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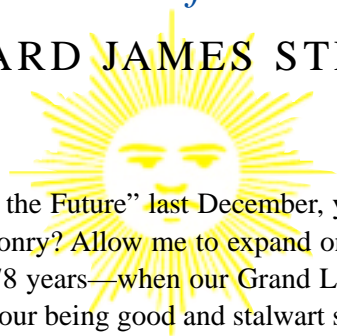


Mt. Sugar Loaf

The Adventures of Founding Brothers

50 Year Veterans in 2011

From the East of Grand Lodge
RICHARD JAMES STEWART



Brethren,

When I first spoke of “Back to the Future” last December, you may have wondered what this theme had to do with Masonry? Allow me to expand on what I had in mind. “Back” refers to looking back some 278 years—when our Grand Lodge received its charter. The phrase “to the future” refers to our being good and stalwart stewards of our heritage as we lead the fraternity forward.

How will we accomplish this? I foresee success by means of thorough training of our lodge officers and thorough education of all our new brethren in the valued tenets and precepts of our great fraternity. Training programs, such as The Masters Path, the newly reintroduced Wardens Workshop, and new Leadership Seminars will be essential; we will continue training for our lodge secretaries; we will have enhanced training in new IRS rules for all of our lodge treasurers; lodge officers will now receive more informative instruction at monthly lodges of instruction.

We are reprinting the original *Introduction to Freemasonry*, by Carl H. Claudy. The appropriate book from this three-volume series will be presented to candidates as they complete each degree. These same Claudy books will be the instruction manual at every lodge of instruction and will allow us to standardize candidate instruction. If our new brethren receive proper instruction on Freemasonry from the start, they will be better prepared to become line officers in their lodges.

I often do a little exercise while visiting lodges and training programs. I ask brethren who have been Masons for less than six years to stand. Nearly every time, 25 to 50 percent of the attendees rise. The results of this exercise have reinforced in my mind the need to go “Back to the Future”—to ensure our new brethren receive the necessary training and education to continue to be the fraternity we have been for the last 278 years.

Traveling throughout our jurisdiction, I not only see, but also feel a renewed enthusiasm and excitement about all the hard work that our committees are doing to make Masonry in Massachusetts the best it can be. It is so rewarding to see so many of our brethren start to feel the greatness within themselves because of the moral teachings our fraternity instills in each of us.

Again, I know I am asking much of you—to continue on our journey “Back to the Future.”

May God bless each and every one of you and this great fraternity we all love so dearly.

Cordially and fraternally,

Richard James Stewart
Grand Master

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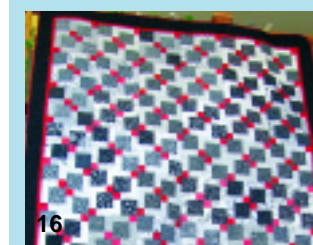
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Summer of 2011—At Last

The summer issue of TROWEL is where we recognize our annual Veteran's Medal recipients. We have a huge group of 600 men to list this year. Take a few minutes to find your friends and brothers who are 50-year veterans in 2011.

The feature story in this issue, "Charter Members—The Adventures of Founding Brothers" is an entertaining and informative account of the process of forming a new lodge. Bro. Rick Pastore has done an excellent job bringing this hot topic to our attention.



Wor. Charles McKay Freeman passed away in March of this year. Charlie, as he was known to his friends, was the very first art director for TROWEL and served in that capacity for seventeen years. In the good old days before the advent of computer graphics, art design was a real challenge and Charlie was a gifted artist. He was responsible for the complete design and layout of every page in every TROWEL, but his own art did not appear on a cover until Fall, 1992. Below is the artwork from that cover, featuring the type of wildlife scene that was his personal passion. It is my personal favorite among the many covers containing Charlie's work.

Charles M. Freeman's name will appear one last time on the TROWEL masthead (at left). Although Charlie is no longer with us, a little bit of him will live on in TROWEL. The TROWEL logo that appears on every issue of the magazine was hand lettered by Charlie Freeman and it will be staying on as his legacy to us.

I hope to see you at the Grand Master's Fair on June 12. I wish you all a pleasant, restful, and almost meeting-free summer!
Fraternally, *John Doherty*

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Massachusetts Lodge of Research Update

Grand Master Pageau issued a warrant for The Massachusetts Lodge of Research (MLoR) on December 1, 2009. Under its first master, Rt. Wor. George Bibilos, one of the original founding brothers, it held its first communication on January 19, 2010 in North Reading. Originally warranted with 70 members, it is the first known lodge of research in the 278-year history of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The MLoR is a traveling lodge; it has no permanent home and meets four times a year in venues wherever a Blue lodge offers to play host. In spite of the challenges this presents for the officers, the MLoR has traveled to North Reading, Ayer, Salem, Hingham, and Framingham during this first year.

At the September communication in Salem, the MLoR installed its second master, Wor. John P. Soderblom, also an original founding brother. At that communication the MLoR was privileged to welcome United Grand Lodge of England's Prestonian Lecturer, Wor. Trevor Stewart, who spoke on the topic of masonic research.



Outgoing master, Rt. Wor. George J. Bibilos, guest speaker, Wor. Trevor Stewart and incoming master, Wor. John P. Soderblom at the Sept. Communication of the Massachusetts Lodge of Research.

In a little over a year the MLoR has traveled around the state and grown to over 100 members. It published the transactions and research of its first year and hosted a number of interesting and stimulating papers that have advanced the members' knowledge of the Craft. In addition, a new committee has been created to support Blue lodges in their effort to protect and catalog books, documents, and artifacts in their possession.

Wyoming Lodge Recovers Jewel Lost for 100 Years



In 1906 the secretary of Wyoming Lodge, Bro. George C. Stantial was presented with a specially struck solid gold secretary's jewel on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the lodge. As the years passed, the jewel was lost and forgotten—until recently.

Worshipful Master Richard E. Pitts received a letter from Bro. Stantial's great-grandson, Bro. Roger H. Damon, Jr. of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Bro. Damon wrote that he was going through the effects of his late aunt, Ms. Amy S. (Damon) Stapleton, when he came across several Masonic jewels, one of which was the secretary's jewel presented to Bro. Stantial in 1906. It was the request of his aunt that the Masonic jewels be returned to the organizations they represent.

Wor. Bro. Pitts was stunned when he received the letter because he was unaware that the jewel even existed and, even more surprising, that Ms. Damon was his English teacher at Melrose High School where he graduated in 1952. The jewel will be included with the secretary's regalia at meetings and other appropriate functions.
— *Wor. Roger W. Waugh*

There is still work to be done. The MLoR is always looking for fresh research, and it encourages young Masonic writers to contribute their work. The MLoR also encourages Blue lodges to serve as host, and we will travel to any lodge that wishes to host us. Of course, members are our life's blood: any master Mason in good standing may join the MLoR: from Massachusetts, regular membership is available, from outside Massachusetts, associate membership is available. Both levels are entitled to copies of all research, but only regular members can vote.

For an application or more information go to www.masslodgeofresearch.org. One year later we are growing strong and here to serve you.

— *Wor. John Soderblom*

Masonic Career Fair



As part of a Masonic Leadership Institute project, Team Guiding Principle hosted a Masonic career fair at the Museum of National Heritage in Lexington. This career fair did not offer jobs to the 80 participants, but hosted 6 dynamic speakers who talked about the opportunities to participate within their own lodge.

The primary focus was to provide those newly raised Masons with an understanding of the possibilities to participate in their lodge. It was Team Guiding Principle's intent to help engage those newly admitted brethren—as engagement is possibly the first step to retention. This program included experienced and powerful speakers including Rt. Wor. Ken Sprague, Rt. Wor. Steve Cohn, Wor. Dana Wildes,
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Charter Members

The Adventures of Founding Brothers Who Create New or Reconstituted Lodges

by Bro. Richard Pastore

Most Masons appreciate the venerable history and traditions of our lodges. But few realize that new history is being made and fresh traditions inaugurated at new and reconstituted lodges across the Commonwealth. And no one, who has not been part of the birth or rebirth of a lodge, fully appreciates the trials and triumphs that passionate founding brothers embrace to make these dreams come true.

Handicapped by lack of funds, they strive to recruit a nucleus of like-minded brothers, petition Grand Lodge for dispensation, seek a proper home, pick an available meeting day, compose and submit bylaws for approval, hunt down regalia, and form an officer line. And that's only the beginning. They must persevere through a year of meetings—documenting every action for Grand Lodge—in the quest for constitution and a new charter.

"It's work; you can't just sit on the sidelines and watch. People need to be willing to get involved to make it happen," says Most Worshipful Roger Pageau, who saw four lodges open during his term and who worked on his own new lodge project—the 1993 reconstitution of Rose of Sharon Lodge in Charlton. Although the Grand Master and grand secretary can provide moral support and procedural guidance, it's the brothers' burden to bear.

Starting Anew

While it's certainly hard work and sometimes frustrating to open a new lodge, the difficulties only heighten the sense of accomplishment in creating something from virtually nothing. "The young guys want to be part of a beginning," says Wor. Frank J. Kautz II, master of Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodge in Medford, which was reconstituted in November 2010.

The passion to start something is palpable in the

young brothers who are exploring reconstitution of Boston University Lodge. "When you attend an established lodge, there is a legacy of how things are done and a line that's drawn for you. While there is a legacy for the former BU Lodge, it is up to us to build that legacy again," says Bro. Yotam Mendlinger, senior steward at Charity Lodge in Cambridge.

"In other lodges, you have a template, and you are filling in the blanks. Here, we'd be building the template," adds Bro. James J. Howard III, secretary of Columbian Lodge in Boston, who is spearheading the effort to locate past members and rally new brothers to bring back BU Lodge, which surrendered its charter in 1999.

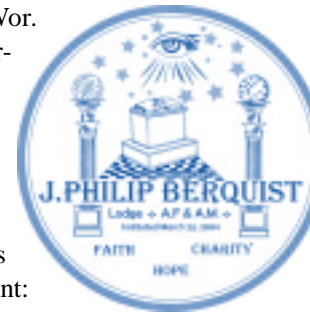
"We have the chance to do new things that the old lodges, because of their bylaws and history, would find difficult or impossible to do," says The Independence Lodge's first master, Luiz Carlos Rodrigues dos Santos. For example, the Malden-based lodge, which was constituted in September, 2010, operates partly in Portuguese. The opening and closing rituals of all three degrees have been translated and are performed in Portuguese during regular communications, and in English during special meetings and when Grand Lodge officers visit.

While BU Lodge is still a glimmer in the eye, and The Independence Lodge is a sophomore, the new template of J. Philip Berquist Lodge, which deliberately limits the number of members after the fashion of European lodges, is now entering its seventh year. Berquist has successfully weathered the early hazards that threaten new lodges—scarcity of funds, potential lack of commitment, and stagnation in the membership or officer line. The lodge enjoys a current operating budget of \$7,600 and a net worth of nearly \$19,000. "We've reached the point where the lodge



is self-sustaining," says Wor. Thomas M. McClintock, charter and current treasurer.

Membership in Berquist has grown steadily to 36, and the lodge recently decided to raise its cap from 36 to 45. The officer line has also reached a turning point: Last June, its charter senior deacon, Bro. Wayne A. Burkholder, became the first non-past master to assume the East, taking the pressure off the charter past masters. "We've done our job educating the new Masons, and they will continue that tradition," says Rt. Wor. Eugene B. Nichols, charter master and current secretary. Careful planning of the officer line, which includes experienced leadership at the outset and the eventual succession of those who share the founding vision, is a key strategy to ensure perpetuation of new lodges.



A Unique Reason for Being

Differentiation is essential for a successful start-up; it's what inspires commitment from founding brothers, attracts affiliates and applicants, and wins the backing of Grand Lodge. "You must have a specific purpose and stick to it," says Rt. Wor. Jay A. Jolicoeur, charter master of The Scouters Lodge in Holden, which is dedicated to supporting Scouting and is open only to Eagle Scouts. "If you are just one among many, you will not be successful," he contends. "If you do something that distinguishes your lodge from others, you will succeed."

Scouters, which hopes to turn in its dispensation warrant this June and receive its charter, brings the essence of

Above: Massachusetts Masonic Eagle Scout Association logo used by Scouters Lodge.

Below: Officers of Scouters Lodge (UD): Senior Warden Bro. Adam J. Jolicoeur, Secretary R.W. Geoffrey Kromer, Wor. Master R.W. Jay A. Jolicoeur, R.W. Michael B. Dodge, Jr. Steward Bro. John A. Knox.



Scouting into Freemasonry. Members wear Scout uniforms and neckerchiefs, recite the Scout Oath and Law, and listen to the Scoutmaster's Minute. They will perform degree work for Eagle Scout Masons from across Massachusetts.

The Independence Lodge has the unique purpose of better educating Brazilian Americans in U.S. Freemasonry and building ties to Masonry in Brazil, Portugal, and Brazilian American lodges in New York and other states. Sixty percent of its 45 members were born in Brazil.

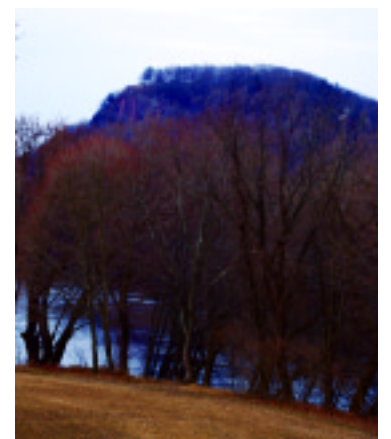
Wor. Bro. Santos says it is still a challenge to instill the full measure of the lodge's purpose in all members and make it clear that the lodge is not just a club. "We do this little by little by setting a precedent in the hearts of our new people," he says. Indeed, it can take six to ten years for a lodge to develop its own personality, he notes, which will happen when Masons raised in the lodge assume senior officer positions.

Samuel Crocker Lawrence's purpose is more traditional—geography and community. "I would have had a tough sell convincing Grand Lodge of the need to start a new lodge in a town like Framingham, where there are already three lodges," says Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Sprague Jr., who led the reconstitution effort. But there was no longer a lodge in Medford (a family-oriented city of roughly 56,000) where many Masons are based. "We can be a vibrant community lodge here if we choose to be," he says.

Named for the Masonic benefactor, Grand Master, and first mayor of Medford, Samuel Crocker Lawrence's 16 members plan to connect with the community via a local myCHIP event and will seek dispensation to march in Medford's Veteran's Day parade.

Mount Sugar Loaf Lodge in South Deerfield also had the motivation of filling a geographical void, but with a twist. Mount Sugar Loaf is a daylight lodge, meeting on Saturday mornings, and it goes dark in the harsh western Massachusetts winter months rather than in the summer. These differences accommodate retired snowbird brothers (who head South in the cold months and prefer not to drive at night), who would otherwise be disconnected from a traditional lodge, explains Rt. Wor. John A. White, district deputy grand master during the 2008 reconstitution and now its current junior warden.

Whatever else might drive brothers to form new lodges, the underlying motivation should not be discord in their



Mt. Sugar Loaf Lodge meets near its namesake promontory on the Connecticut River.



New Logo for Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodge.



Members of J. Philip Berquist Lodge.

elsewhere in Massachusetts that pay rent of \$450 and more. But determined founding brothers can be resourceful even when it comes to the rent.

“Talk to churches; they have meeting spaces and need the revenue,” suggests Rt. Wor. Bro. White. Mount Sugar Loaf got a nice deal from a local parish when it paid \$1,800 for 12 months use of a hall. Scouters found a home in the

Holden Senior Center, where the wife of the junior warden works. The lodge makes donations to the center in gratitude for the rent-free space.

