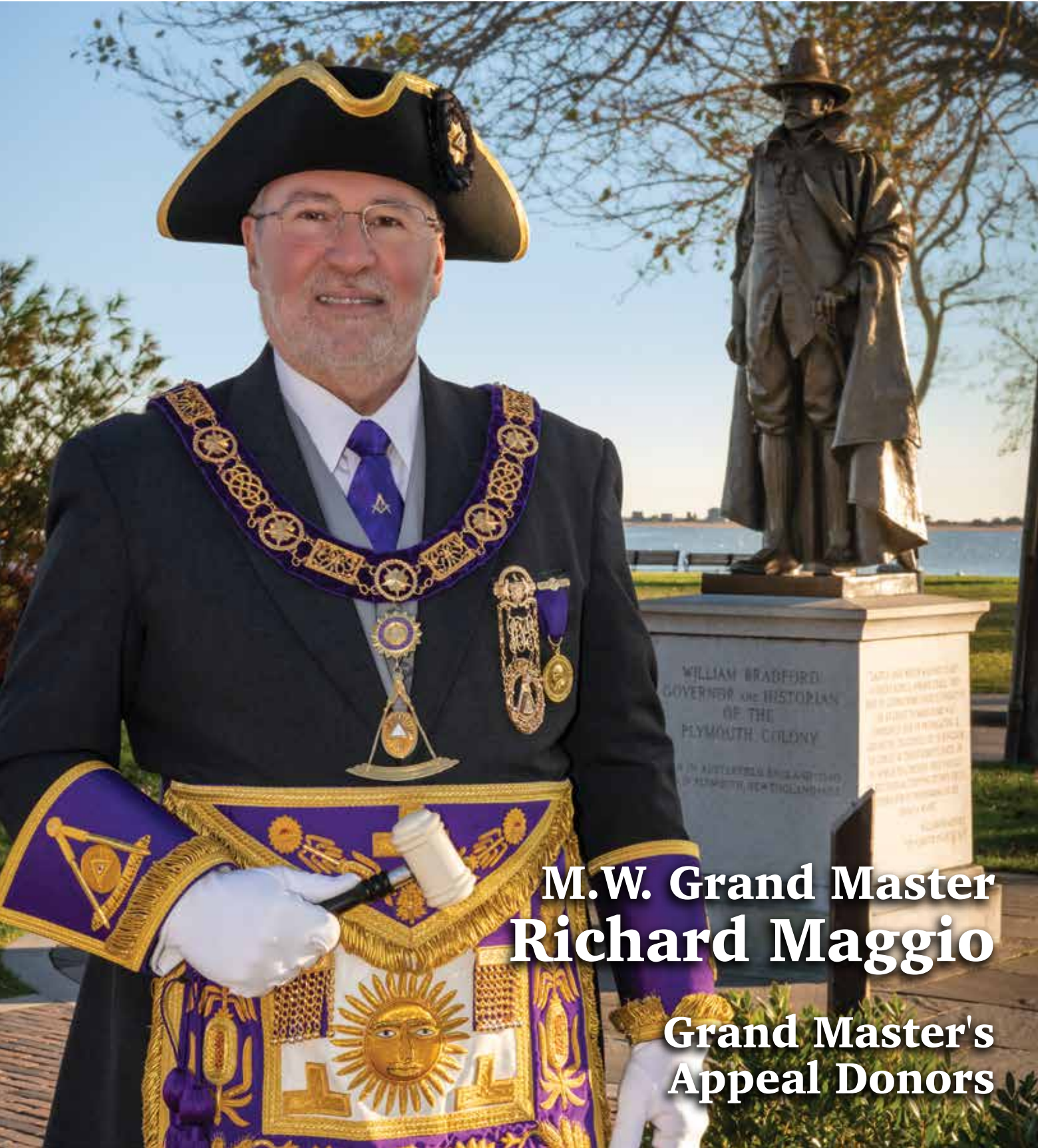


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GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS WINTER 2019-20



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*From the East of Grand Lodge*  
MOST WORSHIPFUL RICHARD MAGGIO

Brethren,

A new day, a new dawn, a new Grand Master. As the newly elected 90th Grand Master of Masonry in Massachusetts, I thank you for your support and look forward to a great year ahead.

What's the plan? We are planning the future, preserving our past traditions, enjoying the "present," the Gift of Freemasonry. Pass it on!

I will review what we do and why we do it. We are in the process of a self-evaluation in all aspects of the Fraternal and business sides of the Craft. The days of "because that's how we have always done it" are over. We will keep up with the times while preserving our traditions.

Freemasonry in Massachusetts is now 287 years young. As we approach the 250th anniversary of our country, and the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry in Massachusetts, it is incumbent upon each of us to Plan, Preserve and "Pass it On." Pass on the gift we have received to your father, son, relative, friend, or co-worker. Let them enjoy the way of life and benefits we have enjoyed as brethren in the oldest and greatest Fraternity mankind has ever known.

The future of Freemasonry, the future of your Lodge, our Grand Lodge, and the country depends on you. Our individual acts and deeds are cumulative and will make a difference. Take utmost care in your Masonic life by being civil, in and out of lodge. Be gracious, and show society that we, as Freemasons, are leaders in our local communities, displaying civility and integrity. Be a beacon of light to your family, your lodge, and the world. The rest will fall into place.

We are a fine upstanding group of men promoting the highest standards of civility, dignity, and integrity while maintaining traditions, values, and the tenets of our Fraternity: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. This is what defines us, as not just men, but Masons!

God bless you, our Veterans, active Military, Freemasonry, and God bless America!

Sincerely and fraternally

***Most Worshipful Richard Maggio***

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## Our Shiny Jewel

Every Master of my Lodge brings something different to Lodge. One Master at my Lodge was excellent with ritual; it was a joy to hear him describe the important parts of the Craft from the East to the new candidates. Another Master was a little vague on specific terms in the ritual.



Yes, he did his best to get across the information. Yes, he spoke clearly. But sometimes the words he said could not be found anywhere in ritual. (The last Master was me.)

I had the opportunity to attend the installation of the new Master of St. John's Lodge at the Grand Lodge building earlier this year, Wor. Allan Sinclair. It was wonderful to see such a good man and Brother sitting in his East for the first time. But it was also a little sad. Since I was not a member of St. John's, I would not get to enjoy his term and the unique personality he will bring to his Lodge. Every new Master represents a new adventure, a new take on life, for the Brethren and the Lodge within the constancy in Masonry itself.

We can't all be at the installation of the new Grand Master. The incredible impact of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts is articulated in the installation. We display an urn created by Most Worshipful Paul Revere that contains the hair of Bro. George Washington. The installation is attended by representatives of Masonic Jurisdictions from all over our country and other countries. We are one of the jewels in the Masonic world.

Our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Richard Maggio now oversees our jewel, our Craft. He will polish facets and refract our light into the Masonic world.

Just like the Master of a Lodge has constants he must work within - the ritual, the District, the business end of the Lodge - so it is for our Grand Master. The Brethren of today, tomorrow, and yesterday are some of the constants that our new Grand Master works within. We have the pleasure to work with him to propel our Craft into the future.

The new Grand Master will make choices, create emphasis, and shine our light on the jewel of our Craft. We get to help by producing as much light as possible, creating a Craft worthy of our work, and joyously venturing forth with him and our other Brothers.

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*

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*Brethren from Waltham Triad, Dalhousie, Norumbega Fraternity, and The Masters Lodges, armed with the implements of their labors.*

## Fifth District Does Something Masonic

Whenever Rt. Wor. Ken Brown visits lodges in his district, his remarks always include his mantra, “Get out of the Lodge and do something Masonic.” Norumbega Fraternity Lodge Master, Wor. Carl “Skip” Durham took that to heart and organized a neighborhood service project and then opened it up to the whole district. Not far from the Newtonville Masonic Building is the Durant-Kenrick House, built in 1734, one year after our Grand Lodge was founded, now a period museum owned by the Newton Historical Society. Wor. Brother Durham wanted to know how a group of Masons could be a good neighbor and help them. Although no longer on the original 91-acre site, manager Cynthia Cowan told Wor. Brother Durham they could always use groundskeeping help. Wor. Brother Durham put it all together and a group of Fifth District lodge members showed up one Sunday morning and raked all their leaves! The Brethren were much appreciated and amply rewarded with coffee and donuts.

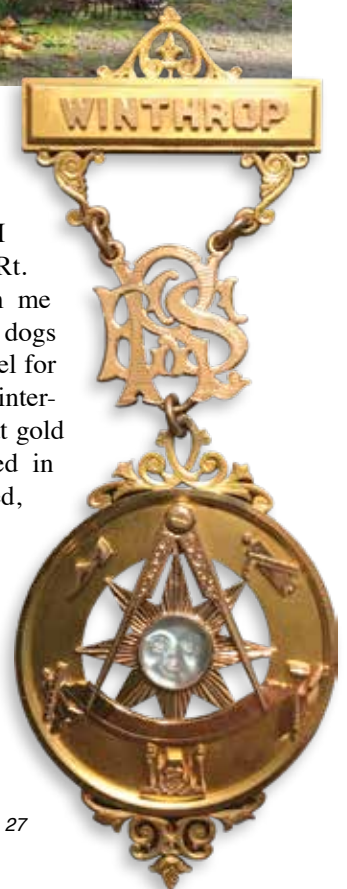
*-Wor. Robert A. Caron*

## Mission Accomplished

On August 12th, 2019, I received a phone call from Rt. Wor. Ryan Maslak to inform me that the Grand Lodge watch dogs had found a Past Master’s jewel for sale on eBay that might be of interest to our Lodge. This 14-karat gold jewel was originally presented in 1892 to Wor. Edmund S. Reed, the second Master of Winthrop Lodge. Since Winthrop Lodge merged with Star of Bethlehem Lodge in 1995, I began an urgent quest to recover this lost piece of our history fearing that it would be sold for scrap gold.

I learned that the seller,

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# On The Level

by *Wor. Seth Landau*

**B**rethren, as we commence upon a new decade, our Fraternity also welcomes in a new Grand Master. Not that I need to come up with more reasons why I believe Freemasonry is unique as an organization that stands unmatched in its commitment and adherence to its tenets, however, every organization needs both strong, yet compassionate leadership, and we as Freemasons are very blessed in our leadership at Grand Lodge. Most Worshipful Paul F. Gleason, our immediate Past Grand Master, and our newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Richard Maggio, both meet these qualities with flying colors. Collectively as an organization, and also individually as human beings, we should not waste this opportunity to learn from these two men and their predecessors, who have done more to bring respect to this grand institution than the rest of us could ever imagine achieving.

