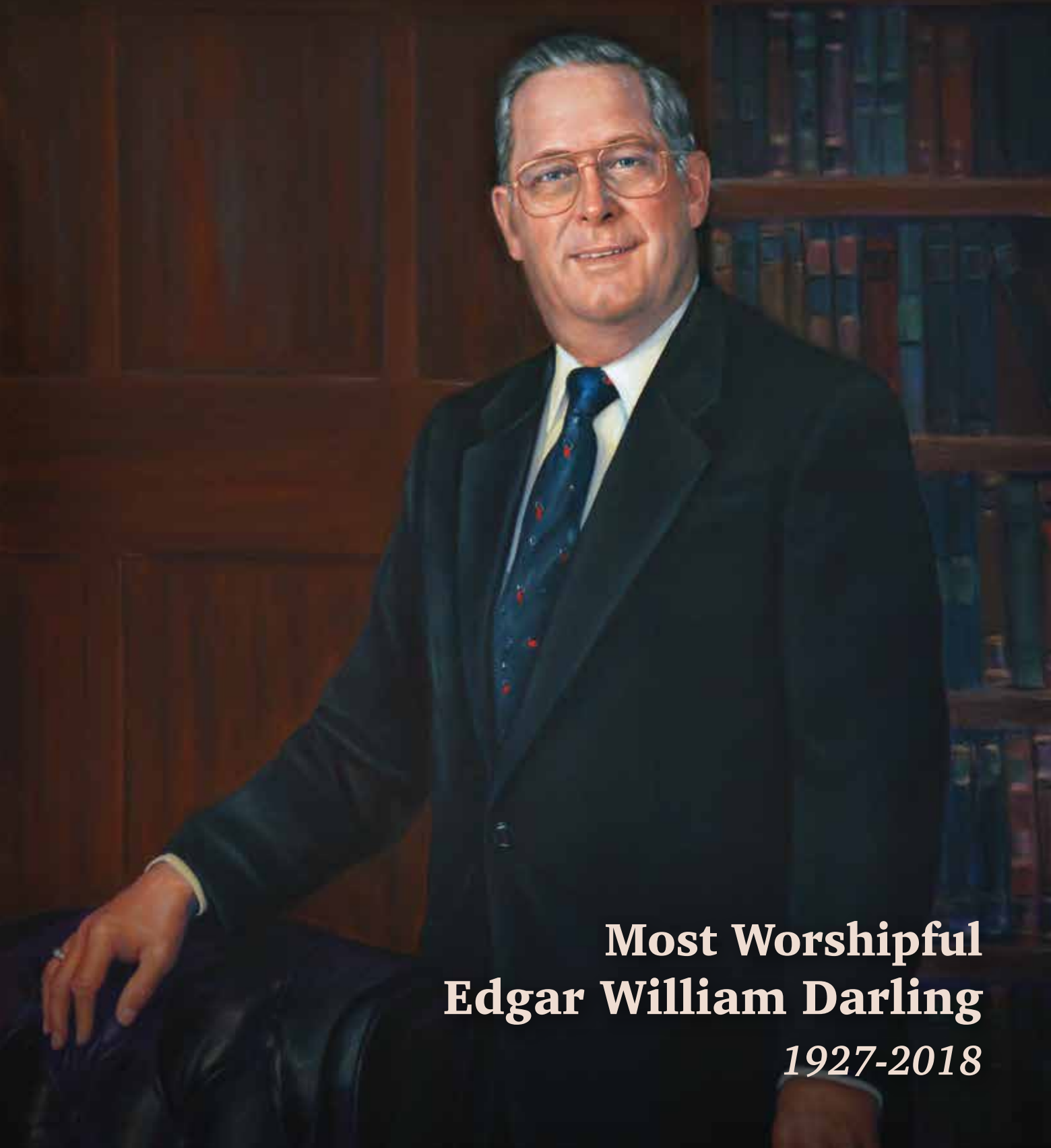


# TROWEL

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS FALL 2018



**Most Worshipful  
Edgar William Darling**  
*1927-2018*



*From the East of Grand Lodge*

PAUL F. GLEASON

Brethren,

Each morning, I get in my car, head southeast toward I-93, and sit in stop-and-go traffic for 30 to 45 minutes on my way to my office in Grand Lodge.

I pass landmarks like the Mystic River, Boston Sand & Gravel, and the TD Garden; I pass through the narrow streets of the North End as I make my way toward 51 Boylston Street. I back into the alley known as Head Place to park behind our building, gather my things, and begin my work for the day.

It's so easy to get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of city life with that commute, Brethren.

I have just returned from a visit with our Brethren in the 30th and 31st Districts. This allowed me to regain some much needed perspective on the diverse challenges Freemasonry faces throughout Massachusetts.

As citizens, we live in a state that we can easily travel across in a day's time – but we all have neighborhoods, lifestyles, and routines that keep us relatively isolated from one another (I imagine this happens nationally as well, but I digress). As Masons, the same can be said of our experiences in our Lodges and Districts. While the challenges we all face vary, our ability to work together to overcome them remains the same.

Why am I saying all this? Well, simply put Brethren – I believe in the future of Freemasonry because, despite the differences we all have, whether they are demographic, geographic, economic, or otherwise, our shared passion for the Craft, and spreading the principles of Freemasonry as widely as men will hear them, remains strong.

And while I made, for me, an unusual trip home in the dark on I-90 east from Pittsfield, the “light” I gained stays with me, and no doubt will stay with me for a long time. Brethren, I hope each of you is able to take the time to travel outside your District and find more light as I just did. I hope to see you soon!

Respectfully,

***Paul F. Gleason***

Grand Master

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## Missing a Brother

The passing of M. Wor. Bro. Darling is a sad day for all of us. While I do not believe I met M. Wor. Bro. Darling, I know who he was. He was a Brother who became the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, and that tells me a lot.

I became a Mason when M. Wor. Bro. Hodgdon was Grand Master. I remember seeing pictures of him in Trowel. He was scary. I saw someone I didn't know who ran all the Masons in Massachusetts. As I became an Entered Apprentice, he was as far above me as I could imagine, and therefore, intimidating. He was the pinnacle of what I was just now entering, and I had no idea who he was or what he did, but I knew he was on the top of a mountain and I was looking up.

Since that time, I have met and talked with each Grand Master. I am consistently amazed. To a man, each Grand Master, including the used-to-be-scary M. Wor. Bro. Hodgdon, have been men of kindness, humility, and fine character.

I remember the late M. Wor. Bro. Pageau had come back from Cuba, and I wanted to interview him. He was going to an event and I stopped in his office. I asked to set up a time to have a chat. He kindly said from behind the desk, "Well, how about now?" There was a lodge room of people awaiting his arrival and he took the time for me and my questions. He sat behind his desk, took the time when he was going to an event, and gave me a wonderful interview.

I have found every Grand Master to show the same concern and Brotherly Love for every Brother and the Fraternity. We choose our leaders well.

So when I heard that M. Wor. Bro. Darling had passed, I was saddened. Having not met him had no impact on my grief. I knew him to be a Brother who had the confidence of Grand Lodge and the vote of the Brethren to make him our Servant in Chief, our Grand Master. I mourn his passing and look forward to being with my Brother in the Celestial Lodge.

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*



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**JANUARY 15, 2019**





## DeMolay and Rainbow Girl Tie the Knot

A point often made to men inquiring about the benefits of becoming a Mason is that you will form friendships with other men with whom you would never otherwise meet. What happens when a Dad's son joins DeMolay and another Dad's daughter joins Rainbow?

For two very happy families, a daughter serves two terms as Worthy Advisor of Natick Assembly 28, and a son serves as State Master Councilor. Both are notable accomplishments for each, who subsequently graduated from the College of the Holy Cross, majoring in Math, and University of Lowell, majoring in Engineering, respectively.

If not for a chance meeting at a Rainbow/DeMolay Ball, they would never have met. The result has been a joyous union of both families. First joint family meetings can sometimes be awkward, but for us, with Masonic activity being a significant common bond, our visits seem more like

we've been friends forever. This past June 1st, both families were formally joined together to celebrate the beginnings of another family. It is a tradition for alumni of the College of the Holy Cross to publish wedding photos with wedding party alumni, along with bride and groom with a Holy Cross flag showing class year. My daughter assigned her Dad one important (to her) task: find a Square and Compasses flag because she wanted a similar photo with all the wedding guests that had any Masonic connection.

The scope of friends and family with such involvement was nearly one-third of the entire celebration. Along with the happy couple Meredith (Carr) and Brandon Thorne, the bottom row is Wor. Grant Thorne and his wife Karen, Wor. Everett Carr and his wife Gretchen, Brandon's Grandfather MW Donald Hicks and his wife Nancy, Adam Azanow and the then presiding Grand Worthy Advisor for Rainbow Katie Main. The longest traveled distance to the wedding was Brother Bruce Coats, from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

-Wor. Everett G. Carr

## A Cable Tow Story

### Not For Sale The Past Master's Jewel Back Home

Part 3 of 4

by Rt. Wor. Eugene A.  
"Cappy" Capobianco

With the Past Master's Jewel off of eBay, and my understanding about the difficult circumstances of Bro. Greenwood, forced to demit though a life member, it finally came to me!

I brought Brother Greenwood's story to the business meeting at my Lodge, the Brethren of St. John's Lodge, Boston, founded in 1733. I told the story as I am telling it here, and as it was told to me. When I was finished, several Brothers suggested that we make him a Life Member here. The vote was unanimous, and the wheels were in motion. Remembering that we are all pledged to help each other, this was indeed good old Massachusetts' Masonry in action the way it should be, letting common sense prevail.

Bro. Greenwood turned 80 in

November, 2017, and I was determined to make it a memorable one. The Lodge Secretary sent for the approved paperwork, and copy of the demit. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts gave the green light, and Bro. Greenwood was voted a Life Member of St. John's Lodge. That evening, I made a short video at the close of Lodge. The Master was in the East with his top hat, apron, and gavel in hand. He welcomed Worshipful Bro. Greenwood as the newest member of St. John's Lodge Boston.

I mailed Brother *continued on page 21*

# Tolerance

*by Wor. Seth Landau*

**B**rethren all, I am deeply humbled to be appointed and installed as Grand Chaplain of our Grand Lodge by the Grand Master, of whom I am very appreciative for his confidence in me. I will do my utmost to honor this position with the respect that it deserves. With that, I find the writing of this first column as Grand Chaplain bittersweet. When I think of the tenets of Masonry - Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love, to me, there is a common theme amongst them, which is tolerance. This is loosely defined as the acceptance or acknowledgment of other actions, objects, or people when you have every opportunity not to. That does not necessarily mean agreement. For the purpose of my topic, it doesn't mean endure, or put up with, either. Empathy is a better definition in this case - understanding those who are different or have beliefs not your own, whether politically, economically, socially, religiously, or more. As human beings, we are often too caught up in our own lives to invest in understanding others beyond our comfort zone, but there is a line that gets crossed too often.

I do feel like I am preaching to the choir, as ironically stated from the perspective of a Jewish Chaplain. As a spiritual leader, it is not my right, or part of my job description, to determine who would make better Jews, or for that matter, better people. It is not my right to tell them how to live their lives, which path to take, how often to pray, how much they should give to charity, or guilt them into helping their fellow congregants or members of the community. It my obligation, however, to set the best example that I can in promoting tolerance and respect to my congregation, and those in the community.

As I am writing this, our country recently experienced another senseless tragedy with the mass shooting at a Jewish Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA. The likely

motive, while not yet officially confirmed, was linked to anti-Semitism as the main factor. Now this is certainly not the first time a religious group has been targeted, nor was it more or less tragic than other shootings.

However, this one did hit home with me. As you look at the people taken from us, it easily could have been referring to my synagogue, or many others just like it. I was in my synagogue on that Saturday morning at the time of the shooting, leading prayers for my congregation, just like what was happening at this one. Many seniors were participating, just like at this synagogue. They were anticipating a nice Kiddush meal at

the conclusion of the service, just like at my synagogue. They were happy to be with their friends, just like at my synagogue. They were looking forward towards many more Jewish Sabbaths to come, just like at my synagogue.

However, because of one person who felt that tolerance was a principle that did not apply to him, convinced that a religious group was partly responsible for his less than ideal lot in life, he had to take matters into his own hands.

Tolerance is an obligation for all of us, and if we can't come to terms with that, then we need to take a long look in the mirror, and question who we are as people, as human beings, and as creations of God.

As a Mason, I feel incredible comfort walking into a Lodge room because I know that the men who are there are going to welcome me unconditionally, with open arms. We embrace each other's differences, knowing that we all share the blessing of mutual tolerance and respect. Every day that you wake up, be proud that you can call yourself a Mason. I know I do. ■



*Wor. Seth Landau is the current Spiritual Leader of Congregation Sons of Israel of Peabody, and a Past Master of Norumbega Fraternity Lodge.*

# THE SEPTEMBER 2018 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

## OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

The Fall Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts was a haven from the rain outside. Promptly at 1:30pm on September 12, 2018, the Brethren stood with respect when the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Paul F. Gleason, entered.

The Brethren assembled pledged their allegiance to the flag, filled the hall with the Star Spangled Banner, and the Grand Master introduced the color guard: the Grand Lodge Tour Guides. The group consisted of Rt. Wors. William Sohni, Archibald Campbell, Bros. Claude Burr, William Scott, and John Crosby.

