we'll be fine here despite the record-breaking cold and snow. We don't have to worry about the Overlook freezing up. Maintenance is always on top of it. Everything stays warm and plowed out." ■

First Annual Ashlar Cup Played at BU

The First Annual Ashlar Cup was played on February 7, 2015 at (Brother) Walter Brown Arena, Boston University. The game, and the final score, were both on the level, a 5-5 tie.

The match was the product of efforts by 1st District Ambassador Bro. Jeffery E. Fowler of St. John's Lodge—Boston and Bro. Jay Johnson of Mount Lebanon Lodge along with Wor. James Howard III, Master of Boston University Lodge. The ice time was donated by a member of Mount Lebanon Lodge. Wor. Lou Ciano III, Master Mount Olivet Lodge, welcomed the Canadian team to a pre-game visit to his lodge. There were a similarly large number of brothers and lodges working toward this game on the Canadian side, including, Wor. Mark-Anderson McGaw, Master of St. George's Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 15 G.R.C., in Catharines, Ontario.

On the Canadian side were: W. Bro. Richard L.E. Lick, Seymour No. 227; Bro. Jim Thwaites, St. George's No. 15; W. Bro. Graeme McLoughin, St. Andrew's No. 661; W. Bro. Keven Haner, Ivy No. 115; V.W. Bro. John Lee, Adanac No. 614; V.W. Bro. R. Cameron Mallabar, Seymour No. 227; R.W. Bro. Joseph Zoccoli, Seymour No. 227; Bro.



Face off near the goal during Canadian/Massachusetts hockey game played at BU rink.

Scott deHaan, St. George's No. 15; Bro. Scott Davis, St. Andrew's No. 661; W. Bro. Mark-Anderson McGaw, St. George's No. 15; Bro. Todd Harrington, Dufferin No. 338; Bro. Mike Travis, Coronation No. 502; W. Bro. Dave Smith, Coronation No. 502.

On the American side, the team was comprised of: Rt. Wor. Allen Martin, Philanthropic Lodge; Wor. Brian Martin, Philanthropic Lodge; Bro. Brendan Crosbie, Quinsigamond Lodge; Bro. Nick DiCicco, Quinsigamond Lodge; Wor. Kerry Daigle, Corinthian Lodge; Bro. Daniel Duarte, Tahattawan Lodge; Bro. Craig Marley, Matthew John Whittall Lodge; Bro. Stephen Cadigan, Waltham Triad Lodge; Wor. John Bell, St. John's Lodge—Newburyport; Bro. James Fergola, Saggahew Lodge; Wor.

Chris Ray, Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge; Bro. Damon Carlson, William Parkman Lodge; Wor. Buzz Polchinski, Union Lodge, Nantucket; Bro. Dennis Magarian, Philanthropic Lodge; Bro. Jay Johnson, Mount Lebanon Lodge; Bro. Donald Brickman Jr., Morning Star Lodge, Goalie; Rt. Wor. Glenn Van Orman, Jr., Evening Star Lodge, Goalie; Wor. John Asadoorian, Waltham Triad Lodge, Referee; Bro. James Barry, Thomas Talbot Lodge, Referee.

The Second Annual Ashlar Cup, which will be in Feb or March of 2016, may expand to include additional teams and provide an opportunity for local lodges to sponsor a player or players. The American team has been invited to play in Canada this Fall.

—Bro. Jay Johnson

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love in!" Heidi and Lisa delivered their gifts to each resident on all three floors, saying to each one: "This Valentine was made for you with love!"

The joy on each resident's face was striking. "This is so unusual," said Ms. Nikopoulos. "People are usually generous, but they leave gifts with the activities staff to be distributed. It makes such a difference to have the gifts delivered personally. You can see how happy this made our residents." The special gifts from the heart of a community definitely put a thaw in the cold, snowy month of February. ■

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América agradece profundamente a R.W. Benson Brown, R.W. Ernest Pearlstein, Ven. Maestro Keith MacKinnon, Ven. Maestro Arthur Beals y muchos otros más por su contribución invaluable para hacer esta Logia una realidad.

Durante estos 20 años de vida Masónica, los Hermanos de otras logias, especialmente con los que compartimos en

el Edificio Masónico de Cambridge, nos han apoyado y ayudado mucho para estar en donde estamos el día de hoy. Nuestros lazos fraternales se fortalecen continuamente al compartir y practicar los principios de nuestra Institución: amor a Dios, nuestro país, familia, vecinos y a la Orden. Siempre tenemos estos principios en cada Tenida de la logia y diariamente en nuestras vidas. Hoy somos una Logia fuerte y sólida gracias a la dedicación de sus miembros.

