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From the East of Grand Lodge

HARVEY JOHN WAUGH

Cornerstone Rededication Speech, June 17, 2015

Governor Baker, Lieutenant Governor Polito, Secretary Galvin, honored members of the Legislature, my Brother Masons, and citizens all. I am honored to speak here today on behalf of our 29,000 Massachusetts Freemasons. Over 1,300 Masons are present to witness this glorious ceremony. I also thank the citizens of this great Commonwealth for attending these proceedings.

Today, we are living history. On July 4, 1795, 220 years ago, the Governor of Massachusetts, Samuel Adams, requested the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Paul Revere, to consecrate the construction of a State House and to perform an appropriate ceremony.

It is humbling to stand here in the midst of our Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, members of the Legislature, reverend clergy, and Grand Lodge officers, and engage in a truly worthwhile event: the redeposit of the State House Time Capsule.

The ceremony you are about to witness is filled with symbolism and significance. Since ancient times, the laying of a public building's cornerstone has been celebrated.

The Freemasons of today carry on the traditions and rituals of the operative Masons who laid the cornerstones of the cathedrals and castles of Europe. Our traditions and values are an important part of the cornerstone that civilized society is built upon.

When a man is made a Mason, he is initially placed in the northeast corner of a lodge room. This location is a threshold between the north, a place of perpetual darkness, and the east, a place of light.

This threshold between darkness and light serves as the midpoint between ignorance and wisdom, barbarity and civilization; and it represents the beginning of that journey from east to west in pursuit of more: more light, more knowledge, and more liberty. It is for these reasons that a building's cornerstone is also ideally placed in the northeast corner.

As Freemasons, we have a proud history of performing cornerstone ceremonies. This ceremony is identical

to the one Paul Revere performed here in 1795, and it is an integral part of our national history.

An honored Mason from Virginia, George Washington, performed the cornerstone ceremony at the United States Capitol building in 1793. The Grand Lodge of Washington D.C. performed it at the Smithsonian in 1847, and at the Washington Monument in 1848.

Here in Massachusetts, Masons have laid cornerstones not only for this State House; but also for the Massachusetts General Hospital here in Boston, the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown, the Forefathers Monument in Plymouth, and several town halls, churches, libraries, and public schools statewide.

This is not an accident. Just as the true history of these United States has the history of this Commonwealth at its foundation, the history of the Commonwealth has that of Freemasonry embedded in its core.

The ceremony I will lead shortly will re-dedicate this building with corn, wine, and oil. We use these items symbolically. The corn is poured as an emblem of nourishment, the wine as an emblem of refreshment, and the oil as an emblem of joy and happiness. They show us that our

prosperity as a society is as dependent on the success of this structure as it is on the happiness, pleasure, and peace these items give us regularly.

Many past and present legislators and executives have been and are Freemasons today. It is partly through their efforts that our cities and towns have found prosperity over the years.

The pomp and circumstance you see here today represents not only the significant contributions of those who came before us, but the wish for continued prosperity under the guidance and wisdom of today's executive leadership.

Some day in the future, when this time capsule is rediscovered by our successors, I hope they can recall the events of today under similar happy circumstances.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for being here on this wonderful day. ■



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Labor of Love

Wor. Dave Libby has made TROWEL excellent for 14 years. He has worked on every article, designed every page, and done a fantastic job. He has endured to make sure TROWEL always was professional in every way.



I cannot imagine how he has tolerated me during this initial year. At times, I presented Wor. Bro. Libby impossible situations and time frames. In some moments, I vehemently pursued a request. At others, I gave Wor. Bro. Libby no direction at all. Wor. Bro. Libby always, always, worked to make TROWEL the best publication possible. TROWEL was a labor of love for Wor. Bro. Libby.

As Wor. Bro. Libby leaves TROWEL, Wor. Kevin Papierski joins. But this is the way to the future for our Fraternity: we enjoy and celebrate our past while building our future. Wor. Bro. Papierski does not have to remake TROWEL, he is helped by all the work from the past. We are similarly helped by our ancient, recent, and current brethren to make a future for our Fraternity.

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*

Art has been one of my greatest passions as far back as I can recall. My fondest childhood memories are of sitting quietly with a box of crayons and an endless supply of construction paper. I never outgrew that passion, going on to study at the Boston School of the Museum of Fine Arts, and eventually becoming a professional designer. It is a career that has kept me happy for almost twenty-five years.

Later in life, I discovered another passion: Freemasonry. I have only been a Master Mason for a few years, and, like many others, wish I had joined much sooner. Not only has my life been enriched by the addition of so many true friends and Brothers, but through the lessons of our institution I have found clarity and focus that have benefited me immensely in innumerable ways.

Now, the Supreme Architect has seen fit to bless me with a new position with TROWEL that combines both of these passions. I look forward to carrying on the work that my Brothers before me have done to make this publication what it is today, and hope that, through my exertions, I may continue to bring honor to our Fraternity.

Kevin J. Papierski

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE
January 20th



Rt. Wor. Walter H. Hunt, Grand Lodge Historian and Librarian at the Samuel L Crocker Library notes in his entry on <http://masonicgenealogy.com/>, "As is so often the case during this early period, there is unfortunately a dearth of definite or detailed knowledge as to the Masonic affiliation and activities of Brother Henry Knox. However, the evidence that is available does clearly point to his adherence to Freemasonry. It is said that the Symbolic Degrees were conferred on him in an Army Lodge, attached to a British regiment stationed in Boston prior to the outbreak of war, and he has also been referred to as belonging to the "First Lodge of Boston." He is on record as having visited St. John's Lodge in this city."

Military Lodge Visits Namesake's Grave

When Major General Henry Knox (MGHK) Lodge, the only military lodge in Massachusetts, travels, they travel on military time. Members of the MGHK Lodge are current or former members of the United States Military and gather to share in the brotherly love that our Fraternity offers. This year, their annual trip to the grave site of their namesake, Maj. Gen. Henry Knox, in Thomaston Maine, began with check-in at 1500 hours (3pm to non-military).

After a dinner, at 2000 hours, a good night's rest, and breakfast the Brothers, their guests, and some Masons from Maine went to the Knox gravesite. Accompanying them and their Master, Rt. Wor. Philip Nowlan this year was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, M. Wor. David A. Walker, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine and former editor of TROWEL, Rt. Wor. Thomas Pulkkinen.

After the solemn ceremony at the grave side, the Brothers went to the Knox Mansion and Museum and took a Morning in Maine boat tour.

That evening, they were treated to a Lobster Feast hosted by the Masons of the Eureka Lodge # 84 of Tenants Harbor, Maine. Feast was the right description: this was an all you can eat lobster event. —Rt. Wor. Philip Nowlan



Rt. Wor. Donald Stevens, far right, presented the Joseph Warren Medel to Wor. Robert Parsons at Tahattawan Lodge. From left to right, Wor. Paul Starratt, Master of Tahattawan Lodge, Mrs. Charlotte Parsons, Wor. Robert Parsons, and Wor. Donald Parsons. —Rt. Wor. Don Stevens

The Family, the Will, and the Fraternity

by Rt. Wor. and Rev. John Robert Higgins

There are many celebrations in Freemasonry: the rites of initiation; of installation, and upon the death of a brother, of honoring his life. While often referred to as a funeral, most of the time this solemn occasion is a memorial service. This is an important distinction: a memorial service can be this part of a lodge meeting marked by prayer or a more extensive service involving scripture, prayer, and appropriate ritual; whereas, a funeral service involves the commitment of a brother's body or remains. Whether a memorial service or funeral, there are a number of decisions to be made, and there are a number of resources to guide these decisions.

The first is whether to have a service. An important guide is a brother's own wishes before his death, and there are a number of reasons why a positive or negative decision is appropriate. This often involves an older brother, but it might involve a younger brother—for example, there might be a tragic accident. Remember, everyone has a will, and if a person does not have their own, the State will provide one—whether or not this complies with the brother's wishes. Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

Regarding a memorial service or a funeral, as noted above, there are circumstances when a brother or his family do not wish to have one and this needs to be honored—this is clearly more complicated when a brother wishes a service but his loved ones do not. Such circumstances expect great wisdom and forbearance on the part of the master. There are occasions when a brother has demitted—most often for non-payment of dues or it could be more complicated factors.

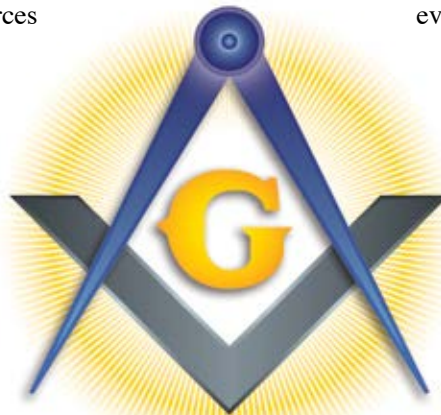
A distinguished psychiatrist often said “Never worry alone.” Don't face the situation alone: call

the District Deputy Grand Master or the Grand Master's office for help. There are very helpful, if not well known, precedents.

This article was prompted by such a situation. In this instance, a brother's parish objected to a service, and lamentably, to put it tacitly, there are some traditions where Freemasonry is not highly regarded. In matters of a funeral service where a brother's remains are interred, the church has the prime responsibility. Whereas, when it is in a funeral home or a lodge room, it is the providence of the lodge and the loved ones. In virtually every case, no one “wins” in a public dispute, and there are very very few cases where a resolution or compromise is not possible.

There are occasions where a brother has not seen a memorial service or even knows one exists. As a suggestion, it would not take much time in a lodge for a Master to discuss the content of the service. And a number of brothers might well be surprised how dignified the service is, how it acknowledges different religious traditions, and how it epitomizes the basic Masonic values.

When I have had an opportunity to speak with the District Deputy Grand Masters and other officers, I have urged Lodge officers to be well familiar with the memorial service and the role this has in Masonic practice. In reality, many loved ones deeply appreciate this ceremony and likewise are affected by the dignity and respect it communicates. It is simple and direct in the full sense of the word. It presents to the community what Freemasonry is all about. So mote it be. ■



Right Worshipful and Reverend John Robert Higgins has served Grand Lodge as a grand chaplain since 1988. He is a recipient of the Henry Price Medal.

The September 2015 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

The hall was warm, very warm, and the entrance of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Harvey J. Waugh, was on time on September 9th, 2015 for the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

Following the Grand Master, the honored guests, and the District Deputy Grand Masters was the color guard. They were from the Knights of Saint Andrew, Valley of Boston, AASR: Bro. Richard Goetz, 1st Lt., Black Watch Guard, Alpha Lodge; Wor. Scott Sherman, Registrar, Waltham Triad Lodge; Bro. Gary Watson, Black Watch Guard, Oxford Lodge; and Bro. Derek Androvett, Black Watch Guard, Liberty Lodge.

Grand Lodge quieted down after singing the National Anthem so that Rt. Wor. John Hanson, past Sr. Grand Warden, and others from the Masonic Health System, could be escorted to the East for a presentation to the Grand Master.

After singing “God of Grace and God of Glory”, and a praying with Rt. Wor. & Rev. Dr. Richard Haley, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Master declared Grand Lodge open in ample form.

The honored guests were: M. Excel. 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 and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts; Sir Knight Richard W. Seychew, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Appendent Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts, Ill. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, Active for Massachusetts, and Ill. Donald G. Hicks, Jr., 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts, all from Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA; Rt. Wor. Gerald R. Thraxton III, Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Wilbur Evans, Sr., Grand Marshal Emeritus, and M. Wor. Nicholas B. Locker, Past Grand Master and Grand Representative to Grand Lodge, all from The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; and Bro. George K. Haile, Worthy Grand Patron, and Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star.

Past Grand Masters in attendance were M. Wors. Albert Timothy Ames, Arthur Eugene Johnson, Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Jeffrey Black Hodgdon, and Richard James Stewart.

A vote was held on the budget produced by the budget committee headed by Rt. Wor. George Biblios. The budget was passed without dissent.

Left: The color guard, the Knights of Saint Andrew, Valley of Boston, AASR, enter the lodge room. **Right:** Rt. Wor. John Hanson, past Sr. Grand Warden, and others from the Masonic Health System, make a presentation to the Grand Master.





Left: The Grand Master and the candidates for Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wors. Thomas A. Rorrie and Lawrence E. Bethune.



Right: The Grand Master and the candidates for Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wors. Dennis E. Reebel and Paul A. Cataldo.

Charter and By-Laws committee, in the person of Rt. Wor. Paul F. Gleason, presented a report approving twelve by-law changes and rejecting seven.

Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Donald H. LaLiberte read the necrology. Four Masons have not answered the call to labor comprising a loss of four brothers and nearly 170 years of Masonic experience.

A petition for consolidation of Crescent-Pittsfield and Mystic Lodges and a request for dispensation to form a new lodge, Scimitar Lodge, were read by M. Wor. Bro. Johnson. Both were accepted unanimously.

The Grand Master requested the Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. Roger W. Waugh, Sr., present Rt. Wor. Harlan Woods, Jr., to the East. Rt. Wor. Bro. Woods is the Master of Scimitar Lodge, to congratulate him on the formation of a new lodge.

The high standards for membership were enforced and two members did not meet that standard: these actions of the Grand Master were voted on unanimously by Grand Lodge.

The Past Masters Association (PMA) of the 15th North and South District, represented by Rt. Wor. Ed Iacovelli, Wors. Pat Emery, and John Carlson, presented a donation to the Grand Master. This was done in memory of Wor. John Berini. Each year a PMA dinner and a Lodge of Qualification are held to help us raise money for this traditional donation. Wor. Phillip Privitera of Mystic Valley Lodge presented two checks: one donated by the lodge, the other which he matched.

The Grand Master introduced the candidates for

Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wors. Paul A. Cataldo and Dennis E. Reebel. Then he introduced the candidates for the office of Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wors. Lawrence E. Bethune and Thomas A. Rorrie. The Grand Master expressed his confidence that all candidates are fine men and are able to fulfil the demands of the offices.

The Grand Master began his address by recounting the summer activity of Grand Lodge. Rt. Wors. Donald LaLiberte, Deputy Grand Master; H. Robert Huke III, Senior Grand Warden; and Richard Maggio, Junior Grand Warden, shared with the Grand Master the responsibility of representing Grand Lodge at Masonic events over the summer.

These events included The Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation Annual Meeting, in Needham; the Scottish Rite, Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, in Maine; the Imperial Shrine Annual Convention, in Houston; Rainbow Camp, in Hanson; the Northeast Grand Masters conference, in Manchester, NH; the Scottish Rite Teddy Bear Golf Classic, in Westin; the Rt. Wor. William G. Manchester Golf Outing at Lynnfield Center Golf Course; the Master's Path, in Charlton; the Daughters of the Nile

meeting, in Springfield and Wakefield; and the annual DeMolay Conclave at Nichols College, in Dudley.

