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2022 Masonic
Anniversaries



From the East of Grand Lodge
MOST WORSHIPFUL RICHARD MAGGIO

Brethren,

Summer has ended and the Craft is back to work. In the short span of a month, several lodges have celebrated milestone anniversaries, and most have installed their Officers. I see renewed excitement as we move forward, leaving the pandemic to history. Reports indicate our Statewide Open House in October was a success with many men making inquiries and joining our ranks.

Our Grand Lodge continues to evaluate what we do and how we do it in our efforts to best serve you. I am proud to say Massachusetts Freemasonry lives up to its precedence as the 3rd oldest Grand Lodge in the world and the oldest Grand Lodge in the New World. As I travel to other jurisdictions, I am proud as I am always reminded that we are a resource for our peers as we lead the way in education, programming, etc. into the future.

As I write this “From the East of Grand Lodge,” I nostalgically reflect on my time in the East of Grand Lodge. I look to the future and realize this is my last time addressing you as your Grand Master in the Trowel Magazine. Over the last quarter of my term as Grand Master I face many “lasts,” and soon to be Past. As I participate in my last Masters Carpet Ceremony, last lodge installation, my last visits to lodges, and so on, I look to bright horizons ahead for all of Freemasonry. Freemasonry has and continues to provide a safe haven from the profane world as we work together to improve ourselves, our families, our communities, and in consequence the world.

I sincerely hope my efforts have succeeded in continuing our traditions as we plan for the future. I know our efforts, TOGETHER, carried us through a worldwide pandemic and made us stronger. Through the ages, our Fraternity has survived world wars, the rise and fall of governments, and so on. Freemasonry has been a stable, continuing force for good in society over the last 300 years. And it continues that tradition. The reason? You and your unswerving dedication to the Craft and to each other! I, along with all the Grand Lodge Officers, have and continue to be most appreciative of your efforts and your successes during these trying times.

I leave you with one thought moving forward, a thought I have conveyed before and continue to do so since it expresses my feeling for our Craft: “They say it’s not the destination but the journey,” but I reflect and say, “It’s not the destination or the journey, but those who I have chosen to travel with.” Unequivocally, I know I have made the right choices when I chose to travel in Masonry with all of you.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your family, and continue to bless our great Fraternity.

Sincerely, Fraternally, and soon to be Past,

Most Worshipful Richard Maggio

Grand Master

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Why Me?

I missed the first Open House. I waited a year. My first son, then two, went with me a year later. Everything about the Masonic Temple in Cambridge was interesting to both of us, but I had about 200 questions.

I asked and asked. Finally, with my questions answered, I filled out the application form. I was terrified: would my references support me? Would they answer? Would I make it into the Lodge? Did I have what it takes?

The Masons I met were also frightening. They were, to a man, good. Kind, straightforward, and accepting, every Mason I met was a better man than me. How could I possibly be part of this Fraternity - their standards are beyond my reach.

Somehow, through some sort of negligence I assumed, I was voted to receive the degrees at Mount Olivet Lodge. But why? Why did the Brothers at that time find that I had the qualities to be a Mason?

I still don't know. However, the qualifications for a man to reach for his betterment from Freemasonry are often there, though sometimes, like in my case, only potentially.

The rungs of qualification continue throughout the process of the journey of every Brother. Sometimes, the quality of a Mason makes him the great sideline Brother that provides a visual indicator to the Lodge that it is the right place to be. Other times, a Brother finds his Office, be it Chaplain, Tyler, or Inside Sentinel, and there he enjoys every Lodge Communication.

The Lodge of Qualification to be a Master of a lodge surprised me. I'd gone through the chairs and was excited about all the things I was going to do when I was the Great and All Powerful Master. I was a little naïve. But qualifications and the qualities that they represent are part of the process for our adventure in Freemasonry. The new Masters from the Lodge of Qualification on the *USS Constitution* have what it takes, as we all do, whether we know it or not.

Fraternally, Lee H. Fenn



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Car Show for a Cause

Thomas Day Spring Lodge, in Monson, teamed up with the Polish American Citizens Club to hold our First Annual Car Show. Part of the money raised will be used to send diabetic children to the Clara Barton Camp for Girls and Camp Josselin for Boys. “We already have funds to send one child to camp,” said Wor. Dylan Mann. “This event will help us to send more.” As the Polish Club is located on the same street as the Masonic Temple, the town allowed us to close the street for the afternoon. The teamwork between these organizations has had a positive effect on everyone involved. We are also working with the Monson Lion’s Club, who initially started this fund drive.

-Wor. Douglas Battige



V.·M.· Ricardo I González, tomando su juramento como el Venerable Maestro entrante de Logia América.

Wor. Ricardo I. González taking his oath as the incoming Master of Logia América. [Wor. Mark Stout administers the oath.]



*Los Oficiales recientemente instalados de Logia América.
The newly installed officers of Logia América.*

Excelente Instalación de Logia América

Excelente tenida de instalación de los nuevos oficiales de Logia América para el año masónico 2022 – 2023. Un año lleno de nuevos retos y el compromiso de hacer conocer a Logia América en toda la jurisdicción, como la única Logia en español en Massachusetts.

Logia America had an excellent Installation of Officers for the 2022-2023 Masonic year. A year full of new challenges and the commitment to make Logia América known throughout the jurisdiction as the only lodge conducted in Spanish in Massachusetts.

-V.·M.· Ricardo I. González, Wor. Ricardo Ignacio González



Masonic Spirituality

by Rt. Wor. & M. Rev. Brian R. Marsh

Recently, I began to use a wrist watch that serves also as a blood pressure gauge and a monitor of the steps I take each day. It is a useful device, one that helps me stay in contact with some of my bodily rhythms, as well as my exercise program. It also gives me feedback. When I reach 5,000 steps, a signal goes off - a pleasant enough sound that informs me that I have achieved an important goal.

After reaching my latest 5,000 step goal, I began to wonder whether anyone had ever recorded the number of steps it takes to circumambulate a lodge room, particularly during the three degrees of Masonry. Surely someone has calculated such an important number. Candidates, however, might be forbidden from wearing the kind of device that might tell them precisely the number of steps their Masonic journey might take. But there is never any doubt that the steps we take in our Masonic ascent are vitally important.

Most religions have spiritual traditions, writings and practices that explore the ascent of the spirit toward wisdom and perfection. Freemasonry is no different. Masonry presents its initiates with a very practical ascent through its degree system toward a figurative ascent to maturity and understanding. This is very akin to what the great mystics have taught for millenia. The

eminent Spanish mystic, John of the Cross, wrote that novices "...begin with a person's initial steps in the service of God and continue until the ultimate state of perfection is reached." John wrote about three levels of spiritual development: beginner (purgative), proficient (illuminative), and unitive (beatific). These steps might well describe the three degrees of Masonry.

Ascent is a prominent theme among ascetical or spiritual theologians. Some describe the ascent toward spiritual enlightenment akin to climbing a mountain. The Ascent of Mount Carmel, by John of the Cross, is but one example. Like a flight of winding stairs, the spiritual ascent describes an often arduous journey upward. But the rewards upon attaining the destination are rich indeed.

Whatever our religious tradition, Freemasonry offers its own unique examples of spiritual ascent. Sometimes, as every ascetical theologian would attest, that journey is taken in darkness, or sometimes in blinding light. But always, despite all difficulties and dangers, the journey toward perfection is often its own reward. Count on all the Masonic steps. ■

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

THE SEPTEMBER 2022 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

The doors on either side of the East of Grand Lodge were open, the wind blew in, and the Brethren carried in their cooled bottles of water just before 1:30pm on September 21, 2022, in preparation for the third Quarterly Communication of 2022 for the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. When the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Richard Maggio, entered, the Brethren stood with enthusiastic applause. He arrived in the Grand East, where his notes on the communication were on an easel sporting the square and compasses, and two pillars sporting globes at the top, created by Rt. Wor. Peter Culbertson.

“Thank you for joining me today. We will continue to live stream and record our meetings for those who are not able to join us,” welcomed the Grand Master. “Among those joining us today are the Brethren from our lodges in Chile, Panama, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Tokyo, Japan. Thank you for tuning in and welcome.”

The Grand Master called the Brethren to their feet for the colors, presented by the Knights of St. Andrew. With hands over hearts and saluting, the Grand Master and the Brethren recited the Pledg of Allegiance to the flag and sang the National Anthem.

The Brethren sang “Faith of our Father,” as Grand Chaplain Rt. Wor. Hank Peirce, Grand Chaplain, offered this prayer:

Almighty God, to whom people in all living faiths lift up their hearts, from the depths of our need and in the greatness of hope, we lift up our hearts this day.

Once again we find ourselves at our Quarterly meeting and ask that you bless us and all who lead this ancient institution with a full course of wisdom.

Bless all assembled with us today in person and on-line. Source of all good, we thank You for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. We thank you for a land of freedom where citizens can speak their minds.

We thank You for the friendship that this Fraternity creates, and for those Brothers who look kindly upon us even when we fail and who help to bring us back to our bravest selves again.

We also ask for an extra measure of health to be poured out on our Brothers who are in ill health. We think especially of our friend [Rt. Wor.] John Bell.

Great God, strengthen our efforts to carry on the good work here begun and ever to give thanks to You, our Great Companion in the struggle for the fullness of life, may we live ever to Your glory. — Amen

“I declare a Regular Quarterly Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts opened in ample form,” declared the Grand Master.

With pleasure, the Grand Master introduced the following guests:

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

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America:

- Ill. George F. Hamilton, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts
- Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Active for Massachusetts
- Ill. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, Active for Massachusetts
- Ill. Robert E. Godbout, Jr., 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts (online)

Shrine International:

- Ill. Robert H. Brown, Potentate, Aleppo Shrine
- Ill. Jeffery A. Hastings, Potentate, Melha Shrine

- Wor. and Dad Matthew Gerrish, Executive Officer, Order of the DeMolay, Massachusetts
- M. Worthy David E. Fournier, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star joining us on the live stream
- Sir Knight Leo M. Kenen, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth
- Rt. Wor. Kenneth R. Blake, Chairman of Board, Masonic Healthcare System

Streaming

Tokyo, Japan

- M. Wor. Jimmy V. Gipson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan
- Rt. Wor. Anand J. Murti, member of Sinim Lodge of this Grand Lodge and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Japan



The Grand Master and Marshal enter the Quarterly Communication



The Grand Master Bro. presented the Henry Price Medal to Brigadier General (Ret.) John J. Driscoll.

“I am delighted to welcome two Brothers in attendance today from our District in Panama,” said the Grand Master. “Rt. Wor. Albert C. Hopper, District Grand Master and Wor. Eduardo Crocama, Deputy District Grand Master.”

The Grand Master introduced the attending Past Grand Masters: M. Wors. Albert Timothy Ames, Arthur E. Johnson (online), Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr., Jeffrey Black Hodgdon, Richard James Stewart, Harvey John Waugh, Paul Fulton Gleason, as well as the first responders, and the technical crews handling the sound and video streaming.

M. Wor. Bro. Ames rose to give an explanation of voting in Grand Lodge, prior to which he thanked all Brethren for the care and concern he received during his recent hospitalization. M. Wor. Bro. Ames then gave a report on the Recognition of Proxies and presented the Budget, which had been distributed to the Brethren. Both were accepted by vote.

Rt. Wor. W. Warren Richardson reported on the Records Committee. After which, Rt. Wor. Robert V. Jolly, Jr. reported that two lodges’ bylaws changes were accepted. Both were accepted by vote.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Ames rose to announce a petition for consolidation of Pilgrim Lodge and Universal Lodges. If approved, they would operate under the Pilgrim Lodge charter and name. This petition was approved by vote.

