

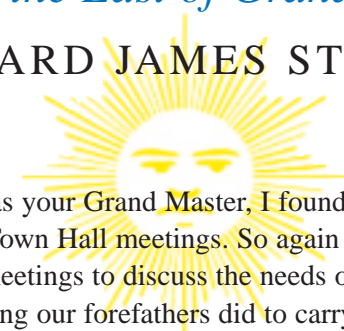
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*Grand Masters of
Massachusetts*
M.W. John T. Heard
2012
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From the East of Grand Lodge
RICHARD JAMES STEWART



Brethren and Friends,

As I reflect upon the past year as your Grand Master, I found it a privilege to meet and openly discuss issues with you at our Town Hall meetings. So again this coming Masonic year, we have planned nine Town Hall meetings to discuss the needs of our lodges and to share ideas to make them stronger. The planning our forefathers did to carry our great fraternity for some 280 years is now in our hands. Yes, lifestyles are somewhat different today than they were back in 1733, but the precepts and tenants of our profession remain strong and unchanged. You have all heard the quote, "If it's going to be, it's up to me." Well, if we want Masonry to be what our forefathers built for us, "It's now up to us."

We must continue to be positive about our future, and to be proud to talk about all the value that Masonry has to offer; it is our duty as Masons to seek out good men in our communities and invite them to consider becoming a member of the oldest and greatest fraternity know to mankind; we must, now more than ever, take a hard look at the financial side of the operations of our lodges; we must—and I say must—make a better effort at attending to our veteran members and the widows of past members.

Freemasonry is not a coffee club, nor is it a social club. It is an organization built on offering men of good character and good morals an opportunity to become better men and find the greatness within themselves through the teachings of our great fraternity. I firmly believe that being a Freemason is not an entitlement, but rather a privilege. I also firmly believe, we are an elite organization founded on very strong morals and principals, but we do not and should not look at ourselves as being elitist.

As your Grand Master, I look forward to meeting you at our Town Hall meetings; inviting you and your family and friends to visit your beautiful Grand Lodge building for a group tour and lunch in one of the banquet halls; and inviting lodges to consider using one of the lodge rooms here to perform a degree.

My brethren, on July 28 Most Worshipful Roger W. Pageau laid down the working tools for which he no longer had use and was called to the Celestial Lodge above. His family has lost a husband and father. We want to thank his family for the time he spent practicing something he loved and believed in. Masonry has lost a great leader with great insight and wisdom. We too will miss him and we thank him for all he has done for Masonry and Mankind.

May God bless each of you and the men and women who are protecting our great country so that we may enjoy the freedom to practice the Masonry that we all love so dearly.

Cordially and fraternally,

Richard James Stewart
 Grand Master

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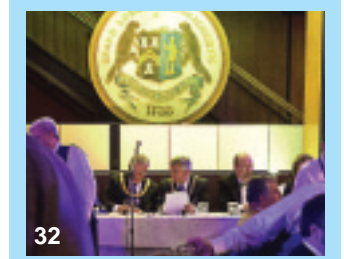
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An Issue Full of Lists

For many weeks my time is spent down in the details of individual stories. With only a week or so before this issue was due at the printer, I finally had a completely assembled set of page proofs to review. I was surprised to discover that I had somehow managed to produce a magazine full of lists!



What exactly do these lists say about us? A non-Mason reading this issue would learn what about how we act? I think each list has, in addition to a literal message, a moral message.

The list of Joseph Warren Medal recipients says that we believe in Brotherly Love, and we act on it. Each of the 129 Masons aided, supported, and protected their lodge brothers—on the local level, daily, plain for all to see and judge over many years of distinguished service. The rest of us applaud this behavior.

The list of Masonic Medical Research Laboratory donors and the list of scholarships both demonstrate a propensity to provide Relief. Take the scholarships for example. Surely restoring peace to the troubled minds of parents with college-bound children qualifies as an act of relief. Giving 142 scholarships sure looks like sincere affection to me. Even a casual reader might ask, "Really? What other organization does that on this scale?"

Another list referenced in this issue (but not reproduced, perhaps out of a surfeit of compassion) contains the names of thirteen Masons separated from the fraternity. Not every man who becomes a Mason really wanted to be a better man, or if he did, he failed grievously by being hypocritical or deceitful. We know that this will happen; to err is human. We act on transgressions with sincerity and plain dealing while at the same time continuing to work for a fraternity of men that aspires to make Truth its foundation.

Fraternally, *John Doherty*

Grand Lodge "Town Hall" Meetings for 2012–2013

October 29—Worcester

November 29—Lowell

December 18—Centerville

January 31—Ipswich

March 27—Pittsfield

April 24—East Longmeadow

April 30—New Bedford

May 11—Boston

May 29—Brockton

Amicable Lodge Helps Kenyan Village



Bro. Michael Koeller (back row, left of the sign), a Harvard University student and Master Mason of Amicable Lodge, is in Kenya on a charity mission. He sent this picture to thank the members of Amicable for their contributions to the village.

—Rt. Wor. Jerry Roach

Grand Master at Old North Church Ceremony



On the steps of the Old North Church: Wor. Frank Gomes, RW Robert Jolly Jr., Grand Master Richard J. Stewart, RW Kenneth Pfeiffer. Photo: Dr. Steven H. Gardner

of April 18, 1775 by Most Wor. Paul Revere and other patriots. The invitation extended to the Grand Master and his suite was an acknowledgement that many prominent Masons of the Revolutionary Era had a great deal to do with this historic event and the important events that followed.

The 1723 church, the oldest surviving church structure in Boston, was filled to capacity and lit by little more than candlelight as the processional "God of our Fathers" was sung and the suite passed down the center aisle to their pew boxes. The keynote address was delivered by General Frederick M. Franks Jr., US Army (Ret). Grand Lodge was represented by Grand Master Stewart, Grand Standard Bearer Wor. Frank Gomes, Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Robert Jolly Jr., Grand Sword Bearer Rt. Wor. Kenneth Pfeiffer, Senior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Richard Gesualdo, Junior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. James Holmes, and the ladies of the suite.

—Rt. Wor. Kenneth Pfeiffer



Restored apron and sash of 1852 charter member Bro. Royal Leland.

Franklin Lodge Dedicates Apron of Charter Member

Franklin Lodge in Grafton conducted a special meeting in May to dedicate the aprons worn by one of the lodges founders and one of its early supporters from Olive Branch Lodge.

Bro. Royal Leland was a charter member when the lodge was founded in 1852. After discovering Leland's apron in an old display case in the lodge's basement, Bro. Stephen Qualey undertook an extensive, painstaking search for ancestors of Bro. Leland. His efforts were rewarded when he was contacted by Mrs. Joellen

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Boston Masonic Building Visits

Masons and their families are cordially invited for a tour and lunch. You are welcome to attend on any date, but buses will be provided to the districts on these dates. (Details will follow.)

Nov. 3 – Districts 22–31
April 13 – Districts 7,8, 15–21
May 18 – Districts 1–6, 9–14

Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt

1857–1859

Most Wor.

John T. Heard

At the Feast of St. John in December 1907, Senior Past Grand Master Sereno Dwight Nickerson offered a biographical sketch of Grand Master John Trull Heard. Brother Heard had departed this life about a quarter century earlier; most of those present knew him only by reputation, or as a portrait on the wall of Grand Lodge, a figure of the previous century; but to Brother Nickerson, who had joined the fraternity just as Brother Heard had ascended to the oriental chair of Grand Lodge, his memory was dear and poignant. Of him, Brother Nickerson remarked that:

He looked the Grand Master. He was accustomed in everything that he said in the Grand Lodge to express it *ore rotundo* [i.e., with great eloquence], with the greatest dignity and ceremony possible. But it was not altogether show with him. . . . During the whole three years that he served he was constantly at work for the benefit of the Grand Lodge; and many of his suggestions . . . have since been carried out; and I am sure that if his spirit is with us it must be greatly delighted with what we have done in the last twenty or thirty years in following out his advice and directions.

The extensive remarks, provided in full in our *Proceedings*, show the affection and respect with which Past Grand Master Heard was treated, long after his death; his was a reputation that cast a long shadow long into the twentieth century. To many of those who attended the Feast on that long-ago December night, Brother John T. Heard was among the greatest Grand Masters of Massachusetts.

John Trull Heard was born in Boston on May 4, 1809, 150 years to the day before the author. He was descended from many generations of New Englanders. While he demonstrated a scholarly bent from early in his life, he became a businessman, but he also wrote a number of articles on economy and politics.

In 1845 he joined Columbian Lodge, to which his grandfather, John Perkins, had belonged. He was soon involved as an officer; he served in various positions, including two years as master in 1854 and 1855 (during which he raised 68 new Masons), and several years as the lodge secretary. He soon came to the attention of the Grand Lodge, in which he was a grand marshal, a deputy grand master for Most Worshipful Winslow Lewis, and as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts from 1857 to 1859.

Brother Heard's engagement with the fraternity in Massachusetts coincided with a period of explosive growth, as it emerged from the terrible trials of the anti-Masonic period. New lodges were being formed, and many new candidates were coming to Masonry as it grew. He came to the office of Grand Master after Winslow Lewis declined nomination for a third year; though relatively young—he was just 47 when unanimously elected to the Grand Mastership—he was already well-known not only for his skill and familiarity with the work, but also for scholarship; he had recently authored a history of Columbian Lodge that still stands as a definitive work on the subject.

While much of the work of the fraternity in the 1850s would seem familiar to us today, there are aspects of Masonry that would be hard to imagine. All of the ritual work was given from memory without aid of cipher or regular instruction. Officers learned their duties, and their presentations, by repetition and rote, as we would say, “mouth to ear.” When Grand Master Heard took office, coming from one of the most prestigious lodges in the Commonwealth, he found much of the work unsatisfactory. As Brother Nickerson reported:

He found many of the lodges in very poor condition. In his annual address he reported that ‘some of them were sustaining a mode of work contrary to that established by this Grand Lodge, while others were entirely unskilled in any work whatever which bore any but the most distant resemblance to what would be recognized by a bright Freemason.’

At that time, the only uniform presentation of the degrees took place at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in December; all three of the degrees were presented by the grand lecturer *in toto* before the masters and wardens in the morning and early afternoon, prior to the business meeting of the Grand Lodge. Grand Master Heard deemed that inadequate; he appointed two special grand lecturers to assist the one installed throughout the state (at considerable expense) to teach the work. Indeed, at his second installation in December 1857, he was able to say that he had visited *every* Lodge in the State—a claim that had never been made before, and rarely since.

Grand Master Heard was also greatly concerned with the financial and organizational aspects both of Grand Lodge and the particular lodges in the state. At his first Quarterly Communication as Grand Master he presented a lengthy report on the Grand Lodge Charitable Fund; during his first year he issued guidelines for the dissemination of the work, the conduct of lodge and Grand Lodge officers in public events such as processions and dedications, and presided at the dedication of a statue of General and Brother Joseph Warren. His second and third years were even more active. During his three years as Grand Master he granted sixteen charters for new lodges, including two in the district of Chile, and restored a charter to one other lodge. By the time of his retirement he was well-known throughout the jurisdiction. As Brother Nickerson observed:

To many of the brethren the sight of a Grand Master was a new revelation; to all of them the sight of this Grand Master was an inspiration. Of tall stature, portly figure, fine face, and courtly manners, he always appeared, on Masonic occasions, in full evening dress, wearing the historic cocked hat . . . and which he wore most gracefully and becomingly. He magnified his office; but he showed that he had a profound sense of its dignity and high importance, and he inspired the same sentiment in the minds of all the brethren.

His successor in office was the man whom he had replaced: Winslow Lewis, who served a third year in 1860, as the storm clouds of the Civil War appeared on the horizon. It was his intention to remain active as a distinguished Past Grand Master; but due to the eruption of the terrible

conflict, he “became a strong Union man devoting his energy and money to the cause. He resided much of the time from 1861 to 1865 at Washington.” (This text comes from his memorial in the *New England Historical Society Register* in 1882.) From this experience he retained the rank of colonel, and he was commonly referred to as “Colonel Heard” from his return to Massachusetts until his death 15 years later.

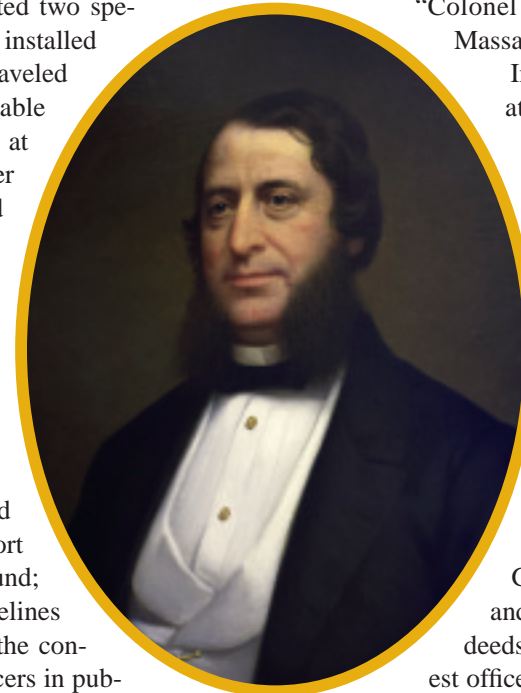
In the 1870s Brother Heard was active at Grand Lodge; he pursued the replacement of the many portraits of past Grand Masters lost in the fire of 1864, reported on the various petitions of black Freemasons for recognition by the Grand Lodge; made recommendations on the adoption of a revised seal by the Grand Lodge; and produced an exhaustive collection of biographies of grand chaplains, which appears in its entirety in the *Proceedings* for the year 1873. His accomplishments after his term as Grand Master are almost as extensive, and are at least as well-known, as his deeds while serving in Massachusetts' highest office.