Leadership, however, can only go as far as the response of those that they lead. As a spiritual leader of a synagogue, and hopefully soon to be Cantor, I feed off the energy of the congregants, and they in turn look to me to bring guidance and a path forward. But that does not mean it is perfect all the time. I find myself at times struggling to resolve conflicts within the membership. There are many reasons for conflict. Some of them are preventable, and some of them are more based on our natural differences.

We are not programmed to be the same as each other. That is what is so special about us. We have multiple interests, various skillsets, unique qualities, different observances and affiliations, and of course, our own individual thoughts. Masonry is similar from that perspective. What makes us Masons unique, however, is our fundamental purpose to put those differences aside and come together on the level.

On the level - that is who we are and what we need to be. To be an effective leader, one needs to be able to execute our collective path forward, perhaps from nine steps up, while at the same time relating and connecting as one of us on the level. This should apply to any organization, but often that struggles to take hold. We, as Masons, however, are obligated to align to this concept of being on the level, not because someone is telling us to, but because we choose to. It is our obligation to

understand and support our fellow Brethren, regardless of whether we disagree with them. It is our obligation to support our leadership, so they in turn can strengthen our organization for the next generation of Brothers.

When I wake up every day, a number of things run through my mind - family, work, what needs to get done that day, etc. I also think about how fortunate and proud I am to be considered a Brother and a Freemason. It drives me. It is part of my being. My son is in the process of beginning his journey as a Mason as well, and I am grateful to be able to welcome him into this incredible Fraternity. I have no doubt that he will greatly benefit from this experience.

This Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, along with our Districts and Lodges, has the leadership and the working tools to grow and prosper. We have our value proposition. We have the spirit. We have our beliefs. We have our tenets. We have our Grand

Constitutions. However, in order for our Fraternity to turn the tide from decreasing membership, we need to show those who are not Masons what it really means to be on the level. No matter where we come from, what work we do, where we live, what religion we observe, what our political affiliation is, what generation we grew up in, we respect and treat each other how we would like to be respected and treated.

We can respectfully disagree but take advantage of the alternative views to bring about viable solutions. We are often too polarized and divided as a society. Masonry must again set the example to remind us that we can and should be on the level. We need take the lead and utilize the foundation that we have in our organization, as well as embrace the new modern tools and ideas in this young century and new decade, to keep our path moving forward and work to bring our society back to the level.

I am proud to be a Mason, to be a Brother of this great Fraternity, and to support our great leaders. Let the Square and Compasses continue to guide our way as we project light to the world. For me, the light has never been brighter. ■

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



# THE DECEMBER 2019 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

## OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

On December 11th, at 1:30 pm, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Paul F. Gleason, the Officers of Grand Lodge, entered the lodge room with his guests, and District Deputy Grand Masters to be with the assembled Brethren for his last Quarterly Communication as Grand Master. The Brethren applauded in a solemn ovation for their outgoing Grand Master.

The colors were presented by the Grand Commandery Honor Guard of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Sir Knight James Stone, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Sir Knight Richard Van Doren, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander; Sir Knight Stephen Whitmore, Eminent Grand junior Warden; Sir Knight Gary Clifford, Eminent Past Commander; Sir Knight Robert Simoneau, Eminent Commander, Winslow-Lewis Commandery; Sir Knight Brian Richard, Eminent Commander of Newburyport Commandery; Sir Knight Keith Zibolis, Eminent Commander of Haverhill Commandery; Sir Knight Russell Dumas, Eminent Deputy Grand Warden and Commander of the Grand Commandery Honor Guard.

From the Grand Secretary's office, Patricia Latham and Lisa Hastings were escorted to the East to present the Secretary of the year to Rt. Wor. Robert A. Johnson, Jr., Secretary of Morning Star Lodge.

The Grand Master led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, opened Grand Lodge to the hymn Oh God Our Help in Ages Past, and prayed along with Rt. Wor. Rev. Matthew Wissell, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master made the last call for ballots before M. Wor. Bro. Ames, in his role as Grand Secretary, recognized the proxies and outlined the voting powers of lodges.

The Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Lawrence E. Bethune, told the Brethren of the loss of six Masons since the last Quarterly. The Craft is poorer by nearly 300 years of Masonic experience with their passing. With heads bowed, the Grand Master and Brethren remembered two of the departed: Rt. Wors. Robert Cary Corr and Robert Francis Doherty.

After the fine eulogies, Rt. Wor. Rev. Brian Marsh led the Brethren in prayer for those who have left us for the Celestial Lodge.

### 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. Illus. Andrew C. Maninos, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts
- Sir Knight George Herbolshiemer, 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

- Illus. David A Glatly, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander
- Illus. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts
- Illus. Peter R. Smith, 33°, Active for Massachusetts
- Illus. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, Active for Massachusetts
- Illus. George F. Hamilton, 33°, Active for Massachusetts
- Illus. C. William Lakso, 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts
- Illus. Robert E. Godbout, 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts

- M. Wor. Thomas Edward Pulkkinen, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine
- Rt. Wor. Bruce C. Coates, Grand Representative to Massachusetts, Grand Lodge of Scotland
- Rt. Wor. Illus. Robert E. Havener, Potentate, Aleppo Shrine, Shriners International
- Illus. Daniel L. Smith, Potentate, Melha Shrine, Shriners International
- Rt. Wor. and Dad Philip Drouin, Executive Officer, Order of the DeMolay, Massachusetts
- Most Worthy David D. Frizzell, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star
- Sir Knight Mark Z. Stought, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth
- Rt. Wor. Kenneth R. Blake, Chief Executive Officer, Masonic Health System
- Rt. Wor. David B. Harte, Director Emeritus, National Representative myCHiP, for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

### Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

- M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames
- M. Wor. Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr.
- M. Wor. Jeffrey Black Hodgdon
- M. Wor. Harvey John Waugh

The Grand Master opened the ballot for Grand Master. The candidate, Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio, being the Grand Marshal, was escorted to the East by the Wor. Grand Sword



**Left:** For his last Quarterly, Grand Master, M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason is escorted into the lodge room. **Right:** After presenting the flags of the USA and Massachusetts, The Grand Commandery Honor Guard of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Bearer. The floor was opened for other nominations. None being made, the candidate was escorted from the room. The Grand Master opened the ballot. All Brethren present voted. A committee was formed, consisting of Past Grand Masters, chaired by M. Wor. Bro. Ames to count the Ballots. The Wor. Grand Sword bearer escorted them to the Counting Room.

During the count, reports from two Committees, Charters and By-Laws and Records, were heard and accepted. In addition, the granting of a Charter to the Lodge of the Royal Secret was reported.

The Committee returned with the count. Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio was brought back into lodge where the Grand Master asked him a question, "This answer affects both of us. Do you accept the office of Grand Master?" Rt. Wor. Bro. Maggio became our Grand Master-elect when he said, "I'm humbled to be offered and gratefully accept the office of Grand Master." He returned to his duties as Grand Marshal.

Two more elections were held, for Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. Rt. Wor. George F. Hamilton was elected Senior Grand Warden and Rt. Wor. Christopher M. St. Cyr was elected Junior Grand Warden. Both accepted their new positions. The rest of the ballot was cast, with agreement by the Brethren present, by a single vote cast by the Grand Secretary.

While votes were being counted for the Sr. Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. David P. Harte explained the CHiP program's toothprint history and the recognition received by the Grand Lodge from the Massachusetts Senate, sponsored

by Senator Walter Timilty. The story is on page 23.

In addition, much to his surprise, Ill. Bro. Glattly was presented with the Henry Price medal.

Amidst the joy of having elected a new Grand Master, there was some sadness; two men did not live up to the high standards required of all Masons and were voted out of the Fraternity.

Three lodges, Bethesda, Brigham, and Saint Alban's were recognized by the Grand Master for celebrating their 200th year since their charters were issued.

In addition, the Grand Master called Rt. Wor. Kenneth R. Blake, Chairman of the Board at The Overlook, to the East where he expressed the gratitude of Grand Lodge and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his work with the Masonic Health System.

A number of groups were called to the East to make presentations to the Grand Master. They were: Rt. Wor. Robert Vartanian and a delegation of District Deputies who served three years; Wor. Matthew Niedermeier, Captain of the Consistory

Guard, Scottish Rite; Wor. Skip Durham, Master of Norumbega Fraternity Lodge; Wor. Lee Cleveland, President of the Past Master's Association of the 15th Districts; Rt. Wor. Michael Douglas from the Brothers of the White Ash; and Wor. Jeffrey Miller from the Brothers of the Single Malt.

The entire assembly of District Deputies bid farewell to their Grand Master with an extraordinary gift of a rendering in bronze of the statue of Bro. Joseph Warren. The Grand



**Lisa Hastings, RT. Wor. Robert A. Johnson with his Secretary of the Year Award, Patricia Latham and M. Wor. Albert Ames, Grand Secretary.**



Master was deeply moved.

In addition, others presented to the Grand Master and their photographs are on pages 30-31.

The Grand Master began his final address as Grand Master to a Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

“As the year and my term draw to a close, my thoughts are divided between the past and the future. Our past includes so many exciting and enjoyable activities, the 300th anniversary celebration in London, the establishment of Explorateur in our building, the Bow Tie Gala, the Golden Gavel, Masonic Con happenings and, of special note, our One Day Class! So many enjoyable events with so many great Brethren! Our future will be guided by an enthusiastic, capable new Grand Master who will lead a great administration. I have full confidence in him and ask your full commitment to his administration’s success as they pick up the trowel and tackle the challenges awaiting us.”

“Membership remains one of our major challenges. We must not lose the momentum and the advances we have made these past three years. Continue to improve and support our recruitment efforts! Spread our message. Get the square and compasses out in front of the public. Whether it’s through town festival days, parades, blood drives, or myCHIP events - being a part of your community, not apart from it, is how we grow

awareness, Brethren. Remember, send one photograph or press release to local media every month. Invite potential candidates to meet and dine with you in your lodge. Replace yourself! Don’t lose sight of our retention efforts, either. Visit your Brethren, conduct charitable projects, give back, reach out and contact all members. If members want

to contribute, put them in line and in your committees. Give them a reason to come back next month! Through it all, rejuvenate, both your organization and your physical apartments. All of this can be done when individual members and their lodges take ownership of the effort. Make it yours!”