The Grand Lodge committee meetings this summer included the Membership, Education and Training; Information Services; Lodge of Instruction; Masonic Services, which administers the Brotherhood Fund; Youth; and F.L.I.C., which consists of Masons who meet and make suggestions

Rt. Wor. Ed Iacovelli, Wors. Pat Emery, and John Carlson of the Past Masters Association of the 15th North and South District make their annual donation.



for future officers, including District Deputies and line officers. The Board of Directors and the 186 Tremont Committee also met over summer.

On Sunday, June 14th, the Annual Scholarship program resulted in many students receiving around half a million dollars in scholarships. The Grand Master thanked Rt. Wor. Brian Noble and his committee for doing a masterful job of recognizing the accomplishments of these qualified students. They are deserving recipients of these annual scholarships.

The Grand Master described the most memorable event of the summer as the event on June 17, 2015. "On that occasion, the Grand Lodge Officers and Masonic brothers came together, along with Massachusetts state officials, to celebrate the redeposit of the Paul Revere time capsule in the State House Cornerstone. This event will go down in our Masonic history as one of the most important and significant events of our time." The most recent event approximating this one was when M. Wor. Bro. Hodgdon performed a similar ceremony at the Provincetown Pilgrim Monument in 2007.

The Grand Master recounted that on June 17, 2015 approximately 1300 brothers and officers formed a throng of marchers led by Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. Roger W. Waugh, Sr., made their way up Tremont St. toward the Massachusetts State House. Looking back from the state house stairs on Park St., the Grand Master recalled the awesome sight of a sea of humanity, proud Masons, stretching all the way back to the Grand Lodge building. The Governor, Charles Baker, and Lt. Governor, Karen Polito, were impressed and did not expect this outpouring of Masonic brethren.

"The ceremony was performed in excellent Masonic tradition by the Grand Lodge Officers and well received by its audience of thousands," recounted the Grand Master. "After the program was ended, the throng of

Masons, their ladies and families, returned to Grand Lodge where a quality box lunch awaited them before they returned to their daily lives. It was a glorious day."

The Grand Master extended his appreciation to Rt. Wor. Robert Jolly and his committee of 50 brothers who executed the operational aspects of the event. Special recognition goes to Rt. Wors. William Holland, H. Robert Huke III, Wor. H. Robert Huke IV, Roy J. Leone, E. Joel Peterson, Bros. David J. Harty, and Chris Rooney not only for their planning and coordination of the operations of the day, but also for their work with state house officials in the Secretary of State's office.

"My brothers, I know that many of you were there that eventful day; thank you for your attendance and showing your pride in our Craft," said the Grand Master.

The Grand Master then announced a change in the Open House schedule: the April Open house has been canceled. "Lodges are encouraged to become involved in local projects, such as parades and local town festivals. Participation will show cities and towns that Masonry in Massachusetts is truly a part of the community life, and not apart from them."

The Grand Master reminded the brethren that time is running out: the Masonic license plate program should have 3,000 applicants by December 31 of this year or the chance to create this plate could end. Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio has placed the application on-line at massmasons.org.

Lastly, the Grand Master pointed out that the investigatory aspect of the application process is crucial to maintaining our Masonic standards. We all must guard diligently our West Gate and go beyond the required background check; we must conduct a personal interview, meet him in his home, and "accept only those citizens who measure up. . ."

After a standing ovation, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form. ■

Left: The Grand Master shakes hands with the Master the newly formed Scimitar Lodge, Rt. Wor. Harlan Woods, Jr. Right: Wor. Phillip Privitera of Mystic Valley Lodge presented a combined donation to the Grand Master.



Mystery of a Fallen Brother

By Wor. William A Brown Jr.



It was a beautiful day on April 21, 2015 I went for my daily walk. The school track was closed so I walked the Pine Grove Cemetery for the first time and my Masonic mystery began.

I came upon a grave stone that was fallen, its holder broken. The stone faced up to the weather and pollution had turned it black. A large square and compass with a G in the middle on the stone drew me near. It was the tombstone of David Kennedy who died on March 20, 1876, aged 42 years.

There was something written below which I had not seen on stones of that age before. It was not readable at all. I had to know what the Brother wanted said. The next day using my bare hands and bottles of water, after four hours of clearing the area revealed the words.

I read it all, except the last word. Later, I found that it was from scripture, 1 Corinthians 15:

*Asleep in Jesus! Far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But there is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.*

The excitement was like finding the missing word. At the grave I promised to get his stone cleaned and the adventure began.

Pine Grove Cemetery listed David's birth town as "Unknown, Ireland." He was the son of David and Sarah Kennedy. Neither of the parents are in this cemetery and I suspected they are buried in Ireland. Bro. Jamie Luchini a Jr. Warden from Joseph Warren Lodge works for the town and was very helpful in my quest. I met with Doreen the Town Clerk, I explained that I would like to get the stone upright again, have a procession to the grave and a collation under the Pines out of respect for David Kennedy. Doreen said we could and just would have to finalize with her when the plans are firmed up.

Lisa Hastings from the Grand Secretary's office could not find any records on this Brother and the Grand Lodge's Historian Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt suggested checking records of the lodges that existed then. I inquired at

Solomon's Temple, Montgomery and Olive Branch. Then contacted the Grand Lodge of Ireland through Rt. Wor. Robert Jolly and Patricia Latham from our Grand Lodge.

Wors. Peter Prendergast and Wor. Andrew McGowan from Solomon's Temple Lodge found David Kennedy's petition to join, the committee rejection letter, and the entry record of the last stated meeting in September 4, 1876 revealed David Kennedy's Lodge, No. 30 Killeyleagh, Ireland.

From this information Rebecca Hayes the Archivist from Freemasons' Hall, Dublin reported this information: True Blues Lodge No. 30, Killeyleagh, Co. Down. David Kennedy was Entered Apprentice Degree – 21st July 1869, Fellow Craft Degree – 23rd July 1869, Master Mason Degree – 27th July 1869.

It is unusual to receive the three degrees in such quick succession so perhaps he was due to leave for America soon after.

Rebecca Hayes put me in contact with Morgan McCreadie, Assistant to the Grand Secretary on what the traditions were back then in Ireland for procession to the grave. There was never any specific ceremony for such ceremonies within the Ritual of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Moreover, a Decision of the Board of the Grand Lodge in 1990 states that "it is permissible for one Brother, representing all those present, to cast a sprig of acacia into the grave, providing that permission had first been sought and given by the widow or close family of the deceased Brother."

Wor. Dean Moss from Oliver Branch Lodge has located a stone to replace the base and can do the stone work for the fitting. Wor. Attila Kara has cleaned the tombstone. Brothers Jim and Dick Buma from Buma Funeral Home have been a great and continuing help.

Bro. David Kennedy of Ireland, died 1876, will have his stone, his square and compasses, upright again. ■



The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



The Bunch of Grapes, the Green Dragon and the Anacreontic Society were three of the things that grabbed the interest of the visitors and members of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge at its June meeting.

Dressed in the garb of our colonial forefathers, Rt. Wor. Graeme Marsden entertained and informed everyone about the beginnings of Freemasonry in the Americas. For 45 minutes everyone was lost in the history of our nation and our Fraternity.

Wor. David LaPlante, Master of Daylight Lodge, arranged for Rt. Wor. Marsden to come to the lodge to speak. It's part of a program of after-meeting entertainment he instituted. A month earlier, the speaker was Bro. John Katsaros. Bro. Katsaros wrote Code Burgundy - The Long Escape, a book that details his experiences as a gunner on a World War II B-17 and as a prisoner of war when his plane was shot down. The brethren and their guests learned what it was like to fly into a war and what it was like to be captured by the enemy.

Wor. Bro. LaPlante is a first-time Master, something that is quite rare in Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge. Of the 20 men who have served the lodge as Master since the lodge's founding in 1989, only about one-quarter are first-time Masters. The rest of us, me included, have all served as Master in some other Lodge before we stepped into the East at Daylight Lodge.

I congratulate Wor. Bro. LaPlante for going the extra mile and doing things that we hope will attract more of our members to come to meetings. He has raised the bar for Daylight Lodge Masters and I hope we will see some positive results.

For me, my first time in the East was at Wamesit Lodge in Tewksbury. I served as Master in 1982-1983, which

Richard Thompson is the Secretary of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge and one of the "old guys."

means I have been a past master for longer than Daylight Lodge has been in existence.

I can remember sitting in the lodge room as a young Mason, looking at the "old guys." A few years ago I was sitting in the lodge room when I suddenly realized I was one on the "old guys." I have to admit, however, the "old guys" today seem a lot younger than they were back in the 1970s.

So to me and many of my fellow "old guys," the 80s were the "good old days." While we can long for those days to come again, we have to know those days are long gone.

In the years I served as an officer for Wamesit Lodge, for the 10 regular communications each year, nine were devoted to degrees. We had at least three classes every year and some years we had more than three.

For some reason I remember one stretch in particular. We did the First Degree at a Regular Communication, a

Third degree two weeks later at a Special and the Second Degree two weeks after that at a Regular. Three degrees in one month.

I don't mention this to say we were great. I mention it to say the ritual was the most important part of our lives as officers. We were concerned with bringing members into the Fraternity -- not with getting the new members to attend meetings. With more than 300 members on the rolls, the 50 or 60 regulars filled the room. We didn't think much about retention.

Masters today have to think about far more than degrees. In most cases, member retention is their major priority.

We were bringing some 20 to 30 new members into the Fraternity each year. Retaining just 10 percent, two or three, was more than enough. Today, with a lodge's annual membership gains in the single digits, our 10 percent could be less than one.

I realize that today, the Master's responsibilities have changed. I never had to worry about filling the lodge room. I never had to worry about a dwindling membership. Today's Master has to worry about both of those things and many others.

As for me, I have a big job to do as well. I have to do all I can to make today the "good old days" for a lot of my younger brothers. ■



Wor. David LaPlante, Master of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge, listens as Rt. Wor. Graeme Marsden fields questions after his talk to the Lodge.



THEY CARRIED THEIR BROTHER HOME

Pvt. George O. Raymond

Senior Warden, Webster Lodge, Webster, MA

by Wor. Richard Clark

In November of 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered his celebrated Gettysburg address at the opening of the Gettysburg Cemetery. He called it “. . . a final resting place for those who gave their lives that this nation might live.”

By November 1863, one of those brave men Lincoln spoke of had been laid to his final rest, not in Gettysburg, but in Mt. Zion (formerly known as East Village Cemetery) Cemetery in Webster.

Pvt. George O. Raymond of Company “C” (The Clinton Light Guard) of the 15th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment was wounded in the hip on July 2, 1863, and died in Gettysburg on July 22, 1863. Born in Thompson, Connecticut, George was the eldest son of Orrin and Betsey (Freeman) Raymond and was listed as a shoemaker at the time of his mustering in on August 8, 1862. He was one of four Raymond brothers to serve in the Union Army. All four would serve in the 15th Massachusetts, three in Company “I”, the Webster Company (Slater Guards). Why George alone was in Company “C” is not known and was probably of little significance to him as he had lived in Oxford (his name is memorialized in the Oxford Town Hall) as well as Webster and Thompson.

One can only imagine the anxiety that George’s parents Orrin and Betsey must have experienced as their sons George, John, Rufus and Hiram donned their army blue. Their youngest son, Hiram, later the tax collector in Dudley, left for the army at the tender age of 17.

George, the eldest, also left behind his wife Emily (Bixby) and their three small children, Mary Ellen, Frederick and Arthur. George also left behind a band of brothers he had chosen to join when he became the first new member of the newly constituted Webster Lodge A.F. & A.M., chartered in September of 1858. In a few short years Bro. Raymond had risen to Senior Warden of Webster Lodge shortly before his call to arms. In fact, Bro. Raymond was one of seven members of Webster Lodge to serve the Union during the Civil War.

This Masonic affiliation would, for Bro. Raymond, extend beyond the grave and help to explain his absence

from Gettysburg when President Lincoln arrived.

In the nineteenth century being in the army meant being away from home and loved ones to a degree we today cannot comprehend. In the 1860’s there were no cell phones, no skype, no Facebook; even the mail was slow by modern standards, especially so when trying to reach an army on the move.

The 15th Massachusetts, the Raymond brothers’ Regiment, was one of 5 regiments under Brig. Gen. William Harrow. Harrow’s command had overall losses of 57.1% at Gettysburg. The 15th’s casualties July 2 and 3, 1863, totaled 143 or 62% of those who went into battle. As horrific that was, it was still short of the 25th Ohio’s staggering percentage loss of 83.6%.

The battle at Gettysburg, the high watermark of the Confederacy, was a battle that neither commanding general, Lee or Meade had planned for and started with neither general yet on the field.

There was an urban legend of sorts that the confederates were focused on Gettysburg because they believed that there was a large store of shoes in Gettysburg. This was not the case and probably never was even an expectation of the chronically shoeless confederate infantry. Pvt. George Raymond, a shoemaker himself, might have wondered if, under different circumstances, he would have talked shop with some of the twenty-two shoemakers in Gettysburg according to the census of 1860.

Pvt. Bro. Raymond with the 15th marched approximately 53 miles to Gettysburg carrying packs and arms weighing as much as about 70 pounds through rough countryside in wool uniforms to meet the Confederate army.

Water was a problem: at times too little drinking water, at other times, too much flooding water.

Pvt. Bro. Raymond arrived near Little Round Top the evening of July 1st. On Thursday, July 2nd, they moved into position on Cemetery Hill. Late that afternoon, they, along with the 82nd New York, moved forward to the Emmitsburg Road. This was a fateful day for Pvt. George O. Raymond. Confederates from Georgia under Brig. Gen. Horatio Wright would overwhelm the two Union regi-

ments. As if the advancing Confederates were not enough to contend with, a union battery (Brown's Battery B, 1st Rhode Island) comprised of six Napoleons guns in the rear opened fire, some of which fell short and resulted in a large number of killed and wounded Union soldiers from "friendly fire."

We don't know for sure who or what caused the hip wound that would eventually take George's life. If it was the result of artillery, Union or Confederate, George would have been in a small minority, as artillery accounted for only 9% of the deaths at Gettysburg. Some 90% were the result of musket and/or rifle fire.

The nature of George's wound is significant. A hip joint amputation of which there were 66 Union cases resulted in 55 deaths or a fatality rate of 83.3%. This was significantly more than the 23% for upper arms or 56.9% for knee joints. Hip joints had by far the highest mortality rate of all amputations.

Wounded men were often left on the battle field and at Gettysburg many were left for days to fend for themselves as best they could. After the battle, a rain that swelled streams in the area resulted in men laying on the ground being drowned as they were unable to lift themselves even a few inches out of the water.

This, however, was not George's fate. Somehow, George was able to reach the II Corps Hospital. How that happened we don't know. He may have found the strength to somehow struggle to the hospital on his own, or he may have been assisted by others in the 15th. He may even have been among the fortunate who were transported in one of the 117 II Corps ambulances.

