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50 Year Veterans



From the East of Grand Lodge

PAUL F. GLEASON

Brethren,

A new Masonic year is upon us! New challenges, new responsibilities (perhaps you find yourself in a new Officer's chair), new activities, and – most importantly – new opportunities to meet and raise new Brothers. Our Communications and Development Office is working hard on the allocation of our media dollars to help promote the upcoming Open House in October. Take advantage of this publicity and remind your friends of all that Masonry has to offer them. Let's continue the gains we made last year and make this another record year for membership.

While building membership, be sure to make plans for it to be an exciting year for your lodge as well. For our lodge Officers, especially the Worshipful Master, what events have you planned that your members will enjoy and want to return to again? A Table Lodge? How about a trip to the theatre, or a sports event? What about inter-district meetings, or holiday and widows' breakfasts? Maybe miniature golf, or a bowling tournament? Better yet, a charitable walk or a bike race?

Sideline Brothers, your lodge needs your ideas too! What activities do you want to participate in? Make sure your Officers have them on their agenda. Offer to help make them happen. Have an idea for an activity "we've never done before?" Great! Sketch out a plan and propose it to your Officers. Help your lodge give back to its members.

This past January, right after the Feast of St. John, one of our Past Grand Masters pointed out to me that this will be my "year of Lasts," as in Last Quarterly, Last Board Meeting, well – you get the idea. I for one intend to use this year of "lasts" to enjoy the friends and experiences that this "job" has brought me. They will never be "last." I thank you all for that.

Cordially & Fraternally,

Paul F. Gleason

Grand Master

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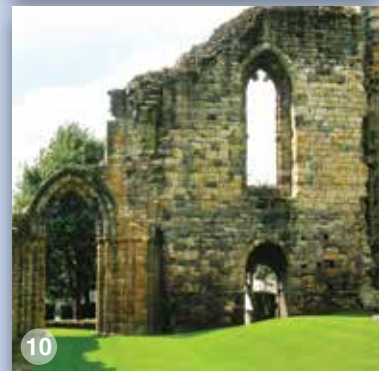
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Slow Polishing Rough Ashlars

When I was young, I polished stones. There was the drum, the motor, and the incessant noise as the drum rolled all night and all day. There was also the grit that I included in the water in the drum that slowly polished the stones.

I was a rough ashlar when I became a Mason. After the initiation, I became a sideline Brother, an Officer, and eventually Master of my Lodge, but I stayed a bit rough.

When thinking of the transition to becoming a Mason from the rough ashlar life, the glaring superfluities get gradually knocked relatively smooth by listening, and sometimes internally repeating, the ritual for the degrees and memorizing the ritual as an Officer. The discussion of virtue slowly heard through the degrees becomes a way of thinking. Eventually, after years of attending Lodge, it becomes a way of behaving.

But there is more.

I pray every time I attend Lodge. Some of us are men of the cloth who spend our days considering God and our lives in the world God made. Many of us pray in many moments of our lives, be they with a congregation, or in the car while searching for a parking space. For me, Lodge became an additional place to pray.

I eat with, talk to, and enjoy being with friends on Lodge night. Many of us have friends around us in our work and neighborhood. Some of us are in contact with friends from our childhood, high school, or college. But for me, Lodge night is an additional time of Brotherhood - along with a great meal!

In every Lodge, and at every Masonic event, there are many more small moments for personal betterment. At a Scholarship dinner, we can let a Brother, or his Lady, precede us through a door. After Lodge, Brothers can carpool to help feed the hungry. On the road, we can bring joy to a Brother, a stranger as yet unmet, when he sees our Masonic license plate. When we attend Masonic Con, we can enjoy the labor of our Brothers and the beauty of their work.

There are large moments in Masonry: initiation, the degrees, the ancillary bodies, Grand Lodge events, and others. The glaring roughness of our ashlars gets quickly smoothed. However, there are also small moments which, like grit in the rock tumbler, polish. The lessons of Masonry work constantly in the background to give Masons their shine.

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*



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OCTOBER 16, 2019

Quinebaug Dedicates Traveling Tyler Sword

On Monday, June 3rd, Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge dedicated the Traveling Tyler Sword in Memory of Bro. Armand J. Richards to his wife Lucille, who is 93 years old. The ceremony took place at the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton, MA.

Inside the Chapel Room, friends and family assembled to witness the dedication of the sword to Lucille. Bro. Richards proudly stood guard at the West Gate as Tyler of Quinebaug Lodge for 15 years, and exemplified to his fellow Brethren how a Master Mason should act and support his fellow man. He was a just and upright Mason, and always lived by the plumb, level, and square. Bro. Richards was also our lodge Ritualist who taught the Masonic traditional ways, as well as how to read the Official



Left to right: The Traveling Tyler Sword in its display case with a plaque, Masonic door knocker, and a peep hole. Lucille Richards is with her family behind her.



Left to Right: Wor. Dave Lapointe; Rt. Wor. Eric Bergengren; Rebecca Baylies, Director of Development; Wor. Richard Boerio, Volunteer; Wor. Jay Kaplan; Bro. Alex Beckett, Shelter Vet.

Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia and Mount Tabor Lodges Help Animals

Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge of Gloucester and Mt. Tabor Lodge of Manchester teamed up to donate \$1,600 to Cape Ann Animal Aid.

-Wor. Richard L. Boerio

Cipher book, the Masonic code book.

The Traveling Tyler Sword, which was created by the Brethren from the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge, will be like the Traveling Gavel. Other lodges in our district or state may come to collect it by attending one of our official monthly meetings. To collect these items and return them to their lodge, there must be a minimum of three people attending. One must be the sitting Worshipful Master, another the installed Tyler, and any other lodge member who is in good standing. In return, the lodge that it was taken from must go to one of the visiting lodge's meetings to retrieve them.

Bro. Richards was a true Master Mason, serving his lodge for over 50 years with dedication and enthusiasm. Members of the Quinebaug Lodge are very proud of his dedication to Freemasonry.

-Bro. Vincenzo Jimmy Falzone



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United by Masonry

by Rt. Wor. and Rev. Richard Haley, Senior Grand Chaplain

"[A]... society of friends and brothers among whom no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree."

"... Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

As a young boy, I was a member of Boy Scout Troop 90, in Salem, MA. Although we met at and were sponsored by a Baptist church, most of the boys were Roman Catholic. One of my best Boy Scout friends was Jewish. His father and mine belonged to the same Masonic lodge. Although Salem was predominantly caucasian, there were several African-American boys in our membership. We reflected our city's reality. At age 16, I joined the local DeMolay Chapter. As with my Boy Scout troop, we had young men from across the religious and economic spectrum, and a couple of African-American kids.

Both organizations provided me with lasting friendships and valuable leadership opportunities and skills that are still a part of my life today. What I really resonated with in both organizations was the foundational ideals upon which they were built. The 12 Points of The Scout Law (A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, etc.) really meant something to me. The jewels in the Crown of Youth of DeMolay and the dramatic story of Jacques DeMolay's martyrdom meant something to me. Eventually, I aged out of both organizations. Now I am a Freemason. Masonry has provided for me lasting friendships and valuable leadership opportunities and skills. As with scouting and DeMolay, what I really resonate with are the foundational ideals upon which Masonry is built, like the two cited above from our ritual.

Years ago, when I was a student teacher in a local high school, my supervising teacher accused me of being too idealistic, as if idealism was something bad or negative. Well, I plead guilty. I am an idealist which is why the Scout Oath and Law and the DeMolay Crown of Youth still mean something to me. I have not forgotten their lessons even though they are now years

behind me. I am also now a grownup who sees the reality of the world. Some of my fellow scouts and DeMolay acquaintances have grown up too but have forgotten the ideals they once recited and learned. Maybe that's why, as a grownup, I stick with Freemasonry. One cannot age out, as one does with youth organizations. One can quit and walk away from Freemasonry to be sure, but given the state of the world, I truly hope most of us now in the Craft stay with the Craft, and not just for the friendships, but also for the ideals.

In an increasingly divisive culture and world, our Masonic ideals are much needed. Organized religion holds out some hope, but in so many denominations and faith traditions, if one is not in that tradition, then one remains an outsider or somehow suspect. Some even discourage friendships outside their tradition. The political landscape is polluted with name-calling, unwillingness by both parties to work together, and an increasing sense that the political other is the enemy, even though we are all Americans. While the economy seems to be doing fine at one level, the gulf between the haves and have-nots is wider than it has ever been.

Freemasonry alone holds out a working model which stands in sharp contrast to our daily realities. A Republican or a Democrat can be the Master of a Lodge. A Jewish, Muslim, and Christian Mason can sit down side-by-side and break bread and be friends. A gay man and a straight man can kneel together at the altar of Freemasonry and take the same obligation. Freemasonry is of course not perfect, but at least we try to find that place where we can best work and best agree. The real friendships many of us have made across every country, sect, and opinion should put to rest the lie that the other is always the enemy.

As long as I am a Mason, I shall remain an idealist at most lodge meetings. Most because we are imperfect, in terms of the ideals quoted above. I experience and live out the reality of hope. ■

Bro. Haley has been a Mason for 43 years and currently serves Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Chaplain.



THE JUNE 2019 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

The Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Paul F. Gleason, and the Brethren assembled in the lodge room, leaving a beautiful day behind them on June 12, 2019. They were, at 1:30, to embark on the Grand Lodge Summer Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. Seated, they rose for the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts,

Most Worshipful Paul Fulton Gleason, the assembled dignitaries, and the District Deputy Grand Masters. The colors, the American and Massachusetts flags, were presented to the lodge by Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge. After the colors were in place, with hands over hearts or saluting, everyone sang loudly the National Anthem of the United States of America, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

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

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

M. Excel. Dana A. Jackson, Grand High Priest

Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts

M. Ill. Demetrios J. Sarantopoulos, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Sir Knight Mark Kay, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Lodge of Maine

M. Wor. Thomas Edward Pulkkinen, Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Baja California, Mexico

Rt. Wor. Oscar Zepde, Grand Representative

Order of the DeMolay, Massachusetts

Rt. Wor. and Dad Philip Drouin, Executive Officer

Grand Chapter of Massachusetts,

Order of the Eastern Star

Most Worthy David D. Frizzell, Worthy Grand Patron

Grand Court of Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth

Sir Knight Mark Z. Stought, Grand Royal Patron

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

Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts

Ill. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, Active for Massachusetts

Representatives of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

Rt. Wor. Justin Petty, Junior Grand Warden

Rt. Wor. Wilbur Evans, Sr., Grand Marshal Emeritus

Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames, Past Grand Master

M. Wor. Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Past Grand Master

M. Wor. Jeffrey B. Hodgdon, Past Grand Master

M. Wor. Harvey John Waugh, Past Grand Master

The Grand Master introduced the Color Guard: Wor. Orrin David Laplante, Master of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge; Bro. Thomas Richard Berry, Rt. Wor. Steven Alan Burton, Rt. Wor. Archibald Hugh Campbell, Bro. Donald Paul Hayes, Jr., and regular writer for TROWEL, Wor. Richard John Thompson. Wor. Bro. Laplante was invited by the Grand Master to discuss Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge.

Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge is one of only five daylight lodges in Massachusetts. Their meetings, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, start at 10:30 in the morning with coffee and donuts. At 11am, lodge is opened. They close with Masonic story time - a time when the members recount funny or meaningful events from their Masonic lives. Currently, they have 49 members. The average age is 71, with an average of 34 years in the Craft. In total, their Masonic experience is over 1,600 years. With that many years, their stories are amazing, according to Wor. Bro. Laplante. After lodge, at noon, the women of the Eastern Star provide "the best lunch in the jurisdiction" for only \$10. Wor. Bro. LaPlante was very clear about this fact: the best lunch in the jurisdiction is only \$10.

The Grand Master opened lodge with the Brethren singing "O God Our Help in Ages Past," and Rt. Wor. and Rev. Keith Alderman, Sr. leading prayer.

The Grand Master introduced the distinguished guests.

M. Wor. Bro. Ames, in his role as Grand Secretary, outlined the voting powers of lodges. Each lodge has three votes to be cast by the Master and the two Wardens. If one officer is not present, the higher-ranking officer casts two votes. If two are not present, then the present officer casts three votes. If all officers are not present, then the recognized proxy casts three votes. Permanent members of Grand Lodge can cast one vote and that vote cannot be cast by a proxy.



The Grand Master and Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio, at the start of the Summer communication.

Rt. Wor. W. Warren Richardson, Jr.'s report from the Committee on Records was accepted.

M. Wor. Bro. Hicks Jr. reported from the Foreign Relations Committee. Two jurisdictions, Grande Oriente De Minas Gerais, State of Minas Gerais, and Grande Oriente De Mato Grosso Do Sul, State of Mato Grosso do Sul, both in Brazil, made requests for recognition. After an investigation, the Foreign Relations Committee recommended the recognition of these two Grand Lodges.

M. Wor. Bro. Hicks Jr. reminded the Brethren, "It is important that no lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge admit any brother from a lodge that is not listed in the List of Lodges - Masonic, published by Pantograph, in Bloomington, Illinois. Brethren planning to visit lodges outside of North America are advised to procure a letter of introduction from the Grand Secretary to ensure the lodge to be visited is under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge recognized by our Grand Lodge. The Foreign Relations Committee continues to remind members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts that all formal communications with foreign Grand Lodges must be directed through the Office of the Grand Secretary."