After singing "Faith of our Fathers", Rt. Wor. and Rev. Keith Alderman prepared us for the communication with a prayer before the Bible, Square, and Compasses.

The past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in attendance were M. Wors. Albert Timothy Ames, Arthur Eugene Johnson, Jeffrey Black Hodgdon, and Harvey John Waugh.

They were joined by First Responders Rt. Wors. Jerry Bergeron (Captain), David Maxim, Kevin Hamel, Craig Erickson, Wors. Jack MacNeill, Ed Burg, and Bro. Ryan Matthew.

M. Wor. Bro. Ames reported the Recognition of Proxies of 32 lodges. Rt. Wor. Stephen C. Cohn, announced that seven changes in by-laws were accepted by the Committee on Charters and By-Laws, and two were partially denied.

A handout was given to all the Brethren at the lodge room door, outlining the budget for the next year. M. Wor. Bro. Ames announced that the Board of Directors had approved the budget and made a motion for a floor vote. After the motion was seconded, the budget was voted on and passed.

Rt. Wor. Scott T. Jareo, Deputy Grand Master, had the difficult duty of delivering the necrology. Six Masons were noted as having passed to the Celestial Lodge. The Craft lost almost 350 years of Masonic experience. Rt. Wor. and Rev. Keith C. Alderman expressed the grief of the Brethren in prayer.

The Board of Directors had a vacancy. The Grand Master cited the Grand Constitution, Sec. 250, and nominated Rt. Wor. Peter Culbertson to the position. With unanimous

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

- M. Excel. Dana A. Jackson, 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 Glen M. Cunningham, 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. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, Active for Massachusetts

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

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

- M. Wor. Yves R. Maignan, Grand Master
- Rt. Wor. Jeffery M. Coaston, Deputy Grand Master
- Rt. Wor. Timothy R. Downs, Senior Grand Warden
- Rt. Wor. Gerald Thaxton, Junior Grand Warden
- Rt. Wor. Collin M. Herrelle, Assistant Grand Treasurer
- M. Wor. Nicholas Locker, Past Grand Master
- Rt. Wor. Wilbur Evans, Sr., Grand Marshal Emeritus

- Rt. Wor. Thomas L. Winter, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of New Jersey
- Ill. Glenn H. Surprenant, Potentate, Melha Shrine, Ancient Arabic, Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Rt. Wor. and Dad Philip Drouin, Executive Officer, Order of the DeMolay, Massachusetts
- Rt. Wor. Gerard Dowden, Past District Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

approval, he was elected to fill a term ending in 2020.

The Grand Master called Wor. Seth Alan Landau to the East. Wor. Bro. Landau was installed as our newest Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio, to bring to the East, Rt. Wors. Timothy Shawn McGavin and Edgar Rolando de Leon,





**Left: Our Grand Master is escorted into the Grand Lodge Quarterly. Right: Wor. Seth Landau is installed as our newest Grand Chaplain.**

candidates for the office of Junior Grand Warden. The Grand Marshal was directed to escort Rt. Wors. David Joseph Raymond and Geoffrey Kromer to the East for the office of Senior Grand Warden. All of these men have the full confidence of the Grand Master to fill the office of Junior or Senior Grand Warden.

“We have a strict code of conduct and hold our membership to a high standard,” the Grand Master said as he began a sad part of the Quarterly. One member was suspended for one year due to behavior on social media, and another was expelled for impersonating a Grand Master to a foreign jurisdiction.

For the One Day Class, (see FAQs on the back cover), a ritual competition has been held. The Grand Master brought to the East Rt. Wors. Robert Doherty, Senior Grand Lecturer, and Alfredo Canhoto to announce the winners of the Middle Chamber competition. The winners were Wor. Carl Durham, Norumbega Fraternity Lodge, 1st place; Wor. Robert Consorti, Mount Tabor Lodge, 2nd place; and Wor. Patrick DelVal, Milton Lodge, 3rd place.

Rt. Wor. James N. Orgettas was escorted to the East for reasons unknown to him. Rt. Wor. Bro. Orgettas works with the Grand Master in his office and assembles the agenda for each Quarterly. He was not on the agenda; he had no idea why he was present. The Grand Master, with the help of Wor. Don Hohler of Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodge, bestowed on Rt. Wor. Bro. Orgettas the Joseph Warren Medal in an emotional moment for all.

The Grand Master called to the East Rt. Wor. Sergio DeAssis and Wor. Joseph Vincentini, Master of The Independence Lodge. They presented the Grand Master gifts, including two plaques they had received from the Grande Loja Maçônica do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul on their trip to Brazil.

“Welcome back!” The Grand Master exclaimed in opening his remarks, “I hope each of you had a wonderful summer.”

Starting with good news, the Grand Master thanked all the Lodges who raised 537 Master Masons this year, an increase of 5.9% over last year. “The decline has plateaued Brethren!” the Grand Master proclaimed. He warned, however, that there is more to do. “We must still overcome the negative effect of deaths and demits, but we are now headed in the right direction,” he said.

The Grand Master thanked Rt. Wor. William Ernest Yanakakis and the rest of the Membership Committee for putting together programs that have increased our numbers.

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren about the profound impact the Craft has had on all our journeys “to become the best version of our ourselves.” Every knock on the on the proverbial doors of our Lodge rooms is an opportunity to welcome new members with open arms.

“Start preparing for the biggest membership event of the year - Square and Compasses Day. The annual Open House is Saturday, October 20th, and my Communications Office informs me that the advertising begins this Monday, the 17th!” said the Grand Master.

The Grand Master reminded the Masters about the four Lodge Ambassador training sessions this September, and about putting together an engaging public program for their Open Houses.

The Grand Master mentioned the combined 30th and 31st District Lodge of Instruction that was held October 25, in Pittsfield, which he attended. In addition, a similar event will be held in the Amherst area on November 27 - register to attend on [MassMasons.org](http://MassMasons.org).

The Grand Master spoke of the sold-out Bow Tie Benefit Gala at Grand Lodge. Fine food and a silent auction will highlight the evening. Some of the auction items



**Our Grand Master introduced the color guard, Grand Lodge Tour Guides Rt. Wor. William Sohni, Bro. William Scott, Bro. Claude Burr, Rt. Wor. Archibald Campbell, and Bro. John Crosby.**





## Become a Grand Lodge Tour Guide

M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason and the Board of Directors agree:  
Tour Guides are important. Very important.

Did you enjoy talking about your Fraternity at the Open House? Were you disappointed because you got to extol the virtues of the Craft to only 100 people? You have the opportunity to help educate and impact our image, one tour at a time.

To share your joy of the Craft as a Tour Guide, you will need some training and the uniform. Any Brother interested in volunteering for The Boston Masonic Building Tour Guide Program is encouraged contact the Communications Department at [info@massfreemasonry.org](mailto:info@massfreemasonry.org) or 617.426.6040 for more details.

*-Wor. Robert Huke IV*

include boat trips, weeks at vacation homes, and even bow ties once worn by Grand Masters.

The Grand Master pointed out the Color Guard, the Tour Guides for Grand Lodge. They sported the new uniforms they will wear. "The Tour Guide Program is an important asset in our efforts to help the public better understand who we are and what we do. We are very fortunate to have this magnificent building in a prominent location. Throughout the year, Masons and non-Masons, from as close as next door, and from as far away as across the state, all over the country, and throughout the world, visit us to learn more about Massachusetts Freemasonry and this historic building," said the Grand Master.

"I firmly believe in this program and the value it creates. At our most recent meeting, your Board of Directors and I, therefore, approved a new policy to increase compensation to tour guides for their transportation expenses and the cost of a light lunch for each shift they serve."

The Grand Master announced that a Tour Guide Training program will be held on Thursday, November 29, and that alternate training arrangements can be made. "Following the completion of your training, I will appoint you a member of the Grand Lodge Tour Guide Committee. You will be invested with the jewels of your office - a blazer, tie, and name tag," said the Grand Master.

The Grand Master referred all interested to Rt. Wor. William Sohni ([bill.sohni@comcast.net](mailto:bill.sohni@comcast.net)), Bro. Christopher

Rooney ([crooney@massfreemasonry.org](mailto:crooney@massfreemasonry.org)) in the Communications and Development Department, or Wor. Robert Huke ([rhuke@massfreemasonry.org](mailto:rhuke@massfreemasonry.org)), in order to become a Grand Lodge Tour guide.

The Grand Master outlined the new year: The Feast of St. John and the Jurisdiction-wide Organization Day. After the District Deputy Grand Masters return to organize their own districts, the Golden Gavel Awards will take place. Scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2019, at the Scottish Rite Museum in Lexington, this will be a formal evening recognizing Lodges and Master Masons for their successes. Its categories represent what lodges should already be doing in pursuit of increased membership, specifically:

- Best Membership initiative
- Best Charity Event
- Best Fundraiser
- Best Public Relations Event
- Best Presentation of an LoI Module
- Best Masonic Education Event
- Best Rusty Brothers Program
- Best Masonic Service Project
- Best Widows and Orphans Program
- Best Fellowship and Family Event
- Most Original Presentation in a Regular Communication
- Best Activation Activity

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**Left:** Rt. Wor. James N. Orgettas is surprised when the Grand Master awarded him the Joseph Warren Medal. **Right:** Wor. Joseph Vincentini, Master of The Independence Lodge and Rt. Wor. Sergio DeAssis present the Grand Master with gifts from the Grande Loja Maçônica do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.



“Redouble your efforts now so that when the Master of Ceremonies says, ‘And the winner is...’ you’ll hear your name or lodge and ascend the stage on the red carpet. You can’t win if you don’t play, so be sure to submit a description of your activities to GoldenGavelAwards@gmail.com,” encouraged the Grand Master.

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren of an extra opportunity to raise the number of potential candidates this spring. On Saturday, March 9th, 2019, a One Day Class will be held at the Grand Lodge building in downtown Boston. He said that this is a great opportunity to help men with busy professional schedules take the Masonic degrees conveniently. It also represents a chance for you to help candidates already in process make up a degree they missed.



**The winners of the ritual competition: 3rd place, Wor. Patrick DeVal, 2nd place Wor. Robert Consorti, 1st place Wor. Carl Durham, Our Grand Master, Rt. Wors. Robert F. Doherty, and Alfredo Canhoto.**

The Grand Master directed the Brethren to MassMasons.org to register for the One Day Class. “If you have potential candidates for this special opportunity, do not sit back and wait - the registration deadline is December 31st, 2018, and all candidates must be investigated and balloted upon in accordance with the usual procedures.”

“So that’s the plan. Now it is up to you - the individual lodge and its leaders. As I told you last June, only boots on the ground are going to invite interested candidates to dinner, contact every brother at least once per year (and dues bills do not count), publish articles in local media, and pursue all of the other ways to make the public aware of what we have to offer. We must find those new Masons who will fill your officer

line in the next few years, and whose support will help your lodge prosper.”

“We have an exciting year with many challenges ahead of us Brethren. Thank you for all that you do for your Lodges! I look forward to seeing you throughout my travels,” the Grand Master said, to a standing ovation.

The Grand Master closed the Fall Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in ample form. ■

“I am asking you to support this One Day Class by sending your interested candidates to Boston for the day. We will be allowing you to retain the initiation fee Grand Lodge normally collects for each candidate you raise if you send them to the class. Including many winners of our recent ritual competition, I expect the degree ritual to be top-notch at this Class, so your candidates will have the best experience possible,” said the Grand Master.

**Left: The candidates for Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wors. Timothy S. McGavin and Edgar R. De Leon with the Grand Master. Right: The candidates for Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wors. Geoffrey Kromer and David J. Raymond with the Grand Master.**







## Charlton Profile: Bill Kenyon

**B**ro. Bill Kenyon has always been a man of passion and service, two characteristics that have shaped his life. Bill has proven himself as a man with vision, spending his life learning,

improving, and dreaming up new ways to do and see things. He not only has a passion for design, but for creation as well. He has three patents to his name, has designed golf clubs, and has started his own photography business, Captured Impressions.

After graduating from Springfield Technical High School, he attended Western New England College where he studied Mechanical Engineering while working at Smith and Wesson. He became interested in becoming a Mason when he was at Smith and Wesson. Here he met the men who inspired him to learn more about Freemasonry. A number of the gentlemen he worked with were Masons, and he liked how they conducted themselves when dealing with their associates. They seemed to

have a more understanding way about themselves, and he respected their outlook on life. This is where he found his sponsor and began his Masonic journey.

In 1962 he enlisted in the Air Force and trained to become Ballistic Missile Analyst Specialist. During his four years of service he traveled to several Minuteman bases where he underwent additional training.

After his discharge from the Air Force, he returned to Smith and Wesson before taking a job at Spalding Sporting Goods. He then worked for Tubed Products in Easthampton, MA designing plastic squeeze tubes and the tooling to manufacture them. This is where he met his wife Gaye.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon learned about The Overlook while looking for a place for his mother-in-law to live. He describes The Overlook as “a place where you could maintain your dignity and meet new friends.” After multiple visitations to his mother-in-law’s new home, he knew *continued on page 32*

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## NEWSFLASH!