A military field hospital at Gettysburg may have been better than being left where you fell, but it was also a place where suffering and death were not strangers. The ratio of doctors to soldiers was 1:158. The Army of the Potomac had one medical officer for 144 men; the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia one for 179 men.

Bro. Pvt. George O. Raymond did not succumb until July 22. What he endured from the 2nd to the 22nd was what Lincoln would call his "... last full measure of devo-

tion." Word of George's plight somehow made it back to his family on Wednesday, July 22nd. We don't know by what means that happened. A surviving member of the 15th may have been the source of this sad news. There was no formal Army notification process. But, George's family did get the sorrowful news from Pennsylvania.

"That same evening his wife and a brother took the steamboat train with the hope of reaching him while yet living and ministering to his comfort."

The brother's name is not mentioned. All three brothers had returned from the Army by July 1863. Sadly, "They arrived in Gettysburg only to find him dead."

One can hardly imagine the range of emotions the young widow experienced as news of George having survived the battle was received and with it the hope for his recovery, and then the shattering news on arrival in Gettysburg of his death.

George's fate may have been sealed when after the battle the Union Army moved, taking with it most of the Army surgeons. Of 650 Army doctors, only 106 were left to treat 14,000 Union wounded. The Second Corps' hospital had only 13 medical officers remaining to deal with 3,400 wounded.

One example of a wounded man's lot was Captain John G. B. Adams of the 2nd Division, 19th Massachusetts Volunteers. With several serious wounds, his case had been pronounced hopeless, but he still stubbornly clung to life a week later and was



Area of Pvt. Raymond's location at the battle at Gettysburg

left to his own devices.

"I remained here [at the Second Corps hospital at the Schwartz farm] six days, and my wounds received no attention only such as my comrades gave. They kept my canteen filled with water, which I used freely, to prevent inflammation."

George would initially be laid to rest on the Schwartz's 156 acre farm acre at Gettysburg.

That was not his final resting place. His final journey from Gettysburg to Webster was a joint effort involving the Raymond family, George's Webster Masonic brethren, and his Masonic brethren from the Good Samaritan Lodge of Gettysburg. We know who was involved in George's return

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To Thine Own Self - Be True

By David P. Newcomb

Did you freely and voluntarily
Offer yourself to be
A candidate for the mysteries
Of the Masons fraternity?

Did you seriously, on your honor,
With witnesses there to see,
Declare your desire and sincere wish
To serve humanity?

Do you stand to and abide by
Our rules and regulations?
Will the tenets of Freemasonry
Be transmitted through generations?

Do you remember all the orphans?
Let the widows know you care?
Are our Masonic mysteries
Justly and lawfully shared?

Would you wrong or cheat a Brother,
Knowing him such to be?
Or defraud a Lodge of Masons,
Throughout eternity?

Will you answer signs and summonses
Within your cable-tow?
Will you offer to help, aid or assist
A Brother that you know?

Questions were asked and answered
To be a Mason and Brother.
Pledging a lifetime commitment,
For a lifestyle like no other.

Temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice;
Our cardinal virtues, to wit:
Temperance is a self-restraint;
Fortitude, courage and grit.

Prudence is a cautiousness.
Justice is reasonableness.

The Grand Artificer's guides for life,
Virtues to bring out our best.

It's not the words or the ritual,
Or the titles or the jewels,
It's learning and living the lessons,
With Masonic guide and rule.

In public or in private,
Your actions tell a story.
A Masonic man with The Builders plan
To Him, our Father's glory.

"Be faithful to your obligations."
It's all that's asked of you.
You'll live respected and die regretted.
To thine own self - be true.

Pretty much, anyone can
BECOME a Mason.
The true test is whether or not
you act like a Mason.
Take due notice thereof,
Govern Yourself Accordingly!!!

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to Webster, but we don't know whose idea it was or the details of how the return was arranged.

We do know that Webster Lodge contributed 35 dollars for this noble purpose and was aided in this endeavor by Good Samaritan Lodge of Gettysburg.

"The average price of embalming in the Gettysburg was \$20.00, with another \$15.00 being needed to cover the cost of the coffin and case. Transportation costs from the battle-field to the family cemetery or private plot back home were currently about \$30.00. Payment of gravediggers on both ends of the trip, any food and lodging along the way, and other miscellaneous expenditures, could add still further to the overall expense."

On July 29, 1863, Pvt. George O. Raymond, listed at that time as a member of company "I" was laid to his final rest in East Village Cemetery with full military and Masonic Honors. A grateful community provided George with a hero's funeral that was certainly the finest Webster could deliver.

The Weekly Times on August 1, 1863 reported:

A Tribute, At a special meeting of the members of Webster Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held at their Hall on Thursday evening, July 30, the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, The fate of war has removed from earth George O. Raymond, late Senior Warden of Webster Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, therefore

Resolved, That a noble man has fallen in a noble cause, that this Lodge had lost a worthy member, his family a kind husband and father, and our country a brave soldier and unselfish patriot.

Resolved, That we will cherish his memory and seek to emulate his virtues.

Resolved, That to his family and relatives we extend our kindest sympathies in their bereavement.

Resolved, That to our brothers,

the members of the Good Samaritan Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at Gettysburg, Penn., we tender our thanks for the kind aid extended to his wife in removing the body of her husband from the battle-field to his home for burial.

Hiram Allen, W.M.

W.M. H. Mansfield, Sec'y.

On September 12, 1863, Emily Bixby Raymond received a pension based on George's service.

On October 10, 1863, "*The Webster Times*" published under Special Notices a Card:

The family and relatives of George O. Raymond, who died from the effects of wounds received in the battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, would return thanks to the Masonic Lodge of Webster, for the sympathy they have hitherto expressed for his family, and the assistance and pecuniary aid they have rendered them in the disinterment and removal of his remains from that bloody field, where he sacrificed his life, to his home and friends.

Emily Raymond, Orrin Raymond

A grateful nation dedicated that portion of Gettysburg to the fallen that had hallowed that ground. George O. Raymond was one of those who gave his life's blood that the nation might survive, though he was not interred at that National Cemetery. Sadly, instead of a place of honor at Gettysburg and despite the funeral honors expressed by a grateful community George is now in a forlorn corner of Mt. Zion Cemetery with little to distinguish his grave or to honor his memory. ■



Bro. Pvt. George O. Raymond's grave with recently added flag and Veteran's Marker.



LODGE DUES

by Bro. Yotam Mendlinger

The dollar amount of lodge dues has always been a matter of contention. Do we increase our dues or are they too high? In order to understand the lodge dues we need to look both at history and at what the price we currently pay really means. In the past the dues were, relative to income, a lot higher. Yet over the past few decades we have not maintained that ratio. We now ask ourselves: what is the right amount for dues?

The question has three parts. They are income, expenses and value, and we need to take each part seriously and understand it.

Income – We receive our income from two main sources. One is the lodge dues and the second is the lodge income from investments. The amount of lodge income from investments changes from lodge to lodge yet this income needs to be included in the budget and timing of the Cash flows that the lodge receives.

Expenses – A lodge has many expenses and understanding them, the amount we pay for each (rent, regalia, meals, postage, and communications etc.) is very important since the amount we spend will determine the amount we need in income every year. We cannot afford to spend more than

we earn, from dues, investments and contributions. If we do then we will find that over time our lodge financial strength will decline and we might even go dark.

Some expenses we have no choice and cannot control. Our need for regalia, rent or maintain the lodge building, an organist etc. Those expenses are mostly out of our control and will need to be included in the lodge budget, yet others we can control. Here a few examples:

- 1) Lodge notices – Printing and sending lodge notices cost about \$22 per member per year. Currently we are allowed to have the lodge notices sent out by e-mail to members (they need to sign a waiver) and as such decrease the annual amount we pay for this. I have seen one lodge pay over \$2000 a year while another pays only \$400 per year.
- 2) Cleaning our Lodge rolls – Maintaining on the books lodge members that have not been around for many years and have not paid their dues can get very expensive. First of all we need to send them lodge notices; secondly we need to pay Grand Lodge dues for them, being \$63 for this upcoming year. As such

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ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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



Q How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?

A CHANGE??????
MASONS NEVER CHANGE!!!!

I am sure we have all heard and laughed at that joke. The problem with that is that it is not true. Our principles do not change. Our values do not change. However, the methods

we go about improving the practice of these principles and values does change from time to time.

When I became a Mason, you could not ask anyone to join-they had to ask you. Twenty years ago that changed-we changed.

Recently, the District Deputy paid a visit to my Lodge and presented two of our members with fifty year medals. Their wives were present for this great event and assisted in the presentation, which certainly made for a better eve-

ning. Fifteen years ago, non Masons could not be presented to the East. We have changed.

Another example of this type of change is one day classes. We have changed our methods in that we now allow this practice from time to time. We have not changed our principles and values in that we still require a thorough investigation of every single candidate as well as a unanimous vote of the Lodge.

In our most recent One Day Class further changes were made which gave the Lodges more flexibility in that they could have their candidates receive some of the degrees that day and the balance in their Lodge. As a result of all these changes, seventy plus candidates at two locations were treated to six first rate very meaningful degree presentations. They were not perfect but it has not been given us to obtain perfection only to strive for it. That striving frequently results in changes but as long as keep our principles and values in place it will impossible for us to materially err. ■

Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt

1887–1889



Most Wor. Abraham H. Howland, Jr.

“With Charity Toward All”

*Friendship is the most precious gem that
Brotherhood offers us. Here in fraternal bonds
Brethren of the Mystic Tie join and rejoice. Each
Brother is a link in friendship's golden chain,
which breaks not when storms sweep over us.*

—Abraham H. Howland, Jr.

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

For three years, Most Worshipful Samuel Crocker Lawrence had labored tirelessly, traveling across the jurisdiction to encourage lodges and brother Masons to pay the capitation tax, by which Grand Lodge would retire its debt incurred with the building of the new Masonic Temple two decades earlier. He was strongly supported by many current and past officers of the Grand Lodge, including Rt. Wor. Abraham Hathaway Howland, Jr., who had served as Deputy Grand Master for Charles A. Welch, Grand Master Lawrence's predecessor, and continued as a Director of Grand Lodge. Now, though being afflicted with meningitis, he was a candidate for the high office of Grand Master. Despite Bro. Howland's dedication and obvious excellent qualifications, there was considerable opposition to the choice – in the end, 189 votes – a little more over a quarter of the Grand Lodge – favored someone else: but in the end he was selected as the next Grand Master and installed by his predecessor in a ceremony documented in full in our Proceedings.

Abraham Hathaway Howland, Jr. was installed Grand Master when he was forty-three and a half years old. In the nineteenth century Brothers could reach the high office at that age: he was by no means the youngest man to be elected and installed Grand Master of Massachusetts. His three years in the Oriental Chair would bring profound changes to the Fraternity and to Grand Lodge.

Less than four months after the end of his term, he was admitted to the Celestial Lodge, a tragic loss to the Masonic Fraternity.

Brother Howland was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts in May 1840. He was admitted a Mason in Eureka Lodge in 1865 and was elected Master in 1869, serving three years. In 1871 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the New Bedford 14th Masonic District, an office he held for four years, coincident with Brother Lawrence, who noted in his eulogy in 1887 that “while we were District Deputy Grand Masters, I first became acquainted with him, and his excellent qualities of head and heart made a strong and durable impression.” These qualities made him Lawrence's choice for Deputy Grand Master when Lawrence was elected Grand Master in December 1880.

In 1875 he was elected Senior Grand Warden, and subsequently served as a Director of the Grand Lodge. It gave him an opportunity to learn firsthand the greatest problem that faced Grand Lodge: the debt that had been incurred as the result of the building of the new Masonic Temple in Boston. Most of a decade after the completion of the Temple, despite the imposition of a capitation tax on every Mason in the jurisdiction to offset it, the debt remained.

During his term, Grand Master Lawrence worked tirelessly to retire the debt. He and his Grand Lodge officers repeatedly traveled across the state, visiting every lodge in Massachusetts to make the case for the tax. At the end of his three years, payment—or promise of payment—had been

made, and the charity fund of Grand Lodge had been restored. Thus, Grand Master Howland was able to begin with a clean slate.

In the middle of Brother Howland's first year as Grand Master, his charity committee, chaired by Rt. Wor. Charles Levi Woodbury, presented a detailed report on the history of the Grand Lodge Charity. As he noted, "The Charity Fund is described as entirely under the control of the Grand Lodge, and the Trustees represent no predetermined charitable uses or objects. . . There is no dedication of the Fund, which the Trustees are called in to protect and secure from diversion to other uses, by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge might order these Trustees

to spend it in banquets or salaries, even as in 1864 it ordered the mortgage to be surrendered. The Trustees have no right or duty to resist such an order." In short, he noted, it would be useless to create a new fund that could be diverted in exactly the same way. Instead, he reported, "Your committee, at the last March meeting, presented the plan of an Act . . . allowing it to create a Board of Trustees, and vesting corporate powers to hold property for trusts in such Board. The Grand Lodge directed your committee to proceed and endeavor to obtain such additional powers for its Charter, under the corporate name as *The Masonic Education and Charity Trust*... None of these funds authorized in this act can be commingled with those for ordinary or general purposes now in the Directors' control." It took an act of the Legislature to extend the corporate Charter of the Grand Lodge, and that act – and the corresponding changes in our Grand Constitutions – are still in force today, and are the greatest testimonial to the legacy of Abraham Howland as Grand Master. (The text of the act appears in a sidebar to this article.)

Brother Howland's recent service in Grand Lodge, and his youth relative to the most senior members, allowed him to have a particularly close relationship with his junior appointees – particularly his District Deputy Grand Masters. In the last year of his predecessor's administration, the district organization of the jurisdiction had been greatly enlarged to accompany the growth of the Fraternity as a whole: the 16 districts established in 1867 by Grand Master Dame had been reorganized and added to three times between 1870 and 1878: Grand Master Lawrence had replaced these with 28 entirely new districts. Our Proceedings record the summary correspondence between these representatives and their Grand Master; despite the official and formal nature of these letters, it is clear that the Deputies had a great respect and affection for the Grand Master, and were eager to properly represent him

"out in the field".

Howland spent a considerable amount of time "in the field" as well, visiting around the jurisdiction, confirming the pledges made by Brothers and lodges, as well as participating in many cornerstone events, hall dedications and public ceremonies. One of the most gratifying was the dedication of the Masonic Hall in May 1885; his remarks upon this occasion have been preserved.

"...Friendship is the most precious gem that Brotherhood offers us. Here in fraternal bonds Brethren of the Mystic Tie join and rejoice. Each Brother is a link in friendship's golden chain, which breaks not when storms sweep over us. But when we reach rugged paths in life . . . if true to our duty, fraternal friendship will smooth the rough places, scatter the gloom of sickness, and pour into our wounds the healing balm of sympathy. . . To this holy work we dedicate this Hall. Here let the cry for help be answered by means of relief; here let the needy find needful supply, the endangered find safety, the afflicted find consolation, and the voice of want be answered by voiceless, sightless charity.