In the memorial given in March 1881, following his death (by a committee including six past Grand Masters), the following testament appears:

What manner of man was he that is gone and what has he done?—and when the scribe writes what one and another is

eager to tell, he finds that he has made a bright page in our record, amid the memory of the departed, is as a sweet savor in our nostrils, ‘Verily, a great light has gone out in our East! A strong pillar in our Temple has fallen!’ To JOHN TRULL HEARD the Craft owe a large debt of gratitude;” It is ‘said that the average term of active interest in the fraternity is ten years; but his interest continued warm and strong for thirty-five years, and ended only with his life.

In 1865, Grand Master William Parkman granted a charter to brethren in Ipswich to establish a new lodge, which took the name John T. Heard Lodge, to honor this outstanding leader in the Craft. This lodge has been an active participant in the work of the fraternity for a century and a half, honoring the memory of the man whose name it adopted. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should be most proud and should revere the memory of John T. Heard's work and his legacy. ■



M.W. John Trull Heard, 1857–1859
Cover Photo: Grand Master John Heard's residence at 4 Louisbourg Square today; and (inset photo) 4 Louisbourg Square circa 1883 when occupied by author William Dean Howells.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Social Media and Massachusetts Freemasonry

The presence of Massachusetts Freemasons on various social networking sites is growing exponentially and it is drawing attention to the fraternity. By participating on sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn (and others), we should strive to make that attention as positive as possible. When we represent ourselves as members of the fraternity, we become someone's impression of Freemasonry. As such, it is important that we act accordingly and subscribe to the lessons we are all taught as Masons in terms of how we communicate and interact with Masons and non-Masons.

Social Media Code of Conduct for Massachusetts Freemasons

- A Mason should conduct his Social Media activities in a way that reflects his membership in the Craft. He should act in a way that presents a positive image of his membership in Freemasonry to the world.
- As a Mason, he must be aware that his postings are a permanent record; therefore, his conduct may influence the world with a positive or a negative opinion about him personally and also about any organizations to which he belongs.
- His actions on the various Social Media outlets should reflect the highest standards of morality and integrity he would practice within the lodge.
- To ensure our fraternity represents itself to the high standards we believe in, we must regulate our actions through brother-to-brother intervention. As a Mason, you should advise a brother if you feel that what he has posted is improper within the framework of our Grand Constitutions, rules, regulations, and edicts.
- Do not identify any Freemason as a member of the Craft unless he has provided his consent, or has already identified himself as such.
- Lodge notices, and information contained within lodge notices beyond the time and place of meeting, should not be discussed.
- There should never be discussion related to the application, background or investigation of an applicant.
- There should never be discussion regarding the ballot of an applicant.
- There should never be discussion related to the business of a lodge and what is discussed within our tyled doors.
- The posting of pictures or videos of lodge events must comply with the Grand Constitutions, rules, regulations, and edicts.
- Information about lodge or district social activities must comply with the regulations already in place for lodge notices (for example, no reference to alcohol or games of chance).
- The posting of social activities of a lodge or district should comply with the regulation standards already in place for the distribution of lodge notices and inserts.
- No official communication with other Grand Lodges or their subordinate lodges may take place online. Contact must be conducted through the office of the Grand Secretary.

May 1, 2012

Social Media Committee

Rt. Wor. George J. Bibilos, Chair, Wor. H. Robert Huke, Rt. Wor. Ted N. Morang Sr.,

Bro. Thomas S. Morang, Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Sprague Jr.

The Grand Master's Address

at the June 2012 Quarterly Communication
of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



Changes to the Grand Constitutions were proposed on December 14, 2011 and were formally discussed on March 14, 2012. Votes were taken at the June 13 Quarterly Communication. A total of 747 voting members were present at the meeting.

A change to Section 330 of the Constitutions was approved. For the fiscal year 2013, Grand Lodge dues will be \$60. In subsequent years, the Boston area consumer price index will be consulted and dues shall be increased by up to twice any increase in that index.

A proposed change to Section 400, which would have raised the minimum initiation fee charged by all lodges to \$300, was not approved by Grand Lodge members.

Excerpts from the Grand Master's Address

I want to welcome each of you to this June Quarterly Communication of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. Today, by your vote, you have taken an important step to show your concern for the future of Grand Lodge, the third

oldest Grand Lodge in the world. I am sure our forefathers would be extremely proud to see that we are starting to look to the financial future of this great fraternity as they once did for our benefit.

Visitations and Travel

Rt. Wor. David Turner, president of MHS, and Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Robert Jolly accompanied me to Florida where we visited with 250 brethren and their ladies during three stops in Tampa, Ft. Myers, and Delray Beach. We used the opportunity to inform members about all the programs underway at Grand Lodge, services offered by the Masonic Health System, and future directions for seniors health care. We intend to return to Florida next year for updates and to inform members about our new Brotherhood Foundation.

Your elected Grand Lodge officers attended their first gathering of the New England Brotherhood of Grand Lodges. We discussed various programs offered in each state and we all benefited from the shared information. We plan to do this again in coming years.

Grand Lodge officers were treated to a very special evening at Mount Lebanon, where the son of Grand Standard Bearer Wor. Frank Gomes Jr. was raised. New Brother William Gomes is the fourth generation from the Gomes family to become a Mason. Grandfather, Bro. Frank Gomes Sr. traveled from Florida to be present for the raising. Grand Lodge officers also attended the one-day class where Rt. Wor. Joseph DeNicola's father received the Third Degree at the young age of 84 years.

Past Grand Master Most. Wor. Albert T. Ames and the Grand Marshal Rt. Wor. Thomas A. Stark accompanied me to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where we were warmly welcomed by the brethren of



Officers prepare to welcome the Grand Master at the opening of Grand Lodge.



Left: Newly confirmed Grand Representatives Bro. Bruce Tarr, Venezuela (L) and Wor. and Rev. Brian Dixon, New South Wales (R) Center: Wor. John Van Kuilenburg received one of the first Master Builders Awards. Right: Grand Master Stewart and 50-Year Past Master Wor. Norm Crosby of Euclid Lodge.

Caribbean Naval Lodge, who are celebrating the 45th anniversary of their lodge.

Together with the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, I attended annual Grand Lodge sessions in Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Nova Scotia, Rhode Island, and Quebec.

Here at home during the past quarter, we attended the Junior Grand Warden's reception, table lodges, 50-year Veterans Medal presentations, Joseph Warren Medal presentations, Wellesley Lodge's 100th Anniversary, installation of the Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Boston, degree work at a number of lodges, board of directors meeting of the Grand Lodge and Masonic Health System, and various Grand Lodge committee meetings. I also attended the Master's Path Program, the New Wardens Workshop sessions, and the first Masonic Service Fair, where Service Committee departments manned booths to showcase services available to our members.

Social Media

My Brethren, I am not a user of Facebook, Twitter, or any other social media site, but I do receive e-mails from a number of brethren that inform me of postings—some good, and some not so good. Several months ago, I formed a special committee to study and make recommendations on the extent to which your Grand Lodge should be involved in the governance of Social Media usage by Masons. The committee developed a set of guidelines for brethren who represent themselves as Masons on various social networking sites. On May 1, these guidelines were released as the "Social Media Code of Conduct for Massachusetts Freemasonry." [Ed. Note; See page 6 of this issue of Trowel.]

As Masons we must constantly be aware of the way and manner in which we say things . . . because we, as Masons, are someone else's impression of Freemasonry.

Edict Regarding Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers

There have been numerous cases over the years where a secretary or treasurer is no longer able to perform his job

and consequently serious interruption to the smooth operation of the lodge has occurred.

Therefore, it is my edict that each lodge will elect both an assistant secretary and assistant treasurer to serve concurrently with the lodge's secretary and treasurer. Lodge bylaws and the Grand Constitutions will be amended as necessary to include these new officers.

Edict Regarding Dual Signatories

It has come to my attention that many lodges have not been following the good business practice of having proper accountability for the payment of funds from the lodge. In some instances, large amounts of money have been paid out of the lodge treasury without the proper vote of the lodge and/or without the knowledge of the presiding lodge officer.

Therefore, it is my edict that all lodges institute the practice of requiring two signatures on all checks or other forms of payment from the lodge. One of these signatories must be the master of the lodge.

I want to extend to each of you here today my sincere thanks for the loyal support that you have shown to me since electing me your eighty-seventh Grand Master. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless each of you and your loved ones.

Grand Master's Awards for 2012

An impressive number of lodges were announced as winners of the Grand Master's Award for 2012. Eighteen lodges were presented their awards during the June Quarterly Communication. The 20th District (RW David Catten) had five lodges; the 18th District (RW Joseph De-Nicola) had three lodges; and the 14th District (RW Geoffrey Kromer) and 24th District (RW Daniel Barston) each had two lodges recognized:

Caleb Butler Lodge, Ayer; Converse Lodge, Malden; Daniel Webster Lodge, Marshfield; Frank W. Thompson Lodge, Bedford; Fraternal Lodge, Centerville; Garden City Lodge, Newtonville; Marine Lodge, Falmouth; Mariners Lodge, Cotuit; The Massachusetts Lodge, Boston; Middlesex Lodge, Framingham; Olive Branch Lodge, Millbury;

Orient Lodge, Norwood; Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge, Oak Bluffs; Oxford Lodge, Oxford; Phoenix Lodge, Hanover; Plymouth Lodge, Plymouth; Thomas Talbot Lodge, Billerica; Union Lodge, Nantucket.

Suspensions and Expulsions

Grand Master Stewart read a long list of members recommended for suspension or expulsion from the fraternity. A considerable amount of time was taken to read each name and for Grand Lodge members to ratify the action. Five members were suspended and eight members were expelled for un-Masonic conduct consisting of various felonies. The Grand Master commented:

"As Masons we expect our members to behave in a civilized, lawful, and neighborly manner at all times. This applies to behavior in everyday life as well as within the confines of the Craft. We want our members to be good members of society and useful in the community. It naturally follows that we should be very proud to be members of the fraternity.

"We have a strict code of conduct and hold our membership to a high standard. However when the actions of any member are not in accordance with these principles, our disciplinary procedures are firm. If a brother conducts himself in an anti-social or dishonest manner, not only is his behavior unacceptable to society in general, but he is also bringing disrepute on Freemasonry."

Presentations to the Grand Master

The Grand Master was joined in the East of Grand Lodge by special guests from the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL): Rt. Wor. Ronald Kamp, director of development and Bro. Ed Newsome, president. Representatives of individual lodges presented the Grand Master with donations to the MMRL. The line of donors stretched the length of the lodge room and out the door. Total donations of more than \$29,000 were gratefully received by Bros. Kamp and Newsome, who both expressed the warm thanks of MMRL for the support for



Above: Lodges presenting the Grand Master with donations to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. Below: GM Richard Stewart welcomes MMRL guests Bro. Ed Newsome and Rt. Wor. Ronald Kamp.



their efforts to conquer cardiac disease. Donations were received from the following organizations:

Saint John's Lodge, Boston; Columbian Lodge, Boston; Major General Henry Knox Lodge, Boston; The New Builders MLI Team; Weymouth United Lodge, East Weymouth; Milton Lodge, Quincy; Rural Lodge, Quincy; Norfolk Union Lodge, Braintree; John T. Heard Lodge, Ipswich.



Eighteen lodges received the Grand Master's Award. Pictured here with the Grand Master are representatives from (L to R) Daniel Webster Lodge, Converse Lodge, and Caleb Butler Lodge.

That Your Heart Might Be Taught to Conceive

by Rt. Wor. and Rt. Rev. Brian R. Marsh, Grand Chaplain

There is a beautiful phrase from one of the First Degree lectures that never fails to move me: “that your heart might be taught to conceive.” It refers to our situation when we first enter a lodge room. We do not know much of what is happening to us, but we trust that those who have sponsored us have our best interests at heart. What we hear may not register completely; we are, after all, nervous and likely not completely conscious of what is happening to us.

When I joined the Craft nearly thirty years ago, my father offered a simple bit of advice. He told me that I likely wouldn’t remember much of what I heard during my initiation. But, he said, there would always be a strong hand to guide me during my journey through the initiation. He was right; I didn’t remember much of that initiation. Yes, there were individual objects I remembered, a few phrases that stuck with me and passages of Scripture that I knew already. But it was the steady arm of an unknown Mason that guided me through that initial passage. That I remembered clearly.

We learn to trust each other not from any empirical knowledge, but from the experience of being together.

Our hearts are taught to conceive by being among faithful brethren who guide us safely through the difficult passages, not only in the lodge, but outside it as well.

There is another phrase that occurs toward the end of the First Degree. It is not taken from Scripture, but from a play by Shakespeare. “That undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns,” is a line from the great play, *Hamlet*. It is spoken by the main character, who contemplates the afterlife. Thus, in our passage through the First Degree—our initiation into the Craft—we walk symbolically from our birth in the Masonic order to a reflection about the end of our little journey.