We are excited to announce that The Overlook Health and Rehabilitation Center in Charlton, MA, recently established a new Respiratory Clinical Program. The Respiratory Services are now available to qualifying existing Overlook Residents, as well as patients from outside of The Overlook who are being discharged from acute care hospitals, typically with either chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or congestive heart failure (CHF). The medical oversight for the program is being provided by Board Certified Pulmonologist Dr. Plutarco E. Castellanos of MA Lung and Allergy, with a specialty in critical care and pulmonology, in conjunction with a Respiratory Therapist.

This program was created with guidance and input provided during a recent Masonic Health System Strategic Planning session, and was approved by the MHS Board of Directors. The Board’s support of this program allows The Overlook to further distinguish itself as a provider of choice to clinically complex patients meeting a uniquely specialized service need in the community. The program will service Medicare and Private Pay recipients, and over time, will add an additional \$250k in annual revenue to Masonic Health System of MA, Inc.

Those interested in more information should contact the Admissions Office of The Overlook at 508-434-2243. For a current hospital patient with a respiratory diagnosis requiring rehabilitation, please be sure to ask your provider for a referral to The Overlook!



# Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



## Most Worshipful

# Thomas Sherrard Roy

## 1951-1953

### *Dare We Be Masons?*

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

It is a custom in our Grand Lodge that at the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, the man appointed to be Deputy Grand Master gives an address during the Grand Feast. These presentations are often modest and uncontroversial; they are a testimony to the greatness of the Fraternity, the appreciation of the honor, and the desire to represent and support the Grand Master in his endeavors. That is as it should be, of course. The Deputy should admire the organization and be cognizant of the recognition he receives, and should be ready to aid the Grand Master.

Some of these speeches stand out for their clarity of presentation and their unique sentiment. Among the best is the one given by Deputy Grand Master Thomas Sherrard Roy, the third appointee of M. Wor. Brother Albert Schaefer, Grand Master from 1941-1943. At the time of his appointment, the United States was one year into its involvement in the Second World War. It was not the low point for the Allies, but the struggle was a desperate one, and many Masons were already in uniform. Many more would join over the next three years, and a significant number would never come home. They carried their Masonry abroad, as evidenced by the upsurge of interest among those who did return. Friends and comrades of Masons came home from the war in search of the truths and privileges of the Craft.

All of that was far away at the end of December 1942, when Bro. Roy stood at the podium before the Fraternity at the Feast of St. John, and gave a moving speech that would delineate his philosophy of Masonry for the rest of his long life. "If Freemasonry is not the answer to the problems of the world," he said, "then there is no answer."

*"It is in the values that are related to brotherhood that we shall find the foundation stones on which we can build securely. But we must do the building...you can know too much for action. You can balance all of the possibilities of a situation, all of the positives and the negatives, all of the assets and the liabilities against one another until you reach an intellectual or emotional dead center that makes it impossible to move in any direction. The great things that have been accomplished in the world have not been accomplished because men saw clearly how they could do them, but because they felt too deeply to see clearly. If we are going to make Freemasonry the force it should become in the world, it will not be because we can see clearly how to do it, but because of the passion in our lives to do it."*

These foundational beliefs shaped his Masonic career, carrying him through his term as Grand Master and beyond, for the rest of his long life.

Thomas Sherrard Roy was born in Newcastle, New Brunswick, in August 1884, and received his education in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, and at Newton Theological, earning his Doctor of Divinity. He was the fourth clergyman to serve as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, elected in December, 1950. He was made a Mason in Nova Scotia prior to relocating to Massachusetts, where he served in various pastorates, finally settling at the First Baptist Church in Worcester. There he affiliated with Montacute Lodge, serving as its Worshipful Master in 1935 and 1936. In 1942, M. Wor. Bro. Albert Schaefer appointed him District Deputy Grand Master of the Worcester 22nd District, and a year later chose him as Deputy Grand Master. He remained at his post at the First Baptist Church until he became Grand Master, and at the time of his resignation, he was, according to the Worcester Evening Gazette (as quoted in the New England Craftsman),

*"...recognized as one the ablest and most consecrated clergymen in the city's history. His gifts as a preacher and as a leader have been notable. Yet his work as a counsellor and guide for old and young, in his parish and out, has made itself felt in hundreds of individual lives. He has, furthermore, been unselfish and uncommonly effective in civic activities."*

He remained resident in Worcester, where he was one of its most distin-

guished citizens. His beliefs and his convictions continued into his term as Grand Master. He was elected at a difficult time for Massachusetts' Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge had just made the decision to put all of its lodges in China into "voluntary recess," and the racial divide in the Fraternity was beginning to become a persistent issue. Under his administration, the Grand Lodge needed to make key decisions regarding recognition, including the jurisdictions of Germany, Iceland, and Israel. Outside the lodge-room doors, international affairs weighed heavily on Americans. The previous summer war had broken out on the Korean peninsula, drawing men back into military service, and humankind was threatened by the Sword of Damocles of atomic weaponry hanging over the world. In the speech he gave at his Grand Master's reception in March 1951, he alluded to these issues, asking whether Freemasonry could "become the actuating force that will release the constructive forces in mankind that will win the race with destruction."

*"Freemasonry is no ivory tower, no escape from the problems and tensions that are inevitable in a democracy. We are not using Masonry as an escape [from] the obligations of life, playing at brotherhood as a substitute for an acceptance of the realities of brotherhood, which someone has said, 'takes away all of the cushions and leaves us with a cross.' We must think of it as that which we can release as a great redemptive force in the world."*

His time in the Oriental Chair of Grand Lodge featured many anniversaries of lodges chartered at the turn of the 19th century and in the 1870s, and our proceedings indicate that he traveled constantly throughout the jurisdiction. In January 1952, he made a visit to Panama, featuring visits to all seven of our lodges in that district, and the laying of a church cornerstone in Margarita, which included an "impressive address on the first three Landmarks, as taken from Proverbs, Chapter 22, Verse 28."

In September 1952, Bro. Roy had the opportunity to make a special presentation to the senior Past Grand Master, M. Wor. Melvin M. Johnson. M. Wor. Bro. Johnson had reinstated the practice of presenting Henry Price Medals, and all of the Grand Masters wore one, other than Johnson himself. Grand Master Roy took the opportunity to award him with a special gold Henry Price Medal. This item is now customarily worn by the presiding Grand Master.

As a clergyman, Grand Master Roy had particular concerns regarding the combination of his pastoral and Masonic duties. In June 1951, he spoke on the supposed prohibition of the use of exclusively Christian names in prayers. His response was that:

*"...there is nothing in the Grand Constitutions, nor any ruling by a Grand Master, that prohibits the use of the name. No name sacred to any religion that is in conformity with the first of our Ancient Landmarks is prohibited in Masonic circles. The Ancient Landmark is this: Monotheism, the sole dogma of Freemasonry... says that men of different religions, and maintaining those differences, can form a union that transcends the differences of country, sect, and opinion. No man is*

*barred from using that name by which God comes nearest to him. However...we are well-advised, if in our prayers we use the terminology that is common to all of our religions...I am quite sure that as Brethren we shall strengthen the bonds that unite us as we find a common expression in prayer, rather than assert our right to use each his own distinctive phraseology."*

As Grand Master, Bro. Roy was particular in his judgments, reinforcing earlier Grand Masters' rulings on gambling, chain letters, alcohol, candidate investigation, and balloting. He endorsed the idea of Blue Lodge support of the Order of DeMolay (codified by his successor, Grand Master Whitfield W. Johnson). He also ordered the creation of candidate ciphers, emphasized adherence to installation ritual, and actually endorsed some changes to the standard work that would not be implemented until long after his term.

In 1966, more than a decade after he served as Grand Master, the Masonic Education and Charity Trust published a collection of his addresses, *Dare We Be Masons?* The title was taken from an address by that name, in which he took up the question, asking, "What is it, specifically, that Freemasonry demands of us that will test our capacity to be Masons?" His answer was thorough, articulate, and compelling. Freemasonry needed to be considered a force, "something we can use and direct," and not just a form of "something that we serve and protect." The organization itself could become the greatest enemy of its own ideals and principles. Society and life itself, without the "force" of brotherhood, would become "a series of rationalizations, in which fundamental moral values are eliminated through our refusal to acknowledge any standards as having inherent validity or absolute authority."

Instead, he argued, "We must learn to live together as brothers, or face the destruction that our refusal so to live will make inevitable...do we dare to make Freemasonry a force that can make men feel that they are part of something indestructible? ...do we dare to make Freemasonry a tool with which to build, rather than a weapon with which to destroy?" His criticisms were not only of totalitarianism and dictatorship, but also of "ruthless individualism," and every man for himself, as well as for organizations "that call themselves religious or patriotic." Freemasonry, he insisted, should be none of those things. Despite its exclusivity, members of the Craft should be willing to "thrust our Masonic principles into political action. Wherever the need for integrity of character, for the assertion of the political principle of government in the interest of human welfare and peace and security throughout the world, there the true Mason must make his influence felt to attain these ends." "Dare to be Masons," he said. It was Freemasonry's greatest challenge - to work for a better world.

Not long after the publication of this collection, M. Wor. Bro. Roy tackled a project that had lain fallow for a number of years - a comprehensive, thorough history of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. A history had been prepared for the 200th anniversary in 1933, but it was out of date and somewhat superficial. M. Wor. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton

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# GRAND WARDEN CANDIDATES

## *Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer*



### **Candidate for Senior Grand Warden**

**A**s candidates for Senior Grand Warden, we have all been asked to write a brief essay on how Masonry has impacted us. As a high school guidance counselor, I feel suddenly like I am in the shoes of one of my nervous high school seniors, writing a similar message as they seek admission to college!

Anyway, this is not an easy topic to pick one item from, as Masonry has impacted my life in many ways, and has given me wonderful opportunities I never would have imagined back in September of 1994, when I was raised. It is that day I would like to talk about.

I was young, only 21 years old, and still in college. I came home on a Friday night to be ready for my degree on Saturday morning. I was a little nervous, as it was hard to prepare to exemplify while in a dorm room for most of September, but I knew my Dad would be there as an Officer, so I wouldn't be totally alone! When I woke up in the morning, there was a car in the driveway that looked familiar to me - it was an old Mercedes, 1950s era I think, that I knew belonged to my Great Uncle from Pennsylvania. I asked my mom why the car was there, and she informed me that my Grandfather, Great Uncle, and Uncle arrived from Pennsylvania much earlier in the *continued on page 14*

## *Rt. Wor. David Raymond*



### **Candidate for Senior Grand Warden**

**G**rowing up in a Masonic family, and being a member of the Order of DeMolay as a young man, brought an early understanding of the bond that Freemasonry offered, but it wasn't until I joined the Fraternity, and became an active member, that I truly understood its real value.

Masonry goes back in my family for many generations. As a child, most of our family trips and events involved being with Masons. Cookouts and pool parties at the family home included many of my Dad's Shriner and Lodge friends and families. The comradery, fellowship, and good times were abundant - always a bunch of people having fun!

Although my level of activity in DeMolay at Melrose Chapter was somewhat minimal, it was there that I got my own fraternal experience and the foundation for my desire to be a Mason.

Fast forward 15 years, and a couple of my friends from DeMolay, as well as another family friend, were joining the Masons. I went to Wyoming Lodge in Melrose when a friend was going through the 3rd Degree. I was embraced by the warm greetings of men I had never met. There was an exciting vibe in the collation hall that evening, something that in all my memories from *continued on page 14*

## *Rt. Wor. Edgar R. de León*



### **Candidate for Junior Grand Warden**

**I**n the final days of 1981, in the course of about eight months, three Masons invited me to three dinners about my becoming a Mason. Finally, on August 19, 1982, I was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Firmeza #3 Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Guatemala. On November 5, 1983, I was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

At the time I became an Entered Apprentice, my life changed forever, for the better. The principles and foundations of the Mason's Way, combined with my experience at the Army Academy for Officers, from which I graduated, provided the path to be a better man. Since then, I have observed the Mason's Way with my family, at work, playing sports, practicing my religion, and every other activity in my life.

On September 19, 1987, my family and I came to this country and the Mason's Way opened other opportunities. I joined Budleigh Lodge in Beverly. Later on, I raised the columns of Logia America as one of its charter members.