“When I made a visit with our Brethren in the 30th and 31st Districts, I regained 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 neighbors, lifestyles, and routines that keep us relatively isolated from one another. As Masons, the same can be said of our experiences in our Lodges and Districts. While the chal-

lenges we all face vary, our ability to work together to overcome them remains the same. I believe in the future of Freemasonry because, despite the differences we all have, whether demographic, geographic, economic or otherwise, our shared passion for the Craft and *continued on next page*



**Above: Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio being escorted from the room for the vote. Below: The Grand Master casting a ballot.**

**Left: The committee of Past Grand Masters announcing the results of the ballot. Right: Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio after accepting the position of Grand Master.**





## Robert Cary Corr 1956-2019

There is an old cliché that says, “If you want something done, ask a busy man.” No man better exemplified that adage than our Brother, Bob Corr. Through a useful and productive Masonic career, he was very busy indeed.

Brother Corr came to the Craft very young, before his twenty-third birthday. In January 1979, he was raised a Master Mason in Oriental Lodge on Martha’s Vineyard. He rose quickly through the officer line and served as Worshipful Master during the 1984-85 Masonic year. At the end of that term, he was immediately installed as Secretary of that lodge; he served in that capacity with distinction for eight years. In

recognition of his hard work, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Nantucket 31st Masonic District for 1993 and 1994 by Most Wor. David W. Lovering, and in 2003, he served as Senior Grand Warden of the Most Wor. Grand Lodge under Grand Master Donald G. Hicks, Jr., who presented him with the Henry Price Medal.

R. W. Brother Corr continued with his commitment to blue lodges after becoming a permanent member. He was Master of Metacomet Daylight Lodge in 2004-2005 and of Joseph Webb Lodge in 2009-2010. He was also Secretary of Social Harmony Lodge from 2003 to 2005, and of Winslow Lewis from 2011 to 2018, and he served in various other capacities in a number of lodges.

While occupied with the affairs of his blue lodge, Brother Corr found further light in Masonry as a Royal Arch Companion in Saint Paul’s Royal Arch Chapter. He was exalted in November of the same year he was raised. In 1981, he completed his York Rite education as a member of Cape Cod Council and Sutton Commandery. He was made an honorary member of New Bedford Council and affiliated with Cape Cod Commandery. In due course he would affiliate with a number of other Chapters and Commanderies, making him one of the best known and best loved York Rite Masons in our jurisdiction. He served as High Priest of Vineyard Royal Arch

Chapter, as District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 12th Capitular District in 1991-1992, as Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts from 2009 to 2018, and most recently as Deputy Grand High Priest in 2018-2019, the office he held at the time of his death. He had also been Grand Recorder for both the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island since 2008, an unequalled source of knowledge and wisdom for those grand bodies. In 1996, he was presented with the Benjamin Hurd Medal.

In the Ancient and Accepted Rite, Brother Corr received his degrees from the 4° to the 32° in 1983. He was a diligent worker in the bodies of the Valley of Southeastern Massachusetts, and from 1993 to 1995 he served as Thrice Potent Master of the Fall River Lodge of Perfection. From 1997 to 1999, he was Most Wise Master of St. Andrew’s Chapter of Rose Croix. The 33° and last degree was conferred upon him in September 2004.

It is hard to briefly encompass in such a brief essay the amount of work that Rt. Wor. Brother Corr put into the Fraternity in his extensive career. When a busy man lays down his working tools as Brother Corr did in October 2019, his absence in the coming years will be keenly felt. Our keen loss is the Celestial Lodge’s grateful gain.

spreading the principles of Freemasonry as widely as men will hear them remains strong.”

“I am confident in the future because of all the leaders we have in this organization, and I am indebted to all of them who served throughout my term. The Board of Directors, Past Grand Masters, our many dedicated committees and especially our District Deputy Grand Masters. I presented a theme, or a call to action, and you responded. It happened! Our District Deputy Grand Masters, in particular, truly and continually represented me in their districts way beyond the administrative requirements of tracking file and record submissions by their lodges. Truly, upon them depends the harmony, the prosperity, and the proper transaction of the business of the lodges. When the ‘trickle up’ became so much as to require a call to the Grand Master, they were there with an accurate summary of the situation AND a suggested solution! Boy, was that welcome! Well

**The Grand Master presented the Henry Price medal to a surprised Illus. David A Glattly, 33°.**





## Robert Francis Doherty 1943-2019

The practice of our rites is critically dependent on the clear and accurate presentation of the words of our ritual. They are passed like treasures from one to another; regrettably, like a game of Telephone, they are sometimes morphed and transformed. It has ever been the task of experts in the matter to correct and teach, to present and supervise. We have had many such men – in Massachusetts we call the best of them Grand Lecturers – and until his passing in November 2019, the premier Grand Lecturer was Rt. Wor. Bro. Robert F. Doherty.

Brother Doherty was born August

27, 1943, and was raised in Somerville. He was educated in the Somerville public school system and at Northeastern University, where he received both a bachelor's degree and an M.B.A. He served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict.

Brother Doherty was brought to Masonic light in Somerville Lodge in 1974. He rose rapidly through the officer line; his Brethren elected him Worshipful Master in 1978. In 1983, he was appointed Grand Pursuivant for the Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Robert Johnston, and in 1987 and 1988 M. W. Albert T. Ames appointed him as District Deputy Grand Master for the Somerville 7th Masonic District. At the end of his service to his district, he was appointed as Grand Lecturer – an office he would hold until his passing this year, with the single exception of the year 1996, when he served Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Warden. Grand Master Arthur Johnson decorated Rt. Wor. Brother Doherty with the Henry Price Medal in 1996.

Rt. Wor. Brother Doherty returned to the East of Somerville Lodge in 1997-1998, and of the Masters' Lodge in 2002-2003. In Somerville Lodge, Victory Lodge, Waltham Triad Lodge, the Masters Lodge, and Mount Horeb Lodge of Woburn, he was a responsible officer and trustee. In January 2009, he was presented with a certificate for

Meritorious Service. In 2018, he became a charter member of the Lodge of the Royal Secret in Boston.

In the fall of 1988, Bro. Doherty was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Woburn Royal Arch Chapter. In 1989, he received the Council degrees in Medford Council, R. & S. M., and the Commandery Orders in St. Bernard Commandery.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Brother Doherty received the degrees from the 4° to the 32° in December 1980. He was Thrice Potent Master of Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection from 2006-2008, and in 2017, he became Treasurer of the Scottish Rite Valley of Boston. He was recognized for Meritorious Service in 1994, and the 33° and last degree was conferred upon him in September 1999.

In many venues and as a part of many bodies in Massachusetts Masonry, Brother Doherty was well-known and well liked. Wherever he participated he made an impact, but it is arguably true that his greatest impact was as a Grand Lecturer. At the time of his death, he was the senior member of that important team, an expert in the Work, and an inspiration to his junior Brethren.

As is true with so many that pass from our view, Brother Doherty's friendly smile and wise counsel will be sorely missed.

Newly elected Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. George F. Hamilton is presented to the East.



done, all of you!"

"I have been especially helped, aided, and assisted by three very special leaders, the three legs of the stool essential to effective governance of our Grand Lodge, our Business Manager, Executive Assistant, and Grand Marshal."

"Our Business Manager, Rt. Wor. Donald Moran, supervises all the business transactions of this very active business we call Grand Lodge. He deals with and supervises repairs to our never-ending structural issues and leads the very talented and busy personnel in the secretarial and financial offices of our second floor. Of special note, he serves as the face of Massachusetts Masonry to the business community of greater Boston. All this while serving as the Deputy for Massachusetts for the NMJ of the Scottish Rite."

"The Executive Assistant, Rt. Wor. Jim Orgettas, creates and oversees the tsunami of forms, tickets, and table

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# Grand Masters of Massachusetts

*by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt*



## Most Worshipful John Warren

*1783-1784  
1787-1788*

*Reflected Glory*

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

In Massachusetts, the name Warren has a particular cachet: the first Grand Master of the Massachusetts Provincial/Independent Grand Lodge, the martyred hero of Bunker Hill, the noble profile visible on our own Distinguished Service Medal. These are all Joseph Warren, doctor and soldier, and subject of recent biographies. His was a dramatic and noble life, cut short all too soon.

But there were other Warrens, and one of them also served as Grand Master. John Warren, 10 years Joseph's junior, had a long Masonic career. He was 22 when his older brother died, and John was not yet a member of the Masonic fraternity. He had already graduated from Harvard and obtained his medical degree. Joseph had written to Dr. Edward Holyoke of Salem, and John had studied with that highly successful physician, giving him real-world experience as a doctor.

Dr. John Warren became part of Colonel Pickering's regiment of foot, serving as the unit's surgeon. He was a participant and eyewitness to many of the key events of the Revolution. He was with the regiment when word came of the events on Bunker Hill, and on the day following he hastened there to learn of his brother's fate. When trying to pass by a sentinel he received a bayonet wound that he would bear for the rest of his life. He was unable to locate Joseph or his body and feared the worst. The truth of the matter would be proven some months later.

With the loss of his beloved oldest brother, he immediately offered himself for additional Continental service. After the departure of the British from Boston, he was given the position of caring for the sick and wounded. Some time after the Continental Army moved to New York, he joined them there to serve as the Surgeon of the General Hospital on Long Island. He accompanied the army on its retreat from Long Island and was with it during the battles of Princeton and Trenton.

In the summer of 1777, he returned to Boston, and in late fall he married Abby, the daughter of Governor Collins of Rhode Island. The war and the departure of many Tory doctors made his talents particularly valuable. He was settled in as Senior Surgeon at the General Hospital in Boston, which was an extremely responsible position for such a young man. He remained there for some years, leaving only for a short time when the patriotic cause again called him to active service in the campaign to Newport, Rhode Island in the summer of 1778.

In the winter of 1780, he began to perform "anatomical demonstrations" for medical students in Boston, and these eventually led to a prepared course of study associated with his alma mater. In the fall of 1782, he was elected Professor of Anatomy and Surgery, and made Superintendent of what would eventually become Harvard Medical School. This institution, and Dr. Warren's involvement with it, raised the perception of physicians, changing the public's view of them as mere "purveyors of medicines" to dignified professionals.

While Dr. Warren was a Federalist, he was strongly opposed to the idea of injecting politics into the medical profession. It was said that in a day where Federalists demanded Federalist physicians and Democrats wanted Democratic ones, he resolved to treat everyone the same. This extended to people of color as well as he was strongly opposed to slavery, which he considered pernicious and offensive. His public spirit was evidenced by his

involvement with the Massachusetts Charitable Society, the Massachusetts Agricultural Society, and the Massachusetts Humane Society.

Brother Warren received his degrees in Masonry in The Massachusetts Lodge, and he took membership in June 1780. He had already demonstrated his skill as a physician and as a patriotic orator, and he put equal effort into his labors in the Craft, primarily as a speaker. He was elected Senior Warden of the lodge but does not appear to have served as Master. In the Massachusetts Independent Grand Lodge, he occupied no office other than Steward, one of the Brothers responsible for organizing the St. John's Feasts. Yet three years after he became a Freemason, he was elected, at age 30, as Grand Master.

