

# TROWEL

A man in a black Masonic hood and white lace-trimmed shirt is holding a wooden staff. A white and gold fringed banner is attached to the staff. The background is dark and out of focus, showing other people in similar attire.

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS FALL 2017

**The Colonial  
Craftsmen Club is  
*Everywhere!***

**Ancient York  
Lodge Supports  
DeMolay**

**60-75  
Anniversaries**



*From the East of Grand Lodge*

PAUL F. GLEASON

Brethren,

By now, we are well into our “new” Masonic year: officers have (hopefully) adjusted to their new stations, the lodge has (again, hopefully) adjusted to a new Worshipful Master and he to his new responsibilities. That said, however, we face the same challenge—membership!

Have your sidelines grown? Perhaps a newly-raised brother is proudly wearing an officer’s collar. If so, great! Congratulations! For many lodges, however, these goals have not yet been met. Again, I urge you to try new approaches to recruitment – publicity, service projects, any of the suggestions our Membership Committee has suggested. At the same time, pursue proven means of retention, such as establishing—and maintaining—contact with all of your brothers. You will not believe the effect that a simple telephone call can have until you have made a few. Try it!

I want you to be aware that our staff and our Membership Committee are working on a number of new initiatives. Their efforts include close coordination with Scottish Rite’s development efforts. We are looking into how we can coordinate all of our assets to build the most successful program for each of you. We are well into the production of a video that supports the retention of members that we already have, our brethren in the York Rite Commandery have offered their resources to any Blue Lodge looking for an “added attraction” such as color guards and parades, and initial planning has begun for a One Day Class.

All of this is exciting and full of promise but, please, don’t take it as a reason to sit back and let Grand Lodge drive the bus. Membership growth must take place at the level of individual members – we need to hear from you what assistance you need to be successful. Reach out! But most importantly, please continue your efforts to “Replace Yourself”!

On another subject, I am pleased to share with you an experience I was privileged to enjoy this fall. The United Grand Lodge of England (its acronym “UGLE” really needs work!) invited every Grand Master in America to participate in their 300th Anniversary Celebration. It was an offer I couldn’t refuse! Suffice to say that our “Mother” Grand Lodge knows how to celebrate a major anniversary. It was a distinct privilege to represent our Grand Lodge in this singular and—yes, awesome—event. Sitting as one of 138 Grand Masters in Royal Albert Hall with 4000 (!) Masons from around the world instilled a real sense of pride in being part of 300 years of Freemasonry.

I wish you all the best of the Holiday Season. Enjoy your family and the festivities. I hope to see you all at the Feast of St. John.

Respectfully,

***Paul F. Gleason***

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## Virtue: In Word and Deed

There was a moment early in my Masonic journey, after being raised and enjoying my new position as a sideline Brother, when I knew I was in the right place.

I thought about what I was seeing in the Brothers at dinner, and during the Collation. I thought about what I was hearing and seeing, especially during Lodge.

Before the dinner, I saw men transform into Officers of the Lodge, each going off to get dressed in his tuxedo. If a Brother had a turned-up collar, another Brother would help. If a Brother had responsibilities he had to complete before Lodge, another Brother would let him get in line first. When a Brother went to get a drink, he would ask the table, "Does anyone want something to drink?"

When the meal or Collation was over, no one cleared only his place. Every time, be it the Master of the Lodge, the District Deputy Grand Master, or the Tyler, he offered to take care of other's dishes.

These kindnesses, this tending to another, surrounds Lodge. It seems that there is something between these men, these Brothers that makes them more likely to help each other.

When preparing for Lodge, Brothers wander around the Lodge room, chat about their days, challenges, or the fun they had since the last Communication. They help each other with their bow ties, tease those wearing clip-ons, adjust each other's officer jewels, and wait for the moment to take their places, be it in an Officer's chair, on the sidelines, or outside the door. When that moment comes, behaving virtuously becomes discussing virtue.

With each other, we all work to be virtuous. In Lodge, we pray, we discuss what it is to be virtuous, and we learn about what happens to those not inclined toward virtue. We listen, we speak, and we grow into better men.

Virtuous living isn't in a self-help book. Virtuous growth isn't through watching television. Virtuous living becomes habit through regular discussion and practice of it. Virtuous living is the Masonic Life Grand Master Joseph Earl Perry writes of; virtuous living is shown through the love and effort Bro. Pablo Manual Rivadeneira Tejerina puts into his Lodge room miniatures. Virtuous living is here, Communication after Communication, in Freemasonry.

The moment when I knew Masonry was good for me, and nearly every man I know, was when I realized I heard, learned, and saw more virtuous living with my Brothers than anywhere else in my life.

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*



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*Harvey's Keepers are: Mari Dobson, Rt. Wor. Fred Dobson (John Hancock Lodge), Bro. Lloyd Johnson and Wor. Lou Ciano (Mt. Olivet Lodge), Linda Kelley and Bro. John Kelley (Golden Rule Lodge), Annette Sohni and Rt. Wor. Bill Sohni (St. John's Lodge [N]), Nancy Wolfe, wife of Wor. Michael Wolfe (North Reading Lodge), Wor. Paul Malagrifa (The Harvard Lodge), and Betsy Miller.*

## Harvey's Keepers

When a disease affects you, your family, loved ones, or you lose a family member, you are more inclined to become involved in some way to help find a cure. What happens when you lose four members of your family to the same awful disease? You want to really make an impact. We have been hearing more and more about ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in recent years, especially because of the Ice Bucket Challenge, but Mari Dobson's family has been battling ALS for decades.

While there are potentially many ways to contract ALS, Mari's family has a gene that affects roughly 1 in 10 people who come down with ALS. She's lost her grandmother, aunt, father, and most recently her younger brother to this awful disease. Most people with ALS typically have a two to five year life expectancy after diagnosis, and 10% survive at least 10 years.

However, the gene that runs in Mari's family (SOD1) causes the disease to progress much more rapidly, decreasing the life expectancy to only nine months after the diagnosis.

When Mari's brother Harvey was diagnosed with ALS in the spring of 2014, a group in their hometown of Oberlin, OH wanted to do a fundraiser, in this case a spaghetti supper. Mari wanted to help, but living in Massachusetts made that difficult to do. While talking with one of her friends on the fundraising team about a venue for the supper, she suggested the Oberlin Masonic Hall. Bro. Dobson reached out to the Secretary of Oberlin Lodge #380, after getting his name from their website. They had just gone dark for the summer, but after hearing about the situation, the Secretary brought it to the Master and the building Trustees. They agreed that the fundraiser could be held at the Hall at no cost. However, *continued on page 22*

## Wor. David Libby awarded the Joseph Warren Medal

At Norumbega Fraternity Lodge, Newtonville, on October 9th, Rt. Wor. Scott Inglis directed his Marshal to conduct Wor. David Arthur Libby to the East where he made a few remarks about Wor. Bro. Libby's life over the years and how Wor. Bro. Libby had joined the lodge after being hired as a magician for a couple holiday parties.

At this point, Rt. Wor. Bro. Inglis removed his top hat and after the classic incantation of "Abracadabra", pulled from his hat a Joseph Warren Medal and presented it to Wor. Bro. Libby. Wor. Bro. Libby then announced that while he was rarely without words, he was in fact speechless.

After a round of congratulations from the DDGM, Wor. Bro. Libby was escorted back to the sidelines to a standing ovation.

*Editorial Note: Wor. Bro. Libby was also the long time design and production editor for TROWEL. His fellow staff at TROWEL offer him hearty congratulations.*

*-Wor. Jay Gibson*



# The Cardinal Virtues

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

Freemasonry is a truly remarkable fraternity. Those of us who are longtime members of Masonic lodges are well aware of that. We know of its long history, its beautiful ritual and the strong fellowship and fraternal connections that develop among lodge brothers. But there is a deeper and more profound connection Masons share. Masonic virtues are an important part of our Masonic work, an important connection between Masons. Carried into the world outside the lodge, they serve to improve the quality of the lives around us even as their practice build up our own spiritual lives.

The Masonic virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice are more than mere words. These virtues represent more than a page or two of Masonic ritual, instructive as those pages may be. The lecture that includes what some Masons regard as the most difficult passages to commit to memory, is a foundation stone upon which to build our Masonic edifice.

The first three, Temperance, Fortitude and Prudence, require our own personal efforts. They must also be practiced in unison. It makes little sense to embrace temperance without the fortitude to hold to it or the prudence to exercise discretion. C.S. Lewis, a great religious writer, wrote that it is dangerous to hold to one virtue at the exclusion of others. He points out that Communism, for example, emphasized equality to the exclusion of other virtues. Our own Constitution emphasizes the importance of equality under the law. But that is also tempered by the virtues we have come to know so well. Holding the interlocking virtues in common helps us understand their interrelationship.

While Temperance, Fortitude and Prudence may be considered individual virtues, virtues that are learned and developed over time by individual Masons, we must remember that they are passed down

to us by our Masonic mentors. Masonry is a fraternity. As such, the group is an important arbiter of the values and norms of the group. The group of Masons, holding common beliefs, is vital to the perpetuation of the Craft and its values.

Many years ago, as a young seminary student, I studied under an eminent spiritual teacher. This teacher was world-famous. Students traveled great distances to sit at the feet of the great master. Many wanted him to serve as their spiritual director, to receive individual counseling from the famous teacher. He accepted few

directees. But those he did accept fulfilled two necessary requirements: 1. they needed to be mature, to be old enough to have experienced something of life; 2. they also needed to belong to a group. That group could be a church, a support group or a fraternal organization. In other words, one cannot be a spiritual seeker without the grounding that a healthy group provides.

That is why I have saved Justice for last. It is the judgment that is administered by the fraternity; not punitively, but in the instructive sense, in the sense of guiding members along the appropriate path. But Judgment may only be administered effectively if it is grounded in the other three cardinal virtues. Otherwise, it may become arbitrary and capricious.

The Cardinal Virtues are necessary for our learning. They are designed to support each other, just as our brothers of the Craft are there to support and instruct each other. We can never be Masons in isolation. The virtues of the Craft, as well as our faithful Brothers, teach us this important lesson. ■



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

# THE SEPTEMBER 2017 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

The Brethren were worried before 1:30 at Grand Lodge. The temperature was rising; the room was heating up. It was warm. The EMTs were at the ready when the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Paul F. Gleason, was about to enter. The Grand Master arrived, on time, to the cheers of the assembled Brethren.

Presenting the flags of the United States and Massachusetts were the Colonial Craftsmen, in full 1700's garb. They were Rt. Wors. David Newcomb and Walter Hunt, and Bros. Geoff Turi and Chris Tourtellot.

All stood, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and sang the National Anthem. The Brothers who served in the Armed Forces saluted and all others placed their hands reverently on their hearts.

The hall filled with the hymn "Faith of our Father." Rt. Wor. and Rabbi Irving Luchens offered a prayer, and the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts was opened in due form.

The past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in attendance were: M. Wors. Albert Timothy Ames, Jeffrey Black Hodgdon, Richard James Stewart, and Harvey John Waugh.

The First Responders, on hand and hoping for a cooler room, were Rt. Wor. Jerry Bergeron (Captain), Rt. Wor. Kevin Hamel, Wor. Jack MacNeill, Wor. Ed Burg, Bro. Ryan Mattew, and Wor. Greg Ericsson.

M. Wor. Bro. Ames outlined the voting powers of Lodges and recognition of proxies. Proxies are to vote only in the absence of the Wardens and Master. (Some Brethren loosened their ties just a little in anticipation of the rising heat, and of a long Quarterly.)

