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GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS FALL 2021

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2021 Masonic Anniversaries



From the East of Grand Lodge
MOST WORSHIPFUL RICHARD MAGGIO

Brethren,

As I store the lawnmower and prepare the snow blower for winter, it is heartwarming to reflect upon the energy and enthusiasm I have experienced in recent months.

In September, we had the pleasure of attending eight Installations and conducted a Masters Carpet Ceremony. Our 9/11 One Day Class honoring our First Responders raised over 100 new Master Masons. We conducted a full Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge and attended the first of five Town Hall Listening Tour meetings. District Deputy interviews were conducted, and selections were made. Announcements will be forthcoming.

October brought us autumn leaves and a second One Day Class. We travelled to the Grand Lodge of Delaware and the Deputy Grand Master visited Virginia for their Annual Communication and Installation of Officers. Two more Master Carpet Rededication Ceremonies were conducted, and sun shined brightly on our statewide open houses. And for me, the Grand Masters Table Lodge was the best evah!

Brethren, we have a great Masonic web site, Massmasons.org. Please check it on a regular basis. This site will keep you abreast of everything happening in Massachusetts Masonry as well as be a resource for all your Masonic needs.

Lodges are offering welcome back events, raising candidates, and sponsoring community and charitable programs. A few events to consider and dates to save:

- Training sessions are up and running, in person, via Zoom, and on Massmasons.org.
- First Responders Benefit Banquet “HEROs NIGHT” to benefit the 100 Club on 12/4/2021. Tickets are limited. Go on Massmasons.org now to reserve your tickets.
- The Feast of St. John and Installation of Grand Lodge Officers on 12/27/2021. Contact Rt. Wor. James Orgettas in my office for tickets.
- Town Hall Listening Tour (see Massmasons.org for the dates and locations).

Please come to one of our Town Hall Listening Tour meetings in a lodge near you! Bring questions for the Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Members. Tell us what we can do to help you and your lodge and share your Masonic stories.

Brethren, for our traditions to be continued, consider contacting a friend, coworker, or family member that you find to be a good man, a man just like you, and share your story of how you became a Mason and why you continue to live your Masonic life. Share the light, share the experience, share the brotherhood.

I look forward to seeing you in my travels. God bless you, your families, and the USA!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Most Worshipful Richard Maggio

Grand Master

P.S. “Brother, when you are in need, lean on me...”

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Ease or Excellence?

Virtue, kindness, dealing on the square: Freemasonry moves men toward all these qualities. No matter who you are or what you've been, when you enter that door, you are going to get better. Some bits of Masonic betterment are not as obvious. These take time, take attending Lodge, and take hold of your life in grand ways. For a small example, when I started in line as a Steward, I started wearing a bowtie for the first time. For some reason, clipping on the bowtie made me feel like I should be going to a wedding as a ring bearer. I felt like a kid. So, I learned to tie a bowtie. Now, I only wear bowties and every time I tie one, I feel like Cary Grant.



Through that bowtie, I realized that I've often chosen ease over excellence. Freemasonry reignited my need for excellence.

A large example is that in Lodge we pledge our allegiance to the flag, sometimes sing the Star-Spangled Banner or God Bless America. I've done all those things in haphazard ways throughout my life. In Lodge, it is organized and regular. I found myself, over the years, growing more patriotic. That means, for me, being more grateful for our country, its structure, its goals, its kindness, its excellence. I can, with ease, criticize my country, my state, my Lodge, or my Brethren. None are perfect, but to see and enjoy their goodness, that is excellent.

Recently I met members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. The men I met were all Masons. Their virtue and love of country was palpable. They deferred every compliment. They were kind to every person. I joked with one member, and it felt like we were friends from childhood. These Masons exuded excellence.

While ease is always nice—I love automatic transmissions and microwave popcorn—but these Brothers and Freemasonry remind me that while ease is attractive, if I'm not striving for excellence, then ease is all I'll achieve. That joy of excellence is part of the patriotism I learned in Lodge. We are a country in motion, we are getting better, and I can exult in our moves forward. As our country becomes more excellent, I, at least, can be part of that motion, with the help of Freemasonry.

Fraternally, Lee H. Fenn

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Do you have an experience from seeing or having a Masonic plate? Send it to the Editor of TROWEL at editortrowel@gmail.com.

Build It and They Will Come

On August 7th, Williams Lodge held its rededication for 150 years with a Carpet Ceremony, attended by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Pillar Officers. The day started off with Williams Lodge and Grand Lodge opening at 2pm at 941 Hopper Road in Williamstown (The Ransford Farm). Williams Lodge received the Grand Master and suite, and the Gavel was presented to the Grand Master for the Carpet Ceremony.

After the ceremony and the closing of Williams Lodge, a break was taken and then Lafayette-Greylock opened at the same location for their Annual Hill Degree at 4pm. After the first section, lodge was called to recess for a picnic-style dinner and reconvened about 6pm. Four Candidates were raised to the Sublime Degree. The Lodge presented the Grand Master and Pillar Officers with commemorative t-shirts of the event. It was a great day with about 80 brethren attending the event.

-Rt. Wor. Nicholas J. Mantello



ASK THE GRAND MASTER

Want to know the Grand Master's thoughts on Freemasonry?
Are you wondering what it is like to be Grand Master?
Something else?

Submit your questions by email to:
asktheGMMA@gmail.com

Select responses will appear in upcoming issues of

TROWEL

Chaplains Corner

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

“As an individual you are charged to practice the domestic and public virtues.”

The above line comes near the end of one of the charges a newly raised Master Mason may hear upon the completion of his third degree. Temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice are then alluded to as those virtues. As I think about what is going on in the world today, I truly hope that we in the Masonic Fraternity remain committed to this charge to practice these virtues. The continuing presence of the pandemic reminds us to be prudent, not strident, in how we deal with this issue, maintaining fortitude to move forward with respect and caution as we support our families, neighbors, friends, and fellow Masons with best practices and self-care.

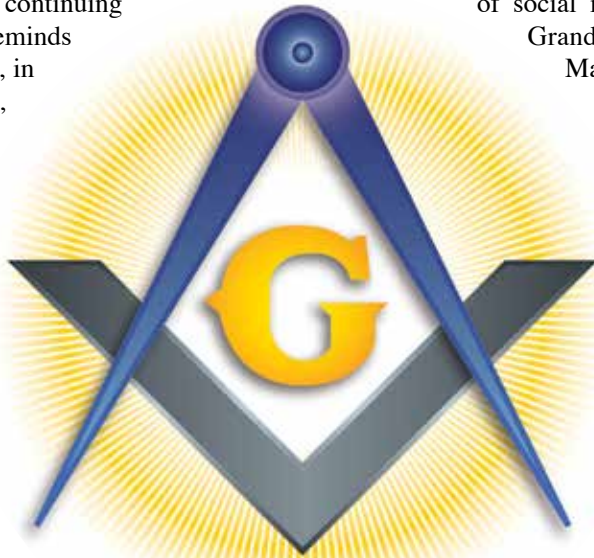
By the time this edition of TROWEL is in print, our nation will have passed the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Note I did not write celebrate the 20th anniversary, for that horrific event is no cause for celebration. It is a reminder of the necessity for justice to prevail wherever and whenever evil raises its ugly head. Justice, not vengeance, is a public virtue and ought always to be the goal for defeating evil and we Masons, in theory, embrace that end. The late General Douglas MacArthur, a Mason, was often rightly criticized for his arrogance and pomposity, but he oversaw the redevelopment of

the defeated Imperial Japan after WWII by exercising prudent justice as opposed to angry vengeance.

The political discourse in our country is at a nadir I had hardly thought possible as people on both sides of the political aisle seem unwilling to work together for the common good, much of the inflammatory rhetoric and awful accusations fueled by intemperate use

of social media platforms. One of our Grand Chaplains, Rt. Wor. Rev. Matthew Wissell addressed this very issue present even in our Fraternity in a previous issue of TROWEL.

Dear Brethren, friends, and colleagues, given what faces us every day, the charge given to us as Master Masons must never be lost, but re-embraced in the hope that through our Fraternity the reality of a better way is truly modeled. So here it is again, with a slight adjustment for our collective contemplation amidst the realities we face every day: “As individuals you are charged to practice the domestic and public virtues alongside your Masonic friends and Brothers.” ■



Rt. Wor. Rev. Richard Haley is a member and Past Master of Essex Lodge and PDDGM of the 9th District.

THE SEPTEMBER 2021 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

The room was filled. The day was hot. The fans were waving in the balcony. The cameras for Masons online were scattered on the edges of the room. The Brethren were thrilled. At 1:30, on September 8, 2021, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Richard Maggio, entered the lodge room to open the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

The Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. John E. Kelley, Jr., explained that to be properly tyled online, headphones should be worn and non-Masons—even family members—should not have access to the business of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master welcomed all, “We have a full house, with a heavy agenda. We will continue to live stream and record our meetings for those who are not able to join us. For those online, thank you for tuning in.” The Grand Master and brethren stood for the presentation of the colors, the American and Massachusetts flags, by representatives of the Firefighters Degree Team and Police Square Club. All the brethren pledged their allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and sang a rousing rendition of the “Star Spangled Banner.”

The Grand Master introduced Wor. John MacNeill, President of the Firefighters Degree Team who introduced the other members of his team: Rt. Wor. David Maxim, Rt. Wor. Gerard Bergeron, Bro. Keith Hershenson, Captain of the Police Square Club, and Wor. Gregory Goyette.

The Grand Master led the brethren in singing “Faith of our Father” and praying with Rt. Wor. Hank Peirce, Grand Chaplain. The Grand Master declared the “Regular Quarterly Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts opened in ample form.”

“I am delighted to welcome,” said the Grand Master, “Our District Grand Master who is visiting us from Panama and will participating in the One Day Class on Saturday to witness his son join our Craft, Rt. Wor. Albert C. Hopper, District Grand Master.”

The Grand Master made special mention of the First Responders team of Rt. Wor. Jerry Bergeron (Captain), Rt.

Wor. David Maxim, Rt. Wor. Craig Erickson, Wor. Jack MacNeill, Wor. Ed Burg, Bro. Philip Ciampa, and Bro. Ryan Matthews. The First Responders team is present at every Quarterly Communication and keeps brethren safe in case of immediate needs. He also introduced the audio team, Wor. Charles Caroselli and Wor. Ethan Gilson, and

The Grand Master introduced the guests for the Quarterly:

M. Excel. Ernest A. Bean, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts
M. Illus. Andrew C. Maninos, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts
Sir Knight James S. Stone, Sr., Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

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

Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Active for Massachusetts
Ill. Robert E. Godbout, Jr., 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts
M. Wor. and Ill. Donald G. Hicks, Jr., 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts
Ill. George F. Hamilton, 33°, New Deputy for Massachusetts
M. Wor. Thomas Edward Pulkkinen, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

M. Wor. Timothy R. Downes, Grand Master
Rt. Wor. Gerald R. Thaxton, Deputy Grand Master
Rt. Wor. William H. Walker, Grand Junior Warden
Rt. Wor. Colin M. Herrelle, Grand Treasurer

Ill. Garth O. Parker, Potentate, Melha Shrine
Rt. Wor. and Dad Philip Drouin, Executive Officer, Order of the DeMolay, Massachusetts
Most Worthy Charles H. Jones, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star

Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames
M. Wor. Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr.
M. Wor. Jeffrey Black Hodgdon
M. Wor. Richard James Stewart
M. Wor. Harvey John Waugh
M. Wor. Paul Fulton Gleason



Left: The Grand Master enters a full Lodge room. Right: The Color Guard: Bro. Keith Hershenson, Captain, Police Square Club; Wor. John MacNeill, President Firefighters Degree Team; Rt. Wor. Gerard Bergeron; Rt. Wor. David Maxim; and Wor. Gregory Goyette.

the online production team, Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky, Wor. Patrick DeVal, and Bro. Timothy Maxwell. The Grand Master opened the floor to reports and votes on motions. M. Wor. Bro Ames reported on Voting Power of Lodges and the Recognition of Proxies, the latter of which required a vote and was approved. Reports on the Recognition of Proxies, Grand Lodge Annual Budget, Report of the Records Committee, and the Report of the Committee on Charters and By-Laws—six changes of by-laws were approved—were all voted on and approved.