He served in that capacity in 1783, 1784, 1787, and 1788, and was the senior Past Grand Master at the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1792. He was present on March 5, 1792, during the memorable occasion when the officers of the two Grand Lodges resigned their offices and proceeded to elect Grand Officers for the new United Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He served on the committee that composed its first Book of Constitutions, working closely with Dr. Thaddeus Mason Harris and Isaiah Thomas to produce them.

Brother Warren served in no office in the new Grand Lodge but was well respected for his opinions and experience. He was a part of a committee to negotiate with the Lodge of St. Andrew regarding its affiliation with the Grand Lodge, and he was a member of the trio of Past Grand Masters who wrote to Martha Washington to request a lock of the late President's hair – an object which is preserved to this day in a small golden urn fashioned by Paul Revere.

In the private sphere, his reputation for probity, honesty, and medical skill only increased. He was particularly active during the yellow fever outbreaks in Boston in 1796 and 1802. He was also a strong advocate for vaccination (variolation) as a way to prevent and contain outbreaks of such diseases. He was well known for his attention to the sick and his rapid diagnoses, and for driving far too fast through the narrow streets of Boston. A fellow doctor once claimed that he would "rather ride with the Devil" than in a carriage with Dr. John Warren.

Relatively quiet and unassuming, deeply religious and courteous to a fault, John Warren was a forceful but not particularly ostentatious public speaker. He was a Patriot, but in no way as heroic as his martyred brother. Indeed, he even said that he "basked in the reflected glory" of Joseph Warren, whom he outlived by more than 40 years.

During his time as Grand Master, he issued eight charters. Three were to lodges in New Hampshire, three to lodges

in Connecticut, and two in Massachusetts proper. These were Hampshire Lodge in Northampton (the lodge to which Daniel Shays belonged), now defunct, and King Solomon's Lodge in Charlestown, which erected the first monument to honor his brother Joseph in 1794. This is a happy coincidental legacy that helps immortalize both brothers.

Dr. Warren left this earthly life too young, at age 62 in 1815. His funeral rites were a great event in Boston, as he had many admirers inside and outside of the Fraternity. A sense of how he was perceived is recorded by the biography published in the New England Freemason, by Past Grand Master Sereno D. Nickerson:

*"His prominent characteristic, as shown by almost every act in his life, was his utter and entire forgetfulness of self. He was at all times utterly regardless of danger for himself. 'Danger for a friend,' says one of his biographers, 'seemed to shake his whole frame. The idea of pain to any one in whom he took an interest caused him more suffering than the reality did them. His whole soul was open to the feelings of his patients. He felt their afflictions and gave them his warmest sympathy, and his sympathy was repaid by their gratitude and affection. The same susceptibility gave a spring to his exertions in everything he undertook. What he thought his duty he entered upon with all his might, allowing himself no rest, night or day, until it was concluded.'"*

In the funeral oration for John Warren, Past Grand Master Josiah Bartlett made the following observations regarding his departed brother:

*"It is worthy of remembrance, that our lamented friend never spake of Freemasonry, but with great discretion and propriety... he never excited the amazement of the curious, or aided the wishes of the malevolent, by unintelligible suggestions, or mysterious insinuations. He discouraged all innovations and was a vigilant observer of the ancient landmarks; but he uniformly represented the institution as exclusively designed to amend the heart, and extend the cause of philanthropy... methinks I hear his well known voice, speaking from the realms of bliss, in these consolatory strains! Thou beloved companion of my youth, and ye affectionate pledges of our sincere attachment, withhold your grief; sixty-two years of prosperity were sufficient for my earthly pilgrimage; diffuse the blessings bestowed by an indulgent Providence, and prepare to join me, in ceaseless praises to the author of all your enjoyments."*

Today this distinguished man and Mason is not as well known as his illustrious brother, but by his deeds and words are no less worthy of our respect and admiration. In Hopkinton, there is a lodge named for him that has practiced the Craft since 1860, and there his name is held in reverence. It is a fitting encomium for a life well lived. ■

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# VETERANS DAY



*Pictured above are the Sir Knights and Officers of Gethsemane-DeMolay Commandery. Flanking the Presentation Table are S.K. Joseph L. Wooters, Eminent Commander [left] and S.K. George L. Herbolsheimer IV, Right Eminent Grand Commander of MA and RI.*

## Commandery Holds Veterans Day Service

A Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday, November 11th in Gethsemane-DeMolay Commandery No. 7 in Newtonville, MA. After beginning the service with a solemn wreath-laying ceremony, the Sir Knights, ladies, and guests proceeded to honor the Veterans of all wars with patriotic music, hymns, and poems. A particularly stirring moment was the presentation and raising of the colors, followed by the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

At one point in the service, those in the audience were invited to place a poppy flower on the Table of Remembrance and say a few words about their relative, loved one, or friend who had once been in the military service of the Allied Powers during or following WWI and subsequent wars. Many shared stories of heroism and, at times, of humor.

The Asylum, the room where the Commandery of the Knights Templar meets, is like a lodge room. This room and other parts of the building were decorated with the flags of the Allied Powers, items of military service from bygone times, a Missing Man table, and a series of photos and text of the past war of focus. This year, the Commandery focused on the First Gulf War with pictures from Kuwait, the Iraqi desert, and the terrible aftermath of the burning oil fields. Incredible scenes of Red Adair and his team of specialists portrayed the heroic feats of extinguishing the flames of those ignited oil wells.

After the Service was concluded, the Sir Knights, their ladies, and guests retired to the banquet hall for a shared meal together. All those in attendance came away with a renewed sense of the dedication of those who served, as well as those who are still serving in our military forces at home and overseas.

*-Bro. Rich W. Van Doren*



*Left to right: Bro. Wayne Bogard, Rt. Wor. Henry B. Rand, Wor. Francis M. Hart, and Bro. Richard B. Hardy at the Overlook Veterans Ceremony.*

## Overlook Veterans Recognized

On Monday evening, November 11, two Overlook residents, Rt. Wor. Henry B. Rand 33° and Bro. Richard B. Hardy 32°, representing the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy, were honored at a dinner in the Acacia Dining room. Both men are Scottish Rite Valley of Worcester Masons. The Supreme Council of The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite created a special pin and framed certificate recognizing our Scottish Rite military veterans.

The Sammy Lee Davis Defender of Peace and Freedom Veterans Ceremony was conducted by Bro. Francis M. Hart 32° of The Valley of Worcester. Assisting was Bro. Wayne Bogard 32° of the Marine Corps League. The recognition is named for Bro. Sammy Lee Davis 33°, a recipient of The Congressional Medal of Honor, conferred on him by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

We thank all of our Veterans for their service. *-Rt. Wor. H. Richard Cornwell*



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## Veteran Remembrance

Each man and woman who becomes a member of our armed forces swears, “I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same....” This includes possibly giving their lives in the service to our country.

Each Veterans Day, we pay our respects to those who have served and sacrificed for what we have today, our freedoms and liberties. For the last six years, the members of the Second Masonic District honored our country’s servicemen and service-women who have met their eternal rest at the Mount Auburn and Cambridge Cemeteries.

Each one is remembered with a coin placed on his or her grave in a custom that came about from ancient Israel. A penny is placed to remember and honor them for their service. A nickel is placed if they grew up with the individual placing the nickel. A dime is placed if they served together in the armed forces. A quarter is placed if the individual placing the coin was with them when they went to their eternal rest. On November 10, 2019, as we placed coins, we observed quarters placed on a number of graves.

A coin was placed on the grave of a Union soldier who served in the Civil War and was present when General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant to end the Civil War. The soldier is the Great-Great-Grandfather of the Brother who placed a coin with a prayer.

As we completed placing the coins, we were approached by a lady asking why we were placing the coins. We explained to her the custom and why we do it. She started to cry and thanked us for remembering her father and that she will keep us in her prayers. We look to honor not only those who are with us, but also those who have gone before us so that they are not forgotten and are eternally remembered.

-Rt. Wor. Robert F. Stanley



# Scottish Rite One Day Class



*Scottish Rite Valley of Boston Grand Master’s Class, November, 2019*

## Scottish Rite: Getting to be the New Guy

*by Wor. Lee H. Fenn, 32°*

I was nervous. I had to be there at six in the morning, the end time was unclear. I didn’t understand the degrees: the three degrees of Freemasonry built on each other. Later, when I was Master I’d get confused: it would sound like things in the third degree were in the first. Then I realized the progressive nature of the degrees: a little thing in one degree, was amplified by the next degrees. But on the day of Scottish Rite one day class, the degrees were in order, but incomplete. How can we jump from the 4th to the 14th? Then there was the commitment.

My involvement with Freemasonry began when my first son was three. Over the course of his life, my Masonic journey took me to being Master of my Lodge and Editor of Trowel. The combination of those three things: my Lodge and Trowel commitments and the aging of my son—along with the happy event of my second son—felt like a large time commitment. And it was/is.

As the one day class for Scottish Rite began, I understood more of what the Scottish Rite offers: an expansion of the lessons from my Lodge, involvement with a large group of good men and their families, and more Masonry—which I have found is categorically good for me and my family.

In the course of the day, I met many friends, some old some new. I was chatting with a Brother between degrees, and he showed me a medal: I didn’t know what it meant. I asked and he said it signified 50 years in Scottish Rite. He was there, he was very kind to me—the new guy—and he was still learning.

I know that while my eldest is still a teenager, my involvement may be limited. I know that limitation may continue through my youngest’s teen years. But I also know that my involvement with Scottish Rite will be ready for me when either I have time in my schedule or my family life is less complex. I found the lessons to be a joy and know that Scottish Rite will be there for me and I will be there for Scottish Rite. ■

*The next one day class, The Jacques DeMolay Class, is on April 4, 2020. For additional information, please write to [wblake@scottishriteboston.org](mailto:wblake@scottishriteboston.org).*

# The Prodigal Mason

by *Wor. Richard Thompson*



Of the four, my favorite season is spring. The world is getting warmer, but it is still cool. Spring is followed closely by fall, with the world getting cooler, but it isn't quite the cold of winter yet. Winter and summer come in third and fourth respectively. Summer comes in fourth because I can't stand the heat. My life in summer consists of leaving my air-conditioned

house to get into my air-conditioned car to go to some air-conditioned building. If you don't have air conditioning in your home, don't expect a summer visit from me.