"In Faith and Hope the world will disagree,

But all mankind's concern is Charity."

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But all mankind's
concern is Charity."*

This theme was echoed in many of his other speeches, in his travels around the state as the head of his Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Howland granted only one charter during his three years in the East: for St. John's Lodge of Concepción, Chile, in March 1885. He believed strongly in the idea that it was not sufficient to found a Lodge: it was

necessary to support and maintain it or the entire structure would collapse. When approached in 1885 with a petition for a dispensation to open a lodge in Medfield, a small town that had had a lodge in the 1820s (Cassia, chartered in 1823 and closed by the anti-Masonic storm), he declined to issue the dispensation, writing the following:

"All the brethren seemingly agreed that a Lodge could be maintained in Medfield, yet no brother assured me of his determination to especially devote his time, influence and ability to the support of the organization. . . Now, though my desire is to promote the truest interests of the fraternity at all times, and contribute to the greatest good, convenience and pleasure of the Brethren, in the case of yourself and others I do not find sufficient assurance to confirm my actions in granting your prayer and therefore respectfully decline to authorize the issuing of the dispensation."

At the end of his term, he was petitioned by a group of brethren in Winthrop to establish a lodge there, and returned a similar answer; but those men were more determined, and within a year Most Wor. Henry Endicott granted the dispensation, creating a lodge that lasted until recent years.

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Lodge in Focus: MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE



Arlington Mystic Valley Lodge Angels visit East Somerville Community School

Mystic Valley Lodge visited a First Grade Classroom at the East Somerville Community School on Cross Street in Somerville. Wor. Philip Privitera presented a donation from the Lodge's Masonic Angel Fund to assist the children, the school with school supplies, and other needs during the Christmas season.

"I wanted the children to be a part of the presentation, so I sat right on the mat which was in the middle of the floor in the first grade classroom. The children seemed to love it, and there's nothing more gratifying than making children laugh and smile, especially around the holidays," commented Wor. Bro. Privitera.

Accompanying Privitera, was Mystic Valley Lodge Treasurer and Dearborn Academy Vice Principal Bro. Ted Wilson. Both were greeted by many children and members of the East Somerville Community School, including head Social Worker, Jean DeVanthery and Education Councilor Carlie Carlioro.

– Wor. Phil Privitera

On Saturday, April 11, 2015, over 100 guests visited Mystic Valley Lodge to participate in the Blood Drive, view boxing and Masonic exhibits and meet Tony DeMarco, the World Welterweight Boxing Champion 1955.



"Securely Tiled!"

Worshipful Phil Privitera smiles with Tyler Bro. Frank J. Kitzerow, the Police Chief of Jupiter Florida, at a regular communication of Jupiter Light Lodge on Tues March 24, 2015, in Florida. The Chief assured that there were neither cowens nor eavesdroppers!

Mystic Valley Meals: "So should Masons ever Eat, Pack, and Deliver!"

For its November Charitable activity, several members of Mystic Valley Lodge in Arlington traveled to the Arlington Senior Center on Thanksgiving morning to assist the elderly in and around the town of Arlington. After eating a light collation of coffee and Danish together, members of Mystic Valley Lodge's Team Volunteer packed up food for Thanksgiving meals for consumption by local seniors. They then transported the meals to the seniors' apartments and homes. "For us, this is one of our most fulfilling events of the whole year" explains Phil Privitera presiding Master of Mystic Valley Lodge. "When we finish," Privitera comments, "the brothers look at each other, and ask what else can we do...why can't we do more?" Surplus meals were delivered to the Arlington Police Station and the Arlington Fire Department by WM Phil Privitera and SW Walter Wedlock for the men and women performing community safety duties during the holiday.

– Phil Privitera



Members of Mystic Valley Lodge's Team Volunteer form a production line to bag meals in preparation for delivery to local seniors in need. From Left to Right: Senior Warden Walter Wedlock, Payton Privitera, Wor. Master Phil Privitera, Bro. Rich Lysakowski, and Bro. Paul Alegria. Not pictured: Treas. Ted Wilson and Sec. Wor. Alan Jones also participate in and coordinate the event.

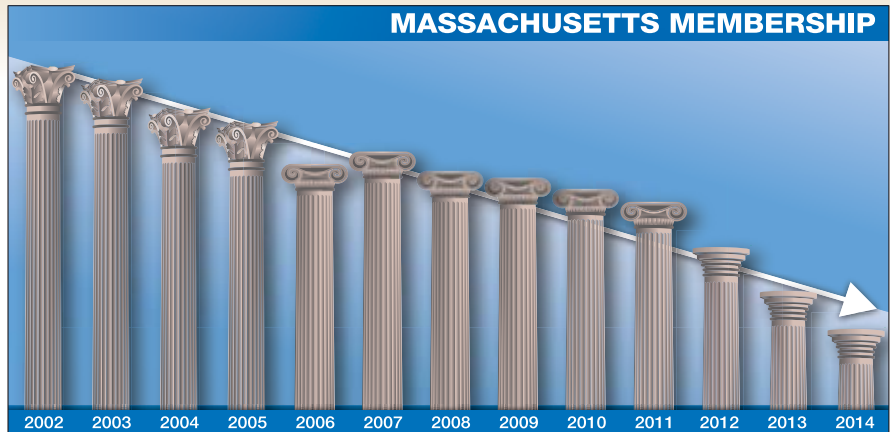


Find Your Protégé, Wear the Square and Compasses

By Rt. Wor. Michael A. Sandberg

A few months ago a permanent member of Grand Lodge told me about a reception where he read about our Craft in the past tense. His story made me wonder whether this misperception reflected a substantive decline in our membership. I found the answer on the Masonic Service Association of North America website.

The graph to the right shows a plot of the number of Master Masons in our jurisdiction by year, from 2002 through 2014. Over this period we experienced a 30.9% decline in membership, while the population of the Commonwealth increased by 5.1%. The solid line in the graph is the best fit to the data by linear regression ($p < .0001$). If extrapolated forward, the regression line predicts that Massachusetts Freemasonry will properly be spoken of in the past tense after 2046.



All data, except the most recent value, from www.msana.com/msastats.asp. The website notes that their “figures are based upon M.S.A. records and do not necessarily correspond exactly with those published by other sources.” The most recent value, assigned to 2014, from remarks made by M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, at the Statehouse Time Capsule Ceremony on June 17, 2015 (www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0z-87js808). Regression line fitted by JMP Pro 12 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC).

Obviously, our current programs aimed at stemming membership decline have not been adequate. But what can we do to better attract new members? I favor personal advertising. Attaching Masonic license plates to our cars would be a good start to improving name recognition. But consistently wearing Masonic gear (e.g., caps, shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, ties, and rings) is even better: it not only shows

our pride in the Craft; it also opens up the possibility of a one-on-one dialogue — critical to arranging a visit to a lodge. In this context we should carry Masonic business cards that list our name and title, contact information, lodge information, and the Jurisdiction websites accessible by the public.

Those lodges that maintain outstanding recruitment can be models for those that have difficulty attracting applicants. First, we ask all lodge secretaries in the jurisdiction to complete a professionally-designed electronic survey instrument quantifying their lodge’s salient characteristics. Then, we use multivariate statistical analysis on the responses to identify what lodges have in common that bring many applicants through their doors. Wherever possible, other lodges should then be invested with these qualities.

We also must go out of our way to identify and respond to the wishes of brethren to keep them participating in their lodges. Ritual should (and can) be flawless, speakers should be informative but brief, business meetings should be constrained, and dinners should be of high quality and convivial. Car pools should be arranged for members

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I was in my local Best Buy, when someone working there approached me speaking some sort of gibberish. My mind was filled with Samsung phones, flat screen dreams, and looking for my sons; my ears could hear only “Can I help you?” not whatever he was saying. He held out his hand and said “What lodge are you from?” Suddenly, I realized I was wearing my Chip Masonic Volunteer hat; the hat I’d started wearing it as a result of reading this article.

We talked and when I told him that I was from a lodge in town, he said he was from the south shore. He also mentioned that some of his coworkers were more local and were interested in becoming Masons. I gave him a few of my cards, was very happy that he liked TROWEL, and met one of the gentlemen as I was dreaming of a new phone.

At best, some new brothers come into the Fraternity. At worst, I now have a friend in the neighborhood whom I never knew before. All this because, I wore my pride, my square and compasses.

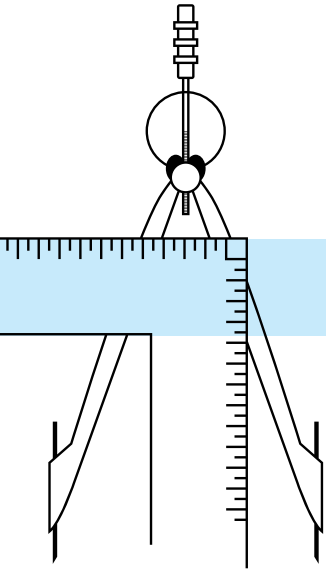
— Wor. Lee H. Fenn

“You may delay, but time will not”

Bro. Benjamin Franklin

Living Freemasonry

by Rt. Wor. Steve Cohn



Meet an Active Massachusetts Mason

It's always interesting to hear what prompted men to become Masons, regardless of their age. M. Wor. David W. Lovering once spoke of the time while Grand Master he attended the Third Degree of a man in his early 80's who finally joined a local lodge.

When asked why by the Grand Master, the newly raised Brother responded, "My wife wouldn't let me!" Of course there are other valid issues relating to employment and family responsibilities that keeps pushing any desire further down the road.

In the case of Bro. Joseph P. Beaton of Saugus's William Sutton Lodge, joining the fraternity was something he had wanted to do for years. He says that as a senior citizen, putting things off is not necessarily a good thing! After attending the funerals of too many of his friends, laying on his deathbed saying he always wanted to be a Mason was something he did not want to happen. He says "there was a fire in his belly that couldn't be extinguished."

Masonry has been in his family for almost 100 years. His maternal grandfather was raised in Camperdown Lodge in Dundee, Scotland in 1919. Bro. Beaton always admired the Master Mason and Scottish Rite Diplomas and plaques adorning the walls of his home.

He credits his Lodge's mentoring team as being a large influence in the degree process, as long as it was. Due to circumstances beyond his control, which was mostly weather-related, it took 14 months from the day he turned in his application to the day he was raised. But he says the wait was worth every minute. He says he "will never forget his Master Mason degree. It was so powerful, mind blowing, and life altering." He enjoys the weekly lodge "study nights" and if the lodge hall was not available, the officers opened their homes for them. He says by having the mentors invite the candidates into their homes it showed them

a lot. It meant they wanted them!

Following his raising and after taking an active role in lodge affairs, he was installed Junior Steward in September, 2015. One of the first projects he took on after being raised was his lodge's Facebook page, which he grew from 89 followers to more than 420. Given his successes, he appreciates the value his lodge has placed on him as a potential leader.

Many of his lodge brothers volunteer in the scouting program and Project HELP in Woburn, a program he has also offered his assistance to.

He is proud of his and his Lodge's commitment to the Lodge's of Instruction which he enjoys and attends even after the required sessions during his degree process.

While he has yet to apply for the Master Mason Rookie Award, it is definitely something on his short-term list.

A licensed plumber by trade, he has noticed that being a Mason, he conducts his "business duties in an enhanced manner." His girlfriend remarks that even she has seen a positive change in him and fully supports him in his endeavors. His oldest daughter who is an artisan, made him a custom-made coffee mug with the Masonic emblem and lodge information, something he



Bro. Joseph Beaton

says is "awesome!"

Brother Beaton also says that going through the degrees with another Brother was a great experience. It turned out that despite a 30-year difference, they had more in common than just the fraternity. Both of their grandfathers were Masons and they were both plumbers by trade. He calls that an ironic experience. He says that while he firmly believes lodges are making a comeback, there is a need to involve younger men. But it's the old soldiers like him that can always fill a void.

Brother Joseph P. Beaton is a shining example that you can do anything you wish despite being a senior citizen, and that Lodges are for men of all ages. ■

2015 MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the more than 600 Massachusetts Masons who were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons who, being blessed with long life and great lodges, have achieved the important milestones listed below. The celebrants are grouped by the number of years since being raised—75, 70, 65, and 60—and under their current lodge regardless of where they were raised. These anniversaries are based on the date a Mason was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Please contact your lodge secretary if you have any concerns about your seniority or status. It is possible that some recent demits, or recent deaths have not been reflected in the listings.

75-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

Brethren Raised in 1940

- Bro. James Roy Shirley** *Ancon Lodge*
Bro. Harry Russell Jr *Globe Unity Lodge*
Rt. Wor. Robert Webster Williams III *King David Lodge*
Bro. Gilman Bates Wilder *Satuit Lodge*
Bro. Richard Donald Foulkes *Wyoming Lodge*

70-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

Brethren Raised in 1945

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|---|--|--|---|
| <i>Amity-Mosaic Lodge</i>
Wor. Thayne Foster Symmes | <i>Morning Star Lodge</i>
Bro. Warren Henry Jacobson | <i>Old Colony Lodge</i>
Bro. Philip Gordon Worrick | <i>Satuit Lodge</i>
Bro. Harry Sebastian Linell Jr |
| <i>Budleigh Lodge</i>
Bro. John Graham Standley | <i>Moses Michael Hays Lodge</i>
Bro. Hyman James Coran | <i>Palestine Lodge</i>
Bro. Richard Hugh Bond | <i>Sojourners Lodge</i>
Bro. Charles Marvin Keenan |
| <i>Converse Lodge</i>
Bro. Erwin Norbert Ziner | Bro. Harold George Holmstock | <i>Prospect Lodge</i>
Bro. Thomas Paul Hodge | <i>Star of Bethlehem Lodge</i>
Bro. Charles Sumner Tabor III |
| <i>Gatun Lodge</i>
Bro. James Cornelius Cullen | <i>Bro Robert Myer Levine</i>
Bro. Joseph Zigmund Steinberg | <i>Quinebaug Lodge</i>
Bro. Paul Robert Mosher | <i>The Consolidated Lodge</i>
Bro. Daniel Lester Cadiff |
| Bro. Robert Graham Forsythe | <i>Mount Carmel Lodge</i>
Bro. Jacob Levine | <i>Rising Star Lodge</i>
Bro. Alexander Athans Chandler | <i>The Meadows Lodge</i>
Bro. Robert Stirton |
| <i>Golden Fleece Lodge</i>
Bro. Donald MacKay | <i>Mount Holyoke Lodge</i>
Bro. George Belales | <i>Rufus Putnam Lodge</i>
Bro. Sumner Eugene Taylor Jr | <i>Thomas Talbot Lodge</i>
Bro. Hector Edmund French |
| <i>Good Samaritan Lodge</i>
Bro. Edward Rice Willett | <i>Mount Hope Lodge</i>
Bro. Charles Wolfe Stampfer | <i>Rural Lodge</i>
Bro. Bicknell Hall III | Wor. Herbert Carleton Nickless |
| <i>King David Lodge</i>
Bro. Kenneth Grant Campbell | <i>Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge</i>
Bro. Walter Elmer Rees | <i>Saggahew Lodge</i>
Bro. Chester Harold Martin | <i>Union Lodge (D)</i>
Bro. Floyd Alvin Lamb |
| <i>King Philip Lodge</i>
Bro. James Henry Wray | <i>Mystic Valley Lodge</i>
Bro. Henry Blandy Moore | <i>Saint John's (B) Lodge</i>
Bro. John Clifford French | <i>Weymouth United Masonic Lodge</i>
Bro. William Carrol Edmonds |
| <i>Major General Henry Knox Lodge</i>
Bro. Howard C Bender | <i>Norfolk Union Lodge</i>
Bro. Charles George | <i>Saint Paul Lodge</i>
Bro. Charles Edward Malin | Bro. William Damon Tuggle |
| | | Bro. Allyn St. Clair Richardson | |