The Grand Master introduced Rt. Wor. Peter Culbertson, Deputy Grand Master, to inform the brethren of the passing of five brothers to the Celestial Lodge above. We lost almost 200 years of Masonic experience, mourned their departure, and prayed for their souls with Rt. Wor. Richard Haley, Senior Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced his candidates for Junior and Senior Grand Wardens. For Junior Grand Warden, The Grand Master introduced Rt. Wor. Russell Edwin Lowe, PDDGM, Worcester 22, and Grand Lecturer, and Rt. Wor. Alfredo Jorge Rodrigues Canhoto, PDDGM, District 15N, and Strategic Planning Committee Chairman. For Senior Grand Warden, he introduced Rt. Wor. Glenn Lawrence Kubick, PDDGM, District 6, and Senior Grand Lecturer, and Rt. Wor. William Earnest Yanakakis, PDDGM, District 10, Membership Committee Chair, and Board of Directors. (See section on the candidates on pages 12-13.)

The Grand Master began the most difficult part of his work: suspensions and expulsions. He said, “We have a strict code of conduct and hold our membership to a high standard. However, when the actions of any members are not in accordance with these principles, our disciplinary procedures are firm. If a brother conducts himself in an anti-social or dishonest manner, not only is his behavior unacceptable to society in general, but he is also bringing disrepute upon Freemasonry.” He announced the suspension of one man, which

was accepted by a vote of the brethren.

The Grand Master turned to happier events by naming Rt. Wor. Michael Shawn Craven as Grand Representative of The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts near the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. “Bro. Craven is a member of Sinim Lodge located in Tokyo, Japan. His Commission will be sent to him directly by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Thank you Rt. Wor. Bro. Craven for your service to our Grand Lodge. I am looking forward to working with you.”

The Grand Master presented Anniversary Certificates to the following lodges celebrating their 150th year since being chartered in 1871: Occidental Lodge, Elm-Belcher Lodge, Moses Michael Hays Lodge, The Meadow Lodge, Simon W. Robinson Lodge, and Good Samaritan Lodge. The Lodges are pictured on pages 8-9.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to present Rev. Rt. Wor. Keith Alderman, one of the Grand Chaplains, to mark his becoming a Grand Chaplain Emeritus due to his needing to move from Massachusetts. “It has been a joy to serve,” the Grand Chaplain Emeritus said. The Grand Master called Bro. Aristide Barria de Leon and Rt. Wor. Bro. Hopper to the East for the presentation of a Special Commission as District Liaison to the District of Panama to Bro. de Leon. The Grand Master called Rt. Wor. Matthew Niedermeier to receive a Certificate of Commendation for Bro. Frank Raymond Jolin, who was unable to attend. Bro. Jolin saved a life by running into a burning building. The Grand Master recognized another life saver, Bro. Mark Richard Collum of John T. Heard Lodge. He saved his neighbor’s life in a similar way.

The Grand Master accepted other prepared presentations. These presenters contacted the Office of the Grand Master, through Rt. Wor. James Orgettas (jorgettas@mass-freemasonry.org) and made prior arrangements. They become part of the written agenda of the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge and to the East by the Grand Marshal. They were: Wor. Todd Galarneau, the Master of William Sutton Lodge about a car show fundrais-



er; Wor. Jeffrey Miller, representing the 7th District LOI; Rt. Wor. Gordon Craig about a haircut fundraiser (see page 28); and Wor. Steve Butland, Master of Converse Lodge, about a restaurant fundraiser. In addition, Norfolk and Prospect Lodges made presentations. All donated to the Brotherhood Fund, which has been well used during the pandemic. They are all shown on page 10.

“Brethren, please join me in a moment of silent prayer for those Americans trapped behind enemy lines in Afghanistan, civilian and military and for those brave men and women trying to save them,” said the Grand Master. The moment was solemn. “Good afternoon, Brethren, 102 days of Freedom! Are we now in a post-pandemic society or a resurgence of the same? Time will tell,” the Grand Master started his address from the podium. Throughout the pandemic, the Grand Master noticed and commends “all of you for your zeal in keeping our great Craft alive and working. I continue to be amazed at your charity toward each other and the community at large.”

The Grand Master noted that changes in the Craft have been made, including online communications, sanitized rooms, and masks. *“In the beginning, these changes seemed burdensome and clumsy, but we learned and persevered. We all learned together on zoom meetings, how to mute, livestream, create discussion rooms and so on. We persevered and we adapted. Brethren at a distance came electronically close, which is continuing via hybrid meetings and discussion groups. Our deep love for this Fraternity pushed us to overcome the pandemic’s onslaught. Eventually, we returned to our lodge rooms, like today, full capacity, but ever vigilant of the ongoing threat of a terrible virus. Nothing will ever replace what we share by meeting in person, but we overcame all obstacles, continued the commitments we made to each other at the altar and here we are. Your zeal is truly laudable. Then and today, we strive for what is most important,*

Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Through all this I am proud and honored to be your Grand Master and to call you all brother. The enthusiasm and excitement I have witnessed in recent months is greater than I have ever experienced. Let’s keep up that level of energy as we plan for the future of Freemasonry in Massachusetts.”

The Grand Master announced that “Dispensations R us!” He expressed his flexibility about dispensations “to allow our Craft catch up and return to normal.” He instructed the Craft to email Rt. Wor. Bro. Orgettas, jorgettas@massfreemasonry.org, and cc him, grandmaster@massfreemasonry.org. Follow up with a paper hard copy mailed to the Grand Master at Grand Lodge. He reminded the brethren present about the One Day Class, which was scheduled for September 11th, the 20th anniversary of the attack on America. The day was dedicated to First Responders and created over 100 new Masons. “It will be a great day to be a Mason!” proclaimed the Grand Master. Story and photos on page, 23.

The Grand Master discussed the Lowell Masonic Center which became a COVID-19 free clinic—a great example of community partnership. The Wamesit building’s blood drives in Tewksbury collected their 1000th pint—District 12 has collected over 1900 pints toward their goal of 3000 for 2021—with special thanks to Wor. David Hicks who is a driving force in this effort.

The Grand Master announced the splitting of District 19 into East and West districts. “Rt. Wor. Michael Gagne will continue as the DDGM for 19W. I have appointed Bro. Bryon Simmons as DDGM D19E. To be clear, we will NOT be redistricting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Masonic Lodges but will continue to evaluate situations as they arise.”

“I continue to receive many letters from our Grand Lodge Scholarship recipients, some who are young Master Masons! Some speak proudly that because of your generos-

The Grand Master with candidates for Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Alfredo Jorge Rodrigues Canhoto and Rt. Wor. Russell Edwin Lowe.

The Grand Master with candidates for Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. William Earnest Yanakakis and Rt. Wor. Glenn Lawrence Kubick.





Left: Rt. Wor. Keith C. Alderman becomes Grand Chaplain Emeritus. Right: The Grand Master made Bro. Aristide Barria de Leon (right) a special liaison to Rt. Wor. Albert C. Hopper, District Grand Master of Panama (left).

ity they are the first in their family to attend and or graduate from college. Thank you for all your donations that keep this program alive,” thanked the Grand Master. A few excerpts from the letters, ‘I am extremely honored and grateful to have received your investment in my future success. I have always dreamed of going to college and to have a career doing something I love. With this scholarship money I will be able to pursue my dreams. I will not let you down. I will be the first in my family to attend college! Thank you.’”

The Grand Master acknowledged The Hospital Equipment Loan Program (HELP) under the direction of Bro. Brian Cavanaugh. “For over 50 years, the Masonic HELP program has been collecting and handing out, on free loan, durable medical equipment for home use to anyone in need. The program’s distribution center is open in Woburn every Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon year-round, even on holidays, including Christmas. This program receives as many as 50 to 100 phone calls a week and about 15 voice mails a day. Those in need come from all over eastern and central Massachusetts, and sometimes from New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The HELP program has remained open

throughout the pandemic, adjusting their procedures to follow best guidance while we kept serving the community in great need. They even loaned many beds during the pandemic to help medical clinics throughout the community to expand their capacity.”

The Grand Master noted, *“In addition to Woburn, there are HELP locations in service at Framingham and Centerville on Cape Cod. Another location is being developed in the Springfield area, with two more locations under discussion. Please contact Bro. Cavanaugh, jwbrian@gpsguy.net, and offer your HELP!”*

The Grand Master reminded the brethren, “Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who otherwise might have remained at a perpetual distance” with this example:

Friendship Lodge in Wilmington installed their officers, as usual, but with a difference. They are: Wor. Sumate Tumsaroach, Master, born in Bangkok Thailand; Bro. John Holland, Senior Warden, born in Bristol, England; Bro. Felix Epie, Junior Deacon, born in Cameroon; and Bro. Churk Leung, Senior Steward, born

LODGES CELEBRATING 150 YEARS



Good Samaritan Lodge



The Meadows Lodge



Occidental Lodge

in China. All these Officers were born on foreign soil to find each other in our Fraternity. “The tradition continues,” mused the Grand Master.

“After each Quarterly I am often contacted by many of you. Some praise, some questions, some comments of disagreement on certain items. I do appreciate all of them. One that surprised me was the interest in what I and the Grand Lodge Officers have been doing since the last Quarterly,” said the Grand Master, “Here are the Highlights of visits by us since the June Quarterly.”

During June, on the 9th, the Grand Master addressed via prerecorded video, the Grand Lodge of Gois, Brazil, and congratulated them on their 70th Anniversary, on the 10th he installed Wor. Philip Ronald Berard as Master of Ancient York Lodge, on the 12th he was inducted into the Red Cross of Constantine, on the 18th, along with M. Wor. Bros. Ames and Stewart conducted a Masonic Memorial Service for Rt. Wor. Robert Vartanian while other Grand Lodge Officers fulfilled his commitment at a Table Lodge hosted by Joel H. Prouty Lodge. On the 19th, “The Junior Grand Warden finally was honored at his reception, 1 year, 2 months and 22 days AFTER it was originally scheduled and cancelled because of the Pandemic! All the Grand Lodge Officers then proceeded to change clothes and attend a 3rd Degree at Azure Lodge, followed by my presentation of the Joseph Warren Medal to Rt. Wor. Charlie Briggs.”

On June 22nd, the Grand Master addressed via prerecorded video the Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais, he attended

a 3rd Degree along with other Grand Lodge officers at Wisdom Lodge in Great Barrington—long ride, well worth the effort, he met with the combined Board of Directors for the Overlook Community. They are in great shape and expanding their programs as we emerge from the pandemic. On the 26th, the Grand Lodge officers attended Middlesex Lodge’s 225th Anniversary with the DGM at the helm. They performed the Masters’ Carpet Ceremony and rededicated the lodge at an exceptional event. On the 29th, he met via Zoom with the Grand Masters of the Northeast, and

on the last day of June, the Grand Master met with the Officers of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation, Valley of Boston, and Scottish Rite.

The Grand Master presided over the Grand Lodge Board of Directors and Board meetings in Overlook as well as many other committee meetings in July. On July 11th, he and the Grand Lodge Officers enjoyed a wonderful picnic at Nar Park in Acton, sponsored by District 14, under the guidance of Rt. Wor. Greg Fulton, the District Deputy. The Grand Master attended a

cookout at William Parkman Lodge, on July 13th. On July 16th, “We attended a memorial service for Rt. Wor. Donald Bevel Scott, paying our respects to a great Mason and offering condolences to his family.” The Grand Master, on July 17th, was represented by Rt. Wor. Bro. Culbertson, the Deputy Grand Master, at Scimitar Lodge, for a 3rd Degree and barbeque, and by the Junior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Christopher St. Cyr at Mt. Sugarloaf Hill Degree, while he attended our First Responders gathering and barbeque.