Rt. Wor. John F. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, remembered the passing of two Brothers taking with them to the Celestial Lodge above their nearly 120 years of Masonic experience. Rt. Wor. Seth Landau, Grand Chaplain, led the Brethren in prayer, in which some phrases were in Hebrew and translated.

The Grand Master announced his candidates for Junior Grand Warden: Rt. Wor. Christopher Anthony Tonini, PDDGM, District 31, Chairman of the Golden Gavels 2022, and Rt. Wor. Alfredo Jorge Rodrigues Canhoto, PDDGM, District 15N, Strategic Planning Committee Chairman. For Senior Grand Warden, he announced Rt. Wor. John Emerson Kelley, Jr., PDDGM, District 13, Grand Marshal, as the lone candidate. Profiles from the candidates

are on page 12.

The Grand Master continued, “It is always sad when I must take action to remove an unsuitable man from our Fraternity. It is, unquestionably, the most heart-wrenching function I must perform. But it must be done. All of us, as Masons, have a duty to see that the Ancient Landmarks, Rules, Regulations, and our Grand Constitutions are preserved and that Brothers who are acting in a manner that is harmful to the Fraternity are given good counsel if appropriate, or a much more severe sanction if needed.”

“We must never forget that to preserve the reputation of Freemasonry is the duty of every Freemason. We should also remember that a single unsuitable man within our ranks will drive dozens of good quality men away. If we see someone violating the basic principles of our Ancient Craft, if we see someone acting outside of the standards of morality, if we see someone doing things as a Mason that puts Freemasonry in a poor light, then we MUST, if it is minor enough, whisper good counsel in our Brother’s ear. This is our duty to him, and our duty to Freemasonry.”

“If it is not minor, or if he refuses to amend his behavior, then we MUST take firm action to remove him from our lodges, either temporarily or permanently. None of this is easy. We don’t want to do it.”

He announced the suspension of three men and the expulsion of another. The Grand Master’s actions were approved by vote.

He announced that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan, M. Wor. Jimmy Vitug Gipson, is “an Honorary Member of our Grand Lodge. M. Wor. Bro. Gipson [online], I am honored to call you my friend and Brother. Welcome to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.”

The Grand Master was pleased to announce a new Commission for Grand Representative, Rt. Wor. Andrew Chung Wai MacKinlay, Grand Representative of The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts near the Grand Lodge of Japan. Rt. Wor. Bro. MacKinlay is a member of Sinim Lodge, located in Tokyo, Japan. “Thank you, Rt. Wor. Bro. MacKinlay, for your service to our Grand Lodge. I am looking forward to

working with you,” said the Grand Master.

He directed the Grand Marshal to escort to the East the lodges with anniversaries: for their 200th anniversary, chartered in 1822, Saint Matthews Lodge; for their 225th anniversary, chartered in 1797, Olive Branch Lodge and Montgomery Lodge (certificate was presented on September 10th); and for their 225th anniversary, chartered in 1795, King Hiram’s Lodge (this should have been presented in 2020, but was missed due to the pandemic).

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to escort the Master, members, and District Deputy Grand Master for Rufus Putnam Lodge to the East where he authorized the production of a jewel to commemorate the event of their 100th anniversary. All lodges in the jurisdiction are allowed to petition the Grand Master for permission to commemorate their 100th anniversary with a jewel.

The Grand Master reflected on the many times he tried to bring Rt. Wor. Albert C Hopper, III to the East. The Grand Master mentioned that he had tried to call Rt. Wor. Bro. Hopper to the East twice before, but failed due to the pandemic and other circumstances. “But, third time’s the charm,” he said before he presented his friend and worthy Brother the Henry Price Medal.

“I now have a presentation to a Brother who is a member of the Meadows Lodge and has been a faithful member of our Craft for over 25 years. He is the Past Commander, Land Component Command of the National Guard. One of his final assignments was when he was called to provide security at the White House after the insurrection on January 6, 2021, and command all the troops at the White

House,” said the Grand Master. “ Rt. Wor. Grand Marshal, you will conduct Brigadier General and Brother John J. Driscoll to the East.” The Grand Master presented the Henry Price Medal to Brother Driscoll, BG (Ret). In his retirement as a Soldier for Life, Bro. Driscoll continues the mission by giving talks about Patriotism. Lodges, schools, or other organizations can request his presentation by contacting him at johndrisco@aol.com.

“Brethren, on June 15th, in an attempt to rescue a man who had fallen from a bridge into the waters below, Bro. Robert Ljunggren, a Mason of 20 years and an off-duty firefighter was enjoying a day of relaxation on his boat before ‘jumping into action.’” Bro. Ljunggren saved a life that day, but avoided the spotlight at Grand Lodge. The Grand Master presented his First Responder Recognition to Rt. Wor. Micheal Leonard, DDGM for the 23rd.

The Grand Master called Bro. Brian Cavanaugh of the H.E.L.P. medical equipment program to the East to present him with a recognition of service with “deepest respect and gratitude.” H.E.L.P. supplies free medical equipment for the Commonwealth, other States such as

Kentucky, and internationally to countries such as Ukraine.

The 7th Masonic District hosted its 2nd Lodge of Instruction fundraiser hair cutting for the Brotherhood Fund in memory of Bro. Eric Wickberg, who died of ALS and was helped by the Brotherhood Fund. In attendance were the Brothers of the White Ash and Brothers of the Single Malt. Rt. Wor. Gordon M. Craig presented the Grand Master with a check for the Brotherhood Fund.

Norfolk Lodge, announced Wor. Jared LaLiberte from the



Wor. Howard R. Hernandez of Hiram’s Lodge sported a wooden bowtie at the Quarterly.

The Grand Master introduced his candidate for Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. John E. Kelley Jr., and candidates for Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Christopher Anthony Tonini and Rt. Wor. Alfredo Jorge Rodrigues Canhoto. Profiles start on page 12.



Grand East, has an annual Christmas tree sale for the Lodge, local charities, and Masonic charities. This year, the Lodge decided to donate to the Brotherhood Fund in memory of Rt. Wor. William E. Holland and other departed Brethren. The Grand Master graciously accepted the donation.

After thanking the Grand Master for attending the 225th re-dedication of Columbian Lodge, the Master, Wor. Michael K. Yotts, presented a check for the Brotherhood Fund, citing the many good things the fund has done. The Grand Master happily accepted the check.

The Grand Master addressed the Brethren, in the Lodge room, the annex, and wheresoever dispersed.

The Grand Master recounted his busy schedule since the last Quarterly.

The Grand Master recounted his busy schedule since the last Quarterly. In June, on the 2nd, the Deputy Grand Master hosted a dinner at Grand Lodge, along with Rt. Wor. Oscar Zepeda, for our visiting dignitaries from five Grand Lodges in Mexico. From the 9th to the 12th, the Grand Master was invited to Washington, DC, to the United Brotherhood Celebration. "I had the honor to lay a wreath at the rededication of the Lincoln Memorial with the Grand Master of Washington, DC. I also had the pleasure of attending a lodge meeting at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial where every officer spoke a different language while doing their opening and closing ritual. Universality of Freemasonry, Diversity in Harmony was evident throughout this event."

On the 11th, the Deputy Grand Master rededicated St. Paul's Lodge on the occasion of their 225th Anniversary, accompanied by the Grand Lodge Officers. On the 17th, the Grand Master was at the Grand Lodge of Vermont for their Annual Sessions and Installation of Officers.

From the 15th to the 17th, the Jr. Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Russell E. Lowe attended the Shriner Football Classic and associated events on behalf of the Grand Master.

On the 18th, the Grand Master, "along with the Grand Lodge Officers, performed a merger ceremony for Thomas Lodge and Day Spring Lodge. We look forward to the success of Thomas Day Spring Lodge!"

On the 18th, the first class of The Deacons Academy graduated. "Congratulations to Rt. Wor. Samuel Newland, Chairman of the program and all the new graduates."

On the 23rd, the Grand Master attended Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodge for the degree class named in his honor. On the 24th, he attended the Past Junior Grand Wardens dinner to honor our Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Bro. Lowe and the Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Glen Kubick, represented the Grand Master at the Grand Assembly of MA International Order of Rainbow.

The Grand Master and Lady, on the 25th, "had the honor, along with several other Masons, to attend the retirement barbeque event for Bro. and Brigadier General John Driscoll, where I presented him the Henry Price Medal, after which we attended another barbeque at Star of Bethlehem Lodge. Yes, two barbeques the same day and you wonder why I am gaining weight!"

On the 27th, he attended the Orient Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, where he received the Abraham A. Dame Medal, presented by Most Illustrious Andrew Christos Maninos, Grand Master of Royal and Select Master Masons.

And on the 28th, The Grand Master "enjoyed a Master Mason degree and another barbeque at the Scouters Lodge!"

July began on a sad note, when the Grand Master attended the Memorial Service for Brother and Police Officer Randy R. Isaacs, on the 1st. The 2nd brought the Grand Master to, yes, another barbecue! It was after receiving instruction and playing a game of cricket with Wor. Sonny Franklin, Rt. Wor. Ian Mackenzie, M. Wor.



Rt. Wor. Gerald R. Thaxton, III, Prince Hall Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master, and M. Wor. Clarence Snead, Grand Master of Prince Hall of Rhode Island with their cricket bats.

Clarence Snead, Grand Master of Prince Hall in RI, M. Wor. Timothy Downs, Past Grand Master of Prince Hall in MA, as well as several other Masons. On Independence Day, the Grand Master marched with many Brothers from Rufus Putnam Lodge and the Shrine in the Rutland 300th Parade.

From the 15th through the 17th, the Grand Master attended the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters in Maryland. This event will be hosted by Massachusetts in 2023.

On the 25th, the Grand Master reported that he "attended the 28th Annual Teddy Bear Classic to support the J. Philip Berquist Children's Dyslexia Center for Greater Boston!"

On the 28th, acting as Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Sullivan attended The Daughters of the Nile Oppela Temple #50 who hosted a visit from the Supreme Queen.

A Lodge of Qualification for Brethren from the 4th, 6th, 12th, 13th, and 25th Masonic Districts was organized by

Rt. Wor. John VanKuilenburg and held on the *USS Constitution* on the 30th. “We were met by the first female Commander, Commander Billie Farrell. I had the honor of firing the cannon while Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Sullivan lowered the colors at sunset. An incredible event and example of a community partnership.” [See page 21 for the story.]

To close out July, on the 31st, “The Grand Lady and I attended the Aleppo Shrine Clown Picnic where I experienced first-hand how a clown is born. No further details or photos are or will be available!” announced the Grand Master to the laughter of the Brethren.

To start off August, on the 6th, Jr. Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Russell Lowe was acting as Grand Master at the Hill Degree in Williamstown.

On the 7th, the Grand Master, with the Grand Lodge Officers, attended the DeMolay Conclave at Nichols College. He was honored by being “invested as Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.”

Seven days later, “Along with a few hundred Masons and their families, the Grand Lady and I attended the District 14 Barbeque and picnic at Nara Park. Another great day with old friends, and an opportunity to make new friends,” said the Grand Master.

On the 21st, the Grand Master enjoyed a wonderful lunch with the 10th District 50-year veterans. Rt. Wor. Neal

Packard looks to make this a yearly event for the district’s 50-year veterans.

“After attending the Scottish Rite State Dinner for 33rds,” said the Grand Master about the 27th, “I headed out west to play in the Wisdom Lodge charity golf tournament on Sunday.”

Sadly, the Grand Lady and Master attended memorial and funeral services for both Rt. Wors. Arthur Dunham’s and John Kelley’s fathers-in-law, both who passed within hours of each other on the 29th and 30th.

On September 8th, The Grand Lodge Officers installed the Officers of Garden City Lodge. “I had the pleasure to present the Joseph Warren Medal,” recounted the Grand Master, “to Bro. Michael David Barg and to Rt. Wor. Joseph Anthony Manzo. Congratulations to Wor. Christopher Kelley and the Officers of Garden City Lodge.”