M. Wor. Bro. Ames reported on the Petition for Consolidation from Beth Horon Lodge and Moses Michael Hayes Lodge. The new lodge would be under the charter of Beth Horon Lodge, under the name Moses Michael Hayes Lodge. The Grand Master called for a vote on the acceptance of this petition. The Grand Master, after the affirming vote, will set the time and place of the consolidation.

At the Spring Communication, the following amendments to the provisions of Section 710 of the Constitutions and Regulations were read:

1. To amend Section 208 (Rank and Titles of Officers, etc.) as follows:
 - a. To identify Past Grand Lodge Officers as Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past District Grand Masters, Past Senior Grand Wardens, and Past Junior Grand Wardens; and
 - b. To confer the title "Right Worshipful" on Grand Chaplains and Grand Lecturers, and to propagate this



The Color Guard, members of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge bearing the Colors.

change to the styling of Grand Chaplains and Grand Lecturers elsewhere in the Constitutions and Regulations as it may appear.

2. To amend Section 420 (Lodge Membership) to incorporate the stipulations of the edict issued by M.W. Jeffrey Black Hodgdon (Proceedings 2006, page 114) pertaining to signing of Lodge By-Laws and completion of all degree requirements prior to issuance of a dues card.
3. To amend Section 422 (Affiliation) to establish criteria for a unanimous vs. majority ballot to accept an Application for Affiliation from a demitted member who was reinstated following suspension for non-payment of dues or for cause.
4. To amend Section 710 (Amendments) to permit the Grand Secretary to email attested copies of proposed changes to the Constitutions and Regulations to Lodge Secretaries.
5. To amend Section 713 (Grand Honors) to state correctly that there are five occasions on which Private Grand Honors can be conferred.
6. To amend Section 812 (Particular Lodge Jewels) to state that the jewels of the Secretary, Chaplain, Deacons, Stewards, Organist, Inside Sentinel, and Tyler may be placed within a circle.
7. To amend Section 815 (Collars: Chains and Collars of Officers of Particular Lodges) to state that collars and ribbons of officers shall be blue.
8. To amend Rules as to By-Laws, Rule 1 as follows:
 - a. To state that Lodge By-Laws shall provide for the election or appointment of an Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, in addition to those offices heretofore enumerated; and
 - b. To state that the Master and Wardens of a Particular Lodge shall be members in good standing of that Lodge, except when one or more such officers are put in place while a Lodge is in Receivership status.

Having been read in a Grand Lodge Communication, there is time for discussion of the amendments. There are allowed three people to speak in support and three in opposition to the amendments. Each person is allotted five min-

utes to state his support or opposition. This discussion is to inform the vote that will be taken in the Fall Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

Rt. Wor. Mason Russell spoke in favor of the amendments on behalf of the Grand Constitutions Review Committee. He noted that most of the proposed amendments were “technical issues” intended to clarify previous changes to the Constitution and Regulations or to incorporate certain Grand Master rulings and edicts. The most substantive change proposed would be to bestow the honorific “Right Worshipful” on Grand Chaplains and Grand Lecturers for life. Incumbents of these offices currently are called “Worshipful” unless they hold the Right Worshipful title by virtue of being a permanent member, a Past District Deputy Grand Master, or serving as a Grand Representative of another jurisdiction.

No other speakers rose to support the amendments and no speakers rose in opposition to the amendments. The Grand Master closed the discussion.

The Grand Master called upon Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Lawrence Bethune to read the necrology. Four Brothers departed for the Celestial Lodge making us who remain poorer for having lost nearly 140 years of Masonic experience. Rt. Wor. and Rev. Richard Earle Haley consoled us in prayer.

“The sad part of the meeting,” said the Grand Master. The Grand Master told of two Brothers who had conducted themselves in less than a civilized, lawful, and neighborly manner. The Grand Master proposed that, “Effective immediately, these two be suspended for un-Masonic conduct.” The Grand Master’s proposal was accepted by vote and

they were suspended. “We want our members to be good members of society, and useful in the community,” the Grand Master said as he announced the indefinite suspension of one member who did not live up to “our strict code of conduct.”

The Grand Master directed his Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio to present Wor. Patrick DeVal to the East. The Grand Master presented Wor. Bro. DeVal with a certificate of appreciation for his work on the Child Identification Program (CHIP) software. Wor. Bro. DeVal

completed the revamping of the software on time and under budget. The Grand Master extolled the virtues of the new software and is excited to see it in use.

The Grand Master awarded the Grand Master’s award to Wor. Michael Ward, Master of Thomas Talbot Lodge, and Wor. Evan MacLeod, Master of Weymouth United Masonic Lodge, and their representatives in the East.

The Grand Master presented 100 year certificates to the Masters of Baalis Sanford Lodge and Universal Lodge. Both of these Lodges were established in 1918 by M. Wor. Leon Martin Abbott, whose history is outlined on page 14.

The Grand Master opened the floor to presentations to Grand Lodge from the Brethren assembled.

“Good afternoon Brethren!” said the Grand Master as he opened his remarks, “It has been a very busy and wet spring for us all. Now summer is upon us. We can kick back, a little bit, and enjoy the payback of our efforts and perhaps even a cruise to sunny Bermuda. You have made your reservation for the Grand Master’s Cruise, haven’t you? But, for now, let’s review what we’ve done this spring and how

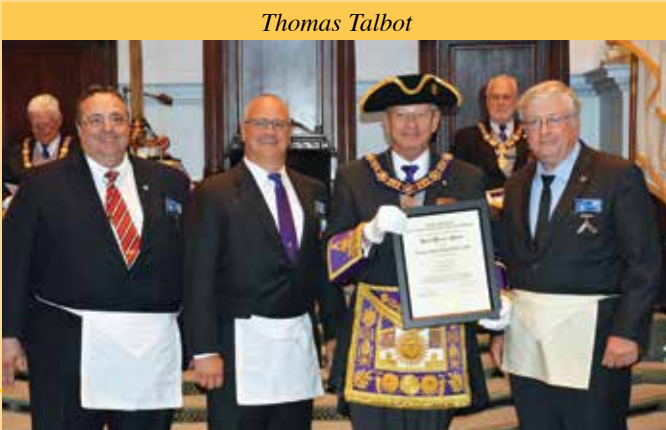


The Grand Master presenting a certificate of appreciation to Wor. Patrick DeVal for his work on the C.H.I.P. software, which was on time and under budget.

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THE GRAND MASTER'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

Thomas Talbot



Weymouth United



MASONIC CON 2019

Masonic Con: Bringing Knowledge and Fun Together

What is Masonic Con? We hear that all the time. Masonic Con is an event that takes education, Mason-owned businesses, and fraternalism, and combines them over a day. Each year, we have had an increase in attendance, as well as the broad range of the people who travel to Ezekiel Bates Lodge to attend the event. This past year, we had our highest attendance, with over 400 people coming through the door from 19 jurisdictions.

Masonic Con has brought some of the most captivating Masonic speakers in the country to Massachusetts. They not only provided excellent lectures but have planted seeds in Brothers to begin collaborating. Those seeds are starting to bear fruit.

In June, Brothers gathered in Virginia for the first Esotericon. Several Massachusetts *continued on page 30*



Scottish Rite on Display at Masonic Con

On April 27, 2017, four Brothers from the Valley of Springfield Scottish Rite made the journey east to Ezekiel Bates Lodge for Masonic Con 2019. We went there to represent Scottish Rite Freemasonry by setting up a display with some artifacts, props, and costumes that are used in conferring the many degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Also on display was an expulsion letter dating back to the late 1800s, which references the expulsion of Brother Charles W. Moore, who was the author of Moore's Freemasons Magazine. This expulsion letter represents a very important time in the history of Scottish Rite Freemasonry here in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

It was a great day at Masonic Con 2019. There were many fantastic speakers, lots of vendors, and we also had the pleasure of meeting and sharing the Scottish Rite Experience with Brethren not only from our jurisdiction, but from all over New England and beyond.

If you have never been to Masonic Con, I highly recommend that you attend in the future. The Brothers of Ezekiel Bates Lodge did an awesome job with this event. We here at the Valley of Springfield say thank you for your hospitality and congratulations on a job well done. We all look forward to visiting again.

-Wor. Melvyn D. Hook



Masonic Revival

Masonic Con is by far one of the most anticipated Masonic events of the year for me. Everything from the fellowship, to the educational lectures, the timeless architecture of the building, and the flawless organization makes for an amazing event.

This is my second time to set up at Masonic Con. As a designer of Masonic accessories and owner of Masonic Revival, I find pride in sharing my creations with the Brethren who attend, as this event is not only open to Massachusetts Brothers, but Brothers worldwide, and the public for most events. The Brethren at Ezekiel Bates Lodge continue to outdo themselves every year.

Please visit my website - masonicrevival.com

-Bro. Edgar Alejandro



Yankee WoodWerks

Yankee WoodWerks, established in 2017, is a family-owned business that has grown out of a hobby. We create a wide variety of writing implements, gavels, hourglasses, and other fine crafts from wood, acrylic, and mixed-media items that are created in our own studio. Many of our items are Masonic-themed, but we also have a large selection of non-Masonic merchandise. We take pride in our workmanship and strive to make sure every order is a one-of-a-kind work of art.

Masonic Con provided an opportune occasion to meet and converse with many Masons from both local and distant jurisdictions. We have enjoyed this opportunity for the past two years and look to future events. Our website is www.yankeewoodwerks.com.

-Rt. Wor. Ernie Bean





In Focus:

THE KILWINNING CLUB

St. Winning Lives through Kilwinning Club

Our story begins in 715 AD, on the banks of the River Garnock, on the southwest coast of Scotland. A Scottish monk called St. Winning put down his staff and decreed to build a holy place there. Centuries later, this town would be known as Kilwinning, and the monks would turn this simple wooden church into what would become Kilwinning Abbey.

The date commonly attributed to the building of the Abbey is 1140. During this period, the Pope created corporations of operative Masons, endowing them with certain privileges. The objective was to encourage the emigration of Italian artists capable of erecting religious structures in the Gothic style. A party of these foreign Masons is said to have travelled from Italy for the purpose of supervising the building of the monastery and abbey at Kilwinning. They assembled in a chapterhouse, situated on the eastern side of the cloisters. In the broken walls and ruins of the abbey, many varied and beautiful Masons' marks can still be seen today.

In 1736, the Grand Lodge of Scotland was constituted, and elected to number all Lodges in Scotland, agreeing that they were to be ranked and numbered according to their seniority. Kilwinning Lodge claimed to be the oldest, and therefore number one, but lacked the official documentation because many of their records were lost in a fire during the Protestant Reformation in 1517. Grand Lodge therefore designated St. Mary's Chapel in Edinburgh as number one, and Kilwinning Lodge as number two. This greatly upset the representatives of Kilwinning, who withdrew from the Grand Lodge and continued to grant charters independently until 1807, when definitive archives were discovered. This discovery confirmed Kilwinning as the oldest lodge in Scotland, possibly the world, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland bestowed upon it the designation of Mother Lodge, number zero.

The Kilwinning Club of Boston's story begins late in the year 1923, at a lodge in Waltham. Several Scottish-born Master Masons raised a fellow Scot to the sublime degree of Master Mason. They had such a grand time that they decided they would petition



From top to bottom: The Kilwinning Club in 1964, 1974, and 2011.