Economizing only goes so far, however. New lodges need cash, even if just for incidentals such as the \$60 Scouters paid for its dues card embossing seal. The Independence Lodge earned seed money by selling ties, pins, caps, and shirts adorned with its seal—a combination of the flag colors of Brazil and the United States. Several lodges are also raising funds through holiday party events and table lodges.

Berquist found financial success by adhering to a pay-as-you-go strategy. “We set prices for events a little higher than they cost,” says Wor. Bro. McClintock. “It’s a rare month that we spend more than we take in.” Berquist is solvent enough to be able to donate 35 to 38 percent of its income to favorite charities, including the DeMolay, Special Olympics, the Scottish Rite’s Dyslexia Center for Children, and the Angel Fund of co-located Saint Alban’s Lodge.

Watch Your Bylaws

Like any business, lodge finances are a balance of income and outflow. “Have a business plan for where the money will come from and how it will be spent,” advises Rt. Wor. Bro. White. And it’s in the new or revised lodge bylaws that the tenets of this business plan are set forth. Dues, affiliation, and initiation fees are established here, as are compensation rates for officers and any special spending authority granted to masters.

With such critical financial decisions to be made, it’s not surprising that composing bylaws can be one of the more tedious and stressful undertakings for founding brothers. “Bylaws are the third rail for any lodge that needs to make changes,” says Wor. Bro. Kautz.

Not realizing in time that a bylaw change for a new regular meeting date had not been approved for technical reasons, Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodge held a regular communication on a day it shouldn’t have, and needed Grand Lodge forgiveness (a formal healing). A couple more incidents required forgiveness and also a special dispensation by the time the lodge held its second communication in February 2011.

current lodges. “I get concerned when people want to break away because of dissensions in a lodge,” says Most Worshipful Roger Pageau. These so-called hate lodges would have difficulty earning Grand Lodge backing, and could become contentious themselves.

“Work on fixing your old lodge first before considering starting a new lodge, or you’ll bring those problems with you,” advises Rt. Wor. Peter Randall, charter senior warden of Berquist. Most brothers who have formed new lodges also remain active in their original lodges.

Finding Ourselves Entirely Destitute

There is no seed money available from Grand Lodge to start new lodges, and lodges that have surrendered their charters usually have dispersed or tied up any legacy funds



Wor. Frank Kautz with bust of Samuel Crocker Lawrence.

in inaccessible trusts. This presents a formidable challenge. “Operating with zero in your budget is a huge difference from operating with \$100,000 or even \$1,000,” notes Wor. Bro. Kautz. New lodges must run on a shoestring to survive. For example, Samuel Crocker Lawrence will defer compensation for its secretary and treasurer for ten

years, and its lodge of instruction dues were waived for 2011 and assumed by the other lodges in the 3rd District.

Most start-ups benefit from the generosity of fellow lodges—the source of donated or loaned regalia, furniture, and even aprons. Charter officers are quick to acknowledge this critical support and have made donations to the favorite charities of their benefactors.

Rent is the most considerable expense. A good deal might be \$100 per use for a hall, as Samuel Crocker Lawrence pays to the Medford Elks. Grand Lodge charges lodges that meet there from \$200 to \$350, depending on size, which, notes Rt. Wor. Grand Secretary Jeffrey L. Gardiner, is relatively cheap compared with some lodges

“We had hoped to avoid racking up quite so many forgiveness requests and dispensations right away,” says Bro. Kautz. “But we are grateful to Grand Master Stewart, who has been very patient and gracious with us.”

We Built It, but Will They Come?

Bylaws notwithstanding, “Opening a lodge is easy; the hardest part is keeping it open and being viable,” says Rt. Wor. Bro. White. New and reconstituted lodges have little trouble getting the necessary number of signatures to earn dispensation to meet (25 for new and 7 for reconstituted). But gaining member’s regular attendance and attracting new members are more difficult and are continuous challenges.

Mount Sugar Loaf Lodge is getting the word out by hanging a banner across Main Street, and it will be represented in an ad for the Shriner’s Circus. It is also seeking visibility on the UMass Amherst campus. “A sign of momentum will be when the faces seen at meetings were not there six months ago,” says Rt. Wor. Bro. White.

“People don’t know there is a lodge here because they aren’t actively looking,” says Rt. Wor. Jay Jolicoeur. The Scouters Lodge will build awareness by appearing at Scouting events of the local council, and will raise its profile in the community by participating in a safety day event this spring and in Holden’s town festival in August. To draw members from around the state, the meetings need to be fun. The lodge plans a pine car derby for members—adults only, no help from the kids allowed.

Dreams Fulfilled

Even if sidelines are as bare as the coffers, even with second-hand furniture and jury-rigged meeting space, and even with the occasional need for healings, founding brothers say it’s been worth it all. “Seeing it work, seeing the guys come together, is the most fulfilling thing in the world,” says Bro. Kautz.

“It was very emotional for me, not only to have this dream come true, but to receive the gavel from the hands of the Grand Master and to see the district deputy grand master wearing the jewels made by Most Worshipful Paul

Appointed officers of Scouters Lodge being installed by RW DDGM John K. Andrews.



Laying the Foundation

Basic Building Blocks of a New Lodge

- Identify a desire, need, and purpose for a new or reconstituted lodge.
- Consult with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.
- Collect signatures of 25 Massachusetts Masons for a new lodge and seven former members for a reconstitution (see Sections 300, 301, 302, and 307 of the Grand Constitutions).
- Find a suitable meeting place and an available day for regular communications.
- Petition the Grand Master for a dispensation to meet as a lodge.
- Request the Grand Master to hold a ceremony of institution and installation of officers at his convenience.
- Submit new or revised bylaws for Grand Lodge approval.
- Conduct ten regular communications within the next 12 months.
- Raise a candidate (preferred, but not required by the Grand Constitution).
- Petition Grand Lodge for a charter, providing all documentation from the communications and financial records.
- Petition the Grand Master to hold a constitution ceremony and receive charter.

Revere,” recalls Wor. Bro. Santos. “Our installation in front of people from five jurisdictions in Brazil, was a memory I’ll never forget; it was the moment everything, which had been a dream for us, became real.”

The birth or rebirth of a Masonic lodge is a momentous event, even for a Grand Master. “It was one of the highlights of my tenure, because I knew all these people and how happy they were to have this happen,” reflects Past Grand Master Roger Pageau. “If I could do something to help the process and bring their dreams to fruition, I was more than pleased to do it. It makes you feel great.”

New lodges tend to come in waves, and Bro. Pageau sees this wave continuing. “It reflects the vitality in the whole system,” he says. “If you are part of a group of people interested in starting a lodge, go for it. It’s a great thing.” ■

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Presence, Prayer, and Visitation

by Wor. and Rev. Dr. Keith C. Alderman

Masonic chaplains have an important role. Their duties are outlined in the Masonic Trestle-Board: "It is your special duty to conduct the devotions and bear before the throne of Heavenly Grace the spiritual needs of your brethren. In all your interaction with your lodge it is expected that you will 'allure to brighter worlds and lead the way.'"

A chaplain often leads the lodge in prayer. It might be tempting to think, "It is only a prayer," or "It is only scripture." Both scripture and prayer are important underpinnings of the fraternity. Scripture is our rule and guide to faith—a spiritual diary of those who have gone on before us. Prayer is an intimate connection to God. The power of prayer should never be taken for granted. Certain prayers are written into our Masonic ritual, and ought to be used in their proper places. There are other times when a prayer is called for in the work of the lodge. Fresh prayers ought to be written and used, as the sole reliance on written prayers can create an atmosphere which can become stilted and lifeless. Also, a prayer is always communication with God and should never be viewed as part of the show. Extemporaneous prayer should never be disrespectful to God or our fellow creatures.

The office of chaplain ought to reach beyond itself, to make the officeholder grow in care and concern for our fellow creatures. This may mean holding those in prayer who are out of sight, but ought not to be out of our hearts. This might mean giving someone the benefit of the doubt in a situation which is unclear. It has been said that a good rule of life is to hate the sin, but love the sinner. Having this as a backdrop is a good beginning to developing the proper attitude for the office of chaplain.

One concern I sometimes hear from brothers, who are confined to their homes or long-term care facilities, is that no one from the lodge visits. Everyone is busy, and it can be difficult and intimidating to visit someone you do not know well. It is very important to make the effort. A familiar face and a kind word can be essential to healing of the mind, body, and soul.

Here are a few of the do's and don'ts for a compassionate visit.

Hospital Visits First, do visit. Spending time in a hospital is often very difficult. If a brother is in the hospital for an extended period, someone in the lodge should make the effort. Second, do inquire at the nurs-

es' station for the patient's room location. Here you will also learn if you will need to wear gloves, or a mask, or a protective gown. Third, you must disinfect your hands on the way in and out of the room. You do not want to bring any kind of infection in to the patient, or carry any kind of infection out with you. This is essential.

Home Visits First, do phone ahead to schedule a visit. Second, do visit. Many older people are lonely, and enjoy contact with people who are not in their immediate circle of family and friends. For many, the time they spent in their lodge was very meaningful to them, and they enjoy staying connected to it. Third, do let the brother talk to you. Many times brothers are very lonely and need to talk. Fourth, do try to know something about the brother before you visit. If you do not know the brother, ask at the lodge. But, visit even if you can't get information. Fifth, do sit down, take off your coat, and relax. People can tell when you want to be with them, and when you do not. If there is room to sit down, do so—but not on the patient's bed. Sixth, don't stay too long. Twenty to thirty minutes is usually a meaningful experience for the person. Seventh, don't interrupt. Sometimes the brother simply wants to talk with someone from the lodge. Eighth, don't visit if you yourself are sick. Do not visit a patient in the hospital or at home if you are not feeling well. In such circumstances, you may phone them to tell of your care and concern for them.

If for any reason you cannot visit, please phone, email, and write. The written word still has a powerful influence, especially with older men who might not be as connected electronically as others. When we send a note, it is an expression of love and concern that the brother can read or have read to him over and over again. It is something which he can hold on to and display, to show the world that "I am not forgotten, I am still valued, I am loved," which are all tenets of our fraternity. ■

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The Grand Master's Address

at the March 2011 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



Hard Times vs. Good Times

Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard J. Stewart opened his first Quarterly Communication by noting that this meeting, held on March 9, 2011, was his first, as presiding officer, that was not accompanied by a snow-storm. He dared say aloud that perhaps the hard times were past for this year and only good times were ahead in 2011!

Immediately after his installation on December 27, he attended Philip J. Berquist Lodge, and in the company of a number of snowbound Grand Lodge officers including Rt. Wor. John Bamber, Panama, and Rt. Wor. Brian Watson, China, witnessed a beautiful presentation of the Master Mason Degree.

Shortly afterwards, the Grand Master began a series of trips inside and outside our jurisdiction. Panama was the first destination. Hosted by District Grand Master Rt. Wor. John Bamber, meetings were held not only with our Panama lodges and district lodge, but also with the Grand Lodge of Panama. The delegation from Massachusetts presented the new DVD product, *A Chat with Ben Franklin*, to guests at a joint banquet of the District Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Panama. Viewers were very impressed with the video production and with the results of our membership initiatives.

Also in February, the Grand Master attended the 200th Anniversary celebration of the Grand Lodge of Wash-

ington, D.C. and the annual conference of Grand Masters of North America, held this year in Denver, Colorado.

Program Highlights

The Grand Master was particularly pleased with the response to his Birthday Card Program. Grand Lodge now sends cards to all Masons on their birthdays. He read one letter from a folder of thank-you notes. "These letters are my paycheck," he added.

The Membership Program continues to bear fruit. Grand Master Stewart has signed 600 Master Mason diplomas during the first three months of his term, and 200 more await his signature.

The Master Mason Rookie Award has been tremendously popular. In 2009, 36 new Masons received the award; in 2010, there were 93 recipients. The annual awards dinner hosted by the Grand Master will continue this year. All rookies receiving their award in 2011 will receive a personal letter from the Grand Master and will be his guest at a dinner and celebration at Grand Lodge. All members of the Rookie Association will be invited this year as well.

Grand Master Stewart called attention to a number of encouraging initiatives of the Education and Training Committee including the New Wardens Workshop, newly revised Master's Path, Masonic Leadership Conference, and the MLI's 2011 M.W. Henry Price Class.

The Color Guard consisted of three members of the Arab Patrol celebrating their Veteran's Medals: Bros. James G. Perkins, Philip G. Post, Edgar W. Wallace; and Bro. Jacob T. Yanovich, recipient of the Master Mason Rookie Award.





Above left: M.W. Roger Pageau receives a recognition award from the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Center: New Grand Reps. RW Norman McLoon, Indiana; and RW & Rev. Richard Haley, Virginia confirmed by Grand Master Stewart. Right: RW Paul A. Cataldo receives the Joseph Warren Medal from G.M. Stewart.

The Grand Master was pleased to announce that rights have been procured to the 1931 edition of *Introduction to Freemasonry*, by Carl H. Claudy. Grand Lodge intends to republish this three-volume series and to distribute each book to entered apprentices, fellow craft, and master Masons when they receive each Degree. The Claudy books will become part of the course of instruction for new Masons.

Individual Recognitions

The George Washington Masonic Memorial Foundation has, for many years, encouraged American Grand Lodges to accept the challenge of contributing \$1 per member, per year towards the upkeep of the Memorial. On behalf of the Memorial Foundation, Most Wor. Donald Hicks presented a plaque to Most. Wor. Roger Pageau, recognizing his support for the Memorial during his term as Grand Master.

Grand Master Stewart announced the appointments of grand representatives for three jurisdictions: Rt. Wor. Jaak Juhansoo appointed by Estonia, Rt. Wor. and Rev. Richard E. Haley, by Virginia, and Rt. Wor. Norman D. McLoon,

who will represent Indiana. Grand representatives are appointed by Grand Masters of other jurisdictions to represent them at the Massachusetts Grand Lodge.

Joseph Warren, Distinguished Service Medals were presented to two men. Rt. Wor. Paul A. Cataldo was raised in a one-day class in 2003; he became master of Mount Holyoke Lodge in 2006 and district deputy grand master for the 27th District in 2008. He has been instrumental in organizing support from Western Massachusetts Masons for the MHS' Northampton facility. Rt. Wor. Henry Rand was raised in 1954; he became master of Athelstan Lodge (now Guiding Lights Lodge) in 1967. He has been a fixture in Central Massachusetts Masonry for 56 years providing tireless service not only in his lodge, but also in the Scottish Rite, and Masonic Health System.

Grand Lodge's Committee for Lodges of Instruction has instituted a new award for lodges of instruction maintaining the highest percentage of participation from officers of district lodges. The award will be named in honor of W. Terence (Terry) Stephens, past DGM, past D.D.G.M., and

Below left: Grand Master Stewart presents the Joseph Warren Medal to RW Henry B. Rand. Center: Grand Master Stewart receives from RW C. William Lakso a new base for the urn containing a lock of hair of President Garfield. Right: RW Terry Stephens displays the Oscar Guinn trophy during presentation by GM Stewart and RW Phil Drouin.



a staunch supporter of the Lodge of Instruction. This new award will be presented for the first time in September.

New Initiatives

Guidelines for Lodge Communications Lodge notices have been a growing source of concern for the Grand Secretary's Office. In September, a new set of guidelines will be issued to all lodges with advice on content and format of lodge communications.

Nonpayment of Dues Letters The current process for issuing suspensions caused by nonpayment of dues was developed during the term of Grand Master David Lovering. This process will be updated this year and will include the use of an affidavit signed by two lodge officers that must be prepared before suspensions are issued.