The report from the committee on Charters on By-Laws was read by Rt. Wor. Robert V. Jolly, Jr. Only two modifications were accepted, with one partially rejected.

In addition, M. Wor. Bro. Ames updated the Brethren on the contingency vote for consolidation from the previous quarterly. He reported that all of the paperwork was in order, and that Morning Star Lodge and Quinsigamond Lodge, will now be called Morning Star Lodge after they merge.

"It is a vote," proclaimed the Grand Master after the assembled voted to accept the Grand Lodge Operating Budget.

## The Grand Master introduced to the Brethren assembled the distinguished guests:

M. Excel. Charles R. Austin Grand High Priest,  
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts  
M. Ill. Demetrios J. Sarantopoulos, Most Illustrious Grand  
Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons  
of Massachusetts  
Sir Knight Kenneth G. Sallale, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander  
of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the  
Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

## Representatives of The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA

Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts  
Ill. Peter R. Smith, 33°, Active for Massachusetts  
Ill. C. William Lakso, 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts  
Ill. Robert E. Godbout, Jr., 33°,  
Active Emeritus for Massachusetts

M. Wor. Thomas Edward Pulkkinen, Grand Master, Grand  
Lodge of Maine

## Representatives of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

M. Wor. Nicholas Locker, Past Grand Master and Grand  
Representative (G.L. of MA)  
Rt. Wor. Gerald Thaxton, Junior Grand Warden  
Rt. Wor. Ricardo Anderson, Grand Treasurer  
Rt. Wor. James Whitehead, Grand Marshal  
Rt. Wor. Wilbur Evans, Sr., Grand Marshal Emeritus

Rt. Wor. & Dad Philip Drouin, Executive Officer,  
Order of the DeMolay, Massachusetts  
M. Worthy Daniel E. Violette, Worthy Grand Patron,  
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star  
Sir Knight Robert Jessee, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of  
Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth

The Grand Master introduced his nominations for next year's Senior and Junior Grand Warden. For Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wors. Fred A. Dobson, Jr. and David J. Raymond were nominated. For Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wors. Nicholas Joseph Mantello and Michael Jeffrey Jarzabek were nominated.

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The Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Kevin J. Willis performed the difficult task of informing the Brethren of the passing of three Masons, who combined had over 180 years of Masonic life. Rt. Wor. and Rev. Matthew Wissell bowed his head, as did the assembled Brethren, in prayer for our departed Brothers.

While we work in Masonry toward self-betterment, and we strive for the good of all mankind, some of us falter. The Grand Master announced that four had stumbled on their way toward improvement. He recommended they all be suspended from the rights and benefits of Freemasonry. The Brethren raised their right hands in sad approval of the Grand Master's recommendation.

The Grand Master received presentations from members of Marine Lodge and Mystic Valley Lodge, thanked Wor. George Wiseman, the Grand Organist, for the music, and began making his remarks.

The Grand Master welcomed the Brethren back from the ease of summer's refreshment and said that his "first summer as your Grand Master was a busy one."

After the June Quarterly, the Grand Master visited Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge to celebrate their 150th anniversary with the Valley of Boston. "I then traveled to Plymouth for Massachusetts Rainbow's Grand Assembly session, where I was very impressed by the dedication of the young women who make up the assemblies throughout Massachusetts." The most heartwarming experience the Grand Master had, however, was speaking to "150 students and parents at our Grand Lodge Scholarship Banquet. As I told the guests that evening, we need to invest in future generations in order to realize the best version of our Fraternal legacy, and our scholarships are the perfect vehicle for us to do that."

In July, the Grand Master raised Bro. Inder Anil Majurndar at Cornerstone Lodge in Duxbury, where the former has been a member since 2004. With a contingent of

Grand Lodge officers, he traveled to the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, in Indianapolis. There, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers "had the opportunity to learn a lot from our peers throughout the country."

In August, the final Master's Path session of the Masonic year was held at the Performing Arts Center in Charlton. "Rt. Wor. Ted Morang did a fantastic job preparing the entire program, thank you Ted," said the Grand Master.

The Grand Master returned to Cornerstone Lodge for their August communication to present his son, Alexander, with his Lewis Jewel. The Lewis is a device used by Operative Masons to lift heavy blocks of finished stone into place. The Lewis Jewel represents a father and son who are both Masons.

The Grand Master attended the DeMolay Annual Conclave, where he was "very impressed by the young men who make up our DeMolay chapters throughout the state."

The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council had a session in Rochester NY, which the Grand Master attended, at which the 33rd degree was conferred upon several fine Masons.

The Grand Master presided over two Lodge mergers: Meridian and Perfection Lodges merged in June, and Boylston and Guiding Light Lodges merged in August. "It is always a pleasure to celebrate what will be a bright future for a newly merged Lodge with its dedicated Master Masons," the Grand Master said.

"Perhaps the most significant event of the supper for the Grand Lodge, however, was the opening of Explorateur, the busy new restaurant serving lunch and dinner to customers," said the Grand Master. "We recognize the importance of getting this building to [be] financially independent from our fraternal operating expenses, and the revenue we will be getting from . . . Big Night Entertainment [will] go a long way towards helping us achieve that goal." The Grand Master mentioned that dues are better spent on charity than operating expenses.

"On a somber note, we are extending a Masonic helping

*Freemasonry seeks to help men become the best versions of themselves.*



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hand to our brethren in Texas, and now Florida. I want you to know that in addition to the outpouring of your individual donations to the Masonic Service Association, your Board of Directors voted last week to donate an initial \$10,000 to the Association to aid them as they continue their mission of providing relief to a record number of flood victims.”

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren about the work to be done: “Membership is the lifeblood of our Fraternity.” The Grand Master talked of ways to engage the public at the Open House, such as touch a truck or an antique assessor, and discussed the strong television push for the Open House on October 21st, which emphasizes the self-betterment available within the Fraternity.

“Our Communications and Development team also has some marketing tools in development that will help your Lodge stay in touch with potential applicants,” informed the Grand Master. He directed the Brethren to look for information from them and the Membership Committee for training in use of these tools. “On average, we have four men, every day, ask us how to become a Mason. Every single day. It is up to us to capitalize on these opportunities together.”

“Every member of your Lodge is important. No one should sit alone when they come to Lodge. As far as the inactive brethren go - call them! You'll never know if they wish to come back if you don't. We have found an excessive amount of demits from brethren who are both 50 year veterans and over 80 years old. Please consider offering

them a Grand Lodge life membership and remitting or reducing their Lodge dues if they ask for it,” said the Grand Master.

The Grand Master discussed the tour guide program at the Boston Masonic building. He spoke with Rt. Wor. Bill Sohni, “one of our most dedicated tour guides.” Bill and the tour guide staff are important in our interaction with the public. “For the public, the tour guide is often the first knowledgeable Mason they ever meet.” The tour guide staff needs a few good Brothers to volunteer. “This is light duty and good fun,” the Grand Master remarked. The building tours are on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, between 10:30 am and 2:00 pm. “Even if you are only available to help once a month, it would be a big lift for the program,” said the Grand Master.

If you are interested, contact Brother Christopher Rooney (crooney@massfreemasonry.org), or Wor. Robert Huke (rhuke@massfreemasonry.org), of our Communications and Development Office to learn more about it. They may also be

reached by phone at 617-426-6040.

The Grand Master closed his remarks with, “Thank you Brethren! Let's have a good fall quarter together. See you in December.” He received a standing ovation. The temperature was high, but the Brethren were relieved. After a little over an hour, the Grand Master closed the Fall 2017 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in due form. ■



**The then Master of Prospect Lodge, Wor. Elias Semaan, makes a presentation to the Grand Master.**

**Wor. Philip Joseph Privitera of Mystic Valley Lodge and Wor. Jeramie D. Hammond Marine Lodge made donations to the Grand Master.**



# The OVERLOOK



## An Interview with Robert Engell

The Overlook Health & Rehabilitation Center Administrator



### *When did you join The Overlook Health & Rehabilitation Center?*

I was privileged to join The Overlook team at the beginning of 2017. My dad who has been a Shriner for close to five decades was even more excited than I when I joined Overlook. He felt after a 30 year career in health care – from Academic Medical Centers in Massachusetts and Virginia to Health Sector Development with the military in Kabul, Afghanistan, I finally had a great position at his nursing home! It was exciting to see just how much ownership he felt – and with good reason.

### *So, what did you find special about The Overlook?*

That's an easy question. Two very important aspects distinguish The Overlook. First we are truly mission driven, values based. We operate in a way consistent with the Masonic principles; we really are the Masonic Home – your center for skilled rehabilitation and long term care services. A member of the Masons or Eastern Star will be right at Home here at The Overlook.

Second it is our people. I've been many places and it is clear to me that our team is very special. We have long tenure, skilled and caring team who make the difference. We also have more staff on average than other nursing homes in the region with a 5-star rating from the Federal Government.

### *Are there other unique features?*

Absolutely! Almost too many to point out in a short story. The entire community is outstanding – we offer a full spectrum of services from home care to independent living to rehabilitation to long term care – all under one roof literally! Once you arrive at our community the vistas are amazing. The Overlook is located on over 450 beautiful hilltop acres and you can see for miles – much nicer than receiving care at a place where you only see other buildings and hear city noises.

The facilities are spectacular – second to none. We are 106 years young! With new world class construction just a little over a decade ago, no expense was spared. All private rooms with private bathrooms and showers. Country kitchens and community spaces throughout. Rehabilitation gyms to speed your recovery and advanced practice clinicians and doctors to oversee your care every step of the way.

### *What do we need to do to come to The Overlook for rehabilitation after a hospitalization?*

All you have to do is ask. That's the first step.

In this day and age we increasingly see hospitals telling Medicare eligible patients where they have to go for rehabilitation. But, you can ask to come to The Overlook. Simply fill out the card and present it at the hospital to let them know you have the choice of where to receive your care – and you have made it – tell them you want to come to The Overlook – your choice of home away from home! ■



# life should be full of *choices*

The Overlook believes that life should be full of choices, including a full range of health care options right on campus. Overlook's continuum of health care services offers several levels of care to meet most needs including:

Short-term Rehabilitation for post-hospital or transitional stays offers 27 private rooms each with a private bathroom for comfortable and restful recovery. The skilled team of nurses and specialists including physical, occupational and speech therapists really get to know each patient, understand their strengths and challenges, and customize care based on the needs and goals of the individual. Two state-of-the-art rehabilitation gyms are available to meet these goals. Therapy is offered seven days a week with the rehabilitation plan designed to help the patient get back on their feet and return home as soon as possible.

Stonebrook Enhanced Living community offers sup-

portive services for those who need a bit more help with everyday activities of living. Staff is attentive to each resident's needs but not intrusive, helpful while also respectful. The 28 private suites promote the opportunity for independence. Personalized attention supports each resident as much as they want, while providing what they need. From restaurant style dining to dedicated fitness staff to engagement and wellness programs, the goal is to make each person feel empowered.

Fieldstone Assisted Living Memory Care is a secure neighborhood with 14 private suites. Country kitchen dining, beautifully appointed living spaces and outdoor garden courtyard make the community feel like home. People struggling with memory loss have a more profound need to be in a safe and familiar environment, surrounded by caregivers who know and support them. Innovative programming stimulates the senses, maximizes movement and encourages more active cognition. Programming is customized for each individual's interest, history, needs and abilities.