What is the Mason's Way? The Mason's Way is conducting myself under the tenets, princi- *continued on page 16*

## *Rt. Wor. Timothy S. McGavin*



### **Candidate for Junior Grand Warden**

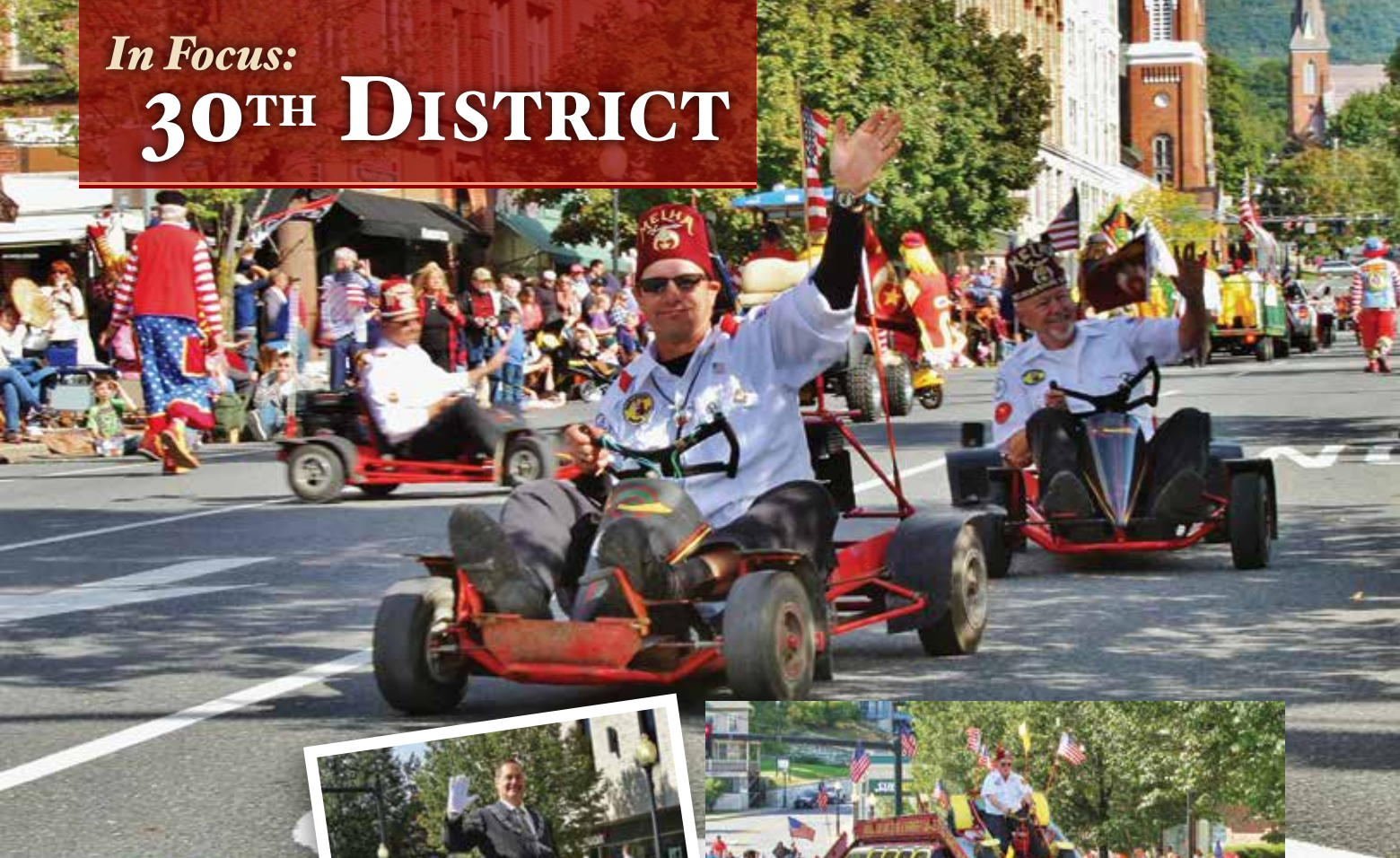
**M**asonry has impacted my life in many ways. I joined my lodge at the age of 23, since which time my Brethren have shared with me all of the special moments and life celebrations - from my wedding day, to the births of my three daughters, and every life event I have experienced throughout the last 34 years. They have also supported me in the toughest of times, in the lodge room, and out as well.

I have two specific times that I have experienced Brotherly love in ways I never could have imagined. The first was in 1989, and revolved around the birth of my second daughter. The morning she was born, it did not take long to realize something was terribly wrong as the operating room quickly became overcrowded with medical staff. My daughter was born with some visible birth defects: a cleft lip and palate being the most noticeable. And after many tests, she was diagnosed with a rare birth defect. It was a difficult time for my family, as her diagnoses left her seriously impaired mentally, deaf, and blind for life.

The second was recently when my wife faced a cancer diagnosis. Although she was strong, it was a very scary time for me. Her treatment started with *continued on page 16*



# In Focus: 30<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT



The members of the 30th Masonic District along with special guest Bro. Brian G. Porter, of Oxford Lodge, participated in the 63rd Annual Fall Foliage parade in North Adams on Sunday, September 30th. The two mile parade is the largest in the Northern Berkshires.

Brothers, a vehicle towing the area MYCHIP trailer, and Bro. Porter in his vehicle towing an open house banner on a trailer, participated. The Brethren were very proud to be able to march as Freemasons on that beautiful day.

*-Rt. Wor. Robert E. Briggs*



# Extending Your Masonic Cable Tow

*Bro. Erik A. Marks*

Every Brother has had a bad day, even a bad patch. We move between light and dark squares as a regular part of life. But sometimes, we get stuck on a dark square. When we see that darkness descend on a Brother, sadness fills his heart, a growing dread grabs hold, and there may seem to be a constant reach for just one more beer. We may not feel we have the tools to help our fellow Brother or family member.

I want to offer some ideas to help you offer a less common kind of relief:

Notice changes in someone's behavior and routine. These may be obvious or subtle depending on the person. It is more important to notice and respond than to try to figure out the reason someone is in darkness. A diagnosis or label is unnecessary for the provision of relief. Look for any of the following (but not limited to) changes in mood (very low or high), sleep or appetite, isolation, increased irritability, too little or too much energy, loss of interest in many or previously cherished things or activities, increased use of alcohol, marijuana, or other such mind altering chemical, reckless behavior, statements of hopelessness, or giving up.

Respond to your Brother by listening deeply and attentively; one of the most

valuable resources we can provide is our time. Actively listening means making eye contact, emphasizing phrases he uses, asking for clarification, and paraphrasing to confirm understanding. It is better to engage, not knowing what to do, than to not reach out to the person at all. If you worry that the person is feeling so badly he could be having thoughts of suicide, it is probable he already is, and therefore it is essential you ask about it. Inquiring will not put the idea in his mind. To the contrary, knowing you are willing to say the words and ask the question signals to the person that you care enough to step into darkness with him and seek Light, together. It exemplifies, through word and deed, that you have done your work to meet him on the five points.

Stay in contact. Refer your Brother to services that may help. Offer to pick him up and get back to Lodge, together. If that feels like too much, gather some other brothers - share a meal and just shoot the breeze about life. You don't have to emphasize the hardship, let him bring that up if he feels like it. Help him get back to his house of worship or clergy. Psychotherapy or counseling are also effective ways to address many of life's challenges.

The idea is that you have a consultant who is practiced in addressing the complexity of how thoughts and emotions can become painful or debilitating. If needed, and if the Brother agrees, sometimes a medical professional can be a useful tool to fight back against symptoms. There are numerous alternative options and paths to finding relief and assistance, but those are beyond the scope of this article. If there are clear signs or statements of imminent threat to self or another, calling 911 is appropriate and caring.

If we suspect or notice distress, and know that stepping into darkness is farther than our cable tow will allow, we alert other Brothers who may have the resources of time or means to respond.

Over the coming Masonic year, I am available to share information about these topics throughout the jurisdiction. I have faith that we can work together to build a stronger structure from which to shine the Light for our Brothers and communities. For more information, or for organizing a conversation, please email me - erik@StrongGrip.org ■

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morning, having left to be a part of MY raising.

It was a special moment at the time, but one that would later really drive home just how important and impactful Masonry can be within a family - that people would travel so far to be a part of a day that over time has become one of my most treasured memories. I still have the photo of the five of us standing in the West together - it was the first and last time all of us would be in Lodge as a group due to distance and a couple of visits to the Celestial Lodge, but it remains in my mind as vivid as the day it was taken. ■

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childhood I couldn't recall, and it was intriguing.

At 20 years old, I told my father, "I want to join the Masons." He asked why. I told him of the warm atmosphere

of the Masons at Wyoming Lodge, and had decided. I met with a group of his friends from Zetland Lodge, filled out an application, and days after my 21st birthday, I became an Entered Apprentice.

A few short months later, I was a Master Mason, surrounded by new and exciting people in my life. It was the same vibe I had experienced earlier at Wyoming Lodge, the same excitement we all share when we have new men join our Lodges.

I was hooked early on in life, and just didn't realize it until I became involved. Serving as Master of my Lodge just four years after my raising was the least of my expectations, but I joined at a time when the Lodge needed help in the line. One of the lessons that the Beehive teaches us is that we shouldn't sit idle when it is in our power to help. That is a lesson I took to heart, and I have enjoyed being an active participant in several Lodges and appendant bodies. I am proud to be a member of this Fraternity and look forward to many more years of service! ■

# Norumbega Fraternity Lodge attends Colonial Boston Lodge meeting

*By Wor. Jay Gibson*

In Colonial times, lodges met in local taverns, and by dispensation of the Grand Master, the brothers of Norumbega Fraternity Lodge took a trip in space and time. In June, the Lodge held their regular communication at the Bell-in-Hand Tavern in downtown Boston, and with the help of Rt. Wor. Graeme Marsden, they traveled back to Colonial era times.

With M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason and his distinguished suite in attendance, Rt. Wor. Bro. Marsden spoke about how in Colonial times, meetings were far more active, boisterous, and chaotic. Brothers enjoyed food, drink, and song during the meeting. He also explained that education was provided for the Brothers via presentations on topics of interest.

Armed with an understanding of this style of meeting, Wor. Michael Bickford, Master of Norumbega Fraternity Lodge began with a toast to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge.

To kick off the educational portion of the evening, Wor. Joe Wooters spoke about wonderful new work being done by Bro. Ben Franklin. He explained this thing called electricity, and proceeded with a demonstration of generation, storage, and the effects of static electricity.

At this point, it was time for something a little lighter, so Bro. Carl Durham led the Brothers in a rendition of the Entered Apprentice Song.

As the Brothers were working on their main course, Rt. Wor. Bro. Marsden explained the context and contemporary reaction to Jonathan Swift's poem "The Lady's Dressing Room." With the scene painted, Bro. Russel Wolf presented a reading of the poem.

It was common in Colonial era meetings for Brothers to discuss current events. In this spirit, Bro. Timothy Smith took the floor to provide an update on a ship of lost sailors. He was happy to report that they were safe after losing their way at sea. To help the Brothers avoid such problems in the future, the Lodge was going to present them with a new navigation instrument called a sextant. He explained that by measuring the angle between astronomical objects and the horizon, the latitude can be determined.

Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt took the floor to offer a toast in honor of our departed brother, M. Wor. Joseph Warren, and to the new monument being erected to his memory. His loss at the battle of Breed's Hill was a tragedy for both Masonry and the nation as a whole. This most exceptional Brother will be missed for years to come.

With the main course cleared, the Brothers joined

together to perform a rendition of the Master Mason song. While the quality of the performance might have been lacking, it was more than made up for by the enthusiasm and fraternal spirit present amongst the Brothers.

The Junior Warden, Bro. Michael Mandello took the floor and offered a toast to all present. As he expressed his feelings for this wonderful evening, it was clear that the Brothers were all in agreement that this meeting would be long remembered.

Wor. Bro. Bickford thanked everyone for coming out, and took a few minutes to recognize all of the guests for the evening, including M. Wor. Bro. Gleason, Grand Master; Rt. Wor. Fred Dobson, Jr., Senior Grand Warden; Rt. Wor. Scott Inglis, District Deputy for the 5th Masonic District; ME Dana Jackson, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter; MI Demetrios Sarantopoulos, The Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons; RI John Ruggles, The Grand Master of Ceremonies for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons; and TPM Austin Ryan 32 degree, Thrice Potent Master of Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Jurisdiction.

M. Wor. Bro. Gleason expressed his thanks at being invited to attend this wonderful evening and complimented the all the Brothers present for an evening of fraternalism and brotherhood.

With the evening winding down, the Brothers joined hands and closed the evening with a rendition of the last two verses of the Entered Apprentice Song. ■

*Above: Rt. Wor. Graeme Marsden describes lodges in Colonial times. Below: Wor. Michael S. Bickford and M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason in the Colonial style Norumbega Lodge.*





# Most Worshipful Brother Edgar William Darling

(1927-2018)

By Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt

This fall we mark the passing of a senior Past Grand Master, Most Wor. Edgar W. Darling, who served in that office from 1990 to 1992. He was the first man from western Massachusetts to serve in the office since M. Wor. Herbert W. Dean, and the first Junior Grand Warden to be elevated since M. Wor. John Albert Blake.

Brother Darling first received Masonic light in Esoteric Lodge of Springfield in April 1951; he was elected Master and served in that capacity in 1958. M. Wor. Bro. Donald W. Vose appointed him as District Deputy Grand Master for the Chicopee 18th Masonic District in 1974 and 1975. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1979, serving with M. Wor. Arthur H. Melanson. He was also a long time Grand Lecturer, and was highly regarded for his command of the Masonic work.

Bro. Darling was involved at all levels of the Fraternity, active in Capitular and Conciliar Masonry, in

the Red Cross of Constantine, the Rosicrucians, and the Shrine.

As Grand Master, Bro. Darling was hard-working, enthusiastic, and devoted to service. From the beginning, he also indicated that he was forward-looking, anticipating the coming century. He required the recertification of



degree teams, to make sure that they performed well and correctly. He attended numerous anniversary celebrations and other local lodge functions, and he urged lodges to carefully consider their goals and interests as they moved forward. His informal discussions with the Grand Master of the

Prince Hall Grand Lodge preceded the eventual mutual recognition that would occur under his successor in office, M. Wor. Bro. Lovering.