New Aides for Grand Lecturers Aides to Grand Lecturers will be appointed in all districts this year. Each grand lecturer will appoint two aides, who will be responsible for observing ritual work in lodges within their district. The intended purpose is to have the aides report back to the grand lecturer with observations that will help lodges by sharing positive and helpful ideas concerning floor work and the delivery of ritual.

Conduct During the Third Degree Grand Master Stewart made the following announcement: "The process of being made a Mason in Massachusetts has always been a significant experience for each one of us. Candidates receiving the Degrees enjoy lasting memories of the impressive ceremonies. However, due to several instances of poor behavior by some of our brethren during the con-

ferring of the Third Degree, the Grand Master must put in place some controls to ensure new Masons in this jurisdiction continue to receive the best ritual that can be conferred."

This edict will become effective immediately in all lodges within this jurisdiction. Henceforth, the following two paragraphs shall be read by the master immediately preceding the beginning of the second section of the Third Degree, whenever the Third Degree is conferred in a Massachusetts lodge, and the secretary of the lodge shall make record of the fact that it was read.

New Required Reading During Third Degree

The second section of the Master Mason Degree should implant in the mind of the candidate a deep and lasting impression of the fundamental teachings of Freemasonry. Anything which distracts his attention from the reception of these ideas is foreign to the purpose of the work at hand.

Undue roughness, acting in a manner to arouse amusement of the brethren, or audible laughter from the sidelines cannot fail to produce such distraction. It is the direction of the Grand Lodge that the work be conducted with a dignity and decorum that the ritual envisages and that the candidate has a right to expect.

Omission of this reading on the part of the master, or failure to comply with its intent on the part of any officer or member, may become the basis of reprimand or other disciplinary action. ■

34TH ANNUAL GRAND MASTER'S FAIR

At The Overlook Life Care Community ♦ 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton
Save the Date! ♦ Sunday, June 12, 2011 ♦ Rain or Shine! ♦ Free Admission!

7:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast Begins • 9:00 a.m. Booths and Rides Open • 10:30 a.m. Grand Master's Parade

Food • Children's Amusement Park



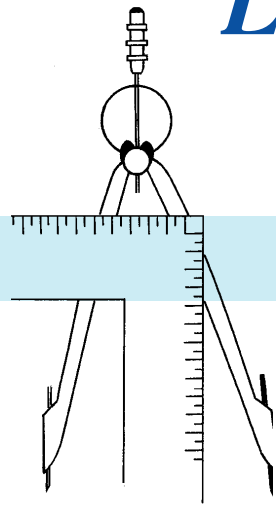
Magician • Clowns • Big Band

Dunk Tank • Tag & Craft Sales



Blood Drive • Child ID Program • Tours

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR SOME GOOD OLD-FASHIONED FUN!



Meet an Active Massachusetts Mason

When he was a young boy, his father would often have some friends over and they would discuss the topic of the day. They called themselves G-men for the rings they all wore. It took a number of years before Worshipful Peter J. Hall of Foxboro's Saint Alban's Lodge would find out exactly what G-men meant.

As a young man Peter worked part-time for Jim Carroll at Crescent Ridge Dairy in Sharon. It was there he discovered the large Masonic connection. He and Jim would talk Masonry from time to time and he became intrigued with its ritual, history, and camaraderie. But like most non-Masons, he didn't know you had to ask.

In 1995 when Peter finally did ask, he joined Saint Alban's Lodge because of the Masonic connection he had forged with Jim Carroll, even though his father was a member of Rising Star Lodge. This prompted his father to affiliate with Saint Alban's Lodge. Everything went well throughout the degree process. It wasn't until they removed the hoodwink during his Third Degree that he saw just how many of the members he knew!

All of his father's friends were fine, upstanding men in the community—and all Masons.

As soon as he signed the bylaws Bro. Hall was installed as junior steward of the lodge. The following year, he became the senior deacon and was elected junior warden in 1997; he was installed as master in September, 1999, and served in that station for three consecutive years since other officers dropped out of line for various reasons. Wor. Bro. Hall was presented with his past master's jewel, which ironically was the jewel worn by Wor. Frederick S. Lane, the only other master to have served three consecutive years. Wor. Bro. Hall is currently the lodge's proxy to Grand Lodge and a trustee for Saint Alban's Lodge.

As master, he became involved in his district's lodge of instruction and became its master in September, 2004. He also joined Mount Zion Royal Arch Chapter and served as

high priest in 2004–2005; and he joined Palestine Chapter of Eastern Star and later became its royal patron.

He keeps in close contact with fellow masters in the district during his term and they continue to meet on a regular basis to maintain the camaraderie developed when they were sitting in the East together.

When Jim Carroll became the district deputy grand master, Bro. Hall was tapped to be the district awareness officer. This job exposed him to the MYCHIP program and he became active in that program and was eventually named

area chairman. Following the retirement of the state director, Bro. Hall was named to that post in 2010. He says that, due to the acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment which makes training of volunteers easier, he has noticed an increase of volunteers and a marked increase in the number of events being booked.

Bro. Hall would like to see an increase in district involvement and further software refinements. He plans to produce training videos for volunteers, and public service announcements for local radio and cable television stations promoting local MYCHIP events. He is making the effort to

get to know everyone on the MYCHIP team across the state, and thus learning what improvements are needed in the various areas. He has found that if he empowers each district and area chairman, more people take ownership and problems get resolved faster than when all decisions are made at Grand Lodge. He says, "It's the electricity you create that will help the program succeed." Bro. Hall makes every effort to motivate the troops in the field. As a small business owner, he is acutely aware of living within one's means and budgeting for expenditures. This experience gave him a solid financial background for managing the MYCHIP program.

Bro. Hall is a firm believer in the social aspects of the fraternity. Personal contact is very important and goes a long way in increasing lodge attendance. E-mails are fine for impersonal generic contact, but he says he finds that it real-



Wor. Peter J. Hall

ly is a big deal when the master calls a brother, even if only to inquire as to his well being.

Wor. Bro. Hall feels that the current Masonic promotional ads on radio and television work quite well. He has seen the results of the Ben Franklin ads, and meets many prospective applicants who want to become a part of something bigger than themselves. He says that the MYCHIP program has given men a reason to focus, and it has also been a reason for wives to encourage their husbands to join the fraternity.

He also says we need to advertise to prospective Masons that time is valuable and should be properly managed. For this reason, he does see a role for one-day classes—for certain individuals. But, he feels that too much information is presented in the one-day classes and the candidates cannot effectively process it all and adequately understand what being a Mason is about. He also feels that lodges of instruction should be an integral part of the learning attitude, even for the one-day class Masons.

The Young Tyler

Bro. David Riley

The young tyler could hear the voices of some of his brethren through the door. They were speaking in a tone that might politely be described as emphatic. Suddenly, the clack of the master's gavel was heard and silence fell for a time. Moments later, the brethren came out of the lodge room and headed to the dining room.

The tyler smiled as a past master walked by and said, "Sounded exciting in there." The past master, his eyes looking back to the lodge room as if recalling what he had just seen, laughed and said, "A proposal for a dues increase is a sure way to encourage vigorous discussion. Come on, we better get downstairs or there won't be anything left."

The young tyler fell into step with the past master and asked, "Is everything going to be okay?" "Oh," the past master said as he grabbed his plate, "The master handled it well. He reminded everyone that a lodge is a place for understanding not anger. And that no matter what was decided, we would walk out of this meeting as brothers. Then he did the smart thing and said it was time to occupy our mouths more productively so that when we returned to lodge we could be in a more conciliatory mood."

"People will change their minds because of dinner?," the

Bro. Hall is a graduate of the Masonic Leadership Institute and is a very strong supporter of the curriculum. There is so much energy and so many excellent ideas emanating from the various teams that can help our fraternity become better-known and continue to grow. He says MLI is one of the best opportunities available to improve our fraternity and hopes the program is around for many more years to come.

Masons know about our many charities and many non-Masons have learned of these charities and subsequently joined lodges because of them. But he also believes that publicizing our fine charitable work has to be increased. The more non-Masons know about what we do, the more they will want to become a part of the Craft.

Wor. Peter J. Hall is an excellent example of someone who lives and breathes Masonry on a daily basis and who very much wants to see Masonry survive for another 278 years. He greatly enjoys doing what he can to keep alive our traditions for future generations of Masons. ■

young tyler asked as he and the past master sat down at a table together.

"Not exactly, but it will give them time to remember that these are their brothers. Our affection for one another will outlast this business meeting," the past master said. "Nothing that happens in a Masonic lodge that should ever cause anyone to go away dissatisfied."

The tyler nodded, recognizing the reference. "Well, will the dues go up?" The past master nodded. "Yep. We have to pay our expenses. A lodge is meant to pay for itself and our dues need to keep up with the times. But, some members are concerned about the ability of the older members to pay more."

"Well, that's a good point," the young tyler said. "It is," said the past master around a bite of his pie. "And that's why we remit dues pretty freely if a brother lets us know he is having a hard time. But, the lodge has to be self-supporting."

Looking around the room, the tyler saw brothers laughing and having a good time. "It's hard to believe these guys were angry at each other just a few minutes ago," he said.

The past master leaned back with a satisfied sigh and said, "They weren't angry, just committed to seeing the lodge do right by itself and its members. The discussion was good and healthy. It just needed to be kept in perspective. And there is, in my opinion, nothing like a good meal to add perspective."

When the meeting ended, the young tyler watched as the brethren left the lodge room and noted that there seemed to be no disharmony. He smiled once again at the past master and said, "It looks like you were right; pie promotes harmony." ■



IMPROVING LODGE FINANCES

by Rt. Wor. Grand Treasurer Lawrence J. Smith

This article is the first in a series that is intended to help the officers of lodges and building associations to develop goals, strategies, and action plans for their respective organizations. Freemasonry is a fraternal association led and staffed by volunteers, but we can and should meet the standards that well-run, not-for-profit enterprises set for themselves in the twenty-first century.

We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us and we have a sacred obligation to preserve and grow the legacy that was passed on to us. Moreover, by learning, understanding, and practicing the principles of sound financial management at the lodge and building association level we prepare ourselves to be better stewards of our own personal wealth management. Making good men better: better fathers, better husbands, better sons, better brothers, better friends, better citizens is our credo and our mantra. If necessary we can and should learn how to spend our lodge's or building association's money better than we spend our own and then become better at spending our own.

The four primary areas of focus that we will address are investments, financial management, regulatory compliance, and risk management. We will begin in this issue with investments, more particularly lodge investment assets. The assets of building associations will be addressed in another issue.

In order to protect an organization's assets, it is necessary to have personnel with some skill and experience in the area of investments, a system of authorizations and approvals, proper segregation of duties, and—last but not least—verifications and reconciliations of financial records.

The personnel with the skill and experience in the area of investments are normally the trustees whose selection process is specified in the bylaws of the lodge. Members of the lodge who have specific expertise in these areas should be serving the lodge on a pro bono basis. This means that they should be unpaid volunteers not performing on a fee



for services basis. The number of trustees or investment committee members should be manageable, such as three. There should not be overlap with the finance committee.

If the lodge's investment funds are under \$100,000, they would typically be invested in very conservative instruments such as certificates of deposit or U.S. Treasury securities. These investments are offering very low returns with current interest rates but the primary focus is on protecting the principal of these funds. If the lodge has a larger amount of funds to be invested, they can consider equity and fixed income securities.

Before any investments are made the trustees (or investment committee) and the finance committee and members of the lodge should agree on an investment policy statement. This is a document that specifies the organization's tolerance for risk as well as the kinds of investment vehicles that will be permitted.

Everything starts with the lodge's need for liquidity. In other words, will they need to tap into the investment funds in order to follow this year's budget? We may have heard the expression, "You can't play poker with the rent money." This is also the case in the investment arena. If you are going to need some of the investment funds in order to pay month-to-month expenses, they cannot be invested in instruments such as stocks and bonds that may suffer short-term downturns in price just when they have to be sold at a loss to pay for those routine expenses.

The process of making investment decisions should be straightforward and transparent.

- Investment performance should be reviewed periodically, i.e. more often than once per year.
- Proper segregation of duties means that the people with the authority to make investment decisions should not also be doing the record keeping.
- The assets should be in the custody of an independent third party, i.e. a custodial bank or investment fiduciary.
- Statements and buy/sell confirmations should be mailed to the home address of the trustees with copies to the master, treasurer, and secretary of the lodge.
- Brethren who are related by blood or marriage should not share responsibilities that would impair the proper segregation of duties.

If we follow these simple principles we will avoid many potential pitfalls. We must all remember that most fraud or misappropriation of assets is done by trusted personnel who have been with the organization for years. ■



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The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



I don't think I have ever been in a Masonic building where I didn't find a picture of Bro. George Washington. Actually, there was one—the Freemasons' Hall in Bournemouth, England; but I am sure you will understand why Bro. Washington doesn't enjoy a place of honor there. American Masons are proud we can list Bro. Washington among our members. When you see a list of famous Masons, unless it's alphabetical, George is right there in the top five.

Liberty Lodge in Beverly really shows its pride in Bro. Washington. For the last 122 years the lodge has celebrated Washington's Birthday in a big way—with a banquet and everything. For the last four years I have attended this banquet.

My introduction to Liberty Lodge and the Washington's Birthday celebration came from Wor. Bros. Carl Kersting and George Haile, two members of the lodge. I often say the greatest thing about Freemasonry is it allows you to make friends with people you otherwise would never know. This holds true for all the organizations under the Masonic umbrella. I can thank the Order of the Eastern Star for paving the way for my friendship with these two brothers.

While Masons continue to be proud of Bro. Washington, his reputation has fallen on hard times among the general public. He will rarely appear on someone's list of the greatest presidents. This is in part due to the fact that when most are asked that question, they start with presidents who served during their lifetimes. That leaves our brother out of the running. I've heard people start their lists with either Ronald Reagan or Bill Clinton, since both left the White House with a 68 percent approval rating.

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While they didn't run polls following the first presidency, I would guess Bro. Washington's rating was well above that. When he walked down a street or rode by on horseback or in a carriage, people lined the streets and roads to cheer him. Mothers would bring their children to the side of the road and hold up their infants so they could see the great George Washington. I haven't heard about people doing that today.

Washington commanded a tremendous amount of respect from those around him, from all the people. Going beyond the fact that at more than six feet he was taller than the vast majority of the people, he had a way of presenting himself that just made you want to follow him. As the American Revolution was coming to a close, the officers of the Continental Army were upset they had not been paid as they



were promised. They threatened to march on Philadelphia and the Congress. Washington was not invited to attend one of their meetings at a Newburg, N.Y. church, but he attended anyway. He had sent a message stating his opposition, but he had something to say to them as well. He stepped to the front of the assembly and started to read a letter he received from a Congressional delegate. He hesitated a bit and then reached into his coat pocket and produced a pair of glasses. He said to his officers, "Gentlemen, you will permit me to put on my spectacles for I have grown not only gray, but

almost blind in the service of my country." This simple sentence ended what would have been a disaster for our nation. Who could do that today?

Much has been made of Washington's refusal to take a third term as president and how he cautioned against presidents serving more than two terms. He was cautioning against a permanent executive but, more importantly, he was showing the world it was possible to change the chief executive without the death of the current officeholder or a revolution. He was showing the world our representative government works.

In 1783 King George III heard the rumor that when the final peace treaty was signed, Washington planned to resign

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Overlook Team Assists Residents in New Bedford Fire



OVNA team members (front) Filomena Correia, Lina Ferreira, Iola Martins, (rear) Susan Saraiva, Maria Esteves, and Lia Dedeus.