On the 10th, the Grand Master said goodbye to our Grand Organist, dear Bro. George Wiseman at his interment ceremony. Condolences were offered to his wife Barbara.

Later in the day, the Grand Master, along with the Grand Lodge Officers, rededicated Montgomery Lodge on the occasion of their 225th Anniversary.

The Grand Lodge Officers rededicated Corinthian Lodge on the occasion of their 225th Anniversary on the 12th.

Finally, on the 13th, the Grand Master installed Bro.



The Grand Master presented a centenary jewel authorization for Rufus Putnam Lodge, as represented by Rt. Wor. Matthew A. Niedermeier DD for the 25th and Wor. A. Gerald Condon, Master of Rufus Putnam Lodge.

The Grand Master presented a life saving commendation for Bro. Robert C. Ljunggren, Jr. to Rt. Wor. Michael J. Leonard.



To recognize his work on H.E.L.P, the Grand Master presented a Recognition of Service appreciation to Bro. Brian L. Cavanaugh.



Antonio Auffero as Master of William Parkman Lodge, his home lodge.

“In addition to the aforementioned events, I continue on a monthly basis to attend the Grand Lodge Board of Directors meetings, Board meetings at the Overlook in Charlton, and many other business and social activities of the Grand Lodge that require my attention.”

Under the direction of Rt. Wor. Peter Culbertson, the Membership Committee is taking many new directions. We continue to work on the process for dealing with leads.

“Thank you to all our DDGMs and the District Ambassadors for their teamwork and understanding regarding the new definition of the District Ambassador role! This has impacted our prospective candidates, the lodges, and the Fraternity as a whole. It has the greatest impact on those who have most recently sought information. It is vitally important that we do not dampen their enthusiasm for the Fraternity by letting them ‘fall through the cracks’ as they progress toward Light in Freemasonry. The work that’s being done to address this continues to be of paramount importance. District teams, continue to work directly with your Blue lodges, assisting in the process and confirming no one falls through the cracks. I am grateful for all that you do for Freemasonry, for your cooperation with the new changes, and please know that I am hopeful about the future,” said the Grand Master.

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren of the Open House scheduled for Oct.15th.

The Masonic Youth Child Identification Program (MyCHIP) began holding events again in May. There have been some upgrades to the program. To learn them and to schedule a MyCHIP event, go to mychip.org and click on the “request an event” link.

“A kind word or act goes a long way!” proclaimed the Grand Master as he first paraphrased a message he received. “I turned 78 years old and received a very nice birthday card from the Grand Lodge. I live in Florida, but was raised in Corinthian Lodge in Concord, Massachusetts, back in 1966. I retain my membership there. I’m doing well and I am healthy. I just wanted to formally thank you for the card, but say that sadly, for some of us seniors that card is the

only one they’ll receive. Being remembered means more than you know when the clock winds down and friends and Brothers have passed on. Thank you.”

The 2nd message regards the building of a much-needed handicap ramp a mere nine hours after it was requested.

“Charity is at the core of Freemasonry. It has been since the founding of this great Fraternity and continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of society. Your generosity continues to amaze me. Time does not permit me to recognize everyone, but you will be recognized in a future issue of Trowel magazine. During my time in the East, we have received donations in amounts of \$15.00 and up. Today, I would like to note those donations \$1,000.00 and higher received this year:

**The Consolidated Lodge
Prospect Lodge
Brothers of the White Ash
James B. Kershaw
Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection
Harvey J. Waugh
Philip A. Drouin
Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star
Donald S. Stevens
William D. Deadman Society
Moses Michael Hays Lodge
J. Irving and Jane L. England Charitable Trust
Worshipful Masters’ Association SE MA
James R. Franklin
Jonathan J. M. Arata
Paul F. Gleason
Philip Privitera
Saint Bernard Commandery No. 12 (twice!)
George J. Bibilos
Mount Olivet Chapter
Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection**

“Some of these donations were designated to specific causes while others to the ME and CT [Masonic Education and Charity Trust]. All are valued and provid-

PRESENTATIONS TO THE GRAND MASTER



Azure Lodge



Columbian Lodge



Norfolk Lodge

ed relief for many of our Brothers, their widows, and children. Thank you!"

In Shrine news, the Shriners Hospitals continues to treat children from Ukraine. Aleppo Shrine has assisted with transportation. Shriners International has direct contacts in countries all over the world.

The Grand Master provided an update on the Masonic License Plate revenue:

January	\$3,372.00	May	\$3,924.00
February	\$5,424.00	June	\$4,652.00
March	\$4,964.00	July	\$3,936.00
April	\$4,800.00	August	\$3,316.00

"Two thousand, seven hundred and eighty-five plates on the road as of July 27, 2022. Three thousand plates needed to reach our goal," the Grand Master announced. "At three thousand plates, the RMV sends \$60,000 per year to Grand Lodge for the benefit of our Charities!"

The Grand Lodge recently launched a new lodge self-assessment tool via MassMasons.org on April 8th. This tool is designed to allow lodge members to provide feedback and insight about their lodges. This will equip the Master and Wardens with a view of their members assessment and awareness about their lodge. This assessment at the lodge level provides each lodge with the ability to determine what it does and does not want to focus on, and it allows the Master or the Master-elect to get a summary view of the strengths upon which to build and identifies areas for improvement.

"However, the survey is only as good as the participation and feedback provided," warned the Grand Master. "If only a few respond, then their responses drive the evaluation, likely in the wrong direction. It is important that your voice is heard, and your input is received. Accomplish this by taking the survey, for each of your lodges. They will benefit from your opinions, insight, and experience. Every lodge is unique. All Masonry is local. This survey is open to all members. Please go on Massmasons.org to participate. Thank you."

The Grand Master is regularly questioned about "whether candidates' names need to be published in the notice for a lodge conferring degrees upon them. The answer is, strictly speaking, no. There is no constitutional requirement."

"However, placing the name in the notice for balloting is well defined. To clarify, the notice must be published prior to balloting and as good practice, dictates the names should be published until the degrees are complete, giving due notice and opportunity for members to object to advancement," said the Grand Master.

He then read a section of the Grand Lodge Constitutions, *"as all of you who are Masters should be causing to happen at every one of your communications:*

337 Politics, etc.: No political, sectarian, religious dogma, or other topics likely to excite personal animosities shall be introduced for discussion in any Lodge under this jurisdiction... or other topics likely to excite personal animosities covers it all."

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LODGE ANNIVERSARIES



Saint Matthew's Lodge, 200 years



King Hiram's Lodge, 225 years



Montgomery Lodge, 225 years



Olive Branch Lodge, 225 years

GRAND WARDEN

CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

Rt. Wor. John Kelley



When I think back to my first memories of the Fraternity, it's hard to pinpoint a specific moment when I became aware of my family's involvement. Our family has quite a bit of history in Freemasonry, and it was just always there. When I reflect on it, I had a

grandfather, uncles, my Mom and Dad, a brother, sisters, and now my son. They have all played a formative role in my foundation in the Craft. I remember as a young boy

marveling at all the cool rings they had, and that they all had the same ring. I remember going to my grampa's house and playing with the glass ball on his end table that had the same symbol as all those cool rings. Little did I know what that symbol would mean for me in the future.

I was born in Chelsea, MA, and lived there until age 5, when my father John moved his wife Barbara and five children to Peabody. My father and uncles were all members of the now dark Robert Lash Lodge in Saugus. I often remember him getting all dressed up once a month to go out without mom and wondered why. It was just one of those things we never spoke about. It was back in a time when family was revered, but not involved. I am so fortunate and glad that this aspect of the Fraternity has changed for the better. On the other hand, Mom was a Past Worthy Matron of Ruth Chapter OES. I remember as a young boy going to their family gatherings, wondering about the fancy dresses they had to wear. I also fondly remember the regular flow of visitors we had to our home, whether it was for the monthly game night, or a coffee after bowling night. I know these

CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

**Rt. Wor. Alfredo Jorge
Rodrigues Canhoto**



Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto with Rt. Wor. Paul R. Gaudet at Gillette Stadium.

Within the ritual of the Entered Apprentice Degree, we learn that "Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance."

That statement has resonated with me since I was initiated into our beloved Fraternity in 2005, for you see, I grew up an only child and wished for brothers. Well, I now count myself as amazingly fortunate to have Masonic brothers in every city and town of Massachusetts. My Masonic Brothers have enriched my life innumerable ways. As I have traveled throughout our jurisdiction, I have met brothers from all sorts of backgrounds and experiences. I have had the pleasure to meet Brothers who are highly decorated heroes in wars for our freedom, I have met men who are captains of industry, men who are world-renowned scientists, men who work hard every day to keep their families fed, men who are Hollywood entertainers, and I have met men who are rockstars in their own trades. All these men, I can now call my Brothers and shake their hand or give them a warm embrace of brotherly love and affection.

Being born in a lighthouse on a small Portuguese island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean may sound like a romantic childhood, but being the only

son of a lighthouse keeper can be a lonely existence. After moving to the United States at a young age, I grew up in the Fall River area and spent my childhood enjoying Scouting and camping. Scouting did afford me brotherly experiences. While pursuing the path to Eagle Scout, I met some wonderful Scout leaders who helped shape my character, but little did I know that Scouting had its own roots in Freemasonry.

After having attended college and graduate school at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst and the University of South Carolina – Columbia, my wife Laney and I decided to move to Framingham and start our family. A few years after our older daughter was born, I was once again at a loss for the brotherhood that I had experienced in Scouting. While speaking with a neighbor one lovely summer afternoon, I asked him about the square and compasses emblem on the back of his car. He then recounted to me his involvement with the Freemasons at Middlesex Lodge. The following week he invited me

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CANDIDATES



friends now as Sisters and Brothers, having joined the same fraternal organization, and think back to just how lucky I was to be surrounded by such a wonderfully grounded extended family.

Another blessing resulting from Dad moving us to Peabody is that this is where I met my love Linda. We were married in 1985, and I remember trying to explain to her who some of the friends were that my parents invited. It was almost 14 years later that I joined the Fraternity, and our own personal circle of friends exploded. We were reflecting on our wedding after I joined, and the extra guests made a lot more sense to her by then. Linda was raised in a wonderful family, but had no connections to Masonry whatsoever. Despite this, she has been one hundred percent supportive of my involvement. She is my rock and I could not do this without her. We are blessed to have four wonderful children: Meagan, Caitlin, Erin, and then there's our youngest, my son John. Yes, there's a lot of John Kelleys in Massachusetts Freemasonry. In 2014, he joined Star of Bethlehem Lodge to be with his grandfather, uncles, and

me. I was honored to raise him, with the help of his grandfather, uncles, and great uncles. That day will stand as one of my proudest days in Freemasonry.

I began my travels through the officer line of Star of Bethlehem in 2000, and was installed as Master in 2005 for the first time. My mother said that seeing me installed as Master was one of her proudest moments, which you could probably tell from the photo. I can only imagine her smiling down from heaven to see what else I've done. She always loved her family, and that included her wider Masonic family. Seeing her children involved in Rainbow, DeMolay, and Freemasonry really brought joy to her heart. I also want to express my deepest gratitude to a dear friend, whom you know as your Grand Master. MW Brother Maggio and I have traveled a lot together over the years, starting back in 2005 when we were Masters of our respective lodges in the same district, and it continues to this day. You have given me many opportunities over the years, as well as sage advice when needed. Thank you for your counsel and your friendship. ■

CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

Rt. Wor. Christopher Tonini



After the September Quarterly, I was asked to write an article about anything I wanted. Whether it be my family history or a biography of my Masonic career. And after talking it over with my wife, I decided that neither was a good option. Running as a candidate for Junior Grand Warden is

more about the Brethren of the jurisdiction, not a biography about what I have done. My wife explained to me that would be boring.