We have not made this passage, beginning to end, without the guide of brothers who have accompanied us the entire way. We have never been alone on this journey. We come to know that in our hearts. ■

Rt. Wor. and Rt. Rev. Brian R. Marsh is a member of Vernon Lodge, Belchertown and Jerusalem Lodge, South Hadley Falls; past master of Vernon Lodge; past DDGM, 27th District; a grand chaplain; and a bishop in the Anglican Church of America.



ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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



Hopefully everyone has enjoyed a pleasant summer and is ready for a good fall season.

Q What is the correct position of the hands of an officer while standing?

A An officer should stand with his right hand across the top of his apron with his left hand at his side.

Q When are grand honors given?

A Either type of grand honors may be given at the dedication of a Masonic hall, the constitution of a new lodge, the installation of a master-elect, on receiving a Grand Master

or on the occasion of a brother receiving a Grand Lodge medal or other honor. However, unless it is a tyled lodge and all present are Master Masons public grand honors must be given.

Q In the Master Mason Degree, what is the proper placement of the trestle-board at the beginning of the second section?

A In the South

Q Who is permitted to raise a candidate in Massachusetts?

A As it is master’s work, it can only be done by a past or presiding master or by a warden in his own lodge. A past or presiding master from a recognized jurisdiction may also do master’s work but must use Massachusetts ritual and customs.

In Memoriam

Most Worshipful Roger William Pageau

1944–2012

by Richard Thompson

Nice! Great! Fair! Friend! Leader! That is how those who knew him described Past Grand Master Roger William Pageau.

Bro. Pageau, the 86th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, died suddenly on July 28. He served as Grand Master from 2008–2010.

“He was the everyman,” said Rt. Wor. William R. Currier, assistant to the Grand Master. “He met everyone on the level.” Currier also described Bro. Pageau as a modest man. “About a year into the job he said, ‘I have no idea why I’m here.’” Currier said he replied by telling him he was doing an excellent job.

During his three years as Grand Master, Bro. Pageau made four significant changes to the way lodges do business. These changes permit lodges to elect multiple candidates with a single ballot, change the way lodges that merge can pick a new name, require lodges to perform the three degrees at least once each year, and require lodges to get a dispensation from the Grand Master before using degree teams.

For the four years before Bro. Pageau was elected Grand Master, he served as the grand treasurer. “He was low key, a great guy to work for,” said Assistant Grand Treasurer Rt. Wor. Craig S. MacPherson. At the end of the day, he and Bro. Pageau would sit in the office and talk about everything—things happening in the Grand Treasurer’s Office and most anything else. He said he missed those conversations when Bro. Pageau moved on to become Grand Master.

The regard for Bro. Pageau and the sense of friendship did not end at the Massachusetts state line. It carried north of the border. “He was always open to new ideas and was open to discussing new approaches,” said Most Wor. C. Wayne Libby, the Grand Master of New Hampshire during Grand Master Pageau’s last two years in office. “It was nice



to have someone to talk to who was going through the same things you were going through.”

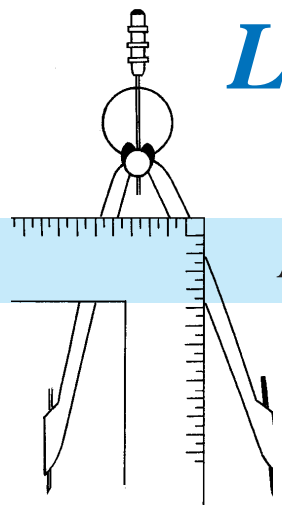
Bro. Pageau served as district deputy grand master in 1994–1995. Serving with him as his district deputy grand secretary was Wor. John A. Smith, who had served as master of John Warren Lodge in Hopkinton in 1985. Bro. Pageau was master of John Warren in 1988. “Roger had the unique ability to get along with everybody, Smith said. “He was just a likeable guy. He got along with everyone. If there was a situation brewing, he had the ability to calm everyone and help work out a solution.”

In addition to serving his friend as district deputy grand secretary, Smith joined him at Grand Lodge. When Bro. Pageau was named Deputy Grand Master, Smith was appointed grand standard bearer and accompanied the Deputy Grand Master on his visits and served as his marshal. “He was more than a brother Mason,” Smith said. He was a friend.”

Their friendship was born at John Warren Lodge. When Wor. Bro. Smith was in the East, Bro. Pageau was his junior deacon. A few years ago, there were signs the friendship was as strong as ever. Smith now lives in Maine and when he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Bro. Pageau was there. And he was Grand Master at the time.

Wor. John Knowles echoed much of what Wor. Bro. Smith said. Knowles served in the East of John Warren Lodge in 1993, five years after Bro. Pageau. While the two were not officers together, they were friends. “He was very fair,” Knowles said. “He was a man you could follow.”

Wor. Bro. Knowles, however, didn’t see Brother Roger Pageau as someone who was like other Masons, like other men. “He was more than a regular guy.” ■



Meet an Active Massachusetts Mason

One of the most visible aspects of Massachusetts Freemasonry is not one person—okay maybe the Grand Master is THE most visible person—but the treasure trove of information and data available on the EducateMasons.org and MassMasons.org websites. The person behind these ventures is Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky, of Simonds Lodge in Burlington.

Brother Chikofsky is a third-generation Mason, the son and grandson of New York Masons. He was raised in 1977 in IMA Lodge #917, in New York City. He had been meeting in the Grand Lodge building there as a DeMolay since he was 14, so the progression to Masonry was a natural one for him. He attended college at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and traveled back to New York to receive each of his degrees. He became a member of Golden Rule Lodge #159, in Ann Arbor, and became its master in 1981.

That same year, his (biological) brother became master of IMA Lodge back in New York. With the approval of the Grand Masters of New York and Michigan, Elliot's Craft team opened his Michigan Lodge in New York and presented a full-form and costumed Master Mason Degree at IMA Lodge.

Elliot and one of his University of Michigan professors created a software company in the fledgling field of Computer Aided Software Engineering (CASE). He ran that company for a number of years and credits his activities as a Masonic lodge officer with helping him learn valuable leadership skills. He says, "The no-shortcuts leadership line is meant to be a leadership education system in its own right. If you can learn to lead the volunteer organization of the Masonic lodge, you can be a leader anywhere."

In 1989 he sold off his interest in his Michigan software company and was invited to join a new company in Cambridge, also involved in the CASE field. He eventually affiliated with Simonds Lodge in Burlington. He served as master in 2010–2011 and also as master of the 14th Lodge of Instruction in 2010.



Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky

Brother Chikofsky is an information technology consultant serving both private and government clients. For the past ten years he has assisted the Department of Defense with IT management issues, including enterprising architecture and portfolio management. He is active in international professional software engineering and computing groups, and is currently the vice-chairman of the Technical Activities and Conferences Board for the IEEE Computer Society. He has also served on the Computer Society Board of Governors and also as associate editor-in-chief of the IEEE Software magazine. He teaches information technology and management on a part-time basis at Northeastern

University and the University of Phoenix in Boston.

Brother Elliot Chikofsky has been a Masonic educator for many years. In Michigan he served on the Grand Lodge Service and Education Committee and participated in the rewrite of the Michigan Masonic Manual. He has visited and spoken at many lodges in the U.S.A., Canada, and a number of other countries. Brother Chikofsky says he has "experienced Masonry as a universal brotherhood, uniting me with close friends, making me feel at home where I could not speak the language, and allowing me to appreciate the depth of philosophy and symbolism in the Craft."

Here in Massachusetts, he assisted the Masonic Education Committee and eventually developed the EducateMasons.org website, and subsequently the MassMasons.org site as our education resource focal point. In June, 2011, Brother Chikofsky was appointed chairman of the new Information Services and Communication Committee.

Bro. Chikofsky has focused on candidate non-ritualistic education during 2012. Lodges of instruction were revamped using the Carl Claudy books as the education focus. He also has introduced website resources to make instructor training and materials accessible statewide in a more useful and cost-effective way. One of his recent roll-outs on MassMasons.org was the "Flyers Kiosk" which he is now expanding to include a history of flyers for lodges to utilize in seeking out special events. ▶

The Old Secretary

Hello my friends and brothers,

Lately, I've been thinking about some words in our ritual. You know, the part that says as Master Masons get older, they have the chance to enjoy the happy reflections of a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality. I guess it is mostly true, although I am still not quite ready to die in the hope of a glorious immortality!

I do notice that as I get older, I get more crotchety. For those who are not familiar with that old New England term, it means less willing to take a lot of guff from a bunch of well-meaning fatheads—you know, like some of the politicians we send to the Capitol to write laws. Now, when they come back seeking reelection, they tell us about all the wonderful laws they have written. Sometimes, I think we'd be better off reelecting the ones that wrote the fewest.

I know some of my complaints are pretty minor compared to world hunger and peace so I am really not complaining, at least not very much. We always got by pretty well, although we never had much extra for fancy cars or foreign vacations. We were able to provide a good roof over our heads and three good meals on the table each day. Most of the bills got paid by the end of every month although I did have to extend the credit cards a bit when the kids went to college.

Now things are pretty good. The bills all get paid and there is still some left over each month. Course, I still look for the cheapest gasoline and my wife always scours the newspapers to see the specials at the various markets before she does her weekly grocery shopping. It's pretty hard to break a lifetime of habits at this point in our existence.

Other than women, there are still a lot of things I haven't figured out yet. Now I know the Grand Architect of the Universe, just by definition, must be a pretty busy fellow and really doesn't have time to investigate and rectify my petty complaints. However, after all these

years, he must have heard of these issues before. I know I have been concerned about them for a long time and still nothing has happened.

Some of my concerns relate to timing. If I had the financial resources that I have now when I was in my teens and twenties, I know I could have done a much better job of attracting women. Now don't get me wrong. I couldn't have done any better than the one I got, but with more money I could have extended the selection process and had a lot more fun doing it. Oh sure, I could still give it a try, but a fellow my age has a lot more impediments. Potential selectees tend to snigger about the crazy old coot in the fancy car!

But, you know, for all the complaining we all do every day, it surly beats the alternative and we truly are living in wonderful times. We certainly haven't solved all the troubles of the world, but we have made some amazing progress and most of that progress originated in our country. In my lifetime we have harnessed nuclear energy, we have put a man on the moon, we have blown open communication with cell phones and the Internet, we have turned many repetitive jobs over to computers and robots, and we have unlocked the human genome and virtually eliminated many killer diseases of my childhood. Change occurs at such an exponential rate that even relaying the news is reduced to a 15 or 30 second sound bite.

And, you know, I can hardly wait for the next big headline. I sure hope there is no cell phone or iPad ban in the Celestial Lodge Above because I want to keep up to date on the latest developments. —*The Old Secretary*



Elliot is always thinking of new ways to assist the brethren and their lodges. His ideas include new degree-focused websites for candidates, a Masonic swap net where lodges can exchange or borrow supplies, a brother-to-brother network where Masons can hire Masons for goods and services, and putting the supply office on the website to speed up the ordering process of supplies. He is working on expanding the Speaker's Bureau by creating a repository of speakers for last minute bookings. He is looking to expand TROWEL Magazine's on-line presence to a fully interactive experience complete with supplemental information and links to supporting information.

One of his favorite pieces of Masonic literature is Rudyard Kipling's poem "The Palace," where a king who is also a Mason, uncovers and analyzes remnants of the past; the king comes to understand, like the Masons who built before him, what it means for man to strive and build against the fabric of Time.

Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky is truly a visionary in computers and education, and is doing as much as he can to make the educational process for Massachusetts Masons easier and more effective. If the past few years are any example of his talents in computer web publishing one can only wonder what is in store for us in the next decade. ■

THE QUIET MEDAL



The Distinguished Service Medal was approved by Grand Lodge in 1930 to be conferred "upon such brethren as may have rendered distinguished service to the lodges of which they are members." This medal is more frequently called the Joseph Warren Medal because it carries the stamped likeness of the famous patriot and Past Grand Master on its obverse side.

The medal was adopted with little fanfare in 1930 and when it is awarded today, recipients are generally known only to their lodge brothers and not to our broader fraternity. Trowel Magazine reports the award recipients because wider recognition for the achievements of these Masons in service to their lodges is appropriate. The contributions made by these 129 Masons to their lodges ultimately strengthens all of Massachusetts Freemasonry.

Recipients of the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal were last reported in the 2009 summer issue of Trowel. Here are the names of the distinguished Masons who have received the Medal in the thirty months between July, 2009 and December, 2011.