Nuestra membrecía esta integrada por miembros de muchos países de América y el mundo (16), haciendo esta una verdadera Logia internacional y nuestro número de miembros ha variado entre 60 y 85: Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Croacia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Israel, México, Perú, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Estados Unidos, and Venezuela.

El 8 de abril de 2008, el Muy Respetable Roger Pageau, Gran Master, presentó a Logia América un "Certificado de Apreciación" en el cual se lee "en reconocimiento por vuestra Dedicación y Lealtad a la Masonería y vuestros esfuerzos de enseñar a otros 'la Universalidad de la Masonería.'" ■

I would like to thank all the brethren who managed to find many of the Masonic symbols hidden in Bro. William Hogarth's print. Congratulations to Wor. Dan Madore from Columbian Lodge who found ten, including one that I had not noticed!

Bro. Hogarth painted 'A Harlot's Funeral' in 1732, as part of a series of six prints that became the most popular art of the time. I have been studying this print for many years now and have discovered several new Masonic links to three of the characters in the foreground.

Hogarth was raised a Master Mason in November of 1725, the exact same year that the newly written Third Degree was introduced by the recently formed Premier Lodge of London. This new ritual was created by Dr. John Theophilus Desaguliers, "the father of the fraternity."

Our Brother mocks the founder of modern Freemasonry several times in his paintings, and here he includes the third Grand Master dressed as an old woman crying (2). Several clues lead to his identity—the first being the bottle at his feet labeled 'Nantes,' a French town famous for its wine.

Our Cheeky Brother: Artist William Hogarth

by Bro. Jeremy Bell

First, look at the male character standing on the right (1). He has been described as a 'funeral director taking gloves off a prostitute.' However, when I compared his face to a self-portrait of the artist that hangs at the Yale Center for British Art, I discovered that this is actually a depiction of Bro. Hogarth himself (see below). This finding has been substantiated by many Hogarth experts, and I hope you agree that the likeness is uncanny. Rather than removing these gloves, I think the brethren will be more interested in the fact that the artist is participating in a Masonic tradition of 'giving gloves.'



A French exposure of 1737, *Reception d'un Frey-Maçon, The Early French Exposures*, Harry Carr, ed., explains the tradition. The candidate "is given the apron of a Free-Mason, a pair of men's Gloves for himself, and another pair of ladies' gloves, for her whom he esteems the most." With his classic mischief, Bro. Hogarth imagines himself presenting his favor to a common prostitute. The woman's state of undress and Bro. Hogarth's loving look hint at a post-coital gift.

For the second character, some context is required. Bro.

Nantes is 80 miles from La Rochelle, where Desaguliers was born. It is also famous for an edict that offered amnesty to French protestants. It was the revocation of this edict that forced Desaguliers' Huguenot family to London in the first place! The distinct upturned glass, "refusing the wine [of Nantes]," I believe hints at 'The Revocation of Nantes.' Hogarth is famous for these word puzzles. Putting down an upturned glass is mentioned in the exposes as a Masonic sign of recognition, as is hanging a white handkerchief over your shoulder as Desaguliers is doing in the print.

The bottle has a grinning face, further mocking a Grand Master in drag! It may be laughing at the legend that his family smuggled young Desaguliers out of France in a wine barrel! Desaguliers is also known to have suffered greatly from the gout, which would explain the protruding foot squeezed into a small shoe. The doctor was indeed an Anglican clergyman—hence the praying stance—and he invented an apparatus known as 'Desagulier's balance,' which is why our cheeky Bro. Hogarth might have shown him falling off his chair! In a longer paper published on my website, <https://hogarth250.wordpress.com>, I compare his facial features to other known portraits of the man to show a likeness.

On the site, I also give evidence of the likeness to known portraits of the third Masonic character seated on the left of the print—'Orator Henley' (3). Bro. Hogarth would paint this famous clergyman three times and always placed him in some indecent pose. Notice his hand is up a prostitute's skirts and the minister's excited state, hinted at by the spilled glass, is a technique the artist used before.