We all have our journeys in Freemasonry and each one is very specific to each of us. I look at Freemasonry as an ever-evolving growth of the human mind and soul! The educational parts of what it is to be a Mason, learning the ritual, or just the fellowship with a Brother, each has an important place to all of us individually. For me, all of it is wonderful, but I take special pride in the fellowship of meeting a Brother, his wife, family, and friends. Getting to know them outside of a tyled lodge room, that is where all the strength and beauty of Freemasonry happens when it comes to fellowship.

When I first became District Deputy Grand Master for the 31st Masonic District, the first thing I had to do was travel for training. Not knowing many of the Brothers, you are thrust into the unknown. You wonder if they will like you, or if anyone would even socialize with you, but we all know even a Brother that is not

known to you is a friend.

That first experience is still vivid in my mind like it was yesterday. It is where I met some of the most amazing brethren this fraternity has to offer. They taught me the importance of making the experience of being a DDGM something that I should myself create. Don't follow someone else's ideas. Chart your own course and the rewards will be amazing. I would love to name those Brothers here, but they know who they are, and I thank them for leading the way.

The traveling experience all started in a discussion with one of my closest Brothers and friend, R.W. Brother Claffin. We had this grand plan that we would take a trip to Martha's Vineyard for a weekend away and visit a distinguished Brother. It was an amazing adventure, meeting the brethren from Oriental – Martha's Vineyard Lodge and many other brethren from the 20th District. Seeing how things were done in another district was eye-opening. It gave me ideas that I could use during my presentations. Sitting an elderly Brother in the

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From The West (of Boston)

by Bro. Brian McHale

The Masonic Lite Podcast

It began simply enough, with a request to a few friends for suggestions on how to learn more about Masonry. As a teacher, I knew I would have off this summer, allowing me what I thought might amount to some time to read. Many of my esteemed Brothers responded with great ideas, including joining esoteric Masonic groups. One, however, led to an experience I never imagined, thanks to my Brother and friend, Rt. Wor. and Rev. Hank Pierce.

The Rev asked if I'd ever listened to the Masonic Lite Podcast. I had not. He had been a fan for some time, and mentioned that they are coincidentally based in Pennsylvania. I have relocated to PA, you see, so they must be close, right? The Keystone State (keystone - any Royal Arch Masons out there?) is larger than I realized, and I was soon to find out in an interesting way.

I gave them a listen during my morning walk around the new neighborhood. The mountains, crisp air, and blue sky are usually my only company. Today was different. As I walked past Kilcoyne's Tavern, the Keystone Diner (Texas Wieners 5 for \$12), and Carmela's, whose Italian pastries would make anyone from Brooklyn homesick, it was like listening to old friends. They joke. They kvetch. They offer simple solutions to complex problems. Their rapport is evident from the first minute. I found myself listening, laughing, and enjoying their discourse during what is otherwise just a walk. I knew other Masons needed to know and listen.

I could write an article for TROWEL magazine. That would get the word out to all Masons in Massachusetts. I hoped it would be okay with the hosts of the podcast, so I emailed them, explaining my thoughts. Much to my surprise, I was invited to be a guest on the podcast! I immediately set to work planning the trip and a list of talking points. It's the old Boy Scout—Be Prepared.

The drive to Ephrata was peaceful and picturesque, with mountains and blue skies all the way. As we got into Amish country, we saw our first horse and carriage on the same roadway as cars, which was a new one for me, akin to

something out of a movie. Lititz is a short hop from Ephrata, and that's where we stayed. I had no idea that a classic car show was planned that same evening, which made the drive more entertaining than expected.

The podcast studio is located in the basement of Ephrata Lodge 665 (over 400 members!), while the main floor is occupied by the lodge's tenant, a home for spirits. The top floor has been recently remodeled, quite spectacularly, and the attention to detail is inspiring. The Brothers have created quite the space for ritual, as well as an adjoining area for cigars and billiards. If Ephrata was closer than two and a half hours away, I'd be there frequently.

The studio itself is impressive, professional, well-appointed, and instills in you a sense of confidence in your hosts. These Brothers know what they're doing. Having said that, the voices belong to: Bro. Pete Ruggieri (co-creator), Bro. Timothy Dedman, Bro. Jack Harley (Past Master of Ephrata Lodge 665), and Bro. Larry Merris (co-creator). Bro. Josh Lytner is the producer. To list all of their titles and affiliations would take quite some time. As Bro. Pete so poetically put it, "We've traveled a bit, got the t-shirts, and put them away."

Seeing the process in person would have been enough for me. Being a part of it was something I'll never forget. I hold their production in the highest regard. When you listen, which I certainly hope you will, you will see (hear) what I mean. The Masonic Lite Podcast is available at <https://bit.ly/3ULZFS1>. You can listen from any device connected to the internet - computer, tablet, phone, etc. Their introduction for the episode is: "Hello! On this episode, we welcome Bro. Brian McHale. Brian recently transitioned from Massachusetts, the second-oldest Grand Lodge in the U.S., to the oldest (wink-wink) here in Pennsylvania. He is Copy Editor for TROWEL Magazine, where he uses his command of Grammar and the English language to make good Masons sound better. Following a great conversation, we hear a new segment from Bro. Austin Shifrin, the Masonic News, and wrap with Larry's Chicken and Waffles Waltz Band."

I welcome your feedback. Please email me at copyeditortrowel@gmail.com. ■



The author behind the microphone at the Masonic Lite podcast.

Peace and Brotherly Love on the *USS Massachusetts*



by Rt. Wor. Bryan Simmons



Another great community partnership was born on Sunday, September 25, 2022, when the Grand Master held a Masonic Military Memorial Service aboard the *USS Massachusetts* in Fall River, Massachusetts. Grand Chaplains Rt. Wor. and Rev Dr. Richard Haley and Rt. Wor. and Rabbi Benjamin Flax led an incredible non-denominational service in which each included stories that tied them to the military. Rt. Wor. Bro. Haley was an intelligence officer in Germany during the Vietnam War and Rt. Wor. Bro. Flax was born just before the wounded were flown to Germany following the battle of Mogadishu, Somalia.

Bro. Brad Fish of Star in the East Lodge, a Marine Veteran, read a poem for soldiers that was very moving. Wor. Michael Magni of Pythagorean Lodge presented a remembrance of one of his lodge's former members, Rt. Wor. Harold Nye, who served on the *USS Massachusetts* during WWII and was decorated for valor. He was also instrumental in saving the ship from the scrap yard, and was on board when it came to Fall River and began its life as a museum.

The Grand Master, M. Wor. Richard Maggio, presented Ms. Meghan Rathbun, Executive Director of Battleship Cove, a 501c3 nonprofit, a great citation thanking her and her "crew" for preserving the ship for over 80 years. With the assistance of the Grand Commandery Honor Guard, the Grand Master laid a wreath overboard for our fallen heroes. Following the ceremony, the brethren and families enjoyed lunch on board in the galley and explored the other ships on site. What a great piece of American history in our backyard. ■

2022

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—81+, 80, 75, 70, 65, and 60—and under their current lodge regardless of where they were raised. These anniversaries are based on the date a Mason was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

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

85 YEARS - RAISED IN 1937

SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE

Bro. Vaughn Kenneth Rockefeller O'Neill

81 YEARS - RAISED IN 1941

SAINT JOHN'S (N) LODGE

Bro. Nelson Kellogg Ward

80 YEARS - RAISED IN 1942

BRIGHAM LODGE

Wor. Philip Arthur Christensen, Sr.

SOJOURNERS LODGE

Bro. Edward James Sullivan

75 YEARS - RAISED IN 1947

ANCON LODGE

Bro. John Harley Ruth

BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. Christo William Kantany

COLUMBIAN LODGE

Bro. John Caldwell Osgood

CONVERSE LODGE

Wor. Martin Weiner

ELM-BELCHER LODGE

Bro. Warren Brindley Baker

GATUN LODGE

Bro. Elmer Guy Hultdquist

Bro. William Lee

MATTHEW JOHN WHITTALL LODGE

Bro. Donald Sieurin

MOUNT ZION LODGE

Bro. Roger Howard Vaughan

MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE

Bro. Robert Hilton Marsh

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE

Bro. Christie Ligor Pojani

QUITTACUS LODGE

Bro. George Bowman Hacking

RURAL LODGE

Bro. James Walter Peddie

THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE

Bro. Sumner Lee Feldberg

THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE

Bro. Herbert Alfred Anstess

70 YEARS - RAISED IN 1952

AMICABLE LODGE

Bro. Stephen Polychrones

Bro. G Grant Haley

Bro. Richard Gardner Haley

Bro. Courtland Parsons Smith

Bro. Harry John Stilianos

Bro. Robert Noel Stone

BERKSHIRE LODGE

Bro. Edward Clarence Holt

BOYLSTON LODGE

Bro. Robert Judkins Hall

Bro. Donald Alfred Johnson

Bro. Harry Kachadorian

BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. Harold Lipton Crochet

Bro. Charles Donald Lipp

CELESTIAL LODGE

Bro. Roger Wilfred Campbell

CHARITY LODGE

Bro. Philip Kimball Pearson, Jr.

CHARLES W. MOORE LODGE

Bro. John McNair

Bro. Robert James Nearine

DALHOUSIE LODGE

Bro. Charles Sheldon Lang

DAY SPRING LODGE

Bro. Sumner Durwood Barr

DELTA LODGE

Bro. Alexander Tulloch Hindmarsh, Jr.

Bro. Arthur John Zetes

EZEKIEL BATES LODGE

Bro. William Bernard Swenson, Jr.

HARMONY LODGE

Wor. Paul Frederick Guy

JOHN HANCOCK LODGE

Bro. Albert Evans, Jr.

JOSEPH WARREN-SOLEY LODGE

Bro. Caleb George Alcott

Bro. Frank Roy Buchanan

70 YEARS - RAISED IN 1952

(CONTINUED)

- KING DAVID LODGE**
Bro. Robert Bell
- KING SOLOMON'S LODGE**
Bro. Frank Hartley Morgart
- MAY FLOWER LODGE**
Bro. Henry Vincent DeJesus
- MERIDIAN LODGE**
Wor. Arthur Milton Glaser
Bro. Herman Yolofsky
- MIDDLESEX LODGE**
Bro. Henry William Nicklasson
- MILTON LODGE**
Bro. Frederick Allen Fyfe, Jr.
- MORNING STAR LODGE**
Bro. Windsor Howe Bigelow, Jr.
- MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE**
Bro. Sheldon Herschel Konowitz
Wor. Gerald Herbert Lepler
Bro. Robert Lincoln Sandman
- MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE**
Bro. Arthur George Houhoulis
Wor. Carl Kirkor Torossian
- MOUNT ORTHODOX LODGE**
Bro. Clyde Cassius Barber

- MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE**
Bro. Lewis Anthony Alessandrini
Bro. Arthur Paul Alexander
Bro. John Alexander Rachels, Jr.
- NOQUOCHOKO LODGE**
Bro. Allen Goodell Tripp
- NORUMBEGA FRATERNITY LODGE**
Bro. Harold Montague Knott
- OLD COLONY LODGE**
Bro. Warren Barker Noble
- ORIENT LODGE**
Bro. Ramon Edwin Antoine
Bro. John Balfour Martin
- PEQUOSSETTE LODGE**
Bro. Oscar Garabedian
- PHOENIX LODGE**
Bro. John Milton Marsh
- PIONEER LODGE**
Bro. Ralph John Pickup, Jr.
- QUITACUS LODGE**
Bro. Henry Bromberg
- RISING STAR LODGE**
Bro. Edward Clare Smith
- SAGGAHEW LODGE**
Bro. David Pierre Lebet

- SAINT MARK'S LODGE**
Bro. Leslie Palmer Adams, Jr.
- SAINT MATTHEW'S LODGE**
Bro. Robert Scobie Hamilton
- SIMON W. ROBINSON LODGE**
Bro. David Lawrence DeVeber
Bro. Keith Arnold Marden
- SOCIAL HARMONY LODGE**
Bro. Kenneth B Rhodes, Sr.
- SOJOURNERS LODGE**
Bro. Ray Ben Saxton
- STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE**
Bro. John Theofilos Taschioglou
- THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE**
Bro. Bernard Goldberg
Bro. Benjamin Goulston
Wor. Arnold Burton Wilson
Bro. Perry Wong
- WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE**
Bro. Warren Carter Elliott
- WYMOUTH UNITED**
- MASONIC LODGE**
Bro. Richard Erwin Laneau
- WILDER LODGE**
Bro. Robert Elwin Kline



Bro. John Marsh was presented his 70th Year Anniversary pin at the June dinner of Phoenix Lodge in Hanover. The pin was presented to him by longtime family friend and current Master Wor. Bruce St. Aubin.