December 22, 2010 was rolling along pretty much like any other day when, at about 11:30 AM, a passerby saw flames and smoke coming out of the roof of Tripp Towers, the largest senior living complex in New Bedford. There are 202 apartments in the complex for the elderly and disabled. He called the fire department and someone pulled the alarm in the lobby. In the meantime a call went out to the Supportive Living Team, which consists of home health aides from Overlook Visiting Nurse Association. This program is sponsored by Coastline Elderly Services.

The team immediately initiated their evacuation plan for residents. Directed by the fire department, they worked to get the residents from the tenth floor and below down to the ground. The team talked about how very nervous the residents were about leaving their apartments. It was not only challenging to get them to leave, but some had great difficulty with the stairs to the ground floor.

The team got the residents out and the Red Cross arrived with blankets. The team meanwhile began reviewing residents' needs for medication and food, and arranged to provide these items. Buses soon arrived to serve as a safe and warm place for the residents to wait until it was safe to either return to the building or until other living arrangements could be made. During the entire time, the Overlook team stayed with the residents.

Sue Saraiva is the team's supervisor. "The residents were very anxious about what was going to happen to them. Our job was to make sure that they felt safe and to make sure

NEWS FROM OVERLOOK

by Patrick McShane

Angels in the Shadows

In February, a labor of love and skill was unveiled at the Overlook's 3rd Annual Quilter Show & Tell in the Performing Arts Center on the Charlton campus. The Young at Heart Quilters have produced a stunning contemporary quilt in black, red, and white, which will be offered at the Grand Master's Fair on June 12, 2011. All proceeds will benefit the Masonic Angel Fund of the Rose of Sharon Lodge.

Since the inception of the fund, residents Carl Swanson, Windsor Bigelow, and Jack Campbell, have worked with the Charlton school system to identify needy children and provide assistance. In December, the group held a Christmas party and presented awards to six local families chosen by the Charlton School Department. The Overlook Masonic Angel Fund will again have a display at this year's Grand Master's Fair. This year, however, the central figure of their booth will be the beautiful quilt entitled "Angels in the Shadows."

The quilting project was spearheaded by resident Norma Cline, who chose the name "Angels in the Shadows" to represent those who give of themselves and their time without asking for recognition, just for the satisfaction of helping children. Norma and Senior Life Care Counselor Paula Moore chose the design, colors, and pattern of the quilt—a

they knew that they would be cared for no matter what happened."

The Supportive Living Program is one of many programs, offered by Overlook through Coastline Elderly Services, designed to provide assistance to the most vulnerable seniors and disabled people in the New Bedford area. The team is available to the building 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; this coverage enables residents to age in place. "If someone drops a jar of pickles, or is having symptoms and they are not sure what to do, we address it immediately hoping to avert emergencies and allow people to stay safely in their own homes," explained Saraiva. "It works very well; small issues don't become big ones and residents feel safe and confident that they can handle their own issues with just a little help or prompting."



disappearing 9-patch—in red, black, and white. Donna Scherer, director of activities, generously donated the machine quilting for the project. Paula herself did the binding for the quilt.

In September, Norma oversaw the construction of the quilt with help from Polly Traina, Joan Claussen, Shirley Cornwell, Jean Hall, Paula Moore, Lois Bennett, Mimi Strack, Betsy Santander, Betty Adam, Dorothy Patterson, Carole Maconi, Marie Ann Markey, Barbara Ockerby, and Loren Bonin. According to Norma, the white in the quilt represents the many angels in the shadows who worked behind the scenes to complete this project.

Carl Swanson, elementary school coordinator for the Masonic Angel Fund, expressed his great appreciation for the hard work performed by Norma and her group. "This beautiful quilt is a great example of the terrific support that we have received for the Angel Fund over the first year. The

Overlook's Supportive Living Team was honored recently by the Masonic Health System and Coastline Elderly Services. Carol Parece, Overlook VNA regional administrator; branch manager, Heather Villeneuve; and Elaine Stephens, vice president of home care and hospice presented certificates and flowers to team leader, Sue Saraiva and the home health aides, Lina Ferreira, Lia Dedeus, Filomena Correia, Maria Santiago, Maria Esteves, and Iola Martinesteam. Team members were cited for their caring, compassion, and dedication to the mission of Overlook Visiting Nurse Association by empowering individuals to realize their potential in the communities where they live and work. "We are grateful to have such a dedicated and caring staff," said Stephen. Parece added, "We are proud of all of you, today and every day."

monies raised from this project will help us to touch even more children's lives in the future." Windsor Bigelow and Jack Campbell agree. "This project means so much to our group. We are so grateful for the hard work and skill that went into this project. This will make a difference to so many kids." Norma, however, minimizes the praise sent her way. "It's not just me," she says with a smile. "It's the angels in the shadows." To find out how you can have an opportunity to make this quilt your own even if you cannot attend this year's Grand Master's Fair, contact John Cline at 508-434-2681. ■

"Name That Tune" at Charlton

Do you remember *Name That Tune*, a game show that put two contestants against each other to test their knowledge of songs? It was popular in the 1950s and again in the 1970s. Independent Living resident Charles Lodge, had a goal of bringing back that popular game and in turn creating a friendly competition between teams of residents at the Overlook.

Charles got the idea for *Name That Tune* after being an attendee at the Not Your Ordinary Spelling Bee competition which was held in September. His thought was that a game could be designed similar to the spelling bee but based on a music theme. Residents at The Overlook have shown a great passion for musical events and courses that have taken place on campus and many even enjoyed

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Name That Tune gets underway in the Performing Arts Center at the Overlook in Charlton.



The Groves General Store Opens

Residents at The Groves in Lincoln have a new place to socialize, and it's not a lounge or TV room. The General Store, overseen by Dave and Elmina Ganley, with support from a host of residents, opened last month with incredible success. The Groves was built with a dedicated general store space but the staff was waiting for additional occupants before opening. Dave and Elmina knew that could step in and make a valuable contribution to their community, so they took the operation into their own hands.

"Dave and Elmina came to my office one day and said they wanted to get the store going. Little did I know, they meant within three weeks!" noted Steven Davis, director of arts & leisure. Steven worked with the Ganley's to create a billing system, advertising, and of course, the group went shopping to ensure all the essentials were in stock. Mr. Ganley created a survey for all the residents, gaining their input as to what goods the store should carry. He priced items online and with dining manager, Michael Spector.

Dave and Elmina worked to train volunteers to run the store, which is now open 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Volunteers have been sharing one-hour shifts to fill the busy schedule. Residents have

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careers in the music industry as performers so a music themed game would be a perfect match.

Charles worked with a friend who is a disc jockey to produce a list of music clips from songs that were hits in the 1930s and 1940s. A music clip would be played and game participants would give the name of the song and possibly the singer and band. Each correct response would earn the team five points. A committee was established to work out the logistics of the game. Committee members included Charles Lodge, Margot Cassidy, Ann Graham, Betsy Santandreu, and Donna Scherer.

It quickly became apparent that the game would be, shall we say, challenging. Five teams of three residents signed up to play the game which turned out to be a great deal of fun for both participants and attendees. The following residents were *Name That Tune* participants: Dot Barre, Yvonne Desmond, Marcia Evans, AJ Ford, Helen Gonyea, Peggy Krewson, Sally Larmon, Howard Lewis, John Linton, Noni Linton, Alberta Morrison, Don Morrison, Melinda Pike, Armand Richards, and Lucille Richards. Winning team members who displayed a vast knowledge of songs, singers, and bands were Marcia Evans, AJ Ford, and Alberta Morrison. Game participant Don Morrison summed up the competition with these words, "What a lot of fun with the *Name That Tune*. A real keeper for the future."



Elmina Ganley sits with Al & Caroline Servi, the first customers at the Scholarship Café.

embraced rolling up their sleeves and getting back to work—with a heavy dose of social interaction as they catch up with residents coming in for an item they forgot while at the supermarket or to satisfy a mid-afternoon chocolate craving.

Dave wanted to quickly expand the offerings of the store and capture the social aspect. He approached Executive Director Rob Fallon with the idea to open a small café. Not just any café, but a scholarship café to support the continuing education of the employees of The Groves. With a little research and help from the dining and arts & leisure staff, the idea was realized on March 1, when the Scholarship Café served its first tea, hot chocolate, and cappuccino.

The café is located just outside the popular general store and is furnished with small bistro tables and chairs; it has become a perfect place to sit, sip a hot beverage, and support the educational pursuits of The Groves employees. All proceeds from the café are being set aside for the scholarship fund and Mr. Ganley is already working to put together a scholarship committee that will disperse funds. Dave recognizes that drinks alone won't raise an overwhelming amount of money and has already taken resident Ann Lacy's suggestion of selling postcards of the Groves.

"Dave came to me with the idea of selling postcards for the scholarship café; I was excited with the possibility," notes Steven Davis. "I approached Marketing Director Lance Chapman knowing that he had some incredible photos of The Groves from marketing pieces. Lance provided some fantastic shots that Dave and I paired down to two choices. Our hope is that if they sell, we will change the postcard pictures regularly to keep the idea fresh." Inexpensive printing sources were investigated and the first two postcards have been ordered. Dave is eager to see the cards on the store's shelves and is already thinking of other ways to keep this flourishing business going and growing in the future.

"to promote wider acquaintance and friendship among men already bound together by fraternal vows"



The Tall Cedars of Lebanon

The Ancient and Honorable Rite of Humility

by Gareth Diem, Past Supreme Tall Cedar

Most are quite familiar with the feeling that when a group of men get together in the true spirit of comradeship: fun, frolic, and fellowship will evolve. This is what the Tall Cedars of Lebanon is all about.

Just how and where the Tall Cedars of Lebanon began is a moot question now. There is a lot of conjecture, but apparently it all started in 1843 with some very energetic and imaginative Masons who dreamed up the idea of a Tall Cedar Degree. In those days the degree was called The Ancient and Honorable Rite of Humility

It seems that Glassboro, New Jersey, was the focal point for performance of the Tall Cedar Degree; whenever they had enough candidates, the work was put on. Fifteen charter members of our organization assembled in Trenton, New Jersey on March 18, 1902, for the purpose of establishing a fraternal order to be known as the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the United States of America. They hoped by incorporating, they could eliminate the haphazard methods of conferring the Tall Cedar Degree. Rev. George S. Gassner was instrumental in making up the ritual. It comes directly from the first book of Kings, Chapter 5, verses 1 through 10; and the second book of Chronicles, Chapter 2, verses 8 and 9. and revolves around the building of the Temple of Jerusalem, and King Solomon's reliance on the help of King Hiram of Tyre. On November 13, 1971 in our 70th year of existence, we instituted a Forest in Canada, and became known as the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.



Above: 2010 Goodwill Ambassador Morgan Hevel with Supreme Tall Cedar Harry E. Horgan. Below: Supreme Forest Line Officers and Board of Directors

In 1951 we found a worthy cause needing support—Muscular Dystrophy—and became part of this project with Jerry Lewis to find a cure for neuromuscular diseases. In 1979, Essex Forest No. 8 established a Rose Program as a new fundraiser for the Tall Cedars. Roses Against Muscular Dystrophy was accepted as a national program and roses are offered on street corners and at special events of the Forests. The Rose Program remains much the same today as is the objective of the Tall Cedar Foundation in the fight against muscle diseases.

A child with muscular dystrophy is selected as our Goodwill Ambassador to represent the Tall Cedars of Lebanon at Forest activities and local telethons and other public activities when requested such as Rose Sales, Pancake Breakfasts, and other types of fundraising.

A Pyramid is worn by all members; one side represents your life as a man, one side represents your life as a Mason, and one side represents your life as a Tall Cedar. Together, they represent the three great teachings of Cedarism: Fun, Frolic & Fellowship.

Become part of the fun, frolic and fellowship. There are trips, a Midwinter conference, a summer Convention where you will meet Masons and Tall Cedars from many states and walks of life enjoying Cedarism at its finest. All year long, forests have Ladies Nights, picnics, Pig & Bull Roasts, Oyster & Crab Feasts, Steak Nights, Corn Roasts, Golf and Bowling Tournaments, Clown Competitions, and for your children and grandchildren, egg hunts and Christmas parties.

For information, check our website for a Forest near you and become a member of one of the best organizations that you can join.

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Colonial Craftsmen's Club at Star in the East Lodge



The Star in the East Lodge was opened on April 5th before dinner in the New Bedford Masonic Hall. After being called from refreshment to labor, the lodge officers relinquished their chairs; the fresco ceiling, the brick walls, and the familiar items of the lodge room faded in the darkness. The Colonial Craftsmen took imaginations back to the upstairs room at a tavern and a drum assembled the lodge just as it would have in May of 1775.

The War of Independence loomed. There were two Grand Lodges in Massachusetts; the Antients chartered the Grand Lodge led by Most Wor. Joseph Warren, and a lodge meeting was being organized. Garbed authentically, some with high stockings, others in ruffled shirts according to their stations in life as farmers or merchants, the lodge members came into the tavern room with the necessary items for lodge work. This included candles, notebook, and desk for the secretary and, perhaps most importantly, a table for the dispensation of refreshments.

At every opportunity, the Craft was called to refreshment and toasts were given; lots of toasts were given! During this time, talk was loose and casual. There could have been talk of revolution, but no one knows for sure: the minutes of the day were focused on monies received and the comings and goings of the brethren.

The degree work was phenomenal,

truly a must see. There was a feeling of familiarity; many key phrases and passages were essentially unchanged. There were, however, a large number of differences that made a great impact on the candidate. The brethren in New Bedford saw true fear on his face after he begged for entrance into the lodge.

The candidate was Bro. Charles Roseman, who joined the Colonial Craftsmen last year. This was his second performance, his first as candidate. Upon arriving at his first meeting with the Craftsmen, he met Rena Eliot, member of the ladies Distaff of the Craftsmen for 30 years. "After telling me about the Craftsmen's performances in England, Ireland, and Las Vegas she invited me to her Fiber Arts Studio to take my measurements and discuss costume ideas. You begin to feel like Paul Revere or Ben Franklin during the fittings because the clothing style is so elegant."—*Bro. Lee H. Fenn*

Community Service Award to Bro. Hal Thomas

Bro. Harold "Hal" Thomas (*at center in photo*), a member of Phoenix Lodge in Hanover, was recently honored at a reception and presented with the Spirit of Hanover Community Service Award. The award is given once a year to a person who "voluntarily gives of their time, energy, and talent to the town and its citizens; enriching our lives, fostering a true sense of community and inspiring us all to a higher level of service." Speakers at the presentation included Bro. Donald Spradlin (*left*) and Wor. Kenton Greene (*right*). —*Bro. John Bond*



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Rt. Wor. Jay Jolicoeur, Rt. Wor. Geoff Kromer, and Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt. The varied topics included: committees that your lodges offer, youth organizations and how to participate, charities, traveling towards the East, and a fascinating discussion of the Masonic history within your lodge's closet.

The event was led by Rt. Wor. Ted Morang who proved to be a true motivational speaker in his own right. Team Guiding Principle chose these speakers for their passion and the excellence they have displayed in Freemasonry. Truly their hearts are in it, and their message was clear.