Rt. Wor. Ludwig Alban *Saint John's (B) Lodge*
 Bro. Michael Albert Aldrich *Harmony Lodge*
 Wor. Michael William Alexis
William Sewall Gardner-Kilwinning Lodge
 Rt. Wor. Robert William Allard *The Meadows Lodge*
 Wor. Leonard Emil Anderson *Siloam Lodge*
 Wor. Peter John Andrews *Mount Hermon Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Kenneth Edward Atkins *Tahattawan Lodge*
 Wor. Robert Irvin Bailey *Thomas Talbot Lodge*
 Wor. William Gordon Ball *Star of Bethlehem Lodge*
 Wor. Richard Wood Barakian *Rufus Putnam Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Daniel Cyril Barston *Joel H. Prouty Lodge*
 Bro. Gregory Allan Beamon *William Sutton Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. David Leon Bell *Mount Sugar Loaf Lodge*
 Bro. Geoffrey Adams Bemiss *North Reading Lodge*
 Bro. Carl Stephen Berghman *Eastern Star Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. George John Bibilos *Golden Rule Lodge*
 Wor. Theodore Wesley Bitomski *Saggahew Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Kenneth Ralph Blake *Pequosette Lodge*
 Wor. Jonathan Upham Bowers
King Solomon's Lodge
 Wor. Steven Alan Burton *Thomas Talbot Lodge*
 Wor. John Henry Campbell *Eden Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Paul Anthony Cataldo *Mount Holyoke Lodge*
 Wor. William Kenneth Clapp *John T. Heard Lodge*
 Wor. John Vernon Clarke *Sinim Lodge*
 Wor. Robert Ernest Cole *Cochichewick Lodge*
 Wor. Charles Bunker Coombs IV
DeWitt Clinton Lodge
 Wor. Wilfred Martin Cote *Celestial Lodge*

Rt. Wor. Basil Allen Crandell *Brigham Lodge*
 Wor. Seth Harvey Crowell
Mount Horeb (D) Lodge
 Wor. Joseph Gerard Cunningham
Wampatuck Lodge
 Bro. Charles Donald Dahrooge *Guiding Lights Lodge*
 Wor. Charles Freeman Davis Jr. *Corinthian Lodge*
 Wor. Paul James DeLuca *William Parkman Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Joseph Carl DeNicola *Old Colony Lodge*
 Wor. Ralph Edward Desmond *Adams Lodge*
 Wor. Charles Whitcomb Domina *Celestial Lodge*
 Wor. Gerard Anthony Dowden *Ancon Lodge*
 Bro. Herman Francis Downing *Charles River Lodge*
 Wor. Andre George Duprey *Howard Lodge*
 Wor. John Allan Eldredge Sr. *Pilgrim Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Robert William Fellows *Universal Lodge*
 Wor. Francis Walter Foster *North Quabbin Lodge*
 Wor. Raymond Sydney Frenkel *Pacific Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. John Chisholm Fuller *Saint Alban's Lodge*
 Bro. Frederick Allen Fyfe Jr. *Milton Lodge*
 Wor. Jonathan Fitzpatrick George Sr.
Mountain Lodge
 Rt. Wor. Harold Louis Gerard Jr.
Social Harmony Lodge
 Rt. Wor. James Anthony Gilrein II
Mount Horeb (D) Lodge
 Rt. Wor. Arthur Leon Golden
Moses Michael Hays Lodge
 Wor. Joseph Goldstein *Garden City Lodge*
 Wor. Charles Arthur Graham
Mount Horeb (W) Lodge

Wor. Ronald Henderson Graves
Mount Sugar Loaf Lodge
 Bro. James Arthur Harvey *Siloam Lodge*
 Wor. Stanley Warren Herriott *Aurora Lodge*
 Wor. Leonard David Hickey
Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge
 Wor. Norman Wallace Hicks *Hope Lodge*
 Wor. William Hughes *Lafayette-Dover Lodge*
 Wor. John Edward Huguenin *Marine Lodge*
 Wor. David Charles Hunt *Saint Martin's Lodge*
 Wor. Jonathan Harris Jesse *Plymouth Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Robert Glenn Jessee *United Brethren Lodge*
 Wor. Richard Arlen Johnson *John Warren Lodge*
 Wor. Warren Edward Johnson
Mount Horeb (W) Lodge
 Wor. Raymond Andrew Johnson
Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge
 Rt. Wor. Robert Johnston *Somerville Lodge*
 Wor. Frank Jacob Kautz II *Mount Hermon Lodge*
 Wor. Leo Mark Kenen *Frank W. Thompson Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer *Caleb Butler Lodge*
 Wor. David Joseph Laronde *Orient Lodge*
 Wor. Edward Francis Lavin Jr. *Mount Olivet Lodge*
 Wor. Robert Stephen Lavin *Tahattawan Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Jeffery Michael Lowe
Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge
 Bro. Glenn William Lundell *Pilgrim Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Dana Soren MacAllister Sr. *Wamesit Lodge*
 Wor. Allan Jeffrey Martin *Philanthropic Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Richard Allen McAllister Sr. *Artisan Lodge*
 Wor. Brian Joseph McCarthy *Mount Scopus Lodge*
 Wor. Thomas Michael McClintock
J. Philip Berquist Lodge
 Wor. Donald Francis McCormack *Konohassett
 Lodge*
 Wor. Timothy Shawn McGavin *Euclid Lodge*
 Wor. Michael James McLaughlin *Mariners Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Francis Paul Mitrano *Wyoming Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Charles Ignazio Montalbano
North Quabbin Lodge
 Wor. Charles Philip Morton *Adams Lodge*
 Wor. Paul Vincent Mosher *Charles W. Moore Lodge*
 Bro. Kenji Nakano *Sinim Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Brian Scott Noble *Old Colony Lodge*
 Wor. William Noun *Rabboni Lodge*
 Bro. William Stetson Parmeter
Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge
 Rt. Wor. Edwin Richard Parsons Jr.

Old Colony Lodge
 Wor. Richard Allen Paul Jr.
Norfolk Union Lodge
 Bro. Ronald Richard Peck *Plymouth Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Bogos Willis Peligian *Jordan Lodge*
 Wor. Joseph John Podgorski Jr.
Saint Matthew's Lodge
 Rt. Wor. Hamilton Lee Potter *Old Colony Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Henry Bigelow Rand *Guiding Lights Lodge*
 Bro. Herbert Eldon Ransom *Paul Revere Lodge*
 Bro. George Rapchuck *Paul Revere Lodge*
 Bro. Ralph John Reed III *Ancient York Lodge*
 Wor. Alan Bruce Reekie
Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge
 Wor. Stephen Andrew Reynolds *Caleb Butler Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Lincoln Kempton Richards *Wellesley Lodge*
 Wor. Dennis James Robinson *John Warren Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Leland Francis Ross Jr. *Excelsior Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Eric John Rzepka *Golden Rule Lodge*
 Wor. Richard Albert Schubert *Cochichewick Lodge*
 Wor. Edward Allen Sherman III
Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge
 Bro. Delbert Stanley Smith *Olive Branch Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Mark Henry Smith *Siloam Lodge*
 Bro. Donald William Spradlin *Phoenix Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Barry Edward Standish *May Flower Lodge*
 Bro. Carl Robert Sweeney *The Meadows Lodge*
 Bro. Daniel Henry Taylor Jr. *Caleb Butler Lodge*
 Wor. Gerald Teran *Level Lodge*
 Bro. Edgar William Torell *Friendship Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Richard Shaw Townsend
Olive Branch Lodge
 Wor. James Robert Vassar *Republican Lodge*
 Wor. Andrew Cole Walker *Nauset Light Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. John Arthur White *Mountain Lodge*
 Bro. Lawrence Richard Willette *Brigham Lodge*
 Wor. Joseph Wilfred Willman *Merrimack Lodge*
 Wor. Robert Gardiner Wilson III
Joseph Webb Lodge
 Wor. Frederick R. Wise Jr. *Charles River Lodge*
 Wor. Ronald Edward Wolf *Hampshire Lodge*
 Bro. Robert Clifford Wood *William North Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. Harlan Lapham Woods Jr.
Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge
 Wor. Daniel Lafayette Wright *Amicable Lodge*
 Rt. Wor. William Ernest Yanakakis
John. T. Heard Lodge

Up, up, and away!



The 2012 Grand Master's Fair at Charlton by Donna Kondracki

Planning an event is a lot of hard work but also rewarding. And holding an event outdoors always proves to be tricky. The Committee (and Fair goers) were not disappointed in the least with the weather for the actual day of the Fair; June 24 this year turned out to be a beautiful summer day.

The Charlton Campus was bustling with activity by 6:30 in the morning. Masonic districts and vendors focused on setting up their spaces for the 9:00 a.m. start. The aroma from the pancake breakfast being served up at the old hotel building spread through the grounds and was enough to tempt the strongest-willed volunteers to leave their post for a morning snack. Who can forget the colorful, massive hot air balloon being inflated in the campus circle, and who could help wondering if the passengers waiting their turn might be worried that the ropes would hold the balloon close to the ground. And Oldies 98.9 Radio did a fantastic job with music and announcements throughout the day—really getting all ages to walk with an extra spring in their step.

The 35th Annual Grand Master's Fair!



With approximately 3,000 attendees, participation from 27 Masonic districts and over 60 vendors and displays, it was easy to understand how one could not see or visit everything. Everywhere you turned, there was a new and exciting element of the day. The blood drive collected 47 pints of blood and MyCHIP identified 60 children. These were some of the best numbers reported in recent years. Over 400 volunteers dotted the campus throughout the entire day assisting with all aspects of the Fair. From traffic control and parking assistance to resident transport and handing out programs, each task was accepted and performed with efficiency and grace.

We could go on and on with the descriptive words and fun accounts of each event and activity that took place, but the pictures on these pages will definitely speak to the fun had by all. The diversity of offerings paired with the enthusiasm of our friends and guests was unbeatable. The day turned out to be everything we had hoped it to be—a single day of festivities that brought together residents, employees, the fraternity, and the surrounding community in the spirit of fun and friendship. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making our 35th Annual Grand Master's Fair another successful event!

It's Never Too Late (iN2L) Resident Engagement through Technology

One definition of the word engage is to occupy the attention or efforts of a person. The definition and objective of resident engagement programs throughout our organization is to allow our residents the chance to stay connected by choosing their own activity or event.

These activities or events often focus on more intimate-sized gatherings or even in-room engagement. The goal is to enrich our residents lives by offering them more choices and chances to socialize and interact, therefore giving them the opportunity to experience a more homelike environment that is tailored to their specific needs or desires.

The It's Never Too Late (iN2L) computer system optimizes these efforts by offering residents the opportunity to select specific experiences from a myriad of options. Individuals are provided safe and easy access to technology through the Internet, e-mail, and custom programs. The benefits to our residents are immense. iN2L allows residents to engage in activities adapted to their own unique abilities and interests. The system also improves socialization, enriches communication with family and friends, enhances independence, and increases cognitive stimulation.

Residents have embraced this interactive, user-friendly technology and can often be seen using the virtual simulation functionality to fly an airplane up into the clouds, ride a bike in an outdoor setting, or play Wheel of Fortune with school age visitors. The system also offers touch screen interactive games for any cognitive level as well as music, puzzles, nostalgia, fitness, and an extensive list of additional programs and applications. ■



NEWS FROM OVERLOOK

THE PERFECT STORM Therapy Professionals at MHS/OVNA



Overlook Northampton therapists **Cindy Berube** and **Corinna Riley-Horvath** working with patients on seated exercise programs.

Many of us who practice therapy genuinely feel that we are doing what we were meant to do. Being an effective therapist requires passion and dedication. It also requires energy, creativity, and investment. Therapy is an area of practice where a career choice actually feels like a calling. At Masonic Health System's Overlook Visiting Nurse Association, we are blessed with an abundance of therapy talent. Whether practicing at the Outpatient Clinic, the Independent/Assisted/Skilled Nursing Facilities, or in the community, our therapy professionals make powerful connections and deliver unparalleled care and service each and every day.

While all therapists share some inherent qualities and values, there are also distinct and unique skills within individual practice that should be embraced. Too often, organizations attempt to over-standardize or homogenize the practice patterns of clinically trained professionals. This tendency is easily understood, especially in light of the unrelenting scrutiny and regulation being imposed on therapists. However, it has been so overdone that therapists tend to view compliance as a bad thing! It's good to be compliant. We all need to be compliant with the framework that guides and rules our ability to provide care. We also need to balance necessary standardization with preservation of our differences. As we transition "From Silos to System," Rehab professionals have this very opportunity.

There is tremendous value in recognizing, developing, and sharing the skills that differentiate our therapists. At MHS/OVNA, we are implementing and investing in tools and strategies to not only protect our therapists' individuality, but to optimize these talents so that they benefit our clients in all our care settings.

The focus for 2012 with respect to our therapy professionals remains consistent. Our goal is to be compliant with and standardized on the rules and the regulations as they continue to develop, in a manner that does not compromise our ability to deliver the highest quality of service and care, swiftly and skillfully. We must also remain committed to optimizing our talents as a rehabilitation system while also facilitating individual growth.

Kristin Mattson, director of rehabilitation development, was asked at a conference recently "As a rehab leader, describe in a few words what you feel you are trying to do." She replied, "I'm trying to guide a beautiful snowstorm. When you glance at a snowstorm, you see a bunch of snowflakes flying around. No two snowflakes are the same. Together though, those slightly different snowflakes make something beautiful. A team of therapists is that way. Outwardly, they may seem the same. Look closely, and there are subtle differences. Working together, something beautiful is created."

At MHS/OVNA, we have the Perfect Storm of therapists and it is an honor to work with and support this dynamic team. ■



Pictured L to R: OVNA employees, **Heather Villeneuve**, **Sherrilyn Shannon**, and **Carol Parece**.

A Deficiency Free Survey for OVNA

In February, Overlook Visiting Nurse Association received notification from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health that the Dartmouth, Hingham, and South Yarmouth branches had achieved a deficiency-free survey and were in substantial compliance with the Federal Conditions of Participation governing Home Health Agencies.