In retirement, M. Wor. Bro. Darling remained active in Grand Lodge affairs, attending meetings and events at the Grand Lodge and elsewhere. He was a featured guest at the 200th Anniversary of Evening Star and Cincinnatus Lodges in 1995.

After the death of his dear wife Lilla, M. Wor. Bro. Darling relocated to the Masonic Home in Charlton, where he remained involved in Masonic activities and well-informed on Masonic affairs. He was an excellent conversationalist, whose insights were sought and whose experience was valued. He was, moreover, a personable, friendly, and kind man, who made excellent company at a Masonic event, or at a breakfast or dinner table.

At the time of his passing, he was the oldest Past Grand Master (age 91), and the second most senior in terms of service, with only M. Wor. Albert T. Ames his senior. His time as Grand Master is earlier than many of our Brothers remember, but his hard work in the vineyards of Masonry has affected the quarter century that has passed since. All that worked, traveled, and interacted with him remember him fondly, and will miss him greatly. ■

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surgery, followed by months of chemotherapy and radiation. We recently celebrated the second anniversary of her being cancer free.

During these times in my life, my Brethren, the friends that I have met as the result of having made the decision to join a Masonic lodge, were there for me and for my family. During both of these life events, the compassion and Brotherly love we have experienced from the men who comprise this great Fraternity has been overwhelming. Through their invaluable example, they have taught me how to be a good Mason, friend, and brother. I will never forget the actions of these men, and I will be forever grateful. ■

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ples, and teachings of Freemasonry. There are too many to mention, but these are the important ones: keep a tongue of

good report, circumspection, Brotherly love, charity, hope, temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, meet on the level, act on the plumb, depart on the square, respect and follow the Landmarks, laws and edicts, and observe proper protocol and social rules. These go a long way for almost everything in our lives.

The Mason's Way has given me the honor and privilege to meet many good men - my Brothers - from whom I have learned lessons that have shaped my life. I owe a great deal to my family as well, especially to my wife. She has influenced my life for 43 years. I can say that she is the biggest influence in my life. The lessons I learned from my three sons are part of my success also.

I am believer that we are a success of our own actions and the result of with whom we associate. I am grateful, honored, and humbled that I have been accepted into this great Fraternity of ours.

M. Wor. Richard Stewart says, "Masonry is a privilege, not an entitlement." I cherish our Fraternity as such. ■

# 2018

## MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

### 75 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

#### BRETHREN RAISED IN 1943

**Bro. William Warren Taylor**  
ANCIENT YORK LODGE

**Bro. John Holger Carlson**  
BOYLSTON LODGE

**Bro. Herbert Leslie Kinney**  
CALEB BUTLER LODGE

**Bro. Clarence Leonard Mitchell**  
DEWITT CLINTON LODGE

**Bro. Charles Elmer Thomas, Jr.**  
JORDAN LODGE

**Bro. Charles Maxwell Goller**  
LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE

**Bro. Delfar Davis Grant**  
MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE

**Bro. Warren Philip Goodman**  
THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE

### 70 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

#### BRETHREN RAISED IN 1948

**ANCIENT YORK LODGE**  
Bro. Dickran Babigian

**AZURE LODGE**  
Bro. Wallace Milligan Coburn

**BAALIS SANFORD LODGE**  
Bro. Robert Weston Moore

**BAY PATH LODGE**  
Bro. Lindsey Edmund Smith Jr.

**BOYLSTON LODGE**  
Bro. Raymond Eugene Tibbetts

**CALEB BUTLER LODGE**  
Bro. Richard Leonard Levine

**CHARLES C DAME LODGE**  
Bro. Robert Scott Wilbur

**COLUMBIAN LODGE**  
Bro. Alfred Edwin McKenney

**DELTA LODGE**  
Bro. Anthony Joseph Pierangelo  
Wor. Earl Joseph Sweeney

**FRIENDSHIP LODGE**  
Bro. John Albert White, Jr.

**GATUN LODGE**  
Bro. Bernard Lowell Martinson

**GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE**  
Bro. David Martin Goodhue

**GOLDEN RULE LODGE**  
Wor. Kendall Mason Dolbear  
Bro. Martin Albert Kalustian

**JOHN T HEARD LODGE**  
Bro. Newell Wyman Penniman

**KING DAVID LODGE**  
Bro. Milton Craig Francis

**KING SOLOMON'S LODGE**  
Bro. Gerald Vincent Hughes  
Bro. Samuel Malkasian

**MAJOR GENERAL HENRY KNOX LODGE**  
Bro. Louis Norman Isenberg  
Bro. Harry Allard MacQuarrie

**MARINE LODGE**  
Bro. Nathan Snow Ellis III  
Bro. Sherman Douglas McClaid

**MONTGOMERY LODGE**  
Bro. Leonard Baird

**MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE**  
Bro. Murray Brown  
Wor. Alan Martin Edelstein  
Bro. Alfred Lavine  
Bro. Seymour Joel Sheinkopf

Bro. Marshall Milton Sloane

**MOUNT CARMEL LODGE**  
Bro. Donald Wallace Fessenden  
Bro. Milton Hathaway Reynolds  
Bro. Myron Shepard Stone

**MOUNT TABOR LODGE**  
Bro. Harris Rosenthal

**MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE**  
Wor. Kenneth Eugene Gott

**NEW MOON LODGE**  
Bro. Ralph Irving McCormick  
Bro. Perry Graham Whitman

**NORUMBEGA FRATERNITY LODGE**  
Bro. Philip Richmond Jacobs

**OCCIDENTAL LODGE**  
Rt. Wor. Paul Arlon Moore

**PHILANTHROPIC LODGE**  
Bro. Calvin Leroy Beede II  
Bro. Lawrence Rodgers Hardwick  
Bro. D. Mason Wells

**PILGRIM LODGE**  
Bro. George Ronald Armbruster

**PIONEER LODGE**  
Bro. Warren Hays Seward

**RUFUS PUTNAM LODGE**  
Bro. Kenneth Allen Starbard

**SAINT GEORGE LODGE**  
Bro. Edward Alexander Walker

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# Green Masonry - We Can Be the Difference

*By Bro. Brian McHale, MSET*

I have been considering the amount of paper generated by Masonry in MA. The number of paper notices I receive monthly go straight to the waste bin

because I have already seen the information via email. I think that each Lodge individually, and Masonry in MA, can be the leaders toward making Masonry as Green as possible. We only have one planet, and reducing our footprint upon it will only serve to benefit future generations.

Reducing, and ideally eliminating, the amount of paper consumed by our members is a reasonable goal, and one that is achieved easily. Since the motto of Freemasonry is "Making Good Men Better," we can readily consider making our town, state, country, and planet a better place now, and for the future.

The cost savings are easily calculated. A Lodge can readily save over \$500- annually by reducing its paper mailings. This money can then be channeled back into the Lodge, or used to benefit a charity. This number does not take into account the value of the time spent by the Brother printing notices or communicating with a printer, and the mundane tasks of stuffing, stamping, and addressing envelopes.

Email affords a forum for the exchange of ideas and provides immediate feedback. An online discussion can be

had within minutes, regardless of the recipients' distance from each other, or location in the world. Dozens of people can be reached simultaneously with the same email. A paper mailing can never provide this opportunity. It is also unlikely that an email will be delayed due to the weather. If efficiency and cost are concerns, email is the answer.

Technology today is such that paper documents can be stored electronically elsewhere reliably, without difficulty, and at no cost. Numerous cloud storage options are available, many of which are free to the user. Google Drive, for example, gives you 15 gigabytes (Gb) of storage, free, with each Gmail account. One gigabyte is enough space to store over 800,000 pages of documents.

Google Photos will store an unlimited number of photos, free, at their high quality setting. Google Photos allows you to back up from all of your devices to a single account. These devices include your home desktop computer, laptop, tablet, and phone. Google Photos also provides support for Windows, Mac, Android, and iOS operating systems.

Seamless integration across all devices is another advantage to keeping your documents and images in the cloud. You are able to access everything from any device you choose. A photo you've taken with your phone can be easily accessed on your desktop or laptop at home, and included in a newsletter or an email. A document created in Google



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Free cloud storage options include Google Drive, OneDrive, Dropbox, and iCloud. Each provider has different features and storage capacity. I use both Google Drive and Dropbox for various projects. As secure as the cloud is, I understand that many people will want a local copy of their electronic documents. Home backup options are plentiful, and available at a low cost. A recent search on Amazon yielded a portable 1 Tb (1 Tb = 1,000 Gb) external hard drive for \$49.99, and if smaller is better for you, a 128 Gb USB key drive is available for \$24.99.

We only have one planet. Moving toward a Green Fraternity can be accomplished if we all put forth a concerted effort. We can all "Follow Reason," as it states in the seal of the Grand Lodge. We can be the example for the nation. This will not only save money, but the planet upon which we live as well. ■

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had developed a narrative history some forty years earlier, but it remained unfinished at the time of his death in 1940. This task took several years and was completed in 1971. A revised edition was published in 1980. While it relies almost exclusively on the proceedings, it remains the only definitive published history of Freemasonry in Massachusetts. The Masonic Education and Charity Trust has plans to republish a revised edition of this book in the next few years, and it remains a magnificent testament to Bro. Roy's acumen and scholarship.

M. Wor. Bro. Thomas Sherrard Roy died in 1980, a few months short of his 96th birthday. He was a senior Past Grand Master, second only to M. Wor. Bro. Joseph Earl Perry, who served from 1938-1940. In his memorial for Bro. Roy, Past Grand Master Laurence Eaton recounted the eulogy given by Rev. Dr. Gordon Torgersen of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Roy's successor as President:

*"In the very beginning of the Bible, a writer is describing the distant past and those who had done so much, saying there were giants in the earth in those days." "No doubt an exaggeration," he said, adding, "If the words were written today about Dr. Roy, there would be no exaggeration at all. Without question, he has been a giant in his day. He was an absolute master in the pulpit."*

Whether his pulpit was in a house of worship, or in the East of Grand Lodge, Bro. Roy was indeed a giant. Nearly four decades after his death, he casts a long shadow. ■

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*On Saturday, June 30th, 2018, at an open lodge ceremony of Cibolo Lodge No. 151, under the Grand Lodge of Texas, Rt. Wor. Sam W. Green III, District Deputy Grand Master, presented Rt. Wor. Donald P. Garrido, a certificate and pin from the Secaucus Hudson Lodge No. 72, under the Grand Lodge of New Jersey on his 65th anniversary. Rt. Wor. Bro. Garrido is also a member of Sojourner's Lodge. L to R: Wor. Eric D. Fenton, Lydia I. Garrido, Rt. Wor. Donald P. Garrido, and Rt. Wor. Sam W. Green III.*

**WEBSTER LODGE**  
 Bro. Irving White

**WEST ROXBURY-DORCHESTER LODGE**  
 Bro. Donald Elian Khouri  
 Wor. Edward George Najjar  
 Bro. Alexander Arthur Radiches  
 Bro. Donald Alfred White

**WEYMOUTH UNITED MASONIC LODGE**  
 Bro. Kenneth Collon Littlefield

**WILBRAHAM MASONIC LODGE**  
 Bro. Ernest Stanley Bates  
 Bro. Theodore Telles Grace  
 Bro. Ronald Matthew Hastie

**WILDER LODGE**  
 Bro. Ronald Francis O'Brien

**WILLIAM NORTH LODGE**  
 Bro. Everett Sargent Clement  
 Bro. Ronald Wayne Taylor

**WILLIAM PARKMAN LODGE**  
 Rt. Wor. Richard Fenton Norris

**WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER-KILWINNING LODGE**  
 Bro. Richard Norman Bowen  
 Bro. Lewis Demetroulakos  
 Bro. Chris George Metros

**WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE**  
 Bro. Bruce Howard Bishop  
 Bro. Albert Fryer Doran, Jr.  
 Wor. Earl White Ellis  
 Bro. Adolfo Fernandez  
 Bro. William James Kowalsky, Jr.

**WILLIAMS LODGE**  
 Wor. George Daniels Sylvester

**WISDOM LODGE**  
 Wor. Richard Cromwell Seace

**WYOMING LODGE**  
 Wor. Eugene Howard Caille  
 Wor. Herbert Lawrence Fletcher

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Greenwood his new dues card, and once he had opened it, he sent me this in reply:

“R.W. Bro. Cappy,

Today I received in the mail, a dues card to St. John's Lodge with my name on it. It was the first time a piece of mail had brought tears to my eyes. During the struggle for my honor and dignity, I once stated, “I had hoped Life Member would mean I could remain a Mason till the end of life perhaps it was not meant to be.” It was a

very low point in my life. I felt Masonry had abandoned me. I had been judged and found guilty without the benefit of a trial. The truth was, the trial was about to begin. A Brother Mason brought my case before a jury of my peers and defended me. Masonry, in its purest form, listened to the evidence and found me not guilty. You, brother Cappy, and the members of St. John's Lodge have restored my faith in “The Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.” Over the years, I have had many memorable moments in my Masonic life, but never in a million years could I have imagined this

series of events happening. It defies the laws of probability. It would seem that my Past Master's jewel became a small light in the dark, crying out for help. I will be a Mason till the end of life, and I'm indebted to you and the members of St. John's Lodge for making it all possible.

Your Friend and Brother,  
 Arthur Greenwood”

Oddly enough, this story is far from over.