- WILLIAM PARKMAN LODGE**
Bro. Martin Feingold
Bro. Ralph Davis Joslin, Jr.

65 YEARS - RAISED IN 1957

- ALPHA LODGE**
Bro. Frederick Dexter Cooke
Bro. Robert Ervin Gould
- AMICABLE LODGE**
Bro. Charles Lenard Colter
Bro. Lorne Alexander Compton
Bro. Waldo Irving Powell
- AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE**
Bro. Herbert Stanley Fish
- ANCIENT YORK LODGE**
Bro. Edgar Wallace Gordon, Jr.



Bro. Bernard Kainer of Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge, a 65 year veteran—actually 67—with the Grand Master in Florida.

- ASCENDUS LODGE**
Bro. John Morley Leslie
Bro. Robert Alan Leyton
Bro. George Costas Patrikas
Bro. Bennet Irwin Rich
Bro. Stewart Murray Simons
Bro. Edward Leon Snow
- BAALIS SANFORD LODGE**
Bro. John Frederick Kenyon
- BETHESDA (W) LODGE**
Bro. Albert Stewart Birrell
- BOSTON UNIVERSITY LODGE**
Wor. Edward Melvin Goldstein
- BOYLSTON LODGE**
Bro. John Arthur Hunter, Jr.
Bro. Donald Sefton Orrell
Bro. Charles Rogers Peters
Bro. Donald Ivory Stark
Bro. Everett Albert Wilcox, Jr.
- BRIGHAM LODGE**
Bro. James Norman Bliss
Bro. James DiNicola
Bro. Walter Franklin Inscow, Jr.
- BRISTOL LODGE**
Bro. Raymond Albert Payson
- BUDLEIGH LODGE**
Bro. John Angel Makros
Wor. Edward William Packard
- CELESTIAL LODGE**
Bro. John Warwick Fawcett, Jr.
Bro. Robert Charles Talanian
- CHARITY LODGE**

- Bro. Burton Daniel Cofman
Bro. Philip Nast Cofman
- CHARLES A. WELCH LODGE**
Bro. Charles Melville Nixon
- CHARLES C. DAME LODGE**
Bro. Robert Lloyd Day
Wor. Michael Krikor Takesian
- CHARLES RIVER LODGE**
Wor. John Stanley McQuade
- CHARLES W. MOORE LODGE**
Bro. George Henry Krueger
- CONVERSE LODGE**
Bro. Saul Leon Ziner
- CORINTHIAN LODGE**
Bro. Franklin Warren Hobbs III
- CORNER STONE LODGE**
Bro. Gustavus Chandler Lane
- DALHOUSIE LODGE**
Bro. James Alfred Mayo
Wor. Frederick Allen Spencer
- DELTA LODGE**
Bro. Sherman Clesson Foote
Bro. Walter Milton Smith III
- EASTERN STAR LODGE**
Bro. Harold Erik Carlson
Bro. Theodore Bailey Ladd
- EDEN LODGE**
Bro. Lloyd Alton Sloat
- ELM-BELCHER LODGE**
Wor. Bernard Arthur Sears
- ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE**
Bro. William Cohen

- EXCELSIOR LODGE**
Bro. Richard Arnold Austin
- EZEKIEL BATES LODGE**
Bro. Richard Alan MacKendrick
- FELLOWSHIP LODGE**
Bro. Charles Edward Adams
- FRANK W. THOMPSON LODGE**
Wor. Peter Laurence Petersen
- GARDEN CITY LODGE**
Bro. Arthur Arnold Kaufman
- GOLDEN RULE LODGE**
ro Armen Richard Bezjian
Wor. Elmer Lewis Maxwell
- GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE**
Bro. John Ballard Miller
Bro. Nils Lovering Nordberg
- HAMPSHIRE LODGE**
Bro. John Allen Southard
- HOPE LODGE**
Bro. Olavi Walfrid Palojarvi
Bro. James Robert Sweeney
- JOHN HANCOCK LODGE**
Bro. Edward Goldberg
Bro. Walter Edwin Martin
- JOHN T. HEARD LODGE**
Bro. Jere Decker Hovey
- JORDAN LODGE**
Bro. Sidney Louis Durkee
Bro. Peter George Spaneas
- JOSEPH WEBB LODGE**
Bro. Roy Nils Carlson
- KING SOLOMON'S LODGE**

Wor. Donald Baker Hanson
LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE
 Bro. Michael Arzoonian
 Bro. John Castle
 Bro. John Jeknavorian
LEVEL LODGE
 Bro. Robert Perlman
LYNNFIELD-ZETLAND LODGE
 Bro. John Alexander Johnston
 Bro. Douglas Gunard Soderberg
MACEDONIAN LODGE
 Bro. Allan Ralph Durning, Jr.
MARINERS LODGE
 Bro. William Stuart Arthur
MERIDIAN LODGE
 Bro. Malcolm Lyon Ide, Jr.
 Wor. William Maurice Myers
 Bro. Arnold Irving Zaltas
MERRIMACK LODGE
 Bro. Robert Anthony Chooljian
 Bro. Robert Wendell Culbert
MIDDLESEX LODGE
 Rt. Wor. Richard Elliot Manelis
MILTON LODGE
 Bro. Donald Richard Kaupp
MORNING STAR LODGE
 Wor. William Thomas Ames
 Bro. Donald Howard Brickman, Sr.
 Bro. Calvin Brandt Hastings
MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE
 Bro. Samuel Bertram Adelberg



Bro. Reynolds P. Cushing of Cornerstone Lodge, a 65 veteran, expresses his appreciation.

Bro. Sumner Green
 Bro. David Alan Jacobs
 Bro. Henry A Miller
 Wor. Jay I.W. Moskow
 Bro. Melvin Rabatsky
 Bro. Theodore Edward Rosen
 Bro. Eliot Howard Sagan
MOUNT HOPE LODGE
 Bro. David Ernest Halliwell
MOUNT HOREB (D) LODGE
 Bro. Edgar Thomas Gunnery
MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE
 Bro. Eric William Anderson
 Bro. Robert Alexander Matthews
 Wor. Bruce James McKee
MOUNT ORTHODOX LODGE
 Bro. Nicholas Stavarakis
MOUNT TABOR LODGE
 Wor. Frederick Martin Tobman
MOUNT VERNON-GALILEAN LODGE
 Bro. George Washington Haroutunian
MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE
 Bro. Roy Howard Lawson
NOQUOCHOKO LODGE
 Bro. James Arthur Bates
NORFOLK LODGE
 Rt. Wor. Edwin James Brailey, Jr.
 Bro. Homer Lowell McClure
NORFOLK UNION LODGE
 Wor. William Leonard Tregoning
ORIENTAL-MARTHA'S VINEYARD LODGE
 Rt. Wor. Paul Mann Chase
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 Bro. Donald Albert Abt
PEQUOSSETTE LODGE
 Bro. William Edward Ferson
PHILANTHROPIC LODGE
 Bro. Douglas Alfred Brown
 Bro. Ernest Martin Christensen
 Bro. Robert Drury Keiver
 Bro. Herbert Marvin Margoshes
 Bro. Philip Fisk Norcross, Jr.
PHOENIX LODGE
 Bro. Clyde Lawrence Keene
PROSPECT LODGE
 Bro. Rocco Patrick Pergola
PYTHAGOREAN LODGE
 Wor. Everett Francis Eaton

QUABOAG LODGE
 Bro. John Leroy Fleming
REPUBLICAN LODGE
 Bro. William Charles Blanker
 Bro. Stephen Milton Long, Jr.
RISING STAR LODGE
 Bro. Richard Ernest Cox
 Bro. John Murray Young
RUFUS PUTNAM LODGE
 Bro. Alfred Edward Sculthorpe
RURAL LODGE
 Wor. Herbert Dwight Bell
SAGGAHEW LODGE
 Bro. Malcolm Robert Blotner
 Rt. Wor. Merton Elwood Chute
 Wor. Willard Conklin Gowen
 Bro. Fred Peter Prince, Jr.
 Bro. David Maurie Watnick
SAINT GEORGE LODGE
 Bro. Gerald Allen Looke
SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE
 Bro. Herman Craswell Haley
SAINT MARTIN'S LODGE
 Wor. Robert Gulliver Dubis
 Bro. Alden Howland Lumbard
SAINT MATTHEW'S LODGE
 Wor. Joseph John Podgorski, Jr.
SIMON W. ROBINSON LODGE
 Bro. Charles Appleton Peirce II
 Bro. George Charles Rowe
 Bro. Walter Gregory Vartanian
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE LODGE
 Bro. Charles Henry Myers, Sr.
STAR IN THE EAST LODGE
 Bro. Phillip M Zeitz
STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE
 Bro. James Durward Taylor
THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE
 Bro. Arnold Harold Gitter
 Bro. Alan Hanley Jacobson
 Bro. Robert Mendell
 Bro. Stanley Saxe Shuman
 Bro. Carl Lewis Uretsky
THE MEADOWS LODGE
 Bro. Alfred James Gay
THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE
 Wor. William Clarence Brown
 Bro. George Warren Gilliss
 Bro. John Oliver Leveille, Jr.



Bro. Ernest Byron of Brigham Lodge, a 65 year veteran, with the Grand Master in Florida.

THOMAS LODGE
 Bro. Robert Gordon Faulkner
THOMAS TALBOT LODGE
 Bro. John Frederick Brann
 Wor. Lewis Edwin Staples
TRINITY LODGE
 Bro. William Alexander Jamieson
UNION LODGE (D)
 Bro. Paul John Robert Zakur
UNION LODGE (N)
 Bro. Howard Merchant Jelleme
UNITED BROTHERS LODGE
 Bro. John Richard Watson
WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE
 Wor. Robert Crawford Thayer, Jr.
 Bro. Paul Stewart Washburn
WEBSTER LODGE
 Bro. Theodore Peter Theodores
WEYMOUTH UNITED MASONIC LODGE
 Bro. John Scott Elliott
WILLIAM NORTH LODGE
 Bro. Douglas Eric Thomson
WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE
 Bro. Walter Raymond Owens
WYOMING LODGE
 Rt. Wor. David Parker Henry
 Bro. Richard Fillmore Stewart
 Bro. Donald Francis Thayer, Jr.