While fall is my second favorite, I didn't get to experience the season in the of fall of 2019. I saw the leaves change color, but I saw them change through window glass. I was sick last fall, sick for longer than any other time in my life. I'm including my childhood when I had the measles immediately followed by the mumps. To say I was sick last fall is an understatement. I felt poorly around the first of October and didn't feel I was back to my old self until the middle of December. During my 10-week recovery period, I spent three nights as a guest at Massachusetts General Hospital.

To me, it was just a cold. To everyone else, it was the plague or something like it. People seem to panic whenever I have a respiratory problem. That may come from the fact I have just one lung. On September 10, 2003, some 16 years ago, I was diagnosed with Stage IIB non-small cell Lung Cancer. There isn't much I remember after the doctor told me I had cancer. I suppose that is the case with most everyone with a cancer diagnosis. But my left lung was removed, along with the cancer.

So, I was confined to my home for 10 weeks. I was given clearance to travel to the United Kingdom to visit my family, but I had to carry an oxygen concentrator. Getting to the UK is important for my wife Janet and me. We have two children: a daughter Shelley and a son Bro. Jarrod. My daughter went to Wales to earn her master's degree. Two years later, my son went to England for the same reason. The two have yet to return to the USA. Shelley has been there 12 years and Jarrod 10.

While I was home and quite ill, I never called the Master

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*Richard Thompson is a past master and the Secretary of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge.*

of my lodge to tell him I was sick. The Junior Warden knew I was sick, but I don't know if that counts. He is my cousin and he found out about my illness via the family grapevine. Now, I'm sure very few Masters get a call when a brother is sick, but in my case there is no excuse. You see, I am the Secretary for Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge and in most every lodge notice I tell the members to contact the Master if they are sick or know someone who is sick.

While I was thinking about this article, I realized just how much a visit from a brother would have been most appreciated. Ten weeks is a long time to be missing fraternal contact. Simonds Lodge in Burlington has taken visiting sick brothers to another level. They have raised the bar for the rest of us. If you have a member or are the member of a brother's family in the Lahey Hospital and Medical Center in Burlington, call Simonds Lodge. Members of Simonds Lodge will visit that brother or the member of a brother's family. They do this for all Masonic lodges, not just those in Massachusetts. Talk about serving the Fraternity. This is not something that's new. The members of Simonds Lodge have been doing this for years.

Since my cancer diagnosis, I have spent about 25 days in the hospital, mostly Mass General. Days can get quite long when all you can do is lie in bed and watch television. I would have loved a visit or two from a brother. It doesn't have to be someone you know. We have all met a brother or two while we are out in the world.

I was sitting in Heathrow Airport in London waiting for a flight back home. Since you have to get to the airport so early these days, three hours for an international flight, there is always time for sitting around. While waiting for a flight, I was sitting opposite a man in a red jacket. At one time he stood up and when he turned around, I saw the square and compasses on his back. It turns out he was waiting for a flight to Chicago and I was waiting for my flight to Boston. We were both going home. We didn't know each other before and we probably will not meet again. But in those brief moments we were friends and brothers.

It would be great if lodges near hospitals could adopt this program. I'm sure our brothers in Simonds Lodge would not mind. Districts can also take on this project, spreading the visits to a number of lodges and a number of Masons. I know I will be talking to my lodge about this very thing. As someone who has spent considerable time in the hospital, I can tell you a visit from a brother is most welcome. And it doesn't matter if it is an old friend or a new one. ■



# GRAND LODGE INSTALLATION



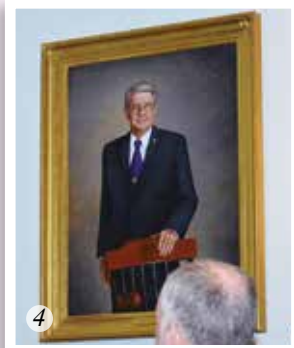
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1: The Color Guard, the Aleppo Shriners Pipe Band.  
2: The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Richard Maggio taking his oath.  
3: Just installed Grand Master, M. Wor. Richard Maggio sits in the East for the first time.

4: Portrait of M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason is revealed.  
5: The National and International flags representing delegations from The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Virginia; The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York; The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Free and Accepted Masons; The Grand Lodge of Maryland, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, Free and Accepted Masons; The Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; The Grand Masonic Lodge of Freemasonry Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; Grand Lodge of Vermont, Free and Accepted Masons; The Grand Lodge of Delaware, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; The Grand Lodge of Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons; The Grand Lodge of Free Accepted Ancient Masons of the District of Columbia; The Grand Lodge of Maine, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (pictured); The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; The Gran Logia de Panama; and Special Guest of the Grand Master, Bermuda District Grand Lodge, United Grand Lodge of England.  
6: The appointed officers are installed by the new Grand Master, M. Wor. Richard Maggio.



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# THE GRAND MASTER'S APPEAL

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In 2019, we received more than 2,000 contributions from almost 1,500 Brethren and friends totaling over \$280,000. Following is a list of donors whose cumulative giving throughout the year totaled \$50 or more.

To everyone who gave a gift to the Grand Master's Appeal: Thank you very much! Because of you, we are

able to help others every single day.

I am very appreciative of the support we have received, but it does not diminish the continuing need for the Relief we can provide. Please consider a donation within the length of your cable-tow to the 2020 Grand Master's Appeal as part of your charitable giving this year. A convenient reply envelope has been included in this magazine for your use.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration. And thank you for everything you do on behalf of Massachusetts Freemasonry!

Sincerely & fraternally,

*Most Worshipful Richard Maggio*, Grand Master

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# THE SKULL

by Wor. Mark Pearrow

*There were several questions about the skull image as it functions within Masonry. Hopefully, this will answer some of those questions - The Editor.*

Within the rich tapestry of Masonic symbols, there is one that is truly ancient, as old as humans themselves, and that is the vehicle for some of the most important lessons of all ages. Many of the most important teachings of the Fraternity can be traced back to the meaning of this symbol, and its role cannot be denied. However, it is unfortunately also one of the most maligned and misunderstood symbols of all, one that lies shrouded in the unfortunate shadow of our own fears of death: the skull.

Although the important didactic nature of the Chamber of Reflection has largely become lost in the avoidant culture of our time, the skull is arguably its centerpiece. A new candidate, preparing to embark upon the initiation into the Craft, to pass the threshold from the outer world of material into the inner world of the Temple, might gaze upon the solemn skull while sitting in the darkened cave of the Chamber, and observe that famous saying, *Memento Mori*, “Remember, you will die.” The elements surrounding him – salt, sulfur, and mercury – are the alchemical message to the would-be Apprentice that while life “down here” is transitory, we are tripartite in nature, and that this part that is left behind, that calcified memento of our life on Earth, is one of the tools we lay down upon initiation into that next degree of being.

Besides the more obvious theme of the skull which reminds us of our own fate, there are yet deeper mysteries locked behind those sockets. Despite the fact that Samuel Pritchard’s 1730 publication *Masonry Dissected* was potentially just one of many contemporary attempts to exploit the growing popularity of Freemasonry and the rabid interests of non-Masons, perhaps for financial gain, the following

lines, meant to be from the Entered Apprentice Degree, nonetheless contain a ring of truth:

*Q: What are the Secrets of a Mason?*

*A: Signs, Tokens, and many Words.*

*Q: Where do you keep those Secrets?*

*A: Under my Left Breast.*

*Q: Have you any Key to those Secrets?*

*A: Yes.*

*Q: Where do you keep it?*

*A: In a Bone Box that neither opens nor shuts but with Ivory Keys.*

The allusion here to the skull, which opens only by certain sounds played by those “ivory” keys, is worthy of note, and is a reminder to us, as Masons, that the true secrets of Masonry are the ones we earn, not by way of rote memorization of catechism, and impresses upon us the real importance of keeping those in our heads, like a treasure, giving the uninitiated only a glimpse of them through our bearing and action.

A particularly striking piece of ritual that is sometimes used for a Lodge of Sorrow reads as follows:

*Behold this emblem of mortality; once the abode of a spirit like our own.*

*Beneath this mouldering canopy once shone the bright and busy eye.*

*Within this hollow cavern once played the ready, swift, and tuneful tongue.*

*Now, sightless and mute, it is eloquent only in the lessons it teaches us.*

*If it could speak, it would speak thus:*

*Look at me as you pass by.*

*As you are, so once was I; as I am now, so you shall be; so prepare now to follow me.<sup>1</sup>*

The imagery here of the skull as the Temple itself reminds us that each of us is a micro-

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*Memento Mori, Pompeii, Artwork-location: Naples, Museo Archeologico Nazionale (Archaeological Museum)*

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sacred-texts.com/mas/gar/gar72.htm>

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# FREEMASONRY AND THE GREAT EXPERIMENT: A 2026 CHALLENGE

*Keynote Address Delivered by Akram R. Elias,  
Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C.*

*Feast of Saint John, December 27, 2019,  
at the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts*

**M**ost Worshipful Brother Richard Maggio, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Brother Paul Gleason, Immediate Past Grand Master, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, visiting Grand Masters and dignitaries from other jurisdictions, Brethren all, good evening!

It is a great honor to stand before you this evening of Saint John's Day, just two days after Christians celebrated the Light of Peace with the advent of Christmas, and few days into the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah, the triumph of Light over darkness. What an auspicious evening!

In 2026, six short years from now, the United States will mark its 250th anniversary. How will America mark that milestone and what should Freemasonry's role be is the subject of my address this evening. Our nation's 250th anniversary is a moment for celebration, recalling America's past achievements in advancing liberty and democratic principles of governance throughout the world, but it is also a precious moment for reflection about the future of this Great Experiment and its unique role in advancing the human condition. For the celebration to be meaningful, Americans must pause and reconnect with the essence of the Great Experiment. Whence came you America? And, whence came we as Entered Apprentice Masons?

The Founding Fathers of our country established three pillars upon which the Great Experiment was erected: Government of the People, the Rule of Law, and Individual Liberty. For that reason, they did not conceive nor design government to be an entity that solves people's problems, as that was the legacy of the old world. Instead, they designed a systems engineering machine for people to use to solve their own problems. The people, not the government, are therefore at the core of governance. This is what makes America, the Great Experiment, truly exceptional, but also, uniquely vulnerable. As Brother Benjamin Franklin best put it, "We gave you a Republic, if you can



keep it." The constant challenge therefore was and will always be does America have free, enlightened, and engaged Citizens to make the Experiment work? Welcome to the true legacy of Freemasonry.