Rt. Wor. Matthew A. Niedermeier receives the Certificate of Commendation from the Grand Master on behalf of Bro. Frank Raymond Jolin.



Simon W. Robinson Lodge



Elm-Belcher Lodge



Moses Michael Hays Lodge

From the 23rd to the 25th, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers attended a New England Conference in Concord, NH. On the 26th, he played as guest of the Princes of Jerusalem in the Teddy Bear Classic Golf Tournament for the benefit of the Dyslexia center. On the 28th, he said farewell to Brother Ken Scott who, after 20 plus years retired as Secretary of the Valley of Boston. On the 29th, he installed Rt. Wor. Bryon Simmons as the District Deputy for the new District 19E.

July 31, 2021: "Rt. Wor. George Forest Hamilton, Acting Grand Master, along with Rt. Wor. Christopher Michael St. Cyr, attended a spectacular Lodge of Qualification sponsored by the 4th, 12th, and 13th Masonic Districts." These special ceremonies to qualify the future of Freemasonry on the men elected to be installed Master of their respected lodges occurred aboard the USS Constitution. Congratulations to Rt. Wors. Alan Welch, Vincent Marino, and John VanKuilenburg for managing such an incredible event showcasing Masonry. "Who knows, maybe Commander John A. Benda will be inspired to join our Craft!" hoped the Grand Master. See the article and photos on page 26.

"There was no slow down at Grand Lodge [during August]," the Grand Master said, "We continued with the usual Board and Committee meetings, our ME and CT meetings, as well as preparing for the Quarterlies and preparations for the Feast of St. John. Additionally, candidates for the District Deputy Grand Master have been

selected and interviews will be conducted in September."

There were several specific events. August 7th was a tryptic for Grand Lodge: after the DeMolay Conclave, and to Williamstown to do a Masters Carpet Ceremony celebrating their 150th Anniversary. "This, to my knowledge," reflected the Grand Master, "was the first Masters Carpet Ceremony done in a cornfield!" (page 3). In the same corn field, there was "a fine rendition of the Master Mason Degree, again in the cornfield, sitting on hay bales. Thank you Rt. Wor. Bro. [Joshua] Mantello for supplying me a chair, shade, and water to help me through the day."

August 8th was "another sad day for me," said the Grand Master. He bid farewell to his friend and Brother Rt. Wor. Robert Huke at his celebration of life ceremonies. "The Grand Lodge officers attended the Massachusetts Lodge of Research and installed the Master, Rt. Wor. Michael Jarzabek and officers in ample form. It was a pleasure to see the lodge continuing the vision of M. Wor. Roger Pageau," remarked the Grand Master. "The meeting was followed by a unique festive board with a Moby Dick Whaling theme. An enjoyable and educational day was had by all."

Then, on the 26th, the Grand Master traveled to the Cleveland Annual Sessions of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. "I was truly honored," remembered the Grand Master, "To have the 33rd and last degree bestowed upon me as an honorary member." Rt. Wor. Bro. Culberson was the Acting Grand Master on the 28th with

Presentations to the Grand Master



Prospect Lodge



Norfolk Lodge



Converse Lodge



William Sutton Lodge



4th, 12th, and 13th Masonic Districts' Lodge of Instruction

the Grand Lodge Officers when they installed the Officers of Union Lodge in Norwood. In the same capacity, on the 29th, he attended the Wisdom Lodge fund raising golf tournament. He “defended our title from last year and won again!” exclaimed the Grand Master. Finally, two days before the Quarterly, Jr. Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Bro. St. Cyr, along with several Masons, marched in the Marlboro Labor Day Parade with Aleppo Shrine.

Apart from all these doings, the Grand Master announced the One Day Class this Saturday on 9/11 in honor of our 1st Responders and the Grand Masters Table Lodge on October 23, 2021. “Unfortunately, space is limiting our attendance. This event sold out in eight hours! Keep that in mind while you contemplate purchasing tickets for the December 4th Gala,” warned the Grand Master. At the Gala, also honoring 1st Responders, “We expect attendance to be approximately 350. Rather than a typical banquet at Grand Lodge, we are partnering with the 100 Club of Massachusetts and having the event off site. The 100 Club is a 501c3 non-profit that helps, aids, and assists widows and orphans when an active 1st responder is lost in the line of duty. The services include immediate funds when the hero is lost that help bridge the gap between the loss and insurance benefits, including counseling for the family members, and much more. The event will be a Roaring 20s theme with dinner, live music, dancing, etc. Tickets are available on Mass Masons,” said the Grand Master.

The Statewide Open House is Saturday October 16, 2021. The Grand Master hoped that all are ready to open their doors, invite friends, co-workers, or any good men to visit your buildings and meet the brethren. The Grand Master announced dates of Town Hall Meetings and Listening Tours. They are Thursday, September 30, 2021; Monday, October 25, 2021, and Monday, November 22, 2021. The locations will be listed on Massmasons.org.

Regarding the Free Masonry Specialty Plate program, which is near and dear to the Grand Master’s heart, he had some great news: 2,874 are on the road. We need only 126 more to reach the goal of 3,000 license plates. When we reach that goal, Grand Lodge “will receive \$60K per year from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” revealed the Grand Master. Grand Lodge will also reimburse the \$40 application fee. For reimbursement, email Rt. Wor. Craig MacPherson at Grand Lodge.

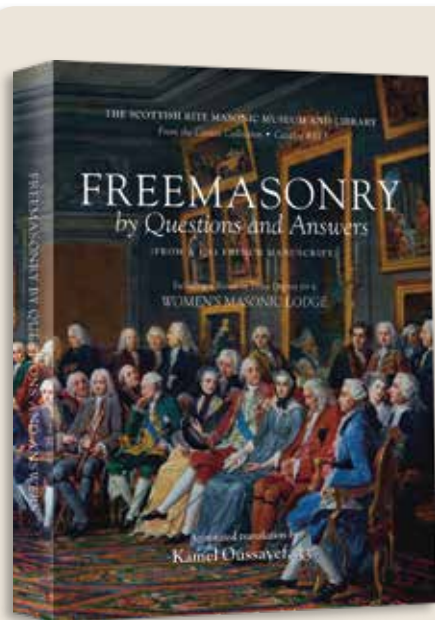


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“Brethren, our organization is built on trust, and trust is built on relationships. Please continue to work hard by developing and enhancing positive long-term relationships in our Fraternity. Strong relationships enable us to successfully work through difficult issues, particularly during challenging and stressful times, times like we have recently experienced. And always be kind and gracious to everyone. what you may consider an insignificant event or conversation with a brother may impact the rest of his life.

“The most important and valuable thing we have or can possibly offer is not money, or celebrity, or power, but our time. It is the only thing that we truly possess and control, despite its limited in defined quantity. Thank you for sharing your time with me today and all you do for our Craft. God bless you, our Craft, and God Bless the United States of America!” said the Grand Master to a standing ovation.

He closed the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts Quarterly Communication in ample form. ■



FREEMASONRY BY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

“Freemasonry by Questions and Answers” provides a glance at Freemasonry of the Enlightenment, and the American and French Revolutions.

Rt. Wor. Kamel Oussayef’s annotated translation of a 1761 manuscript not only describes the rituals that were used at the conception of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, but it also includes a groundbreaking ritual in three degrees for a female Masonic Lodge and takes the reader on a journey through the history, philosophy, religion, and social politics of the Enlightenment, presaging revolutions to come.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library in Lexington, Massachusetts, commissioned Kamel’s book. It is available in a printed version as well as electronically on Amazon/Kindle. ■



Editor’s note: The highly skilled Copy Editor for Trowel, Bro. Brian McHale, worked with Rt. Wor. Bro. Oussayef on this book.

CANDIDATES FOR JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

Rt. Wor. Alfredo Jorge Rodrigues Canhoto



It is said that a man joins our beloved Fraternity for many personal reasons. For some, it may be a family connection, relationships passed down generations. For me, my personal reason is rooted in a favorable impression of a friend and neighbor who I came to

know to be a Mason. In the summer of 2004, my wife and I were the young couple in the neighborhood with a three-year-old toddler who liked to go on walks and bike rides around the block. While on one of those walks, I noticed a small Notary Public sign on my neighbor's light post. Needing a Notary Public, I walked up to his door one day and asked if he could help me. Little did I know that that "demand at the door" would change my life forever. That day, I met the man I would come to know as Brother Raymond Samra and his lovely wife Ginnie.

The Samras are the kind of people who you would adopt as grandparents if yours were not around - kind, sweet, and always so glad to see you. Upon leaving Bro. Brother Samra's house that day, I noticed the Masonic emblems on his car, most especially the Square and Compasses, and I said, "I've seen that symbol before, what is it about?" Ray responded that it is the sign of a Freemason, to which I replied, "Freemasons, huh, how does one even become one?" Well, my bbrothers, that visit, and that question have changed my life. Before I asked that question, I had my head buried in laboratory experiments as a biochemist and diapers as a proud dad. After, my head was still often buried in experiments and diapers, but it was also held high as a budding Mason with an eye toward the many deep and meaningful relationships I have created with my brothers.

That fall, I visited Middlesex Lodge for the first time and was escorted by Bro. Brother Samra to sit and meet with a group of men whom I came to know as bbrothers around a round table. I was struck by how these men of very different generations had a great comradery and jovial friendship with each other. One man, Right. Wor. shipful William (Bill) Stoddard, Junior., invited me to sit down next to him and asked me about what I did, where I came from, and what I liked to do for fun. I had no idea what a Right Worshipful was, nor did I know that was part of the process of vetting me as a man worthy of joining our Fraternity. All I knew was that I really liked how these men enjoyed spending time together and cared about what was going on in each other's lives.

After being initiated, Bill became a *continued on page 29*

Rt. Wor. Russell Edwin Lowe



Growing up in Nashua, NH, I was fortunate to have three important role models: My father Edwin, older brother Tom, and maternal grandfather Edward Lyon. It is not surprising that the first two influenced me for obvious reasons, but it was my

grandfather who guided me in a subtle, yet definitive manner. Edward S. Lyon was the youngest Master of the Ancient York Lodge #89 in Nashua, having reached that milestone at the age of 30. "Ned" subsequently shepherded his two grandsons toward becoming Masons. He encouraged both my brother and me to get involved in DeMolay at his home lodge.

My grandfather raised my brother and me as Master Masons in 1983, in Ancient York Lodge. The following year we continued our Masonic journey into Scottish Rite. In 1985, I moved my family to Auburn, Massachusetts, where I affiliated with Joel H. Prouty Lodge in 1986. I was fortunate to have all three of my role models present in September of 1992 when I was installed as Worshipful Master. The emotional speech my grandfather gave that night is one that I will never forget.

During my term as Master of Joel Prouty Lodge, and the years leading up to it, we continued, and began many programs, including scholarships for local high school students, food drives for the local food bank, and membership drives to name a few. In 2000, I was appointed District Deputy of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts by M. Wor. Fred Kirby Bauer. During this time, I traveled to numerous lodges across the Commonwealth, enjoying the fraternalism and brotherhood at a completely different level.

Following my time as District Deputy, I was asked to join the Resource Team responsible for training future District Deputies. It has been an honor being involved with my brethren in training those Brothers selected by our Grand Master to be his personal representative. I was Chairman of this committee from 2008-2016, and Co-Chair from 2017-2018. Especially gratifying is the fact that I have had a part in training all our current Pillar Officers, including our Grand Master, M. Wor. Richard Maggio.