Long-term Care is superior when the people providing the care are superior. Overlook nurses and aides bring more training and more experience to caring for each person. Around-the-clock nursing care is provided to residents in 112 private rooms with private bathrooms. Intimate neighborhoods feature country kitchen dining and engaging activities to maximize each resident's enjoyment and quality of life. ■

*The Health Center Team Lisa Christian (Director of Social Services), Josephine Cronin (Director of Nursing), Robert Engell (Health Center Administrator), Stephanie Nikopoulos (Director of Programming) Cathyn Lefebvre (Director of Admissions).*



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PATIENT NAME:

*Thank You.*



# Candidates for JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

*Rt. Wor. Nicholas Joseph Mantello*

The journey to Election Day started with an email arriving a few months ago from a friend and Brother, Rt. Wor. Mason Russell. It stated he needed to speak to me and would be calling. Several days passed. Since I am Secretary of two Lodges, I thought our Grand Treasurer was to inform me of a problem. After his call, I was relieved that the Lodges were okay. He wanted to know if I was asked to run for the office of Junior Grand Warden, would I be interested. "Yes," was my reply.

Not long after, our Grand Master, M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason called me and inquired, "Would you be interested in running for Junior Grand Warden?" Since the call from Rt. Wor. Bro. Russell, my mind was a whirlwind of thoughts filled with travel, time, and most importantly, my wife. Fortunately, travel was not an issue, having purchased a new vehicle recently. Time worked out, having retired not long ago, and my wife, maybe not possessed of same excitement and enthusiasm as me, was supportive. I had one question. If I did not win, would I lose my position as Grand Lecturer? Our Grand Master assured me I would remain Grand Lecturer if I did not win. All things considered, the answer was, "Yes, Grand Master, I would be happy to!"

The non-campaign has been nothing short of exciting. Rt. Wor. Bro. Jarzabek and I have become good friends and truly supportive of each other. We have traveled to many jurisdictions and made many new friends. Our goals, I believe, are one in the same, to represent our Grand Master and Grand Lodge to the best of our abilities, and be an example just as those who have served before us have been.

There is only one winner in these elections: the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Rt. Wor. Bro. Jarzabek and I would not have it any other way. We pledged to support each other, no matter the outcome. That is what makes our Fraternity the greatest in the world. ■

*Rt. Wor. Michael Jeffrey Jarzabek*

The search for light is what initially attracted me to the Craft. As I have ascended, and often descended, the winding stairs of my Masonic experience, I have tried to keep this aim in view. The vision I have for my Masonic career is to help my Brothers become the best version of themselves, and to find that light. Any position that I take must pass that litmus test.

When M. Wor. Harvey Waugh asked me to be the Chairman of the Lodges of Instruction, I felt I had a great opportunity to fulfill this vision. The small successes of the past year have validated that this was a great opportunity for me to use my passions and skills to better the Fraternity by helping the Brothers of the jurisdiction to find light.

My aspirations in this Fraternity have never been attached

to titles, or their attached accoutrements. Instead, I am driven by a simple desire to be useful. If the two coincide, then so be it, but I would never do a job for title alone.

When I got the call from the Grand Master asking me to consider a nomination for Junior Grand Warden, I was apprehensive. How would this help me realize my vision? Would this distract me from that pursuit?

M. Wor. Bro. Gleason helped ease my anxiety by asking me to consider

staying on as Lodge of Instruction Chairman, regardless of the outcome. In addition, I have thought much about how I can reconcile my desire to be useful, and my desire to help this jurisdiction to be the best version of itself, one Mason and one Lodge at a time, with this prestigious title.

I can't definitively say that I can. All I can say is that I'll try.

I'll try by being the best version of myself possible. I'll try by looking to the examples of those that served before me, including M. Wor. Paul Revere. I'll try by emulating them, hopefully leaving a single upright step in a 194 year shining path for future Masons to follow.

That's all we can ask any Mason to do. ■



*The candidates for Grand Junior Warden, Rt. Wors. Nicholas Joseph Mantello and Michael Jeffrey Jarzabek.*

# Candidates for SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

*Rt. Wor. Fred A. Dobson, Jr.*

What a whirlwind. Between the time I got the call from the Grand Master, through the introduction of candidates at the September Quarterly, life became dramatically different. First of all, when the Grand Master calls you, it's like you're driving and a policeman is behind you. You know you're not doing anything wrong, but when the lights come on, you have that moment of panic. That's what it's like when your cell phone rings and it says Grand Lodge.

Immediately, things began to happen. The first thing I did was sit down with Mari and go over what this all means for the next three plus months, and possibly the next 18 months. After a short discussion, she basically said, "For the next three months, you just go do what you need to do." Support at home is critical for many of the things we do in Freemasonry. It is such a plus to have a great wife who is so supportive of our Masonic endeavors.

At some point, you need to choose a Grand Pursuivant. Although officially appointed by the Grand Master, your recommendation is usually accepted. Many Warden candidates choose a Pursuivant early, and even though it's not official until after the election, that Brother can often be a traveling companion during the non-campaign. I compiled a short

list, and sorted them in order of preference. In my case, I was lucky that the Brother I asked first was not only available for the position, but he was also very excited to be asked, and said yes right away.

The candidates all need a flier to be mailed to all Masters, Wardens, Proxies and Permanent (voting) members of Grand Lodge. While not due until November 1, planning needs to start immediately. You must incorporate a complimentary picture, have your Masonic resume updated, and think about who you might want to endorse your candidacy.

Planning the non-campaign is not an easy task as you have to determine what is best for

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*Rt. Wor. David J. Raymond*

When I was first contacted by the Grand Master, it was a moment of complete excitement. Despite having been contacted by our FLIC chairman, and having a discussion about the potential, it still came with some disbelief. While my wife and I were traveling to Ottawa at the end of August, the call came in, and as I told the Grand Master that I would need to discuss this with my wife, Robin (in the passenger side of the car) gave me a smile and a thumbs-up, so there it all began.

At this point, I found myself trying to fully comprehend the opportunity that has been presented to me, and going over the upcoming events before the fast approaching September Quarterly meeting. Who is the other Brother as lucky as me to have been selected? With a

little investigating, I got a name that was familiar to me, but not someone I knew well. I immediately reached out to social media to get a hold of R.W. Bro. Dobson through Facebook Messenger, and we immediately agreed that we needed to get to know each other better. After all, as far I as I am concerned, this opportunity is about getting to travel, meet new Brethren, and form new friendships.

Over Labor Day weekend, Fred and I met at a local Starbucks, even though I am a Dunkin's guy! We spent the next couple of hours talking about our Masonic backgrounds, family, careers, and our other interests. Right away, a new friendship was established, as was an agreement that we were going to have a lot of fun over the coming 12 weeks.

Since it has been several years since I attended the early meetings with the Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and Committee Chairmen as a District Deputy Grand Master, on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting, I made sure to get in early to figure out where to be and when. It brought back wonderful memories as I watched the District Deputies take it all in, and eagerly

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*The candidates for Grand Senior Warden, Rt. Wors. Fred A. Dobson, Jr. and David J. Raymond.*

# Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



## Most Worshipful Joseph Earl Perry 1938-1940

*A Masonic  
Way of Life*

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

We live in an age of specialization, both personally and professionally. In 2017, we all have our areas of interest and expertise, while other subjects do not command our attention. Ours is not the era of Renaissance men. However, almost a century ago, one such man stood at the head of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He was a remarkable, admirable and extremely intelligent Grand Master – Joseph Earl Perry, Grand Master from 1938 until 1940.

He is less known today than he should be, not only for his service as Grand Master, but also for the four decades of service to the Fraternity after he left office. He lived for almost a full century, from his birth in Shelburne Falls in 1884 until just after the 250th anniversary celebration of our Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1983, a few months short of his 99th birthday. He was a fount of wisdom for the 14 successors who served during his lifetime, as well as to numerous Brothers, from new candidates to his mother Lodge (Mountain of Shelburne Falls) and his adopted Lodge (Belmont of Belmont), to men who would achieve greatness in the Craft. In speaking with those who remembered Brother Perry, I was taken with observations about his thoughtfulness, knowledge, and humor. His was a life well-lived, according to principles which he espoused and stood behind – a Masonic way of life.

Joseph Earl Perry, a Mayflower descendant, was educated in his home town of Shelburne Falls before and at the turn of the 20th century. He subsequently attended Williams College, graduating in 1906, and received a law degree from Harvard in 1909. He was very active in the legal profession, and it drew him to the eastern part of the state. While he received his Masonic light in Mountain Lodge, where his father Joseph C. Perry had been Master, his time in the East came in Belmont Lodge in 1929, but he never lost interest in, or commitment to his mother Lodge. His Grand Lodge service began with two years as District Deputy Grand Master of the Brighton Fifth District in 1933 and 1934, followed by appointment as Most Wor. Claude L. Allen's second Deputy Grand Master for 1936. It was in this role that he first became well-known as a speaker, and his remarks at the 1935 Feast of St. John remain relevant and compelling today:

*"There are today a dozen men – presidents, emperors, premiers, dictators – who hold the fate of the world in their hands. . . Who can doubt but that, with the weight of their official authority, these dozen men, in as many nations of the world, if they would, could together assure world peace and justice for generations to come.*

*"It would take wisdom? Yes. Skill? Yes. Patience? Yes. Courage? Yes. These they have in sufficient abundance, but how about strength of character sufficient to stand up against the weight of ignorant public opinion and scorn and misunderstanding and hostility and obloquy? Are their characters so fine that they would follow the Savior on to the cross to bring about such a world redemption? Make no mistake about it. If those dozen men were to try to go counter to the local prejudices of their nations – including our own – as they exist today, some of them could not escape Golgotha.*

*"It is too late to do much with the characters of the world's*



statesmen, but there is much that can be done to sustain the best in them and more that can be done to mould the characters of the statesmen of the future.

*“How can we do this? . . . As individuals, we classify ourselves by the people and things and interests with which we identify ourselves. . . the friends and the interests we have, reveal what we have made and are making of ourselves. . . the one thing which all of us here this evening have in common, is the fact that we have identified ourselves with Freemasonry.”*

*“What is the significance of that fact? What does Masonry stand for? What should it stand for? What should we as Masons stand for? We as Masons have voluntarily and seriously dedicated ourselves to the principles of Freemasonry. We should give more than perfunctory lip service if those principles are worthwhile. If they are not of value, we should either make them so or devote ourselves to something that is. At once, we find that Masonry is something more than social good fellowship. More than ritual. More than organized charity. It is a way of living. A philosophy of life.”*

He was 51 years old when he delivered this speech, and it articulated a theme that would be a part of his personal and fraternal philosophy for the rest of his life.

In December 1937, Brother Perry was elected Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. He came to the East at a very difficult time. War clouds were already on the horizon around the world. America had not quite recovered from the Great Depression and was deeply divided on a number of things. It had been a difficult decade for Freemasonry in Massachusetts. A new Lodge had not been chartered in several years, and many Lodges were in financial or membership trouble. It was Perry's immediate task to reassure the Brethren that even under difficult circumstances, the essential mission and character of the Fraternity had not changed. “You have summoned me to a grave responsibility,” he told them at the first Feast of St. John over which he presided. “I now summon you to share in that responsibility.” In the spirit of the Fraternity's two patron saints, he called them to duty – and to observe kindness and “the wholesome delights of pure friendship.”

*“Freemasonry . . . becomes a symbol of all the individuals and all the forces that have made for higher standards and better conditions in all ages and under all vicissitudes.”*

During his term, he continued to offer inspiration and leadership, introducing the philosophical concepts of the Masonic Way of Life.

• On the Fraternity: “Freemasonry . . . becomes a symbol of all the individuals and all the forces that have made for higher standards and better conditions in all ages and

under all vicissitudes.”

• On a Mason's relationship with Deity: “In its every aspect Freemasonry is reverent. It is not dogmatic or superstitious . . . It advocates a life devoted to the highest spiritual aspirations.”