As Freemasons, we always proudly point to the War Revolutionaries and Founding Fathers who were members of our fraternity. While this is all good and important, it misses the most critical point. Firstly, Masonic Lodges were the laboratory wherein men of different backgrounds, believing in different religions, at different stations of life, and of different political persuasion, learned the art of governance under a rule of law. They elected their officers, passed their own legislation, managed budgets, and governed themselves under their own constitutions. Learning self-governance was of paramount importance for the success of [the] system of governance that put at its core the people and not the government. It was for that reason that the spread of Masonic Lodges was encouraged throughout the colonies.

Secondly, and more importantly, however, Masonic Lodges were esoterically the incubator wherein men learned through the sacred, royal art of our ritual how to build themselves as free and enlightened citizens. The word esoteric comes from the Greek *esoterikos*, meaning "internal," signifying that it is understood by the initiated. Freemasonry is defined as a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols whose aim is to help one improve oneself in Masonry. Every aspect of the ritual and its rich ceremonies has layers of internal meaning that may only be discovered by efforts at deeper interpretation. How does of my own free will and accord help me become a freer person? What is the esoteric significance of the obligation, and how does secrecy or silence help me become a free man, and a builder of better self, community, and nation?

My Brethren, this is the true legacy of Freemasonry that we today are called upon to celebrate and preserve. What should we be celebrating in 2026? How can we bring together our divided communities around such an historic celebration?

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By Rt. Wor. Dr. David B. Harte

**M.** Wor. Paul Revere is universally acknowledged as the first forensic dentist in American history. He was trained as a dentist by an English dental surgeon, and with his exceptional craftsmanship with precious metals and casting work, contributed to Bro. “Dr.” Revere’s unique skills and ability to carve prosthetic teeth to replace missing teeth. M. Wor. Dr. Joseph Warren perished at the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775. M. Wor. Bro. Warren was buried in a mass grave by the British, exhumed nine months later, and was positively identified by M. Wor. Bro. Revere because he recognized the dental work he had performed for his friend and Brother.

In January of 1999, the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, under the leadership of M. Wor. Fred K. Bauer, adopted the idea of a comprehensive child identification program which would later become accepted and respected by forensic, dental, recovery, law enforcement, public safety, and government officials. At that meeting, the Massachusetts Dental Society formally endorsed the program and pledged its support to provide professional services gratis to Massachusetts children to keep them safe. Massachusetts dental health professionals have donated over 18 million dollars of professional services to date.

More than three million children have now been comprehensively toothprinted across North America, in 31 different Jurisdictions, including the Province of Ontario, with additional interest expressed in Europe, the Far East, and south of the US border. Toothprints offers a very strong forensic component to make a positive identification. With just one half of the biting surface of one tooth, a positive identification can be attained, since teeth are unique. With digital computer scanners, matches can be made very effectively by forensic dentists. Toothprints provide a scent sample, because saliva contains scent, which scent-discriminating recovery dogs are trained to track when searching for lost or missing individuals. This even works on samples taken years earlier.

On May 25th, 2007, during National Missing Children’s Day, as part of the Masonic CHIP Day in Dracut, MA, Mason, a Massachusetts scent-discriminating dog demonstrated the value of a Toothprint scent sample. On the Dracut football field, Mason easily found the one of the pair of identical twins from a four year old toothprint among nine different children. Mason easily found the identical twin he was sent to find. Although identical twins have identical nuclear DNA, their fingerprints, toothprints, and scent are unique. Toothprints provide nuclear and mitochondrial DNA in the salivary fluids which can be used as evidence for recovery, law enforcement, and prosecution officials.

The first child was toothprinted 20 years ago. Recently, Dr. Kimberly A. Harte, three million children later, toothprinted her seven-week-old son at the ‘Celebrate Milton’ event. Even though her son is toothless, the gum print provides positive identification because the pad of gum tissue located behind his future two front teeth is unique and definitive, similar to fingerprints.

The first child toothprinted 20 years ago toothprinting her seven-week-old son, three million children later garnered much local media buzz. The Honorable Senator Walter F. Timilty was in attendance at ‘Celebrate Milton’ just as he was at the world premiere of Toothprints with Kimberly in Milton over 20 years ago when he served as a State Representative. He offered a Senate resolution which was passed by the State Senate in open Session on

December 9th, 2019. It was presented to M.Wor. Paul F. Gleason at the December 11th Grand Lodge Quarterly and has now become a permanent record of the State Senate proceedings.

The MYCHIP Program has previously been honored by the Boston State House 9 times in the past 20 years: 3 Gubernatorial Proclamations, 3 Massachusetts Senate Citations, and 3 Massachusetts House of Representatives Citations. Over 314,000 children have been comprehensively IDed in Massachusetts with many *continued on page 27*



**Above:** Dr. Jim Lonborg, Cy Young Award winner of the 1967 Boston Red Sox along with Rt. Wor. Ernest “Rollo” Pearlstein, Rt. Wor. Dave “Woe-No” Newcomb, toothprinting the 10 year old daughter of the author, Kimberly Harte.

**Below:** The Grand Master presents the Resolution of Recognition from the Massachusetts Senate to Rt. Wor. Dr. David B. Harte for his work with CHiP toothprints.

# FRATERNITY News & Events



*Bro. Chuck Cierpich and Bro. Willam Proper. Bro. Proper's three-year-old daughter Leah supervised the cleaning.*

## Quinebaug Cleans Gravestones and Gets Publicity

On Saturday, June 15th, a few Master Masons from Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge were seen at the Oak Ridge Cemetery off Main Street in Southbridge. Their mission was to locate departed Brethren's grave-

stones and begin the arduous task of cleaning them. With the old section cemetery plot number maps in one hand, and buckets of water and cleaning brushes in other, they began their task of this cleaning makeover.

The gravestone project is the brainchild of Wor. George Makara. He put a list of six tasks in a hat for the Junior Lodge Officer members to pick from, with some jobs in the words "put the Craft to work." Senior Steward Bro. Chuck Cierpich picked this project from the hat and was ecstatic about it. Bro. Cierpich is a big history buff. He did his research of Mass. Masonic records on Ancestry.com and Findagrave.com, to find and locate deceased Master Masons at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Bro. Cierpich was able to find Quinebaug Lodge's first Worshipful Master, Wor. Chester A. Dresser's gravestone. What better place to start this cleaning project than at the gravesite of our first Master! Wor. Bro. Dresser was Master in 1859 when Quinebaug Lodge received its charter. We had 18 names from Mass. Masonic records and 9 of these Master Masons were found in the old section of Oak Ridge cemetery.

The biggest problem on some of the gravestones surface is a fungus called lichens. Lichen is a composite organism that arises from algae and there are many variations of growth. They grow on rocks, gravestones, roofs, branches, etc. Bro. Cierpich estimates it will take several trips to clean some of these gravestones with lichens on the surface. What a big difference it makes to see the gravestone cleaned up after decades of weathering. Quinebaug Lodge Brethren are very proud of these volunteers that took on the tedious and time-consuming task of this gravestone cleaning makeover. (This story was written for and appeared in the Southbridge News, July 11, 2019.)

*-Bro. Vincenzo Jimmy Falzone*

## Joel H. Prouty Lodge – A Tradition of Caring

Over the last 21 years, there has been a partnership that has evolved between the Auburn Youth and Family Services and the local fraternal lodge of Masons, known as Joel H. Prouty Lodge. Twice a year, the Brothers at the lodge gather up their banner, tables, cold weather gear, and a crew to man their collection station outside of the Park 'n' Shop grocery store at 711 Southbridge Street, Auburn.

They spend two consecutive weekends before Thanksgiving and before Easter to encourage their fellow man in assisting them in filling the pantries of the Auburn Youth and Family Services shelves so local families may be helped.

A bond has been formed between the Auburn Youth and Family Services Executive Director Sally D'arcangelo, Store Manager Ed Paquette, Assistant Store Manager Jim Alicea, and the Charity and Relief Committee of the Masonic lodge, chaired by R.W. Daniel Barston.

*-Wor. Kevin J. O'Donnell*

*Joel H. Prouty Lodge members braving the cold while filling the baskets, and delivering the donations to the Auburn Youth and Family Services Center.*





## Mountain Lodge Makes Christmas Magic

Moonlight Magic is an event held in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, each year on Black Friday. Luminaries line the center of Buckland and Shelburne Falls, and many local merchants offer discounts. Vendors line Bridge Street selling holiday crafts and foods. Mountain Lodge opens its doors to invite people in to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus's workshop.

Wor. Jared Campbell arranged for the generous donation of 1,500 luminaries from Yankee Candle. Over 20 Mohawk Regional High School honor students, volunteers from the community, and Brothers from Mountain Lodge assembled, distributed, and lit the luminaries. Bro. Bill Hugh and Elizabeth Bonnie shuttled volunteers and luminaries about town. Wor. Martin Driggs decorated the entrance to the

lodge, played music, and brought the chair from the East for Santa to use.

At 5:00 pm, all the luminaries were glowing, and the parade began. Several Melha Shrine clowns were in the parade, including Dimples (Jonathan George), Chow (Chris Howe), and Solo (David Merrick). Santa and Mrs. Claus (our Marshal Bro. Lenny Stratton and Rebecca Stratton) were the main attraction in the parade which ended at our lodge. The Clauses were visited by over 200 children eagerly informing them of their wishes for Christmas. Mrs. Claus provided a workshop for children to write letters to Santa, decorate cookies, and work on other crafts. The Melha Shrine Clowns made balloons for the children while they waited in line to see Santa. Bros. Carson Serna and Jim Stacey prepared and served cups of hot chili, which were appreciated on the cold evening.

-Wor. Jonathan F. George, Sr.



*The High Priest of St. Andrew's Chapter, Excellent Robert Y. Chan, "Grand Master" Rt. Wor. Kenneth L. Brown of the Fifth District, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Massachusetts, Most Excellent Dana Alan Jackson.*



## "Grand Master" Visits St. Andrew's Royal Arch Convocation

November 6, 2019 must have been one of the busiest days of the Masonic calendar. Between Blue Lodges, Grand Lodge, York Rite, and Scottish Rite, almost every Mason you could think of was occupied with some activity. This included senior Grand Lodge Officers. It seems that none of the usual Grand Lodge Officers were available to attend the St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter convocation in Boston to kick off their 250th anniversary celebration. So, Most Worshipful Paul F. Gleason, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, reached into his corps of District Deputy Grand Masters and appointed Rt. Wor. Kenneth L. Brown of the Fifth District to be his personal representative to St. Andrew's Chapter for the November 6 convocation. Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown was more than happy to oblige and was thrilled to be received by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Massachusetts, Most Excellent Dana Alan Jackson. The High Priest of St. Andrew's Chapter, Excellent Robert Y. Chan was also pleased to see Rt. Wor. Brother Brown, as Wor. Bro. Chan is also a Past Master and Secretary of Dalhousie Lodge in the Fifth District.