**Check our winter issue for the conclusion of this story.**



# FRATERNITY News & Events



## 16th District Holds Soccer Night

The first 16th District Soccer Night is in the books. Over 50 Masons, spouses, and friends were in attendance for this great evening. The event was a partnership with the Rebellion which is the New England Revolution supporters group. They welcomed us into the supporter's lot, and we made new friends while eating some amazing grilled meat. The game was against DC United and the Revolution ended up coming out on top 3-2!

*-Bro. Bryon Simmons*

## Bro. Luis Vidal-Reyes' Path to Masonry

When Luis was a teenager living in Cuba, he spent his time working with



his Grandfather fixing cars, motorcycles, and other mechanical units to help his family survive in a poor country where every cent counted toward putting food on the table.

When not helping out his family, Luis found himself on the streets with his buddies, trying to avoid trouble, and maybe sometimes being that trouble. These were dangerous times in Cuba, and things were only going to get worse as economic sanctions and government ideals held this country from progress.

It was always on Luis' mind that he needed to do better, and to find his way to becoming a better person. However, given the circumstances of living in Cuba, the chances and opportunities were very limited, or nonexistent.

One day, Luis' Grandfather gave him a gold ring that he always wore. It had a strange design that Luis had always

admired. Luis wore this gold ring with the strange design that he knew nothing about, with pride and received much admiration from his buddies.

At the age of 17, Luis realized that the only chance he would have for a better life was to escape from Cuba, and try to get to America where he had heard the opportunities were endless. Luis began his research on how to find his way to America. He soon found that the cost of this venture was not going to be cheap, and out of reach for him, as he had no money to pay for his passage.

Luis found that he could bargain for passage with someone preparing to make the trip with his Grandfather's gold ring. He took a chance that this could work, and that the man wouldn't rob him of his ring. The deal was struck, and Luis was soon to leave Cuba in the dark of night, on a raft made of inner tubes and fishing nets. He



*Left to Right: Wor. Richard Knowlton, Wor. Herbert French, Jr., Wor. Leon Small, Past Potentate of the Aleppo Shriners Theodore Polonsky.*

## Cantabs Galore Donated

A cantab collection was presented to the Aleppo Shrine in Wilmington, MA., to Past Potentate Theodore Polonsky. Funds generated from the weight of the tabs goes to the Transportation Fund, which transports burned children and their families from all over the world, to the Shriners Burn Hospital in Boston, for free medical care. Tabs are collected from Lodge members, friends, relatives, businesses, schools, libraries, campgrounds, and the general public.

Somewhere between 17-20 of the 5 gallon buckets (not all pictured) were collected by Wor. Leon Small, and donated that day to Past Potentate Theodore Polonsky.

*-Wor. Rich Knowlton*

was to become a “balsero,” or illegal immigrant from Cuba.

On December 21, 1994, the raft left with a few other men and women in a hurry on that special night to conceal themselves from the government shore patrols. It didn't start out very well when they discovered the person in charge left the food and water behind. “The trip isn't starting out so good!” Luis thought. Now with their homemade paddles, they needed to navigate to Florida through the straits where more than 70,000 Cubans had perished by drowning or sharks, while attempting this same trip.

Just shy of landing on Florida soil, Luis' raft and comrades were picked up by the US Coast Guard and returned to Cuba, to Guantanamo Bay Naval Station, where they were to be checked out and evaluated for deportation, or turned over to the Cuban government. It was Luis's luck that he was given a safe passage to the US, and then provided a sanctuary home in Ipswich

MA. It was here that Luis attended school and learned English, while working to become a US citizen.

Luis has made Ipswich his home since his arrival in 1994, and if you spend any time around town with him, you'd think he was a popular local politician, as everyone you meet or pass by gives him a smile and hello as they pass.

As Luis got older, he became part of the Ipswich community, gaining the friendship of many of his peers from school, work, and locals. Often, Luis attended community events at parks, recreation centers, and even the local Masonic Lodge building in Ipswich, with his friends. While attending a function there, Luis took notice of the all too common Masonic symbol of Freemasonry, the Square and Compasses. He recognized this symbol, having seen it many times before. It was this recognition that brought an ache to his heart, and tears to his eyes. This was the strange symbol on his Grandfather's gold ring that was

given to him, and the gift that ultimately provided him with his passage to America, and his freedom.

It was at this moment that Luis knew he had to search out the meaning of this symbol, and the meaning of Freemasonry. Shortly after discovering this fraternal organization, and what it stood for, Luis became a Mason. He confirmed his obligation to his grandfather for giving to him what was probably the most treasured gift he could ever receive - freedom and a doorway to Masonry.

Luis is a member in good standing with John T. Heard Lodge. He has served in a number of chairs, and is currently the Senior Steward. He is an active member of the Aleppo Shrine Cycle Unit, and a charter member of the Low Twelve Riders of Massachusetts.

So the next time you ask a Brother how or why he became a Mason, feel his enlightenment and share yours with him. You may be surprised by what you learn. **-Bro. Rod Kreimeyer**

## Widows Sons Gift to Children's Hospital

On September 25, 2018, three members of the MA Widows Sons Grand Chapter visited Boston Children's Hospital to deliver a check to the Children's Miracle Network on behalf of the MA Widows Sons. Upon arrival, State President Bro. Robert Clark of Konahasset Lodge, current State Vice President Bro. Brendon Elliot of Plymouth Lodge, and current State President Bro. Bob Gormley of Baalis Sanford Lodge were escorted on a tour around the facility to become better educated about the hard work and services provided at Children's.

The MA Widows Sons hold an annual charity motorcycle event, where all proceeds are donated to local, child-focused charities. On July 28, 2018, the organization enjoyed the largest turnout in the history of the event. Hundreds of guests, both Freemasons and the general public, gathered from all over Massachusetts and New England to raise thousands of dollars during the special one day event.

This is the first year of the relationship between Boston Children's Hospital and the MA Widows Sons. Both parties are looking forward to continuing the relationship, and an increase in donations over the coming years. Tara Tonella, the Manager for Community Fundraising at the hospital, expressed her gratitude, and explained the impact of this, as well as all donations received at the hospital. Boston

Children's Hospital is the number one hospital in the country for pediatric care, seeing over 11,000 people through the doors on a daily basis.

This and future donations go toward funding medical research for cures, family aide, housing, as well as providing entertainment and other services necessary for the emotional and psychological healing of both patients and their families. Such services include bringing in “healing” animals, live stage productions, an in-house radio station, and a health and wellness center. These are just a few examples of the many above and beyond patient-first focuses that Boston Children's Hospital provides.

**-Bro. Brendon W. Elliot,**

**State Vice President of the MA Widows Sons**

*Left to Right: Bro. Robert Clark, Bro. Brendon Elliot, and Bro. Bob Gormley*







*Rt. Wor. Bogas W. Pelagian being installed by Wor. Keith MacKinnon at Mount Olivet Lodge, Cambridge.*

## The Value of a “Grumpy” Past Master

It was my first time presiding over a 3rd degree as Master of my Lodge, and I really wanted it to be special. I wanted to make a strong impression on the past Masters, guests from other lodges, and most importantly, the candidates. I’ll admit, I was nervous.

After consuming my wonderful Chinese food pre-lodge dinner, I made an announcement to all of the Brethren

that Lodge would be opening at precisely 7:15, and I headed to the Lodge room to help prepare for the evening’s work. At 7:10, I was seated in my station in the East, with the proper regalia of my office. Looking around, only half of my Officers were in attendance. This has sadly been a reoccurring issue, as many Brothers like to linger over dinner, fraternally bonding. As soon as the clock struck 7:15, I looked over to see as our organist Wor. Bogas “Bogey” Pelagian began to play, as I anticipated. Bogey is a stickler for starting Lodge at the time stated in the notice.

Fortunately, our Marshal was there, so I had him organize the Lodge with the hopes the other Brethren would be trickling in shortly. I began the opening, and called the Senior Deacon to see the Lodge securely tiled. It was then I realized that we did not have a Junior Deacon in attendance. I was at an awkward loss at how to proceed. Can the Senior Warden tile the door himself? Should I have the Senior Deacon or Marshall do it? It was then I heard the music stop, and I watched with amazement as our 90 year old organist Bogey left his station, passed the Senior Deacon, ascended the stairs into the West, grabbed the Junior Deacon’s rod, and proceeded to finish the opening ceremony as Junior Deacon. I could not help but smile, and the degree work ahead, on my mind, was put at ease.

As a wonderfully knowledgeable and proficient Masonic organist, Bogey

brings excellent harmony to many Lodges through many districts across Massachusetts. His 68 years as a Mason has seen so much of the Craft from so many different Lodges, and has also earned him the utmost respect. He is a Past Master that truly knows how Lodges have been, currently are, and SHOULD be operating. He has no problem letting you know if you are not doing things correctly. Over the years, as I ascended the Officers’ line, Bogey has had to correct me on several occasions. From the beginning, as an Inside Sentinel, when I forgot to turn on the altar light, to being a Steward when I wasn’t cutting my corners properly. As Senior Deacon, when I, in my ignorance, crossed in between the altar and the Master to bring an item to our Secretary - boy, did he let me have it.

Some officers do not like, or can’t handle criticism, but I loved it. I understood that this Brother, with several decades of Masonic wisdom and experience, was not trying to put me down. He was trying to help make me a better Mason. As I ascended the line, taking my journey to the East, I made it my goal that if I could impress Bogey, I was doing alright. After finishing our long 3rd degree, that included three candidates, and a Canadian charge, I met Bogey at collation. He said to me, “Worshipful, you did a great job. Better than I expected.” That was enough for me.

*-Wor. Michael Chaplain*

## Hawaiian Night at LoI



The Fourth District LoI meets the first Monday of each month, including Labor Day. Traditionally, the September meeting calls for casual dress. This year Rt. Wor. Sergio DeAssis invited everyone to wear a Hawaiian Shirt and the District Officers adorned everyone in attendance with leis. In keeping with the theme of the evening, even the LoI Chairman was sipping refreshments from a plastic coconut.

Rt. Wor. Rony F. Pinto, Jr., Grand Secretary of Foreign Relations from the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande du Sol (center), presents Rt. Wor. Bro. DeAssis with a certificate in recognition of the Fourth District’s recent trip to Brazil celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge and the 50th Anniversary of Cidade das Hortencias N° 59. Each Brother that made the trip to Brazil was granted an honorary member of Grand Lodge of Rio Grande du Sol.

*-Rt. Wor. James N. Orgettas, Jr.*





*Wor. Bryon Hicks, Kwasi Acheampong Co-Founder President, and Scarlett Makara Co-Founder/Grant Writer*

## Quinebaug Lodge Donates to Our Bright Future

On May 7th, 2018, the Quinebaug Lodge in Southbridge presented a check for \$250- to the local non-profit organization called Our Bright Future, Inc. On the third Sunday of every month, from September to June, Quinebaug Lodge serves up breakfast for our members, and the public is invited. This year, Quinebaug Lodge's Brethren voted to design-

nate as the recipient of our Breakfast Charity Fund, a local nonprofit. Our Bright Future was selected due to its community service with young children. Our Bright Future is an afterschool enrichment program that tries to empower youth and develop bright leaders through sports training, guidance, and academics. It is located at West Street Elementary school in Southbridge, MA.

This non-profit organization serves both male and female students in grades two through five. Some of the programs offered are Sports Training, Homework Help, Literacy, Arts, Crafts, and Introduction to Robotics. Through local donations, they were able to purchase three Lego Mindstorm Core EV3 kits. Three to five students were able to work with each kit. Students were able to utilize their critical thinking skills, listening, and teamwork skills. Once these programs were complete, the students found a direct correlation to coursework, and an increase in grades.

The Founder of this program is Kwasi Acheampong, Co-Founder/President. The program initially started as a sports program, but grew very quickly into the program it is today. All programs are completely free because the students who usually need the programs the most often cannot afford it. Visit their website at [ourbrightfutureinc.org](http://ourbrightfutureinc.org), and you will be very impressed, as was I.

*-Bro. Vincenzo Jimmy Falzone*



## Game Room Built in Cambridge

On August 17, 2018, the Cambridge Masonic Temple unveiled its fully-renovated third floor as a social space for its members - the first major renovation of its scale in living memory. About 50 Masons and their families contributed an average of \$800 each in a fundraising campaign which began in September, 2017. The result is a three-room suite in a period 1910 Arts and Crafts style, in line with the temple's original interior, but upgraded with modern conveniences and technology.

"Fraternal bonds are built over experiences, and we can't have experiences together if there's nowhere to have them," explained Bro. Ernesto Fernandez, Clerk of the Cambridge temple, who spearheaded the fundraising back in September, and led the renovation itself. "This is a place where brothers can play pool or darts together, watch sports, sit around and talk, and really just enjoy one another's company outside of the formality of the lodge room, and without being in a cavernous, impersonal banquet hall. Cambridge Freemasons now have a place that makes a strong impression of our fraternity where they can be proud to bring friends, family, and prospective members."

The unveiling event itself reflected this pride as some 75 campaign contributors and their families packed into the temple in anticipation of the unveiling. Wor. Douglas

Williams, President of the Cambridge Masonic Temple, and Bro. Fernandez delivered brief remarks, followed by a dedication prayer by the Rev. Bro. Michael Woolf, and the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the occasion designed by Wor. Nicholas Batzell.