OF BOSTON



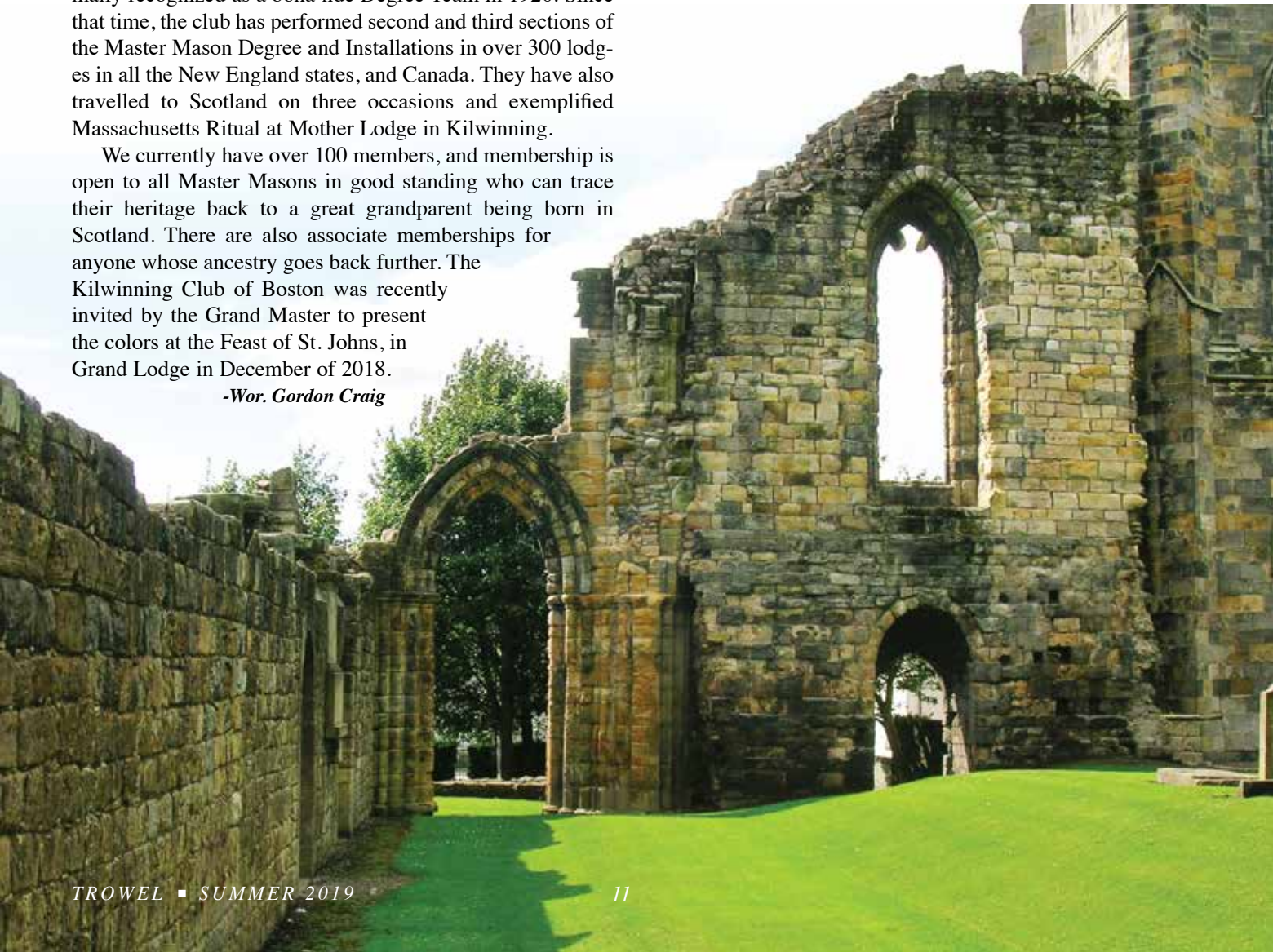
the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to form a Degree Team. They needed a name and wrote to Mother Lodge in Kilwinning, asking for permission to call themselves the Kilwinning Club of Boston.

They were given approval to use the name and were formally recognized as a bona fide Degree Team in 1926. Since that time, the club has performed second and third sections of the Master Mason Degree and Installations in over 300 lodges in all the New England states, and Canada. They have also travelled to Scotland on three occasions and exemplified Massachusetts Ritual at Mother Lodge in Kilwinning.

We currently have over 100 members, and membership is open to all Master Masons in good standing who can trace their heritage back to a great grandparent being born in Scotland. There are also associate memberships for anyone whose ancestry goes back further. The Kilwinning Club of Boston was recently invited by the Grand Master to present the colors at the Feast of St. Johns, in Grand Lodge in December of 2018.

-Wor. Gordon Craig

***Above Left:** Paul Revere style silver bowl given by the Kilwinning Club to the Museum at the Mother Lodge in Kilwinning, Scotland. **Above:** HereTheyCome: Illustration from a funny flyer in 1978 about the Kilwinning Club marching from Boston to Woonsocket RI to visit Morning Star Lodge #15. **Below:** The Kilwinning Abbey today.*



JOSEPH WARREN

by Rt. Wor. John Toto

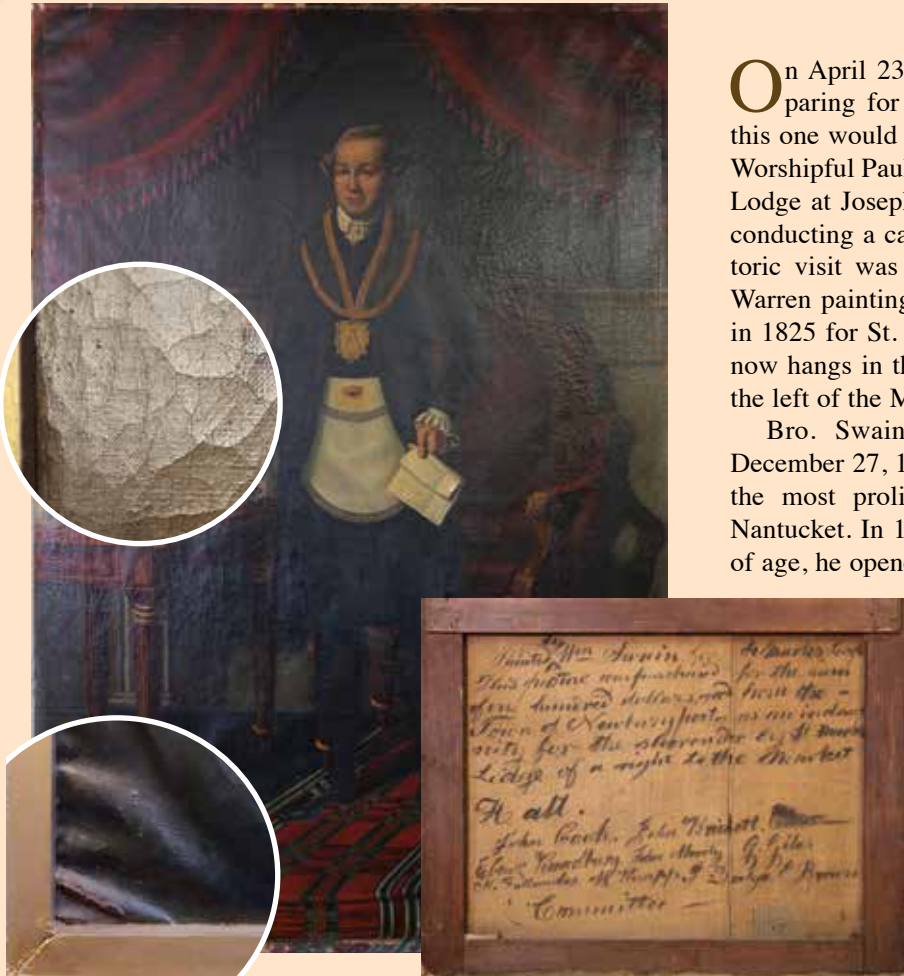
On April 23rd, Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge was preparing for its 1,584th Regular Communication, but this one would be extra special. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Paul Fulton Gleason, would be opening Grand Lodge at Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge for the purpose of conducting a carpet ceremony. The occasion for this historic visit was the re-dedication of the General Joseph Warren painting. This nine-foot masterpiece was painted in 1825 for St. Mark's Lodge, by Bro. William Swain. It now hangs in the east of Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge, to the left of the Master, behind the Secretary's desk.

Bro. Swain was born in Newburyport, MA, on December 27, 1803. Early in his career, he was known as the most prolific and sought-after portrait painter in Nantucket. In 1824, when Bro. Swain was only 21 years of age, he opened his first art studio in Newburyport, and

looked for commissions in Nantucket, New Bedford, New York City, and Norfolk, VA. He painted more than 100

Left: The Joseph Warren portrait prior to restoration, with some of the damage highlighted, along with the writing on the back.

Below: Skilled restoration specialists under the direction of Gianfranco Pocobene, Chief Conservator for the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, work on the writing on the back, a tear, and Joseph Warren's apron.



RESTORATION

portraits of ships' captains, merchants, lawyers, doctors, civic leaders, and their wives. In 1825, he painted full length portraits of Bro. General George Washington and Bro. General Joseph Warren. St. Mark's Lodge purchased both paintings. Bro. Swain opened a studio in New York City in 1833. He furthered his studies at the Royal Academy, London, in 1841, and in Paris, Rome, and Florence, until 1844. Bro. Swain died in Norfolk, VA, on February 18, 1847. His impressive portrait of Admiral Farragut is currently on display at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge purchased the painting of Warren in 2003 to adorn the inside of the Lodge room. The Brothers at the time realized that the painting, while impressive, needed some repair and restoration. A few years ago, when current District Deputy Grand Master of the 14th District, Rt. Wor. John Toto, became Master of the Lodge, a push for updating and painting the interior of the Lodge room began. As the Lodge was being updated, a renewed interest emerged about repairing and restoring the Warren painting. Quotes were obtained, and the Lodge voted to set aside funds for the restoration of Bro. Swain's Joseph Warren painting.

The Lodge was able to secure the services of Gianfranco Pocobene. Mr. Pocobene has for years *continued on page 30*



Right: The restored portrait. **Below:** The repaired tear, work on the frame, and the Grand Master with Officers of Grand Lodge and Brothers from Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge at the rededication of the portrait.



Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



Most Worshipful Leon Martin Abbott 1917-1919

*Leader of a New
Generation*

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

When tracing the history of our Fraternity, patterns emerge upon close examination. During the late 1850s, when Massachusetts Freemasonry was emerging, stronger and more vital, from the Anti-Masonic storm, there was a definite sea change in our leadership. Older leaders were giving way to younger, more forward-looking ones, who had not braved the opposition outside, but were presented with even greater challenges by the War of Rebellion and its aftermath. A similar pattern presents itself at the turn of the 20th century. Indeed, the very generation that came into leadership during the aforementioned period was passing away, leaving the Fraternity in the hands of a new generation that would take it to heights and depths they could never have imagined.

No leader characterizes this period better than Most Worshipful Leon M. Abbott, Grand Master from 1917 to 1919, a full century before our present administration. Brother Abbott received Masonic light in 1894 in Columbian Lodge of Boston, served as its Master in 1906, District Deputy in 1908 and 1909, and Senior Grand Warden in 1913. During that period, he involved himself in the Boston York Rite bodies as well as the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Boston, and was awarded the 33° in 1906. After his term as Grand Master, he was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the AASR's Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, a position he held until his death in 1932.

He was truly a part of that new generation. At the time of his entry into the Fraternity, there were seven living Past Grand Masters in addition to M. Wor. Otis Weld, then presiding. Weld would die three years later, and five of the remaining seven would die between 1901 and 1909: Dame, Nickerson, Everett, Welch, and Wells. By 1913, when Bro. Abbott was serving as Senior Grand Warden, the remaining two – Lawrence and Endicott – had passed on. His predecessors as Grand Master at the time of his election consisted of the four men who had immediately preceded him, plus M. Wor. Edwin Holmes and M. Wor. Charles Gallagher, who would die during Abbott's last year in the East. The new leadership was comprised of younger men: M. Wor. Dana Flanders was 59 when first elected, M. Wor. Everett C. Benton was 50, M. Wor. Melvin Johnson was 43, and Abbott himself was only 50. It is unclear whether the Grand Lodge was moving in that direction because of inclination or need – but it was a movement to fill a need.

Things were changing rapidly. When Bro. Abbott was raised in 1894, there were no automobiles, airplanes, or radio broadcasts, and all of these things quickly became commonplace. The Fraternity, particularly the Fraternity in Massachusetts, was going places it had gone only tentatively or never at all. Our presence in China grew significantly and we established a District Grand Lodge in Panama. During his first year in office, Grand Master Abbott had to deal with the entry of the United States into the first World War, and during his final year, the changed world that the war left in its wake.

Most Wor. Leon Abbott professed humility upon his election to office, and even related that he had made some attempt to stay away from being chosen, to the point that he had prepared a letter to be sent to those who endorsed his candidacy informing them that he had no interest in becoming Grand Master. He was prevailed upon not to do so, indeed, he was asked to make sure that those to whom he had confided that sentiment would set it aside. As he quipped at the Feast of St. John in 1916, "I went to these brethren and said to them boldly, 'I want you to forget that I told you that I did not mean what I said about my not taking back my refusal to change my mind...' Surely nothing could have been plainer than that." His good humor on the subject of his elevation was surely a good sign for his upcoming term in office, but he took this seriously. Though he knew he had great shoes to fill – he followed Most Wor. Melvin M. Johnson, one of our greatest Grand

Masters – he knew he would do his best. And he also believed, as he said,

“We are approaching the supreme test of the worth and of the advantage of this great fraternity of ours. We are rapidly nearing a crisis in many, if not most of the concerns of men...I believe that the world is coming to recognize more and more that the brotherly love which Freemasonry preaches is indeed the center, the circumference, yes, the very superstructure of all right relation in human affairs, the very solvent of besetting ail and ill...Fired with the enthusiasm of glorious privilege and rare opportunity... with the true spirit of liberty, equality, and fraternity possessing ever heart...we shall indeed become the pioneers of a new and advancing civilization, a civilization that shall be an eternal witness of glory to God and peace on Earth.”

This was just after the conclusion of the Battle of Verdun, a ten-month struggle on the Western Front, which resulted in a million casualties. It was the very middle of the terrible war then tearing Europe apart, which would soon involve the United States as well.

Once he had begun his term as Grand Master, Brother Abbott turned his attention to Panama, where the Grand Lodge had begun to expand its roster of lodges. By the end of 1916, there were four lodges in Panama, administered within a district established in 1914 to govern them. The distance from Boston, however, and the recognition of an independent Grand Lodge of Panama made it appropriate and necessary to negotiate a treaty, signed in early 1917 by Past Grand Master Johnson, which created a District Grand Lodge and a District Grand Master. This institution exists to this day, and in recent years a District Grand Master is appointed to serve coincident with the term of the Grand Master.