• On tradition: “We stand in the midst of the world's greatest transition era when, as never before, men need the guiding, steadying influence of infallible landmarks . . . We are the custodians of . . . infallible landmarks . . . tested and verified.”

• On courage: “It is so desperately needed in these ominous times . . . because it is so soundly justified by the eternal principles to which we subscribe . . . because there resides in humankind, and in each individual, that resolute stalwartness that can master adversity.”

• On democracy: “No competing form of government can hope to supersede democracy in this country unless and until the people have lost faith in democracy.”

• On George Washington and Freemasonry: “In it he saw an institution dedicated to the building of individual character, the inculcating of reverence for God and for all God-like qualities – truth, honor, self-restraint, industry,

personal integrity, harmony, friendship, brotherly love . . . We can best honor him by emulating him.”

• On Freemasonry in war-time: “This is not the beginning of the end of our civilization. It is the beginning of a new era... What it shall be depends on you and me and the rest of mankind. Freemasonry in a world at war is Freemasonry

with an unlimited opportunity for good.”

His speeches, well-formed and inspirational, were gathered along with some of his writing in 1968 into a volume entitled *The Masonic Way of Life*, published by the Masonic Education and Charity Trust. A new edition, with an introduction giving historical perspective, will be published in 2017 to enlighten a new generation of Massachusetts Freemasons.

As Grand Master, Brother Perry granted no new charters, but presided over the first mergers in Massachusetts since the middle 19th century. One was under unique circumstances. Bethel Lodge of Enfield, chartered in 1825, sought consolidation with Eden Lodge of Ware because it was losing more than a Masonic hall. Its town was one of the four that was submerged beneath the new Quabbin Reservoir in 1939.

Brother Perry made a number of rulings during his term. In particular, he reinforced earlier decisions on gambling and games of chance; he made a revision to the ritual explicitly emphasizing the symbolic nature of the ancient penalties. Under his authority, Grand Lodge issued the Declaration of Principles, a statement of purpose and con-

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**“Freemasonry . . . becomes a symbol of all the individuals and all the forces that have made for higher standards and better conditions in all ages and under all vicissitudes.”**



# A Gala Celebration

*By Michelle Snyder WM, Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto, and Rt. Wor. Michael Boucher*

On October 14, 2017, Masons and their guests gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Natick to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England. The Gala, a dinner dance with a DJ and photo booth, was attended by over 200 Massachusetts Masons and their guests. The event was resplendent with beautiful decor and formal dress, providing an atmosphere of distinguished elegance. In attendance was the 89th Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, M. Wor. Paul Fulton Gleason with his lady Phyllis Gleason. Also celebrating were Past Grand Masters M. Wors Albert T. Ames and Harvey J. Waugh, Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Kevin J. Willis, Grand Marshal Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio, and their wives.

The Gala was co-sponsored by District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto of the 15th North District and District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Michael J. Boucher of the 14th District. "The inspiration for this event was borne out of a conversation we had, and a desire to bring a fun old-school event to our districts in this significant year. We thought it was an obvious reason to celebrate," said Rt. Wor. Bro. Canhoto. "Working with a talented and energetic committee from our districts made the Gala a success, renewing an old tradition of such events," added Rt. Wor. Bro. Boucher.

Guests were welcomed into a reception area where they were seated at tables, catching up with old friends, mingling with new friends, and enjoying beverages and hor d'oeuvres. When the ballroom was opened, it displayed 18 tables dressed with royal blue and gold, some with a centerpiece of lanterns and candles, while others had vases of stunning, tall white gladioli. After guests were seated, the Grand Master and his lady were received with honors and seated at tables reserved for the Grand Lodge officers. The District Deputy Grand Masters welcomed their guests and Wor. Kenneth Longo, District Chaplain, blessed the gathering.

This year, 2017, marks 300 years since the Grand Lodge of England was formed. In June of 1717, three London Lodges and a Westminster Lodge held a dinner at the Goose and Gridiron. They elected Anthony Sayer as Grand Master, and called themselves the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster, later



# 300 Years of Tradition

changed to the United Grand Lodge of England. To further express the significance of this event, Gala guests were treated to a selection from the 1967 address given by Grand Master Thomas M. Booth at the 250th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England, narrated by Rt. Wor. Bro. Boucher. Here is an excerpt from that historic speech:

“Two hundred and fifty years is a long time, and when we reflect upon what this has meant to men of goodwill and to the world all over, I think we can take personal pride in the fact that we are the heirs of those great men, those fore-sighted and far-sighted men, those men whose faith and courage and whose love for their Brethren in Masonry prompted them to join together in a fraternal union that has spread the seeds of brotherly love, relief and truth over the entire world.”

Rt. Wor. Bro. Canhoto considers Freemasonry to be “an important function in society because it provides a community where men can exchange and respect each other’s ideas regardless of race, religion, nationality, or political stance.”

At the Gala, Masons celebrated the historic event of 300 years ago, and the generations of men who continued the traditions who are the life and foundation of Freemasonry. Dinner was delicious, and was followed by a dessert of magnificent chocolate. The Grand Master was presented with 300th Anniversary stamps from the Isle of Man. The dance floor was full of guests late into the night, enjoying the music and lighting provided by ThePartyFun.com. Many guests also took advantage of the photo booth, complete with funny hats.

The 300 Year Gala Celebration was a great success, and in the words of our Grand Master, it was “a great way to excite our brethren and reward their membership!” ■







# The Prodigal Mason

by *Richard Thompson*



I am in the process of doing something I have never done before, and I suspect few Massachusetts Masons reading this have done it either—moving a Lodge from one town to another.

In September, the members of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge decided it was time to move. The Lodge is looking to move from North Andover to Tewksbury. This was not an easy decision to make as

North Andover has been the Lodge's home since its founding in 1989.

The main reason for moving has something to do with the very nature of Daylight Lodges. I suspect the make-up of Daylight Lodges is quite different from most of the other Lodges in Massachusetts. The membership tends to be older than other Lodges. In fact, the average age for a member of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge is 72 years old. We are older, and we are more experienced; our average length of Masonic membership is 60 years.

The move to Tewksbury is prompted by two factors. The first is that in Tewksbury, the Lodge room and banquet hall are both on the ground floor because there is just one floor in the building.

The second factor is temperature. Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge is open in July and August, going dark in January and February. The Lodge room in North Andover is on the second floor, making summers unbearable. Summers are so bad, the Lodge has been meeting in Tewksbury to take advantage of the air conditioned building.

*Richard Thompson is a Past Master and the current Secretary for Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge.*

At one time, many town Lodges met during the day, so members could walk to meetings in the bright sunlight. The other alternative was Moonlight Lodges, that met under the full moon, meaning the Lodge did not meet on a set day of the week.

While members today no longer walk to meetings, some Lodges still meet in daylight. I believe these Lodges are an important part of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Given our average age of 72 years old, most members of Daylight Lodge are retired, which is part of the strength of the Lodge.

I often say Daylight Lodges are more social than other Lodges. While we do degree work, we rarely

have actual candidates. In the 12 years I have been a member of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge, we have had only two candidates, if I remember correctly. Both of them worked nights, which left only a Daylight Lodge for them to join.

As I said, Daylight Masonry, to me, is a social institution. We cater to retired Masons, some of whom cannot drive at night. We are also there for men who work nights and cannot join a Night Lodge. However, second and third shift workers are few.

Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge normally opens at 11 am. The only exception is when the District Deputy Grand Master is visiting, when we open at 10:30 am. No matter when we open, members start arriving approximately an hour before the Master calls the Lodge to order. They know the coffee pot is on and there will be time for many conversations.

There are plenty of conversations after the meeting at an event we call a luncheon. We call it a luncheon, but it really is a dinner. We do not know the meaning of the term "light lunch."

I suspect that my experiences in Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge are quite similar to *continued on page 31*

## Daylight Lodges in Massachusetts:

### **Cawnacome Sunshine Lodge**

*77A Valley Bars Road, Bourne, MA*

*Meets 3rd Saturday*

### **Euclid Lodge**

*925 Pleasant Street, Stoughton, MA*

*Meets 3rd Thursday*

### **Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge**

*19 Johnson Street, North Andover, MA*

*Meets 3rd Tuesday*

### **Mount Sugar Loaf Lodge**

*71 N. Main Street, South Deerfield, MA*

*Meets 3rd Saturday*

# 2017 MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the more than 600 Massachusetts Masons who were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons who, being blessed with long life and great lodges, have achieved the important milestones listed below. The celebrants are grouped by the number of years since being raised—80, 75, 70, 65, and 60—and under their current lodge regardless of where they were raised. These anniversaries are based on the date a Mason was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

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

## 75 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES BRETHREN RAISED IN 1942

- Wor. Philip Eugene Colburn** ANCIENT YORK LODGE
- Wor. Everett Sumner Allen** BAY PATH LODGE
- Wor. Philip Arthur Christensen Sr** BRIGHAM LODGE
- Bro. Warren Calvin Christensen** BRIGHAM LODGE
- Bro. Edward James Sullivan** SOJOURNERS LODGE