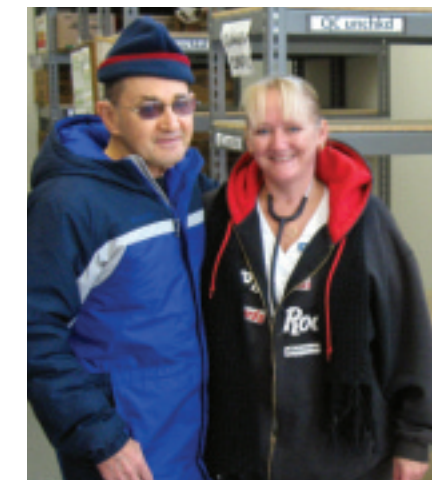
Congratulations to Carol Parece, RN, regional administrator, and her team including Heather Villeneuve, Dartmouth branch manager, Sherrilyn Shannon, Dartmouth clinical supervisor, Shavonne Yohoo, Hingham team leader, and Elena Medeiros, West Yarmouth team leader, on their achievement. ■

NORTHAMPTON FOOD DRIVE HELPS THE COMMUNITY

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you." —Mother Teresa

The Overlook at Northampton is located on over 100 beautiful acres that sit on the top of a hill in Hampshire County in Western Massachusetts. It would be easy to come up that hill and forget we are surrounded by an entire community of neighbors, friends, and family. However, residents and employees at Overlook don't forget they are a vital part of this greater community and some of those members are in need of food and other resources.

So residents and employees heeded the advice in the quote above from Mother Teresa. They didn't get preoccupied with numbers. Instead, they set out to help one person at a time in Hampshire County by holding a food drive to benefit the Survival Center in Northampton. The Survival Center has locations in Northampton and Goshen that distribute approximately 2,500 pounds of nutritious food every weekday. Residents and employees collected 59 pounds of food, loaded it in the Overlook bus and delivered it to the Survival Center. Together, the team is off to great start by making a difference in the lives of some of our neighbors. ■



Northampton resident: **Rene Poulin** and employee **Jill Tucker**



The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



It was May 22 and I had a 10:30 a.m. appointment at the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center. I arrived at about 9:45 a.m. and decided to park the car myself. When I'm running late or when it's my annual checkup (a nerve-wracking time), I tend to use the valet service. I am an 8 1/2-year cancer survivor, but no matter

how far you get from that diagnosis, you still dread the trip to the doctor's office. I say doctor's office like there is one doctor and one office. Nine years ago I had no doctors; today I have nine.

Since I have only one lung I am disabled and have a placard hanging from my rearview mirror allowing me to use handicap parking spaces. So that morning I drove into the underground garage for the Yawkey Building and started my search for a handicap space. I drove around and around, and deeper and deeper. I finally found a space on Level 5, meaning I was five levels below the first floor of the building. The parking space I found was just beyond the elevator on the right of a large hash-mark space.

It was just a couple of minutes after 10:30 a.m. when a nurse called out my name. I followed her from the waiting room to an examining room. My oncologist had good news; a spot on the CT scan was actually nothing.

With that news, I happily left the Cancer Center, went to the first floor of the Yawkey Building, paid for parking, stepped into an elevator and headed for parking Level 5. It was a great day until the elevator door opened. There was a car parked on the hash marks that separated my car from a small van.

Actually, it is an understatement to call this vehicle a car. It was a Lincoln Town Car. It was a CAR! And to make matters worse, there were no handicap plates on the car or a handicap placard hanging from the rearview mirror. If you can picture the width of a Lincoln Town Car and the width of the hash marks between two handicap parking spaces you know it was a tight fit. In fact, for the Lincoln driver to get out of the car, it had to be as far right as possible—about one foot from my car.

That day I had my wife's Toyota Prius equipped with a transponder key that emits a signal that unlocks the car and

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allows the driver to start the engine. You can unlock either of the front doors or the hatch. If the transponder doesn't work, there is an emergency key that will unlock the driver's door—only the driver's door! The transponder I carry needs a new battery, so I had to use the emergency key. But, there was only a foot between my car and the Lincoln, so I had to wedge myself in to unlock the door. I couldn't open the door far enough to get in so I had to pull myself out and reenter from the passenger's side, which means I had to climb over the center console.

I can understand that the driver of the Lincoln Town Car may have been confused about laws governing handicap parking and the hash marks. It is illegal to park on the hash marks in just 50 of our states, one district and five territories. And in those places, there are no exceptions to the law, not even for handicapped drivers. My initial reaction when I saw the car on the hash marks was to turn around, go back to the first floor, and tell one of the Mass General police officers. If I had my way at that time it would be towed.

That was my initial reaction. When I got closer to the car I changed my mind. There it was, on the trunk lid: the Square and Compasses.

Now, I have no idea if the person who parked that car is a Mason. I can only assume he was. What I do know is people get their impressions about the fraternity from the people they know who are part of it. To be honest, the Square and Compasses is what kept me from having the car towed.

I remember the time when Grand Lodge was soliciting interest in Masonic license plates. There wasn't enough interest to go ahead with the project, but one comment about the idea stuck with me. Someone cautioned that if people with those plates committed some violation, it would reflect poorly on the fraternity. The comment was made, "If you have that plate, you can't speed."

I don't wear any Masonic jewelry and have no Masonic emblems on my car. This harkens back to the time I was an active news reporter. I didn't want people's feelings about the fraternity to impact how they dealt with me. I also didn't want people's impressions of me to reflect onto Masonry.

Despite all that, I still try to conduct myself as if I had a giant neon sign on my back that said "Freemason." I may not always be successful, but I try.

I guess this may be a cautionary tale. It is a reminder to me that I represent the fraternity at all times, everyday. What I do and how I act serves as an example of a Mason to those who are not members of our fraternity. ■

GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR 2012-2013

by Wor. Jeffrey Northrup

The Eighteenth Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony was held on June 15, 2012 at Grand Lodge. Continuing the revised process instituted in 2011, the program once again expanded its reach, this time granting \$422,500 for the education of the 142 student-recipients. Both numbers are new scholarship records for the Grand Lodge program.

Attendees included over 200 students along with their parents and other family members. Gathering in Corinthian Hall, Rt. Wor. Brian S. Noble, chairman of the scholarship committee, played the newest Ben Franklin television advertisement and briefly remarked on the revised program that allows for the distribution of more money to more students. He also introduced this year's committee members: Rt. Wor. Eugene Blake Nichols, Rt. Wor. Paul R. Perkins, Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer, Wor. Matthew S. Gerrish, Wor. Jeffrey A. Northrup, Bro. Gordon Huggins, M.D., and Mr. Jay Sparling.

Grand Master Richard J. Stewart spoke briefly about the importance of education to young people and to the future of the nation as well as the fraternity and expressed his pleasure in the opportunity to expand the number of scholarship recipients this year.

One of this year's recipients, Bro. David W.A. Abbott, a member of Rural Lodge in Quincy as well as a past state master councilor of Massachusetts DeMolay, spoke of the importance of the program to him and the other students and emphasized that they all have an obligation to give back through living lives based on the tenets of Freemasonry—qualities like fellowship, charity, education, and leadership. Before adjourning for refreshments, each student introduced their family members and their college plans.

First-time Recipients of Grand Lodge Scholarships

This year there are 50 new recipients of Grand Lodge Scholarships, including Named grants.

Erica Anderson is the daughter of Bro. William Anderson Jr. of Bay Path Lodge. She is a student at Bay Path College, where she is studying forensic science.

Daniel Bacon is a member of Corinthian Lodge in Concord, which he served as inside sentinel in 2012. He is attending Middlesex Community College from which he expects to graduate this fall with an Associate's Degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Tara Burke is the daughter of Wor. David F. Molloy of Union Lodge and Deborah F. Molloy. She is attending

Northern Virginia Community College with a major in Russian and Eurasian Studies.

Steven Burke is the son of Wor. Thomas Burke Sr. of Paul Revere Lodge and Linda Callahan. He is a 2012 graduate of Brockton High School and intends to major in history and special education in college.

Meredith Carr is the daughter of Wor. Everett Carr of John Warren Lodge and Gretchen Carr and is a past worthy advisor of Natick Assembly of Rainbow. She is a graduate of Ashland High School and expects to major in biology/pre-veterinary.

Kyle M. Garland is the son of Bro. Peter B. Garland of Milton Lodge and Valerie C. Garland. He is a 2012 graduate of St. Paul's School in Concord, NH. He intends to major in engineering.

Christopher R. Gordon is the son of Wor. Jeffrey R. Gordon of Republican Lodge and Kathleen J. Brissette. He is a 2012 graduate of Turner's Falls High School. He intends to major in the electro-mechanical engineering field.

Emily F. Grove is the daughter of Wor. Andrew Grove of Amicable Lodge and Carrie Grove and the granddaughter of Rt. Wor. James W. Spurrell. She is currently enrolled at Salem State University where she is pursuing a degree in theater arts.

Matthew J. Guilemette is the son of Robert and Christine Guilemette and the grandson of Rt. Wor. Demetrios Sarantopoulos, past district deputy grand master of the former 29th District. He intends to major in chemistry with an eye toward a career in pharmacy.

Hayley M. Gundlach is the daughter of Wor. Todd D. Gundlach of Orient Lodge and Lynda May Gundlach. She is a 2012 graduate of Norwood High School and is planning to major in English.

Sean J. Halloran is the son of Joseph Halloran and Gail Halloran and the grandson of Bro. Charles Tibbetts of Charles C. Dame Lodge. He is a graduate of Manchester-Essex Regional High School and intends to major in computer science.

Thomas F. Hamilton is the son of Wor. George F. Hamilton of Alpha Framingham Lodge and Theresa M. Hamilton. He is a DeMolay, an Eagle Scout, and a 2012 graduate of Algonquin Regional High School. He intends to major in physical education.

Melissa M. Hastie is the daughter of Bro. Donald H. Hastie Jr. of Friendship (CT) Lodge 33 and Stephanie T. Hastie and the granddaughter of Bro. Clifford Tyler of Satuit Lodge. She is a 2009 graduate of Southington High School and is attending Quinnipiac University, majoring in occupational therapy.

Nicole E. Henry is the daughter of Bro. David Henry Jr. of Seaview and Mt. Tabor Lodges and Lisa Henry and the



Lodge. He is a member and officer of Lowell Chapter of DeMolay. He is attends Middlesex Community College majoring in photography.

Nicholas J. Potamis is the son of Wor. Gregory Potamis, a past master of Fidelity and Wyoming Lodges, and Amy Copeland-Potamis. He is a 2012 graduate of Boston College High School and plans to major in engineering.

Carrine E. Putnam is the daughter of Bro. Jeffrey L. Putnam of King Hiram's Lodge and Elizabeth Putnam. She is a 2012 graduate of Nauset Regional High School

and plans to pursue a pre-med course of study, concentrating in psychology.

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Laurinda M. Ralph is the daughter of Bro. Thomas V. Ralph of Webster Lodge and Christina M. Ralph. She is a 2012 graduate of Bartlett Junior-Senior High School. She intends to major in psychology.

Elizabeth A. Reagan is the stepdaughter of Wor. Ian Fyfe of Milton Lodge and the daughter of Kathleen Reagan. She is a 2012 graduate of Braintree High School and is undecided on her college major.

Margaret J. Reagan is the twin sister of Elizabeth (above). She ranked second in her class at Braintree High School and had been accepted at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the New York University Polytechnic Institute. She intends to major in engineering.

Jessica A. Robbins is the daughter of Wor. James Robbins, past master of Oxford Lodge, and Lori Robbins. She is a 2012 graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School and intends to major in special education or management. She is a four-time past worthy advisor of Oxford Assembly of Rainbow.

Nicole S. Robinson is the daughter of Wor. Curtis J. Robinson, past master of Satuit Lodge, and Susan E. Robinson. She is a 2012 graduate of Allen D. Nease High School in Ponte Vedra FL and intends to major in dance at one of the three colleges to which she has been accepted.

Bro. Raymond J. Saragian III is a member of Norfolk Union Lodge, which he served as senior steward. He is the son of Raymond J. Saragian Jr. and Nika L. Saragian. He is attending Bridgewater State University, majoring in history.

Zachary B. Shwartz is the son of the late Bro. Matthew Shwartz of Moses Michael Hays Lodge and Lisa Kipnis Shwartz. He is a 2012 graduate of Gann Academy in Waltham and intends to study business and accounting in college.

Daniel T. Skebos is the son of Bro. Thomas Skebos of Oxford Lodge and Nancy M. Skebos. He is a 2012 graduate of Oxford High School and plans to study nursing in college. He is a past master councilor of Worcester Chapter of DeMolay.

Eric A. Studley is the son of Bro. Ernest A. Studley of Old Colony Lodge and Sharyn K. Studley. He is a 2010 graduate of Cohasset High School and is currently attending Wentworth Institute of Technology with a computer science major.

Bro. Michael J. Tinney is a member of Universal Lodge

and is the son of Michael G. Tinney and Janet Uhlar-Tinney. He is a 2010 graduate of Nauset Regional High School and is currently attending the College of the Holy Cross where he majors in history and ROTC.