In the summer of 1917, the United States entered the Great War, creating new issues for Freemasonry. The Grand Constitutions henceforth included a provision for men in the armed forces to apply for the Degrees where they were posted. Also, Grand Master Abbott came out strongly against Masonic participation in “public processions of a general character, flag raisings, fairs, and the like.” It was his feeling that it was not the business of Masons to take public part in patriotic demonstrations because “it is one of the oldest and best-established principles of our conduct that we participate publicly in nothing that is not strictly

Masonic.” This has changed over time, but Abbott felt strongly about it, and was also opposed to the establishment of warranted military lodges as had been done during the Civil War. Instead, he created a committee to “look after our own” and dispense Masonic charity to those requiring war relief. By the end of 1919, more than \$160,000 had been gathered through subscription, with contributions coming from every lodge, and many appendant bodies in the Commonwealth.

During his three years as Grand Master, M. Wor. Brother Abbott chartered seven lodges, including three in Panama. Of the remaining ones, two presently remain: Baalis Sanford Lodge in Brockton, and Universal Lodge in Orleans. The other two, Seaview in Revere, and Fidelity in Melrose, have been merged into other lodges in recent years. Both Baalis Sanford and Universal celebrated centenaries in 2018-2019, and each was publicly recognized at the June 2019 Special Communication by M. Wor. Brother Paul Gleason, Grand Master.

At the end of his three years as Grand Master, Brother Abbott was 53, and at the height of his Masonic career. In his closing remarks he said to the Grand Lodge,

“...the laying down of the duties of office will bring me... regret, chiefly that with opportunities so rare and great more has not been added. If I have had one desire that has been stronger than any other during the past three years it has been to impress indelibly upon all of our members the sovereignty and high calling of individual Masonic membership to create a finer morale, a closer bond of sympathy, a unity of thought and action which, thrown into the scale of human

affairs, would weigh mightily for the uplifting and benefiting of mankind.”

He warned that the world and the Fraternity were in the midst of “days of trial,” and that “evil forces” from atheism to ignorance menaced both, and that Masonry was being subjected to “execration and singled out for assault and destruction.” It was his belief that Masonic values were in harmony with American values and needed to be defended. This could be equally applicable today, a hundred years hence.

In 1921, Brother Abbott was elected Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He had been Deputy for Massachusetts since 1909 and was a highly popular choice. At the Lausanne



The Grand Master presented 100 year certificates to Baalis Sanford Lodge (top) and Universal Lodge. Both Lodges were established when M. Wor. Bro. Abbot was Grand Master.



VETERAN'S MEDAL 2019 RECIPIENTS

The following Master Masons will be eligible to receive their Veteran's Medal this year. This medal is awarded to men who have been Masons for 50 years. Anyone raised at any time during 1969 will be recognized in 2019.

Whenever possible, the award is conferred in lodge by District Deputy Grand Masters. Sometimes, it is more convenient for the Mason to receive his medal at home; men living out of state receive it by mail.

This listing includes a number of photographs depicting presentations made so far

in 2019 and generously sent to TROWEL. Thank you to all the Masters, District Deputies, members of Grand Lodge and their photographers for taking the time to share these pictures.

Masons are listed in their current lodge, which may or may not be the lodge where they were raised in 1969. If you have any concern about being included in the listing, or any question about your membership status, please contact your lodge Secretary, who will consult your membership records for you.

ALPHA LODGE

Bro. Robert Harold Hutton

AMICABLE LODGE

Bro. George Peter Coumounduros

AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE

Bro. Donald Bruce Blatchford
Bro. David Allen Court
Bro. John Foster Peterson

ANCIENT YORK LODGE

Bro. Kenneth Lewis Weinbeck

ANCON LODGE

Rt. Wor. John Dewey Nolan

AURORA LODGE

Bro. Edward Alfred McIntire

AZURE LODGE

Wor. Robert Terpstra
Bro. George Edward Tyner

BAALIS SANFORD LODGE

Bro. Richard Michael Burgess

BERKSHIRE LODGE

Wor. Lyle Arthur Blanchard
Bro. Eugene Paul Lozinski

BETH-HORON LODGE

Wor. Robert Alan Morison

BOYLSTON LODGE

Wor. John Joseph Durkin
Bro. Carl Peter Larson, Jr.
Wor. Donald Francis Leombruno
Bro. Ronald Irving Longwell
Bro. Kenneth John Miller
Bro. Martin Surabian

BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. John Clifford Chester

BRISTOL LODGE

Bro. William Grafton Bucklin
Bro. Robert Kent Casavant, Jr.
Bro. Roger Proctor Chevers
Bro. Carl Arthur Jarvi
Bro. Peter Joseph Sant saver, Jr.

BUDLEIGH LODGE

Bro. Richard Norman Carlson

CALEB BUTLER LODGE

Bro. John Russell Bemis
Bro. Harry Walter Gardiner
Bro. Robert Lightfoot Maxwell, Jr.

CARIBBEAN NAVAL LODGE

Bro. Lowell Eugene Grube
Bro. Wade Hampton Mace

CHARLES RIVER LODGE

Bro. Robert Randolph Wood, Jr.

CHARLES W MOORE LODGE

Bro. Toivo William Niemi
Bro. Herbert Chester Roberts

CINCINNATUS LODGE

Bro. Richard Lawrence Jones, Sr.

DALHOUSIE LODGE

Bro. Richard Nelson Moran
Bro. Charles William Nichols
Bro. Edgar Lawrence Shepard, Jr.
Wor. William Seam Wong

DAY SPRING LODGE

Bro. Bruce Christian Banks
Bro. Frederick Max Lesniak

DELTA LODGE

Bro. David Roland Beckman
Wor. Donald Soren Bjerre
Bro. John Bruce Swan

DEWITT CLINTON LODGE

Bro. Stephen Douglas Houk
Wor. Paul Frederick Kimball

EASTERN STAR LODGE

Wor. Mark Silvester Brown
Wor. Carl Appleby Munroe

ELM-BELCHER LODGE

Wor. William Louis Sieber

EUCLID LODGE

Wor. Gerald Pearlstein

EXCELSIOR LODGE

Bro. Bradley John Enegren

EZEKIEL BATES LODGE

Wor. David Edward Loving

FELLOWSHIP LODGE

Bro. John Francis Carter

FRANK W THOMPSON LODGE

Bro. Michael Gray Phillips

FRANKLIN LODGE

Wor. Barry Leon Dennis, Sr.
Bro. Stuart Robertson
Bro. David John Smith

FRIENDSHIP LODGE

Bro. Norman Helmar Johnson
Bro. Roger Elmer Metcalfe

GARDEN CITY LODGE

Wor. Robert Hallam Brown
Wor. Steven Paul Fradkoff
Wor. Robert Neil Goldstein



Bro. Kenneth Curry, Wilder Lodge, his wife Jean, and the Grand Master.

CELESTIAL LODGE

Bro. Joseph James Fernandes, Jr.
Bro. Robert Arthur Joyce, Jr.
Bro. Herbert John Pfeffer, Jr.
Bro. John Dickson Scott

CHARLES C DAME LODGE

Bro. David Arthur Elliott
Bro. Douglas King Hyde

Rt. Wor. John Dickson Walther

CONVERSE LODGE

Bro. Luigi Domenico Firmani
Bro. David Kabachnick
Bro. Jeffery Wylie Smith

CORNER STONE LODGE

Bro. Lloyd Bentley Frisbie III
Bro. Lawrence James Scarsilloni

Bro. William Levy
 Bro. Howard Udell Passman
 Bro. Martin David Shapiro
 Bro. Frederick Lawrence Sternburg

GATUN LODGE

Bro. Lewis Eugene French
 Wor. Richard Allen Gilman

GEORGE H TABER LODGE

Bro. Magnus Sigmund Austnaberg

GLOBE UNITY LODGE

Bro. Craig Richard Crosier
 Wor. David Gerald Tyburski

GOLDEN RULE LODGE

Wor. Bradford Leroy Chetwynd
 Bro. David Randall Clark
 Bro. Howard Edward Fanjoy

GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE

Bro. John Kendall Mansur

HARMONY LODGE

Bro. Charles Leslie Halfast

HAYDEN LODGE

Bro. Carl John Gustafson
 Bro. Carl Richard Nelson
 Bro. Kenneth Paul Olsen

HOPE LODGE

Wor. Herschel Carleton Hall

JOEL H PROUTY LODGE

Wor. Nils Warren Hagberg
 Wor. Thomas Milton Lockman
 Bro. Charles Herbert Nickerson
 Wor. David Frink Russell

JOHN HANCOCK LODGE

Bro. Aram Sarkisian

JOHN T HEARD LODGE

Bro. Raymond Graham Foster
 Bro. William Everett George
 Bro. Earl Frederick Pendexter

JORDAN LODGE

Bro. Eliot Arnold Edelstein
 Bro. Peter Stanley Routses
 Bro. Steven Mark Schlosser
 Bro. John Alexander VanDell

JOSEPH WEBB LODGE

Rt. Wor. Fred Brown Goodwin, Jr.

KING DAVID LODGE

Rt. Wor. Robert Lincoln Reid

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE

Bro. Robert Joseph Gallagher
 Bro. Roy Tyco Swanfeldt

KONOHASSETT LODGE

Wor. Robert William MacNeill
 Bro. Allan Edgar Pratt
 Bro. Richard John Silvia

LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE

Wor. Raymond Hammer, Jr.

LEVEL LODGE

Bro. Bernard Howard Edinberg
 Bro. Russell Herbert Goodman
 Wor. David Lionel Rosen
 Bro. Robert Alan Schultz
 Bro. George Zel Sigel
 Bro. Harvey Slarskey

LIBERTY LODGE

Bro. Robert Donald Berry
 Wor. Daniel Wallace Hall



Front, left to right: Rt. Wor. Kenneth L. Brown (DDG Master, Fifth Masonic District); Wor. Warren W. Morris, Jr. Rear, left to right: Rt. Wor. Ralph I. Sewall; Wor. Mark J. Collins, Sr. (DDG Marshal, Fifth Masonic District); Rt. Wor. Scott D. Inglis; Bro. Frederick L. Sewall; Rt. Wor. David S. Sewall; Rt. Wor. William E. Holland; Rt. Wor. Thomas A. Stark; Wor. William A. Thompson, Jr.

Wor. Warren Morris of Norfolk Lodge

On Thursday, June 13, Rt. Wor. Kenneth L. Brown, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, presented a Grand Lodge Veteran Medal to Wor. Warren W. Morris, Jr. for his 50 years as a Mason this year. A Past Master of Norfolk Lodge of Needham, Wor. Bro. Morris has spent the last 40 years of his Masonic career being active in the Scottish Rite, Valley of Boston, holding various directorial positions in degree work and rising to become Captain of the Medical Corps.

For his immense contributions to the Valley of Boston, Wor. Bro. Morris received the Meritorious Service Award in

1991, and became a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in 2011. Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown said he felt privileged to present the medal that brings Wor. Bro. Morris “full circle” back to the Blue Lodge level to receive another capstone award. “It is an honor to present this Veteran’s Medal to such a distinguished Scottish Rite Mason,” said Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown.

The District Deputy Grand Master was joined by several other distinguished Masons, all personal friends of Wor. Bro. Morris, who are also holders of significant Scottish Rite positions, including three Past Commanders-in-Chief of Massachusetts Consistory, as well as Grand Lodge Officer positions.

-Wor. Robert A. Caron

Bro. Richard William Russell

LYNNFIELD-ZETLAND LODGE

Bro. Donald James Percy

MAJOR GENERAL HENRY

KNOX LODGE

Bro. John Alan Lagerquist

MANCHESTER LODGE

Bro. John Stewart Briggs, Jr.
 Bro. Harold Louis Max Heussi
 Bro. Edwin Carleton Perkins

MARINE LODGE

Bro. Thomas Washburn Kingman

MARINERS LODGE

Wor. Roger Burlingame Reid

MATTHEW JOHN WHITTALL LODGE

Bro. Alexander Friend Newton

MAY FLOWER LODGE

Bro. Edward Gerry Cornell
 Bro. Jeffrey Gardiner Cornell
 Bro. Richard Edward Tinkham

MERIDIAN LODGE

Bro. David E. Ginzler

MERRIMACK LODGE

Bro. Robert Verne Guptill
 Bro. Bruce Frederick Morse

MIDDLESEX LODGE

Wor. Harold Victor Barrows

MORNING STAR LODGE

Bro. Dana Willard Kennan, Jr.

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Left to right: Wor. Bryan Wilson, Bro. Frank Sampson, Rian Williams, Bro. Donald Sampson, Cayden Williams, Wor. Eric Sampson, and Rt. Wor. James Gonyea.

50 Yr. Veteran Bro. Donald Sampson of Oxford Lodge

On Saturday, February 9th, 2019, Bro. Donald Sampson was visited at home by the District Deputy Grand Master of the 24th Masonic District, Rt. Wor. James J Gonyea, and the Worshipful Master of Oxford Lodge, Wor. Bryan Wilson, to acknowledge his 50 years in Freemasonry. Bro. Sampson was presented

with a medal from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, inscribed with his name, and noting his 50 years. Also in attendance were Donald's son and grandson, Bros. Frank and Eric, and his great grandsons, Cayden and Rian Williams. Bro. Frank is a member of Oxford Lodge and Wor. Eric is a Past Master of Oxford Lodge. Rian and Cayden are current members of Fidelity Chapter of DeMolay in Rhode Island.