## 70 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES BRETHREN RAISED IN 1947

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| <b>AMICABLE LODGE</b><br>Wor. George Warren Jackson          | <b>GOLDEN RULE LODGE</b><br>Bro. Sewell Alvin Frank           | <b>MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE</b><br>Bro. Gordon James Davey     | <b>RURAL LODGE</b><br>Bro. Paul Lamont Dube                          |
| <b>AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE</b><br>Bro. Carl Raymond Hanson        | <b>GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE</b><br>Bro. Warren Haisy Torres-Toro  | <b>MOUNT OLIVET LODGE</b><br>Bro. Mason Thomas Charak     | Bro. James Walter Peddie   |
| <b>ANCON LODGE</b><br>Bro. John Harley Ruth                  | Bro. John Raymond Weston                                      | <b>MOUNT ZION LODGE</b><br>Bro. Roger Howard Vaughan      | <b>SAINT ALBAN'S LODGE</b><br>Bro. Alan Lester Feresstien            |
| <b>BRIGHAM LODGE</b><br>Bro. Christo William Kantany         | <b>GUIDING LIGHTS LODGE</b><br>Bro. William Garfield Hjerpe   | <b>MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE</b><br>Bro. George Harry Albrecht  | Bro. Witmore Irving Turner Jr  |
| <b>BRISTOL LODGE</b><br>Bro. Herbert Eugene Thompson         | <b>JORDAN LODGE</b><br>Bro. George Freeman Manahan            | Bro. Robert Hilton Marsh                                  | <b>SAINT JOHN'S (N) LODGE</b><br>Bro. Paul Franklin Wells            |
| <b>CHARITY LODGE</b><br>Bro. George Philip Makris            | <b>LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE</b><br>Bro. Harold Edward Hubbard | <b>NEW MOON LODGE</b><br>Bro. Oscar Frederick Sodergren   | <b>SAINT MATTHEW'S LODGE</b><br>Bro. Frederick Nichols Nowell Jr     |
| <b>CHARLES A WELCH LODGE</b><br>Bro. William Gordon Batsford | <b>LIBERTY LODGE</b><br>Bro. Stuart Stanley Corning Jr        | Bro. James Lewis Washburn                                 | <b>SIMON W ROBINSON LODGE</b><br>Wor. Frank August Engel Jr          |
| <b>CHICOPEE LODGE</b><br>Bro. Robert Sheldon Solin           | Bro. Robert Henry Lindgren                                    | <b>NORTH QUABBIN LODGE</b><br>Bro. John Raymond MacDonald | Bro. Frederick Daniel Hatfield Jr                                    |
| <b>COLUMBIAN LODGE</b><br>Bro. John Caldwell Osgood          | <b>MAJOR GENERAL</b><br><b>HENRY KNOX LODGE</b>               | <b>NORUMBEGA FRATERNITY LODGE</b><br>Bro. John Sidney Day | <b>SOLOMON'S TEMPLE LODGE</b><br>Bro. Edwin Jarl Erickson            |
| <b>CONVERSE LODGE</b><br>Bro. Robert Charles Kramer          | Wor. Philip Arnold Rubin                                      | <b>OLD COLONY LODGE</b><br>Wor. Philip Arnold Stoddard    | <b>STAR IN THE EAST LODGE</b><br>Bro. Richard Frederick Bailey Sr    |
| Wor. Martin Weiner   | <b>MATTHEW JOHN WHITTALL LODGE</b><br>Bro. Donald Sieurin     | Bro. Thomas Burr Studley                                  | <b>THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE</b><br>Bro. Sumner Lee Feldberg            |
| <b>CORINTHIAN LODGE</b><br>Bro. Howard Joseph Soberg         | <b>MERRIMACK LODGE</b><br>Bro. John Katsaros                  | <b>OLIVE BRANCH LODGE</b><br>Bro. Christie Ligor Pojani   | Bro. Christopher Charles Skambis                                     |
| <b>CORNER STONE LODGE</b><br>Bro. Paul Cole Barber           | <b>MONTGOMERY LODGE</b><br>Bro. Robert Constantin Permane     | <b>ORIENTAL-MARTHA'S</b><br><b>VINEYARD LODGE</b>         | <b>THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE</b><br>Bro. Herbert Alfred Anstess |
| <b>DEWITT CLINTON LODGE</b><br>Bro. Lee Calvin Davis         | <b>MORNING STAR LODGE</b><br>Bro. Joel Goldberg               | Bro. Hans Peter Stibolt                                   | Bro. Robert Elwell Arnold  |
| <b>EASTERN STAR LODGE</b><br>Bro. John Warren Davenport      | Wor. Toga Harry Janson  | <b>OXFORD LODGE</b><br>Bro. Eugene Charles Schofield      | <b>TRINITY LODGE</b><br>Bro. Richard Leslie Bullard                  |
| <b>ELM-BELCHER LODGE</b><br>Bro. Warren Brindley Baker       | <b>MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE</b><br>Bro. Lewis Richard Aronin  | <b>PENTUCKET LODGE</b><br>Bro. Fred Alvin Choate          | <b>UNION LODGE (N)</b><br>Bro. Franklin Bartlett                     |
| <b>ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE</b><br>Bro. Merrill Wasserman     | Bro. George Mark Barr   | <b>PEQUOSSETTE LODGE</b><br>Bro. Warren Arthur Waite      | <b>UNITED BRETHREN LODGE</b><br>Bro. William Charles Wingler         |
| <b>GATUN LODGE</b><br>Bro. Elmer Guy Huldquist               | Bro. Herbert Arthur Goldberg                                  | <b>QUINEBAUG LODGE</b><br>Bro. Robert Lewis Butterworth   | <b>WAMPATUCK LODGE</b><br>Bro. Gustave Henry Spurr                   |
| Bro. William Lee   | Bro. Edward Lawrence Housman                                  | <b>QUITTACUS LODGE</b><br>Bro. George Bowman Hacking      | <b>WILLIAM NORTH LODGE</b><br>Bro. Everett Joseph Smith              |
|  | Bro. Carl Rosenberg   | <b>RISING STAR LODGE</b><br>Bro. Charles Willis Snowdale  | <b>WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE</b><br>Bro. Percy Raymond Leather            |
|  | Wor. Alfred Mason Simon                                       |   |  |
|  | <b>MOUNT CARMEL LODGE</b><br>Bro. Philip Richard Pearson      |   |  |
|  | <b>MOUNT HOLLIS LODGE</b><br>Wor. Herbert Gordon Weston Jr    |   |  |

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Bro. Edward Clarence Holt  
Bro. Herbert Russell Roemelt

**BETH-HORON LODGE**  
Bro. Stanton Hollis Davis  
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**BLUE HILL LODGE**  
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Bro. Norman Houghton French

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## A Proud Native of Wilmington

*By Rt. Wor. Robert F. Stanley*

On August 26, 2017, at the Kodak Center in Rochester, New York, Ernest Arthur Pearlstein, known to everyone as Ernie, was presented with the highest honor that the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, a branch of Freemasonry, can bestow upon its members. This honor and privilege is that of 33rd Degree Mason, which carries the title Inspector General of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction for the United States of America.

Growing up, Ernie and his family lived on Oak Street in North Wilmington, Massachusetts. He attended public school Wilmington until he joined the United States Marine Corps from 1961 until 1965. He later worked at the MBTA, and retired in 1995. He became a member of the Freemasons in May of 1979, joining the Scottish Rite and the Shrine of North America (Aleppo Shrine in Wilmington).

Ernie has dedicated his life to helping others, which he attributes to his family, especially his mother. It shows in his personal and Masonic history. He has dedicated his life to the principles of Masonry: friendship, morality, and brotherly love. He reinforces them with the motto of Rotary International Service, "Service Above Self," where he is a member in Wilmington. He



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served as Master in five different Lodges, as well as Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Boston Second Masonic District. He served in Grand Lodge as both Grand Lecturer in 2004, and Junior Grand Warden in 2005.

Ernie has also served as Grand Lodge Service Director, assisting needy members and their families. He was a member, director, and was instrumental in starting the much needed Brotherhood Program. After seven years of dedicated service, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts awarded him the title Service Director Emeritus. His notable accomplishments include 38 years a Master Mason, Past District Deputy, and Rollo T. Clown.

In 1995, Ernie served as the President of the International Clown Association, and Grand Representative to Ontario, Canada. Ernie was the Chairman of the Board of Governors for eight years for the Children's Dyslexia Learning Center - Boston North, in Lexington and Woburn. He assisted in setting up the HELP Program that serves the public, also located in Woburn. HELP provides various medical equipment, free of charge, to the public. Some of the equipment includes wheelchairs, walkers, and beds.

Each endeavor undertaken by Ernie has benefited others, especially those in need. Due to his hard work

and dedication, Ernie was elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden for the third highest ranking Grand Lodge in the Northern Hemisphere. Brother Pearlstein has been awarded the following Honors: the Henry Price Medal (the highest medal presented by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts), the Joseph Warren Medal (given by the Lodge Master and the membership), the Scottish Rite Masonic Service Award, and the Scottish Rite Humanitarian Award.

In 2011, the Imperial Potentate of Tampa, Florida, presented him the Award of Merit, and The Robert Gardner Wilson Jr. Medal, its highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Shriner. In addition, the International Order of DeMolay, an organization for young men, presented Ernie with its Legion of Merit Award.

Ernie currently resides in Malden, Massachusetts, with his lady Marjorie. They have six children, and 10 grandchildren. He is the current Recorder for the Aleppo Shrine Center, in Wilmington, MA.

Ernest A. Pearlstein has dedicated himself to the principals of being a person who cares for his fellow human being, and we honor him for his humanitarianism, along with his dedication to the Craft, and those in need. ■

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**WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE**  
Bro. Leonidas Anesty Nickole  
Bro. Walter Raymond Owens

**WYOMING LODGE**  
Bro. Roy Walter Baker  
Rt. Wor. David Parker Henry  
Bro. Wesley Elliot Lord  
Bro. Donald Francis Thayer Jr



## M. Wor. Joseph Warren Statue Rededicated

*This speech was given by Rt. Wor. Glenn L. Kubick on the occasion*

**A**s we gather here today, one year removed from the dedication of this statue of Joseph Warren, it scarcely seems like it was actually one year prior. In checking the weather this week, the precipitation index is at 0%, what a difference a year makes. While this project was all consuming for several of us, those trials and tribulations fall away as the years pass, and what is left is that this was a noble and honorable pursuit. It is proper that we should look back with pride that this statue exists, and that we of the Sixth Masonic District, properly honored our Brother Joseph Warren. It is also proper that his accomplishments and life pursuits are immortalized for a new generation to learn from, and to emulate. Through this project, we have met an Author, a Sculptor and a Direct Descendent. We have also raised the profile of the Sixth Masonic District, and set an example as to what a Masonic District can accomplish, when the Lodges work together rather than separately. The most important aspect, however, was that we honored a man that was an integral part of the founding of our country, and that our efforts were not motivated by personal glory, but that we were doing what was right, and proper and necessary. We thank those individuals, Lodges and Organizations that contributed to this project: Orient, Celestial, West Roxbury / Dorchester, Union, Lafayette / Dover, Rising Star, Azure and Marine Lodges, also the United Commandery #21 of Norwood and especially the Forest Hills Cemetery. We also thank each of you for your commitment then and now, and enjoin you to take pride in your involvement on behalf of our Brother, Most Worshipful Joseph Warren. ■



# FRATERNITY News & Events

## ▶ **Harvey's Keepers** *cont'd from p. 3*

the fundraiser sold over 400 tickets, and the Lodge's capacity was roughly 100; the fundraising team needed a much bigger venue, and ended up using one of the local school buildings.

"It was amazing to me when Fred called them and they agreed to let us use the building at no charge," Mari said. "A Mason they didn't know, called needing help, and they did everything they could do to accommodate the need," she added. She does not know how many Masons came to the fundraiser, but stated several attended.

Harvey died on August 31, 2014. Mari decided it was time to step up and help, but many times when you want to help, there is no clear cut path, so she was very excited to learn about ALS Therapy Development Institute right here in Cambridge, MA. ALS-TDI is the largest non-profit (registered 501(c)3) research group in the world. With several fundraising options to choose from, Mari, a runner, thought the best way to help would be to partic-

ipate in the Race4Research 5K Run and Walk.

During the first year, she started late with only a small team raising a few hundred dollars. That team consisted of Mari, Fred Dobson, and three others, including Masons Bryan Sweet and Bob Curtis. The following year, 2017, they started earlier and the team grew to 11 members as several Masons and their families wanted to participate including John Kelley, Paul Malagrifa, and Bill Sohni. Many of the Lodges in the 11th District (RW Bro. Dobson's home District) contributed generously.

With the Walk getting closer, Mari and Fred thought that since the event is held in Cambridge, perhaps some of the Cambridge Lodges could help. Bro. Dobson was only able to visit two Cambridge Lodges, Mount Olivet and The Harvard. Both Lodges donated generously, with Masons Lou Ciano and Lloyd Johnson volunteering to join the team and walk. Bro. Ciano was very happy to join because he has had loved ones with ALS as well.

The team, Harvey's Keepers,

named for Mari's brother, became the top fundraising team for the event. They raised over \$4100-, nearly double the team in second place. The top donor for the event overall was Bro. Dobson's home Lodge, John Hancock Lodge in Methuen.

T-shirts were printed with the team name emblazoned on the front, and listed all of the donating Lodges on the back under the title Masonry in Action. As part of the top fundraising team, Mari was given the honor to cut the ribbon (purple - of course) to start the race. Everyone on the team successfully completed the walk, and Nancy Wolfe ran the 5K run. Everyone was feted with food and libations post-race.

All the team members said they will come back and do it again, and several Lodges want to participate next year. The team is starting fundraising earlier for next years' race. If you would like to participate either as a Lodge, a fundraiser, or a walker, enjoying the camaraderie and the event itself, please reach out to RW Brother Dobson at 978-664-4288, or dob22@msn.com. For more information on ALS-TDI, please go to [www.als.net](http://www.als.net).

While the date for 2018 is not official yet, the walk has traditionally been held on the first Sunday of May, so mark your calendars for May 6, 2018.