I am truly honored to be considered as a candidate for Junior Grand Warden of our Grand Lodge. I look forward to the challenges ahead. I am sure that my grandfather is smiling down at me, knowing that his dream for his grandson to follow in his Masonic path has come to fruition. ■

CANDIDATES FOR SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

Rt. Wor. William Earnest Yanakakis



I was raised at John T. Heard Lodge in Ipswich, in September of 2003, and have been an active member of the Craft ever since. My biggest regret, however, is not having joined the Fraternity sooner. My father, uncles, and several cousins were members, but all were

inactive Masons. I always believed that if you join something, you should participate in it 100%. I still believe this today and try to follow this belief in all my activities.

I was fortunate to join an active Lodge where the officer's line was full, and I enjoyed the good fortune of watching many talented Masons who performed ritual in the station ahead of me. It was a nine-year commitment to become the Master of the Lodge at that time and I enjoyed every minute of it. The lodge started several programs during that time, many of which are still in existence today, and it was rewarded with many awards. The most memorable was the prestigious Mark Twain Award, in 2011, given by the Masonic Service Association of North America. Our lodge was blessed with many talented brothers who were not afraid of challenging work. I learned many valuable lessons from these men, and I am thankful for each of them.

One of the greatest parts of our Fraternity is the true brotherhood that we share. I lost three dear members of my family since joining the Craft. In July of 2003, my younger brother passed away and my mother Lodge, John T. Heard Lodge in Ipswich, surrounded me with so much love and affection that I knew that I had made the right choice in joining. In February of 2009, I lost my mother and the entire 10th District reached out to me to offer both comfort and support. In March of 2019, I lost my father, and I was overwhelmed with the outpouring of sympathy from across the jurisdiction.

Most Worshipful Richard J. Stewart saw something in me and in 2011 asked if I would serve as District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District. Other than marrying my wife Paula and the birth of my children, this was my proudest moment. To be chosen to represent the Grand Master was and is an honor that few men experience. During my term I had the good fortune of meeting many more talented brethren, all of whom I consider my dear friends today.

When my term ended, I was asked to serve on several Grand Lodge Committees and in 2015, I was asked to Chair the Membership Development

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Rt. Wor. Glenn Lawrence Kubick



I was asked to write about myself and why Masonry is important in my life. As a child, I remember seeing a framed Scottish Rite 32nd Degree patent from 1923. At the time, I knew very little about Masonry or my Great Grandfather. Many years later, we found the

Third Degree Certificate of an ancestor from the other side of my family.

I followed my brother into DeMolay, and it was a little later that my father mentioned he was interested in joining Masonry, and I was the one who encouraged him to act on this desire. Obviously, when I decided to join Masonry and Constellation Lodge, I asked my father to be my sponsor. The lodge I selected, the lodge of my father, was a local lodge and one where many of the men from the church we attended were members. We arrive in Masonry from different paths, however, it is what we do with this gift once initiated that truly matters.

I progressed through the chairs to the East quite rapidly, jumping over all of the junior positions, and this continued in the Lodge of Instruction where I started as the Senior Warden. The Brother that taught us the little blue books, Wor. Sumner Widell, also taught us Masonry and how to conduct ourselves within the lodge. As Officers, we received notes from Wor. Bro. Widell about how to be an officer and how to lead a lodge, and each of these was signed OHB (Old Has Been). One could not have asked for a better mentor.

My first district position was that of District Deputy Grand Master. Sadly, my father had passed away several years prior to my appointment, he would have been so proud. Other than becoming a Master Mason, my proudest moment in Masonry was by far the creation and dedication of the M. Wor. Joseph Warren Statue at his gravesite in the Forest Hills Cemetery while I was the District Deputy Grand Master of the 6th Masonic District. It was an incredible moment for Rt. Wor. Robert Vartanian, Rt. Wor. Stanley Gaw, and I to witness M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh and our Grand Lodge dedicating the statue of such a prominent Massachusetts Mason and martyr of the American Revolution.

While supporting Rt. Wor. Thomas Rorrie when he was a candidate for Senior Grand Warden, I found great enjoyment in travelling throughout the jurisdiction. Travelling from district to district has allowed

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Grand Masters *of* Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



Most Worshipful Charles Theodore Gallagher 1900-1902

What Is Noble and True

*The 39th installment in the
continuing series focused on our past
Massachusetts Grand Masters.*

He had not yet turned 50 years old when he was elected Grand Master in December 1899, but Charles T. Gallagher had already had a very full life – both within the Fraternity and beyond. At 13 years of age, he had been a drummer boy with the Massachusetts Volunteers; he went on to study at Dartmouth and then at Boston University Law School, following the desire of his father to enter the legal profession. He was a leader in business and in the community, and he was exceptionally well read, particularly in history, biography, and poetry. This is obvious in his speeches, which are replete with references and quotes that show him to have been a scholar.

The road to the East of Grand Lodge was a long and busy one. Brother Gallagher was raised in St. Paul's Lodge of South Boston in 1873, when he was only 22 years of age; he became Master of that Lodge in 1878 – in his late twenties – and served two years. He was involved with Grand Lodge as legal counsel, and as a part of the Commissioners of Trials. He was not appointed to any office at Grand Lodge until he was chosen as Deputy Grand Master in 1899, in the third year of M. W. Charles Hutchinson's term.

The turn of the 20th Century was at the end of a turbulent decade in Massachusetts Freemasonry. In 1892, M. W. Richard Briggs was elected Grand Master to great acclaim. Regrettably, he passed to the Celestial Lodge during the following summer, elevating R. W. Harvey Shepard, the Deputy Grand Master, as Acting Grand Master for five months. Briggs' elected successor, M. W. Otis Weld, served only a single year in 1894, during which he was often represented by his own Deputy, R. W. Edwin Holmes (he would die young in 1897), and Holmes himself served only two years in 1895 and 1896, declining a third term. The next Grand Master, M. W. Charles Hutchinson, was selected as a departure from tradition - he had served neither as a District Deputy nor in a Grand Lodge pillar office prior to his election. He was, however, in his mid-sixties at the time of election, while his successor was nearly two decades younger. It was a time of change in America, and clearly a time of change in the Grand Lodge. Gallagher, well-known to the Grand Lodge but nowhere near as experienced, took the reins at this critical moment.

At the outset, Brother Gallagher was unsure about the weight of responsibility placed on his shoulders, but after his first year in the chair, he felt that he had – with considerable assistance – grown into the responsibility:

“Brethren of the Grand Lodge: My acceptance of the position of Grand Master, where your suffrages placed me a year ago, was with feelings of doubt, mingled with some misgivings as to my ability to devote the time required for the duties of the office; the year has closed, however, bringing with it the satisfactory feeling of having at least attempted to fulfil them, and of having been able to devote to its work more time than ought reasonably to be expected

of a man actively engaged in a business or profession. The kindly cooperation of the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and of Brethren whom it has been my good fortune to meet, throughout the State, has so relieved the burdens of the position and so assisted in its work, that what has been at all times a pleasant duty has been quickened and performed so orderly and so easily that the year has passed by with hardly a thought of the exactions attending the office.”

He dissembled somewhat in these remarks. During that first year, 1900, he made fraternal visits to twenty-seven different lodges, dedicated four new Masonic halls, and attended a centenary celebration for Mount Zion Lodge in Barre. At five of these events, he gave an extended address that is reprinted in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge; each is articulate, topical, and inspirational. This, along with considerable work with committees dealing with the debt on the new Masonic Hall, revisions to the Grand Constitutions, and a reorganization of administrative functions within the Grand Lodge, certainly occupied much of his time.

In 1901, the pace continued and, if anything, increased. The young Grand Master attended even more special events, including more dedications and anniversary celebrations (Aurora, Mount Lebanon, Fraternal, Pacific, and Rural in particular). Remarkably, M. W. Brother Gallagher carried with him the Paul Revere Urn, containing a lock of George Washington’s hair - one of the greatest treasures of Grand Lodge, and one that nowadays rarely, if ever, leaves the Boston Masonic building.

The presence of such a remarkable artifact was no doubt a highlight of these events, and the words of the Grand Master are moving, even read more than a century ago. For example, at the centennial celebration of Aurora Lodge in Fitchburg, he said:

“The problem met and faced in the past one hundred years has been one of development, and it has been a century of progress and advancement...here the free school, the free church, the town meeting and representative government have grown with the needs of the people, and have advanced side by side with Freemasonry and its principles; so long as there is free and intelligent civil government, so long Freemasonry will stand, and so long as Masonry uplifts and upholds the true development of the hand and heart of mankind, so long will good government, progress and advancement in civilization continue.

Let us practice the tenets of our profession; let us bear in mind that our great and whole duty, our moral and religious duty, and our duty to our country forming a part, is to see that there is a development of high character and strong moral conviction, and that the application of it to

life shall be of the highest capable in man. Let our Institution develop men of strong faith and high endeavor, men ready to do and dare in the great march of civilization, men who, possessing influence, shall use it to shape aright our destinies in public life, and in private duty shall be examples of what is noble and true.”

At the Mount Lebanon centennial in Boston, he expressed similar sentiments, looking back at the previous century:

“What miracles of change time has wrought in the past century. When your lodge was formed this little city with its handful of a few thousand inhabitants, every man knowing every other man, the entire town almost self-observant from one end to the other, was almost without industries, had but little commerce, and was limited in almost every form of modern institution except churches, and absolutely unprovided with many things now regarded by us as necessities. The fifty-miles’ radius from the State House was sparsely settled and the communities were pastoral and agricultural. Beyond the fifty-miles’ radius there was little in common with the inhabitants of this section. To-day, within that fifty-miles’ radius one-thirtieth of the population of the entire United States resides. It contains one-twentieth of the wealth of the whole country, and one-fifth of the savings of the American people is to be found in Massachusetts Savings Banks.”

Pride in his state and his city were always foremost, along with a clear and abiding love of country. During 1902, his third year in office, he gave a remarkable speech at a Roxbury cornerstone laying, praising the patriotic accomplishments of Joseph Warren, and was present to address the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in November of that year when that body commemorated the 150th anniversary of the initiation of Brother George Washington. The Revere Urn was present for that celebration as well, likely the furthest the object had traveled since it had been fashioned in 1800.

When Brother Gallagher surrendered his office at the end of 1902, to be replaced by M. W. Baalis Sanford (biography in the Summer 2014 issue of the TROWEL), he resumed his business affairs, but still had considerable time to assist the Grand Lodge. In one of the memorials published after his death, it was said, after a listing of his many offices and honors:

This dry schedule, however, gives no adequate idea of the vibrant energy and extensive influence of Brother Gallagher. His administration as Grand Master was distinguished and brilliant, even in comparison with the great line of Massachusetts Grand Masters. His activity did not cease with the laying down of office, but as a Director of the Grand Lodge he did splendid

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The Paul Revere Urn, which contains a lock of Bro. George Washington’s hair.