Noelle E. Young is the daughter of Bro. John R. Young Sr. of Frank W. Thompson Lodge and Nichole E. Young. She is a past worthy advisor of Wamesit Assembly of Rainbow and is a 2012 graduate of Nashoba Valley Technical High School. She studies human services in college.

First-time Recipients of Named Scholarships

Fourteen students were first-time recipients of Named Grand Lodge Scholarship awards.

Catherine Burnett is the daughter of Wor. Robert Burnett of Morning Star Lodge and Carrie Burnett. She is a 2012 graduate of Doherty Memorial High School and intends to major in biology in college. She is a recipient of the Rt. Wor. Philip M. Turner Masonic Home Scholarship.

Abigail Blake is the recipient of the M.W. David W. Lovering Scholarship. She is the daughter of Wor. David Blake of Howard Lodge and Michelle Blake and is a 2012 graduate of Dennis-Yarmouth High School. She intends to major in international business in college.

Janet Chikofsky is the recipient of the Donald S. and Dorothy Cunningham Scholarship and is the daughter of Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky of Simonds Lodge and Julie Michutka. She is a student at Stanford University majoring in public health and human biology. She is a graduate of Burlington High School, where she was valedictorian in 2009.

Facing page: RW Brian Noble welcomes students and families to Grand Lodge. Below: New recipients of Grand Lodge Scholarships for 2012-2013 with Grand Master Stewart. Group photos by RW David Elsner



Maria Dare is a recipient of the Rt. Wor. Philip M. Turner Masonic Home Scholarship. She is the daughter of Bro. Raimundo Dare of Simon W. Robinson Lodge and Rosa Dare. She is attending Middlesex Community College studying psychology. She is a past worthy advisor of both Lexington and Newton Assemblies of Rainbow.

Elizabeth A. Drouin is the daughter of Rt. Wor. Philip A. Drouin of Weymouth United Lodge and Pamela I. Drouin. She is a past worthy advisor of Wollaston Assembly of Rainbow and will attend Marymount University with a dual major in biology and criminal justice/forensics. She is the recipient of the M.W. Roger W. Pageau Scholarship.

Erik B. Dyrness is the recipient of the M.W. Richard J. Stewart Scholarship. He is the grandson of M.W. Richard J. Stewart and the son of Don Dyrness and Kimberly Stewart. He graduated from Roxbury High School in Succasunna NJ, is an Eagle Scout, and plans to major in engineering.

Kayla M. King is the recipient of the M.W. Arthur E. Johnson Scholarship. She is the daughter of Bro. Bruce R. King of Weymouth United Lodge and Tammy L. King. She is a 2012 graduate of Norfolk County Agricultural High School and plans to major in veterinary science. She is a past worthy advisor of Wollaston Assembly of Rainbow.

Bro. John-Hanson Machado received one of the Rt. Wor. Phillip M. Turner Masonic Home Scholarships. He is a member of Plymouth Lodge and is the son of Wor. Daniel Machado and Carol A. Machado. He is a past master councilor of South Coastal Chapter of DeMolay. He intends to major in biochemistry.

Alexandra R. Pinaud is a recipient of the Rt. Wor. Philip M. Turner Masonic Home Scholarship. She is the daughter of Rt. Wor. Leonard J. Pinaud, a past district deputy grand master, and Maria E. Pinaud. She is a 2012 graduate of Mashpee High School and intends to major in pre-med and mathematics.

Amy E. Randall is the recipient of the Rt. Wor. James A. Menninen Scholarship. She is the daughter of Rt. Wor. Peter Randall and Holly Randall. She is a graduate of Norfolk County Agricultural High School and plans to major in nursing. She is also a past worthy advisor of Middleboro Assembly of Rainbow.

Alexandra W. Rockwell is the daughter of Wor. Douglass Rockwell, past master of Pequossette Lodge, and Lisa Rockwell and the granddaughter of Rt. Wor. Arthur Rockwell. She is a 2012 graduate of Barnstable High School and intends to study musical theater. She is the recipient of the Rt. Wor. Robert C. Patey Scholarship.

Jessica A. Sandell is the recipient of the St. John's Lodge Scholarship. She is the daughter of Bro. Edward Sandell of West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge and Theresa Sandell. She is a 2011 graduate of John D. O'Bryant High School and is attending Regis College majoring in nursing.

Heidi C. Schneider received one of the Rt. Wor. Philip M. Turner Masonic Home Scholarships. She is the daughter of Wor. N. Douglas Schneider, past master of Pythagorean Lodge, and Lynda Schneider. She plans a major in either English or pre-med and expects to join ROTC and pursue a military career after graduation.

Brandon L. Thorne is the son of Wor. Grant L. Thorne of

granddaughter of Past District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. David Henry Sr. She attends George Mason University where her major is integrated studies/pre-law.

Bro. Atilla B. Kara is a member of Mumford River Lodge and is the son of Wor. Attila S. Kara, a five-time past master of the same lodge, and Karen Kara. He is a 2012 graduate of Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School and intends to major in biology.

Erin M. Kelley is the daughter of Wor. John E. Kelley Jr., past master of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, and Linda A. Kelley. She is a 2011 graduate of Burlington High School and is currently attending the University of Connecticut where she is majoring in English education.

Ashley M. Machado is the daughter of Wor. Daniel Machado of Plymouth Lodge and Carol A. Machado. She is a student at Bridgewater State University where she is majoring in elementary education, history, and sociology. She is a past grand worthy advisor of Massachusetts Rainbow.

Samantha R. Miller is the daughter of Gerard and Elaine Miller and the granddaughter of Wor. Merrill Morehouse, a past master of Lee Lodge. She is a 2012 graduate of Lee Middle and High School and intends to major in early childhood education.

Patrick C. Nowlan is the son of Christopher Nowlan and Carol Lockhart and the grandson of District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Philip A. Nowlan. He is a 2012 graduate of Shawsheen Valley Technical School and intends to major in electrical engineering at UMass Lowell.

Michael S. Pace is the son of Bro. David Pace of Wilbraham Lodge and Katherine Schooley. He is a 2004 graduate of Stafford High School and is currently attending Capital Community College, pursuing a degree in nursing.

Bro. Eric E. Parsons is a member of Old Colony Lodge and is the son of Rt. Wor. Edwin R. Parsons, a past master of Satuit Lodge. He is a past state senior councilor of Massachusetts DeMolay. He is attending Bridgewater State University as a history major.

Amanda E. Perkins is the daughter of Rt. Wor. Paul R. Perkins, a past senior grand warden, and Tracy E. Perkins. She is a past worthy advisor of Wakefield Assembly of Rainbow and a holder of the Grand Cross of Color. She plans to attend the University of New Hampshire as a communications major.

Jonathan J. Pica is the son of Joseph G. Pica and Karen E. Pica and the grandson of Wor. Keith L. Bennett of Wamesit

Wamesit Lodge and Karen Lee Thorne and the grandson of M.W. Donald G. Hicks Jr. Brandon was the 2011-2012 state junior councilor of Massachusetts. He is a 2012 graduate of Leominster High School Center for Technical Education and plans to major in engineering. He is the recipient of the M.W. Donald G. Hicks Jr. Scholarship.

Renewed Grand Lodge Scholarships

Nicholas P. Atcheson, Westfield State University; Richard Burke, New England School of Communications; Bridget Butterworth, Fairfield University; Andrew Calvario, Cornell University ; Tyler Chaffee, Suffolk University ; Joshua Cooper, University of Pennsylvania; Rebecca Corshia, Gordon College; Madison Curllin, University of Florida; Chelsea Davis, Plymouth State University; Martin Dunham, St. John's University; Bryanna Favor, Salem State University; Christopher Fredrickson, University of Rochester; Jessalyn Gingras, Bryant College; Grace Greenland, University of Hartford; Eric Jones, Bentley University; Andrea Knott, Bridgewater State University; Olivia Kotsopoulos, Wellesley College; Lindsey E. Lavin, University of New England; Sarah K. LeBlanc, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy; Shannon E. Marcoux, Rivier College; Nathaniel Matthews, Rochester Institute of Technology; Katherine M. Mowles, Babson College; Olivia Napoli, University of Connecticut; Paige O'Brien, Emerson College; Caitlin O'Shaughnessy, UMass Dartmouth; Vincent Pegurri, Bentley University; Christopher Podymaitis, UMass Amherst; Hayley J. Roberts, Endicott College; Christopher D. Rooney, Bridgewater State College; Cassandra Schubert, Salem State University; Jesse R. Shablin, Framingham State University;

Recipients of renewed Grand Lodge Scholarships for 2012—2013 with Grand Master Stewart.



Courtney Walker, Emmanuel College; Dustin Walther, Berkshire Community College; Ryan Weathers, State University of New York Oneonta; Joseph Wesoloski, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Courtney White, Fitchburg State University; Alexa Zukowski, St. Anselm College

R.W. Philip M. Turner/Masonic Home Scholarships: Danielle Brown, Framingham State University; Erica Baker, University of Denver; Danielle Cloutier, UMass Amherst; Halie Olszowy, University of New Hampshire; Maryanna Owoc, Worcester State University; Brett Roche, Harvard University; **M.W. Fred K. Bauer Scholarship:** David W. A. Abbott, Bridgewater State College; **E. Marilyn Oberle Scholarship:** Amanda Banz, Manhattanville College; **Wor. Allen Charles Weisinger Scholarship:** Angela Chrobak, Bryant College; **M.W. Albert Timothy Ames Scholarship:** Robert J. Cole, University of Connecticut; **M.W. Jeffrey B. Hodgdon Scholarship:** Danielle Davis, University of New England; **Rt. Wor. Graham Atwell Long Scholarship:** Thomas D. Hunter, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; **Edward William & Elsa Oberle Scholarship:** Nancy K. Maleno, Bay Path College; **M.W. Edgar W. Darling Scholarship:** Kelly E. Moran, Boston University; **Neponset Valley RAC Scholarship:** Emily Nichols, UMass Dartmouth; **R.W. Oscar A. Guinn Jr. Scholarship:** Kelly M. Robbins, Western New England University.

New Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarships

The third category of funding for scholarships awarded through our Grand Lodge is due to the generosity of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation. This foundation was established by Brother George E. Grimshaw and his longtime companion Irene Gudewicz. He was a member of Star in the East-Paskamansett Lodge in New Bedford.

Scholarships given in the name of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Foundation are for children or grandchildren of Massachusetts Masons who graduate from New Bedford High School as the first priority, and secondly to students who live in Bristol County. This year, we renew 14 scholarships and give 25 new scholarships through the foundation. The following students are first-time recipients of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarships:

Alison T. Bettencourt is the daughter of Bro. Stanley Bettencourt Jr. of Abraham Howland Lodge and Becky A. Bettencourt. She is a 2012 graduate of Dartmouth High School and plans to major in business.

Bro. Jonathan B. Brightman is a member of Noquochoke Lodge and the son of Wor. Brad C. Brightman and Martha J. Sutton. He is a member of Phoenix Chapter of DeMolay and plans to major in criminal justice.

Sara J. Brightman is Jonathan's sister and is a 2009 graduate of Westport High School. She is attending the University of New England where she expects to receive a degree in marine biology.

Leia R. Brunette is the granddaughter of Bro. Carl F. Blenkhorn of Rabboni Lodge and the daughter of Ronald and Susan Brunette. She is a 2011 graduate of Dartmouth High School and is attending Philadelphia Biblical University, majoring in elementary education.

Sarah R. Burgess is the daughter of Bro. Edward L. Burgess of Eastern Star Lodge and Jane S. Burgess. She is a



Recipients of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarships with Trustee Andrew Shabshelowitz and Grand Master Stewart.

2010 graduate of Norton High School and is attending Endicott College as an interior design major.

Alicia D. Coleman is the granddaughter of Wor. James P.F. Burke and the daughter of James and Colleen Coleman. She is a 2012 graduate of Southeastern Regional High School and plans to attend Rivier College as a nursing major.

Danielle R. Darling is the daughter of Bro. Paul W. Darling of Eastern Star Lodge and Donna Lee Darling. She is a 2011 graduate of Moses Brown School and is attending Ithaca College as a television/radio media production major.

Alexander S. DeMello is the son of Bro. David DeMello of Noquochoke Lodge and Georgina DeMello. He is a graduate of Dartmouth High School and is attending Fitchburg State University, majoring in communications media.

Shawn J. Doherty is the son of Bro. Edward J. Doherty of St. Albans Lodge and Janice E. Doherty. He is a 2010 graduate of Mansfield High School and is attending Bates College as a political science major.

Brittany M. Durocher is the daughter of Bro. Michael Durocher of King David Lodge and Mary Durocher. She is a 2009 graduate of Coyle-Cassidy High School and is attending the New England School of Art and Design as an interior design major.

Thomas L. Flett is the son of Bro. Thomas G. Flett of Pequossette Lodge and Estelle Flett. He is a 2012 graduate of Bishop Feehan High School and plans to major in sociology, criminology, or criminal justice.

Emily M. Foley is the stepdaughter of Bro. Emanuel Madeira of Abraham H. Howland Lodge and the daughter of Kelly Madeira. She is a 2012 graduate of Dartmouth High School and plans on majoring in mechanical engineering.

Andrew W. Foster is the son of Bro. John D. Foster of Social Harmony and Pythagorean Lodges and Glenys L. Foster. He is a 2012 graduate of Dartmouth High School and expects to major in accounting and finance.