*-Rt. Wor. Fred Dobson, Jr.*



## Howard Lodge Helps Fire Dept.

Bro. Ben Seymour and Members of Howard Lodge helped to raise and donate a check to the Yarmouth Fire Department for \$1,011 from the profits of the 3rd Annual Pancakes and Funny Handshakes Car Show Fundraiser Breakfast at the Lodge this year. The money will be used to help toward the purchase of Hand Tevy Pediatric (Child) Resuscitation Equipment for the five ambulances in town.

Thanks to Bro. Seymour for his hard work and dedication to the Freemasons and the Yarmouth Fire Department from all Brothers of Howard Lodge.

*-Wor. Edward Rooney*

*Pictured l to r: Rt. Wor. Peter Culbertson, 20th Masonic District; Bro. Ben Seymour, Howard Lodge; Lieutenant Jimmy Roberts, Fire Fighter; Keith Selens; Deputy Chief Jon Sawye—all of the Yarmouth Fire Department—and Wor. Emil Whitford, Presiding Master of Howard Lodge in Yarmouth.*

# Truth: Virtue's Foundation

Truth is one of the tenets of our obligation as Masons, but it doesn't get discussed often. How can that be? It's the foundation of all virtues, or so we are told. Lately it seems like hypocrisy and deceit are all over the news, oozing in on all sides, in a slow, but seemingly inevitable erasure of that virtue. As Masons, we are particularly obligated to be stewards of truth. It's not a simple thing, though. We'd like to think of truth as that thing that Brother Washington communicated when he chopped down the cherry tree of lore. We'd like to think that plain dealing and sincerity would be in human nature, but it isn't always.

First, there is the slippery nature of truth. If you haven't heard the parable of the Blind Men and the Elephant, it goes something like this: several blind men happen upon an elephant. Somehow, none of them has ever experienced the presence of a pachyderm, and each in turn tries to ascertain through his other senses what this thing is before them. One man feels the trunk of the elephant, which twists and writhes, and emits a hissing sound. "It's a snake," he claims with complete surety that he has identified the mystery object.

Another man feels the leg of the elephant – tall and rough – clearly, this is a tree, not a snake. "No, it's a spear!" claims another outraged man, who has felt the sharp point of a tusk. Yet another man has found a paintbrush in the elephant's tail; another finds a wall in the elephant's side. And so on, each man, able to perceive the elephant only partially, has a piece of a great puzzle, and has fit that puzzle piece where he thinks it ought to go, based on his own life experience and his own predilections for how he thinks things ought to



be. Each man is right, partially, but he is also totally wrong about the truth of the matter. Each has a simple, easily understandable, reductionist mental model of a much more complicated thing.

Our world is generally like the Elephant. We are all blind men, wandering in a land filled with messy truth that does not fit into our preconceptions of things. Truth is not neat. Truth is not pretty. Truth is often painful. Truth means we are wrong a lot of the time. It means we are fallible. At the same time, we each have a piece of the puzzle. The only way to see the whole Elephant is to commune with one another, accept parts of each other's view, and build those pieces into a more complete whole. That's where Brotherly Love comes into the picture.

Most people don't like to be wrong. Many people will stop at almost nothing to prove that they are right, even in the face of evidence to the contrary. Many people really don't like being told they are wrong. Why? It's an ancient defense mechanism. It feels bad to be wrong, or to admit being wrong. Second-guessing led to death in the ancient world, where there was no shade of grey between being eaten by a Sabretooth Tiger and escaping alive. You didn't sit down for a cup of tea with the tiger and discuss other options. We've created a new

world where we are at the apex, where society plays a first-rate role in our survival, and where human interaction is worth more than gold.

To admit other points of view into your life is one of the hallmarks of Brotherly Love. It is the acceptance of another human's world into your own. To share your view in a way that is not confrontational, not condescending, but is instead compassionate, comforting, and considerate – that is truth. Not everyone can manage to do it. Some people are tough and ruthless in the way they share their views. It's my way or the highway, for example. Some can offer points of view in a way that does not trigger the ancient fight or flight response in others. Guess which of those approaches is the cement and support of civil society?

Brothers, you are all in charge to examine yourself. Think about others and how they share truth. Think about how you've had a problem recently by not being a good steward of truth. I can name at least a dozen of my own failures right now, without thinking hard. If we really are in Masonry to improve ourselves, this is a great opportunity to do so. Keep truth in your heart and bear it as a resolution with you so that you may see the full Elephant in the New Year.

*-Wor. Mark J. Pearrow*

# The Hills of Liberty Lodge: A Masonic Family

By Rt. Wor. Jon Gregory Adams Hill

*Editorial note: In a recent issue of TROWEL I made several errors about the Hill Family. I regret those errors and hope this exposition will properly indicate the importance of the family to Liberty Lodge and Freemasonry.*

Liberty Lodge, A. F. & A. M., has a unique and singular history. The Lodge was instituted in 1824 before the infamous Morgan Affair, and survived quietly until the 1840s when interest in Masonry reignited. A gentleman born the same year as the Lodge on September 24, 1824, John Beckford Hill remained the iconic figure of Masonry in Beverly the rest of the century. He may not have known what he started, but it has lasted closing in on 200 years. Masonry has survived well the Anti-Masonic movement in the 1830s and early 1840s, and the legend of this gentleman's legacy makes Liberty Lodge, A. F. & A. M. distinguished and unequalled throughout the United States.

From John Beckford Hill, my great great grandfather, my family has been deeply involved with the Masonic tradition of Liberty Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and its leadership.

As far back as 1849 when Rt. Wor. John Beckford Hill, 33°, was initiated, the tradition began.

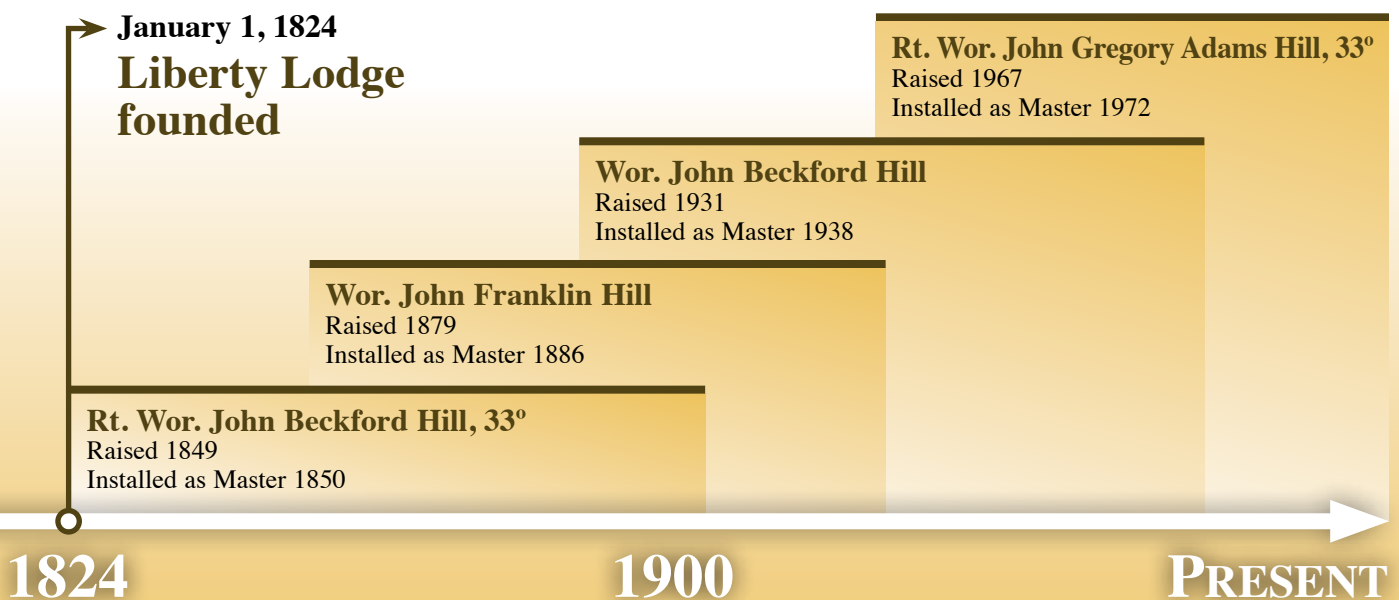
The première clock and watch maker north of Chelsea, and perhaps the most prominent citizen of Beverly at the time, became Worshipful Master on January 17, 1850, and continued through 1860, and then again in 1863. Later he became District Deputy Grand Master for the Gloucester 9th Masonic District from 1878 to 1879, and would travel around the district making his visitations.

## Two Liberty Hills: One Path

On September 18th, 1900, Rt. Wor. John Beckford Hill was created a "Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, of the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America," the fraternity's highest honor. In 1995, I, too, have been nominated to receive the Illustrious 33° in Boston on August 27th, 1996 and was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Gloucester 9th Masonic District installed December 27th, 1995, in Grand Lodge, Boston. Our Masonic careers are similar, but I do not in any way share the popularity, prestige, and dignity of my great grandfather. My only regret is that my father was not alive at the time of my appointment.

Later on occasion of fulfilling my duties a hundred years pursuant to those of my great grandfather, it was my subsequent visit to Ashler Lodge in Rockport that I too visited on a cold winter night as District Deputy Grand Master for the Gloucester 9th Masonic District along with my District Deputy Awareness Chairman, Bro. Donald Ryan.

I always felt comfortable in this small rustic homey meetinghouse. The members were quiet yet respectful and friendly, old town craftsmen and business owners. Dinner on the first floor of fresh fish locally caught family style without the frills, then a steep climb up the back stairs to the Lodge room on the second floor. An old frame building the structure was tough to keep warm on a bitter night, but the





# The Hills' Early Era

room tempered as the brethren gathered and chattered.

My introduction was in accordance with protocol and all guests were accommodated. As this was my first visit as District Deputy to Rockport I opened my announcements with the story of my great grandfather having been received in the same manner so many years before. As I described his visit on a cold night and how the horses were blanketed during the meeting, I suggested that we could share their previous care by providing a horse blanket for each one of us in the Lodge room. That brought some muffles and chuckles from the common faithful brotherhood supporting their institution that night. We were all on the same page and enjoyed the regular business of the meeting from that point forward.

## The Hills Fill Liberty's East

Following Rt. Wor. John B. Hill, 33°, was Wor. John Franklin Hill, his son, raised in Lodge by his father, and installed Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge by his father later on November 1, 1886, and again in 1887 and 1888. Then later still, Wor. John Beckford Hill, son of John Franklin Hill, was raised in Liberty Lodge by his father, and installed by his father on November 14, 1938, as Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge. Still further, his son, the fourth in line, Wor. Jon Gregory Adams Hill, raised in Liberty Lodge by his father, was installed Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge by his father on November 13, 1972. Four generations of the same family to be Worshipful Master of the

Considering the era, travel was not always quick and easy or convenient. There were no telephones for a quick call to arrange for someone to meet him with transportation, everything was done by letter and relied on the postal delivery service.