The transformation has not only been physical, but also social, Bro. Williams explains. "The cultural change over the last year has been profound. We have five Masonic bodies that meet here, which has in the past led to the perception that their interests are in competition. This has proven that Cambridge Freemasonry is a single family with a single home here in Cambridge, and given us a place to meet as individual brothers. Best of all, these rooms are only the most visible part of a solid trajectory of growth and improvement we've managed to achieve by working together as a community."

*-Bro. Ernesto Fernandez*



# MASONIC TRAVELS ✈



*M. Wor. Karen Hakobian: Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Armenia, and Bro. Gurgen Baghdasaryan.*

## Off to Armenia

On May 10, 2018, at Pequossette Lodge, we raised Bro. Gurgen Baghdasaryan to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It was a great evening with all the usual Masonic pomp and circumstance - great ritual, dinner, and brotherhood. There is no better way to spend an evening.

During the latter part of the month, Bro. Baghdasaryan, armed with a letter of introduction from our Grand Lodge, traveled to Yerevan, Armenia, to attend a wedding of a family member. While in Armenia, he was able to make contact

with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Armenia, and met the Grand Master, and attended a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Armenia.

Shortly after returning back home, he took his family on a vacation to Washington, D.C. While enjoying the sights that our Nation's Capital offers, he took his family to visit the George Washington Memorial.

Bro. Baghdasaryan has learned the lessons of our Fraternity well. To leave the confines of your home Lodge and travel - there are many friends that you have not as yet met, who are waiting to meet you.

*-Rt. Wor. James "Jack" Giragosian*

## Welcome to the Forest

"Fun, Frolic, & Fellowship" is the creed of one the best keep secrets of the Masonic appendant bodies. The Tall Cedars of Lebanon has all the charitable aspects of the Shrine, the whimsy of Grotto, and the fellowship of blue lodge all blended into its own unique organization. At its best, The Cedars is a place for the entire family to come together and enjoy themselves.

The Tall Cedars were born out of a humorous degree performed in the mid 1840s called "The Ancient and Honorable Rite of Humility." It started out in New Jersey, before catching on in the neighboring state of Pennsylvania.



These two states, to this day, still have the highest concentration of forests (lodges) in the country. On March 18, 1902, in Trenton, New Jersey, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of America was formed. On November 13, 1971, the 1st Forest in Canada was chartered, and the name of the order was changed to The Tall Cedars of North America.

Muscular dystrophy fundraising is the main charity they support. In 1951, The Tall Cedar Foundation was formed. It was instrumental in starting the Labor Day Telethon with Jerry Lewis that those of us of a certain age will remember.

The sole Forest for Massachusetts and Rhode Island Masons is Massasoit Forrest #91. After meeting in Rhode Island for several years, it relocated to the Attleboro Masonic building several years ago. While it is currently in a revitalization period, the Forest brings its history to the Bay State. The Forest prides itself on providing a relaxed atmosphere that focuses on clean fun for the entire family. One of the active units of the Forest is its Clown Unit. It partakes in several parades a year. While the meetings are kept short, the wives, girlfriends, partners, and significant others are not left in the cold. They can join The Cedarets, the companion group of Massasoit Forrest #91. They assist the Forest during the year, offering support in the actives they sponsor.

As of this writing, the 1st Cribbage Night is being slated to take place on July 5th. In addition to this, the Forest is looking into possible activities for families, as well as great evenings out for couples. For further information, the Forest has a Facebook page: Massasoit Forrest #91 Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Better yet, if you are free the 1st Thursday of the month, come to the Attleboro Masonic building. Help the Forest go from the best keep secret in Masonry to the most popular date on the calendar.

*-Bro. Anthony Scherma*



# Amsterdam as a Mason

After being lost for more than half an hour on the streets of east Amsterdam, I managed to get to the building; the symbols in the facade told me I was in the right place.

Building 39 is located in Voldenstraat, which was once a café, and also one of the Heineken's wineries to store his famous product. This place houses the Concordia Vincit Animos Lodge No. 5. The property, which dates from the late 19th century, was renovated between 1910 and 1911 by the architect Pierre Cuyper at the request of the Association of Freemasons in Amsterdam. Since then, they held their meetings in there,

except for a time when they were interrupted by a phenomenon so rare as World War II, but not even war was strong enough to extinguish their fervent desire to prevail. The lodge was founded on July 13th, 1755. The manuscripts that talk about its creation are written entirely in French, despite the fact that Dutch was also a regular language in the lodge, but its Scribe, like many other brothers, were French.

During the German occupation, Freemasonry was forbidden in The Netherlands; the building was confiscated and the interior destroyed. After the war, the Freemasons reoccupied the property, and the damage was gradually repaired. The crystal diamond was added to the rosette in 1946. This polished diamond symbolizes the Mason's quest for



the highest conceivable of mindsets.

My visit, the first to a lodge outside of America, living what has been a Masonic tradition for centuries, to visit other lodges, made me analyze how important it is for a Freemason to exercise his right of vis- *continued on page 30*



## Three Lodges and DeMolay Chapter March in Shrewsbury

Members of the Matthew John Whittall Lodge with Franklin Lodge, Level Lodge, and our Franklin chapter of DeMolay, hosted our District Deputy Rt. Wor. John Sullivan in the Spirit of Shrewsbury parade Sunday, September 30th. It was a great showing of our Masonic community in Shrewsbury.

*-Wor. Sefan Evers*



*Left to Right: Bro. Karl Edmonds, Bro. Tom Hardman, Wor. Mike Penta, Wor. Tim Delaney, Wor. Jerry Gruenbaum, Bro. Jon Hinthorne.*

## Shriners at Kid Rock

On November 29th, Aleppo Shriners joined with Nobles from Melha (Springfield), Rhode Island (RI), and Pyramid (CT), as well as hospital staff to sell CDs at the Kid Rock show. With the purchase of every CD, the patron was entered to win an autographed Kid Rock guitar. All the money raised was donated to Shriners Hospitals in both Boston and Springfield. The Nobles enjoyed a great night of fun and fellowship, working hard to raise money and afterward enjoying a good show.

*-Wor. Seth Hunter*





## The Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial

The Vietnam Moving Wall is truly a moving memorial on many different levels. It is a very powerful memorial to those that served, and to the Gold Star Families. Many of the accounts and stories seem to help viewers heal and remember. Let me share some of what I've learned over the last couple of weeks.

The veterans know much more than I do about the Vietnam Memorial Wall; they lived it. The number of soldiers' names on the wall is significant. The Brothers and Veterans know the number – it's not a number such as 55,000 or 58,000 plus. There are exactly 58,318 soldiers' names



The Grand Master received gifts from the Brethren. The first gift was from the Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Fred A. Dobson, Jr. It was a shirt commemorating the Masonic impact on the ALS Therapy Development Institute. Further gifts for the Grand Master were as follows: Rookie & Master Builder Association, Prospect Lodge, Columbian Lodge, and West Roxbury-Dorchester Rookie Charity Association made donations to the Brotherhood Fund; and Prospect Lodge made a donation to the Scholarship Fund.



on the wall. Every number and name matters. Every name and number represents a great sacrifice. We owe much to them, and to all of our Veterans.

To give some perspective to the number of 58,318, the Boston Garden holds 19,580, Gillette Stadium holds 66,000, and it is the entire population of the town of Wilmington multiplied by three. There are 1,350 names of servicemen who lived across the state of Massachusetts, including Veterans from almost every city and town.

We at Scimitar Lodge saw that the Vietnam Moving Wall was coming to our town. We decided to look at the Wall for Brothers. We learned that many of the servicemen in the Vietnam War lost their lives before coming of age, before they could take that first step in Masonry. Also, the Masonic records were all kept in paper form at that time, making the search difficult.

Although we don't have their names, surely there are many Brothers' names on the Wall, plus many more that would have been, if not for their ultimate sacrifice. We put a plan in place to ensure a Masonic Funeral service was held for any Brother who would have hoped for one, with the assistance and approval of Lou and Mike of Wilmington, MA Veterans' Services. The Fraternity was well represented, and I was made aware of the many Brothers who came to view the Wall on their own time and *continued on page 30*



*For the first time in many decades, mounted Knights parade in full uniform. Sir Knight Kenneth Sallale, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of MA and RI, at his Reception, flanked by two fellow Knights. -Bro. Brian McHale*

## 100th Master for King Hiram's Lodge

The 224th Annual Installation of Officers ceremony of King Hiram's Lodge, Provincetown, took place on Saturday, August 25, 2018. Wor. Daniel David Llata was installed as 100th Worshipful Master. The Kilwinning Club of Boston performed the public ceremony, which was attended by approximately 70 people.

Visitors included local town leaders, local dignitaries, The Provincetown Banner, Provincetown Community Television, State Senator Julian Cyr, The Provincetown Historical Commission, and representatives from the Provincetown Board of Selectmen.

The focus for the visitors was the historical significance played by King Hiram's Lodge in the community of Provincetown. It was chartered on December 12, 1795, by M. Wor. Paul Revere.

King Hiram's Lodge continued to meet during the War of 1812, even as the staff of Town Hall had abandoned Provincetown. For this reason, King

Hiram's Lodge can claim the distinction of being the oldest continuously operating institution in Provincetown.

Capitalizing on the historical significance of the event, the incoming Master wore a square made by M. Wor. Bro. Revere, and an apron dating back to 1790 that was worn by Wor. Ryder. Wor. Llata held the Somerset Gavel, made from wood salvaged from the HMS Somerset, which wrecked in a storm in 1778 when she ran aground off Provincetown.

The Provincetown Banner newspaper published a full page color photo on page one, above the fold, with the title "Ancient Ritual Revealed." The opening line is "We are not a secret society; we are a society with secrets."

This Installation Ceremony was intentionally more public than most, with the aim of increasing awareness in the town of the Lodge and its charitable mission. "It's not that I'm telling the town we are back. I am saying we never left. This is not just Masonic history. This is Provincetown's history," said Wor. Bro. Llata.

After the ceremony, the group



*At the installation, Wor. Bro. Matthew Bruce, Drummer; Wor. Daniel David Llata, 100th Worshipful Master of King Hiram's Lodge; Wor. Bro. Gordon Craig, President of the Kilwinning Club of Boston; Bro. James Fields, Newest member of the Kilwinning Club.*

marched across Provincetown's main street, with drums, bagpipes, kilts, and tuxedos on a beautiful summer afternoon, to the backyard beach bar of a local establishment for a reception and jovial fellowship. One bystander commented, "I don't know who you people are, but you sure know how to make an entrance." -Wor. Daniel Llata



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itation to other jurisdictions. This has been cataloged through the times as an inherent privilege. The organization of Freemasonry into jurisdictions is not considered divisive, but rather a convenient structure for the universal Masonic family.

When I knew that I could travel to support the Panama soccer team in their first World Cup, I did not hesitate to start approaching by email the Secretaries of the lodges of the countries I planned to be visiting during my adventure. I received a response from the brothers in Amsterdam. I then started to prepare myself to represent my district with dignity in what was originally planned with the secretary of this Dutch lodge, Mr. Joop van den Burg, as a simple visit to see the building, the temple, and to have a general idea of the place and how Freemasonry is handled in those European latitudes, but the G.:A.:O.:T.:U.: moves in mysterious ways, and kept for me a much more special meeting than I could imagine.

The divine plan for me in this visit touched the inbox of my email a day before the confirmed appointment. I'd already spent two days in Holland after I started my return to Panama from Russia, and in that email, the Secretary announced to me that it was not going to be a shallow visit; they will instead celebrate a feast in commemoration of Saint John the Baptist, planned to be held after the special meeting inside the lodge. The dress code: tuxedo, and at that point, beyond my emotion, I looked sadly to my luggage because only soccer jerseys and souvenirs were popping out from the suitcase. "Where do I get a tuxedo now?" The magic of the internet helped me to find a place to rent a tux, and just in time, I was there at that address, properly dressed, only carrying in my hands the gifts, and in my heart the emotion of the fact that I was in front of a lodge of Freemasons 5,600 miles away from home.

The door was opened by a half-dressed brother who took me to the backyard of the building. Some brothers were talking and sharing some

drinks between laughs and cigarettes. I was already inside, the goal was achieved. As expected, my presence was noticed by some of them, and I proceeded to introduce myself with the corresponding grips, at the same time explaining the reason for my visit, and the district that I represented. While I was exchanging the preliminary conversations, I met the Secretary of the lodge in person, the gentleman that exchanged emails with me for three months. I still remember the faces of surprise of the brothers when they knew that the Masonic district of Massachusetts is older than theirs, despite being on the other side of the planet. They were very curious about this detail, and that visit was the ideal excuse to exchange all the vast history that characterizes both jurisdictions.

After talking for a while, the Secretary told me that the meeting was about to start, and taking the white gloves and the apron that the brothers of this group lent me, I walked toward what would be a life experience.

The whole process was in Dutch, and although I didn't understand what they were talking about, or the obvious unknown choreography of grips, phrases, and signals, it was easy to understand what was happening in essence, even though the rite is very different from the one used in the lodges sponsored by the district of Massachusetts. I think the only thing that I immediately understood was that I had to give the word of the M.:M.: to the Tyler, in due form. Everyone did it, so I assumed that I had to do exactly the same, and my entrance to the lodge was granted.