Brian R. Franklin is the son of Bro. Robert C. Franklin Jr. of Abraham H. Howland Lodge and Pamela Franklin. He is a 2010 graduate of Mansfield High School and is attending UMass Amherst as a finance major.

Jesse A. Fredrickson is the grandson of Wor. Arthur Post of Belmont-Beaver Lodge and the son of John and Carolyn Fredrickson. He is a 2010 graduate of Mansfield High School and is attending Boston University, where he is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Alyson M. Haworth is the daughter of Wor. Dennis E. Haworth of Pythagorean and King Philip Lodges and Kim M. Haworth. She is a 2012 graduate of BMC Durfee High School and intends to pursue a pre-med degree in college.

Kevin T. Haworth is the grandson of Bro. William Haworth of Pioneer Lodge and the son of Brett and Dale Haworth. He is a 2010 graduate of Somerset High School and is attending UMass Amherst with a major in marketing and sports management.

Zoe M. LaClair is the daughter of Michael J. and Sharyn R. LaClair. Her grandfather is a member of Ezekiel Bates Lodge. She is a 2012 graduate of North Attleboro High School and plans to major in management and finance.

Mason R. Machado is the son of Bro. Raymond J. Machado of Noquochoke Lodge and Nicole M. Machado. He is a 2012 graduate of Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School and plans to attend Wentworth Institute of Technology with a major in electrical engineering.

Ian S. Nussman is the son of Bro. Mark and Lory Nussman. He is a 2011 graduate of New Bedford High School and is now attending UMass Dartmouth. Ian is also an Eagle Scout.

Marissa A. Perry is the granddaughter of the late Bro. Hannibal J. Perry of Taunton Lodge and the daughter of Michael and Susan Perry. She is a 2012 graduate of Bristol Plymouth High School and plans to major in early childhood education.

Keegan H. Remy-Miller is the son of Bro. Harold M. Miller Jr. of Abraham Howland Lodge and Pamela Remy. He is a 2012 graduate of Dartmouth High School and plans to major in international relations.

Victoria M. Saber is the daughter of Bro. Charles Saber Jr. of King Philip Lodge and Rosemary M. Saber. She is a 2011 graduate of New Bedford High School and is attending Simmons College as a business management major.

April R. Sandland is the granddaughter of Bro. John Nelson of Bristol Lodge and the daughter of Mark Sandland and Karen Pariseau-Higgins. She is a 2008 graduate of Bristol County Agricultural High School and is attending UMass Lowell with a major in biology.

Bro. Blaine G. Stillerman is a member of Pacific Lodge and is the son of James and Patricia Stillerman. He is a 2009

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MLI Class Holds “Bridging the Generations” Event



The New Builders Program (From L to R): DDGM James Dill, GM Richard J Stewart, Bros. Pedro Morales, Steven Margolis, Christopher Kelley, Robert Khouri, Nicholas White (Sebastian Patane not pictured).

The New Builders Program was one of eight teams created at the M.W. Henry Price MLI Class of 2012. This team of men with diverse backgrounds focused on member retention. All lodges deal with the problem. The team’s solution was to bring together members with more than 5 years experience and members with less than 5 years experience to discuss what each of their lodges do to excite and retain active members. The project was named Bridging the Generations.

The team’s discussion session was held in May in Newtonville. Fifty-five attendees discussed existing retention programs and ideas for new initiatives. Some of the ideas included a ladies

night at Mystery Theatre Cafe, The TONY Volunteer Scholarship Award (Ten Outstanding Norwood Youth), a movie night for kids and adults that raises money for an Angel fund, a widows program, a Cable-Tow mentor program, the Master Mason Rookie Award program, and a charity and activities program that requires new Masons to participate in charitable events and fun activities immediately.

A Golden Trowel Award was created to honor the lodge with the best ratio of older and newer members. Logia America was the first recipient of the new award and will retain it until the next dinner/discussion to be held in the fall of 2012. —Bro. Robert Khouri

Thomas Lodge Sponsors Heritage Day at Sturbridge



Wor. R. J. Parron in costume at Old Sturbridge Village’s Meetinghouse.

Thomas Lodge, located in Palmer, sponsored the first annual Masonic Heritage Family Day on May 19 at Old Sturbridge Village. The events included historical interpretations of Paul Revere, Joseph Warren, and Henry Price at the Old Meeting House in the Village.

Wor R. J. Parron, past master of Thomas Lodge, and Junior Steward Dana Naglieri, who are regular volunteers at the Village, served in costume during the day as sources of information and help to visitors.

—Bro. Douglas Battige



Prospect Lodge Supports Dyslexia Center

Wor. Souhail Berbara (L), master of Prospect Lodge in Westwood presents check for \$2,500 to (R) Wor. Bernard J. Goulding, Jr. chairman of the J. Philip Berquist Children’s Dyslexia Center of Newtonville. —Bro. Neil S. Ali

Celestial Lodge Award Honors Scouts

Evan O’Connor of Dedham Troop #1 and Christopher Burke of Westwood Troop #1 were recipients of the 7th Annual Wor. Donald H. MacLellan Masonic Scout Award presented by Celestial Lodge in May. This Award recognizes two Boy Scouts, one from Dedham and one from Westwood, for scholastic achievement, service to the community, and best personification of the scouting spirit of the late Donald H. MacLellan.

In addition to a handsome plaque and permanent recognition on the Award hanging in the lobby of the Westwood Masonic Building, each received a \$500 scholarship.

In photo below: Scouts Evan O’Connor and Christopher Burke.

—Rt. Wor. Jeff Jarvis



Front row (L to R) Br. Christopher Joseph Kanz, Br. Erik Mark Voigt, and Br. Bradford Douglas Allspach, candidates from Mumford River Lodge, Wor. Robert Lajoie, Wor. Dennis Robbins, Wor. Christopher St. Cyr, Br. Matthew Charles Bell, candidate from Joel H. Prouty Lodge. Back row (L to R) Wor. Peter Pendergast, Wor. David Nadreau, Rt. Wor. Daniel Barston, DDGM 24th District, Wor. Dan Violette, Wor. Douglas Ellis.

24th District Holds Presiding Masters’ Night

You may have heard of a lodge having a Past Masters Night, but have you ever heard of a district having a Presiding Masters Night? This evening was the idea of Wor. Robert Lajoie of Joel H. Prouty Lodge in Auburn. The masters of each lodge in the 24th District conducted the Entered Apprentice Degree for several candidates.

Under by dispensation from the Grand Master, seven of the nine masters in the 24th District assembled at Joel H. Prouty Lodge and conducted a wonderful night of superb and inspiring ritual for the candidates. —Wor. Douglas J. Ellis

TROWEL DEADLINES

Winter issue:

Feature stories are due by September 21

Lodge news items by October 19

Photos Needed by October 19 of presentations of 60th, 65th, 70th, and 75th Anniversary Pins.

Please send to Lee Fenn at

trowelodgenews@gmail.com.

Use real cameras not cell phones!

Rabboni Commemorates Past Masters



Thirty nine past masters, affiliated past masters, and honorary past masters of Rabboni Lodge in Westwood participated in the annual Past Masters Appreciation Ceremony in June. Past Grand Master Most Wor. Arthur Eugene Johnson made one of the presentations at the altar in memory of those no longer with us. —Bro. Jeff Jarvis

Donation Made to Elm-Belcher Angel Fund

Bro. Wayne Wood, who is a member of Elm-Belcher Lodge in Agawam and also a member of the American Federation of Government Employees Local #3707, presented Wor. Robert Tremblay, master and Angel Fund chairman, with a \$500 donation from the Local. The lodge’s Angel Fund was started in 2004 and since its inception has helped almost 70 children.

—Wor. Robert Tremblay



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Dunning, the great, great, great granddaughter of Bro. Leland.

Mrs. Dunning, who was accompanied by her grandson Dylan, traveled from her home in Anchorage Alaska to attend the ceremonies. She commented that she was pleased to have been of help and was delighted with the work done by Franklin Lodge to honor her ancestors.

Restored aprons of Bro. Leland and his father-in-law, Wor. John Roberts, were on display during the dedication ceremony. Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master Robert Jolly, representing the Grand Master, was pleased to welcome Mrs. Dunning and to explain his regalia to her inquisitive grandson Dylan, who expressed interest in becoming a Mason in 10 or 12 years. —John Doherty

Franklin Dedication: (LtoR) Wor. Ray Beland, RW Robert Jolly, Dylan, Joellen Dunning, Bro. Stephen Qualey





Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Robert V. Jolly Jr. installs Wor. Scott M. Sherman. Academic robes are the standard of dress for BU Lodge.

Boston University Lodge Re-chartered

The lodge at Boston University was re-chartered in June. Once again there are three academic lodges in Massachusetts: The Harvard Lodge, Richard C. MacLaren Lodge at MIT, and Boston University Lodge. Wor. Scott M. Sherman was installed as master during a

public installation ceremony held at the Grand Lodge building.

The reemergence of BU Lodge after a 13-year hiatus was the result of years of hard work and dedication by more than 40 brothers, BU Lodge will be based at the Grand Lodge building and

will be in the 2nd Masonic District. Bro. Jehan Hamedi, a recent graduate of Boston University, is helping to secure space and recognition on campus. He says, "Prospective brothers will be intrigued by the organization's long and colorful history. To be a part of a historic organization, whose diverse members share the same core values, is truly a unique experience: an experience I'm proud to say is available right here at Boston University once again."

— Wor. Lee H. Fenn

Phoenix Lodge Awards Scholarships



Phoenix Masonic Lodge held its annual scholarship dinner recently and awarded scholarships to two Hanover graduates of South Shore Regional Vocational High School. Joleen McNamara (left) will attend Curry College and Michael Young will attend Wentworth. Shown (left to right) Wors. John Hyland, Master of Phoenix Lodge, Bro. Steve Richardson, chairman of the scholarship committee.

— Bro. Jon Bond

(I.S.C.), met concurrently with the International Congress. Massachusetts was represented by Dads Brian S. Noble, Wayne T. Szretter, Paul R. Perkins, Keith L. Rushlow, Edwin R. Parsons, Jr., and Donald G. Hicks, Jr.

Dad Paul R. Perkins was elected an active member of the I.S.C. Dad Wayne M. Vinton was elected a deputy member, and Dad William R. Currier, was elected an honorary member.

In photo at left: Dad Wayne Vinton receives his Deputy Member collar from Dad Brian Noble.

— Rt. Wor. Will Currier

Massachusetts at 2012 Demolay Congress

DeMolay's International Congress was held in Louisville, Kentucky in June. Massachusetts was represented by Master Councilor Bro. Timothy W. Nogueira, Junior Councilor Bro. Brandon Thorne, and Chaplain Bro. Adam Azanow.

Numerous legislative items were brought before the Congress and were discussed at length by attendees. These young men proved that they are indeed the future leaders of our communities, states, and nations around the world.

Massachusetts was recognized for their membership efforts, and also won awards for their state newsletter and several local Chapter newsletters. Executive Director Brian S. Noble was chosen as the Advisor for the 2013 International Congress and will be working closely with other International officers over the next year.

The International Supreme Council



— Rt. Wor. Kenneth Pfeiffer



Master Mason Rookie Award
Brother Edward Newton Sandell is the second member of Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge to receive the the Master Mason Rookie Award. (L to R: Wor. Robert P. Shedd, Bro Edward N. Sandell, RW DDGM Bruce T. Marshall).

14th District Supports Team Freedom

The 14th Masonic District has once again collected items to be sent to our troops overseas by way of Masonic Team Freedom. Twice yearly, for the last three years, the lodges in the district use the lodge of instruction as a collection point and then truck the items to the DeMolay office in Boston where Rt. Wor. Ed Parsons and his crew assemble packages for our troops.

The district was pleased to invite Concord Assembly #53, Rainbow Girls and Ida McKinley Chapter of Eastern Star to take part the effort, making it a truly district-wide Masonic endeavor.

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Fourth-Generation Mason at Mt. Lebanon



(L to R) Wor. Frank B. Gomes Jr., Bro. William R. Gomes, Bro. Frank B. Gomes Sr., GM Richard J. Stewart, Wor. Christian R. Parker, and RW Robert V. Jolly.

Mount Lebanon Lodge of Boston conferred the Third Degree on a fourth-generation member in May. Bro. William R. Gomes, was raised by his father, Wor. Frank B.

Gomes Jr., who is a past master of Mt. Lebanon and the current grand standard bearer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The candidate's grandfather, Bro. Frank B. Gomes Sr., who is also a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, traveled from Florida to be present and gave a most moving address to his grandson that was received with a standing ovation from attendees.

Grand Master Richard J. Stewart and Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Robert V. Jolly attended as did a number of Grand Lodge officers who participated in the work as the 12 fellow crafts.

In keeping with a Mt. Lebanon Lodge tradition, Bro. Gomes was presented with a Masonic Bible by Chaplain Rt. Wor. Clark B. Loth. The chaplain had received that same bible when he was raised in 1976 by the candidate's great grandfather, Wor. Raymond Hallgren.

— Wor. Christian R. Parker

Scottish Rite Installs Officers in Worcester



Sovereign Prince Stephen H. Wolfe, Most Wise Master John F. Sullivan, Thrice Potent Master Azim S. Rawji

The universality of Freemasonry could never be more dramatically presented than it was Sunday April 29, 2012 at the installation of the three, newly elected heads of the Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Worcester: Goddard Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Lawrence Chapter of Rose Croix, and Worcester Lodge of Perfection.