-Bro. Ted Theodores

- ORIENT LODGE**
Bro. Carlton Douglas House
Bro. Bruce Johnson Mott
- ORIENTAL-MARTHA'S VINEYARD LODGE**
Bro. Robert A. Blythe, Jr.
- OXFORD LODGE**
Wor. Charles Edwin Stone
- PACIFIC LODGE**
Bro. Timothy Edward Atteridge
Bro. Barry Lewis Roberts
- PAUL REVERE LODGE**
Rt. Wor. Bruce Kingsley Pratt
- PENTUCKET LODGE**
Wor. Thomas Arthur Joyce
Rt. Wor. Harry Mark Leonard, Jr.
- PHILANTHROPIC LODGE**
Bro. Joseph Alexander Michaud III
- PHOENIX LODGE**
Bro. Stephen Allaire Gaudette
Wor. David William Luce
Bro. Harold Delbert Thomas
- PLYMOUTH LODGE**
Wor. Donald Francis Grassi
- PURITAN LODGE**
Bro. Howard Adelbert Wilbur
- PYTHAGOREAN LODGE**
Bro. Eivind Haakon Strand
- QUINEBAUG LODGE**
Bro. Fred Herbert Proctor
- QUITTACUS LODGE**
Bro. Kenneth Leonard Tobertga, Sr.
- REPUBLICAN LODGE**
Rt. Wor. Edmund Dale Harrison
- RIISING STAR LODGE**
Bro. Walter Earle Engelsen
Bro. David Twin Sirkin
- RUFUS PUTNAM LODGE**
Bro. Ralph Hilding Anderson, Jr.
- RURAL LODGE**
Bro. Joseph Edward Darmand
Bro. Thomas Graham
Glen McLachlan
Wor. David Henderson Smith
- SAINTE GEORGE LODGE**
Wor. Albert Arthur Justen, Jr.
- SAINTE JOHN'S (C) LODGE**
Bro. Santiago Enrique Delucchi
- SAINTE MARK'S LODGE**
Bro. Lawrence Fred Abbott
Bro. Robert Stanley Levine
Bro. Bruce Kenneth Pike
Wor. Donald Franklin Pike
Bro. Russell Nelson Pike
- SAINTE MATTHEW'S LODGE**
Wor. Irving Elmore Farnham
Bro. James Henderson Fisk
- SAINTE PAUL LODGE**
Bro. Charles Marvin Whittier
- SATUIT LODGE**
Bro. Victor Elliot Spiro

MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE

Bro. Sidney Leonard Davis
Bro. Arthur M Fleishman
Wor. Marshall Irving Karp
Bro. Howard Lewis Steinberg
Bro. Randal Clyde Sugerman

MOUNT CARMEL LODGE

Bro. John William Butterworth, Jr.
Bro. David Brian Richardson

MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE

Bro. Robert Michael Nemkovich
Bro. Donald Gene Upchurch
Wor. Ronald Everett Zissell

MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE

Bro. Anthony Albert Anello, Sr.
Bro. Richard Taylor Bridge, Jr.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE

Bro. Francis Lawrence Bard

Bro. Kenneth Blain Johnson
Bro. William Edward Kieda

MOUNT ORTHODOX LODGE

Wor. David Dudley Ramsdell

MOUNT TABOR LODGE

Bro. Allan Marshall Brodsky
Bro. Leonard Fafel
Wor. Richard Peter Theodore

MOUNT TOM LODGE

Bro. Andrew Finston Dougherty
Bro. George Gustav Johnson

MOUNT VERNON-GALILEAN LODGE

Rt. Wor. Kenneth John Scott

MOUNTAIN LODGE

Wor. Arnold Chester Purinton

MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE

Bro. James Charles Frankudakis

Bro. Grover Carle Murray

NEW MOON LODGE

Bro. Douglas Paul Shepard

NOQUOCHOKE LODGE

Bro. Raymond Ellsworth
Manchester
Rt. Wor. William Howard Wilbour

NORFOLK LODGE

Wor. Warren William Morris, Jr.
Bro. Paul Mason Whittaker

NORTH QUABBIN LODGE

Wor. Terry Jack King

OCCIDENTAL LODGE

Bro. Clinton Edward Schneyer, Jr.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE

Bro. Dean Alan Slone
Bro. William Darrell Stelmok



50 YEAR PAST MASTERS

The following Masons served their lodges as Master in 1969. They are listed in alphabetical order by name of the lodge served, which in many cases is not the lodge in which the honoree is now a member. These Past Masters are recognized in 2019 with certificates of service from the Grand Master.

Wor. Lowell W. Plum
Alpha Lodge, Framingham

Rt. Wor. Merton E. Chute
Bethany Lodge, Merrimac

Wor. Stanley F. Hall, Jr.
Charity Lodge, Cambridge

Wor. William R. Wiley
Essex Lodge, Salem

Rt. Wor. Hugh C. Findlay
Fraternal Lodge, Centerville

Wor. David L. Murray
Fraternity Lodge, Newtonville

Wor. Kenneth R. Leavitt
Friendship Lodge, Wilmington

Wor. Robert G. Stewart
Galilean Lodge, Everett

Wor. Richard C. Jelen
Garden City Lodge, Newtonville

Wor. Oscar A. Buma
Granite Lodge, Whitinsville

Wor. David W. Ryder
Hiram Lodge, Arlington

Wor. Joseph A. Boisvert
Isaac Parker Lodge, Waltham

Wor. Harry A. Culver
Jerusalem Lodge, Northampton

Wor. William A. Foster
John Abbot Lodge, Somerville

Wor. John T. Douglas
John Hancock Lodge, Methuen

Wor. David H. Foshey
Lafayette Lodge, Norwood

Wor. Jerome S. Sigel
Level Lodge, Worcester

Rt. Wor. David A. Nailor
Mariners Lodge, Cotuit

Rt. Wor. Archie R. Nahman
Mechanic's Lodge, Turners Falls

Wor. Oren H. Howard
Meridian Sun Lodge, North Brookfield

Wor. Richard C. Knutson
Morning Star Lodge, Worcester

Rt. Wor. Warren E. Johnson
Mount Horeb Lodge, Woburn

Wor. Ronald W. Rich, Sr.
Mount Zion Lodge, Barre

Wor. Fred W. Fogg, Jr.
Norumbega Lodge, Newtonville

Wor. Ralph H. Hutchins, Jr.
Pequossette Lodge, Watertown

Wor. George L. Gesner
Pioneer Lodge, Somerset

Wor. Daniel B. Drew, Sr.
Plymouth Lodge, Plymouth

Wor. William A. Thorndike
The Lodge of Saint Andrew, Boston

Wor. Robert W. MacBurnie
Saint John's Lodge, Newburyport

Wor. Robert G. Dubis
Saint Martin's Lodge, Chatham

Wor. Hans R. Suhr
Sinin Lodge, Tokyo, Japan

Wor. Ray L. Bunnell
Sojourners Lodge, Cristobal, Panama

Wor. Stanley J. Moszka
Soley Lodge, Lincoln

Wor. John I. Gilbert
Spencer Lodge, Spencer

Wor. Francis W. Foster
Star Lodge, Athol

Wor. Norman R. Robertson
Tahattawan Lodge, Littleton

Rt. Wor. Donald W. Fudge
Thomas Talbot Lodge, Billerica

Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Rhodes
Vernon Lodge, Belchertown

Wor. Ernest E. Fay
Victory Lodge, Watertown

Wor. Harvey J. Resh
Waltham Lodge, Waltham

Rt. Wor. Robert C. Lavin
Wellesley Lodge, Wellesley Hills

Wor. Ronald A. McKee
Wessagusset Lodge, South Weymouth

Rt. Wor. Richard F. Norris
William Parkman Lodge, Winchester



**Brothers who served as
District Deputy
Grand Master in 1969**

Rt. Wor. David E. Chaffee
Brockton 29th Masonic District

Rt. Wor. John H. Hart
Lowell 12th Masonic District

SILOAM LODGE

Bro. Levis William Hayward, Jr.
Bro. Donald Charles Hewey

SIMON W ROBINSON LODGE

Bro. David Barton Whipple

SOJOURNERS LODGE

Bro. Thomas Diamond
Wor. Michael Alexander Ross

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE

Bro. Paul Eugene Bonville
Wor. Stephen Jesus Braz

TAHATTAWAN LODGE

Bro. John Charles Clarke

THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE

Bro. David Martin Freedman
Wor. Joseph James Newpol
Wor. Alan Ira Waldfoegel
Wor. Michael Weiner

THE HARVARD LODGE

Wor. Andrew Seth Kahr, Ph.D.
Bro. William James Raduchel

THE MASSACHUSETTS LODGE

Bro. George John Bassakides

Wor. Menelaos Charles Dalaklis

THE MEADOWS LODGE

Wor. Philmore Harland Smith, Jr.
Wor. Hayden Burditt Tibbetts, Jr.
Rt. Wor. Wayne Douglas Vangsness

THE TYRIAN-ASHLER- ACACIA LODGE

Wor. Brian Crowell Spinney

THOMAS TALBOT LODGE

Bro. Berkeley Wendell Cue, Jr.
Bro. Paul Frederick Flagg
Wor. Richard Perry Knapp

Bro. Harold Dana Phippen
Bro. Robert Fergus Stewart

UNITED BROTHERS LODGE

Bro. David Bertram Harper
Bro. Kenneth Edward Lizotte
Bro. Robert Hugh O'Connor
Bro. Jonathan Charles Rappaport
Bro. John Norman Smith

WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE

Bro. Bruce Bradford Collins
Bro. Dale Harrison Deblois

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50 YEAR VETERANS



Bro. Paul Flagg in Florida with the Grand Master receiving his 50 year Veteran's Medal.



Rt. Wor. James J. Papianou (DD 28th) and Rt. Wor. Joseph N. Wescott with 50 year Veteran's Medal recipients Bro. William Purcell and Rt. Wor. Wayne Vangness.



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Conference, an international gathering of Supreme Councils, held in the spring of 1922, and at a similar conference in Paris in the spring of 1929, he represented our Supreme Council. At the latter gathering he prepared and presented a "Peace Resolution" that read in part:

"It is only by the establishment in human consciousness of the Fatherhood of the Great Architect of the Universe and the brotherhood of man that the foundations of permanent and lasting peace and harmony among men and nations can be securely laid. Peace must come from a clear spring, unpolluted by hatred, selfishness, suspicion, and distrust."

Having presided over, and been witness to, an enormous growth in the numbers and scope of his beloved Fraternity, he had seen that trend reversed by the economic difficulties being suffered by his beloved country. It would be difficult to know, many years after, how this might have affected him, but in October 1932, during a very dark period in our nation's and our Fraternity's history, Leon Martin Abbott passed to the Celestial Lodge, a few months past the age of 65. His death came as a sudden shock to his

Bro. Frederick G. Trudell
Bro. Jim Bearl Vinson

WAMESIT LODGE

Bro. Orvin Harold Brenden
Bro. Raymond Earl Cobleigh

WAMPATUCK LODGE

Bro. Edward Evans Gronlund

WASHINGTON LODGE

Bro. Frederic Edward Shaw

WEBSTER LODGE

Bro. Paul Peter Karapanos

WEYMOUTH UNITED

MASONIC LODGE

Rt. Wor. Clayton Arthur Bemis
Bro. Leslie Eugene Cook, Jr.

WILDER LODGE

Wor. Kenneth Robert Curry

WILLIAM NORTH LODGE

Bro. Frederick Lester Pease

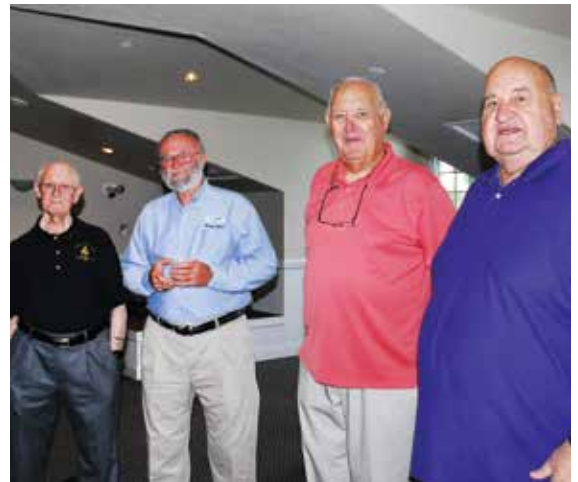
WILLIAM PARKMAN LODGE

Bro. David Newhall Sweetser

WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER-

KILWINNING LODGE

Bro. Arthur Paul Clough



Bros. Reynolds Cushing, Corner Stone Lodge; Paul Flagg, Thomas Talbot Lodge; Paul Sobolewski, DeWitt Clinton Lodge; in attendance when Bro. and Rev. Robert Nemkovich, Chicopee Lodge, received his 50 year Veteran's Medal.

lodge, his Grand Lodge, and his many friends and associates. In his Scottish Rite balustre, it was written:

"The cycle of his existence was not completed upon the downward slope but rather at an apex. Many things of moment at home and abroad had reached successful accomplishment. It was a peak in his career of service and literally 'his sun of life went down at noon.' To those who knew him best

he does not seem far away, even now, but near at hand, still the friend, still the encourager."

"Near at hand, still the friend, still the encourager." That even in death he could inspire such affection speaks volumes about his effect on his friends, colleagues, and Brethren. He was a great man, cut down in the midst of his usefulness, but remembrance remains, to this day.