-Wor. Robert A. Caron



Jeffery Thomas, FoNL board member; Thomas Walrath, FoNL advisory board member; Susan Shephard, FoNL board member; Wor. Erich Horgan, Master of Marine Lodge; Kathleen Walrath, FoNL board President; Catherine Bumpus, FoNL Executive Director; Jonathan Polloni, FoNL Clerk. Photo by Elizabeth Armstrong.

## Marine Lodge Supports Keeper's House

Erich Horgan, presiding Master of Marine Lodge of Falmouth, presents Kathy Walrath, President of the Friends of Nobska Light (FoNL), with a \$5,000 donation to help with the restoration and renovation of the Keeper's House at Nobska. The Keeper's House is undergoing substantial work to convert it into the Nobska Lighthouse Maritime Museum. All the work will preserve the historic character of the building and site, and comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Structures. *-Wor. Brother Horgan*



## Darkened No More

*I swore to lead with generous care,  
All those in sorrow hidden.  
A Brother on the darkened square,  
The mourners with disheveled hair,  
-Excerpt from the "Canadian Charge"*

"It is a poor Past Master who cannot put together a few words," said Wor. Arthur Greenwood to the laughter of the Brethren assembled at the installation of St. John's Lodge's new Master and Officers. Wor. Bro. Greenwood told his story of when he was the Brother on the Darkened Square. Readers of TROWEL over the past year also know his story. He was the Brother without a Lodge, selling his Past Master's Jewel on eBay because no lodge would receive it. He was a Brother on the Darkened Square.

However, on Decemeber 2nd, he was no longer on the Darkened Square; he stood in the light at St. John's Lodge, his new home Lodge, to thank the Lodge for welcoming him and for Rt. Wor. Eugene Capobianco's help. He is now living closer to his new Masonic home and is a Brother among Brothers once again. *-Wor. Lee H. Fenn, 32°*

Wor. Mark J. Collins, Sr.; his wife Diane; Jody Brown; her husband Rt. Wor. Kenneth L. Brown, Fifth District; USMC Master Sergeant (Retired) Edward L. Aucoin, Toys for Tots Coordinator; and Wor. Carl D. Durham, Jr., Master of Norumbega Fraternity Lodge, delivering toys to the Shutt Marine Corps League Detachment in Watertown.



## Lodges Team up for Tots

There is no shortage of opportunities to help during the holiday season. Be it serving the hungry at a soup kitchen, ringing the bell at a Salvation Army kettle, or recycling clothing through Goodwill Industries, it's easy to find a need. For a number of Lodges, that opportunity is found in answering the call of the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. For several years, the cost of admission to Waltham Triad Lodge's holiday party was to bring an unwrapped toy for this purpose. This year, Norumbega Fraternity Lodge put out a call to its members to bring toys to their December meeting. On Friday, December 13, the toys collected were loaded up and delivered to Pvt. Charles J. Shutt Marine Corps League Detachment #139 in Watertown, where grateful USMC veterans accepted the donation with wide smiles. What a great way to display a Mason's charity! *-Wor. Robert Caron*

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 of Wor. Robert A. Bloom*

BF: designated for The Brotherhood Fund

YP: designated for Masonic Youth Groups

SCL: designated for the Samuel Crocker Lawrence Library

SP: designated for the Grand Lodge Scholarship Program

success stories reported. The ID program continues to grow in stature and acclaim.

Forensic, literally translated means search for truth. This meaning should ring true for every Mason. Just as MW Dr. Paul Revere was the first to introduce forensic dentistry to America, so can the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts be recognized for introducing the forensic-accepted comprehensive identification program to the rest of the world.

Rt. Wor. Dr. David B. Harte is a forensic dentist, has served as CHIP Director, CHIP Director Emeritus, National Spokesperson for MasoniCHIP, is an author and lectures nationally and internationally. ■

cosm, of which the Temple, and in fact the Universe, is the macrocosm. As above, so below. That house not built with hands is one we construct with the tools of mind, and then of soul.

Scholars and followers of Christianity might recall that the canonical gospels, as well as a host of non-canonical texts, mention the place of the crucifixion of Christ as being a place called Golgotha, or “place of a skull.” Some interpretations of Golgotha explain it as being the burial place of the skull of Adam. This skull of Adam is frequently included at the foot of the crucifix in medieval paintings, but one of the oldest inclusions of it in the crucifixion story dates to Origen (c. 184-253), who asserted the following:

“Concerning the place of the skull, it came to me that Hebrews hand down [the tradition that] the body of Adam has been buried there; in order that ‘as in Adam all die’ both Adam would be raised and ‘in Christ all will be made alive.’”<sup>2</sup>

Much debate about this particular legend continues to this day, but the symbolism of death and rebirth contained within it are worthy of contemplation.

The skull is such a rich emblem of Freemasonry. Why, then, is it so often relegated to the supply closet, if it is present at all in a lodge hall? Why are we loathe to bring it out, teach its mysteries, and give it its due respect? There is probably not one answer, but many, all partially correct. One answer is that humans are notoriously bad at facing reality head-on, and a reminder of our imminent expiration is really not palatable. Another answer is that the symbol of the skull has had other, less noble, meanings ascribed to it through its use by other, potentially un-Masonic, organizations and movements. Let us not, however, forget that the association of Masonry and the skull dates to at least the time of Pompeii (c. 30 BCE), as evidenced by the famous image of a square and plumb over a skull, found in a tile mosaic there. It is our duty as Masons to take back the skull and its rich symbology, which we can only do through its use and by teaching its meaning. ■

<sup>2</sup> Grypeou, Emmanouela, and Helen Spurling. *The Book of Genesis in Late Antiquity: Encounters between Jewish and Christian Exegesis*. Brill, 2013.

living in California, had purchased the jewel from an estate sale. After explaining that past Masters’ Jewels are usually returned to the Lodge for use again, I offered to reimburse him for the cost he paid and was able to secure the Jewel at a significant discount from his asking price. On September 18th, 2019, this Jewel was presented to the Lodge and passed around so that all in attendance could examine this beautiful Lodge artifact. On behalf of the Officers and Brothers of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, thank you Rt. Wor. Ryan Maslak.   
 -Wor. Alan D. Gray, Master

## Achievements, Honors, and Recognition in Charlton for The Overlook and Briarwood



*The Overlook OVNA and Retirement Community take home the honor of “Best in Central MA” award!*

**O**verlook Masonic Health and Rehabilitation Center achieved a high performing rating for long-term care in the October 2019 edition of U.S. News & World Report magazine. The annual ratings of the best nursing homes in the country include 106 in Massachusetts, 38 of which received the highest overall rating of 5, with Overlook being one of them.

A strong emphasis was placed on patient outcomes, along with staffing levels which are strongly associated with quality and safety. This exceptional honor represents a culmination of discipline, hard work, and countless hours, which has led to significantly improved quality measures and care. We are very proud of our Director of Nursing, Susan Gonzales, RN, along with the entire Health Center Team, steered by Robert Engell, Health Center Administrator.

2019 marks the Worcester Business Journal’s (WBJ) 11th year celebrating the accomplishments of strong, talented, and remarkable women who are making their mark on the Central MA

business community. Tameryn Campbell, President and CEO of Masonic Health System of Massachusetts, Inc., was named one of six outstanding women in business by the WBJ. This year, 65 nominations were received, with the Worcester Business Journal selecting six nominees to be named Outstanding Women in Business. Tameryn is proud and humbled to be a part of this exclusive group.

Campbell joined Masonic Health of MA, Inc., The Overlook’s parent organization, in 2014 to help redefine the overall business strategy, spearhead a financial and cultural transformation, and bring The Overlook back to its status as a highly sought-after retirement community. When Campbell was hired, The Overlook relied on money from the Masonic Trust to fund daily operations. Her main goal was to create a self-sustaining retirement community and a work environment with great morale and the highest quality of care. In four short years, she helped guide the organization to an unprecedented

outcome. In 2018, the organization reinvested \$1.3 million dollars back into the Trust for the first time ever and achieved several industry achievement and satisfaction awards.

One factor above all that elevates winners from the rest of the nominees is their direct or indirect mentoring of other women. All of the women have achieved a career level where they can impart wisdom on other female professionals through both advice and by setting an example. Campbell is the first female CEO of MHS in its over 100-year history. Jim Rouse, who runs a peer-support group for CEOs in the region, said he’s been impressed with Campbell’s work. “She is always willing to help with advice and suggestions to any of our members that are bringing issues to the group. She is extremely intelligent. She is very well-versed across the board in organizational development and running a business.” Asked what advice she has for women in the business world, Campbell said, “Choose a field you are passionate about. Be your authentic self. Support one another and give encouragement. Don’t be overcome by the imposter syndrome. Nothing is impossible! When insecurity and fear get in the way, focus on being in service to others.”

Each year, the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* honors local businesses in the Best of Central MA contest. Businesses must achieve enough votes from the community to make it to the final stage of competition for the top five businesses in each category. Nominees subsequently participate in an awards ceremony held in late November to announce the winners. In both 2017 and 2018, The Overlook won this top honor and was selected as the Best of Central MA Senior Living Community. This year, for the first time, Overlook Visiting Nurse Association (OVNA) was nominated for the rank of Best of Central MA Home Health Care Provider. The Overlook and OVNA are elated and proud to be the 2019 Best of Central MA winners for their respective categories. To be recognized by the community where we live, and work reaffirms our meaningful mission of

empowering individuals to realize their potential in the communities where they live and work. We are truly blessed.

Success doesn't end in Charlton. The Briarwood Community, a retirement community located in Worcester, MA and successfully managed by MHS for the past eight years, recently completed a \$21 million expansion, which opened in November 2019. Briarwood's existing infrastructure consists of 105 cottages and 64 apartments, 25 assisted living suites, and an 82-bed health center. The Briarwood Community enlisted Cutler Associates for campus master planning, which moved into a focused effort to guide the next phase. The new expansion adds 24 independent living apartments, 12 private memory care studios, a state-of-the-art wellness center that houses a pool, sauna, meeting rooms and café, as well as 40 underground parking spaces. A Grand Opening Celebration and ribbon cutting will be held for invited guests and members of the media on Saturday, December 14, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Pay close attention to The Overlook and Masonic Health System in the upcoming months and years to come. Our master planning process is on schedule to begin in 2020. We have an incredible vision for the Charlton campus and beyond. You're going to want to be part of it! ■



## ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

by *The Grand Lecturers  
of the Grand Lodge  
of Masons in Massachusetts*

### Bro. Roger H. Vaughan's 100th Birthday

On January 1, 2020, Rt. Wor. Ryan A. Maslak, DDGM, District 25, traveled to the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton, MA to present Bro. Roger H. Vaughan a Certificate of Celebration for his 100th birthday. Traveling with Rt. Wor. Ryan Maslak were three Past District Deputy Grand Masters from the 25th District: Rt Wors. John Fritscher, Edward Savage, and Brian Handy.