2021

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the more than 600 Massachusetts Masons raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason who, being blessed with long life and great lodges, have achieved the important milestones listed below. The celebrants are grouped by the number of years since being raised—80, 76+, 75, 70, 65, and 60—and under their current lodge regardless of where they were raised. These anniversaries are based on the date a Mason was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

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

80 YEARS RAISED IN 1941

Bro. Nelson Kellogg Ward SAINT JOHN'S (N) LODGE

76+ YEARS - RAISED BEFORE 1946

ASCENDUS LODGE Bro. Jacob Levine	Bro. James Cornelius Cullen Bro. Robert Graham Forsythe	MOUNT HOPE LODGE Bro. Charles Wolfe Stampler	Bro. Vaughn Kenneth Rockefeller O'Neill
BAY PATH LODGE Wor. Everett Sumner Allen	JORDAN LODGE Bro. Charles Elmer Thomas, Jr.	MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE Bro. Delfar Davis Grant	SAINT MARK'S LODGE Bro. Frederick William Hirsch
BRIGHAM LODGE Wor. Philip Arthur Christensen, Sr. Bro. Warren Calvin Christensen	LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE Bro. Earl Russell Kittredge	NEW MOON LODGE Bro. Eric Frederick Fuegel	SAINT PAUL LODGE Bro. Charles Edward Malin
CALEB BUTLER LODGE Bro. Herbert Leslie Kinney	LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE Bro. Charles Maxwell	PROSPECT LODGE Bro. Thomas Paul Hodge	SOJOURNERS LODGE Bro. Edward James Sullivan
ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE Bro. William John Tribelhorn	MORNING STAR LODGE Bro. Roy Erling Johnson	RISING STAR LODGE Bro. Alexander Athans Chandler	THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE Bro. Myron David Goldman Bro. Warren Philip Goodman
GATUN LODGE	MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE Bro. Joseph Zigmund Steinberg	SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE Bro. John Clifford French	UNITED BRETHREN LODGE Bro. Fontinelle Scott Carpenter, Jr.

75 YEARS - RAISED IN 1946

CHARITY LODGE Bro. Arthur Richard Albrecht	Bro. Edward Thomas Claydon	MAY FLOWER LODGE Bro. Harold Ashlee Atkins	Bro. Allan Cameron Carpenter
GATUN LODGE Bro. Clare Harrison Comins	KING SOLOMON'S LODGE Bro. Joseph John Mirakian	MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE Bro. Grant Cecil Wonn	SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE Bro. William Edward Brooks, Jr.
GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE Bro. James Arthur Shuttleworth	LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE Bro. Franklin George Estes	PACIFIC LODGE Bro. William Harry Richters	UNION LODGE (N) Rt. Wor. Francis Warren Pease
HAMPSHIRE LODGE	LYNNFIELD-ZETLAND LODGE Bro. Royce Carleton Kahler	REPUBLICAN LODGE	WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE Bro. George Alexander McCarrier, Jr.

70 YEARS - RAISED IN 1951

AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE Bro. Reginald Levi Vassar	Bro. Wendel Gustave Johnson Bro. David Roy Richard Bro. John Henry Sverker	AZURE LODGE Bro. Ashton DeWalt Shoop Baalis Sanford Lodge Bro. George Melvin Brown Bro. Harry Godfrey Pierson, Jr.	Bro. Howard Andrew Hanson
ASCENDUS LODGE Bro. James Andrews Bro. Richard Gerard Hagoort	AURORA LODGE Bro. William Henry Fisher Bro. Frederick William Smith	BLUE HILL LODGE	BOYLSTON LODGE Bro. Robert Bates Allen Bro. Richard Malm Karsberg
			BUDLEIGH LODGE Bro. George Angel Makros

- CHARLES A WELCH LODGE**
Bro. Nicholas Yurchyk
- CHARLES C DAME LODGE**
Bro. Russell Coleman Tilton
- CORNER STONE LODGE**
Bro. Ralph Babson Chouinard
- DELTA LODGE**
Wor. Haig Garo Gechijian
- EASTERN STAR LODGE**
Bro. James Henry Ashworth
- EDEN LODGE**
Bro. Harry James Andrews
Bro. Milton Storrs Jordan
Bro. Edward Gilman Williams
- ELM-BELCHER LODGE**
Bro. Henry Plate
- FRIENDSHIP LODGE**
Wor. Frank Thomas Haynes
- GARDEN CITY LODGE**
Bro. Donald Richard Fisher
Bro. Bertram Arnold Huberman
- GATUN LODGE**
Bro. Dale Harvey Wolfe
- GEORGE H TABER LODGE**
Bro. Bradford Wheeler Luther, Jr.
Bro. Kenneth Slocum Peirce
- GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE**
Bro. Jack Swearingen Pond
Bro. Ronald Arthur Winslow
- HAYDEN LODGE**
Bro. Gordon Clark McMurdo
- HOPE LODGE**
Bro. Carl Axel Kuniholm
- JERUSALEM LODGE**
Bro. Richard Winthrop Finck
- JORDAN LODGE**
Bro. Richard Martin Aylward
- JOSEPH WARREN-SOLEY LODGE**
Bro. Norman Joseph MacLeod, Jr.
- KING DAVID LODGE**
Wor. Richard William Boyden

- MASSASOIT-NARRAGANSETT LODGE**
Bro. Nicholas Jamoulis
- MONTGOMERY LODGE**
Bro. Howard Alden Cederlund
- MORNING STAR LODGE**
Bro. Linwood M Erskine, Jr.
Bro. Robert Clayton Kendall
Bro. Warren Conrad Lane
- MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE**
Bro. Joel Berg
Bro. Burton Greenspan
- MOUNT ORTHODOX LODGE**
Bro. Kendall Keith Kitson
- MOUNT TOM LODGE**
Bro. Morton Aaron Haberman
Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge
Bro. Stanley Edwin Listernick
- MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE**
Bro. Gerald Fotis Antippas
- NOQUOCHOKO LODGE**
Rt. Wor. Clifford Adelbert
Brightman
- PENTUCKET LODGE**
Bro. Azad Juknavorian
- RICHARD C MACLAURIN LODGE**
Bro. John Louis Mattana
- RUFUS PUTNAM LODGE**
Bro. Donald Everett Horne
- RURAL LODGE**
Bro. Robert Gurard Pierce
- SAINT MARK'S LODGE**
Bro. Nathaniel Noyes Dummer
- SILOAM LODGE**
Bro. James Arthur Harvey
Bro. George Edward Hatch
- SIMON W ROBINSON LODGE**
Bro. Allan Bryce Hughes
Bro. Ragnvald Maartmann-Moe
- SOLOMON'S TEMPLE LODGE**
Bro. Earl Lunn Seagrave
- THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE**
Bro. Louis Saliem Hadaya



**Wor. Frank J. Gordon, Jr.
70 years a Mason**

Wor. Frank J. Gordon, Jr. is the definition of a Mason. He is someone who completes our lodge. Due to the current pandemic, Wor. Gordon has not been able to attend Lodge. On April 28th, 2021, in the presence of his daughter Holly and his son-in-law Bro. James Calder, Rt. Wor. Kenneth Atkins presented him with his 70-year Masonic Anniversary pin. *-Bro. James Rautenberg*

- Bro. Marvin Sterman
- THE HARVARD LODGE**
Bro. James Kotsilimbas Davis
- THE MEADOWS LODGE**
Rt. Wor. Rollyn Homer Hatch
- THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE**
Bro. Richard French Goward
- THOMAS TALBOT LODGE**
Bro. Carl Alf Stanley Hedberg
Bro. Carl Coleman Metzler
- UPTON LODGE**
Bro. Robert Sherman Daniels
- WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE**
Bro. Gerald Alfred Richardson
Bro. Sheridan Schofield
- WAMPATUCK LODGE**
Bro. Wilbur Lee Danner
- WEYMOUTH UNITED MASONIC LODGE**
Bro. Clayton Perley Stone, Jr.
- WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE**
Bro. Gordon Palmer Denley



Bro. Kenneth Slocum Peirce of George H. Tabor Lodge receives his 70-year Veteran's Medal.

65 YEARS - RAISED IN 1956

- ALPHA LODGE**
Bro. Herbert Harris Cowern
- AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE**
Wor. John John Gargalianos
Bro. Harold William Paul
Bro. John Sdoucos
- ANCIENT YORK LODGE**
Bro. Arnold Greenhouse
- ARTISAN LODGE**
Bro. Louis Stafford Cross
Bro. Robert Donald Smith
- ASCENDUS LODGE**
Bro. Allan Murray Ablow
Bro. Robert Edwin Abrahms
- Bro. Ramon Feiven
- Bro. Carleton Lionel Ranen
- Bro. Anthony Francis Whitton
- BAY PATH LODGE**
Bro. Robert Earl Benson, Sr.
- BERKSHIRE LODGE**
Wor. Ferdinand Carl Sherman
- BETHSDA (W) LODGE**
Bro. William Douglas McDonald
Bro. Leon Semonian
- BOYLSTON LODGE**
Wor. Norman Charles Greenough
- BRIGHAM LODGE**
Bro. Ernest Antoine Byron, Jr.
Bro. Ronald Hunn Paine

- Bro. Leo Vartanian
BRISTOL LODGE
 Bro. Gilbert Hatley Berkley
 Bro. Donald Alden Charest
CALEB BUTLER LODGE
 Bro. Frederick William Macondray
 Bro. Roy Edward Vaughn
CHARITY LODGE
 Wor. Harry Takvorian
 Bro. Thimios John Zanetos
CHARLES A WELCH LODGE
 Bro. Paul Robert Hartwell, Jr.
CHARLES C DAME LODGE
 Bro. Robert Irwin Goodwin
CHARLES RIVER LODGE
 Bro. Clarence Otis Gay, Jr.
 Bro. David Lawrence Owen
COCHICHEWICK LODGE
 Bro. Arthur Awley, Jr.
 Bro. Gilbert Donald Lundquist
 Bro. Edward Steinert Miller
 Bro. David Calvin Rand
CONVERSE LODGE
 Bro. Burton Franklin Baum
 Bro. Lester Edelman
CORINTHIAN LODGE
 Bro. David Russell Woodruff
CORNER STONE LODGE
 Bro. Reynolds Prince Cushing
DALHOUSIE LODGE
 Bro. Thomas Hinckley Wilde
DANIEL WEBSTER LODGE
 Bro. Jordan Scott Prouty
DELTA LODGE
 Bro. Joseph Yantz Strohman
 Bro. Alan Paul Wilder
EASTERN STAR LODGE
 Bro. Robert Galen Marsden
EDEN LODGE
 Bro. Marshall Coles Bird
ELM-BELCHER LODGE
 Bro. Theodore Freddie Bajowski
 Bro. Bruce William Ferrier
 Bro. Richard Lawrence Steele
ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE
 Bro. Sidney Philip Chase
 Wor. William George Harrison
 Bro. Walter Louis Lachman
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Pictured from left, Rt. Wor. Clifford A. Brightman, Wor. Raymond Jesus Jr., current Worshipful Master, and Rt. Wor. Brad C. Brightman.

Noquochoke Lodge's More than 70 Years of Brightmans

At a recent meeting of Noquochoke Lodge A.F. & A.M. in Westport, MA, Rt. Wor. Clifford A. Brightman, a lifelong resident of Westport, was recognized for his 70 years of active membership in the Lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. Brightman became a member of Noquochoke Lodge on June 23, 1951. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1974, and twice more in 1990 and 1991. He served the lodge as Secretary for 18 years and had the distinction to serve Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master. His Masonic career also includes membership in York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Grotto, and Eastern Star.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Brightman's family has a long history with Noquochoke Lodge, beginning with his father Henry W. Brightman, who served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1941. Currently, his son Brother Brad C. Brightman was Worshipful Master in 1984 and is presently serving the lodge as Treasurer. In addition, he has two grandsons in the Lodge, Bros. Jonathan B. Brightman, and Scott M. Raudonaitis, all from Westport.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Brightman also had the distinct honor to serve in the United States Army as a surgical technician and is a Veteran of World War II.

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MASONS AND JUSTICE IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

Rt. Wor. Dr. Jacques G. Ruelland, 33°, PDDGM, PGSec, Grand Lodge of Quebec

Like temperance, prudence, and fortitude, justice is a cardinal virtue. It is an abstraction, but it needs institutions and actions to become real. King Solomon faced this problem when two women came to him at the same time, each claiming being the mother of the same baby (I Kings, 3:16-27). Solomon must have recourse to the supreme virtue, good, which is also God, to decide between them. He orders a guard to cut the baby in half and to give half to each woman. The first begs King Solomon to leave the baby alive, even if it means giving it to the other woman. The other responds that the baby will be neither hers nor the others and prefers to see him killed. Obviously, the first woman received the baby, because she respected his young life, and life is good. In addition, she showed mercy by offering to give her baby to the other woman, while the latter listened only to her pride and thought neither of the baby's life, nor the pain of the other woman.