AMICABLE LODGE
 Wor. Roy Wesley Jackson
AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE
 Bro. Robert Henry Marshall, Sr.
 Bro. John Albert Morley

Bro. John William Newbury
 Bro. Kendall Willard Parker
 Bro. Howard Curtis Remon
 Bro. Louis Hyman Shoer
ANCIENT YORK LODGE
 Bro. Gilbert Arliss Burns

Bro. Albert Sidney Dodge
ANCON LODGE
 Wor. Fredrick Nelson Boalt
 Bro. William Brawner
AURORA LODGE
 Bro. John Sahag Chicknavorian

BAALIS SANFORD LODGE
 Bro. Carl Frederick Helander, Jr.
BOYLSTON LODGE
 Bro. Richard William Johnson
 Bro. Samuel Mayer Laipson
BRIGHAM LODGE

- Bro. Donovan Eugene Cornish
Bro. Joseph Peter Latif
Wor. Ralph James Marra
- BUDLEIGH LODGE**
Bro. Ralph Hanford Hardy
Wor. Robert Henry Sanders
- CALEB BUTLER LODGE**
Bro. Hurshel Kent Marshall
- CARIBBEAN NAVAL LODGE**
Bro. Uwe Schneider
- CAWNACOME SUNSHINE LODGE**
Bro. William Giffin Locke
- CELESTIAL LODGE**
Bro. Jacob Robert Brickman
Rt. Wor. Richard Ogilvie
Bro. Roger Rupen Talanian
Bro. William Bruce Talanian
- CHARLES RIVER LODGE**
Bro. George Gillmore Hersey
- CHARLES W MOORE LODGE**
Bro. K Stanford Johnson
Rt. Wor. Richard Stanley Sleeper
- COCHICHEWICK LODGE**
Bro. Robert Curren
- CONVERSE LODGE**
Bro. Robert Norman Siegel
- CORINTHIAN LODGE**
Bro. Charles William Barrett
Bro. Donald Truman Fairburn PhD
Bro. Gordon Thomas Irwin
Bro. Thomas John Williamson, Jr.
- DALHOUSIE LODGE**
Wor. Ruane Desteiguer Crummett
Wor. Robert Boyden Webber
- DELTA LODGE**
Wor. Morris James Harrison
Wor. Donald Edward Peterson
Bro. James P Theodore
- DEWITT CLINTON LODGE**
Bro. George Walter Hull
Bro. Stuart Neil Mitts
Bro. Kenneth Elmore Norton
- EASTERN STAR LODGE**
Bro. Carl Stephen Berghman
- ELM-BELCHER LODGE**
Bro. William Babe Kenyon, Jr.
- ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE**
Bro. Michael Feiner Bader
Bro. Marvin Bernard Levitt
Bro. Robert Victor Rapisarda
- EVENING STAR LODGE**
Bro. Paul Carter Smith
- EXCELSIOR LODGE**
Bro. John Frank Barnes
- EZEKIEL BATES LODGE**
Bro. Thomas Ramsay Richards
Bro. Nabil Najib Saaty
- FELLOWSHIP LODGE**
Bro. Robert Merton Bishop
Bro. Robert Vernon Chisholm
- FRANK W. THOMPSON LODGE**
Bro. George Leon Hall, Jr.
- GARDEN CITY LODGE**
Bro. Stanley Alan Schwartz
- GATUN LODGE**
Bro. Samuel Harvey Rowley, Jr.
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Bro. Elmer Dean Durst
- GLOBE UNITY LODGE**
Wor. Vernon LeRoy Campbell
- GOLDEN RULE LODGE**
Bro. Warren Thomas Kearns
Bro. Donald Edward MacCuish
Wor. Colin Odell Ward
Bro. Leonard Gordon Whitford
- GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE**
Bro. Paul Richard Marlin
- HARMONY LODGE**
Bro. Donald Richard Loveland
- HAYDEN LODGE**
Bro. George Clarence Howland, Jr.
- HOPE LODGE**
Bro. Franklin Eugene Gwynn
- HOWARD LODGE**
Bro. Arthur Martin Bernstein
- JOHN T HEARD LODGE**
Bro. Stanley Neill Baker
Bro. George Duncan Erickson
Bro. Nicholas George
Bro. Arthur Sleight Heard
- JOHN WARREN LODGE**
Bro. Arnold Robert McLean
- JORDAN LODGE**
Wor. Richard Elliott Currier
Bro. Angelo Metaxatos
- JOSEPH WARREN-SOLEY LODGE**
Bro. Paul Wesley Tyler
- JOSEPH WEBB LODGE**
Wor. Richard Elwin Monroe
- KING DAVID LODGE**
Wor. Ronald Milton Brown
Bro. John Thomas George
- KING PHILIP LODGE**
Bro. Bruce Erwin Hutchinson
- LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE**
Bro. Robert Thomas Uttley
- LEVEL LODGE**
Bro. Frederick Chafitz
Bro. Edward Malcolm Glick
Bro. Leon Asher Resnick
Wor. Bernard Philip Schultz
- LYNNFIELD-ZETLAND LODGE**
Bro. Perley Goodick Burrill
- MACEDONIAN LODGE**
Bro. Robert Edward Blair
- MAJOR GENERAL HENRY KNOX LODGE**
Bro. Joel Norman Chase
- MANCHESTER LODGE**
Bro. David Leslie Crane
Wor. Edward Roper Parsons
- MERIDIAN LODGE**
Bro. Wade Roger Chavious
Bro. Leonard James Gordon
Wor. Raymond Elton Higgins
- MERRIMACK LODGE**
Bro. Stuart Edison Jeans
- MIDDLESEX LODGE**
Wor. Leonard Albert Wilson
- MILTON LODGE**
Bro. Christos Peter Alex
Bro. George Couper Harrison
Bro. James Tsakalas
- MORNING STAR LODGE**
Bro. John George Fashjian
Bro. Sam Henry Hokkanen
Bro. John Helge Nordquist
- MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE**
Bro. Marshall Joseph Arkin
Bro. Abraham Baron
Bro. Robert Charles Gorin
Bro. Charles Eaton Heitman
Bro. Gary Simson Jacobson
Wor. Robert David Kaplan
Bro. David John Maakestad
Bro. Irwin Jules Rosenston
Bro. Burton Alvin Sage
Bro. Joseph Alan Zimmerman
- MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE**
Bro. Joseph Donald Desjeunes
Bro. Raymond Joseph Miner
- MOUNT HOPE LODGE**
Bro. Richard Stephen Liss
- MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE**
Bro. Anthony Arthur Nasson
Bro. John Albert Nelson
- MOUNT LEBANON LODGE**
Bro. Donald Moffat
- MOUNT MORIAH LODGE**
Bro. Donald Ernest Clowes
Bro. Dexter Edwin Farnham, Jr.
- Bro. Roger Allen Nelson
- MOUNT ORTHODOX LODGE**
Bro. Bruce Fox Perkins
- MOUNT TOM LODGE**
Bro. George Alan Parsons
- MOUNT ZION LODGE**
Bro. Alan Adams Creamer
- MOUNTAIN LODGE**
Bro. David James Black
- MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE**
Bro. Kerney Winter Bolton
Bro. William Henry Charles Bolton
Bro. James Alfred Carlan, Jr.
Bro. Robert Lawrence Sullivan
- NORFOLK LODGE**
Bro. James Melvin Colman
Bro. Philip Stone Rand
- NORTH QUABBIN LODGE**
Bro. Richard Vernon Minns
Bro. William Lyall Robertson
- NORUMBEGA FRATERNITY LODGE**
Wor. Fred William Fogg, Jr.
Wor. David Lewis Murray
- OLIVE BRANCH LODGE**
Wor. John Walter Davidson
Bro. Jack Harold Gunnarson
- ORIENT LODGE**
Bro. Kenneth Bibby
Bro. Edward Campbell Williamson
- ORIENTAL-MARTHA'S VINEYARD LODGE**
Wor. Ronald Howard Tolin
- OXFORD LODGE**
Bro. Donald Trefry Dunham
- PACIFIC LODGE**
Bro. Harold Nelson Woodington
- PAUL REVERE LODGE**
Bro. John Simpson, Jr.

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Wor. Leonard A. Wilson of Middlesex Lodge, a 60 year veteran, listens to the Grand Master.

The Prodigal Mason

by Wor. Richard Thompson



In 1858, Thomas Carlyle, a prominent English philosopher, essayist and historian, wrote the *History of Frederick the Second*. Frederick II, better known as Frederick the Great, was King of Prussia from 1740-1786. Frederick the Great was reported to have uttered a most famous quote during a campaign in the Silesian Wars in the mid-18th century. He noted his

troops were stronger than his enemy's, but not as strong as hunger and disease. Carlyle wrote that Frederick the Great said, "An army, like a serpent, goes upon its belly." Through the ages, this quote has come down to "An army marches on its stomach." Frederick the Great realized that the morale of his men depended on the food they were given. A well-fed soldier was a better soldier.

My father, Wor. John Thompson of St. Paul Lodge, told me stories about his service in the South Pacific during World War II, and more than a few were centered on meals. One of his favorite tales concerned breakfast. He said the eggs they were given were powdered and had no taste, and the bacon was packed in so much salt that you couldn't eat it. One day, they got a new mess Sergeant and they anxiously awaited breakfast. The new mess Sergeant solved the breakfast problem. He fried the bacon, crumbled it, and added it to the powdered eggs. My father said the powdered eggs suddenly had some flavor and the eggs cut the salt on the bacon. You could actually eat breakfast and the morale of the men shot up. He added that the mess Sergeant didn't last long. Some officer heard about him, so the Sergeant ended up at some headquarters.

I only mention food and armies because the same thing can be said about a Masonic lodge – "Lodge Officers do the degrees on their stomachs." Dinners have become big deals at lodge meetings. Things have changed. When I started my time as an Officer, some 47 years ago, dinners were an occasional treat, usually between the first and second sections of the Master Mason degree. Today, for most lodges,

dinner is a monthly thing. The monthly dinner is an important part of lodge life and it may, with other efforts, actually help attract members to meetings and turn candidates into regular attendees. I am fond of saying, "In the lodgeroom, we perform ceremonies. In the banquet hall, we practice Masonry." It is in the banquet hall that we build friendships that can and normally do last a lifetime.

By the way, I didn't hear that saying or read about it anywhere, so I think it's mine. Feel free to use it. Maybe some time in the distant future, a Masonic writer will stumble upon this column and finally learn the origin of the saying. Some lodges are lucky. They have members who can cook meals for lodge meetings. Others have to rely on outside help. My lodge, Merrimack Valley Daylight, has outside help. Of course we don't have dinners. Since we normally open the lodge at 11am on the third Tuesday of the month, we have a luncheon. Our luncheons, however, actually look like dinners. They are meals from salad to dessert and everything in between.

As I said, we normally open at 11am. The opening drops to 10:30am on those days when something special is happening, like a visit from the District Deputy. But the start time isn't the most important time. We close the meeting at or before noon. It's a rare moment the closing is after noon. We try to close at or before noon because that is the time our chefs are planning to serve our meal. As I said, we have outside help to prepare our luncheons. In our case, it's mostly the wives of lodge members who prepare the meals. The captain of the crew of chefs is the wife of our Junior Warden, Susan Hicks. In the spirit of full disclosure, I should note Susan Hicks is my sister-in-law. When you look at Susan's crew, you can say it's the Eastern Star Chapter that resides in the Tewksbury Masonic hall, Acacia, that is cooking our meal. All of the chefs are members of that chapter.

Having Eastern Star members cooking meals is, I suspect, quite common in Massachusetts. I know Acacia Chapter cooks for Friendship Lodge in Wilmington and the Scottish Rite Valley of Lowell. But no matter who a lodge uses – its own members, the families of members, or outside Masonic groups – there's a meal waiting in the banquet hall. And Masons across the state can have dinner as they develop those friendships that last a lifetime. They can have dinner as they use the banquet hall to practice Masonry. ■

Richard Thompson is the Secretary of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge and someone who has had more meals than he can count in Masonic banquet halls.