The Prodigal Mason

by *Wor. Richard Thompson*



I have been on the floor of our Grand Lodge three times in my 48 years as a member of our Fraternity.

The first was when I was Master of Wamesit Lodge. I attended the installation of M. Wor. J. Philip Berquist, and as a Master, I was in the procession that went three times around the lodge room. Of course, there were so many in the procession that it was actually three times around the fifth floor at Grand Lodge.

The second time was when I was a candle bearer at the third installation of M.Wor. Donald G. Hicks, Jr. In the spirit of full disclosure, I should mention M.Wor. Hicks and I are cousins. Once again, due to numbers, the procession went three times around the fifth floor. The three candle bearers actually stepped aside as we exited the lodge room, and jumped back into our places as those spots flashed by to re-enter. If the candle bearers had made the whole trip around the fifth floor there would be a distinct chance the candles would blow out, and then where would we have been?

The third time was this past June 12th. My lodge, Merrimack Valley Daylight, was asked to present the colors at the June Quarterly Communication. I was part of the Color Guard that escorted the flags into the lodge room. So, in three trips into the Grand Lodge room, this was the first time I actually got to stop in the East. When we turned around to face the Brethren, it was a sight to behold.

When you have been active in the Fraternity for 48 years, you tend to believe you have seen and done it all. When standing in the East of Grand Lodge and turning to

Richard Thompson is a Past Master and the (temporary) Secretary of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge.



The Color Guard, including the author at far left, from Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge.

the West, I realized there are things I have yet to see, and there are still things I have to do.

I also wonder if walking into Ionic Hall for a meeting of the Grand Lodge ever becomes old hat. I suspect the sense of excitement I felt as I accompanied the flags into Ionic Hall is fairly common. I have a feeling the sense of excitement is felt by the vast majority of all who walk into that room. Let's face it, while the current Grand Lodge building was built in 1898, it is the third Grand Lodge building on that site. Beyond that, when you walk into the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, you are stepping into the oldest Grand Lodge in America. It is even more awesome when you consider it is the first Grand Lodge formed outside the British Isles.

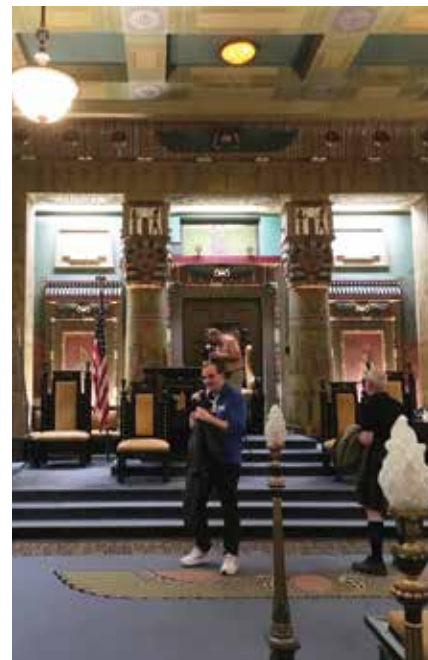
The excited feeling I get is not limited to attending meetings of the Grand Lodge. I get the same feeling when I attend my own lodge meetings. When I was going up the line, it was exciting to walk into the lodge room, put on an officer's apron, and flip that collar over my head. It was exciting no matter what office I held, and it is still exciting.

Today, I am the Secretary for Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge. I took on the Secretary's job when my predecessor had to suddenly step down. I said I would take the job until the lodge could find a replacement. The lodge is performing an exhaustive search for my successor. It has to be exhaustive, since the search is now six years old.

I have been a Past Master for 36 years, and it is still a kick to flip that collar over my head. It is excitement tempered by that sense of responsibility. That collar you wear and the jewel that hangs from it remind you that you have a job to do and your lodge is counting on you.

So while I say I am just a temporary Secretary, I still get that excited feeling when I don the regalia and the Master raps the gavel. It is exciting because each time it is a new day, a new meeting, and I'm with a lot of old friends. ■

FRATERNITY News & Events



Left: Representatives of Aurora Lodge in Philadelphia: Bro. Richard Adams, Senior Steward; Wor. Andrew Paradis, Senior Warden/Past Master; Bro. Michael Bisceglia, Secretary/District Deputy Grand Secretary; Rt. Wor. David Gordon, Chaplin. Above: The Egyptian Room at the Philadelphia Grand Lodge.

Aurora Lodge Tours Philadelphia Grand Lodge

On Thursday, April 25th, members and Officers from Aurora Lodge in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, visited the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, enjoying their stay through Sunday, April 28th.

Aurora Lodge makes an annual pilgrimage to the nation's Grand Lodges, and we learn about the history of Freemasonry. We also witness some interesting and different ritual.

We witnessed a Master Mason Degree hosted by Shekinah-Fernwood Lodge #246 in the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, and enjoyed a wonderful meal courtesy of the Officers of the

Lodge. We thank our generous hosts for their wonderful hospitality and fellowship. They have all of their meals catered as there is no kitchen in the Grand Lodge. Numerous lodges reside in the building with their many period rooms. My favorite was the Egyptian Room. And yes, we did have a Philly Cheesesteak - it was well worth the trip.

-Bro. Michael Bisceglia



Webster Lodge Presents Scholarship

At the June meeting of Webster Lodge, Master Wor. Kenneth M. Wilson was pleased to present a scholarship check to recent Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduate, Hayden Smith of Webster.

Hayden will continue her education at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where she will major in Computer Science and Robotic Engineering. With Hayden are (left to right) her father, Charles Smith, mother Melissa, Wor. Bro. Wilson, and Hayden.

-Wor. Richard Clark

Awards Night at The Meadows Lodge

The District Deputy made a Fraternal Visit to The Meadows Lodge on May 20, 2019, for award night.

In addition, two 50 year veterans, Bro. William Purcell and Rt. Wor. Wayne Vangsness, received their awards. They are pictured on page 20. *-Wor. Kenneth Paul White*



Left: A Brother and his wife were both recognized for their service to the Lodge. Left to right: Rt. Wor. James J. Papianou (DD 28th), Cathy Lavoie, recipient of the Certificate of Distinguished Service, Wor. Edward J. Lavoie, recipient of the Robert H. Johnston Service Award, and Rt. Wor. Joseph N. Wescott, Master of The Meadows Lodge. Right: This Brother received this year's Master's Award, which recognizes his service to the Lodge. From left to right: Rt. Wor. Bro. Papianou, Bro. Michael Longo Jr., and Rt. Wor. Bro. Wescott.

Presentations to the Grand Master

Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer presented an anniversary from Norfolk Union Lodge. Norfolk Lodge made a presentation for the Brotherhood Fund in memory of the Brethren who had departed to the Celestial Lodge in the preceding year. The 23rd Masonic

District made a presentation for the Brotherhood Fund from the proceeds of the District's LOI Attendance Initiative; and from the proceeds of the ticket sales of the District's outing to see a Worcester Railer's hockey game. Additional presentations for the Brotherhood Fund were made by Columbian Lodge, The Worshipful Master's Association of Southeastern Massachusetts, Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodge, and Howard Lodge.





Hayden Lodge's Traveling Gavels

In 2011, 25 brothers of Hayden Lodge in North Brookfield, MA, arrived at Joel Prouty Lodge in Auburn, MA, with 21 members in attendance. Their intention was to obtain their Traveling Gavel, and they were successful. After many attempts by Joel Prouty Lodge to regain their gavel, Wor. Fran Hart, Master of Hayden Lodge, awarded Joel Prouty a mini gavel that could fit in the palm of your hand, as a little consolation prize.

The Brethren of the 24th District then joined with Joel Prouty

Lodge, arriving at Hayden with 40 members. This was achieved by issuing many Joel Prouty One Day Member Passes, far exceeding the 21 members that had originally arrived at their lodge from Hayden Lodge.

Hayden Lodge presented Joel Prouty their Traveling Gavel. Joel Prouty returned to Hayden their mini Traveling Gavel. It had been newly accessorized by painting it pink and adorning it with jewels. They presented it to Hayden in a makeshift frame with a picture of Prouty Lodge with the inscription:

“Hayden Lodge’s Traveling Gavel Where Size Doesn’t Matter But Beauty Does!!!!!!!!!!!!”

In the last eight years, Hayden Lodge’s Traveling Gavel has traveled to NJ, RI, CT, Martha’s Vineyard Island, and then Scituate, MA, in 2019. Our Secretary received a request for a search and rescue party from Wor. Frank Judge, Master of Satuit Lodge. A rescue date was set.

Adorned with pink bowties to rescue the pink gavel, seven members of Hayden Lodge, led by Master Ralph Butts, traveled to Satuit Lodge in Scituate, MA, to retrieve their gorgeous pink gavel. In honor of the travels of the gavel, the Hayden Lodge brethren arrived with plenty of extra pink bow ties to share with the Satuit Lodge brethren.

The traveling brethren of Hayden were received with open arms. Satuit brethren wearing pink bow ties outnumbered the Hayden rescue party, honoring our Traveling Gavel and its long journey. We broke bread, enjoyed the brotherly love and Fraternal warm welcome of the Scituate brethren in their beloved lodge. Hayden had successfully rescued their beautiful Pink Traveling Gavel. The gavel has traveled far and wide, and it is back home at Hayden Lodge.

Any lodge interested in keeping this well-traveled gavel moving will need to bring a large group to one of our stated communications, which are held on the Wednesday on or before the full moon, at 3 School Street, North Brookfield, MA, at 7:30 PM. As an added bonus, we are freshening it up, including this story and a diary with it for its future travels.

-Bro. Courtland Lippincott



Joseph Webb Lodge Walks Through History

On an overcast Saturday in May, a group of brothers from Joseph Webb Lodge paid its respects to several prominent Freemasons by visiting their graves. The Williams’ Grave Visit, as members of Joseph Webb call it, takes place every year in conjunction with William Henry Williams Night, which is paid for by the proceeds of a donation that Bro. William

Henry Williams made to the lodge.

We went to the grave of Bro. Williams, who came to America at age 20, and made his money as a merchant tailor at Forest Hills Cemetery in Jamaica Plain. When he died in 1905, Bro. Williams left \$25,000 to Joseph Webb Lodge, an amount that would be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars now.

He also left \$200,000 to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to be used “for the establishing and maintenance of a home for indigent and needy Masons in Boston and vicini-

ty.” This went toward creating The Overlook retirement home in Charlton, Massachusetts.

We went to the burial site of M. Wor. Joseph Warren, a key staple of any Boston-area Freemason grave visit. M. Wor. Bro. Warren, a medical doctor who died at the Battle of Bunker Hill, was perhaps most famous for sending Paul Revere on his midnight ride the night before the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

Warren joined the Lodge of St. Andrew in 1761, taking his first and second degrees that same year, before

becoming a Master Mason in 1765. M. Wor. Bro. Warren became the “Grand Master of Masons in Boston and within 100 miles of the same” in 1769, receiving that title from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In 1772, that same body made him Grand Master for the Continent of America.

M. Wor. Bro. Warren died at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775, before being thrown into a mass grave. The following year, M. Wor. Paul Revere identified M. Wor. Bro. Warren, as Revere had performed dental work on Warren. After singling him out, the Freemasons gave M. Wor. Bro. Warren a proper burial.

After completing our visit to Forest Hills Cemetery, we went to Mount Hope Cemetery, where we visited the grave of Bro. John Hoffman Collamore, a Freemason who distinguished him-

Mausoleum in the Franklin Cemetery.



Entrance to the Franklin Cemetery.

self through substantial gifts to both Masonic Bodies and prominent Brothers. He donated burial lots for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Scottish Rite Valley of Boston, and Boston Commandery of Knights Templar, to Mount Hope Cemetery. Bro. Collamore also donated a burial plot and sarcophagus to Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn.

Bro. Collamore joined Columbian Lodge in 1890, as well as the Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templar that same year. He took several degrees offered by the Scottish Rite, with the

Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction electing to give him the title of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd degree, in 1892. He was formally given this honor in 1893. Bro. Collamore passed away in 1896, after which the Boston Commandery performed the Knights Templar burial service.

By visiting these graves, we were able to take a stroll through history, learn more about our brethren, the contributions they made, and the impact they had on Boston.

-Bro. Charles Bovaird

Newly Naturalized Brother

On July 11, 2019, our Grand Master, M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason, attended the Naturalization Ceremonies conducted by the U.S. District Courts at a special session held at Faneuil Hall in Boston. Over 300 new citizens took the oath of Naturalization and Allegiance to the United States of America.

Among the new citizens was Bro. David Kasahara. Bro. Kasahara is a member of St. John’s Lodge, Dalhousie Lodge, and The Harvard Lodge. Though his parents are both Japanese, Bro. Kasahara was born and raised in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

It was beautiful day. The Grand Master expressed how proud he was of Bro. Kasahara and that he was honored to attend the ceremony. Bro. Kasahara was touched to have friends in attendance, and even more honored and surprised to see the Grand Master witness the event.

-Rt. Wor. James Orgettas

Bro. Kasahara’s friends and Brothers who came to witness the ceremony: Wor. Joseph Vicentini, Rt. Wor. Richard Taylor, Bro. David Kasahara, M. Wor. Paul Gleason, and Rt. Wor. James Orgettas.