On January 9, 1947, Brother Roger H. Vaughan was raised in the former 23rd District Isaiah Thomas Lodge, located in Worcester, MA. On January 9, 2020, he marked his 73rd year as a Master Mason. He is now residing at the Overlook in Charlton, MA, and enjoying his retirement.  
*-Bro. William B. Kenyon, Jr.*

*Past Rt Wors. John Fritscher, Edward Savage, Rt. Wor. Maslak, Bro. Vaughan, Rt. Wor. Brian Handy*



**Q:** What is a Grand Lecturer Workshop and what is an Exemplification?

**A:** Each year, on a rotating basis, one of the Three Degrees is highlighted in the Workshop and the Exemplification. The Grand Lecturer Workshop is an opportunity to hear the Grand Lecturer(s) read the ritual for that year's Degree. It is also an opportunity for those attending to ask questions of the Grand Lecturer on this or either of the other two Degrees. The Exemplification (note that this is an Exemplification, not a Lodge of Exemplification) is on a District by District basis and is an opportunity to ensure that the Lodges are performing the ritual correctly throughout the Jurisdiction, according to the Official Cipher.

**Q:** What is the proper positioning of the Three Great Lights?

**A:** At a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held December 12, 1888, it was voted: the Bible should be so placed that it may be read by a person facing the East, the point of the angle of the Square is to be turned toward the foot of the Bible, facing West, and the points of the Compasses should also be turned toward the foot of the Bible, facing West. Note: Whether the Bible is open or closed, the Square and Compasses are placed only facing the foot of the Bible, and are never placed facing a corner of the Bible. ■



**Newly elected Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Christopher M. St. Cyr is presented to the East.**



**Rt. Wor. Kenneth R. Blake, Chairman of the Board at The Overlook, receiving a certificate of appreciation from the Grand Master and Grand Lodge.**

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assignments associated with each of our major assemblies. Of special note, he ably and professionally represents both myself and the Grand Lodge in the literally dozens of calls that come our way each day. I'm sure many of the Brethren in this room have benefitted from his extensive Masonic experience which he generously shares with all callers."

"And, finally, the Grand Marshal. After tending to the tedious job of making me look good, he is the point of con-

tact that brings order to our ceremonies, processions, and dinners. To him, Head Table is a four-letter word! No Quarterly Communication takes place until he has checked Grand Steward and Deacon assignments, all accoutrements needed in the East and Grand Secretary's station, and then placed all members of the Suite before entrance into the Grand Lodge. Did I mention the approximately 6,000 miles he drives us every year to reach our visitations?"

"These 'legs' are essential to the success of Grand Lodge and, especially, the Grand Master. I am indebted and

**Presentations to the Grand Master**



*Wor. Matthew Niedermeier, Captain of the Consistory Guard, Scottish Rite*



*Wor. Skip Durham, Master of Norumbega Fraternity Lodge*



*Wor. Jeffrey Miller from the Brothers of the Single Malt*



*Rt. Wor. Michael Douglas from the Brothers of the White Ash*



*Wor. Philip Privitera, personal donation*



*Rt. Wor. Donald J. McKinnon for Republican Lodge*



*Bro. Bruce G. MacNeil for Mount Horeb Lodge*



grateful not only to them, but to all of the Brethren who served as Lodge and Grand Lodge officers, and those who served on the many committees necessary to make our Fraternity the great organization it is. We have much to be proud of.”

“Thank you for the great honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Master.”

The Winter Communication and the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Master, M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason was closed in ample form. ■

**The Grand Master receives a sculpture of Bro. Joseph Warren from his District Deputies.**



# LODGES CELEBRATING 250 YEARS



Bethesda Lodge



Brigham Lodge



St. Albans Lodge



*Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto, with representatives of the Past Master's Association of the 15th District and for (below) Middlesex Lodge, which celebrates its 225th Anniversary and is a Paul Revere Lodge, of which 20 are still active*



one's journey through darkness and light. Similarity, my Brethren, America's journey as a Great Experiment has its checkered past, but as our nation went through its darkest moments at various periods of its history, in each and every instance, light triumphed over darkness, and the Great Experiment persevered, grew in richness, and gained more vigor. Similarly, our society of free and accepted Masons has its own checkered past with its periods of darkness. Notwithstanding, Freemasonry has survived and thrived, again and again. The answer to the question what should we be celebrating is crystal clear. The triumph of light and the hope of a better future should therefore be at the core of our country's upcoming celebrations.

But as I mentioned earlier, this dawning anniversary should also be a precious moment of reflection. Looking inward at the internal state of our divided nation today and the rise once again of the forces of totalitarian darkness worldwide, one may wonder, will 2026 mark a new beginning or the demise of the Great Experiment? Is America's finest hour behind us? Or, as I advocate to you this evening, will 2026 mark a new beginning of a reinvigorated and recharged America that has reconnected with its destiny and is aided by providence to advance the human condition? The continued success and advancement of the Great Experiment will always depend on the constructive engagement of a free and enlightened citizenry. Will Freemasonry rise to the challenge, reconnect with its core mission, and produce free and enlightened citizen builders, or will it wither away into oblivion?

At one darker moment during deliberations by the Founding Fathers at the Constitutional Convention, as he contemplated a half sun carved in a chair, Benjamin Franklin wondered about the effort to create the Great Experiment, "Will it be a setting or rising sun?" So, will 2026 mark the setting or rise of the dual suns of America and Freemasonry? My dear Brethren, America and Freemasonry are mystically tied through an invisible cable tow that a true initiate fully understands. Therefore, what happens to America the day after 2026 is of the utmost concern to us Freemasons. We Freemasons have about six years to accomplish our mission in fulfillment of our destiny. It therefore behooves all of us to go back to our respective Lodges charged with two immediate tasks.

First, to revive the core mission of our noble craft to produce free and enlightened builders of self. Our noble craft is uniquely equipped to provide one with the tools one needs to build a freer, more beautiful, stronger, and wiser committed citizen. Masonic Education and the study of the deeper meanings of ritual should therefore take center stage in our Lodges.

Second, to build at the grassroots level, bottom up, bridges of togetherness among our divided communities by focusing their attention on the past triumph of light, and channeling their constructive energies towards the future

celebration of the Great Experiment. How? Here are few thoughts. Let every Lodge research its history and highlight its connection to the development of its community over time. As communities across the land celebrate the Great Experiment, Freemasonry's legacy will also be celebrated. Let every Lodge reach out to all civic-minded groups in its community to form task forces that devise inspirational and constructive activities in partnership with their local government for each of the six years culminating with the 250th Anniversary celebration. Let every Grand Lodge do the same statewide in full collaboration with statewide civic organizations and in partnership with State Government.

What will future generations say of the Freemasons of today will greatly depend on what we will do over the next six years. Whether we like it or not, we today are the trustees of the interconnected legacies of America and Freemasonry in our country and are therefore called upon to be the Architects of their connected future. Can we accomplish, within a short period of six years, what appear to be two daunting tasks?

Of course we can! If the Founding Fathers, against all odds, were able within a period of six years, 1783-1789, to successfully put together our Great Experiment, we too in an age of accelerations can accomplish our mission within six years. Our success will require us, individually and collectively, to forge the will to act now. Commit all necessary intellectual and material resources. Persevere even after suffering setbacks. Leverage creatively the advanced means of communication and preserve an unwavering faith in providence as we invoke the blessings of deity before engaging in this great and important undertaking.

My Brethren, let Boston and this great Commonwealth of Massachusetts make history once again! As our Brother Paul Revere and his fellow Sons of Liberty lit the spark that unleashed the creative energies that built the Great Experiment, let this Saint John's Feast of 2019 mark the Call to Arms by the Freemasons of Massachusetts to all their Brethren nationwide, whether on land, air, or sea, to go to work in the quarries of their respective Lodges and communities! Let me also assure you that the Brethren of Washington, D.C. will most enthusiastically join you in this noblest of endeavors!

May God bless us all on this auspicious occasion. May God bless and guide the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, and may God bless these great United States of America! ■



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## Overlook VNA, Hospice Care, & Private Care



### WHY CHOOSE US? The Overlook Visiting Nurse Association

- > Serving All of Massachusetts
- > Comprehensive range of services to help you recuperate in the comfort of your own home
- > Outstanding patient satisfaction

### Hospice Care

- > Pain & symptom management
- > Access to help 24 hours a day
- > Nursing, Social Work, Chaplaincy, Volunteer, HHA, & PT/OT Services Available

### Private Care

- > Clinical & Personal Support
- > Community Involvement & Socialization



## Post Acute Rehabilitation Services



### WHY CHOOSE US? Our Offerings

- > The Overlook Health and Rehabilitation Center offers all private rooms with all of the best amenities

### Rehabilitation

- > Licensed therapist available seven days a week
- > Highest satisfaction
- > State-of-the-art equipment
- > Return home quickly with seamless home care integration

### Comfort & Personalized Care

- > Exceptional interdisciplinary team led by licensed nurses
- > Located in a beautiful setting just minutes from Downtown

## Stonebrook, Fieldstone, & Vista Day Program



### Stonebrook

- > Enhanced Living at its best
- > Comfortable private rooms with 24/7 care
- > Daily nursing & onsite rehabilitation therapy
- > Engagement programs with frequent off-site trips

### Fieldstone at The Overlook

- > An intimate memory care facility with specialized care
- > Small group, one-on-one & community engagement

### The Overlook Vista Adult Day Program

- > Adult day program for those living with dementia
- > Opportunity for purposeful engagement in a variety of fun and stimulating activities with specially trained staff

## Skilled Nursing Services



### Skilled Nursing Care

- > Licensed nurses & 24/7 care
- > Compassionate & caring staff
- > All private beds with private bathrooms
- > Certified by Medicare, Medicaid & The Joint Commission

### Specialty Care & Chronic Ailments Treated

- > Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- > Diabetes
- > Congestive Heart Failure
- > Parkinson's Disease
- > Wound Care
- > And Many More

# Beyond the Third Degree

**8am-3pm, Saturday, March 7th, 2020**

Overlook Performing Arts Center  
88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton, MA

Beyond the Third Degree is a half day workshop at which blue lodges and appendent group leaders will interact with speakers, presenting strategies and experiences to increase membership engagement and participation beyond the third degree.

**\$25 per person, includes breakfast and lunch**

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