The funeral scene is the second incidence in which Bro. Hogarth paints these two ministers together—they were both important characters from Grand Lodge. Henley was chosen for Grand Lodge Chaplain in 1733, and Desaguliers

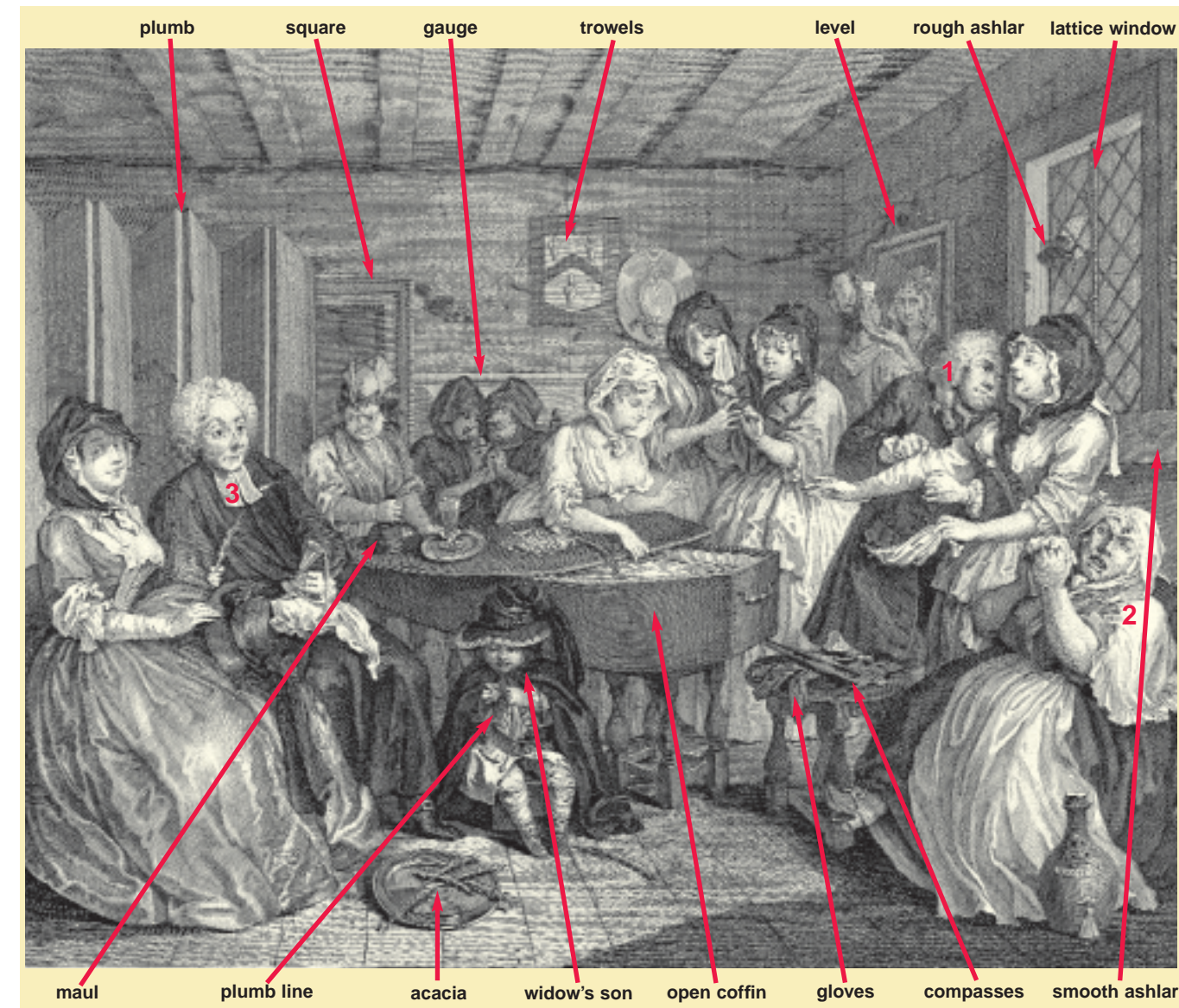
was Deputy Grand Master in 1725. The doctor would have presided over Bro. Hogarth's raising, as in the early days all third degrees were conferred by this newly formed Grand Lodge.

I believe Bro. Hogarth used Henley to veil a Masonic joke concerning part of the third degree ritual. We read in *Duncan's Monitor*, 1866:

"In some parts of the country the second section of the lecture is continued as follows: 'Masonic tradition informs

'untimely death' (an 18th century euphemism for such premature events). The beauty spot makes the youngest looking prostitute shed a tear like the 'weeping virgin,' and she is holding 'a sprig of acacia' in her right hand in the original painting (left hand in this reversed print). You can almost hear Hogarth chuckle when the brethren noticed the final (naughty) visual allusion.