BWA's Summer Meeting

The Summer Meeting of the Brothers of the White Ash (BWA) on July 14th had 57 members, with 10 first timers, a catered meal, a pool, a bocce pit, and a corn-hole game. In addition, there were a few cigars. For information, contact the President, Rt. Wor. Mike Douglas, at broswhtash@gmail.com. **-Rt. Wor. Mike Douglas**

Photo Credit: Bro. Chris Grazioso



Meridian Lodge Surprised on Awards Night

On June 19, Meridian Lodge in Natick hosted an open lodge of appreciation and celebration for several members of its fraternal community who received awards and recognition for their service to the Craft. The last was a particular surprise for the recipient and the many Brothers and family members present. Meridian Master Wor. Jay R. Snyder invited District Deputy Grand Master of the 15th North, Rt. Wor. Danny Vogel, to bestow the first 'Grand Lady Award' for distinguished service to Ms. Patricia Bremner. Although Ms. Bremner has been Mother Advisor for Rainbow Natick Assembly 28 for the past 37 years, the recognition was for all she has done for the programs and members of Meridian Lodge.

Rt. Wor. Vogel presented on behalf of the Grand Lodge and Meridian the new Robert H. Johnston Service Award to Wor. Wayne Szretter. As Rt. Wor. Vogel pointed out, the Johnston award, named in honor of the late Robert 'Bob' Johnston, is for Brothers who don't necessarily seek the limelight or wear the bling, but whose services to their Lodge would be sorely missed. Wor. Szretter was Lodge Master in 1990 and has served as Dad for the John Eliot Chapter of DeMolay. Accepting for Wor. Szretter, who was unable to attend, were Wor. Geoffrey Turi and Wor. John Brainard.

M. Wor. Albert T. Ames was escorted to the East to receive a very rare 60-year pin to commemorate his six decades of membership in the Fraternity. During this time, he has not only served as Grand Lodge Master from 1987-89, but as Master of Meridian in 1963, and again 50 years later in 2013. M. Wor. Bro. Ames bestowed a 30-year pin on his son, Rt. Wor. Richard D. Ames, expressing his pride as Nancy, wife to Albert and mother to Richard, looked on. Rt. Wor. Richard Ames pointed out the amusing irony that during his own year as Master of Meridian, his father served as his Senior Deacon, having gone back into line on his way to his second stint as Master.

But the night was not over for M. Wor. Bro. Ames. An unexpected demand at the door proved to be a contingent from Grand Lodge, escorting none other than M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason, who brought the surprise award of the evening – the Joseph Warren Medal, which he affixed to the coat of M. Wor. Bro. Ames. Somehow, despite all his Grand Lodge, Blue Lodge, and DeMolay leadership positions, all his



One of the many recipients, Ms. Patricia Bremner and her Rainbow Girls, with the Grand Master.

awards and honors, including the Henry Price Medal, M. Wor. Bro. Ames had never received the Warren Medal. Wor. Bro. Snyder discovered this oversight and petitioned the Grand Lodge for the honor, and who better to pin the medal on M. Wor. Bro. Ames' coat than our current Grand Master?

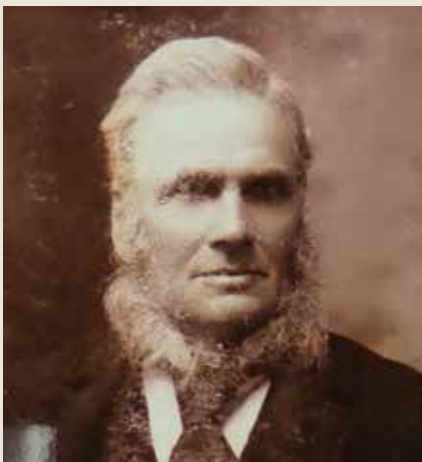
In reflecting on his many years in Freemasonry, M. Wor. Bro. Ames recalled that he first mounted the stairs of the Natick Lodge building in 1947 as a member of DeMolay,



which had been reinstated following a hiatus during World War II. M. Wor. Bro. Ames stated that his wife Nancy doesn't mind his continued frequent absences on Lodge business because she noted, "He always comes home in a great mood." He responded, "With an organization like this, how could you not?" **-Bro. Richard Pastore**

Left: Meridian Lodge is surprised by the arrival of the Grand Master at their awards night.

Right: Rt. Wor. Danny Vogel, Wor. Jay R. Snyder, Master of Meridian Lodge, Rt. Wor. Richard D. Ames, Nancy Ames, M. Wor. Albert Ames, and M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason at Meridian Lodge's Award night.



Bro. Hiram Wilson

Wilson's Rich Masonic Legacy

In continuing with a tradition that spans generations, Wor. Kenneth Merrill Wilson, Jr. recently raised his nephew, Brother Wilson Robin Reich in Webster Lodge. He was assisted by Wilson's father, Bro. Chris Reich and grandfather, Bro. Kenneth Merrill Wilson, Sr. Bro. Wilson Reich recently graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster and will be attending Norwich University in Vermont this fall.

After leaving his father, Brother Hiram Wilson in New Brunswick, Canada to immigrate, Samuel A. Wilson became a U.S. citizen and

lived in Southborough, MA, before moving to Webster. He affiliated with the Lodge in 1904 and did a brisk business as the local blacksmith repairing car springs damaged by pot-holes and lack of paving.

His son, Brother Edgar Roy Wilson had two sons named Ernest F. and Vernon L. Wilson, who both served as Master of Webster Lodge consecutively.

Ernest had a son named Brother Kenneth Merrill Wilson, Sr. who is pictured with his son-in-law Brother Chris Reich, Brother Wilson Robin Reich, and Wor. Kenneth Merrill Wilson Jr.

-Wor. Torrey W. Wallace



Above: The 2019 Officers and friends of Webster Lodge who helped raise the new candidate. **Below (l to r):** Bros. Ken Wilson Sr., Chris Reich, Wilson Reich, Wor. Ken Wilson, Jr.



2019-20 Grand Lodge

First Time Recipients

Liliana Lourdes Berumen, *Psychology, UMASS Amherst*
Christina Marie Bibilos, *Business, Providence College*
Michael Scott Bickford, *Pre-Med, Drew College*
Ryan A. Garabedian, *Political Science, Suffolk University*
Lauren Nicole Godbout, *Biological Science, Pre-Med, Tufts University*
Anthony David Grandel, *Mechanical Engineering, UMaine*
Nicholas S. Henderson, *Biology, Pre-Med, UMASS Amherst*
Zachary Raymond Mattie, *Electro-Mechanical Engineering, Wentworth*
Kendra Elizabeth Waugh, *Theatre Arts, Salem State*
Ryan William Dukas, *Business Administration, UMASS Lowell*
Andrew Gregory Kolandjian, *Mechanical Engineering, Embry Riddle Aeronautical Univ.*
Joshua E. Negron, *Finance, UMASS Amherst*
Madison Julia Poshkus, *Political Science, Wellsley College*
Wilson Robin Reich, *Political Science, Norwich University*
Benjamin Francis Yanakakis, *Undeclared, Pace University*
Victoria Lynn Cutler, *Pre-Veterinary Science, Rutgers University*
Nitasha Virginia Gates, *Creative Writing, Emerson College*
Erika Lynn Peterson, *Meteorology,*

Valparaiso University
Jeffrey S. Smith, Jr., *Health & Physical Ed, Plymouth State*
Ashlee Grace Young, *Psychology, Middlesex CC*
Matthew James Albanese, *History, Government, Quincy College*
Clare Myra Jankowski, *Nursing, Simmons College*
Robert William Scott, *Chemistry, Harvard College*
Morgan Ann Stahl, *Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Otterbein University*
Emily Lynn Thorne, *Biology, Holy Cross*
Kevin Stephen Dukas, *Business, Endicott College*
Olivia Grace Crawford, *Undeclared, Westfield State*
Nicholas Frederick Schulman, *Business Management, Tulane University*
Ethan David Goodfellow, *Political Science, Westfield State*
Grace Maria Grinnell, *Health Sciences, Northeastern*
Ryan Scott Sawyer, *Game Design, Fitchburg State*
Carolina Rose Canhoto, *Undeclared, Auburn University*
Marina Lauretta Caspe, *Art Education, Roger Williams University*
Dilara Eran, *Global Study, Temple University*
Elizabeth Leigh Hutchinson, *Art History, Messiah College*
Natalie Cecelia Kirouac, *Biology,*

Boston University
Matthew Maxwell, *Finance, University of Maryland*
Alexandria Lisa Nahigian, *Education, Champlain College*
Charles M. Ritchie, *Biology, UMASS Amherst*
Christal Laurine Vannett, *Business, UMASS Lowell*

Renewals

Gregory Allan Abbott, *Communications, Curry College*
Elena Nicole Bibilos, *Marketing, English, Providence College*
Nathanial W. Burdzel, *Engineering, UMASS Dartmouth*
Anne Denise Burnett, *Nursing, Simmons College*
Kristin Elizabeth Cole, *English & Communications, Merrimack College*
Matthew Robert Jankowski, *Biotech, Biology, Worcester Polytech*
Ethan Scott McDuffie, *Business Management, University of Rhode Island*
Noah Mitchell McDuffie, *Biomedical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytech*
Benjamin Neil Pike, *Exercise & Sport Science, Coastal Carolina University*
Rebecca Grace Vangness, *Health Science, Pre-Med, Quinnipiac University*
Nathanial Cole Walker, *Game Programming, Champlain College*
Michael James Ward, *Civil Engineering, UMASS Lowell*

Zilosophy For Scholars- And Masons!

Zilosophy, just like Freemasonry, is ultimately about learning practices that allow us to bring our best to whatever we do. I chose golf as the metaphor because both golf and life are difficult games and each can teach us a lot about the other.

The main three practices are:

1. Self-awareness - What are the things I say and do?
2. Honest self-evaluation - Do the things

I say and do actually get me closer to the things I want?

3. Commitment to making good choices - Actively making choices that get us closer to the things we desire.

For the Scholarship recipients, I brought a few concepts in from Freemasonry that the world really needs right now. These are:

- Meeting on the level - despite our vast differences as people, as Masons we always meet on the level and relate based on a mutual respect and the understanding that despite our differences, we are all the same and we are all on the same team.

- Masonry teaches us that we are not independent beings. Life is a tough game and we need to support each other through it or we'll never make it. We must never for-



Scholarship Recipients

Madison Suzanne Chute, *Filmmaking, Champlain College*
Timothy Paul Durocher, *Political Science, UMASS Amherst*
Eliza C. Mullin, *Human Biology, American International College*
Adam Bruce Jankowski, *Accounting, Bentley University*
Elizabeth Carol Scott, *Psychology, Holy Cross*
Peter F. Doerr, *Hospitality Management, Endicott College*
Nicole Catherine Galley, *Psychology, University of NH*
Lindsey Jill Godbout, *Public Relations, Syracuse University*
Rebecca Lynn Main, *Interior Architecture, UMASS Dartmouth*
Jeremy Lee Sickles, *Mechanical Engineering, UMASS Lowell*
Margaret Abigail Bennette, *Psychology, Endicott College*
William R. Sanders, *Geography, Spanish, Clark University*
Adam M. Azanow, *Finance, Suffolk University*
Allison Margaret Crawford, *Education, Merrimack College*
Sarah Ruth Bickford, *Psychology, Boston College*
Aliya Marie Elsner, *History, Saint Michael's College*
Luna Jessica Isham, *Psychology, Saint Michael's College*
Livia A. Murray, *Psychology, Clark University*
Jennifer Marie Peterson, *Business,*

Valparaiso University
Beth A. Arnold, *Recreation Resource Mgmt, Utah State University*
Skye Crowninshield, *Music Education, UMASS Lowell*
Lydia Bridget Masse, *Biomedical Engineering, Worcester Polytech*
Zachary John Sahagian, *Music, Berklee*
Gregory James Schneider, *Engineering, Florida Institute Tech*

Grimhaw Gudewicz Foundation

Alyssa Paige Bille, *Criminal Justice, UMASS Dartmouth*
Benjamin Antokal Burgess, *Business Administration, Bridgewater State*
Montayo William Cardoza, *Chemical Engineering, UMASS Lowell*
Brett Bourne Carlsen, *Digital Media, UMASS Dartmouth*
Michael Giovanni Carvalho, *Economics, UMASS Amherst*
Tess Marie Cullaz, *Outdoor Ed & Psychology, UMASS Amherst*
Alexander Demirs, *Computer Engineering, Worcester Polytech*
Matthew Eric Devin, *Mechanical Engineering, UMASS Dartmouth*
Armen Elijah Eghian, *Economics, Bryant University*
Samuel Wolcott Foster, *Computer Science, UMASS Dartmouth*
Matthew Bruce Gonsalves, *Marine Engineering, Mass Maritime*
Tristan Ryan Grieve, *Biology,*