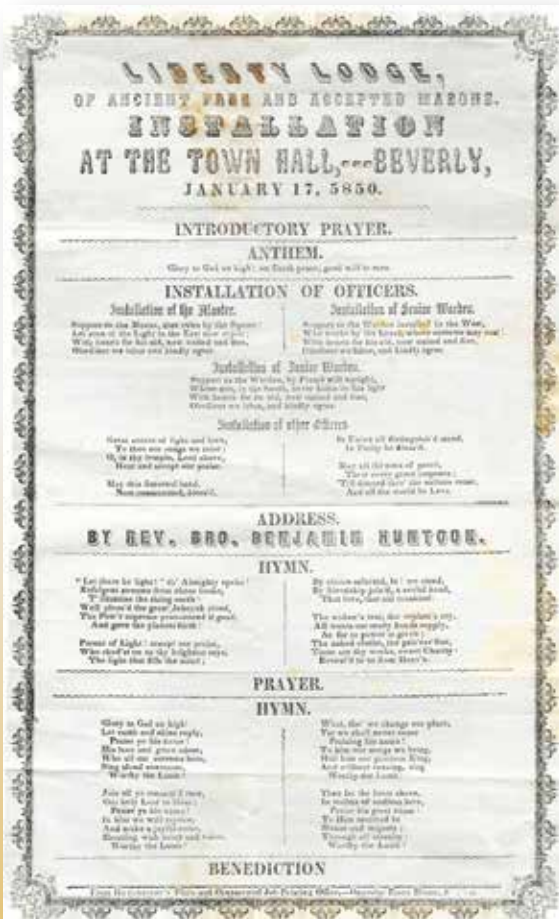
But meetings were planned well in advance, and he set out from the Beverly Depot on a cold day-trip to Gloucester or Rockport to arrive late in the afternoon, to be picked up by carriage, and dined, then in glorious entrance, attended the lodge meeting, which, when concluded, he was often invited to retire with the Master to his house, to bed overnight before the arduous return train trip to Beverly.

Meetings in those days often opened at 5:00 p. m. after the shop owners in town closed their business, and the local fisherman had returned to port, and lasted well after 11:00 p. m. or midnight. Horses were blanketed against the cold during the meetings, and livery was attended before retiring. Or, often, a brisk stroll from the house, proximal to the center of town and lodge, brought faithful members to gather religiously for the communication.

Ashler Lodge in Rockport today has not changed its composure, spirit, or the sod of the earth of which it is constructed. The building itself delivers a sense of the old atmosphere a hundred years ago as you step into the hall. The fervency of the organization pulled the community closer, and reached out across the land; attitudes today have strained this fervency, hopefully not beyond repair. ■

same lodge in succession. In addition to these four family members, my uncle, Brother Karl Franklin Adams Hill, joined Liberty Lodge and was raised by his father, Wor. John F. Hill, before his brother, Wor. John B. Hill, entered the Lodge, but had relocated to Philadelphia for business before having an opportunity to succeed to the office of Worshipful Master. I am unaware of a similar record anywhere across the country.

As a matter of record, I spent *continued on next page*



## Grand Master's Surrey Slides on Bridge

So powerful and significant was the influence of the town's fraternities that on a special occasion especially when a newly created member was to be installed Worshipful Master of the hometown lodge it became a glorious event and celebration. Brother John Beckford Hill's popularity was so profound that almost the whole town and proximal neighborhoods turned the evening into a grand event. An original handbill announcing the festivities of the Installation of Officers to be held at the Town Hall in Beverly enforce the association and involvement most citizens felt for the organization. January 17, 5850 A. L., or 1850 A. D., was the winter date set for the convocation, but the weather for the evening is not recorded. The Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts was to attend testifying to the celebrity of Bro. Hill of the community of Beverly on the North Shore of Boston. The festive celebration was celebrated and the event was glorious for all who attended.

The Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, M. Wor. Edward Asa Raymond, 1849, '50, '51, enjoyed himself, but had a long journey to return to Boston on such a cold dark night. He left the bustling town of Beverly in his horse-drawn carriage that night for the ride through Salem into Lynn across the floating bridge on Route 107 on to Revere and finally into Boston. Well, the Grand Master's sally attempted to cross the icy floating bridge in Lynn when his horse lost her footing and skidded tossing the carriage into the snow and icy pond. The Grand Master was jostled and spilled losing his spectacles and wig. The wreck was righted and the horse hand-led across the treacherous planks of the bridge until they could safely travel on to their destination. On news of this passage Liberty Lodge's Secretary entered a report into its records as well did the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. This is history confirmed with such an entry of a singular event, and later at its regular meeting the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts recorded upon the sacred records that Liberty Lodge, A. F. & A. M. is resolved of any guilt for the accident. ■

some time reviewing the history of each of these predecessors of mine, and without much effort, concluded that their participation in Masonic history had a still further, similar, and rare distinction. Rt. Wor. John B. Hill, 33°, was not only a fifty-year veteran member, but was also a fifty-year Past Master of Liberty Lodge, A.F. & A. M., maintaining his membership from 1848 through 1904 until his death. It is probably notable too that he was born the same year the Lodge was instituted, 1824. Wor. John F. Hill was likewise a Past Master of Liberty Lodge, A.F. & A. M., for over fifty years since 1887 until his death in 1939. My father, Wor. John B. Hill, further continued this record as he assumed the Oriental Chair in 1939, and was part of Liberty Lodge, A.F.



*Rt. Wor. John Beckford Hill, 33°    Wor. John Franklin Hill*

& A.M. until 1990. He was excited, pleased, and honored to receive a Past Master's Certificate from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts from Rt. Wor. Alan B. Ayers, and his Marshal, Wor. J. Gregory A. Hill, while confined to his residence in Florida in 1989, just shortly before his death in March 1990. Dad had suggested that his certificate might be suitable to hang in the Lodge anteroom. This might be presumptuous, but taking all into perspective, his presumption might be earned and a demonstration of the love and dedication to not only Liberty Lodge, but to Masonry generally over four generations.

Such was the activity of the organization in the second half of the 1800s through 1950, that many evenings courted friendships in a variety of Masonic derivatives. There are both the York Rite and the Scottish Rite for advancement through the degrees over and above the first three mandatory steps. Years ago the York Rite was very popular, today the Scottish Rite is far more widespread, but less personal, all of which are voluntary degrees. Then the Shrine goes beyond that. All the family has been involved in one branch or another, Rt. Wor. John B. Hill, 33°, being High Priest of Washington Chapter Royal Arch, and Amity Chapter of Beverly, Eminent Commander and Prelate of Winslow Lewis Commandery in Salem, and St. George Commandery of Beverly, a member of Sutton Lodge of Perfection of Salem, and Deputy Grand High Priest of the Second Capitular District, and a member of most committees for all lodges to which he belonged.

My record, too, includes membership with the Sutton Lodge of Perfection, and Jubilee Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and demonstrates my faithfulness to the officers' line of Emmanuel Chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of Salem, Scottish Rite Bodies for eighteen years, the last four of which I served as its Most Wise Master.

I have worked several degrees also for the Massachusetts Consistory in Boston, and belong to the Aleppo Temple Shriners. I also maintain membership in the York Rite with the Washington Royal Arch Chapter, Salem Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Winslow-Lewis Commandery No. 18, Knights Templars in Salem, Massachusetts, much like my Grandfather and Great Grandfather.

Liberty Lodge, A. F. & A. M., can be proud of its heritage and all its membership throughout the years. Remarkably the Hill family lineage is imbedded in Liberty Lodge for two centuries. The Hill line of four successive generations to continue as Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge, A. F. & A. M., is undoubtedly distinctive anywhere in these United States for their service. ■



# Ancient York Lodge Raises Funds for Lowell DeMolay

By Wor. Lee H. Fenn

“It’s for the Kids,” rang out over the adults in the game room. And the wallets opened.

Ancient York Lodge, Lowell, hosted many Brothers, many of their ladies, and many prospective Brothers at the Lowell Masonic Center’s game room where they enjoyed cigars and each other’s company.

Ancient York Lodge is involved in a number of charitable projects, one of which had to do with owl throw-up, called owl pellets. Seems disgusting, but these contain indigestible bits of the beasts the owl eats. These pellets are dissected by students to understand the eating patterns of the owls.

The Lowell Masonic Center’s game room has pool tables, a foosball table, darts, and other fun things. In addition, it is well outfitted for internet service. The arrangement of the building is such that each Brother receives a “fob”—a small electronic item for a keychain. This fob allows them access to the game room. Need a quiet workspace, go to the game room.



The cooks for the night, Lowell DeMolay: Front Row, Bro. Lucas St. Louis, Senior Deacon; Bro. Connor Dery, Senior Stewart; Bro. Oteniel Perez; Bro. Liam Connor, Junior Deacon; Back Row: Bro. Rick Watson, Dad Advisor; Mom Lynn Smith; Bro. Will Hilliker; Bro. Jeffrey Smith, Senior Councilor; Bro. James Briere, Jr.; Bro. RJ St. Hillaire; Bro. Ed Mackness, Board Chairmen; Bro. Brad Connolly, Master Councilor.

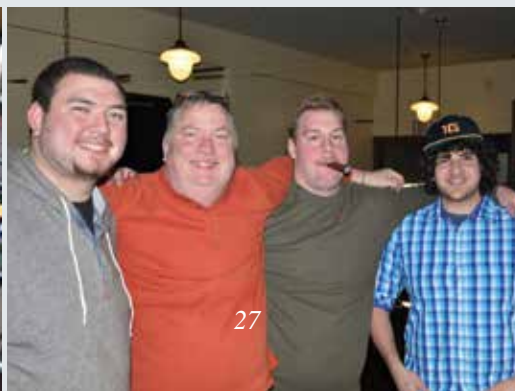


Want to eat lunch, bring it to the game room. Want to meet casually with some business contacts, use the game room.

Far from the fun in the game room, there was work afoot. The Lowell DeMolay cooked fantastic prime rib in the basement, for their part of the labor of the fundraiser. When called, the Brethren and their guests assembled in the basement, under a huge beautiful American Flag, said grace and were served by the Lowell DeMolay the prime rib, a fantastic onion soup, as well as salad and sides.

The Lowell Masonic Center is fantastic, but more work is being done. A library is being converted into a museum room.

Left: The students sent a thank you note to Ancient York Lodge for the help with owl pellets. Below: The game room, where four prospective Brothers enjoyed their evening and the wallets opened for the Lowell DeMolay.





# *In Focus:* SECOND

## Amicable Lodge Halloween Party

Amicable Lodge A.F. & A.M., located at the Cambridge Masonic Temple in Porter Square Cambridge, organized a Halloween Party on Friday October 27th.

The party was organized in two sections. The “Children’s Party” began at 5:00 pm, and ended at 8:00 pm. An “Adult Party” followed, beginning at 8:00 pm and lasted for the remainder of the evening.

It was all hands on deck for this event, and several of our Brethren assisted with this arduous undertaking. However, three men in particular truly made this hap-

pen. Including organizing, decorating, planning, advertising, and cleaning. The Amicable Lodge “Halloween Committee”, consisted of Bros. Ian Adams, Tyler Brown, and Worshipful William O. Saunders.

The hall was decked from head to toe with ghoulish decorations, snacks, refreshments, pizza, and lots of candy. Even jello in the form of a life sized brain kept the children fueled for tricks and treats, as well as for fun and games. A DJ was setup to play spooky music, and helped burn away all of their extra sugar fueled energy. Each child was provided with a gift bag that included small toys, prizes, and candy. As a backdrop for the DJ a projector played silent kid friendly Halloween themed films. Low lights, child safe candle light, neon and other black light decorations set the hall with a haunting ambiance. Games were provided as well, and prizes were given to every child for playing. Some of the games included classic fair challenges and games of chance, such as throwing small darts to pop a balloon, and a bean bag toss. Crafts were available as



well, and included magic wand crafting, and miniature pumpkin painting! The children present consisted of all ages, and were mostly the children of Cambridge Masons. The Children’s portion of the event was FREE!!! This was a way to include our children and significant others with some old fashion Masonic fun.