65-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

Brethren Raised in 1950

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| <i>Amicable Lodge</i>
Bro. Paul Clifford Snelgrove | <i>Aurora Lodge</i>
Bro. Frank Dahlgren Wiswell | Bro. Edward A Ghareeb | Bro. Samuel Zouranjian |
| <i>Amity-Mosaic Lodge</i>
Bro. Bryant Reed Page | <i>Azure Lodge</i>
Wor. Donald James Brennan | Bro. Gordon Irving Hammond | <i>Charles A Welch Lodge</i>
Bro. James Douglas Lent Jr |
| Bro. Roscoe James Quinlan | <i>Bethesda (W) Lodge</i>
Bro. Joseph Charles Kurker | <i>Budleigh Lodge</i>
Rt. Wor. Willis Foster Quimby Jr | Bro. Allen Herbert Nelson |
| <i>Ancient York Lodge</i>
Bro. Haig Samuel Goodsoozian | <i>Boylston Lodge</i>
Bro. Howard Parker Rowell | Bro. Winston James Rose | Bro. Kenneth Thomas Tripp |
| <i>Ancon Lodge</i>
Bro. Charles Joseph Kamper | Bro. Richard Lindsey Seuss | Bro. James Francis Russell Jr | <i>Charles W Moore Lodge</i>
Bro. Allan Reinhold Lepp |
| Bro. William Calvin Wayne | <i>Brigham Lodge</i>
Bro. Erwin Seymour Bilsky | <i>Caleb Butler Lodge</i>
Bro. Robert Edward Lorenzen | Bro. Leonard Earl Wood |
| <i>Artisan Lodge</i>
Bro. George Edward Priest | Bro. George Leslie Cobleigh Jr | Bro. Frank William Perina | <i>Chicopee Lodge</i>
Bro. Robert Alfred Madru |
| | | <i>Celestial Lodge</i>
Bro. Argimidhi Anastas Chako | <i>Cincinnati Lodge</i>
Bro. Donald Kittridge Moulthrop |
| | | Wor. Sidney Earle Shuman | |



Rt. Wor. Ara Manoogian with family left to right: W. John Pesa, Rt. Wor. Michael Kelly, Sister-in-law Avis Sundquist, Sister-in-law Alice Tavitian, Rt. Wor. Ara Manoogian, and Bro. Gary Tavitian.



Front row left to right: Rt. Wors. Peter Dorr, Michael Kelly, Ara Manoogian (celebrant), Richard Austin, and James N. Orgettas; back row: Rt. Wors.. James Hardy, Demetrios Sarantopoulos, Chandos Bailey, Richard Taylor, and Richard Duhaine.

At Puritan Lodge, Rt. Wor. Ara Manoogian had his 87th birthday and much more. He received his 50 year Past Master's and his 65 yr. veteran's awards. Rt. Wor. Bro. Manoogian remains very active and a joy in lodge and was accompanied by family members on this important night.

– *Wor. Christopher Dodge*

65-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES continued from previous page

Converse Lodge

Bro. Jack Lipinsky

Corner Stone Lodge

Bro. William Bradford Soule

Delta Lodge

Bro. Stanley Beck Carman
Wor. Kenneth Francis Johnson
Bro. Frank William Matheson
Bro. Roy Marvin Olsen
Bro. Merrill Mark Smith

Elm-Belcher Lodge

Bro. John Thomas Donohue
Bro. Wallis Clinton Droz

Evening Star Lodge

Bro. James David Cameron Jr

Fidelity Lodge

Bro. Arthur Eugene Flint
Bro. Richard William Harlow
Bro. Donald Reuben Scott

Franklin Lodge

Bro. William Louis Dubey

Gatun Lodge

Bro. Ernest Clinton Pruett
Bro. Gordon Harold Wilson

Golden Fleece Lodge

Bro. Harold William Stone

Golden Rule Lodge

Bro. Dorotheos John Cicalis
Bro. Richard Conant Dodge
Wor. Robert Evans Tyler

Good Samaritan Lodge

Bro. Francis Willis Hensley
Bro. Albert Edward Tonson
Bro. Arthur James Quale

Guiding Lights Lodge

Bro. Frank Leighton Harrington Jr

Bro. John Stephen Metcalf

Bro. Donald Fuller Stoddard

Harmony Lodge

Bro. Gordon Percy Fairbrother

Hope Lodge

Bro. Henry Francis Sillers

Howard Lodge

Bro. William Henry Harrison

Joel H Prouty Lodge

Bro. Ralph Altif

John Hancock Lodge

Bro. Mark Frank Douglas

John T Heard Lodge

Bro. Freeman Ingram Corkum
Bro. Edward Anderson Haraden
Bro. Peter William Nicholson

Jordan Lodge

Wor. Leonard William

Kupreance

Bro. William Kostas Tsapatsaris

King David Lodge

Wor. Parker Hall Carr Jr
Bro. Herbert William Church
Bro. Donald Franklin Dean
Bro. Robert Willard Romaine

King Philip Lodge

Bro. Wilmarth Leonard Pittsley Jr

King Solomon's Lodge

Bro. Richard Hastings Barry

Lafayette-Dover Lodge

Wor. Carlton John Sherman

Lafayette-Greylock Lodge

Bro. Allan Eugene McLain
Bro. Donald Robert Richardson

Lawrence United Lodge

Bro. Warren Andrew Graichen

Bro. Norman Leonard Samel

Bro. Walter Akeroyd Turton

Liberty Lodge

Bro. Frank Edward Flint
Bro. Robert Gardner Young

Manchester Lodge

Wor. Charles Woodbury Wallis

Marine Lodge

Bro. Charles Louis Hatzikon
Bro. Bernard Herbert Herman

Merrimack Lodge

Bro. Arthur Hale Veasey

Montgomery Lodge

Bro. Albert Barsamian
Bro. Jesse Earl Deacon

Morning Star Lodge

Bro. Calvin Edwin Crooks Jr
Bro. Edward Earl Fegreus
Bro. Edmund John Wahlstrom Jr

Moses Michael Hays Lodge

Bro. Albert Sumner Goldberg
Bro. Charles Joel Housman
Bro. Howard Hirsch Poorvu
Bro. Sherman Frank Shatz

Mount Carmel Lodge

Bro. Robert Gunner Anderson
Bro. Samuel George Donnell
Bro. Robert Leonard Harris
Bro. Sherman Kramer
Bro. Charles Fremont Mahar
Bro. Jerome David Ogan

Mount Hope Lodge

Bro. Saul Strachman

Mount Horeb (D) Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Matthew Eldridge
Bro. Thomas Elmer Kelley
Bro. Frederick Herbert Sargent
Bro. Richard Douglas Sylver
Bro. David Oliver White

Mount Horeb (W) Lodge

Bro. Henry Francis Adams

Mount Olivet Lodge

Bro. Panayiotis Takis Anastos

Mount Tabor Lodge

Bro. Melvin Aarons
Bro. Charles Edward Dyke
Bro. Robert Kergan Johnston
Bro. Herbert Harris Landy
Wor. George John Saideh Sr

Mount Tom Lodge

Bro. Milton Jacob Barowsky
Bro. Eugene Bruce Berman
Wor. William Calvin Johnson

Mystic Lodge

Bro. William Samuel Montgomery

Mystic Valley Lodge

Bro. Howard Carleton Smillie

Noquochoke Lodge

Bro. Stanley Bettencourt
Bro. Albert Calvin Bosworth
Bro. Antone Borges Gracia Jr

Norumbega Fraternity Lodge

Rt. Wor. John Elkins Eldert

Old Colony Lodge

Bro. Oscar Stelin Beck

Orient Lodge

Bro. Roger Theodore Eysie

Pacific Lodge

Bro. Donald Francis Fennessey

Paul Revere Lodge

Bro. James Alexander Petrie

Pentucket Lodge

Bro. Richard Emil Kirsch
Bro. Charles Robert Whittemore

Pequosette Lodge

Bro. Alexander Kananovich

Philanthropic Lodge

Bro. Frederick Elmer Dodge

Bro. Robert Allen Linden
 Bro. George Frederick Stocker
Pioneer Lodge
 Bro. Leonard Anthony Chace
Prospect Lodge
 Bro. George Owen Lewis
 Bro. Wesley James Rowe Jr
Puritan Lodge
 Rt. Wor. Ara Manoogian
Pythagorean Lodge
 Bro. Donald Carver Wood
Quinsigamond Lodge
 Wor. Alden Boyd
 Bro. Bruce Boyd Crawford
Rabboni Lodge
 Wor. Earle Francis Cook
Richard C Maclairin Lodge
 Bro. Armen John Esserian
 Wor. George Nicholas Fountas
Rose of Sharon Lodge
 Bro. Gerald Lloyd MacLean
Rural Lodge
 Bro. Robert William Whitehead

Sagahew Lodge
 Bro. Glenn Philip Kimball
Saint Alban's Lodge
 Bro. Frederick Edward Smallwood Jr
Saint George Lodge
 Bro. Frank Edward Foote Mosses
 Wor. Burton Linwood Tibbetts Jr
Saint James Lodge
 Bro. William Craig Baxter
Saint John's (B) Lodge
 Bro. Robert Payne Fox
Saint Martin's Lodge
 Bro. Robert Stuart Hardy
 Bro. George Richard Smith Jr
Saint Matthew's Lodge
 Bro. Archibald D Maclaren
 Bro. Harvey Burnham Tucker
Satuit Lodge
 Wor. John Richard Brown
Siloam Lodge
 Bro. Warren Glendon
MacConnell
 Bro. Charles Edward Marks

Simon W Robinson Lodge
 Bro. Walter Hamilton Lynch
Sinim Lodge
 Wor. Spencer Lee Alexander
The Consolidated Lodge
 Bro. Eliot Kenneth Cohen
 Bro. Robert Mason Fechter
 Bro. Morton Sumner Waldfogel
The Harvard Lodge
 Bro. Jonas LeMoyné Blank
The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge
 Bro. Edwin James McKay Jr
 Bro. Donald Dickinson Thrasher
Trinity Lodge
 Bro. Gilbert Frederick Lowe
 Bro. Elie Rivollier Jr
United Brethren Lodge
 Bro. Frank William Beckstein
 Bro. Henry Eason Coulson
 Wor. Norman Jesse Wheeler
Universal Lodge
 Bro. Irvin Roy Daubert

Waltham Triad Lodge
 Bro. Robert Jordan Condon
 Bro. John Wilder Coville
 Bro. John Robert Elander Jr
Warren Lodge
 Bro. William Livingston Hart
Wellesley Lodge
 Bro. Roland James Godfrey
 Bro. Frank Sturtevant Waterman III
West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge
 Wor. Elias Nicholas Ede
 Bro. Anthony Emmanuel Mamakas
 Bro. Donald Philip Morrison
Weymouth United Masonic Lodge
 Bro. Robert Darwin Greene
 Wor. John Ananias Latak
Wilder Lodge
 Bro. Walter Setzco
 Bro. Robert Lees Shaw
William Sutton Lodge
 Bro. Donald Walter Roberts
Wyoming Lodge
 Bro. David Henry Schmidt Jr

60-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES Brethren Raised in 1955

Abraham H Howland Jr Lodge
 Bro. Garlen Leroy Selmyhr
Alpha Lodge
 Bro. Frederick Henry Batey
 Bro. Carl Newland Hamilton Jr
Amicable Lodge
 Bro. Matthew Michael Giacoppo
 Bro. Carl John Hansen
 Bro. Graham Butler Knight
 Bro. Mark M Vinas
Amity-Mosaic Lodge
 Bro. Malcolm Frederick Gates
 Bro. Alden Church Goodnow Jr
 Bro. Arthur Norman Hatch
 Wor. Robert Grant Porter
 Bro. Albert Joseph Viel
Ancient York Lodge
 Bro. Ernest George Kisley
 Bro. Thomas Raymond Ruckledge Jr

Bro. Warren Stanley Rushton
Ancon Lodge
 Bro. William Howard Claffin
 Bro. Alexander Bernard Cushnie
 Bro. Davis Stevenson
Artisan Lodge
 Bro. Richard Andral Russell
Berkshire Lodge
 Bro. John Milton Mack
Beth-horon Lodge
 Wor. Lawrence William Gay
 Bro. David Michael Sheets
Bethesda (W) Lodge
 Bro. Warren Vagarshag Aylaian
 Wor. Richard French Humber
Blue Hill Lodge
 Bro. Bryce Blakely
Boylston Lodge
 Bro. Gilman Ashley Field



Wor. Lou Ciano, Master of Mount Olivet Lodge, Rt. Wor. Bogos W. Peligian, recipient of the 60 yr. veterans award, and Rt. Wor. Donald R. Watson, DDGM for the 2nd district.

Bro. Robert Lloyd Hager
Brigham Lodge
 Bro. Warren Lamson Crossman
 Wor. Harold Ellis
 Bro. Abraham Isaac Fisher
 Bro. Alan Brent Katze Sr
 Bro. Edward Levine
 Bro. James Garrett Magee
 Bro. Benjamin Meyers
 Bro. William Stetson Parmeter Jr
 Bro. Ian MacDonald Scott
 Bro. Forrest Newcomb Smead Jr
Budleigh Lodge
 Bro. Richard Warren Estes
 Bro. Charles William Mathison Jr
 Bro. Arthur Tufts Ober
Caleb Butler Lodge
 Bro. Bert Kaufmann Barton
 Bro. George Spencer Fletcher
Celestial Lodge
 Bro. Charles Singer Liftman
 Bro. Edward Hibbard Wheeler

Bro. Roy Alden Winchenbaugh Jr
Charity Lodge
 Bro. Kenneth Lloyd Carr
 Bro. Steve Skelton Dudley
 Bro. John Joseph Lenkauskas
 Wor. Stefano Mark Riggio Jr
Charles A Welch Lodge
 Bro. Kenneth Mark Simpson
 Bro. Robert Perry Smith
Charles C Dame Lodge
 Bro. Albert Verner Seavey
Charles River Lodge
 Bro. Michael Laura
 Bro. Sam Aaron Margolis
Charles W Moore Lodge
 Bro. Edward Harry Burke
Chicopee Lodge
 Bro. Leon Abe Levi
 Bro. Emmett Andrew Tucker
Cochichewick Lodge
 Bro. John Clement Bonney



Wor. Paul Starratt, Master of Tahattawan, Wor. Clarence Blair (recipient), Wor. Douglas Dodge, Rt. Wor. Donald Stevens presented Wor. Bro. Blair with his 60 yr. medal.