—*Bro. Lee Cleveland*

Grand Lecturer's Seminar



The Grand Lecturer's Seminar for the 9th, 10th, and 11th Districts was held in Newburyport on Saturday, February 19. Pictured (*l to r*) are RW Thomas O'Shaughnessy (11th); RW Robert Johnston, senior grand lecturer; RW Richard Gesualdo, grand lecturer; RW Michael Sandberg (9th); and RW John Maihos (10th). This year, Grand Master Stewart created smaller groups of districts for the popular seminars. This change allowed for a more personal interaction between lodge officers and the lecturer. —*Rt. Wor. John J. Maihos*

14th District visits Battle Green Chapter of DeMolay, Concord Assembly of Rainbow



On February 4th, State Master Councilor David Abbott and his suite of officers visited DeMolay's Battle Green Chapter and conferred the Initiatory Degree on two new boys. Also attending the meeting were Rt. Wor. Brian Noble, executive director of DeMolay; Rt. Wor. District Deputy Grand Master Geoffrey Kromer, of the 14th District; and a suite of distinguished Masons representing all eight lodges in the district. The degree work was outstanding, and gave the Masons a fantastic representation of the confidence that DeMolay can build in outstanding young men. —*Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer*

On March 18, Concord Assembly #53, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, was visited by the Masons of the 14th District. Three of the visiting brothers were making their first visit to a Rainbow assembly, and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The theme was Madagascar, and the suite of distinguished Masons was challenged by Worthy Advisor Elise Ozarowski to some trivia. If not for some assistance from the Rainbow girls, the Masons would have been in a bit of trouble!

—*Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer*



Mass. Lodge of Research Meets in Wellfleet



At left: Wor. Ralph E. Desmond; Wor. John Soderblom, master of MLOR; Mrs. Janet Uhlar, author of Liberty's Martyr; and RW Walter H. Hunt.

The Massachusetts Lodge of Research does not have a home base. It travels to other lodges about the state which act as host. The Lodge of Research meets on Saturday mornings every quarter.

At the March meeting in Wellfleet, the lodge was graciously hosted by Adams Lodge, which sits on a bluff overlooking the town and the bay. The lodge is certainly worth a visit, and has a selection of treasures, including the old paintings of emblems on the coved ceiling of the lodge room. Wor. Ralph "Des" Desmond of King Hiram's Lodge (Provincetown) added to the treasure trove by bringing a display of intriguing artifacts.

Wor. John Soderblom opened the meeting and invited Bro. Desmond to present two papers concerning Cape Cod Freemasonry. A Massachusetts author, Janet Uhlar spoke on her book *Liberty's Martyr* on Joseph Warren.

After the formal meeting, members and their guests sat down to a festive board—a banquet with toasts, speeches and recitations. In true academic style, emcee Rt. Wor. Graeme Marsden and Bro. Jeremy Gross opened with a Latin prayer translated into English, and closed the festivities with an appropriate prayer in Hebrew and English. Readings at the board were given by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt, Wor. Des Desmond, and others. Adams Lodge provided the superb catering for the banquet which started with a limitless supply of (what else?) Wellfleet oysters, culled that morning from the oyster grounds.

All Master Masons are welcome to become members of the Lodge of Research, which welcomes male and female visitors at meetings. The lodge is always looking for papers on Masonic topics of all kinds, for discussion in lodge and for publishing as part of their proceedings. For more information visit the MLOR website at masslodgeofresearch.org.

—*Rt. Wor. Graeme Marsden*

Distinguished Service Award at Pequotsette Lodge

Rt. Wor. Richard E. Norcross received the Joseph Warren Medal in December 2010. He comes from a family with strong Masonic ties, especially to Pequotsette Lodge. His grandfather, father, and brother were all masters, and his son is a member of the lodge.

He has served as district deputy grand marshal, DeMolay dad, Rainbow dad, commander of the Sir Galahad Commandery, member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Boston, the Eastern Star, and Aleppo Shrine.

—*Wor. John "Jack" Giragosian*

Below: RW Richard Johnson, RW Eugene A. Capobianco, DDGM for the 3rd District, RW Richard E. Norcross, Wor. John "Jack" Giragosian, and RW Arthur L. Rockwell.





Wor. Leo M. Kenen, Wor. Bro. Sargent, RW Geoffrey Kromer, DDGM, 14th District, and RW Kenneth W. Pfeiffer.

Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award

Wor. Harold H. Sargent, Jr. was presented the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award in Frank W. Thompson Lodge in January. Bro. Sargent is active in Scouting as the institutional representative from Frank W. Thompson Lodge, which is the chartering organization to the Scout troop in Bedford. He earned his Eagle Scout in Troop 3, Groton and is a member of the Mass. Masonic Eagle Scout Association.

—Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer

The Lodge News Deadline for the Fall Issue of Trowel is JULY 20

Freetown Area Masons Demonstrate True Meaning of Brotherly Love for a Distressed Worthy Brother

Masons from the 17th and 19th Districts gathered on a Saturday this past October in E. Freetown, to help a distressed brother. Wor. Peter Connor, a past master of Azure Lodge and a member of Satucket Lodge suffered a stroke in September. If you have attended any LOI in the 17th, 18th, or 19th Districts, Brother Connor plays his harmonica at the closing.

Before the stroke, Brother Connor had sold his house in E. Freetown. The new owners wanted to move in, but the house was still filled with all of Peter's worldly possessions and he was confined to a rehab center in Fall River. Calls were made. The weather cooperated that following Saturday and Peter's home was a beehive. The entire house including full basement and garage was emptied, packed, and moved within approximately three hours. This was Masonry at its finest.

—Rt. Wor. Chandos L. Bailey III

Henry Knox Chaplain Deploys to Afghanistan

Bro. James M. Hairston, the chaplain at Major General Henry Knox Lodge, departed for Afghanistan on March 27 with the members of 1st Battalion, 182nd Infantry Regiment. First Lieutenant James Hairston, along with nearly 700 other members of his battalion, bid farewell at a ceremony at Boston College's Conte Forum (in photo).

The setting had special resonance for Bro. Hairston: he is a 2006 graduate of BC, and both his theological and military ambitions took shape there. Lt. Hairston, like most of his unit, will be seeing his first active duty.

In a short e-mail note Chaplain Hairston said, "I have two fraternity brothers in the battalion and it's a blessing to see them. However with



different job responsibilities, we often pass like two trains in the night. I spend many of my days at this point in training in soldier skills and chaplain specific work."

The 1-182nd Infantry Regiment will provide security for reconstruction crews throughout Afghanistan. Major General Henry Knox Lodge plans to send a care package at least once a month.

—Bro. Philip A. Dubey

15th District Lodge of Instruction Learns about Shrine Clowns



Past D.D.G.M. (and long-time Shriner clown) Dave Newcomb was the featured speaker at the 15th District

RW Doug Freeman, Diane Newcomb in hobo make-up, Wor. George Hayeck, master of the LOI, RW David P. Newcomb, and RW Rob Jesse.

Lodge of Instruction in Marlboro recently. His topic was Shrine hospitals and Shrine clowning. During his speech he performed magic tricks, made some balloon animals, and did a make-up demonstration assisted by his wife, Diane.



Front row: L-R (seated) Wor. M. Richard Wight, Bro. Gary E. King, RW Chandos L. Bailey III, Wor. Philip R. Chaffee, Wor. Randall E. Damon Sr. **Second row:** RW Arthur H. Richardson Jr., Joyce Francis, Jessie Wight, Bro. George Bumpus, Wor. Joshua Bumpus, Bro. Dennis Calnan, Wor. Stephen J. Awtrey, Nancy Gregorio, Wor. Charles Francis Jr. **Back row:** Wor. Dana "The Chief" Larsen, Wor. Joseph G. Cunningham Jr., Wor. George E. Noon, Bro. Wayne McAlister, Wor. Edward A. Buckland.



Rainbow Blankets for Shrine Kids

Members of Middleboro Assembly #58, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, made blankets for donation to the Shriners Hospital recently. Worthy Advisor Amy Randall initiated this as a service project to coincide with the grand worthy advisor's service project—collecting items for children in Shriners Hospitals.

The assembly was able to raise enough funds to make 12 double-sided fleece blankets. The girls worked together pinning, trimming, measuring, cutting, and tying until the last blanket was finished. The assembly visited the Shriners Hospital in Boston on April 20th for a tour and to deliver the blankets.

—Holly Randall



Lewis Night at Celestial Lodge

Celestial Lodge performed the Entered Apprentice Degree on two candidates in March. The officers presenting the work were all holders of the Lewis Jewel. Wor. George Laham presided as master; his father, Wor. Khalil Laham, was marshal; Wor. Glen Kubick served as senior warden; his father, Bro. Harry Kubick, was on the sidelines, Wor. Robert Zahka was junior warden; Bro. Steven Karlgren and his son Adam were the deacons; Mark Luhtanen and his father Andrew, who traveled from Virginia to participate, were the stewards; and Wor. Alan Markovitz was tiler. The candidates were Bros. Aaron Kilroy and William Jannino (in photo). Bro. Kilroy is a Lewis Medal holder also: he is the 7th generation in his family to become a Mason.

—Bro. Jeff Jarvis



Royal Arch Challenge Coin Minted

Rick MacInnis, district deputy grand high priest for the 2nd Capitulat District, has designed a Royal Arch Challenge Coin. He wanted to do something to help with the fund-raising effort for the MORI Database system for the Grand York Rite Bodies. All the net proceeds from sale of the coins will go towards the MORI project.

The challenge coins are for sale at a cost of \$10 each and can be shipped to your chapter for presentation to candidates or members. If you would like to order from him directly, add postage of \$1 per coin. Please make all checks payable to Richard S. MacInnis and send your request to 60 Farview Drive, Danville NH 03819.

Iwo Jima Remembrance Day

The parade started at Faneuil Hall at around 11:30 a.m., the day before the 66th anniversary of the start of the attack on Iwo Jima. All branches of the service were represented as well as a number of high school ROTC groups. At the lead of the parade, flanked by men in colonial garb, was one of the honored Iwo Jima veterans.

At the conclusion of the parade, Bro. Albert Richards, Bro. Llewelyn Brown, and Rt. Wor. Robert Johnston were among other Iwo Jima veterans assembled in front of the State House. They received a 21-gun salute and a moving rendition of "Amazing Grace."

Inside, Bro. Revere's gold dome, the Iwo Jima veterans were praised as was their due. Of the three Iwo Jima veterans who spoke, two were Rt. Wor. Bro. Johnston and Bro. Albert Richards. They spoke of their lost friends and the difficulties they faced on Iwo Jima. The

Bro. Albert Richards, Bro. Llewelyn Brown, and RW Robert Johnston flanked by a three star General outside the Mass. State House during the Iwo Jima Remembrance parade.



list of speakers included a marine general, Senator Scott Brown, Attorney General Martha Coakley, and others who honored the Iwo Jima veterans.

A representative of the Army, began his speech with a joke about four Marines who went into a bar, but on further reflection, decided he should choose a more receptive crowd! At the close of the services, a Navy singer had the highlight of his singing career, according to the Marine who introduced him. He had the opportunity to sing the Marines Hymn. After the "Halls of Montezuma and the Shores of Tripoli" ended, the crowd exploded into "Semper Fi" with our brothers in the chorus.

—Bro. Lee H. Fenn

14th District Collects Food for Our Troops Overseas



At their November LOI meeting, the 14th District assembled a group of members from each lodge in the district to organize a collection of food stuffs for our troops overseas.

George H. Tabor Blood Drive



George H. Tabor Lodge held their second blood drive of 2011 in March. They have challenged all 19th District lodges to top their cumulative 62 pints for the Red Cross.

Shown above are Bro. Richard Brodeur, blood drive chairman; Bro. Jim Verni, Pythagorean Lodge; Bro. Matthew Brodeur, co-chair; and Bro. George Bumpus. —**Bro. Jim Cochran**



Eight Entered Apprentices at Moses Michael Hays

RW James O. Dill, Jr., DDGM 5th District, is flanked by Wor. James E. Stallions (left), M.W. Donald Hicks (right), and eight newly inducted Entered Apprentices at Moses Michael Hays Lodge, in Needham. The lodge was granted dispensation for the large class. —**Bro. David H. Jacobs**

(At left) R.W. DDGM Kenneth W. Pfeiffer was presented an appreciation plaque from Wor. Edwin "Ed" Parsons, Jr. from Team Freedom for the carload of donations collected.

Team Freedom was started originally as an MLI program. The activity is now part of the Grand Lodge Service department, and focuses on providing services for our troops stationed overseas. —**Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer**

Brethren of St. John's Lodge in Icy Plunge for Special Olympics



From St. John's Lodge: Bro. Joshua Weisbuch, Bro. Neil Plotnick, and Bro. Tobias Thompson with his sister Sophia Thompson about to plunge into the ocean in February for the Special Olympics.

The Passion Plunge helps support approximately 12,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities who have chosen to live a healthier and happier life by participating in programs offered by Special Olympics Massachusetts. This is the second year that St. John's



Reunion of 13th District LOI Masters

A rare reunion occurred in January, at the reception for Rt. Wor. District Deputy Grand Master Philip A. Nowlan of the Second Masonic District. At Major General Henry Knox Lodge that evening were five brothers who were past masters of the Lodge of Instruction of the 13th District, as well as its current master.

RW Richard Maggio, RW Ted N. Morang Sr., RW David Raymond, RW Philip A. Nowlan, RW George J. Bibilos, and RW Earl W. Cole, Jr.

—**Bro. James Manuel**

Lodge (B) has organized a team for the Passion Plunge. Contributions have totaled nearly \$4,000, and enable athletes to compete in 26 different sports throughout Massachusetts.

This is a personal project for Bro. Neil Plotnick. His son Marty competes in Special Olympics' 10-Pin Bowling and in the Massachusetts State Winter Games, held every year in the greater Worcester area. —**Bro. Neil Plotnick**

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as commander in chief, give the power he held back to Congress, and retire to his home in Virginia. "If he does that, he will be the greatest man in the world," King George said. In this case I have to agree with King George. Even Napoleon Bonaparte, who had an ego unmatched in his day, spoke highly about Bro. Washington. "Posterity will talk of Washington as the founder of a great empire, when my name shall be lost in the vortex of revolution."

Masons should be proud of Bro. Washington. Anyone who can garner praise from both his enemy and the world's largest ego is deserving of this pride. So, join me next February at Liberty Lodge as we toast our brother George Washington. And if you can't be there, why not lift a glass on Feb. 22 and toast the man King George called "the greatest man in the world." ■

Veteran's Medal Recipients in 2011

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Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Lodge
Bro. Kimball Alden Baker Jr.

Adams Lodge
Bro. Thomas Brewer Nickerson

Alpha Lodge
Bro. Robert Henry Elsemiller
Bro. Geoffrey Robert Hall
Wor. Lowell Wendell Plum
Bro. Dana Gilbert Straight

Amity-Mosaic Lodge
Bro. Peter Roberts Duncan
Wor. Norman Ralph Durkee
Bro. John Walden Hamlet
Wor. William Francis Helton
Bro. Neil Douglas Moran

Ancient York Lodge
Bro. Ira Lincoln Goding Jr.

Ancon Lodge (Panama)
Bro. Charles Richard Barrett
Bro. Richard Henry Hebenstreit
Bro. Donald Leroy Keller
Bro. Mike Kerr
Bro. Walter Peter Mikieta
Bro. Clarence Edward Sykes
Wor. Forrest Benton Waller

Artisan Lodge
R.W. Wesley Richard Boutelle
Wor. John Thomas Engle
Bro. Martin Adelbert Parks

Aurora Lodge
Bro. Ralph Edward Chaffee
Bro. Donald Henry Osgood

Azure Lodge
Bro. Wilbur Lee Cartwright Jr.
Bro. Darrell Rodney Dodge

Beth-horon Lodge
R.W. Frank Bugley
Bro. Robert Arthur MacEwen
Bro. Allen Moore

Blue Hill Lodge
Bro. George Gerzon
Bro. Warren Keith Heckman
Wor. Warren Henry Holmes

Boylston Lodge
Bro. Raymond Lawrence Erickson
Bro. Richard Karl Horne
Bro. Richard Emil Strmiste

Brigham Lodge
Bro. Alan Edward Baskin
Bro. Jack David Day

Bristol Lodge
Wor. Russell Edward Adams
Bro. Daniel John Hamilton

On the World stage, 1961 was a year of momentous events. John F. Kennedy was inaugurated the 35th President of the United States of America. Yuri Gagarin, a Russian, became the first human in Space. The Beatles performed in public for the first time. Castro publicly declared that he was a Communist. Construction began on a wall in Berlin. Roger Maris hit 61 home runs. Before the year was out, 18,000 military advisors would leave for a place called South Viet Nam.