The altar contained the three Holy Books; the Koran, the Torah, and the New Testament, upon which the officers, who are members of the three faiths, took their obligations.

— Rt. Wor. H Richard Cornwell



DeWitt Clinton Lodge in Sandwich celebrated its annual Past Master's night in June. A large turnout of members on the sidelines saw two brothers raised to the Master Mason Degree.

Kneeling in front: newly raised Brothers Chris Querze and Rick Smith, with Wor. Al Hoyt, presiding master, RW David Catten DDGM 20th District, and seventeen past masters of the lodge.

— Wor. Allen Hoyt



Golfers gather for a well-deserved meal at the 15th Annual Masonic Awareness Scholarship Golf Tournament.

Olive Branch Scholarship Golf

Olive Branch Lodge held its 15th annual Masonic Awareness Scholarship Golf Tournament in May. Twenty-five foursomes from around the 24th Masonic District joined together at Raceway Golf Club in Thompson, Connecticut, to enjoy a day of golfing and to raise money for local students. Over the past 15 years Olive Branch Lodge has awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to high school seniors of the Blackstone Valley.

Masonic Awareness has become the focal point of this tournament and through the generosity of friends and brothers, the lodge has been able to not only give scholarships but also to contribute to blood drives, Demolay/Rainbow, youth sports teams, widows and veterans luncheons, road races, and the Boy Scouts. —*Bro. Gordon L. Forsberg, Jr.*

Scouter Award at Philanthropic Lodge

Bro. Lanning Levine (Left) received the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award recently. He had received the same award two years ago. Bro. Don Balser (Right) presented the award at Philanthropic Lodge. Both Masons have been active in the Boy Scouts for decades, first as scouts and as adults troop leaders. Bro. Balser is junior warden-elect and Bro. Levine will be appointed a steward in the autumn. —*Bro. Gordon Lothrop*



Golden Rule Lodge Hosts Kentucky Derby Party

Broadcasting on the big-screen, members, family, and friends of Golden Rule Lodge watched as the horse named I'll Have Another won the Kentucky Derby in the annual Run for the Roses. Many of the ladies sported lovely dresses and big hats in true Derby-style.

The party was the idea of Shannon Vossler, wife of Wor. Edward W. Vossler, master of the lodge (in photo above). Shannon hails from Kentucky and had this party on her radar screen from the day Wor. Vossler was installed as master.

One-Day Class at Old Colony Lodge

Old Colony Lodge held a one-day class on May 19 in Hingham. Sixteen new Masons were welcomed to the fraternity by Grand Master Richard James Stewart. An additional five brothers completed Second and Third degrees that day.

The degree work was performed by an All-Star team of officers from the 18th Masonic District under the direction of Rt. Wor. Arnold Johnson and Rt. Wor. Richard Taylor.

—*Rt. Wor. Joseph DeNicola*



Mount Holyoke Lodge participated in the South Hadley Memorial Day celebration. Shown with family members (L to R) Bro. William C. Jubinville, Wor. Tyler W. Seavey, Bro. Donald George, RW Paul Cataldo, RW Ronald E. Jackson, Bro. James M. Garrant and Wor. Karl F. Ferguson.

Attendees enjoyed plenty of southern fare including a popular libation that included a sprig of fresh mint.

—*Rt. Wor. George Bibilos*

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graduate of New Bedford High School and is attending UMass Amherst where he is an international business major.

Renewed Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarships

Those receiving continuing scholarships from the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Foundation are:

Jillian Flett, Fordham University; Mary L. Hedberg, Brown University; Lydia M. Mozzone, Skidmore College; Hillery J. Perry, Curry College; Michael A. Prew, Bryant University; Sean M. Raudonaitis, Rhode Island College; Lilith S. Remy-Miller, Case Western Reserve University; Jennifer W. Samson, Southern New Hampshire University; Alexander H. Sheehan, Brandeis University; Mallory L. Sherman, Fitchburg State University; Casey R. Tidwell, Framingham State University; Andrew G. Walker, University of Rhode Island; Timothy J. Walters, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Darwin B. Werthessen, Bridgewater State University. ■



Paul Revere Lodge Awards Seven Scholarships

Paul Revere Lodge in Brockton, awarded seven Aspacher Scholarships in June. These scholarships are based on the student's academic performance as well as their commitment to the George and Evelyn Aspacher family's belief in volunteerism and community service. The recipients (and their lodge sponsors) were Jacqueline Allen (Wor. Raymond E. Allen Sr.), Steven Burke (Wor. Thomas J. Burke Sr.), Andrew Howells (Bro. Robert Parrish), Heather McLaughlin (Rt. Wor. Bruce K. Pratt), Melissa Richard (Wor. John Christman), Kathryn Rogers (Rt. Wor. Bruce K. Pratt) and Sarah Tenore (Bro. Dave Tenore).

In photo: Scholarship Chairman Bro. Peter Dost (left) and Paul Revere Lodge Master, Wor. Thomas J. Burke Sr. pictured with scholarship recipients and their families. —*Wor. Robert C. Farrell*

Navy Masons Visit Boston During Navy Week



Chief and Bro. William Ronald Lovelady

far from home. Their Blue lodges are spread throughout the United States. Yet the lessons of Freemasonry permeate each long duty day during deployments.

Chief William Ronald Lovelady, from Zellwood, Florida, is a mass communication Specialist attached to the fleet. He relates, "The military gives the Mason a head start and adds another layer of loyalty and camaraderie with shipmates."

A group of Masons gathered on the well deck of the carrier can converse easily while standing next to a 14,000 horsepower Hellcat Hovercraft. Each man is from a different region of the country, but as Petty Officer Bro. JahMai (Jay) Stokes relates, "We all find each other in due time. Brothers Williams, Cloud, and Kelly concur. —*Wor. Ronald Doucette*



Brothers Williams, Cloud, and Kelly

The Compasses and The Square

by Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb

There comes a time in a good man's prime
He thanks his Lord in prayer,
His travels found Masonic ground,
The Compasses and the Square.

He spent his days in youthful ways
Yearning for something more,
Until the day he took his oath
And on The Book, he swore,

To guard the secrets—hand to hand
Or whispered, breast to breast.
On bended knee for all to see
He pledged a lifelong quest.

He promised to obey the laws,
The rules and regulations;
And govern himself accordingly,
In all his grades and stations.

The Cardinal Virtues—guide his life
Temperance and Fortitude,
Prudence and Justice direct him,
Faith and reason conclude.

Architectural wisdom from
Cathedrals built with stone
Symbolize the principles
Of truth and fairness and home.

His eyes are opened to the arts
The sciences revealed;
Related to his daily life
With wondrous, new appeal.

The three degrees in Masonry
Will educate and teach.
The goal in every Masons' life
To practice what we preach.

We vow to help, aid, and assist,
Respecting womanhood.
Here Charity, Hope and Faith abide;
The lessons within—all good.

Lectures, lessons and ritual
Tell Master Hiram's tale.
Our secrets and our wages
Are Masonry's Holy Grail.

One knocks and enters on the first,
The second, he doth pass.
The third—he's raised—the Lord God praised,
A Master Mason at last.

Life within our quarries is
A Brotherhood we share;
A guiding light that shines so bright,
The Compasses and The Square.





Masonic Education Day

by John Doherty

A special day devoted to Masonic education topics was hosted at Grand Lodge on May 12, 2012. The event was attended by hundreds of Masons from across the State. The highlight for many was the first-ever Grand Master's Table Lodge.

Event chairman Alfredo Canhoto faced one-of-a-kind logistical challenges in a program that featured separate registration for each of the day's three sessions. Attendees were able to choose any or all of the sessions. Consequently, people came and went throughout the course of the day. The complex registration process was handled by Rt. Wor. Kevin Willis and Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky who developed and monitored registration through Mass-masons.org. Bro. Joe Turner managed budgeting and expenditures for the event.

The day began with a meeting of the Massachusetts Lodge of Research. Guest speaker Wor. Christopher Hodapp. The well-known author of *Freemasons for Dummies* talked about "What's all this Egyptian stuff doing in Freemasonry?" The bottom line according to Bro. Hodapp is that "Speculative Masonry has no connection to Egypt. Sorry!"

The afternoon session was organized by Bro. Jeff Levy and featured Chris Hodapp who shared the research techniques he uses to generate his books and other Masonic projects including his appearances on television shows.

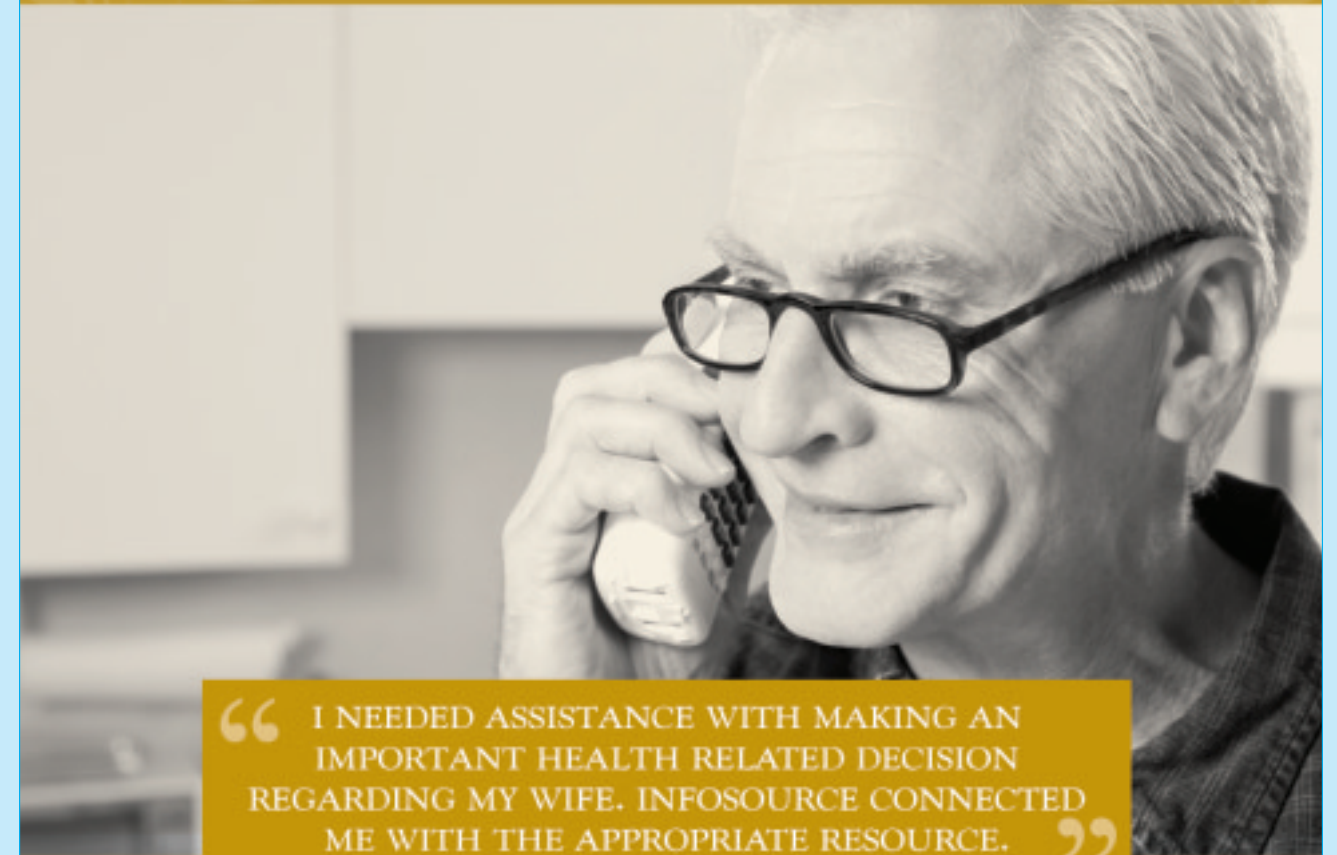
The day ended for 278 attendees at the Grand Master's Table Lodge. Sixty volunteers, led by Wor. Paul Gaudet and Rt. Wor. Eugene Cappy Capobianco, served a spectacular seven-course meal in the Grand Master's dining room. The keynote speaker at dinner was again Wor. Christopher Hodapp. His topic for the evening was "Renaissance Men—Freemasonry at the Dawn of a New Golden Age." The fraternity is poised for a boom. Said Bro. Hodapp, who also pointed out that while most lodges focus on serving active members, a new Mason's fourth meeting is his most important meeting.

Masonic Education Day was a great success, and a fitting finale for a year filled with innovative programs. MMET chairman Rt. Wor. Ted Morang summed up, "Massachusetts Masons are seeking further light, and the education and training opportunities that we are able to provide help. I urge my brothers to find a program or activity that interests them, and to get involved in it." ■

Top: Nearly 300 Masons assemble for the first Grand Master's Table Lodge. Below left: Wor. Christopher Hodapp and Wor. Graeme Marsden, master of Massachusetts Lodge of Research. Center: Masons joined in the lively discussion during the afternoon session. Right: Volunteers begin service at the Grand Master's Table Lodge. Photos courtesy of Bro. Marcus Griep



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