True justice is therefore a virtue that reflects the image of God through the actions of humans. Justice is usually represented as a matron blindfolded. She holds a sword in one hand and a pair of scales in the other. But the Masonic representation of Justice is different, she has her feet firmly planted on the ground, her body erect, and she is not blind, because in the Bible, Justice must never be blinded, as said God to Moshe (Deuteronomy, 16:18-20). Why is Justice blind? To show that it is aimed at everyone, without any discrimination. This image is then punitive.

Why is Masonic Justice not blind? Because we only use it after careful consideration. We do not listen to our hearts, our spontaneous feelings, to do justice, but our brains and our sanity. Like the newly initiated Mason, the Entered Apprentice, we stand tall in the face of adversity. And we aim more at practicing equitable sharing of wealth than at distributing punishment.

The main source of evil is lack of empathy. Whoever lacks empathy cannot do true justice. The justice rendered by fearless judges in the courts is founded on the law and on the customs and traditions of each nation, but we know that some laws are unjust, and that other laws, in seeking to redress an injustice, create a new one. As our judiciary is the product of human beings, it can only be imperfect and we are constantly rectifying it, repairing, and eliminating its imperfections.

In Masonry, we rather try to apply justice as God teaches it, by founding it on empathy, pity, prudent generosity, an equitable sharing of material, intellectual and spiritual stuff, the enhancement of qualities of the other guy instead of the repression of his faults, his strength, fortitude, and perseverance, the beauty of his soul in the temperance of his passions and the wisdom that lies dormant in him, rather than abandonment and despair of a meaningless life. So, the practice

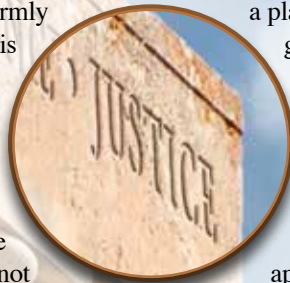
of justice is inculcated in the first degree, the presence of the unfolded VSL being sufficient to render the meeting "just" (in Emulation Rite). The Mason who remembers how emphatically he has been charged to preserve an upright position in all his dealings with mankind should never fail to act justly to himself, to his brethren, and to the world. This is the cornerstone he now embodies, helping to erect a temple for the Brotherhood.

Justice is the work of God, but it is in each of us that he brings it to life. Everyone is given the ability, strength, and fortitude to bring order to himself, body, and mind. He thus acquires his personality, and becomes free of his actions, but also responsible for them. It is maturity. When an emotion, a feeling, or an event disturbs his mind or his body, he can react for his comfort and health. It is the same when he realizes that an injustice committed against another disturbs his conscience. If he does not remain indifferent, he acts to right the wrongs. But if he is a Mason, he chooses to intervene positively in the fray, in order to help improve society and not simply to fix the broken pieces.

Some see the current pandemic as a curse. Yet it is neither a plague of Egypt, nor the work of God, for He is only goodness. Evil is the work of Satan, a fallen angel, a creature of God and not God himself. This means that evil is always inferior to good, and that the latter always triumphs over the former. It is through the practice of good that we will overcome this epidemic, by showing empathy, helping our loved ones, neighbors, and friends, in an appropriate way, without putting our families at risk, calling our distant friends, celebrating happy events with others, and turning our hearts together to the light. We will see the pandemic recoil before our common will to overcome it and we will be able to celebrate in chorus the power and the benevolence of the Great Architect of the Universe. Then justice will be done. ■

Temperance, Patience, Fortitude, Justice.

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The Prodigal Mason

by *Wor. Richard Thompson*



I did not plan on attending the Installation of Officers for Wamesit Lodge. I had been quite busy during the weeks preceding the installation and, quite frankly, I was looking forward to some downtime. But I got a call from Wor. David LaPlante that changed all that. Wor. Bro. LaPlante is the official photographer for the 12th District, and he had to take pictures at the installation. It was especially important since M. Wor. Richard Maggio was attending, and he was going to install the Master-Elect. The Master-Elect was M. Wor. Donald G. Hicks, Jr. In the spirit of full disclosure, I should note that M. Wor. Bro. Hicks is my cousin.

I grew up in Lowell and I lived about a block and a half from M. Wor. Bro. Hicks' house. I spent a great deal of time at his house but was not there to visit him. I was visiting Wor. David Hicks, his brother, who is a lot closer to my age. We grew up together, more as friends than relatives. Couple the closeness in age and distance with the fact our families owned cottages at Hampton Beach, you can start to see how we got close and have remained that way throughout the years.

I got a call from Wor. Bro. LaPlante asking if I could help him. He was scheduled to take pictures of the installation, but he was also going to be in the East to receive the Grand Master. Sensing it would be difficult to do both at the same time, he asked if I could take the photographs until he exited the East. I checked my schedule and agreed to help. It turned out Wor. Bro. LaPlante did not feel well the night of the installation, so I ended up taking all the photos. Taking photographs is nothing new for me. For those of you who do not know, before retiring I was a news reporter working for newspapers. Reporters often carry small cameras in case

they need photographs and there are no photographers available. I have taken a few pictures in my time.

Wor. Bro. LaPlante discovered the danger of asking someone like me to take pictures. In the two hours I was snapping pictures at the installation, I took more than 400. Wor. LaPlante had to go through them all to pick the photos he wanted to use. I feel sorry I did not tell him that normally the photographer goes through the photos and picks the best. As I thought about changing my plans to help a friend, a phrase kept coming to the surface in my mind - "If within the length of your cabletow." As the master of a lodge, this is a most familiar phrase. I have said it a number of times. I have thought about it a number of times. For those who

may not be Masons, the phrase simply means if within my ability, if within the time I have available. We are pledged to come to each other's aid as best we can given the current circumstances.

Being retired, you would think I had plenty of time to do favors for my brothers. Unfortunately, and I am sure there are plenty of retired Brethren out there who can say the same thing, when a Mason retires, his brothers find ways to fill his empty hours. They are so good at it I am thinking I will go back to work to get some rest. Of course, I am just kidding when I say that. When you join the Fraternity, you are a

working stiff. Your free time to help others is small. When you retire, you have more time available. All you lack is the energy you had back then.

When I became a Freemason, I was filled with enthusiasm to help my lodge and to help my brothers. I can honestly say that is still the case. All I lack today is the energy of my youth.

Going to an installation I did not plan on attending and picking up a camera to take some pictures is well within the length of my cabletow. I was pleased to come to the aid of my brother. I still try to keep that pledge I made 50 years ago. I am much older, but in many ways, I am still that 21-year-old Mason who knelt at our altar and said I would help my brothers. ■



M. Wor. Donald G. Hicks, Jr., newly installed Master of Wamesit Lodge, presents the Grand Master, M. Wor. Richard Maggio with an honorary member certificate. (Photo by Richard Thompson)

Richard Thompson is the Secretary for Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge. A few years ago, his lodge needed a secretary and his cabletow was long enough to do the job.

One Day to Masonry

After several months of COVID-19 style planning on Zoom, the Grand Lodge's Membership Development subcommittee on First Responders held a One Day Class to honor First Responders on September 11th, 2021, the 20th Anniversary of that fateful day. About one year ago, Right Worshipful Philip Drouin was walking through his neighborhood to get a little fresh air, as many of us did during the COVID-19 pandemic. He noticed several houses with red and pink hearts on their front doors with signs proclaiming support for First Responders and all front-line workers during these challenging times. He called Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto to mention the observation and to say that we should be doing something to honor these everyday heroes.

After consultation with the Grand Master, M. Wor. Richard Maggio, and the chairman of the Membership Development Committee, Rt. Wor. William Yanakakis, a subcommittee to honor First Responders was formed with distinguished brethren representing numerous branches of the First Responder forces. These brethren assembled quickly and often on Zoom, and determined that restoring what had been a historically tight relationship between our Masonic fraternity and the local First Responders was sorely needed. The Grand Lodge database, MORI, which holds some of the membership information, noted that there were only 86 Massachusetts Freemasons self-identifying as First Responders. A campaign to promote awareness and registration of First Responders in MORI was initiated. Today that number stands at 771 and is growing.

The Grand Master, after holding Town Hall meetings with First Responders, initiated two further efforts: a newsletter of interest to Masonic First Responders entitled The

Siren and a One Day Class Committee to honor First Responders on September 11th, 2021. The date for the One Day class was chosen to mark, remember, and thank all First Responders for their heroism 20 years after so many of them gave their lives to rescue others impacted by terrorism. The Siren, edited by Rt. Wor. George Bibilos, has published two editions thus far and many more are in the queue. If you have any announcements for, or information concerning First Responders in your community, whether they be Freemasons or not, please pass them on to him at siren@massfreemasonry.net.

The One Day Class, co-chaired by Wors. Erich Horgan and James Uzdarwin, was held in Ionic Hall of the Grand Lodge Building in Boston. The three degrees were staffed by three degree teams composed of Masonic First Responders who rehearsed with all the due care and attention that a solemn day such as September 11th deserves. The Grand Master and those degree teams initiated over 100 new Master Masons that day, many of whom were First Responders. The First Responder Town Hall meetings, The Siren, and the One Day Class are only the beginning of re-establishing the fraternal relationship with local First Responders. It is the sincere hope of the

Membership Development Committee and all members of our Grand Lodge that men of good character and morals can be found among those who serve to keep us safe every day. ■

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ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY

by M. Wor. Richard Maggio



The M. Wor. Grand Master with Ancient Captain Commanding Robert Imlach, installed June 7, 2021.

Another great day to be a Freemason! Today, along with the Grand Sword bearer Rt. Wor. Bruce Marshal and Rt. Wor. James Orgettas, I attended June Day for the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. We witnessed the election and installation of officers by Governor Baker. The day was filled with traditions, pageantry, and history.

I had the opportunity to meet and chatted with three Generals: Brigadier General John J. Driscoll, Lieutenant General L. Scott Rice, Brigadier General Emory Maddox. I also had the opportunity to speak with Lt. Col. Enoch O'Dell Woodhouse 2nd, one of the last surviving members of the Tuskegee Airmen.

I met and chatted with several members of the Ancient

and Honorable Artillery Company, including Governor Baker, outgoing Captain Commander John Welch, and incoming Captain Commander Robert Imlach.

FYI: The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts is the oldest chartered military organization in the western hemisphere. Its charter was granted in March, 1638, by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay and signed by Governor John Winthrop. The Company was given a charter by the Great and General Court as a volunteer militia company that would train on a regular basis to increase the readiness and military skills of the members. Its inherent mission was to prepare its members to serve as officers in the enrolled militia companies. Today, the Company mission has changed to a supportive role in preserving the historic and patriotic traditions of our city, Commonwealth, and Nation, as well as serving as Honor Guard for the Governor. ■

The M. Wor. Grand Master and Governor Charlie Baker





The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and Grand Lodge: 288 Years of Common Cause

The dates of 1638 and 1733 mark the forming of the oldest military order, The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, and the oldest Grand Lodge in the Western Hemisphere, respectively, and each is the third oldest of its kind in the world. These are truly historic institutions whose members have for centuries envisioned, created, and defended the very country and communities we call home, and continue to do so today. Great men serving their community, Commonwealth, and country is a common thread of 288 years of side-by-side co-existence. Leadership from such notables as M. Wor. Samuel Crocker Lawrence and Bro. William Dawes, M. Wor. Paul Revere's fellow rider, are but two examples of the hundreds of great men who understood the value of being members of the two most significant civic organizations in Massachusetts. Under the leadership of M. Wor. Richard Maggio, CPT Robert A. Imlach, Jr., the presiding commanding Captain of the AHAC, as well as a true national treasure and Boston institution, Lt. Col Enoch O'Dell Woodhouse II of the Tuskegee Airmen (Diplomatic Courier, and long-standing officer of the AHAC), and two other AHAC members, were initiated into the Craft in a Special One Day Class held at Grand Lodge on October 9, 2021. They and countless future generations will follow in the footsteps of giants like M. Wor. Bro. Lawrence and Bro. Dawes.