This image of Father Time and the Virgin, often seen at Masonic graves, is attributed to Jeremy Cross (1819), but it



us that there was erected to his memory a Masonic monument, consisting of a beautiful virgin, weeping over a broken column . . . in her right hand a sprig of acacia . . . behind her stands Father Time, unfolding and counting the ringlets of her hair."

The Reverend is 'Father Time,' with his prematurely 'broken column' (spilled glass) adding another hint to his

was first suggested in Johnson, 1782. I believe Bro. Hogarth knew of this ritual 50 years earlier. This from Mackay's *Encyclopedia*: 'The Weeping Virgin symbol was not invented in America . . . Cross may have found it in some old French engravings which he took to be of English origin. Its prominence in the Third Degree is not modern but old, is not American but is British.' (continued on following page)

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Bro. Hogarth would have enjoyed watching fellow brethren try to find all the symbols in the print. Well done, Wor. Bro. Madore. I don't blame any of you for missing the lattice window, which is actually how Solomon's floor pattern is drawn in *Duncan's Monitor*. The object that plugs up the moon-shaped hole in the window is originally how the rough ashlar was depicted on tracing boards. The Brethren will notice there are seven rafters holding up the ceiling which might make you think of seven steps.

I do hope that Masons and scholars better versed than me will help find more information concerning this fascinating scene. You can download a large version of the print from my website and get out the magnifying glass if you think I missed something!

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left the scene. Grand Master Howland died very young during Endicott's first year, Gardner during his second; Parkman joined the Celestial Lodge in 1892, and Richard Briggs died suddenly and tragically seven months after being elected. By the time he had been elevated to the position of Senior Past Grand Master, Charles C. Dame was ten years in his grave, Sereno Nickerson three years gone, and General Lawrence, the previous Senior Past Grand Master, had been departed for two.



The world was a very different place than it had been two decades earlier: the Grand Lodge had greatly expanded its presence in China, and a charter had been granted to Sojourners' Lodge in the Panama Canal Zone. New buildings were being erected all over the jurisdiction.

When he, too, passed from the scene, he was memorialized as a revered figure, erudite and scholarly, yet gentle and kind. The eulogy delivered in Grand Lodge included the following words:

"... He was known and revered for his sterling integrity and business capacity, while his genial temperament made him the friend of those with whom he had dealings and the kindness he showed to others reacted in respect and affection for him. No truer word was ever spoken than by the paper which chronicled his death when it named him the grand old man of Cambridge and everybody's friend."

The qualities he demonstrated both inside and outside of the Craft are ones that are timeless, welcome in any age. It is abundantly clear that he was admired during his lifetime as well as after it, but it is also clear that he belonged to an earlier era, of which he was one of the last survivors. As Past Grand Master Blake and the memorial committee

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Directors, the Board of Trustees, administrative committees, the Masonic Health System Board and associated boards.

Over this quarter, the Grand Master has attended 17 Grand Lodge related events including the Grand Masters' Conference in Vancouver, the George Washington Memorial celebration of Bro. George Washington's birthday, and, just last night, a private viewing of the contents of the State House time capsule, originally placed by M. Wor. Paul Revere. The State "did not know [the contents], but Grand Lodge did." In addition, the Grand Master attended the receptions of Rt. Wor. Bro. LaLiberte, the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Robert Henry Huke, III, Senior Grand Warden, and Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio, Junior Grand Warden.

Several important "Listening Tours" were held in this period and these tours were well attended. At those tours, the Grand Master fielded questions on membership, building associations, grand lodge dues and other matters of interest. The Grand Master invited all Masons to attend these events.

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren of the caution needed when posting on social media, the edict about the "Code of Conduct for Masons when engaging in Social Media" and that "If a statement is offensive, the best solution is not to write it" or repost it. The Grand Master also reminded the brethren of the Masonic License plate applications, which are still available. There are 700 applicants in, but we need more.

After the standing ovation following his address, the Grand Master closed the Grand Lodge Quarterly. After closing, two lodges, Mystic Valley and North Reading, pursued the Grand Master to present him with substantial gifts to the Brotherhood Fund.

wrote, "Upon his grave we have left the wreath of ivy, for his memory will ever be green."

A pocket-watch survives, passed to descendants, a symbolic representation of that time and the character of the man that wore it. We may not see such again.

Henry Endicott's pocket watch —Courtesy of John Hutchins.



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