Rt. Wor. Donald Stevens, recipient of the the 60 yr. veterans award, Wor. Clark Paige, and Rt. Wor. Richard Van Doren.

Columbian Lodge

Bro. Charles Hall Steeger
Rt. Wor. Charles Loring Young

Converse Lodge

Bro. Carl Norman Grifkin
Bro. Lester S Mover

Corner Stone Lodge

Bro. George Jeffrey Bailey

Crescent-Pittsfield Lodge

Bro. Raymond Taylor Eastwood
Bro. Henry Tulgan

Day Spring Lodge

Wor. Henry Childs Wheaton

Delta Lodge

Bro. James Robert Bassett
Wor. Harry Thompson Byorkman
Bro. Manuel Donabedian
Bro. David Francis Jenkins
Bro. Leo Fred Kunan
Bro. Boyd Woodruff Martin

DeWitt Clinton Lodge

Bro. Donald Henry Angus
Wor. Herbert Winslow Ellis
Bro. Donald Laverne Smith

Eastern Star Lodge

Bro. Everett Otis Dyer
Wor. William Underwood MacBrayne

Eden Lodge

Bro. Gordon Farnum Bird

Elm-Belcher Lodge

Bro. David Jackson Avery
Bro. James Alexander Dunlop
Wor. Ronald Edward Lohnes
Bro. David Mathew Sherman
Wor. Sheldon Moore Titcomb
Bro. James Edward Williams

Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge

Bro. Kavark Bournazian
Bro. Richard John Robert Cembalistry
Bro. David Charles Grant Jr
Bro. Bernhard Adolf Kainer
Bro. Morton Harold Katz
Bro. Burton Daniel Mason
Bro. Harold Eugene Mercer
Bro. Lawrence Neale Metz
Wor. Frederick John Remp
Bro. Allen Irving Rubin

Essex Lodge

Bro. Harry Ellsworth Cobb
Bro. Philip Litman
Bro. Richard Saunders Martin

Ezekiel Bates Lodge

Bro. William Russell Armstrong Jr

Fidelity Lodge

Bro. William Henry Copeland
Bro. Douglas Fremont Wentworth

Frank W Thompson Lodge

Bro. Baxter T Duncan

Bro. Albert Uhl Rivet

Franklin Lodge

Bro. Lewis William Bennett
Wor. Paul John Ustin

Fraternal Lodge

Bro. Burton Kaplan

Friendship Lodge

Bro. Donald Bartlett Churchill
Bro. Richard Leslie Fudge

Garden City Lodge

Bro. Stanley Irwin Berger
Bro. Melvin Gitner
Bro. Mitchell George Selig

George H Taber Lodge

Bro. Walter Joseph Garrow

Globe Unity Lodge

Bro. Claude Arthur Woodward

Golden Fleece Lodge

Bro. Robert Earl Hinds
Bro. Martin John Jirtian
Bro. Richard Herbert Jones

Golden Rule Lodge

Bro. Evan Holder Bigelow
Bro. Winston Homer Thomas

Good Samaritan Lodge

Bro. Russell Eugene Carter
Bro. B. Gordon Little

Guiding Lights Lodge

Bro. George Thomas Alexander
Bro. Ralph Edward Dwyer
Bro. Albin Eric Fant

Hayden Lodge

Bro. James Arthur Jordan
Bro. Gene Orrin Walker

Howard Lodge

Bro. Gordon Crawford Garfield
Bro. Joseph Sherwood Hickernell
Bro. Lloyd Mansfield Sherwood

Joel H Prouty Lodge

Bro. Robert Criswell Farmer
Bro. George Richard Kay
Bro. George William Lutka

Bro. William Ellsworth Wallace

John Cutler Lodge

Bro. Richard Gardner Burns
Bro. Stuart Tuthill Hall
Bro. Richard Alan Johnson

John Hancock Lodge

Bro. Arthur Austin Bailey
Bro. Neal Elwin Dobson
Bro. James Tamer Fary
Bro. Frederick Charles Houghton

John T Heard Lodge

Bro. Gelean Massie Campbell
Wor. Clifton Peabody Elliott

John Warren Lodge

Bro. Roy Douglas Stratton

Jordan Lodge

Bro. John Efstratios Aradas
Bro. George Feinstein
Bro. Charles John Gargas
Bro. Michael Gargas
Bro. Stephen Gargas
Bro. Steven Peter Themes

Joseph Webb Lodge

Bro. Christ Peter Anton

King David Lodge

Wor. John Lincoln Bell
Bro. William Lester Holt
Bro. Donald Arthur Littlefield
Bro. Stephen Carson Miles

King Philip Lodge

Bro. William Frederick Jackson

King Solomon's Lodge

Wor. Murl Alexander Daniels Sr

Lafayette-Dover Lodge

Wor. Strates Frangules
Bro. George Fowler Whiting Sr

Lafayette-Greylock Lodge

Bro. James Connell Nicol

Lawrence United Lodge

Bro. Michael Bardwell Jr
Bro. Russell James Bohne
Wor. James Harrison Brown



Working Tools

The saying “Those who don’t learn from history are doomed to repeat it” is usually intended as a warning against duplicating past mistakes. For the Masters of Weymouth United Masonic Lodge and Delta Lodge, repeating history is something to achieve, not avoid. These two lodges know their histories, and when a lodge in their district was placed into hardship, they knew what they had to do.

When Orphan’s Hope Lodge, the charter lodge of what is now Weymouth United, found themselves without a home after their masonic building was lost to fire in 1912, they traveled to lodge buildings all around their district, finding themselves welcomed by their brethren, and gifted with the

The working tools, given to Manet Lodge a century ago, are returned to Rural Lodge.

Bro. George William Driben
 Bro. Richard Allan Kapelson
Level Lodge
 Bro. Howard Leonard Fish
 Bro. Lester Sadowsky
Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge
 Bro. Paul Perkins
Manchester Lodge
 Wor. Lloyd Eugene Wilson
Marine Lodge
 Bro. Roy Vincent Fagerberg
 Bro. Nicholas Theodore Karalekas
Matthew John Whittall Lodge
 Bro. Robert Kenneth Anderson
 Bro. Robert Nordgren
 Bro. Calvin Emerson White
May Flower Lodge
 Bro. Jethro O Ashley Jr
Meridian Lodge
 Bro. Paul Charles Conway
 Bro. Frank Wilson Ockerby
Merrimack Lodge
 Bro. Arnold Jackson Blethen
 Bro. Glendon Victor Carlson
 Bro. Sydney Brown Culliford
 Bro. Alfred Ernest Thomson
Middlesex Lodge
 Bro. Clifton Hjalmar Forsberg
 Bro. Edward Marshall McLean
Morning Star Lodge
 Bro. Kenneth David Nystrom
 Wor. Ralph Eugene Whiting
Moses Michael Hays Lodge
 Bro. Jack Borteck
 Bro. Saul Jay Brightman
 Bro. David William Gladstone
 Bro. Harvey Morton Gladstone
 Bro. Donald Goodman
 Bro. Jerrold Stanley Grant
 Bro. Herbert Sidney Hoffman
 Bro. Aaron Harvey Knopping
 Bro. Robert Oscar Minsky

Bro. Theodore Sidney Samet
 Bro. Paul Ronald Sugarman
 Bro. Jacob Samuel Yellowitz
 Bro. Maurice Zabarsky
 Bro. Murray Seymour Zuk
Mount Carmel Lodge
 Bro. Jack C Baker
 Rt. Wor. Warren Roy Davis
 Bro. Marvin Arthur Meyers
 Bro. Joseph Richard Standel
 Bro. Christie John Vlahakis
Mount Hollis Lodge
 Bro. Dexter Carl Laumeister
 Bro. William Leslie Phipps
Mount Horeb (D) Lodge
 Bro. George Viscarola
Mount Horeb (W) Lodge
 Bro. Raymond Adelmars Giles Jr
Mount Moriah Lodge
 Bro. Robert Laird Rea
 Bro. Henry Marcel Schmidt
 Bro. Henry Thomas Warchol
Mount Tabor Lodge
 Bro. Jack Leonard Cook
 Bro. Sidney Fruman
 Bro. Aaron Harrison Gross
 Bro. Max Halpern
Mount Tom Lodge
 Bro. Morton Ellis Hertzmark
 Bro. Saul Ulano
Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge
 Bro. Leslie Elmer Malone
 Bro. James Walters
Mount Zion Lodge
 Bro. Carroll Hiscox Arnold
Mystic Lodge
 Bro. Sidney Cohen
Mystic Valley Lodge
 Bro. Leo Boghosian
 Bro. John Lawrence Gardner
 Bro. Richard Theodore Martin



Rt. Wor. Kevin Willis presents Bro. Charles Robert Churchill with his 60 yr. award with his family in attendance.

Noquochoke Lodge
 Bro. Russell Thomas Hart
Norfolk Lodge
 Bro. William N Gottsman Jr
 Wor. Henry Melville Heald Jr
 Wor. Kenneth Monroe Morrison
North Quabbin Lodge
 Bro. Warren Adelbert Adams
 Bro. Richard Milton Kennedy
Norumbega Fraternity Lodge
 Wor. Russell Way
Occidental Lodge
 Bro. David Walters Hilton
Old Colony Lodge
 Wor. Charles Edwin Black
 Bro. William Edwin Malcolm
 Bro. Theodore Clark Perkins
 Bro. Paul Carlton Ross
Olive Branch Lodge
 Bro. Allyn Carl Goldstein
 Bro. Kenneth Marcell Haig
Orient Lodge
 Bro. Lyle Albert Dixon
 Rt. Wor. James Mair McBride
Oxford Lodge
 Bro. Yarno Nesta
Palestine Lodge
 Bro. Alan William Potter
Paul Revere Lodge
 Rt. Wor. Thomas Joseph O'Brien
 Bro. Robert Price
Pentucket Lodge
 Bro. Donald Herbert Gardner
Pequossette Lodge
 Bro. Donald Edmund Burke
 Bro. Herbert Alonzo Perkins
Philanthropic Lodge
 Bro. William Chesley Forsyth
 Bro. Charles Alan Harvey
 Bro. Philip Alan Tremblay
Phoenix Lodge
 Rt. Wor. Richard Francis Faust
Plymouth Lodge
 Bro. Fred Hazen Cawley
 Bro. Norman Mackinnon MacLeod

use of regalia, implements and anything else they needed to conduct their business. They eventually rebuilt in Weymouth, and that building continues to be the home of the successor to Orphan's Hope, Weymouth United Masonic Lodge.

Delta Lodge's historical lesson comes not from tragedy, but from new beginnings. While Delta Lodge is known as a Braintree based lodge, part of it's history is rooted in Quincy with Rural Lodge. Manet Lodge, one of the constituents of what is now Delta, formed in 1921 in Quincy. This new lodge was unanimously supported by Rural Lodge, and the WM for Manet, while under dispensation, was selected from Rural's Past Masters, with its officer line including other Rural PMs. Rural Lodge was instrumental in Manet's formation, and the history of that lodge is not forgotten by its inheritors in Delta.

When Rural Lodge recently found itself without a home after the Quincy Masonic Building fire, both Weymouth

United and Delta stepped up to remember history, and assist a lodge in need. Weymouth United invited Rural into their building, and offered their regalia, implements, and amenities for any and all business that Rural Lodge needed to conduct. Rural continues to meet in Weymouth while plans for a more permanent home are refined. Delta Lodge has also been busy, searching their archives and finding the Working Tools that a Rural Lodge Past Master used nearly a century ago in the then new Manet Lodge. Those implements will now be given to Rural Lodge, and once again wielded by a Rural Lodge Worshipful Master, to replace those that were lost to the fire.

History is often kept to remind us of our follies and errors, so that others will succeed where we once failed. But sometimes history offers us stories of brotherly love, relief and truth, stories that remind us of what it means to be a Mason, and encourages a particular mindset, to be repeated often and well.

– Wor. Patrick DeVal

NEWS FROM OVERLOOK

The Overlook was a salvation for me

After his beloved wife died in 2006, "I spent a lot of time looking at the four walls," he recalls. And he knew the time had come to move into The Overlook. Ironically, he had put down a deposit at The Overlook years earlier, when "I couldn't handle my wife's illness anymore." But she rallied and they put it off.

With the passage of time after her death, Hank found himself in a place where he sought companionship. He also wanted interesting things to do. And he needed to be in a place where he could "go 100 miles an hour, all the time." He found it all at The Overlook.

"The Overlook was a salvation for

me. It kept me from losing it. It kept me stable," he says. It also introduced him to neighbors that quickly became friends. "The people are great here. The ladies all dress up beautifully. It's nice that people still want to be respected and look good, even though you're 85 years old."

Overall, he says, "The Overlook is a community that is unmatched by any other that I know of. It is the complete package. It's got anything and everything you want to do or get involved with."

For Hank, that's regular card games (Bridge and Cribbage) in the Solarium. It's also frequent visits to The Overlook's gym, where he takes advantage of the treadmill, stationary bike and free weights. And it's treating long-time friends to the gourmet meals served at Acacia.

Hank also plays golf twice a week at nearby Heritage and is involved in fundraising for the YMCA in Greater



Henry "Hank" Rand

Worcester. As a 33rd Degree, 4th Generation Mason, he also serves on the Board of Governors for the Learning Center through the Masonic Temple, providing one-on-one assistance for children with dyslexia. "As long as I make somebody else happy," he says, "I'm happy."