And in Massachusetts, the 600 men listed here were raised as Master Masons. Some of these men have remained members of their mother lodges for fifty years. Others moved and will be honored as Veterans by their brothers in new lodges. It doesn't matter. The credential of Master Mason travels with us wherever we go.

Contact your lodge secretary if you have any question about your membership status.

R.W. Louis Alfred Harmon
Wor. John Henry Nelson
Bro. Earl Winslow Weeman

Budleigh Lodge
R.W. Douglas Frederick Hulsman
Bro. Ernest Charles Kappotis

Caleb Butler Lodge
Bro. Johnny Cecilio Sarmiento

Caribbean Naval Lodge
Bro. Charles Allen Allen
Bro. Terrell Franklin Chambers

Celestial Lodge
Bro. Raymond Patrick Harris
Bro. Richard Herbert Winkvist



Bro. Raymond Harris of Celestial Lodge received his Veterans Medal from RW Bruce Thornton Marshall.

Charity Lodge
Wor. Stanley Fenton Hall Jr.
Bro. Jose Paris Jorge Jr.
Bro. David Oswald Mahn

Charles A. Welch Lodge
Wor. Raymond Francis McCarthy Jr.
Bro. David Chelvik Scott
Bro. Joseph Bradley Way Jr.
Wor. Charles Francis Williams Jr.

Charles C. Dame Lodge
Bro. James Norman Earle
Bro. Richard Edwin Johnson
Bro. Frederick Milton Smith

Charles River Lodge
Bro. Preston Kimball Bryant
Bro. Wayne Lincoln Hansen
Bro. Robert Edward Mozer

Charles W. Moore Lodge
Bro. Robert Standing Hargraves
Bro. Nicholas Milton Mandilas

Chicopee Lodge
R.W. Lewis Edward Prentiss

Cincinnatus Lodge
R.W. Peter Sanborn Brown
Bro. Donald Edward Fenn
Bro. Robert Howard Jones
Bro. Wilbur Wesley Wheeler

Cochichewick Lodge
Bro. Robert Frederick Dehullu
Bro. Paul Lawrence Hazel
Wor. Richard Albert Schubert



Wor. Richard A. Schubert receives from RW Steve Corthell his Veteran's Medal and the Joseph Warren Medal at Cochichewick Lodge.

Converse Lodge
Bro. Stanley Jacob Sarfaty
Bro. Donald Floyd Singer
Bro. Robert Maxwell Trager

Corinthian Lodge
Bro. Frank Somerville Berry Jr.
Wor. Norman Merton Morey
Wor. Robert Bruce Stevenson



50-Year Medalists Wor. R. Bruce Stevenson and Bro. Norman Merton Morey of Corinthian Lodge, with Wor. Michael Doherty.

Corner Stone Lodge
Wor. Kendrick Aikman Williams

Cosmopolitan Lodge
Bro. Gerald Sheldon Camann
Bro. Franklin Wallace Simon

Crescent-Pittsfield Lodge
Bro. Eugene Alden Bohlman
Bro. Robert Bruce Phillips

Dalhousie Lodge
Bro. William Weaver Ward

Daniel Webster Lodge
Wor. David Frederick D'Amato
Wor. Gullmar Valentine Nelson

Day Spring Lodge
Wor. William Roswell Lombard

Delta Lodge
Wor. Rae Alton Hall
Bro. William N. Hinko
Bro. Richard Martin Legg
Bro. William Roger Tuttle



RW Richmond P. Carlson presents Veteran's Medal to Wor. Rae A. Hall in Delta Lodge.

DeWitt Clinton Lodge
Bro. Frank Ernest Armstrong
Bro. Walter Earl Lowell
Bro. Edwin Farwell Wheeler

Our New 50-Year Brothers 1961–2011 continued

Eastern Star Lodge

Wor. Peter Megrđichian
Bro. Joseph Leonard Mitchell

Elm-Belcher Lodge

Wor. William Joseph Bessette
Bro. William Norman Stroup

Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge

Bro. Charles Irving Gingold
Bro. Stanley Sidney Glantz
Bro. James H. Marshall
Bro. Jordan Miller
Bro. Leo Norikin
Bro. James Alan Russell
Bro. Brady Delroy Snyder

Evening Star Lodge

R.W. Keith Marlin Raftery
Bro. Thomas Dodge Vohr

Excelsior Lodge

Bro. David Arthur Burns
Bro. Nelson Edward Clarke
Bro. Charles Yergatian

Ezekiel Bates Lodge

Bro. Karl Uhrig Hohlmaier

Fellowship Lodge

Bro. George Harry Cook
R.W. Peter Delmar Dorr

Fidelity Lodge

Bro. Paul Robert Burke
Bro. George Henry Wilbar III

Frank W. Thompson Lodge

Bro. Nicolaos George Banakos
Bro. Gordon Clifford Brown



Bro. Gordon Clifford Brown receives his 50-year medal from RW Geoffrey Kromer, DDGM 14 District.

Franklin Lodge

Bro. Ernest William Arnold Jr.
Wor. Wendell Perry Barthelmes Jr.
Bro. Robert Christo
Bro. Christie Nicholas Foto
Wor. Richard Lewis Randall

Fraternal Lodge

Bro. Eugene Burman
Bro. Albert Warren Croft
Bro. Daniel Portella Gomes
Bro. Francis L. Horgan
Bro. Ralph Stanley McCracken
Bro. James Allan Walker

Friendship Lodge

Bro. John Eric Hadfield
Bro. Kenneth Raymond Leavitt
Bro. John Robert Smith Jr.

Garden City Lodge

Bro. Melvin Braverman
Bro. Leon Merrill Ginsburg
Bro. Milton Slate

Gatun Lodge (Panama)

Bro. Robert Fred Ausnehmer
Bro. Ray Burdell Christensen
Bro. Jack Pope

George H. Taber Lodge

Bro. Robert Eugene Behers
Bro. Earl Franklin Sherman

Golden Fleece Lodge

Bro. Bruce Raymond Cook
Bro. Thomas Alfred Dolan
Bro. Gerald William Sutherland
Bro. Sven Rune Svensson

Golden Rule Lodge

Wor. John Kenneth Moran
Bro. James Stewart Ussailis
Bro. Kenneth Arthur White

Good Samaritan Lodge

Bro. Milton Carl Carpenter
R.W. Richard Harris Curtis
Bro. Robert Silence Ewens
Bro. Donald Herbert Jacobson
Bro. David Frederic Jillette
Bro. John Clarence Nelson Jr.
Bro. Robert Stanley Parker
Wor. Charles Ray Prescott
Bro. Alvin Atherton Robinson Jr.

Guiding Lights Lodge

Bro. Donald James Abare
Wor. Leonard Emil Anderson
Bro. Hagop Martin Deranian
Bro. Kenneth Walter Granger
Bro. Spyridon Thomas Kaplanes
Bro. Carl Alfred Larson
Bro. Theodore Robert Merty
Bro. Sotir Miti Seferi
Bro. Thomas Tomasian Jr.

Hampshire Lodge

Bro. Charles Samuel Bowker
Bro. William Wells Streeter

Harmony Lodge

Bro. Seth Kelly Parker

Hayden Lodge

Wor. Robert Arthur Anderson
Wor. John Irving Gilbert
Bro. Paul Emerson Meacham
Bro. Jouko Bernhard Salminen
Bro. Leslie Leroy Swindell

Hope Lodge

Bro. Herbert Irving Johnson
Bro. Thomas Bradley Junell
Bro. Robert Ole Olsen
Bro. Robert Alan Venning

Howard Lodge

Bro. Raymond Ellsworth Arey
Bro. Russell Lloyd Grander
Bro. Lawrence Anthony Hadfield
Bro. Walter Capen Hewins

Wor. Donald Drummond Lambert
Bro. Ronald George McLeod
Bro. Donald Lewis Shaw
Bro. Thomas Albert Starefos

Huntington-Federal Lodge

Bro. Ernest Richard Fairman
Bro. Howard Arthur Pease
Bro. Kenneth Bartlett Pease Jr.

Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge

Bro. Earl Clifton Abbe
Bro. Charles William Dodson
Bro. Donald Lee Facey
Bro. Arthur Francis Guindon Jr.
Bro. Andrew Lewis Logan

Jerusalem Lodge

Wor. Harry Arthur Culver

Joel H. Prouty Lodge

Bro. Winston Greene Churchill

John Cutler Lodge

Bro. Richard Calhoun Hamilton
Bro. Franklin Homans Young

John Hancock Lodge

Bro. Robert William Anderson
Bro. Ralph Lester Fearon
Bro. Clark Paisley Graichen
Bro. David Herman Weinhold

John T. Heard Lodge

Bro. Robert Frank Dobson
Bro. Anthony George
Bro. Arthur Kimball Ross
Bro. Edward Sukach
Bro. Donald Winslow Thurston
Bro. Forrest Richmond Warner Jr.



RW John Maihos presented 50 year medals to five brothers at John T. Heard Lodge. L to R: Bros. Robert Frank Dobson, Edward Sukach, Donald Winslow Thurston, RW Bro. Maihos, Bros. Forrest Richmond Warner Jr. and Arthur Kimball Ross.

Jordan Lodge

Bro. John Arion Anezis
Bro. Arthur John Drivas
Bro. Eldon Vose Morrill
Wor. Alan Pride Truesdale



At Jordan Lodge, two 50-year brothers received their medals. Shown are: Wor. Alan P. Truesdale, Wor. Master Alan Richmond, Bro. Arthur J. Drivas, and RW Michael Sandberg (9th District DDGM).

Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge

Wor. Edward Charles Donahue
Wor. Stanley John Moszka

King David Lodge

Bro. Burton Stanley Cole
Bro. J. Robert Marshall McGregor
Bro. Warren Victor Rasmussen
Bro. Robert William Shepard
Bro. Robert Edward Simmons

King Hiram's Lodge

Bro. Walter Irving Rogers

King Philip Lodge

Bro. Louis J. Bitar
Bro. Earl Robert Davis

King Solomon's Lodge

Wor. Roy Harry Anderson
Bro. Stanley Austin Bell
Bro. David Roosevelt Harvey
Wor. Charles Walter Saarela
Bro. Donald Henry Thomas

Konohassett Lodge

Bro. Merle Slade Brown
Bro. Donald Edgar Clark

Lafayette-Dover Lodge

Wor. Walter Joseph Collyer
Bro. Chester Franklin Hayes

Lafayette-Greylock Lodge

Bro. Melvin George Bridge

Lawrence United Lodge

Bro. Albert Charles Bland
Bro. Earl Franklin Burns
Wor. John Arthur MacKenzie
Bro. Maurice Benjamin Needle
Bro. James Ambrose Tondreau

Level Lodge

R.W. Stuart Ellis Glass
Bro. Melvin Paul Gordon
Bro. Nathan Myron Grace
Bro. Theodore Ronald Zive



RW Robert A. Johnson Jr., DDGM 23rd District presents Veteran's Medal to RW Stuart E. Glass in Level Lodge.

Liberty Lodge

Bro. Robert Arlington Harting
Bro. Gilbert Alan Prescott
Bro. Donald Manley Shipp

Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge

Bro. William Roscoe Delamater
Bro. John Ingham Gaythwaite

Macedonian Lodge

Wor. Agatino Robert LaMarca



Amaranth's Newest Court Celebrates First Birthday

On March 5, 2011 Blue Slipper Court No. 18 Order of the Amaranth celebrated its first birthday. To mark the occasion, the "baby" court asked members to bring in items typical of a first birthday, which were then donated to New Baby Bundles Inc. This organization donates newborn supplies to homeless mothers.

Nancie Knox (at left in photo) of New Baby Bundles received the gifts and cash donations from H.L. CherylAnn Owoc, Royal Matron.

—Bro. Stephen Qualey

Major General Henry Knox Lodge

Bro. Richard Jackson Levine

Manchester Lodge

Bro. John Henry Bevilacqua
R.W. Martin Joseph Hanrahan

Marine Lodge

Wor. Alfred George Irish
Bro. Robert Sydney Marshall
Bro. Walter Strohfeld
Bro. James MacPherson Tagg

Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge

Bro. Roger Thomas Assad

Matthew John Whittall Lodge

Bro. John Noble Church
R.W. Robert William Comeau
Bro. Edwin Gilbert Hendrickson
Bro. Gilbert Axel Hendrickson Jr.
Bro. Frederick Arthur LeClaire
Bro. Richard Waldo Lindgren
Wor. Donald Loring Murray
Bro. Raymond Earl Riberdy

May Flower Lodge

Bro. Richard Leonard Glidden
Bro. Herbert Douglas Holmgren

Meridian Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Francis Barber

Merrimack Lodge

Bro. Lawrence Herbert Cogswell
Bro. Merlon Paul Gill
Bro. Barry Clark LaClair
Bro. Frederick Roberts Radcliffe

Family Milestone at United Brethren Lodge

Bro. Todd Kagno was raised recently at United Brethren Lodge in Marlborough. His grandfather Wor. David Goldberg had been looking forward to this event for quite some time; he was raised 73 years, to the day, before his grandson.

In photo below: RW Rob Jesse, DDGM 15N District; Wor. David Goldberg; Bro. Todd Kagno, grandson of Bro. Goldberg; Bro. Goldberg's nephew Bro. Sheldon Stone.

—Wor. Bob Archibald



Hayden Lodge hosts Nondenominational Service

Hayden Lodge held its second annual Nondenominational Masonic Sunday service in April. The service was held at the First Congregational Church in Spencer and was performed by Bro. and Rev. William Wildman. Masons, their families, and friends joined together with Grand Master Stewart and Rt. Wor. Walter James Golden Jr. (DDGM of the 25th district) for the service. In photo: Wor. Gary H. Riggs, Bro. Francis M. Hart, Bro. Stephen H. Howe, Grand Master Stewart, RW Walter James Golden Jr., and Bro. Paul S. Jackson Sr. —Bro. Francis M. Hart

Middlesex Lodge

R.W. Richard Wellington Heale
R.W. William Lincoln Stoddard Jr.

Milton Lodge

Bro. Harry Dean Wilkey

Montgomery Lodge

Bro. Stephen James Bilsbury

Morning Star Lodge

Bro. Bruce Klint Andersen
Bro. Russell Klint Andersen
Bro. Paul Marshall Berger
Bro. Paul Earl Besse
Wor. Robert Arthur Bryant
Wor. Richard Cummings Knutson
Bro. Wilfred Joseph Mangold
Wor. Bruce Edwin Nielson
Bro. Gilbert Lester Pervier
Bro. Harold Irvine Swindell

At Moses Michael Hays Lodge: R.W. Joseph Kuroy, Past DDGM (at left), and RW James O. Dill, DDGM 5th Dist. (4th from left) presented Veteran's Medals to Wor. James Soloway, Bros. Ira H. Kaye, Norman Cubell, and Nathan Levine.