UMASS Amherst
Kimberly Danielle Huyler, *Nursing, Norwich University*
Macy Antoine Jabbour, *Computer Engineering, UMASS Amherst*
Kayla Ashley Johnston, *History, Secondary Ed., Bridgewater State*
Andrew Brett Kassler, *Business, Babson University*
Matthew Ian Kassler, *Operations & Info Management, UMASS*
James A. Kelley, *Electrical Engineering, Wentworth*
Rileigh Paige Lemaire, *Computer Science, UMASS Amherst*
Jessica Marie Marquez, *Biochemistry, Worcester Polytech*
Cullen Jason O'Reilly, *Communications Journalism, Boston University*
Jayla Marie O'Reilly, *Aviation, Bridgewater State*
Ashley Marie Pacheco, *Baking & Pastry, Johnson & Wales*
Angela Nicole Reed, *Music, Psychology, Rhode Island College*
Amber Melissa Wells, *English, Bridgewater State*
Bailey Elizabeth Wilkinson, *Nursing, UMASS Amherst*
Delaney Kate Wilkinson, *Nursing, University of Pennsylvania*
Robert Grant Williams, *Computer Information, Wentworth* ■

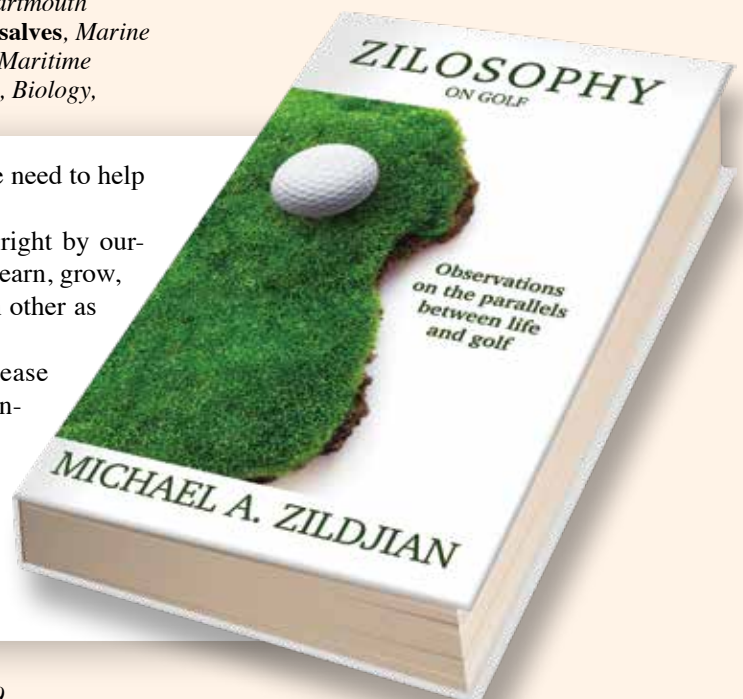
get that sometimes we need to ask for help and many times we need to help others so they can keep going forward.

- Masonry keeps us accountable by our obligation to do right by ourselves, our brethren, and all humanity. We must always try to learn, grow, and remember that we are at our best when we stand for each other as opposed to standing against one another.

For more information on me and Zilosophy, please visit Zilosophy.org. There are media materials for download there. You can also read a great recent story that the Watertown Tab just did on me that might give you some further information.

Zilosophy on Golf is available on Amazon in paperback. It is also available for Kindle, on Audiobook, and on Audible.

-Bro. Michael Zildjian



A Recipe for Success at The Overlook

The dining experience is one of The Overlook's greatest opportunities to further support the high quality of life for our residents and team members, and to attract prospects and outsiders to visit and dine at The Overlook. Over the next two to three years, The Overlook will embark on an exciting journey to further enhance and redesign our dining program, incorporating a farm-to-table concept. We will collaborate with local farmers and source seasonally fresh and local food products. Leading this ambitious charge will be Jeremy Roush, Overlook's new Chief of Culinary Services, and Corporate Executive Chef.

As part of the recruitment process, The Overlook conducted a national search which attracted more than 150 applicants and concluded with two finalists. These finalists participated in a live cooking demo, and presented their results to a panel of residents, team members, and senior

leadership. The Overlook selected Jeremy for his resourcefulness, originality, imagination, credentials, record of success, and implementing



changes across the continuum.

Jeremy is an award-winning chef and graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. He is an agent of change

for organizations, bringing fresh, locally crafted and nourishing cuisine to the table. Jeremy has owned his own restaurants, spent many years with the Marriott and Hyatt Corporations, served as Executive Chef and Director of The Saint Paul Hotel and Grill in St. Paul, MN, and oversaw the culinary services at both The Biltmore Estate in Asheville, SC, and The Carolina Yacht Club in Charleston, SC. Most recently, Jeremy updated Amherst College's dining program to a fresh, farm-to-table, wholesome dining experience, where over 4,000 meals a day were prepared.

As a key member of the executive team, Jeremy will be the key and driving person responsible for the overarching dining experience, responsible for the design and execution of the culinary program across Overlook's existing, and growing number of venues in the future. He will also provide consultative services to Briarwood Retirement Community in Worcester, The Overlook's sister organization that we have successfully managed for over eight years. The position will offer a unique opportunity to impact lifestyle, hospitality, health, and wellness. Our goal is to make the dining experience resident-centric, and consistently extraordinary.

In addition to strategic and operational oversight of The Overlook's

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been the Chief Conservator for the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and has been involved in the restoration of rare and priceless paintings and murals in Massachusetts, and throughout the country. The restoration process, which included stretching and remounting the canvas, took six months.

After the carpet ceremony, the Grand Master removed the purple drape that hid the newly restored Joseph Warren painting. It was a sight to behold, with all of the years of grime, soot, and old varnish removed. The vibrant painting, with its restored gold frame, looked the way it must have nearly 200 years ago when first completed.

Rt. Wor. James Ray and Wor. James Enila presented M. Wor. Bro. Gleason an Honorary Membership Certificate, while Rt. Wor. Bro. Toto gave the Grand Master a photograph of the portrait to remember this occasion. ■

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Masons made the trek to Manassas, Virginia. For me, to travel 450 miles and walk into a lodge room of 150 Brothers and know over 60 Brothers just because we held an event at our lodge was amazing. This solidified to me the need for events like this one.

Many Brothers join our fraternity to seek further knowledge, and this is that avenue. In mid-July, a few of us head to South Pasadena to their Masonic Con. There are also ones in Fort Worth, Texas, and a new one in the works in the Chicago area. All are a little different, but follow the same idea that education is a major part of our craft.

Masonic Con 2020 planning is already well underway. It will be at Ezekiel Bates Lodge, 71 North Main Street, Attleboro, MA, 02703. This year, as in the past, we are trying to outdo ourselves. Since we had well over 100 Brothers from other jurisdictions this year, we applied for and received a dispensation to move our regular meeting

ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS



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

culinary program, the expanded role will include growing The Overlook's catering business into a profit center. We plan to design an express dining venue and retail micro-store with upscale grab-and-go options, participate in six seasonal Overlook Farmer's Markets (beginning in the summer of 2019) on the Charlton campus, conduct food demonstrations, kitchen tours, culinary classes, as well as collaborate with other retail shops, local farmers, and artisans.

Our ultimate vision is to serve our residents and team members, while also bringing visitors, prospects, local farmers, and chefs together, to educate, inspire, and enjoy great food in The Overlook's beautiful, natural setting. The Overlook is in the process of partnering with a local mushroom farmer. The Overlook will be promoted and advertised in upscale restaurants throughout Hartford, Boston, and Providence, whose menus will include "Wildwood Mushrooms from The Overlook in Charlton, MA." With the relaunching of The Overlook's philanthropy and fund development program, we hope to reopen The Overlook Hotel as a major events center for weddings, proms, and the like, to better serve the needs of our Overlook Community, as well as external customers. ■

Q: I keep hearing that at a public Lodge meeting anyone can be presented to the East. However, the current Trestle Board states that only Master Masons may approach the East while the Lodge is open. Which is correct?

A: The information in the Trestle Board on this point is now incorrect. The Grand Master has ruled that non-Masons may be presented to the East. However, they cannot occupy seats there. The Trestle Board will be changed in its next printing.

Q: Can any brother call the Grand Lecturers with a question?

A: Certainly. We are always willing to help. Grand Lecturer information is on the Educate Masons website. Your District Deputy will have the contact information for the Grand Lecturer conducting your exemplification. It is important to remember that

questions and answers concerning ritual should never be sent and will never be answered over email or through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.

Q: I have been unable to attend my lodge for some time, and am now reluctant to do so because I am unsure what I have to do inside the lodge.

A: Basically, you just have to know the signs. Many lodges have a Rusty Brother Committee whose specific purpose is to make situations such as this comfortable for its members. If your lodge does not have such a committee, speak to the Master. No doubt he will take the necessary steps to ensure that you are welcomed back.

Q: Speaking of signs, are members required to adjust their feet.

A: No, they are not. ■

to April 17, 2020. We will demonstrate how we do a modern meeting, followed by a 3rd Degree conferred by the Unspoken Degree Team.

Saturday, April 18, we have a full slate of speakers. We have paired up Brothers to collaborate on brand new, amazing talks. We will have over 40 Mason-owned vendors, and the day will end with a 100-person festive board. On Sunday, April 19, we will host a breakfast festive board to squeeze in the last bit of fraternalism before we must all go our separate ways.

If you have not attended, I highly encourage it. There is something for everyone. Except for the degree ceremony, the entire weekend is open to all. Tickets will go on sale this fall.

-Wor. Bryan Simmons



that impacts our plans for the fall.”

The Grand Master recounted that the Masters’ Path sessions are completed “with Secretary/Treasurer breakouts and, a new initiative this year, Auditor training.” In March, he traveled to three Florida cities to enjoy happy reunions with our ‘snowbirds’ and update them on our activities “up north.” He explained that Grand Lodge Pillar Officers now rotate attendance on the Board of Governors of the Shrine Hospital for Children. Those meetings, he said, “Always leave us with an appreciation of the miraculous skills brought to bear on children from all over the Americas.”

He said, “There was a Masonic Trial as a consequence of a suspected factious ballot. While inconclusive, the trial served to emphasize how important it is to advise the Worshipful Master before a ballot if you truly do not wish to share Masonry with a proposed candidate!”

The Grand Master spoke on a happier note when he described a ribbon cutting ceremony for an adult day care center at our Masonic Health System in Charlton. “This provides more proof that this extensive facility has regained its status as one of the state’s premier health care systems!”

In the past quarter, the Grand Master discussed the difficult tasks many lodges accomplished to earn the Grand Master’s Award. Often, the planning for the award begins before the Master is even installed. The lodge spends almost the entire Masonic year satisfying the requirements, and not every lodge who tries will succeed. Those lodges that succeeded in getting the Grand Master’s Award have benefited from their efforts.

Even if a lodge does not receive the award, the Grand Master noted that the list of requirements for the Grand Master’s Award provides a good template program for any lodge to follow. He looks forward to an even bigger group of recipients next year. “Junior and Senior Wardens out there, please consider having your lodge strive for this award during your year in the East. At a minimum, it will help you organize your programs and guide you on your way,” the Grand Master said.

“The Masonic CHIP program continues to be recognized as the most comprehensive child identification program combining video, finger printing, tooth printing, and DNA sampling,” continued the Grand Master. “I am very pleased to announce that last week the CHIP developers, Wor. Patrick Delval, who was just recognized for his efforts, and the chair of our Service Committee, our Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Tim McGavin, fielded a brand-new CHIP system built around a network of four truly mini-computers. The system is faster, easier to use, and much more reliable than the decades-old system it replaces. Try it! You’ll like it! Attending and helping with a CHIP program can help your lodges gain members.”

The Grand Master looked back to the Golden Gavel Awards and the successful One Day Class. “We can all be proud of these initiatives that had a marked effect on our

membership efforts, but true success can come only with the work of individual lodge membership committees.” He lamented that nearly 50 lodges did not raise a single candidate in 2019. “An improvement over last year’s sad performance, but still nothing to be proud of, [while] I’m sure there are a few extenuating circumstances that explain some of these, but as I’ve emphasized several times in the past, the fact remains that only ‘boots on the ground’ are going to invite interested candidates to dinner, contact every brother at least once per year, publish articles in local media, and in many other ways make the public aware of what we have to offer. It is our duty as Masonic lodges to investigate, elect, and raise Master Masons. It should be our goal to see 100% of our lodges do this in the near future.”

The Grand Master reminded us, “Membership makes possible the outstanding charitable activities that Masons do. Freemasonry is the fraternal organization that supports the Masonic Home in Charlton, sponsors the Masonic Child Identification Program, and provides scholarships for the children and grandchildren of Masons. Our members are Scottish Rite and York Rite Masons who support the 32° Scottish Rite Learning Centers for Dyslexic Children, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and many more charitable endeavors. We are the Shrine Masons that support our Orthopedic and Burn Hospitals. These are just a few of the many community projects supported by Masons. Many individual lodges and Masons provide other services to the community through programs such as the Masonic Angel Fund, hospital equipment loan program, and assisting in the Red Cross Blood program.”

“This is what we as Masons do,” said the Grand Master. “We help the community through good works practicing the Masonic principles of Brother Love, Relief, and Truth.” The Grand Master asked all Past Masters to stand. He asked all Worshipful Masters to stand. He asked all Officers in line to stand. Finally, he asked anyone who has worn an apron in service to the Craft to stand. “There you have it Brethren, this is Masonry!” proclaimed the Grand Master. “Thank you all for all you do for our Craft! I wish all of you a great summer and I look forward to meeting and working with you again in September.” All who remained seated stood and gave the Grand Master a standing ovation. After a rousing rendition of “America the Beautiful,” the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts Summer Quarterly Communication was closed in ample form. ■



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