Quality Men Qualifying to be Master

by Rt. Wor. John VanKuilenburg

On July 30, the 4th, 6th, 12th, 13th, and 25th Masonic Districts held a joint Lodge of Qualification aboard the *USS Constitution*. This was the second year that a Lodge of Qualification was held on the *USS Constitution*, and many changes were made to provide an enhanced experience for all who were able to attend.

This year was a first for M. Wor. Richard Maggio, as he was out of the jurisdiction during last year's Lodge of Qualification. Also in attendance were DGM Rt. Wor. John Sullivan, Senior Grand Warden Glenn Kubick, and Junior Grand Warden Russell Lowe who, along with the Commander of the *USS Constitution*, CDR Billie J. Farrell, the first female commander of the ship. All present were received in the Grand Master's suite.

A total of 13 Masters and Masters-Elect were qualified or requalified with the chosen exemplar of Wor. Chris Hanson from the Scouters Lodge. Wor. Hanson was chosen because he is the first to become the Master of the Scouters Lodge after being raised in Scouters Lodge. To mark the conclusion of the day, at sunset Grand Master M. Wor. Bro. Maggio had the honor of firing the canon while Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Bro. Sullivan assisted the crew in lowering the colors and folding the American flag. After this ceremony was complete, the attendees returned to William Parkman Lodge for a hearty collation, certificate presentations, a specially commissioned challenge coin for the event for all attendees, and a few words of inspiration from our Grand Master. ■



FRATERNITY News & Events

Wilder Lodge Motorcycle Fundraising Ride

Last year, on August 26, he passed away after several days of hospitalization and surgeries following a motorcycle accident in West Boylston. On the one-year anniversary, we had the First Annual Memorial Bike Ride for Bro. Thomas Long.

Tommy was 37 years old and left behind a wife and two young daughters. The loss was devastating for them, as well as for his parents and brother. We felt his loss at the lodge. It was very hard to talk about him at lodge in the weeks that followed.

However, the brothers at Wilder Lodge decided to set up a college fund for Widow's children, then decided to have this ride, with proceeds from today to go to that fund.

Tommy's brother and parents, who live in Houlton, Maine, were present for the ride, along with his widow and children. His brother drove Tommy's motorcycle.

Thirty-five motorcycles and three cars were on the ride. We drove out from the lodge and went over to the Old Stone Church in West Boylston, driving past the accident site. In that historic place, we had our lodge musician play the bagpipes. We returned to the lodge for refreshments and fellowship to honor him and his family. We all toasted Tommy with his favorite beverage - diet Mountain Dew. Riders present were from both Wilder Lodge as well as brothers from other districts.

-Wor. Greg Seward



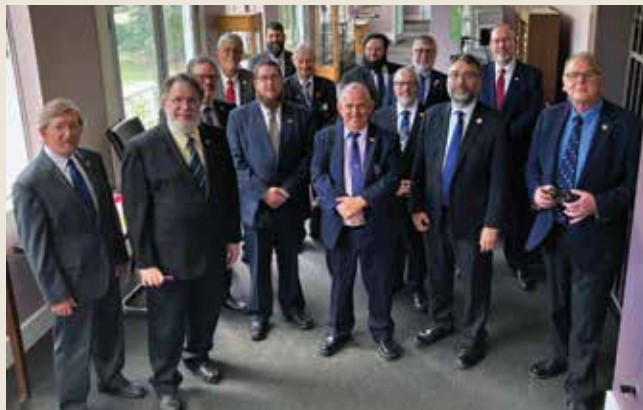
Masonry, the Wells Family, and The American Optical in Southbridge

On Saturday, August 13, 2022, the Massachusetts Lodge of Research (MLOR) held its quarterly meeting at the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge. There was a presentation on the history of Quinebaug Lodge, and a quarterly meeting on the installation of new officers for the MLOR. The MLOR provided lodge members some literature on the Wells men and their Masonic past. The MLOR put out a challenge to our lodge members to do a little research on the history of Masonry in our community. After the meeting, a private tour of the Optical Heritage Museum in Southbridge was conducted. American Optical and the Wells family of Southbridge played an important part in the growth of one of Southbridge's industrial giants by becoming the world's largest manufacturer of eyeglasses during that time. It was during this period, 1830-1910, when industry in Southbridge grew along with Masonry.

Wor. George W. Wells, President of The American Optical Company from 1891-1912.

All three generations of the Wells men had proudly served the Masonic fraternity and their community. The American Optical Company was formed in 1869 when then owner, R.H. Cole and Company merged with H.C. Ammidown and Company. George W. Wells had started with the company as an apprentice at the age of 17. Within 10 years, George gained majority control of the company stock. In 1879, when R.H. Cole retired, George W. Wells was elected President of American Optical. Over the next 30 years, George developed and patented 26 different tools for splitting, cutting, and grinding lenses and milling spectacle frames. The company was thriving and in the 1890s, George's sons Channing, Albert, and Joel Cheney joined their father in running the optical business.

Two of his sons loved Freemasonry so much they progressed in the Fraternity to become Masters of the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge. Wor. Channing Wells was Master from 1902-1903. Wor. J. Cheney Wells was Master from 1907-1908. Their photos are hanging proudly with other Past Masters of the lodge. The three sons led the company as a unified team and after Wor. Bro. Well's death in 1912, his son Wor. J. Channing became president. In 1917,



Members of the Massachusetts Lodge of Research (MLOR) and Quinebaug Masonic Lodge getting a tour of the Optical Heritage Museum.

when the Wells brothers purchased R.H. Cole's stock, they became the sole owners of American Optical. In 1936, George B. Wells, grandson of Wor. Bro. Wells, replaced his uncle Channing Wells as president of American Optical, keeping the company in family hands. The new president followed his grandfather's beliefs. **-Bro. Jimmy Falzone**



Grand Lodge Installs at Meridian

The Installation for the 225th year of Meridian Lodge, the last lodge chartered by M. Wor. Paul Revere, instituted December 11, 1797, was a special event. In attendance were M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames, Senior Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, as Installing Master, with his son Rt. Wor. Richard Ames (longtime stalwart of Meridian Lodge) as Marshall, and Rt. Wor. Edwin Charles Sloper as Chaplain. M. Wor. Bro. Ames served Meridian Lodge as Master in 1963-1964 and again 50 years later in 2013-2014. The Grand Master, M. Wor. Richard Maggio, along with four Past Grand Masters and forty-seven past and presiding Grand Lodge Officers and friends attended.

Wor. Ara Yogurtain was installed as Master of Meridian Lodge. He was presented with the Paul Revere gavel, a treasured possession of the lodge. This gavel was presented to the lodge in 1797 during its first installation of officers when the lodge was situated in Watertown, MA. The gavel

was lost, but found again. Each year it is presented to the incoming Master with strict instructions that it is for "display purposes only" and never to be struck.

Wor. Stewart Brandt, in commemoration of this august event, presented the lodge a set of ivory working tools, which were made over one hundred years ago to be added to our cherished collection of memorabilia. M. Wor. Bro. Maggio made complimentary remarks and challenged the lodge to continue its good work. He closed Meridian Lodge in ample form. **-Rt. Wor. Edwin Charles Sloper**



100 Yr. Old Working Tools to Meridian

Presentation of 100 year old hand carved ivory working tools by Wor. Stewart Brandt to Meridian Lodge at their Installation of Officers. Pictured are Rt. Wor. Edwin Sloper, M. Wor. Albert Ames, Grand Master M. Wor. Richard Maggio, and Wor. Ara Yogurtain.

-Rt. Wor. Edwin Charles Sloper

Knights Donate Career-Starter Grant

Grand Officers of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation traveled to Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School on September 16, 2022, to present a \$70,000, one-year Career-Starter grant to Tianxi Wang, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher in the Ophthalmology Department. Dr. Wang will be focusing his research on finding a potential treatment for retinopathy of prematurity, a disorder of blood vessels in the premature eye.

-Rt. Wor. and Em. Donald S. Stevens, Grand Recorder

Pictured left to right: Sir Knight Peter A. Mooradian, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar MA and RI; mentor Ye Sun, MD, PhD; Department Chief David Hunter, MD, PhD; recipient Tianxi Wang, PhD; and Sir Knight John D. Barnes, KCT, Right Eminent Department Commander, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. (photo: Kevin Ferguson).



MASONS CRUISING TOGETHER

Cruising, pink sands, beautiful Bermuda, and Brotherhood...what else can you ask for in vacation? Join us in May for a memorable trip - spend two days cruising, and three days in Bermuda (one day will be spent with our Bermuda Brothers). Cruise to Bar Harbor, Maine, for a day, and cruise to return home to Boston.

In 2018, a small group of Masonic Brothers from Corinthian Lodge traveled together on Norwegian Cruise Line from Boston to Bermuda. The highlight of this trip was meeting Masonic Brothers in Bermuda for a most memorable day. We were treated to a day of lodge visitations and brotherhood. The following fall, some of these Brothers from Bermuda traveled to Concord, and we treated them to a day of Masonic history and lunch.

We are returning to Bermuda in May, 2023, to revisit

some lodges, and strengthen our fraternal Masonic brotherhood across the seas! This trip is not a lodge or Grand Lodge sponsored trip. It is just a group of Masons traveling together in fellowship with a day to spend with our Bermuda Brothers and some of their spouses. All are welcome - friends and family can join in the fun and create memories! NCL is offering a group rate with excellent perks in addition to the base cruise. If you are interested in learning more, please follow us on Facebook: Mason Cruise to Bermuda, May 5-12, 2023, or email Bro. Peter Cooper at Coop7252@verizon.net

We hope you can join us as we cruise to beautiful Bermuda!

-Bro. Peter S. Cooper

From the 2018 trip to a Bermuda Masonic Lodge.





Frank W. Thompson Lodge Blood Drive Returns a Past Master's Jewel

A fortuitous blood donation at Frank W. Thompson Lodge in Concord was instrumental for the return of a Past Masters Jewel back to Rising Star Lodge in Stoughton. At their recent Blood Drive, Wor. Gordon Huggins met a donor who explained that he recently buried his father who was a Mason. Later, the son dropped off his father's Masonic case which contained his Past Master Jewel, Past Master Apron, Masonic regalia, and a Lodge Notice dated January 14, 1999 - probably the last meeting that he attended. The case belonged to Wor. George Giddings who presided in the East of Rising Star Lodge in 1967.

Wor. Bro. Giddings was born in Milton on October 7, 1925, and served in the Army Air Corp during World War II in the European Theatre. He was a turret gunner on a B-17 Bomber with the 95th Bomb Group. This was one of the most dangerous positions on the plane, and he earned the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters. As well as being a Past Master of Rising Star Lodge in Stoughton, he was also Past Chaplain of St. John's Lodge # 57 F & AM of South Berwick, ME. Wor. Bro. Huggins contacted Rising Star Lodge and with the assistance of his son, Mark Giddings, presented the Past Master's Jewel and Masonic case to Wor. Raymond Williams, presiding Master, of Rising Star Lodge at Frank W. Thompson's regular communication. Rising Star Lodge sends their grateful thanks to Worshipful Huggins and Worshipful Giddings's son for returning the lodge artifacts.

-Rt. Wor. Gordon M. Craig



Pictured from left are Rt. Wor. Ian C. Mackenzie, DDGM of the 5th District; Rt. Wor. Dana A. Jackson, the lodge's organist, PDDGM, and grandson of Bro. Rosen; Wor. Joseph Spinale, Master; and Rt. Wor. Stephen C. Cohn, PDDGM, and Secretary of the lodge.
Photo by Wor. Mark Elsner

Restored and Preserved Charter Presented in Moses Michael Hays Lodge

In Needham, at the 2022 annual Installation of Officers, Rt. Wor. Stephen C. Cohn, Secretary, presented the professionally restored, preserved, and framed charter of Moses Michael Hays Lodge to Wor. Joseph Spinale, in his last act as the outgoing Master. The Charter was engrossed, which means to copy or write by hand, in the early 1930s by Wor. Joseph R. (J.R.) Rosen, who was Master of the lodge in 1938 and 1939, and a well-noted calligrapher and illuminator. This charter had been in use up until 2020 when the lodge merged with Beth-Horon Lodge. Given the history of the charter and the condition it was in, the lodge decided to have it restored and preserved.