Mount Carmel Lodge

Bro. Stanley Allen Beecoff
Bro. James Walter Blair Jr.
Bro. J. Robert Dugas
Bro. Bernard Lincoln Handis
Bro. Malcolm Indeck
Bro. Dennis George Karageanis
Bro. Constantine Alexander Pitsas
Bro. Nicholas L. Scangas
Bro. Norman Snider

Mount Hermon Lodge

Bro. Dean Linwood Collins
Bro. Richard Paul Veinote



Bro. Dean Linwood Collins receives his Veteran's Medal from RW Richard Maggio in Mt. Hermon Lodge.

Mount Holyoke Lodge

Bro. Nick James Nichols
Bro. Elwood John Rice

Mount Horeb Lodge (South Dennis)

Bro. William Carl Beimler

Our New 50-Year Brothers 1961–2011 continued

Mount Horeb Lodge (Woburn)

Bro. Frederick Willard Andrews
Bro. Richard Butler
Bro. John Edward McDonald
Bro. Robert Maurice Sjogren

Mount Lebanon Lodge

Bro. Barnett Plavnick



Bro. Barnett (Barney) Plavnick, receives his Veteran's Medal from RW Ludwig Alban in Mt. Lebanon Lodge.

Mount Moriah Lodge

Bro. Peter Ives Burr

Mount Olivet Lodge

Wor. Richard Wayne Gurin



Mt. Olivet Lodge: Wor. Dean G. Wolfe, RW Philip A. Nowlan, and medal recipient Wor. R. Wayne Gurin.

Mount Orthodox Lodge

Bro. Herbert Wilson Dotson
Bro. Theron Ernest Luce
Bro. Theodore Papadakis
Bro. Pontelies Elias Tougias

Mount Tabor Lodge

Bro. Irving Fisher
Bro. Harvey Matthew Korobkin
Bro. Saul Paul Kraft
Bro. Samuel Lack
Wor. Charles Melvin Rembaum
Bro. David Snyder
Bro. Herbert Wiener

Mount Tom Lodge

Bro. Edward Loring Ferguson
Bro. Edward Robert Stein
Bro. Eugene Nicholas Stevens
Bro. William James Young

Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge

Bro. Richard Melvin Burden Jr.
Wor. Donald Frederick Roberts
Wor. Robert George Stewart

Mountain Lodge

Bro. Hugh W. Klockars
Bro. David Allan Lyons

Mystic Lodge

Bro. George Walter Decker
Bro. Donald Seymour Feigenbaum
Bro. Richard Morton Gerlach
Bro. Gary Stanford Resnick

Mystic Valley Lodge

Wor. Robert Donald Flodstrom
Bro. Robert Yarn Fudge
Bro. Clarke Alfred Hamlet
Bro. Frederick Murray Hiscock
Bro. Robert Francis Jeffrey
Bro. Clifford St. Clair Johnston
Wor. Roger Elliott Nicoll
Bro. Charles Evripedes Patras
Bro. Robert Laurance Phillips
Wor. Robert Stanley Swift

Noquochoke Lodge

Wor. Arnold Robert Buckley
Wor. Donald Wallace France
Wor. William Clinton Hegarty
Bro. Raymond Elmer Manchester
Bro. Henry Armand Parent
Bro. Samuel Warren Reed
Bro. Russell Macomber Tripp

Norfolk Lodge

Bro. Raymond Donald Vincent

Norfolk Union Lodge

Bro. Edwin Augustus Colby
Bro. Ralph George Frye
Bro. Gary Lester Goss
Bro. Joseph Benjamin Lit
Wor. Walter Franklin Pawlowski
Bro. Frederick Charles Teed
Bro. Richard Albert Washburn

North Quabbin Lodge

Bro. George Arnold Baker
Bro. Frank Louis Cloutier
Bro. Dwight Alberta Cooley
Bro. Robert James Hurst
Bro. Douglas Malcolm MacLean

North Reading Lodge

Bro. Weston Angelo Bubar
Bro. Donald Barry Stackhouse
Bro. Edward Mason Strong
Bro. Charles Herbert White

North Star Lodge

Wor. Allen Paine Newcomb

Norumbega Fraternity Lodge

Bro. David Richard Donald
Wor. William Catherwood Holder
Wor. David William Parfitt
Bro. Robert Bailey Proctor

Old Colony Lodge

Bro. John Robert Lang
Bro. Henry Carl Von Blohn

Olive Branch Lodge

Bro. Chester Herbert Brown
Bro. Ronald Gordon Copeland
Bro. Allan Emmott Hicks
Bro. Robert Allen Schroeder
Wor. Louis Pasquale Zona

Orient Lodge

Bro. Arnold Minas Boyajian
Bro. Alan Richard Coburn
Bro. Donald Roderick Field
Bro. William George Holway
Bro. Hylie Wilbert Hutchens
Bro. Herbert Whitley



Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge

Bro. Thomas James Rabbitt Jr.

Pacific Lodge

Bro. John Justin Hartley

Palestine Lodge

Bro. Harry Francis Giberson
Bro. Raymond Esson Millen
Wor. David Irving Westerman

Paul Revere Lodge

Bro. Charles Norman Fuller
Bro. Myron Foster Fuller

Pentucket Lodge

Bro. Jacob Ajemian
Bro. Howard Morse Gardner
Bro. James Karabatsos
Bro. Margardich Manoian



Jos. Warren Medal to Philanthropic's Martin

Philanthropic Lodge is where it is today in a large part because of Wor. Allan J. Martin's leadership. Wor. Bro. Martin sets an excellent example of Masonry both in the lodge and in the community. The Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Wor. Bro. Martin on December 21, 2010 in recognition of his excellent and copious work for the lodge, Masonry, and the community.

As master of Philanthropic Lodge, he has demonstrated true leadership in an exemplary manner by leading the lodge through its recent 250th Anniversary and the associated celebratory events. Bro. Martin became the engine behind the many events offered to the members and families of Philanthropic.

The Masonic tradition is in its fourth generation in the Martin family, as his grandfather, father, and son are or were members of the Craft, as are six other brothers, uncles, and cousins. Wor. Martin's father, the late Wor. James T. Martin, Jr. was Master of Philanthropic in 1981 and 1982.

—Wor. E. Gordon Lothrop

Perfection Lodge

Bro. Ronald Marshall Goldberg
Bro. Jordan Lee Kates
Bro. Sidney Herbert Shapiro
Wor. Sidney Donald Shapiro
Bro. Herbert Martin Wall

Philanthropic Lodge

Bro. David Lysle Cross
Bro. John Hooper W. Cutler
Bro. Chester Wilson Fuller
Bro. William Edgecomb Goddard
Bro. Robert Wallace Haley
Bro. Leonard Robert Kessel
Bro. David Charles O'Connor

Phoenix Lodge

Bro. John Robert Munnis

Pilgrim Lodge

Bro. Thomas Lee Gould

Pioneer Lodge

Bro. Paul Costa Pacheco
Bro. Mortin Irving Rachlin
Bro. Daciano Warton Stone

Plymouth Lodge

Bro. John Warren Davis
Wor. Daniel Brown Drew Sr.
Bro. Carl Francis Pillsbury

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Amicable Lodge

Wor. BENJAMIN TAPPAN WRIGHT

Artisan Lodge

Wor. HENRY LEONARD DOODY

Budleigh Lodge

R.W. WILLIS FOSTER QUIMBY JR.

Caleb Butler Lodge

R.W. JOHN LESLIE BEMIS

Delta Lodge

R.W. MERRILL BRADFORD HALL
Past Master of The Lodge of Eleusis

Esoteric-Sherwood

Wor. JOSEPH ARTHUR HARRISON
Past Master of Esoteric Lodge

Wor. ROBERT OLIVER ROBSON

Past Master of

Samuel D. Sherwood Lodge

Euclid Lodge

Wor. SIDNEY HORBLITT

Globe Unity Lodge

Wor. BERNARD WILLIAM FROST
Past Master of Unity Lodge

Golden Rule Lodge

Wor. HOWARD CLAY WADDLE JR.
Past Master of The Lodge of Stirling

Hayden Lodge

Wor. RAYMOND STUART HAIRE

Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge

Wor. ROBERT STACY HAYNES
Past Master of Hampden Lodge

King David Lodge

Wor. JOHN LINCOLN BELL
Past Master of Alfred Baalis Lodge

Wor. RICHARD WILLIAM BOYDEN

Wor. PARKER HALL CARR JR.

Past Master of Ionic Lodge

50-Year Past Masters

The Masons included in this listing served their lodges as master in 1961 and will be presented certificates of recognition from the Grand Master. These past masters are listed in their present lodge. In a number of cases, they presided in a different lodge, which is also included in the listing.

Lafayette-Greylock Lodge

Wor. DONALD ROBERT MILLBERRY
Past Master of Greylock Lodge

Lafayette-Dover Lodge

Wor. STRATES FRANGULES
Past Master of Lafayette Lodge

Major General Henry Knox Lodge

R.W. ALVIN MORRIS STEINBERG

Matthew John Whithall Lodge

Wor. FRANK RAYMOND ANDERSON

May Flower

Wor. ROBERT LOVELL CUSHING

Moses Michael Hays Lodge

Wor. BURTON SAMUELS
Past Master of Noddle's Island

Mount Taber Lodge

Wor. WARREN DANFORTH OWLER JR.
Past Master of Seaview Lodge

Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge

Wor. DOUGLAS HAROLD SMITH
Past Master of Galilean Lodge

Mumford River Lodge

Wor. DONALD ROBERT PETERSON

Mystic Lodge

Wor. LOUIS EMMETT BOOS

Mystic Valley

Wor. EUGENE KENNETH GOTT
Past Master of Hiram Lodge

Orient Lodge

R.W. JAMES MAIR MCBRIDE
Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge

Wor. BEATIE CRUME LAMB

Past Master of Martha's Vineyard Lodge

Pequosette Lodge

Wor. CHRISTOPHER SPAHR HURSH II

Phoenix Lodge

R.W. RICHARD ALLAIRE GAUDETTE

Republican Lodge

Wor. RAYMOND RONALD LEONARD
Past Master of Orange Lodge

Saint Martin's Lodge

Wor. JOSEPH WARREN SAMPSON

Saint Paul's-Algonquin Lodge

Wor. WILLIAM LOUIS HURST
Past Master of Algonquin Lodge

Simon W. Robinson Lodge

Wor. WALTER RUSSELL ABBOTT
Past Master of Belmont Lodge

The Meadows Lodge

Wor. DONALD THOMAS HEENAN
Past Master of Charles C. Spellman Lodge

Thomas Talbot Lodge

Wor. HERBERT CARLETON NICKLESS

Union Lodge (N)

Wor. MALCOLM FRANCIS SOVERINO

Wellesley Lodge

Wor. C. OSWALD PETERS

Wilbraham Masonic Lodge

Wor. HENRY WILLIAM DUNWOODY
Past Master of Newton Lodge

Wor. STANLEY PETER MASLAK

Past Master of Springfield Lodge

Evening at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern

Golden Rule Lodge in Wakefield transformed its dining hall into an 18th century tavern in celebration of the Evening at the Bunch of Grapes in April, which is based on the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston during the time leading up to the American Revolution. The famous tavern was a hotbed of local activity and an early meeting place for Freemasons.

Members of the Sons of Harmony, a group of Masonic reenactors, regaled the crowd of more than 70, many in period attire, with stories, skits, and song.—Wor. Scott T. Jareo



DeMolay is Restarted on the Cape

Cape Cod had been without a DeMolay chapter for a number of years. Two years ago, Fraternal Lodge in Centerville restarted the DeMolay chapter. They now have 14 boys in the chapter and continue to grow. Cape Cod DeMolay members and the Cape Cod Commandery #54 Knights Templar are pictured here at their December Christmas Observance program.—Bro. Marion W. Cameron

Our New 50-Year Brothers 1961–2011 continued

Pythagorean Lodge

Bro. Donald Herbert Chase
Wor. Greenwood Hartley Jr.
Bro. Robert Bennett Hiller II
Bro. Peter Bradford Perkins
Bro. Allen Leonard Sherman

Quinebaug Lodge

Wor. Thomas Andrea Sr.
Bro. Eugene Allen Colwell
Bro. Richard Maxwell Harwood
Bro. William Frederick Lockwood Jr.

Quinsigamond Lodge

Bro. John McCallum

Quittacus Lodge

Bro. Russell Waring Costa
Wor. Phillip Clinton Davis
Bro. Richard Merele Shope

Republican Lodge

Wor. Thomas Hugo Heinig
Bro. Leo Metelica

Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge

Bro. Daniel Frederick Farkas

Rising Star Lodge

Wor. Robert Donald Fors

Rufus Putnam Lodge

Bro. Ralph Gerald Carlson
Bro. Robert Wesley Dryden
Bro. Robert Harold Harthan
Bro. Stephen Henry Howe
Wor. Joseph Salvatore Jennette
Bro. Bernard Max Porter
Bro. Bruce Kinross Wylie

Rural Lodge

Bro. George Jarvis Blackwell
Bro. Basil Devon Crenshaw
Bro. Richard Peter Lints
Bro. Bruce Wilbert McCulloch
Bro. Roger Burton Whitcomb

Saint Alban's Lodge

Bro. Albert Joseph Michaud Jr.
Bro. Kenneth Washburn Pillsbury
Bro. Paul David Turner

Saint George Lodge

Bro. Richard Lawrence Cudmore
Bro. Melbourne Sherwood Jones
Bro. Edward Kenneth Samuelson

Saint James Lodge

Wor. Howard Brooks Baker
Bro. David Money Knowles

Saint John's (B) Lodge

Bro. Neal Ramsey Olsen

Saint John's (N) Lodge

Bro. Charles Herbert Bragg
Bro. Arthur Raymond Evans
Bro. James Austin Geekie Jr.

Saint Mark's Lodge

Bro. Thomas Joshua Stubbs

Saint Martin's Lodge

Bro. Richard Kay Orswell
Bro. David Folger Ryder

Saint Matthew's Lodge

Wor. Edgar Wilson Care
Bro. Chester Julius Harnden
Bro. John Tallant Shaw
Bro. Frank Oliver Spink

Saint Paul's-Algonquin Lodge

Bro. William Simon Perch
Bro. Richard Leslie Vincent
Bro. Paul Charles Wentworth Jr.

Satucket Lodge

Bro. Frederick Ellsworth Simmons

Satuitt Lodge

Bro. Daniel Webster Clark
Bro. Cornelius Jay Robinson
Bro. Mark Additon Swift

Siloam Lodge

Bro. Donald David Taylor
Bro. Kenneth Lowell Walker

Simon W. Robinson Lodge

Bro. John Allen Condit
Bro. Daniel Alexander Heighton
Bro. Charles Whitney Lepine
Bro. Donald William MacKenzie
Bro. Cameron Stuart Warwick



Simon W. Robinson Lodge: Bro. Charles Whitney Lepine (center), with Wor. Matthew Gerrish, Master, and R.W. Geoffrey Kromer, DDGM of the 14th Masonic District,

Sinin Lodge (China)

Bro. Arthur Everett Goodwin Jr.

Social Harmony Lodge

Bro. Charles Nicholas Decas

Sojourners Lodge

Bro. Junior Neal Evans
Wor. Charles Harlan Taylor

Solomon's Temple Lodge

Wor. Kent Baillie Andrews

Somerville Lodge

Bro. George Aswad
Bro. Vernon John Wilkie

Star In The East Lodge

Bro. Lawrence Glover Dean
Bro. George David Holden
Wor. Melvyn Allen Holland
Bro. Daniel Charles Lee Jr.
Bro. Calvin F. Perkins Jr.
Bro. Judd Kenneth Zeitz

Star of Bethlehem Lodge

Bro. Clifford Norman Critch
Bro. John Francis Flynn
Bro. John George Markley Jr.
Bro. Charles Ross McDonald



At Waltham Triad Lodge, Wor. C. Robert Jingoizian, Wor. Frank Mooney III, Bro. Manoug Khachadoorian, Wor. Harvey Jay Resh, and Bro. Hagop Bekarian all received their 50-year medals from R.W. James O. Dill, Jr., DDGM, 5th District.