-Bros. Lt. John S. Mitchell and Lt. Kenneth Sallale



A special One Day Class was held on October 9th to raise the following members of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of MA: Bros. Robert Alexander Imlach Jr., the Captain Commander of the who will be our exemplar today; Retired Lt. Colonel Enoch O'Dell Woodhouse, II, US Air Force, a Tuskegee Airman from our Greatest Generation, WW2. Bros. Christopher Kenneth Villasorda , nephew of Rt. Wor. Fred Dobson; George Whitney Hamilton, our Sr. Grand Warden; Rt. Wor. George Hamilton's Dad; and Kristopher Crosse, who is employed at Grand Lodge, were raised as well. The photos are from that class.

LODGE OF QUALIFICATION,

by *Rt Wor. Alan Welch*

On July 31, the 4th, 12th, and 13th Masonic Districts held a joint Lodge of Qualification aboard the USS Constitution. There were a total of 16 Masters and Masters-Elects that were qualified or requalified. When the 4th District joined the 13th District for a joint LOI in April of 2021, the guest speaker was Commander John A. Benda, the 76th Commanding Officer of the USS Constitution. He provided a private Zoom tour of his ship for 70 Brothers. The tour, which was originally scheduled for 40 minutes, lasted well over an hour and only concluded when the battery on the Commander's phone died. The energy and enthusiasm he had was the spark for an idea.

Rt. Wor. Vincent Marino of the 13th District and Rt. Wor. Alan Welch from the 4th District had a joint LOQ in 2020 and wanted to have another one. Because they do everything big in the 13th District, and since they have fun doing everything in the 4th District, the natural question was, "Why not have it on the USS Constitution?" After speaking with the Commander and scheduling a meeting on board, the subject was put to the Commander for his opinion. He was immediately on board (no pun intended) and he even had ideas and thoughts to make it happen.

Rt. Wor. Brothers Marino, VanKuilenburg, and Welch

got to work. After looking at Lodge Installation calendars, a date was chosen. They wanted to have a meal for everyone, and they were shown the USS Constitution Museum, where receptions are often held. Because COVID still had everything in lockdown, it was not available. They looked at the US Naval Commandant's House, but a tent would be required, and it was not in the budget.

Their disappointment and discouragement were voiced to the Commander on one of their many calls, and without hesitation, he said that a reception could be held on board. This was an option that was never thought of and was a perfect solution. After securing transportation and their favorite caterers, Razzy's Bakery and Catering in North Billerica, it was time to work on assembling the Degree Team.

Since this could be a once in a lifetime event for the Masters and Masters-Elect, the Degree Team needed to be just as special. They started compiling a list of who's who in the 4th and 13th Districts. After going over the list, a team (A-Team) was decided upon, and they were asked if they wanted to be a part of this epic event. Every one of them agreed with-

out hesitation. They are listed below.

A total of 15 Masters and Masters-Elect were to be qualified or re-qualified. Several more visits were made to the Constitution to make sure a layout would work. The Pillar Officers of Grand Lodge were also invited to attend, along with Past Grand Masters from the 4th and 13th Districts.



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Wor. Chaplain
Wor. Marshal
Wor. SD
Wor. JD
Wor. SS
Wor. JS
Wor. Inside Sentinel
Wor. Tyler
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The Charge
Eastern Stairs
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Wor. Stephen Belyea
Wor. Greg Irvine
Wor. Richard McElhinney
Rt. Wor. James Orgettas
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Past Junior Grand Warden
Past Master William Sutton Lodge
Past Master William Parkman Lodge
Past Master Wyoming Lodge
Past DDGM 4th Masonic District
Past DDGM Chelsea 3rd District
Past Master William Sutton Lodge
Past Master Converse Lodge
Past Master Wyoming Lodge
Past Master Golden Rule Lodge
Past Grand Lecturer
Presiding Grand Lecturer
Past Master Mount Hermon Lodge
Past Master William Parkman Lodge

CONSTITUTION STYLE

Unfortunately, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master had previous engagements. The Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden were excited to attend, with Rt. Wor. Brother Hamilton attending as acting Grand Master.

On the afternoon of July 31, 72 Masons assembled at the Lynnfield-Wakefield Masonic Apartments and the Lodge of Qualification was opened and put into recess. The buses were loaded up and the trek to the Charlestown Navy Yard was underway. We arrived with some time to spare, so the brethren were allowed to go on board the ship, walk around the pier, and interact with the tourists that were visiting the Constitution. Once the ship was closed to the public and all the visitors had left, we lined up in a column of two, awaiting permission to board. The Wor. Marshal, Wor. Greg Irvine climbed the gangway and asked the Commander for permission for the 4th, 12th, and 13th Masonic Districts to board. Permission was granted and the Commander welcomed each brother aboard.



The Gun Deck was to be utilized for the ceremony, affording us the privacy that is required for the Lodge of Qualification. Once the furniture and Great Lights were set up, the Commander was conducted to our Lodge Room where he witnessed the receiving of the acting Grand Master. After welcoming comments from the Commander, he was conducted from the room, the lodge was called from recess, and the ceremony proceeded.

After it was completed, the Officers of the lodge and the

Grand Lodge Officers present gave all of the qualifiers words of wisdom and encouragement to guide them in their term as Master. The lodge was closed, and all assisted in helping the crew remove the chairs. As a special surprise, at dusk the colors were lowered, and one cannon volley is made to signify the end of day. The acting Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Brother Hamilton, had the honor of assisting the crew in lowering the colors and folding the flag. The Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Brother St. Cyr, had the enviable task of firing the cannon. After this daily ceremony was complete, a buffet was served on the main deck, with the

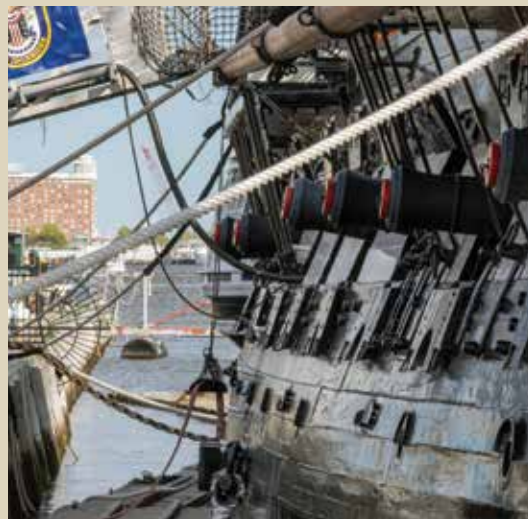
Commander, his crew, and the Massachusetts Masons all breaking bread together.

A Grand Lodge citation was given to the crew of the Constitution by Rt. Wor. Brother Hamilton. Rt. Wor. Brothers Welch, VanKuilenburg, and Marino handed all of the qualified Masters special certificates, USS Constitution coins, and special challenge coins made for the event. All

of the members of the Degree Team were also recognized with certificates and coins. All attending Masons received challenge coins. A special presentation was made to the Commander by the three District Deputy Grand Masters, thanking him for his assistance, hospitality, and support. As the night got darker and the hour approached 9:00 (2100), it was time to pack everything back into the buses, and all were returned to Wakefield. A small collation took place in Wakefield, and after a job well done, the Craft were quietly dismissed so that none went away dissatisfied. ■

- Qualified Masters -

Worshipful Joseph Turner	Converse Lodge
Worshipful Felipe Montarroyos	The Independence Lodge
Worshipful Todd Galarneau	William Sutton Lodge
Brother Alex Li	Wyoming Lodge
Worshipful Thomas Berry	Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge
Worshipful Paul Ciampa	Pentucket Lodge
Worshipful Sumate Tumsaroch	Friendship Lodge
Worshipful Raymond Christopher	Golden Rule Lodge
Worshipful John Galvin	Good Samaritan Lodge
Brother Paul Orr	Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge
Brother Gabriel Weinberg	Mount Horeb Lodge
Worshipful William MacIntyre	North Reading Lodge
Worshipful Robert Consorti	Scimitar Lodge
Brother Craig Foland	Star of Bethlehem Lodge
Brother David Jackson	William Parkman Lodge



FRATERNITY News & Events

The 7th District lost their hair in June

For the end of year Lodge of Instruction, Wor. Jeffery Miller of Azure Lodge came up with a fundraising idea. At Dynasty Barbers in Walpole, Wor. Bro. Miller asked his barber if he would be interested in coming to the lodge and cutting hair to raise money for a brother diagnosed with ALS through our Brotherhood Fund. His barber exclaimed, "I really respect the Masons and it would be an honor to do it!"



The Lodges of District 7 with Wor. Steven Roberts, from J. Philip Berquist Lodge, thought it was a great idea and said he would bring the refreshments to the lodge and reached out to the brethren of the White Ash to help with the fundraising efforts. Wor. Gordon Chisholm from Blue Hill Lodge started to raise money for the brother with ALS. He said if we raised \$1,000 that night, he would get a Mohawk haircut. In a battle of one-upmanship, Wor. Bro. Miller matched, or beat, his challenge. He declared that if \$1,000 is raised, he will allow the District Deputy to shave his head. Wor. Greg Wood from Saint Albans Lodge, whilst bringing the salads, also proclaimed to have his hair shaved if we raised over \$1,000.

The theme of the L.O.I. was "Why I am a Mason and what are the benefits?" Many brothers stood up and gave heartwarming stories of their journey into and through Masonry and how it has changed their lives for the better. The cost of participating in the event was either a \$10 donation to attend or \$30 donation to get a haircut and the barbers donated \$10 from each cut. The attendance was impressive with over 70 attendees, Masons and non-Masons, and many of the Masters were busy



walking potential candidates up through the lodge and giving and taking information.

When the barbers were cleaning up, the owner took a fresh \$100 and threw it in the top hat, then another barber threw his earnings in the hat, then in came the Brothers of the White Ash with smiles on their faces and threw another pile of notes into the hat. The final count was \$1,230 toward the Brotherhood Fund. Wor. Bros. Miller, Chisholm, and Wood all got their new hairstyle courtesy of the DDGM! In addition to having a great night of charity and fellowship, the 7th District now has many potential new candidates for the 2021-2022 Masonic Year, including two of the barbers. We are planning on the Second Annual Hair Cutting Fundraiser in the 7th District next June.

-Rt. Wor. Gordon M. Craig



Aleppo Minutemen Get New Look

Founded in 1974, the Aleppo Minutemen are the only unit of its kind in all of Shriners International, and the only group representing a colonial militia in Massachusetts Masonry. Known for their live fire muskets, members also carry a selection of flags and keep the crowds entertained with fifes and drums. Their parade on Memorial Day in Wilmington was also the debut of their new uniforms! The Aleppo Minutemen are available for parades, as well as color guard presentations at table lodges, installations, and other meetings and events. For more information, contact AleppoShrinersMinutemen@gmail.com.

-Bro. John Wilder



Masons on Parade

Pictured is the Deputy Grand Master leading Masons at the Manchester by the Sea parade. Members of the Aleppo Shrine provided great fun as well. The license

plates are some of the cars from the parade. To coordinate a parade with Grand Lodge, contact Rt. Wor. Ernie Pearlstein at cos@alepposhriners.com.



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true mentor to me, as he was and had been for many others in the lodge. Although Bill has now passed onto the Celestial Lodge above, I still find myself today thinking about the various Masonic lessons and ways of improving myself and the lodge experience as taught to be by Bill Stoddard.