Later, as he relishes the spectacular sunrise he views every morning over the nearby mountains, that same sentiment comes up again. "I'm happy here," he says. ■

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Quittacus Lodge

Bro. Roger Clinton Morris

Republican Lodge

Bro. Roland Scott Emery III
Wor. Raymond Ronald Leonard
Bro. Reginald Eugene Tatro

Richard C Maclaurin Lodge

Bro. Gary Brooks
Bro. Edward Harwood
Wor. David Prescott Mason
Bro. Harold Andrew Stubing Jr

Rising Star Lodge

Bro. William Emmel Travis

Rufus Putnam Lodge

Bro. Everett Thomas Harrington
Bro. Harold Kenneth Haynes

Bro. Alwyn Eames Jensen

Rural Lodge

Bro. Donald Leon Bradford
Bro. Bernard Theodore DemBro. Jr

Saint George Lodge

Bro. Walter Edward Ward

Saint James Lodge

Bro. Carlton Mason Briggs Jr
Bro. George Read Cheyne
Bro. Earl Austin Mason

Saint John's (B) Lodge

Bro. Baxter Harold Bates
Bro. Thomas Henry Patten Jr

Saint Mark's Lodge

Wor. James Harold Pollard
Bro. Murl Jackman True

Saint Martin's Lodge

Bro. Philip Farrington Hall Jr

Saint Matthew's Lodge

Bro. Gordon Emil Clement
Bro. Malcolm George Johnston

Saint Paul Lodge

Bro. Glen Earl Wolfe

Satuut Lodge

Bro. Hill Gillis
Bro. Robert Edward Snow

Siloam Lodge

Bro. Harold Elmer Johnson
Bro. Donald Conrad Tibbetts
Bro. Ronald Macaulay Waddell

Simon W Robinson Lodge

Wor. Brenton Wentworth Canning
Bro. Richard Morse Johnson
Bro. Richard Melvin Nowell
Bro. Loran Emerson Wallace

Simonds Lodge

Wor. Clarence Wilbur Blair Jr

Social Harmony Lodge

Bro. Howard Leonard Ladd

Sojourners Lodge

Bro. Frank Nicholas Hofer Jr
Bro. John Clarence Stacey

Solomon's Temple Lodge

Bro. Joseph Albert Baer
Bro. Ralph Ernest Gilmore

Somerville Lodge

Bro. Jack Earl Buttermore

Star of Bethlehem Lodge

Bro. Charles Robert Churchill
Bro. George David Hubbard
Bro. Gerald Harry Richardson

Tahattawan Lodge

Bro. Norman Merriel Overlock
Bro. George Sagen Seddon

...life has a funny way of working out perfectly.

In May of 2014, Bob and Barb Howard's life changed dramatically. They just didn't know it at the time.

They had just attended The Overlook's Dine & Discover Event in Cape Cod and were invited to visit the community—a visit that wouldn't happen for seven months. But once they saw everything that The Overlook had to offer, things happened quickly. In less than three months they had put down a deposit, and shortly after they moved from The Cape—where they were deeply woven into the social and political fabric—into a community that, as Bob says, "fits us to a T."

Bob and Barb had known for a while that they would seek a senior living community. After caring for his older parents, Bob felt strongly that their three children should be spared the burden of caring for their parents.

Bob, a member of Howard Lodge on Cape Cod, and Barb were attracted to The Overlook's Masonic heritage. But there's so much more they've come to love about it. They're delighted by the active pace of life at The Overlook. They find their neighbors extremely friendly and love the feeling of security and describe management as "kind and understanding."

While they've only lived at The Overlook for a short time, they're already active in a wide range of programs organized by the community.

Like so many residents of the community, Bob and Barb bring a life of accomplishment and colorful stories. Barb is a former second grade teacher who was a Regent in the D.A.R., served as president of the Woman's Club in

Yarmouth and chaired the Beatification Committee in Simsbury, CT. Bob sold insurance throughout New England, served on the Board of Appeals in South Yarmouth and the Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission.

Just as their path to The Overlook wasn't typical, neither was their courtship. Barb met Bob when he was trying to sell insurance to another Barb (who was also a teacher) but met his future bride-to-be instead.

As Bob and Barb keep proving, life has a funny way of working out perfectly. ■



Bob & Barbara Howard

The Consolidated Lodge

Bro. Bernard George Berkman
Bro. Martin Samuel Berman
Bro. Herbert Carver
Bro. Morris David Finland
Bro. Fredric Irving Fischel
Bro. Richard Ira Freedman
Bro. Daniel Erwin Greenblatt
Bro. Lester Nathaniel Sagan
Bro. Irving Salloway
Bro. Milton Saul Schwartz
Bro. Arthur Robert Wagman

The Meadows Lodge

Bro. John S Donaldson Jr
Bro. William Edward Grohe Jr

The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge

Wor. Raynor Gray Adams
Bro. Maxwell Simeon Ball
Bro. Roger Edward Perkins
Bro. Raymond Reyes

Wor. Eugene Azor Roberts

Thomas Talbot Lodge

Bro. Frank Eugene Lowther
Bro. Jack Austin Perry

Union Lodge (N)

Bro. William Harold Briard
Bro. Quentin Stuart Holmes
Wor. Malcolm Francis Soverino
Bro. Robert Leonard Taylor

United Brethren Lodge

Bro. Richard Norton Curtis
Bro. Edward Frederick Hirsch Jr
Bro. Walter Arthur Turnbull

Vernon Lodge

Bro. Harry Leroy Brougham

Waltham Triad Lodge

Bro. Frederick James Carnes Jr
Bro. Herbert Irving Everett
Rt. Wor. Stephen Kaloyanides

Wamesit Lodge

Bro. Ralph Rutherford Bennett

Warren Lodge

Wor. Clifton J Toothaker Jr

Wellesley Lodge

Rt. Wor. Harold Richard Cornwell
Bro. Robert Stillman Davis

West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge

Bro. William Abraham Kurker
Wor. John Michael Shalhoub

Wilbraham Masonic Lodge

Bro. Robert Cotton Merrill Jr

William Parkman Lodge

Bro. Jay Maxwell Finn

William Sewall Gardner-

Kilwinning Lodge

Bro. Louis Nicholas Heliotis

Wyoming Lodge

Bro. Paul Peter Angelopoulos
Bro. Richard Rowland ■



Wor. Nicholas Alexandre Michaud and Rt. Wor. Lester Davis present a 60 yr. award to Bro. Charles "Bud" Harvey with his daughter, Carol Durocher, in attendance.

FRATERNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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Rt. Wor. Ernest A. Pearlstein to be Award 33° by Supreme Council NMJ



On September 4th it was announced that Rt. Wor. Brother Pearlstein is to be awarded the 33° in 2017 and bestowed

the title of Illustrious for Scottish Rite. Rt. Wor. Ernest A. Pearlstein has dedicated his Masonic career to the principles of Masonry for his brothers and the community. He has served as Master for 3 different lodges 5 times, District Deputy for the Second Masonic District, Junior Grand Warden 2004, Grand Lodge Service committee serving as Member, Director and currently Director Emeritus.

Notable works include: 36 years a Master Mason, Shrine Clown for Aleppo Shrine “Rollo the clown”,

International Shrine Clown President, Grand Lodge Representative – Ontario 2008 to present, Grand Lodge Representative – Saskatchewan 1987, eight years as Chairman for the Board of Governor’s for the Children’s Dyslexia Center – Boston North.

Each endeavor by Rt. Wor. Bro. Pearlstein benefited others, most especially those in need. For his hard work Rt. Wor. Bro. Pearlstein has been awarded: Henry Price Medal 2005, Joseph Warren Medal 1991, Scottish Rite masonic Service Award, Scottish Rite Masonic Service Award 2013, Scottish Rite Humanitarian Award 2011 and will be award the Legion of Merit Award by the International Order of DeMolay.

Our Brother has dedicated himself to the principles of Masonry and Masonry has honored him for his dedication. – *Wor. Robert Stanley*

Newly Created Scimitar Lodge Officers Installed

On September 9, 2015 at the Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh read the warrant granting dispensation and paving the way for a new lodge to be established in the 13th Masonic District. On that same evening in the building of the Aleppo Shrine located at 99 Fordham Road in Wilmington at 6:30pm sharp before a full lodge, M. Wor. Bro. Waugh gave his opening

M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh addresses a full house prior to the installation of the officers of the newly created Scimitar Lodge.



remarks, then read the warrant before the lodge and then turned the lodge over to Wor. Peter Simonds who presided as the Installing Master of the Officers of Scimitar Lodge.

The installed officers are as follows: Worshipful Master, Rt. Wor. Harlan L. Woods Jr.; Senior Warden, Rt. Wor. David J. Raymond (also Illustrious Potentate of the Aleppo Shrine, Wilmington); Junior Warden, Wor. Bruce H. Parker; Treasurer, Wor. Richard D. Turner; Secretary, Rt. Wor. John J. Maihos; Chaplain, Bro. Theodore Polonsky; Marshal, Rt. Wor. Ernest A. Pearlstein; Senior Deacon, Wor. Charles R. Austin; Junior Deacon, Bro. Steven Dalrymple; Senior Steward, Bro. David C Aker; Junior Steward, Bro. David F. Iannelli; Inside Sentinel, Bro. Frank J. Mason III; Electrician, Bro. Philip R. Kumph Sr.; Organist, Rt. Wor. Bogos Pelagian; Tyler, Bro. David L. Cross.

Also installed as Assistant Treasurer, Rt. Wor. Robert E. Havener and as Assistant Secretary, Wor. Eangelos Liapis.

After his installation, Rt. Wor. Harlan L. Woods Jr. conducted business and introduced some of the fifty-five charter members present. Secretary, Wor. Bro. Turner read the names of six brothers for affiliation and 4 candidates for membership. The business meeting and lodge was closed and everyone retired to dinner.

Scimitar Lodge was the idea of Rt. Wor. Harlan L. Woods Jr. upon hearing that 176 men interested in being Shriners were having trouble finding lodges in which to complete their degrees. This lodge, within the confines of the Shriners building located at 99 Fordham Rd., Wilmington, was created to easily supply those hopeful men who wish to be brothers and Shriners. – *Rt. Wor. Paul DeLuca*



Wor. Keith C. MacKinnon gives gifts to the officers at the historic first joint degree in the 2nd district.

Historical Joint Degree Conferred

On October 13th, 2015 the eight lodges of the Second Masonic District's conferred the Master Mason Degree for two Brothers of Amicable Lodge A.F. & A.M., Bros. Stephen Simpson and Harry Kortikere.

The lodges worked together for the completion of the degree under the direction of the ritualist for the work, Wor. Keith C. MacKinnon. The two Brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree by Wor. Brendan Curtis, Master of Amicable Lodge. This was the first time that a joint degree was conducted by the Second Masonic District. Additional degree and district work was talked about at the completion of the work.

– Wor. Keith C. MacKinnon



Rt. Wor. Don Stevens presented Bro. Nicholas Rochon with the first Rookie award earned by a member of the Tahattawan Lodge.

– Rt. Wor. Don Stevens



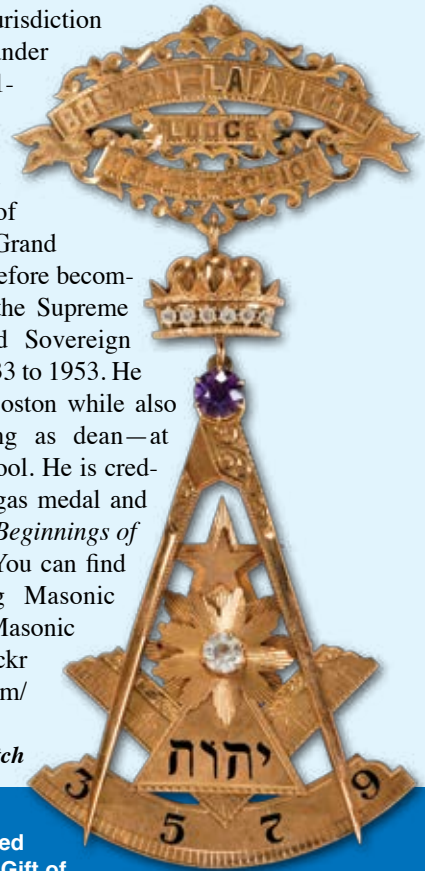
Masonic Brothers in Arms Celebrate Marine Corp Birthday

On November 13th, 2015, 9 Brothers assembled and celebrated the 240th birthday the United States Marine Corps. The Brothers assembled have distinguished themselves in service to our Country and remember their Brothers in Arms. Assembled were Rt. Wor. Robert T Johnston, M. Wor. Richard J. Stewart, Rt. Wors. Ernest A .Pearlstein, W. Brad Chase, Robert Doherty, John Knox, Wors. Arthur Dunham, J. Dinty Moore, Bros. Matthew Harding, Al Richards and also attending was Wor. Mac. Ward. Our esteemed Brothers have served in the U.S. Marine Corps from World War II at Iwo Jima to modern times.

– Rt. Wor. Ernest Pearlstein

Former Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin M. Johnson (1871-1957) received this Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection jewel in 1918. He was active in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts serving as Grand Master from 1913 to 1916 before becoming an Active Member of the Supreme Council and being elected Sovereign Grand Commander from 1933 to 1953. He worked as an attorney in Boston while also teaching—and later serving as dean—at Boston University Law School. He is credited with creating the Gourgas medal and writing the 1924 book, *The Beginnings of Freemasonry in America*. You can find this and other interesting Masonic images at The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library new Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/digitalsrmmml>.

– Linda Patch



Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection Jewel, Unidentified Maker, 1918, United States, Gift of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, USA, SC74.307.46. Photograph by David Bohl.



Above: Wor. Colin J. Turner on the left with Rt.Wor. Hugh Milne, Provincial Grand Master for the Province of West Munster making a Fraternal visit to Triune Lodge, number 333 in Limerick.

Right: The Ball Bridge Square dated 1507, one of the earliest signs of Freemasonry in Ireland. (Photo of Baals Bridge Square courtesy of Provincial Grand Lodge of North Munster.)

Irish Lodge Welcomes Yankee Brother

After a walk in the Irish rain to their Lodge building, located just across the road from Saint John's Castle (a real castle), I was greeted warmly by several brothers of TriuneLodge #333. Their building was recently renovated, and featured a new elevator, state of the art kitchen, and a gorgeous library stocked with historical photographs and articles. Among these was a replica of the Baal's Bridge which provides evidence that in 1507, speculative Masonry was flourishing in Ireland. It is one of the earliest Masonic items in the world, and replicas are on sale.



Their hospitality was generous and warm, and while there were differences in their ritual and customs, I felt at home from the first rap of the maul (a Masonic implement used in place of a gavel in all Irish lodges).

At the end of the evening, the Secretary signed and stamped my Masonic Passport, and invited me out for a Guinness after the meeting to further socialize. How could I pass up such an opportunity? It was a night with Brothers across the Pond that reminded me that Freemasonry is a Global Fraternity, and any regular lodge in the world is just a phone call - or an email - away.

– Wor. Colin J. Turner



Members of **Garden City Lodge** of Newtonville visited Logia America in Cambridge on April 27th. It was a great night of fellowship and fun. *Pictured:* Rt. Wor. Joseph Goldstein, Master of Garden City Lodge and DDGM 5th Dist.; Wor. Francisco Pinto, Master of Logia America; and Rt. Wor. Edgar de Leon, Secretary Logia America and PDDGM 2nd Dist.

– Rt. Wor. Joseph Goldstein



The 21st Masonic District on Cape Cod has a Masonic Charity: Masonic Military Assistance Project (MMAP) . They presented a \$2000 check at their 3rd annual check giving ceremony to the Grace Wellness Program.