The place looked spectacular, very different from the lodge rooms I had seen before, and I was very impressed regardless of the fact that I was not familiar with the layout of the furniture and the officers, nor the language. I realized that in the meeting, "halftime" was a break to make a toast in the name of friendship. Yes, you read it correctly, halfway there is alcohol. My location was in the South, right in the middle where in our lodges the J.:W.: is located, and between tracks of classical music, the meeting passed fluid and in

order. At the end of the meeting, the W.:M.: placed a white rose on the tux lapel of every brother, exchanging a few words in a low voice with each of them, my words in English were, "We are glad and honored to have you here."

Once the meeting was over, we proceeded to the backyard, the same place that had received me in complete ignorance at the beginning of the evening. In this place, they grilled some beef cuts, and also served those Dutch sausages loved by any normal human being. I satisfied the curiosity of the brothers in the best way I could, they invaded me with questions about the district where I came from, my country in general, the weather in Panama, and also talked about how it looked almost impossible that The Netherlands failed to qualify for the soccer World Cup. They told me that any brother from the district would be welcome to visit them, and the invitation to our district that is always open to receive traveling brothers, was the most logical response.

After a few drinks, the barbecue smoke, telephone numbers, and some business cards, I returned to my hotel to travel the next day back to the country where I was born. It was a wonderful experience, and the rose, which is no longer white, I still keep with me.

-Bro. *Fermin Alfonso Reyes Samudio*

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way, along with the many that volunteered their services to cover shifts during the four days the Wall was here in Wilmington.

The brothers of Scimitar Lodge performed the Masonic Funeral Service on the evening of July 26th. It was well attended, and supported by many Brothers from different lodges throughout the state. I wish to thank all, and a special thank you to our Brothers from Friendship Lodge who allowed us to use their building as a gathering point before moving to the Wilmington Town Common. As mentioned, we had great representation statewide along with Henry Knox Lodge, Boston, and the Low Twelve Riders.

-Wor. *Thomas Foster, Jr.*





# The Prodigal Mason

by *Richard Thompson*



I have heard it said that as you grow older, you start looking to the past far more than to the future. I suspect this is true, since I find myself looking more to my past and less to my future. This makes perfect sense. When you are young, there are more years ahead of you, and fewer behind. As you grow older, the weight of years shifts more to the past.

Next year, I know the past will dominate my thinking. In 2019, the Order of DeMolay will celebrate its 100th anniversary. DeMolay was the first Masonic group I joined, and it dominated my teenage years. You will notice, I said DeMolay was the first group I joined, not my introduction to the Masonic Fraternity. My introduction to Freemasonry started at my birth. I am part of one of those multi-generational Masonic families. I grew up with the Fraternity all around me.

I often joke that in most families, when a son is born, his father buys a bat, a ball, and a glove. In my family, when a son is born, his father arranges the pre-application meeting. One day, we counted it out, and discovered if we ever had a family reunion, there would be enough Masons present to charter a lodge.

The 100th Anniversary of DeMolay will be especially meaningful for me since I was Lowell Chapter's Junior Councilor when DeMolay celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The celebration was in Lowell, and was held less than two weeks after the Installation of Officers. For Lowell Chapter, this was a memorable day. For me, it was a memorable day.

In many ways, DeMolay is like any Masonic group. A bond is formed among its members, that neither distance nor time can break. At times, I have met up with a DeMolay brother who I haven't seen for 10, 20, 30, or more years. After a couple of minutes, it's like we never were far apart. The years between us melt away, and it is like we are back in Grecian Hall in the Lowell Masonic Center, chatting before the next Chapter meeting.

I saw this bond in action last September, at the

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Installation of Officers for Thomas Talbot Lodge in Billerica. The Installing suite was overflowing with Senior DeMolays, members of Billerica Chapter when Wor. Michael Ward was himself a member.

There was an especially touching moment, when Rt. Wor. Donald Fudge obligated Wor. Ward as the new Master of Thomas Talbot Lodge. There was Wor. Ward, kneeling at the West side of the altar, and Rt. Wor. Fudge standing on the East side. Don Fudge was Chapter Advisor for Billerica Chapter when Michael Ward was one of its members. The Chapter Dad was once again playing an important part in the life of one of his "boys." There is a special relationship between a Chapter Advisor and the members of his DeMolay Chapter. I know this relationship from both sides, as a DeMolay, and as a Chapter Advisor.



**Rt. Wor. Donald Fudge administers the oath of a Master to Wor. Michael Ward at Thomas Talbot Lodge's Installation of Officers. Rt. Wor. Fudge was Chapter Advisor of Billerica Chapter, Order of DeMolay, when Wor. Bro. Ward was a member.**

I spent nine years as Chapter Advisor for Wamesit Chapter in Tewksbury, from 1973 to 1982. I only stepped out of that role when I was elected Master of Wamesit Lodge. Being a Chapter Advisor is time consuming, taking up almost as much of your time as the office of Master can take.

I have some wonderful memories of those years and the DeMolays I got to know. I remember the degrees, camping trips, conclaves, and other activities. I remember the way I felt as my "boys" reached their majorities, and our relationships slowly

moved from Dad, to members, to friend, and friends.

I will be attending DeMolay 100th Anniversary celebrations next year and I hope I will see my "boys" there as well. I have so many fond memories of my years as both a member and an advisor. Unfortunately, my Chapter Advisor, Dad Frank H. Gentle, Jr., will not be there for the 100th. He died in 1999. I remember his funeral well. There must have been a dozen pallbearers. His "boys" came back to be with him that day.

Dad Gentle told me a touching story one day, many years ago. He told me that someone had remarked it was a shame he, a life-long bachelor, had no children. His reply completely summed up the relationship between a Chapter Advisor and his members, "No children! Look at all the sons I have had!"

I have two children, a daughter and a son, but Dad Gentle's words ring true to me as well. "Look at all the sons I have had." ■



## ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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

*Some thoughts on the recent statewide Ritual Competition*

It was put together in a hurry, and with very short notice. Understandably, a number of personal, work and other Masonic commitments got in the way. Nevertheless, upwards of 50 Brothers were able to participate. While a dress code was not put in the notices, every participant braved the summer heat and came in jacket and tie, or in a couple of cases, in tuxedo. This was nice to see.

Of the 18 finalists: one had the title Right Worshipful, nine had the title Worshipful, and eight had the title of Brother.

It was the same way everywhere. Approximately half of the participants have never served in the east. Encouragingly, virtually all of these Brothers are in line. We need to give them our encouragement and support, and be patient with their mistakes. Remember, we made our share.

I would be very remiss if I did not thank Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto for all his work starting up this competition, and seeing it through to the end.

Special thanks also go to our Grand Lecturers, all of whom went the length of their cable tow to make this competition work. Thank you Brethren. As usual, you were great. ■

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where he wanted “to live when it was time to slow down and really enjoy life.” Bill is continually surprised by how many people he knows at The Overlook, and feels a part of a tight knit community.

These days Bill enjoys traveling to other lodges, his woodworking projects, and taking pictures of nature. His love for photography started after buying his first camera in 1980. He began learning to use the 35mm by reading books. Once he started, Bill wanted to do more than just take pictures, so he decided to develop and print his own film. During this period, he met, and became close friends with, Ed Kostiner. Mr. Kostiner was one of the leaders in processing both film and prints to archival standards. Ed helped further Bill’s love for photography. Bill traveled to many trade shows with Ed, and helped him demonstrate his archival processing equipment. At these trade shows, Bill met some of his heroes on the road.

Today, Bill is grounded at The Overlook and continues to follow his passion while traveling and taking pictures on his journeys. ■

## Colonial Craftsmen’s Club Support DeMolay and Rainbow

*Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb*

On Sunday, May 10th, the Colonial Craftsmen’s Club (CCC) welcomed two top representatives from DeMolay and Rainbow to their dinner meeting. Susan Torrey, Supreme Deputy, IORG, and Rt. Wor. Phillip Druin, Executive Officer of MA DeMolay, came to share the latest details about their youth organizations. The meeting was held at the Publick House restaurant in Sturbridge, and the Colonials, as is their custom, came dressed the part.

Ms. Torrey spoke about the energy and enthusiasm throughout the Rainbow chapters in Massachusetts, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Druin announced the presentation of a brand new DeMolay charter. They both displayed confidence in the future of their organizations, and the Colonials were impressed with their presentations. Afterward, CCC President Rt. Wor. David Newcomb presented a donation to Rt. Wor. Bro. Druin for DeMolay and Diane Newcomb, representing the CCC Distaff Side, presented another donation to Ms. Torrey for Rainbow. The room was filled with good conversation, and the camaraderie for which the Colonials are well known.

The Colonial Craftsmen’s Club is a Colonial reenactment group which performs a representation of a Masonic third degree, “On the Square 1775,” done in a tiled lodge for Master Masons. Their most recent performance was in May at Meridian Lodge in Natick. They are also well

known for performing Masonic degree work and lodge installations throughout Massachusetts. The CCC Distaff Side is the ladies’ group, comprised primarily of the significant others of the CCC. They perform a Colonial fashion show for the women while their significant others are in the lodge. For information about membership in these clubs, or to request visits by these clubs to your lodges or districts, contact CCC Secretary Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt at [hotc@walterhunt.com](mailto:hotc@walterhunt.com). ■

*L to R: CCC President Rt. Wor. David Newcomb, IORG Supreme Deputy Susan Torrey, MA DeMolay Executive Officer Rt. Wor. Phillip Druin, and Distaff Side spokesperson Diane Newcomb.*





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**What is the One Day Class?** The One Day Class is an event being held on March 9th, 2019, where candidates can receive all three Masonic Degrees on the same day.

**Where will the Grand Master's One Day Class be held?** The Grand Master's One Day class will be held at the Grand Lodge building, located at 186 Tremont Street in Boston. Master Masons in good standing may register to attend on [MassMasons.org](http://MassMasons.org).

**Will parking be available?** Each candidate and sponsor will be reimbursed (for one vehicle) for using the Millennium Parking Garage next door at 47 Boylston Street.

**Is there a dress code?** All attendees should wear a dark colored suit and tie. A tuxedo is not required other than for those performing ritual.

**Are there any costs or fees associated with the One Day**

**Class?** Your Lodge will collect initiation fees and dues as it would for any candidate for the Degrees. For each candidate attending the Grand Master's One Day Class, however, your Lodge will owe nothing to Grand Lodge. Your Lodge will keep all initiation fees due to Grand Lodge. There is no additional charge for the candidate and his sponsor; a small nominal food charge will be made for all other sideline members to cover food and refreshment. Candidates should note that Lodge initiation fees and dues still apply.

**How does my Lodge benefit from the Grand**

**Master's One Day Class?** Your Lodge will gain as many members as candidates that you bring to the event! As an added benefit, your Lodge will keep all initiation expenses normally incurred from Grand Lodge for each candidate. Furthermore, Grand Lodge will supply each candidate with a book of faith of their choice, a Square & Compasses, a cipher book, and Master's Carpets for each of the degrees. Both the candidate and sponsor will receive a limited edition One Day Class lapel pin commissioned for this class only! There is no limit to the number of candidates an individual lodge can bring.

**Will there be food?** Yes! Meals will be served prior to, during, and after the event. You won't go away hungry or dissatisfied. Meals for candidates and sponsors are included; all other Master Masons registered to attend will be asked for a small fee to cover the costs of food.

**What is the schedule for the day?** We will begin the day with an early light breakfast, followed by a brief orientation for candidates, sponsors, and attendees. Afterwards, there will be degree work interspersed with short breaks, including a luncheon for all attending. It will be a busy day, so precise times are fluid.

**Who will perform the three degrees?** The degrees will be presented by Lodges that have been pre-selected by Grand Lodge, with some degree workers who distinguished themselves through the Ritual Competition. A candidate's sponsor (or mother lodge stand-in) is highly encouraged to attend. A sponsor may sponsor more than one candidate.

**Who is responsible for the candidate kit and aprons?** Grand Lodge will supply all that is needed for the candidates including their aprons (which they get to keep).

**What is the timeline for a candidate to attend the Grand Master's One Day Class?** For full details,

refer to [MassMasons.org](http://MassMasons.org). In short, there are milestone dates to keep in mind in order to have a candidate attend the Class. Grand Lodge will need to be notified of the intent for a candidate to attend the class by December 31, 2018. You will need enough time to read the application in your Lodge, publish the candidate's name in your communication, have investigation reports returned including his background check, and vote favorably on the candidate in your lodge.

This should all be completed no later than January 31, 2019.

**Who do I notify of my intent to bring a candidate?** All lodge Secretaries with a candidate are asked to go to [MassMasons.org](http://MassMasons.org) to register their candidate(s) and update their pre-degree progress as soon as possible.

**Can I help during the event?** Although there is a large committee preparing this event, many hands make light work! Only Master Masons may attend; register to do so at the One Day Class stamp on [MassMasons.org](http://MassMasons.org). We will contact registered attendees about their interest in helping us with the day.

**Who do I contact if I have more questions or something comes up?** Right Worshipful Alfredo Canhoto is Chairman for the event. Please email him at [Alfredo.Canhoto@gmail.com](mailto:Alfredo.Canhoto@gmail.com), or leave him a message on (617) 229-6675.