Starr King Lodge

Bro. John George Markos

The Consolidated Lodge

Wor. Martin Joseph Gantshar
Bro. Geoffrey Paul Goldberg
Wor. Stephen Green
Bro. Lawrence Stuart Green
R.W. Leon Halperin
Bro. Stanley Max Kimball
Bro. Arthur Leonard Kline
Bro. Neil Jay Schwartz
Bro. Michael David Segal
Bro. Robert Alan Shurdut

The Harvard Lodge

Bro. Casimir DeRham Jr.

The Massachusetts Lodge

Wor. John Walter Krey

The Meadows Lodge

Bro. Alfred Alan Arenius
Bro. Rudolph John Fisher
Bro. Donald Ross Johnson
Bro. Harry Ralph Wiley

The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge

Bro. Louis Frederik Anderson
Bro. Charles Leonard Ayers
Bro. Millard Laurier Campbell
Bro. David Oliver Irwin
Wor. Peter Anderson Kerr
Bro. Elwood Lee Kramer
Bro. Philip Story Lycett III
Bro. Carl Frederick Nelson Jr.
Bro. Jeremiah Lee Skeen IV
Wor. Raymond Goddard Smith
Bro. Frederick Hamilton Tarr III

Thomas Talbot Lodge

R.W. Donald Wilson Fudge
Bro. Charles Peter Geas
Bro. William Frank Hyde
Bro. Frederick Reno Maitland
Bro. Frederick Pais

Trinity Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Gustaf Johnson
Bro. Nathan Schwartz

Union Lodge (Norwood)

Bro. William Robert Stoddard

Union Lodge (Nantucket)

Bro. Raymond Bray Bliven
Wor. Robert Lyndon Burnham

Vernon Lodge

Bro. Lafayette Winthrop Ayers

Waltham Triad Lodge

Wor. Robert Harding Bauer
Bro. Hagop Garabed Bekarian
Bro. Stuart Johnstone Fay Jr.
Wor. C. Robert Jingoizian
Bro. Manoug Michael Khachadoorian
Bro. Gordon Lorne MacArthur
Wor. Frank James Mooney III
Wor. Harvey Jay Resh
Bro. Everett Schwartz Jr.

Wamesit Lodge

Wor. Gordon Richard Vivian

Wampatuck Lodge

Wor. Lorin Francis Paine

Warren Lodge

Bro. Charles William Downs
Bro. Roy Christian Syvertson Jr.
Bro. Arthur Brookes Titcomb Jr.

Washington Lodge

Bro. Charles Shishmanian



Bro. Charles Shishmanian (center) of Washington Lodge with Wor. Matt Brennan and R.W. Geoffrey Kromer, DDGM of the 14th Masonic District.

Webster Lodge

Bro. Ervin Wayne Hattabaugh

Wellesley Lodge

Bro. John Edward Bezanson
Bro. Jere Frederick Dorough
Bro. Norman Alexander McLea
Bro. James Wetherbee Russell
Bro. Burton Thomas Spottiswoode
Bro. Richard Milton Sullivan
Bro. Bradford Day Whitten
Bro. Thurlow Stanley Widger

West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge

Bro. Louis Hodges
Wor. Robert Butler Shedd



Bro. Louis Hodges and Wor. Robert Butler Shedd

Weymouth United Masonic Lodge

Wor. John Harvey Dino
Wor. Donald Herbert Jackson
Bro. William Aubrey Kendall
Bro. Robert Roy Olsen
Bro. Stanley Ramon Spain

Wilder Lodge

Bro. Jack Arnold Mewhirter

William North Lodge

Bro. Robert Myron Bellville
Bro. Ernest Elias Deveres
Bro. Stratos George Dukakis
Bro. Neil Allan Hunter
Bro. Robert Matley

William Parkman Lodge

Wor. Edgar James Hammond Jr.
Wor. James George Keramas

Bro. Gordon Douglas MacKay
Bro. Ralph Taylor Perkins Jr.
Bro. George David Richburg
Bro. George Chester Swallow
Bro. James Richard Willoughby

William Sewall Gardner-Kilwinning Lodge

Wor. David Eaton Merrill
R.W. Ronald Warren Wetmore

William Sutton Lodge

Bro. Richard Elliott Barnes
Bro. George Nickole
Bro. Neil Bradley Osgood
R.W. Harland Payson Smith

Wyoming Lodge

R.W. Winthrop Lyman Hall
Bro. Bruce Wayne Higgins

Masonic Connections Raise Money for Shrine Charity



In February, over \$3,000 was raised by the Aleppo Pipe Band for Aleppo's Transportation Fund by selling tasting

At left are Ill. Potentate John E. Grant Jr., accepting the donation from Ryan Maloney, owner of Julio's, along with members of Aleppo Bros. Bob Archibald, Alan Archibald, and Dennis Reebel.

glasses at the Whiskey Ago-Go event at Julio's Liquors in Westborough.

The proceeds from this annual event are given to a local charity. This year's involvement by the Pipe Band resulted from the efforts of two brothers; Charles Tower and Alan Archibald of United Brethren Lodge.

—Rt. Wor. Dennis Reebel

Mumford River Honors Washington

Mumford River Lodge held its first George Washington Dinner and Birthday Celebration, in February. The dinner was the famous George Washington's Stew, a combination of beef, pork, chicken, and other stew fixings, which the general served to his men and many of his honored guests. Hanging in the hall were various pictures of the birthday boy (Masonic, Presidential, and through his lifetime), many articles about him, speeches, and artifacts from that era.

After prayer and a fine meal, Rt. Wor. Mark Steven Watson, PDDGM of the 20th District, lit the birthday candles and all sang "Happy Birthday" to Bro. Washington. —Wor. Bill Brown

Some of the artifacts, pictures and speeches of Bro. Washington on display for his birthday celebration.

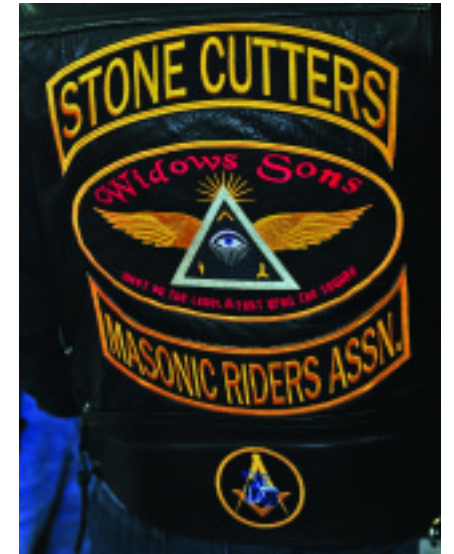


Members of Corridor Nine Chamber of Commerce and Siloam Lodge: L to R, VP Karen Chapman, Board Chairwoman Donna Cox, Bro. Ken Young, Bro. Herb Arnold, Wor. Pat Emery, and President Barbara Clifford.

Siloam Lodge's Angel Fund Honored

For the second time, the Corridor Nine Area Chamber of Commerce presented its annual Champions of Education Award to Westborough's Siloam Lodge for their angel fund efforts. Commented Northborough's Proctor School principal Margaret Donohoe: "They make dreams come true." The lodge has been active in the Masonic Angel Fund program since 2000 and was the fifth lodge in Massachusetts to establish an angel fund. The trustees of Siloam's Angel Fund include Bro. Ken Young, Bro. Herb Arnold, Bro. Mark Horenstein, and Wor. Len Anderson.

—Bro. Michael D. Grim



The jacket worn by the Stone Cutters Masonic Riders Association on their fun, charity, and other rides.

Stone Cutters Ride for Charity

The Stone Cutters Masonic Riders Association was founded by Rt. Wor. James Beauregard, Wor. Garth Parker, Bro. William MacKinnon, Bro. Frank Manzi, Bro. Arthur Pappas and Bro. Stu Hazen. The group was chartered as a chapter in the Widows Sons during the 2010 Grand Masters Fair.

The Stone Cutters have grown rapidly from six members to 24. It is not necessary to be a member to ride with the Stone Cutters, and ladies are welcome at meetings.

Charity Rides include Melha Riders, Shriners Hospital Run, and the Fall Run in Adams; each benefits the Shriners Hospital. The main fund-raiser ride is for JDRF/Junior Diabetes. Esoteric Lodge is the host for the JDRF ride.

The group sponsors numerous social events including family-style barbecues, potluck dinners, evenings out with wives, and visits to other motorcycle groups within the Widows Sons.

—Rt. Wor. Jim Beauregard

Reflections on Being a District Deputy Grand Master

by Rt. Wor. Jerry A. Roach, Jr.

Each year, it is the privilege of approximately fifteen brethren to be appointed to the position of district deputy grand master. Two years ago, I was the youngest and least experienced D.D.G.M. in Massachusetts. But, the Grand Master gave me an opportunity.



I come away from the experience humbled by the greatness of our fraternity.

The position is, no doubt, an affirmation of self, but also a great challenge. To do the job, a district deputy grand master must acknowledge both his limitations and his strengths. He has to motivate himself and others. In

this way, he will come to truly know the exemplary character of his fellow Masons. He will sit with them for over one hundred nights a year for two years. They will help him fulfill his duty. When he has finished, he will love the fraternity more than he ever thought he could.

At my last official visit in November, I told a story attributed to AT&T CEO Michael Armstrong. The master builders of ancient Rome observed a tradition when constructing a new arch. The master would attest to the integrity of the arch by standing beneath it as the capstone was set.

Stretching this metaphor, every couple of years a new man assumes the district deputy grand master post, and then when his time is done, is relieved by a new man. He neither built the arch, nor set the capstone. He served as a representative of tradition: the tradition of Grand Masters who started building the arch almost three hundred years ago. This he can only do with the assistance of his brethren.

Thus, perhaps the greatest among the many lessons of our fraternity is reaffirmed: we best learn about ourselves through service and the friendship of our fellow man. ■

ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS NEEDED

Later this year *Trowel* will honor Masons celebrating their 60th, 65th, 70th, and 75th anniversaries with our annual Masonic Anniversaries listing.

Pictures of anniversary pin presentations are needed. Please keep *Trowel* in mind and send us photos of the event. As always, we need well-lit and nicely focused digital jpeg files which should be sent to Lee Fenn at TrowelLodgeNews@massfreemasonry.net.



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submissions for the next issue
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Send to Lodge News Editor Lee Fenn at
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I have heard a certain phrase a lot recently: Trowel worthy. I have a mixed reaction to this descriptor. I feel honored that the magazine's content is highly regarded. If it was not so, then the consternation about a story being Trowel worthy would not exist, but it concerns me that this perception might be reducing the number of stories being submitted to Trowel. If this is the case, our Lodge and District News section might be suffering from this esteem.

Many channels of communication are open to us in this electronic age, and they are all valuable. However, Trowel is the only vehicle where all 37,000 Massachusetts Masons can (all at the same time) read about, learn from, and be entertained by each other. The magazine just arrives every three months. No passwords are needed; no web addresses must be remembered; no list invitation is required to receive the news.

Lodge news is the magazine's first priority. I'm sure you have noticed that this section of the magazine grows larger in every issue. Please, do not be reluctant about sending in a story, a story idea, or a great photo. I will work with you and get it into publishable condition. Almost all submissions get published, a few do not. Final selection has to do with a need for variety and a competition between stories for available space. When a story is not used it is usually due to the inability to accumulate the proper information, e.g. names and titles of the people in a photograph.

It is up to you to make your story part of that process. Let me assure you that all stories are read, all stories are handled, and all stories are Trowel worthy. The more stories we have to choose from, the more likely you will receive an interesting and informative Trowel. Please, send me your stories. They are Trowel worthy.

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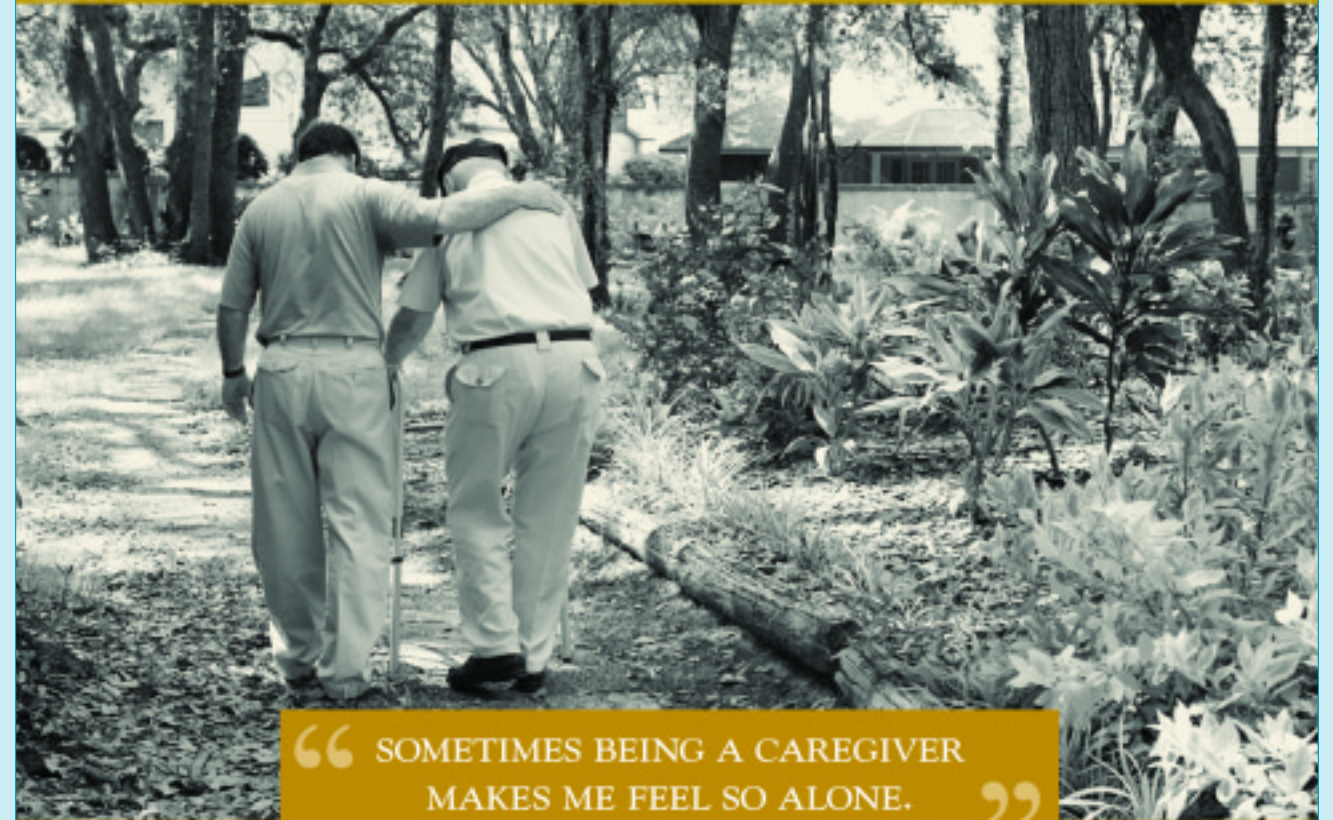
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