Brethren, Freemasonry means many things to many people and that is perfectly acceptable. To me, Freemasonry is founded on building relationships and truly caring for others in a way that transcends race, creed, religion, or political affiliation. It is a fraternity founded upon trust and self-improvement. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about the like-minded men, brothers, and mentors I have met within Freemasonry and what I can do to perpetuate and teach those relationships to my brothers. ■

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Committee. It was also my great honor to be asked to serve on the Board of Directors for our Grand Lodge, first in 2014 to finish out a one-year term, and then again in 2016 and 2019 for a three-year term. With all my good fortunes over my Masonic career, this year proved to be exceptional. I was asked to serve as the Second Lieutenant Commander for Boston Consistory in the fall, and then given the great honor to be asked to stand for the Office of Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts this summer. A few weeks ago, I was informed that I had been elected to receive the 33rd degree in 2023 in Louisville Kentucky. I have truly been blessed in my life and in our Fraternity. And to think, it all started when someone asked me if I would like to be a Mason. ■

24th Masonic District Participates at Old Home Day



Quinebaug Lodge's French Fries sign with long lines and Oxford Lodge on right with children going wild over the snow cones.

On Monday, Sept 6th, what a beautiful day it was at the Charlton Old Home Day festivities. Two local

lodges from the 24th Masonic District set up to sell their goods for a long overdue celebration which was can-

celed last year due to COVID-19 pandemic. Quinebaug Masonic Lodge of Southbridge and Oxford Masonic Lodge had a very, very busy and exciting day trying to keep up with the demands of what the people wanted. There were all kinds of food being sold, music from a local band, and Irish step dancers.

The Charlton Old Home Day committee members announced the next activities and demonstrations over a loudspeaker and the bleachers were packed full of spectators. There were various organizations and many vendors selling their goods, along with all kinds of nonprofit organizations. Quinebaug Masonic Lodge was selling French Fries and chicken tenders. Most of the day, there was a long line of people waiting to get those freshly hand cut homemade French Fries. The lodge went through many pounds of potatoes. Oxford Lodge was selling sweet corn and snow cones. The delicious corn was smothered in butter, and I heard one happy customer saying, "Can I have another corn, please?" The children were going wild and crazy over the flavored snow cones. Both lodges had long lines and people waiting for their great, delicious, tasty treats.

-Bro. Jimmy Falzone

Brady Returns: Overlook Tailgates

On Sunday, October 3rd, the Overlook staff threw a tailgating party for the Independent Living residents. What a blast that turned out to be. It took place in the Performing Arts Center on the theater size screen. Over 70 residents gathered to watch the game and enjoy the festivities. Overlook Culinary Services provided over 30 pounds of chicken wings and 20 pounds of pigs in a blanket for munchies. Our Brewmeister, Steve Dragon, dispensed the Brew Crew's recently bottled Munich Helles Lager Beer. Wine, soda, lemonade, and water were available also.

As the kickoff approached, most of the audience was discussing how much they liked Tom Brady and how much he has done for the team, but as soon as the game started, virtually everyone was rooting for the Patriots. Every time the Patriots made a good play, there was loud

cheering. When the Patriots scored the first points, the crowd went wild! It gave them confidence to believe the Patriots could defeat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Everyone thought it was an exciting game with the Patriots regaining the lead every time they fell behind. However, the dramatic moment came when Nick Folk, Patriots' place kicker, was preparing to attempt a 56-yard field goal. With approximately a minute left in the rain-soaked game, scoring the goal would put the Patriots ahead and they would most likely win the game. Brady could be seen sitting on the sidelines with a concerned look on his face, waiting to see the outcome of that kick. As it turned out, the football hit the left upright and did not yield the three points needed to win the game. The Patriots came so close to having a rookie quarterback defeat a six-time Super Bowl champion. Nonetheless, it appears the Patriots have the potential of a great team for this season!

-Bro. Bill Kenyon

The Vista Club Adult Day Program Reopens at The Overlook...A Great Way to Spend the Day!



The Overlook is excited to announce the re-opening of its Adult Day Program on September 7, 2021, in Charlton, MA! Known as The Vista Club by its members, The Overlook Vista Adult Day Program originally opened on April 1, 2019, but closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Vista Club is for senior adults living with dementia and provides a place for members to feel independent, capable, able-minded, and included. Each member of the Overlook Care Team is a certified dementia practitioner and receives specialized training, focused on facilitation of participant-centered activities that bring purpose, meaning, happiness, and joy to each member. All programming is designed to enhance the physical, emotional, and social well-being of the Vista Club member.

Unlike the majority of Adult Day programs operating under a medical model of care, Vista is based on a social model. As a social model, The Vista Club does not provide medical care, but rather focuses on the socialization and engagement that is essential to enriching the lives of its members living with dementia. The Vista Club incorporates each member's skills, knowledge, abilities, strengths, and talents into the daily program-

ing, promoting the value of each member's unique life history.

The Vista Club is an affordable option for prolonging a member's ability to continue living at home and preserving the health and well-being of both the Member and the caregiver.

The Vista Club Mission

At The Overlook, we believe in "empowering individuals to realize their potential to live their best life." The Vista Club supports the person, not the dementia. Club members will be empowered, treated with dignity, and respected as an individual.

Who should join The Vista Club?

Seniors living with memory impairment due to Alzheimer's and other dementias.

What are the Benefits of joining The Vista Club?

Members are able to enrich their own health and wellbeing by actively participating in planned activities fostering connections with other members and The Vista Care team - trusted companions who create positive interactions that lift moods and increase personal worth, belonging, and confidence.

Moreover, The Vista Club offers the benefit of respite for the caregiver, allowing time for self-care,

appointments, hobbies, and relaxation, with the assurance of knowing his or her loved one is in a safe and loving environment.

What is a Typical Day at The Vista Club?

The program is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 4:00pm, with 2 to 5-day enrollment options. The Vista Club is surrounded by a picturesque New England landscape, within a beautifully appointed environment with a comfort of home feel.

Each day is filled with a variety of activities focused on stimulating senses, fostering friendships, and invoking feelings of purpose. Engaging activities can include exercise (walking, dancing, chair yoga, and bowling), conversation, arts and crafts, games, educational and wellness programs (reading, cooking), music, and reminiscing. Members receive a nutritious breakfast, lunch, and snacks, build friendships, and have fun throughout the day.

Where do I Get More Information for The Vista Club?

If you are interested in becoming a Vista Club member or want more information on why The Vista Club is a Great Way to Spend Your Day, please contact: Kathy Walker, Director, at 508-434-2551, or kawalker@overlook-mass.org. The Vista Club is now accepting applications. Space is limited. The Overlook Vista Club has a re-opening special offer for all qualified participants to receive a free trial day.

Residents of Overlook's Independent Living Community are eligible to receive a 10% discount on daily rates. We welcome you to visit our website for a 2-minute video to meet some of the members of our Care Team at www.overlook-mass.org.

"The best feeling of the day is when you have touched another member's life and made a positive difference. We know that Vista Club positively impacts its members. Families often share that their loved one frequently asks, 'Am I going to Vista Club tomorrow?'" ■



ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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

Q: *Is there proper positioning while at prayer?*

A: All in attendance that are able should be standing respectfully with their heads bowed. The Brethren may place their hands in any fashion which they feel helps them convey their prayers to the Supreme Being. Lodge Officers should stand at attention with their heads bowed and their right hand at the tops of their aprons. The Master should be uncovered with his left hand holding his top hat resting on his left shoulder and holding his gavel in his right hand at the top of his apron.

Q: *Is there a right or wrong way to wear a Masonic ring?*

A: Two schools of thought exist as to how one should wear a Masonic ring. Some believe the ring should be worn with the Square and Compasses facing the wearer, as it was first seen immediately after taking their obligation. The others believe the Square and Compasses should face outward toward the public, reminding us of our obligation to others, as this is how the public would normally view our symbol. In our jurisdiction, there is no right or wrong way to wear your ring, other than with honor and pride. The position of the ring is at the discretion of the wearer. ■

▶ **Rt. Wor. Kubick** *continued from page 13*

me to meet new friends and Brothers and to visit many interesting buildings and lodges. As a new District Deputy Grand Master in 2015, I enjoyed continuing travelling throughout the jurisdiction, visiting all of the districts in Massachusetts in my first year, and a great many of the districts in my second year. My enjoyment of our ritual ultimately led to my being appointed as a Grand Lecturer, eventually becoming the Senior Grand Lecturer. Being appointed a Grand Lodge Tour Guide has given me an even greater appreciation of our amazing building in Boston, and it is an honor and pleasure to show this incredible resource off to the public.

I am a third generation Eagle Scout and third generation Scoutmaster. I am also a Chevalier from Dedham DeMolay. My parents instilled in me at an early age the traits of honesty, responsibility, hard work, honor, and the great importance of keeping one's word and guarding your reputation. All three organizations - Freemasonry, Boy Scouts, and DeMolay teach and reinforce these values, but in different ways. Family and these three organizations have helped mold me into the person, the man, and the Mason that I am today. ■

▶ **M. Wor. Gallagher** *continued from page 15*

service up to the very end of his life. He not only aided by his advice, but he gratuitously conducted legal affairs of moment to the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Gallagher came to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite during his year as Deputy Grand Master in 1899 but became very prominent in that body after his term as Grand Master, becoming an Active Member in 1903, and eventually Illustrious Deputy for Massachusetts, a position he occupied at the time of his death in 1919.

The energy and activity of his life in the Fraternity is remarkable, set against the backdrop of a life altogether too brief. His early career in the Craft took place in a more sedate and traditional era, in an earlier Grand Lodge generation. With him a new century began, and the rate of change accelerated. Not long after his term, Grand Lodge became more involved with overseas districts, particularly in China and Panama; it established a Masonic Home, long desired by many, and it undertook a complete revision of the district organization and the Grand Constitutions. In Brother Gallagher we can see the inspiration and the motivation that was carried to fruition by many of his successors.

His name appears on the plaque on the entry stairwell at our Grand Lodge, recording the dedication of our magnificent building. His legacy, his good and true contribution to the firm foundations of our Fraternity, is a testament to a standard toward which we should all strive. ■





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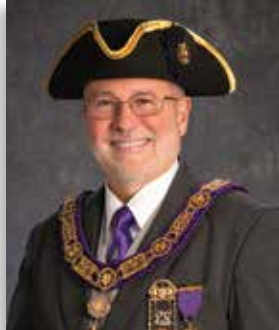
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THE GRAND MASTER'S 2022 FLORIDA TOUR

Continuing the popular tradition of the Grand Master bringing his warm fraternal greetings to our Brethren and their guests in Florida, he is pleased to announce the upcoming dates and locations of his 2022 visit. He looks forward to seeing members who have relocated to the Sunshine State, as well as snowbirds who winter there, and sharing with them all of the news about happenings with Massachusetts Freemasonry. He will also take advantage of this visit to present Veterans Medals to brothers celebrating 50 years with the Fraternity. The widows of Massachusetts Masons are also warmly invited to attend.



We hope you can join the Grand Master and your fellow Massachusetts brothers! The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 per person. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Patty Latham, in the Office of the Grand Secretary, at **617-426-6040** or by email platham@massfreemasonry.org.

A map of Florida with three numbered locations marked with Masonic symbols. Location 1 is West Palm Beach, Location 2 is Fort Myers, and Location 3 is Tampa. Other cities shown on the map include Orlando and Miami.

1 The Breakers
West Country Club
in West Palm Beach
Monday, March 21,
2022 at 11:30 a.m.

2 The Forest Golf and
Country Club
in Fort Myers on Tuesday,
March 22, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

3 The Rusty Pelican in Tampa on Wednesday,
March 23, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.