From Left to right: Mr. William Burke, Grace Program of the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center, Major Greg Quilty, USMC retired, Executive Director, Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center, Ms. Nancy Gardner, Orleans/Chatham Branch Manager, Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank, Mr. Jeff Cobak, Store Manager, Stop & Shop Orleans, Ms. Brooke Mackay, Store Manager, Puritan Clothing of Cape Cod, Bro. Jim Pickering, Trustee, Masonic Military Assistance Project, Mr. Brad Ingraham, Store Manager, Mid-Cape Home Centers South Dennis. Rt. Wor. Chronis Kalivas, DDGM 21st Masonic District, with [not pictured] Ms. Betsy Rich, Marketing Director, Hyline Cruises who took the photograph. – Rt. Wor. Chronis Kalivas



A rendering of the building from the time it was built.

Newtonville Masonic Building on Historic Newton Tour

Newtonville, MA – On Sunday, May 17, 2015, the nearly 120-year-old Newtonville Masonic Building was the cornerstone of the 33rd Annual Historic Newton House Tour. Nearly 500 people participated in this year’s House tour with about 300 choosing to visit the Masonic Building built in 1896.

Over twenty Brothers volunteered and trained to be guides for the event, information sheets on most of the wall hangings, regalia, and other artifacts were written and posted, a

handout on the history and use of the building was distributed to all visitors, and refreshments and music were provided.

The tour showed everything from our beautiful Lodge Halls to the newly renovated dining hall that seats 250, Prelate’s Hall, the Ladies Parlor, and the amazing attic with cast iron beams supporting a spire and slate roof. The building is approved for a capacity of 1,100 people in all its spaces.

This was a tremendous day for Newton Masonry as almost all visitors were heard to exclaim, “Wow!” on entering every room. Visitors were impressed with the architecture and the construction of the building as well as the richness of the Newton Masonic history captured within the exhibits inside the building.

Visitors told of Masons in their family history and all came away with an even greater appreciation for Freemasonry. Many were surprised we opened the doors saying they always wondered what was inside this building but never imagined how beautiful it would be and that the Masons would be so friendly and forthcoming. Further, they said our building tour was the highlight of their tour of all the historic properties.

All Brethren and visitors attending this event agreed that this was one of the best Masonic Awareness events for the Masons of Newton in the past twenty years.

–Rt. Wor. Lawrence E. Bethune

Sixth District Team Work for Charity

In a demonstration of unprecedented team work, over 60 Brothers from the Sixth Masonic District came together on October 17 to hold a Masonic Donation Day and Open House. The goal of the day’s event, simultaneously held at the Norwood and Westwood Masonic buildings, was to collect donations from the public for local charities.

As a result of the donation day, the Sixth District was able to provide hundreds of items to local charities, including 300 stuffed animals and toys to Project Smile, Norwood Police and Fire, and Westwood Police and Fire; 300 canned goods to The Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood and The Westwood Food Pantry; 250 toiletry items to The New England Center for Homeless Veterans; and over 150 lined notebooks to the Grace Episcopal Church in Norwood for their drive to collect school supplies for the Abundant Grace School in Haiti.

Project Smile provides children’s items to police and fire departments to give to children involved in traumatic situations. The New England Center for Homeless Veterans is dedicated to ending homelessness for our nation’s veterans. The Norwood and Westwood food pantries provide essential provisions to those needing temporary assistance. The Abundant Grace School educates children devastated by recent natural disasters.

To entice the public to both buildings an extensive advertising campaign was conducted that included newspaper advertisements, press releases, business card and bulletin board announcements, cable TV and social media announcements, banners, and local access television appearances. The public was also invited to enjoy free hot dogs and water, DJ music, and a touch-a-truck event.

As an added bonus, the day’s event was featured in a WBZ/WSBK TV evening news story highlighting the donation effort and serving as a follow-up to a recent story they ran show-

ing a Massachusetts State Trooper presenting a teddy bear to a young child involved in a car crash on Cape Cod.

After the event, Rt. Wor. Glenn L. Kubick commented, “Every Brother that participated must have walked away inspired and energized at the possibilities of what we can do together. There was energy that one could feel at both locations.”

– Wor. Rich Ryder

YNOT the Shriner clown greets Mikey Murphy at the Sixth District’s Donation Day and Open House, which included a touch-a-truck event.



Rainbow Sunday at the Overlook

by Bro. David Peterson



The Overlook in Charlton Massachusetts was the location of the annual Rainbow Sunday services for seven Rainbow Assemblies on April 12th. Rainbow Girls from Framingham Assembly #47, Spencer Assembly #72, West Springfield Assembly #79, Gardner Assembly #83, Holden Assembly #85, Oxford Assembly #89, and Barre Assembly #114. The girls along with parents, friends, and adult advisors arrived at The Overlook, greeted the residents as they

came down for Sunday services. The girls then lined up and carried the flags into the Chapel and observed Sunday services with the residents at The Overlook. Rainbow Sunday is an event that celebrates the founding anniversary of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Following the service the residents enjoyed the coffee hour that was hosted by the Rainbow assemblies. Everyone enjoyed the social time and spending time together. A few former adult advisors and former members of Rainbow enjoyed visiting with the girls and learning about some of the things that the girls are now working on in Rainbow. We even found a former member of Rainbow that was 93 years old! She is agreed to be photographed with the girls (please see the picture).

Rainbow is a youth organization for girls between the ages of 11 and 21 where girls gain experience in leadership and character building through opportunities of public speaking and community service. The girls have fun and enjoy spending time together.

For more information about Rainbow or to find a Rainbow Assembly near you - please visit www.massiorg.net or www.gorainbow.org. ■

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every member that we have on our books costs the lodge money, and if they have not been paying their dues this means that the financial cost falls on the lodge itself. A cost that can easily reach close to \$85 per member per year.

Value – In today's society value and price go hand in hand. A \$100 suit is not worth the same as a \$700 one. We put a value on the price we pay for things and sadly our fraternity is no different. If we do not charge the right amount many new members will look at us as lowering our value and as such will lower the value of what we do and what we teach. I also know that people appreciate things

they worked hard to get and paying for something makes it more valuable than if you got it for free. Currently most of the Lodge dues are too low and as such we are under valuing our amazing institution.

Over all we need to have our income higher than our expenses so that we can save money for the future, as well as look at the value vs. price, when we decide what is the right amount. Starting and understanding the Lodge yearly expenses is the first step to determine the right level of dues. However, giving value and being able to keep the light on are our end goals. We all came to the Fraternity for many reasons and stayed for many others. The goal of making good people better will not happen without a strong foundation and the lodge dues are the first step. ■

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who cannot drive. Wireless lapel microphones and sound amplification should be used in lodge rooms with poor acoustics. It is vital that coming to lodge be an enjoyable experience that all brethren — both younger and older — want to repeat.

One evening when I was riding the commuter rail from Boston back to Reading, a female conductor noticed my Masonic ring and remarked that her husband was a Mason who no longer attended his

lodge because of a physical disability. I asked her if he would attend lodge if he could do it from home. Her answer was "definitely." That brief conversation got me thinking about whether we could implement virtual attendance for those brethren who have mobility issues or are traveling. I imagine that our IT-proficient members could put this program in place with appropriate safeguards. Perhaps unprecedented, but an idea to meet the needs of some brethren.

There is no time to waste in aggressively countering our continuing mem-

bership decline. If we delay, recovery will only take longer and be less likely to succeed fully. We can attack the problem from several different angles, including strategies not mentioned here. Some steps would have to be authorized by Grand Lodge; others could be promptly initiated by individual lodges and brethren. Above all, we need to make our relatives, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances aware of the qualities of Freemasonry that originally stimulated men of good character to come together for the common purposes of brotherly love, relief, and truth. ■



The charters for the Massachusetts Lodges in Chile.

The Massachusetts Lodges in Chile

It was characteristic of the Freemasonry as first implanted in Chile to be a form of socializing linked to merchants and professionals mostly coming from non Hispanic Europe and the United States.

The lodges were a fraternal refuge for foreigners of Protestant creeds. The laws of Chile were then dominated by the outlook of the population; that outlook was in turn influenced by the Catholic Church of the time. As a result, Protestants were not allowed to get married or be buried according to their own religious doctrine. Thus, a group of Frenchmen living in Valparaiso

requested a charter from the Grand Orient of France and founded a French speaking Lodge in 1850 and a Spanish speaking Lodge in 1853. Similarly a group of American and European Masons founded Pacific Lodge in 1853 and requested a charter from the Grand Lodge of California. The charter from California was delayed due to a shipwreck and a new charter was requested from Massachusetts to create a lodge named Bethesda; Pacific Lodge was closed and the charter for Bethesda was granted on December 14 1854, stating the lodge's precedence as August 27, 1853 and that it would continue the labors of Pacific Lodge.

An important event occurred in 1862, when Napoleon III appointed Marshal Magnan, who was not a Freemason, as Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France. At the time several lodges had been chartered by the Grand Orient in Chile and facing this fact they held a meeting to constitute the Grand Lodge of Chile, with headquarters in Valparaiso. This incensed the lodge that represented the authority of the Grand Orient, but the new authorities went ahead and sent a

circular letter announcing the parting from the Grand Orient of France and requesting recognition. The first one to answer—positively, it must be said—was the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in December of 1862, upon recommendation of Bethesda. This recognition created a fraternal bond between the Massachusetts and Chilean Masons that has lasted for over 150 years.

It cannot be ignored that by 1875 there were more foreign lodges in the Chile than Chilean ones, and the Gran Logia de Chile tolerated this quite fraternally. Most of them were English-speaking lodges (chartered by Massachusetts, England and Scotland).

Huelen Lodge was founded in Santiago under the auspices of Bethesda in 1876; the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts granted the charter on March 14, 1877, stating February 8, 1876 as the date of precedence. St. John's Lodge in Concepción was founded on April 9, 1884 by a group of English-speaking Masons from Paz y Concordia, a Chilean Lodge in the same city, and their charter was granted on March 11, 1885. — *Wor. Jorge Cifuentes*



Mount Holyoke Lodge was honored to have Rt. Wor. Philip Lambert DDGM of the 27th Masonic District present Rt. Wor. Mark Doane his Joseph Warren Medal. Rt. Wor. Bro. Doane has been a member of the Craft for many years. He has not only done great works in Blue Lodge but York Rite and Scottish Rite.

— *Rt. Wor. Paul Cataldo*



Brothers. Some are mentors, fund raisers, all are always willing to help.

— *Rt. Wor. Paul Cataldo*

At the Feast of St. John the Evangelist at the end of 1886, Brother Howland was called upon for remarks; he was reticent and self-effacing, but ultimately proud of his service to the Grand Lodge.

"I leave this office not as you may say with any sense of relief . . . I leave it with many regrets, for I leave in a great measure the opportunities for meeting face to face the Brethren in their Lodge homes, in their conventions for exemplification, and in this Temple as I meet you to-night. I appreciate the office, and shall always look back upon my service in it with pleasure. No office will probably ever be at my command that I shall ever appreciate more . . . I have given my very heart and soul to what I consider the interests of Masonry in this Commonwealth. In reflecting upon the

events which have occurred during my administration I cannot recall a single official act that I would change. . .

"I honestly feel, without egotism, that I have delivered to this honored Brother [M. W. Bro. Endicott], in your presence, a united Fraternity, worthy of him upon whom you have now bestowed your highest honor."

When the two hundred plus Brethren parted company that cold December night, they had every reason to expect that they would be drinking the health of this honored Brother for many years to come. But it was not to be: the state of his health, never strong, had been weakened by the great exertions of the office he had held; and on April 20, 1887, he passed into "the undiscovered country".

It was said of him that

"[his] brilliant social qualities, his good temper and general urbanity were conspicuous; but he . . . was endowed

with a faculty of very correct judgment. He was always willing to consult his friends on any doubtful or difficult question, such as often arises in the government of our Fraternity."

He had served his city as the chief of its Fire Department and as its Mayor before assuming the supreme office of Grand Master; and yet, as Brother Lawrence noted, the accolades of his brethren came as a surprise, for he was always modest in the estimation of his own ability.

He was a charitable man, a dedicated leader, and an example to all with whom he served.

In 1915 a lodge bearing his name was established in New Bedford; it received its charter in May 1916 from the hands of Most Wor. Melvin Maynard Johnson. This lodge has just celebrated its Centenary, and its monthly notice bears a likeness of this worthy brother. ■

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND INCORPORATE
THE MASONIC EDUCATION AND CHARITY TRUST.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows: —

SECTION 1: The Corporation known as the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, established by chapter seventy-three of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, shall have authority to institute a Board of Trustees, as hereinafter provided, to receive, hold, invest, reinvest and manage all gifts, devises and bequests made either to said Board or to the Grand Lodge upon trusts for educational or charitable purposes and relief connected with the families of deceased or living members of said Grand Lodge and its subordinate organizations, or for the relief of distressed Freemasons, their widows or orphans, of this or other States or countries, and also for the promotion of its library and collections relating to art, architecture and antiquities; and it may also accept and hold in trust such funds as the said Grand Lodge may, from time to time, give to it on specific trusts for any of the above-named charitable or educational uses; Provided, however, that the whole amount of funds and property so held shall not exceed one million dollars.

SECTION 2: When said Board of Trustees have been elected and shall have organized by electing a President, Treasurer, and Secretary, the Board shall report its organization to the Grand Lodge, and the Master thereof shall report the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, attested by the Grand Secretary, and thereupon said Board shall be a Corporation, by the name of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust, with the same powers and subject to the same restrictions and liabilities as provided by general laws relating to corporations for similar purposes, but shall have none of the powers described in sections eight, nine, and eleven of chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes.

SECTION 3: The said Grand Lodge shall elect eight Trustees, who

shall hold respectively, for terms of one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, and eight years from the first day of January in the current year, and thereafter shall elect one Trustee annually, to hold for eight years, and may fill any vacancy, that shall arise by death, resignation, or removal by the Board of any member for infirmity, neglect or other sufficient cause. A Trustee may hold over after his time expires till his successor has been elected and accepted. If, after four months from the expiration of the term, or the occasion of a vacancy, no election of a successor has been so made, the Board of Trustees may elect a Trustee, who shall be a member of the Grand Lodge aforesaid, to fill the unexpired term. The Grand Master for the time being shall be a member of the Board. Five of said Trustees shall not at the same, time hold the office of Trustee and any other elected or appointed office in the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 4: No loan shall be made of the Trust funds to any member of the Board, nor shall any member be surety for such loan. The Trustees shall annually report the condition and investment of all the funds entrusted to them to the said Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge, whose Directors shall cause the accounts of the said Board to be examined at least once a year, and oftener should they deem it necessary, and certify the result.

CERTIFICATION

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 2, 1884.

Passed to be enacted.

GEO. A. MARDEN, Speaker.

IN SENATE, May 8, 1884. Passed to be enacted.

GEO. A. BRUCE, President.

May 8, 1884, Approved. GEO. D. ROBINSON.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, June 11, 1884.

A true copy:

Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth.

[L.S.] ISAAC H. EDGETT,

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