The adult portion of the event required a \$10.00 donation for entry. A



## USS Constitution Hosts MGHK Lodge

Oct 21, 2017 · USS Constitution commemorate anniversaries. It was the warship’s first sail since October 2014 and commemorated the Navy’s 242nd birthday and the 220th anniversary of the Constitution’s launch.

The ship was open to the Masons only for two hours before the public was allowed aboard.

Major General Henry Knox Lodge (MGHK) conducted the “Walk of Remembrance” ritual on the deck of the ship. Approximately 20 active duty Sailors and Marines identified themselves as Masons and requested if they could watch the ceremony. As they gathered at the bow and Bro. William Michael Cole’s family lined up along the starboard side and MGHK took up the aft. The ritual began as Bro. Cole was lead in from the port side by Rt. Wor. Steve Burton.

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DJ bumped ghoulish themed music for the evening, refreshments and snacks were provided self-serve, including Spooky themed concoctions such as “Bone Juice”, “Bats Brew”, “Zombie Tonic”, and “Spider Sting Cider”. A Tarot Card Reader was provided on site and kind enough to provide Readings for tips only! Music and dancing filled the night, and we are pleased to say that several of our Brothers took part in both parties! After the Children’s Halloween Theme several dropped their little ghouls off back at home with the family baby sitter, only to return for the Adult Party! Many had an evening of family fun with their kids, and also enjoyed a later evening of fellowship with their brethren, and romance with their significant other.

With planning and following a strict budget Amicable Lodge was able to break even on this event!

A very special thanks to the Halloween Planning Committee, and all of our Amicable Brothers that made this a success.

*-Wor. William Oakes Saunders*

## Brotherly Love

We learn from our ritual of the house not made of hands, eternal in the heaven, but we have a Brother who makes that house of the heart and guided by the hand of the Supreme Architect. Brother Pablo Manual Rivadeneira Tejerina of Logia America is that Brother. At the installation of Officers Brother Tejerina requested to approach the East for a presentation to the District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District. Brother Tejerina presented the replica of a Masonic building, complete with future and the 3 lights of Masonry. Rt. Wor. Robert F. Stanley was overwhelmed at the gift and let Brother Tejerina know that it will be in a place of honor at his home. Brother Tejerina continues to create the Masonic buildings and gives them with his heart to his Brothers.

*-Rt. Wor. Robert F. Stanley*



Bro. Cole was led to the East where Rt. Wor. Robert Stanley presented him with his 50 year medal. His daughter, a Lieutenant in the Navy, presented his 50 year pin. Wor. Philip Andrew Dubey, the Master of MGHK, then called the attention to orders. (This brings all Military personal to attention). The certificate signed by both the Master and the District Deputy was read for all to hear. The ship was called to at ease and the plaque presented to Bro. Cole. I asked him if we did him honor. He smiled with glassy eyes and said “I never expected anything so wonderful.”

Upon completion, the ropes on the ship were dropped so the Masons had full access to the whole ship with a private tour from crew members. Flags were raised and given out to whoever wanted one.

The Commander and crew of the USS Constitution deserve more than a thank you from the Fraternity for their wonderful hospitality and friendship towards us.

*-Wor. Philip Andrew Dubey*





# In Focus: SECOND DISTRICT

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## Second District Joint Degree

Under the guidance of Wor. Keith MacKinnon, Brethren from the entire district worked together to confer the 2nd Degree on three Mount Olivet Lodge candidates, Bros. James Matthew Fahey, David Patrick Price, and Thomas James Gunning.

-Wor. Michael Chaplin

## Mount Olivet's Breadmen, Vegemen, etc.

For years, Mount Olivet Lodge of the 2nd District, has been supplying food to St. Paul's Catholic Church food pantry. In addition, under the supervision of Bro. Mike DeWitt, they supply food to the Franciscan house, right next to Grand Lodge, and the Lynn women's shelter.

A great deal of the food is bread donated by Whole Foods at Fresh Pond and vegetables donated by others. However, for the Holidays, Mount Olivet Lodge supplies rotisserie chickens, soda, and various other food stuffs purchased from Market Basket.

In a the November 26th bulletin at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Harvard Square, they wrote, "As always, the Freemasons of Mount Olivet Lodge has ordered about 60 rotisserie chickens to donate." -Wor. Lee H. Fenn



Past Master and current Chaplain/Assistant Secretary Wor. James Joseph Howard III received the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal on November 8th. Rt. Wor. Robert Stanley was joined by James' wife Francesca, and current Master of Boston University Lodge, Wor. Jonathan Daniel Roger.

District Deputies, please feel free to send me a profile of your district with pictures and stories. All our districts have wonderful lodges doing great things. Let the rest of Massachusetts Masonry know!

Thank you in advance, Wor. Lee H. Fenn.



► **Rt Wor. Dobson, Jr** *continued from page 11*

you, your family, your work schedule, and your other Masonic commitments. As Secretary-elect (at the time) of my Blue Lodge, I have certain obligations to my Blue Lodge, as well as commitments to the Knights of St. Andrew, and the DDGM Resource Team. Fortunately, when planned properly, every District can be visited, although last minute things come up, such as that pesky work schedule.

If you weren't planning on attending the September Quarterly, you are now. You need to take the day off from work, make sure your purple tie looks good and is up to snuff, and ensure that your white shirt is actually white and your shoes are shined.

As all of this gets in motion, the hardest part is maintaining secrecy. You don't want to be the one to let it slip and steal the thunder of the Grand Master, who wants to introduce the candidates at the Quarterly. It was tough not telling some of my closest Brothers, who you trust to keep the secret, because what if they let it slip accidentally. I wasn't going to let that happen.

Admittedly, I was asked if I knew who the Warden candidates were, and I'm not entirely sure they believed me when I told them I didn't know. I wasn't sure how good my poker face was.

Finally, the Quarterly arrives, and you're all set for the big day. I'm convinced, by this time, there are many who know, but no one wants to say anything to anyone, and it's one big dance until the four candidates are seated all together on the sidelines in Ionic Hall. It becomes obvious at that point, and all eyes are on you, as the Grand Marshal conducts you to the East, so the Grand Master can introduce you. While you are only in the East for a few magical moments, it is still nerve-wracking. When the Grand Marshal conducts you back to your seat, there is time to finally relax and catch your breath.

The Quarterly closes, and now you are in a receiving line, with many friends and Brothers congratulating you on being chosen as a candidate, and offering up their help and support. Finally, only a few people are left in Ionic Hall, and it's time to finally call it a day. Apron and jewels are safely put away, and the anti-climactic journey starts. Now the real work begins. ■

► **Most Worshipful Perry** *continued from page 13*

viction that is included in the Preamble to our Grand Constitutions to this day. Perry's hand was firm and his direction was clear.

After his term as Grand Master, Brother Perry remained extremely active in the Grand Lodge and the jurisdiction, serving on committees and traveling as a speaker and a representative of more than one of his successors.

In 1939, Brother Perry and his Grand Secretary, Frederick Hamilton, had the opportunity to participate in a series of programs on Boston radio station WAAB. In 2017, a phonograph recording was discovered of this 24-minute program, featuring the voices of those brethren, discussing the aims and purposes of the Fraternity, and their contribution to good citizenship in Massachusetts. It has been digitized and can be found at:



<http://massfreemasonry.org/news/joseph-perry-audio/>

It reminds us of the timeless and inspirational nature of their message. Regardless of the passage of time or the way in which the world has changed, it still resonates today. Freemasonry still survives, and if Past Grand Master Perry were to walk into one of our Lodges, he would have no trouble recognizing the work we still do today. ■

► **Prodigal Mason** *continued from page 16*

the experiences in the three other Daylight Lodges in Massachusetts. If they are anywhere close to you, I heartily recommend that if you have time available when a Daylight Lodge is meeting, take a ride there and drop in for a visit.

Daylight Lodges enjoy those times where there are visitors. Let's face it, everybody who regularly attends has already heard our stories. We need new members for our audience and we love to hear the stories our visitors tell.

I remember a talk given by a Brother some time ago. He noted there are three types of men applying to our Lodges. He used terms familiar to all — Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

He said one group comes for Relief. They want to be a part of the charitable efforts of our Fraternity. They want to do something to make things better for others. Another group comes to us for Truth. They want to learn the lessons we teach and how these lessons can be applied to our daily lives. The third group are those who join because of Brotherly Love. They are seeking the friendship and the fellowship we offer to each other.

To be honest, I am in the Brotherly Love group. I attend meetings because they are where I will find my friends. The Fraternity has brought us together.

I urge you to attend a Daylight Lodge meeting. I am sure you will find, as I have found, Brotherly Love is all around the altar, and you will also find that our elder members, as well as those on the night shift, make our Fraternity a richer place to spend a couple of hours. ■

# The Colonial Craftsmen's Club is Everywhere Lately

by Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb

The Colonial Craftsmen's Club (CCC), the popular Masonic club, performed three Lodge installation ceremonies in September, as well as handling the color guard duties at the Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication. Several new members have invigorated the club and the requests for appearances have been coming in ever since. The CCC has been, and is, going everywhere.

On September 14, the CCC held its annual meeting at the historic Wayside Inn in Sudbury. The guest of honor was M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason, Grand Master, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio, Grand Marshal, as well as their ladies. The thirty-eight attendees were treated to excellent cuisine, and the relaxed camaraderie of the Colonial Craftsmen's Club, for which it is so well known.

After a brief business meeting, the Grand Master and Grand Marshal were presented with beautiful pewter mugs which are used by the Colonials for refreshment in their ritual performances. Both men were also pleased to receive honorary membership in the Club.

The Colonial Craftsmen have been in existence since 1974, as an educational and social Masonic club. They have travelled throughout the United States and abroad, performing their reenactment called "On the Square 1775," which

*The Colonial Craftsmen's Club and the Distaff Side at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury for the September dinner meeting.*



*RW Jack Mulhall, Trustee, RW Richard Maggio, and MWGM Paul F. Gleason, new honorary members, and RW David P. Newcomb, CCC President*

depicts a Lodge meeting in Boston prior to the Revolutionary War. The play is performed for Master Masons only, in a tiled Lodge.

The ladies' group is called the Distaff Side, and is comprised of the significant others and friends of CCC members. The Distaff Side offers a presentation as well. While the CCC performs in the Lodge room, the ladies present a fashion show of colonial attire for the ladies of the Lodge. Afterward, all present enjoy social time and refreshments.

The club accepts donations for its performances. The monies are used exclusively to support a variety of charitable causes, including the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, Shriners' Hospitals, Scottish Rite Learning Centers, DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Boy Scouts, as well as several other groups.

For information on Club activities or membership, contact Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt, Grand Historian, at his office in the Grand Lodge Library. ■

► *Rt. Wor. Raymond cont'd from p. 11*

ready to go back to their respective Districts and carry on with their work.

As the Quarterly Meeting progressed, the moment has come for the Grand Master to make his nominations for Grand Wardens, and suddenly it feels like it was 120 degrees in the room, warmer than any June Quarterly I can recall. As Fred and I looked at each other with the same

"Are you ready for this?" look. At the close of the meeting, we were greeted by so many friends from whom we'd had to keep this a secret. It was awesome and more exciting than anything else to date. Brothers rejoiced in each other's prosperity!

Now, we are at just over the halfway point to the December Quarterly Meeting and elections. I cannot count the number of new friends I have made while traveling in 17 Districts (so far.) ■

I hope to visit the rest of the Districts before the end of this journey. I continue to be amazed by the beauty of the Lodge buildings I have seen, and the individuality of the Lodges and Brothers therein. The highlight of my experience to date was traveling around Cape Ann and the North Shore on Open House Day. Some unbelievable artifacts are out there and I have really had a great time so far taking it all in. ■

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