-Rt. Wor. Steve Cohn

2nd District Marches in HONK!

Wor. Ricardo I. González of Logia América, Rt. Wor. David Vogel, and Wor. Aaron Sherman of Amicable Lodge led the 2nd District delegation in the HONK! Parade.





LODGE IN FOCUS: SINIM LODGE IN MA



The sterling silver working tools of Sinim Lodge.

The Silver Working Tools of Sinim Lodge

In 1956, Worshipful Hawklin Chuh designed and supervised the making of a complete set of regalia, including a beautiful silk banner, jewels, aprons, and other necessary Masonic items. He also gave Sinim Lodge a bible for our altar and a complete set of working tools made of sterling silver from Hong Kong for use in Tokyo. A miniature set was created simultaneously and presented to our Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. While in Boston, our Worshipful Master Andrew C.W. Mackinlay was presented with the sterling silver miniature set of working tools (on loan) by our Grand Master, MW Richard Maggio. For the first time since 1956, the working tools were back home in Sinim Lodge.

-Rt. Wor. Michael Craven

Sinim Lodge's Trip to Boston May 2022

Rt. Wor. Michael Craven, Wor. Ashton Moore PM, Bro. Hiro Takayama (Treasurer), and I had the pleasure to travel to Boston for the purpose of attending the Golden Gavel Awards, the Oscars-type ceremony, on May 14 in Lexington, with over 300 Massachusetts Masons in attendance.

The evening before the glamorous and spectacular Saturday night ceremony, we were invited to visit Milton Lodge AF & AM in Hingham, MA, where we were very warmly received with a wonderfully prepared baked pasta meal and subsequently presented in lodge with engraved trowels to mark the occasion of our visit by Wor. Ismail Mohammed. This was followed by a Fraternal visit from the DDGM of the 8th District, Rt. Wor. John MacLeod,

Sinim Lodge visits Milton Lodge. L to R: Rt. Wor. James Orgettas, Sinim; Rt. Wor. Michael Craven, DDGM 32nd Masonic District; Bro. Donald 'Chip' Maury, Sinim; Rt. Wor. Glen Kubick, Senior Grand Warden; Wor. Andrew C.W. MacKinlay, Sinim; Wor. Ismail Mohammed, Milton; Wor. Ashton Moore, Sinim; and Bro. Hiro Takayama, Sinim.



Members of Sinim Lodge thrilled with their Golden Gavel win.

who arrived with over 30 Master Masons in his suite.

Although I have not had the pleasure to visit lodges in the UK or many other lodges in Japan, the warmth of the brethren in Massachusetts, the level of trust, and the deep friendship from the outset of all interactions really stood out. It was an inspiring trip to see the exemplification of "who could best work and best agree" both in Milton Lodge and at the Golden Gavel ceremony itself. It was light-hearted, but at the same time the music, the prayers, and the ritual were all very satisfying for a Mason's soul.

It truly highlighted to me that we are definitely amongst the right people and I continue to encourage and highly recommend to all Sinim brethren with the time and resources to visit our brethren in MA, and particularly the Grand Lodge building in Boston (right next to Boston Common), which is a living treasure chest of history.

“Since the pandemic,” the Grand Master continued, “harmony appears to be increasingly difficult to obtain. Whether in the lodge, at a social event, or in discussions with your Building Associations, harmony must be maintained. You are all leaders in this great Fraternity, and it is up to you to do your part, for without harmony our structure collapses.”

District 12, under their DDGM Rt. Wor. Bro. VanKuilenburg, continues to lead the jurisdiction with blood drives. So far this year, they have collected 1,912 units of blood toward their goal of 3,000 for this year. Bro. David Hicks and the Brethren of Wamesit Lodge Building lead the District with 1,119 of the 1,912 units collected. Each year, they are recognized as a leader in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the American Red Cross.

“In a collaborated effort between The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts CPR program and the United States Coast Guard,” the Grand Master continued, “Operation CPR was kicked-off on May 9, 2022. Operation CPR is a joint mission between these two organizations to maintain and provide required CPR, AED, and First Aid Certifications for the men and women of the crews at USCG Station Boston. Under the direction of Rt. Wor. Robert F. Stanley, CPR Chairman at the Grand Lodge, they continue trainings for our Coast Guard personnel.”

“The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts CPR Program is available for your lodge as well. Contact the Grand Lodge Service Department or your District Service Officer for assistance in setting up a program for your District or Lodge.”



“Brethren, as we start a new Masonic year, I am starting to realize my term in the East of Grand Lodge is coming to an end soon. I have been honored to serve you. I thank all of you for your support, as we, together, worked to keep Freemasonry in Massachusetts alive and well during the pandemic.”

“Your zeal and love for the Fraternity continue to make the world a better place. Please start off this Masonic year fresh and renewed as you push forward. Never forget the feelings you had when you first crossed the threshold of Freemasonry.”

“I look forward to serving our Grand Lodge into the future and working with all of you as we preserve our past traditions and plan for the future.”

“God bless all of you and God bless America.”
After a robust standing ovation, the Grand Master closed the Quarterly in ample form. ■



Bro. Dan Aoyama holding the 8th Masonic District's Traveling Gavel from Tokyo Japan at Sinim Lodge.

Grand Historian Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt is extremely informative, as were the tours of the various lodge rooms in the building.

Back at Milton Lodge, though, our six members of Sinim were presented with a set of altar jewels – an exquisite set of gold square and compasses by Rt. Wor. Eliot Chikofsky. They were engraved with our lodge name, as well as dedications to his father. It was a wonderful and very thoughtful gift, the likes of which I had never seen before! In addition, because we were the Massachusetts lodge who brought the most Brothers, (this included our Proxy Rt. Wor. James Orgettas and Bro. Chip Maury, who was raised in Tokyo to MM in Sinim Lodge back in the 1950s), we were presented with the Traveling Gavel. This holds a place of pride in our Tokyo office until someone from Grand Lodge visits our lodge to return it to Massachusetts.

The final icing on the cake, though, was being lucky enough to take home a Golden Gavel Award for “Best Charity Initiative.” There was tough competition, so it was with great pride that our small contingent had the pleasure of ascending the stage and accepting the award on behalf of all the Brethren of Sinim who had actively participated in our Santa’s Charity Drive and Christmas Lunch for the orphanages of Tokyo.

Heartfelt thanks to our Brothers in Massachusetts and notable mentions for our Sinim Brothers who made the magic happen for hundreds of orphans once again, particularly, Bros. Gordon Campbell (Sr. Deacon), Patrick McDonnell (Sr. Warden), Dan Aoyama (Marshall), and Riccardo Sanavio (Jr. Deacon).

*-Wor. Andrew C.W. MacKinlay
Master of Sinim Lodge 2021-2022*

Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



Most Worshipful Donald W. Vose 1972-1974

A Life of Service

The 42nd installment in the continuing series focused on our past Massachusetts Grand Masters.

The pillars of our Fraternity often have lives that span decades and stretch into a great number of organizations, activities, and events. This is patently true when looking at the long career of Most Wor. Donald W. Vose. He was a member of many Masonic and non-Masonic organizations, and his truly was a life of service.

M. W. Brother Vose was a part of a Masonic family. Both his father and grandfather were members of the Craft, associated with Columbian Lodge in Boston and Oriental Lodge in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard. These two lodges were the anchor points of his own association with blue lodge Masonry. Brother Vose received his degrees in Columbian Lodge in 1933, when the world was in the grip of the Great Depression. He was one of the few candidates raised in that period. He had come to the lodge from Curry College, where he studied theater arts, which served him well in the Fraternity, giving him confidence and skill in the performance of degrees.

Columbian Lodge had a two-year officer line. Brother Vose was appointed as Inside Sentinel in 1933, and he did not come to the Master's chair until 1948. During this period, he turned his attention to York Rite bodies, becoming a Royal Arch Companion in St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter in 1938, a Super Excellent Master in Boston Council in 1942, and a Knight Templar in Boston Commandery in 1946. In 1939, he received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Boston. As Master, he distinguished himself both in the presentation of the degrees and the administration of the lodge, and was recognized by the Grand Lodge by being appointed a Grand Steward in 1950. A dozen years later he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 1st Masonic District, but only served one year in that office because Grand Master A. Neill Osgood appointed him Deputy Grand Master in 1963. At the Feast of St. John, the Grand Master introduced Brother Vose as follows:

The Brother who was installed was raised thirty years ago in Columbian Lodge. He was its Worshipful Master in the two years of 1948 and 1949. The next year he appeared on the scene as Junior Grand Steward. At about that same time he also took up his work on the Board of Masonic Relief and has been on that Board twelve successive years. Last year he was District Deputy Grand Master. He is a member of the York Rite Bodies and also the Scottish Rite Bodies and, although he has given good service to the Grand Lodge, it has not been the lion's share of his time. That has been given elsewhere. He is now Generalissimo of St. Bernard's Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 12. He has been Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Massachusetts Consistory for the three years extending from 1958 to 1961. He was its leader during the time when it had its 100th Anniversary celebration. He is currently the Chairman of the Scottish Rite Advancement Program. He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, in September of 1960, and last year I had the pleasure of seeing him as the recipient of the DeMolay

Legion of Honor. He is all these things, an active Masonic member of the Fraternity, and yet when his Church needed a Superintendent for a Sunday School comprising over 900 teachers and pupils combined in the town in which I live, Wellesley Hills, he is the man who responded and said, "Yes." There seem to be no limits to his capabilities and his willingness.

He was already a hard-working and well-known Mason when he had the opportunity to address the Grand Lodge. In his remarks he said, in part,

In this world today there is great opportunity to go out and serve mankind...you have worked on the blood bank. Some of you have gone and spent hours and hours studying and giving forth ritual, taking young men by the hand and leading them into the Masonic Fraternity. There are those of you who have spent hours training young men in DeMolay. There are those of you who have gone forth with Boy Scouts. There are those of you who have been devoted to Church work. There are those of you who have walked on Sunday afternoon gathering money for the Community Chest, and this or that good work.

I suggest that you carry that on further and further and in some way point out to your Brethren outside of the Fraternity that you do this because as a Mason you enjoy doing it and because you are exhorted by each other to do so.

Then you will find that you are thinking better of yourself and of your opportunities to serve mankind. You are carrying out a little bit further the great work that was drawn on the trestle board. You are carrying forth all to the good.

He believed very strongly that it was the mission of Masons to do these things and to be devoted to that life of service that the Fraternity recommends. His resume, already substantial, only grew during the next several years. He was active in the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and on the Divan of Aleppo Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S. After serving in the East of Grand Lodge, he took up the leadership position in each of those organizations.

From 1972 to 1974, he was Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, the sixth Past Master of Columbian Lodge to ascend to that office. It was a transformational time for Masonry, during a troubled time for our country. During his first year, 1972, he directed a program that created many publications for the general public, and he also re-issued a ruling from 1939 forbidding gambling by lodges (including Beano, legalized in Massachusetts). During 1974, the Grand Lodge approved a change to the Grand Constitutions eliminating the jurisdiction of particular lodges over applicants. Since the earliest days of

Massachusetts Masonry, the Constitutions had directed that the lodge closest to an applicant's residence controlled his application, but as the committee reported, "In modern society with easy means of communication and instantaneous communication...the committee is of the opinion that the reasons originally validating territorial jurisdiction of Constituent Lodges no longer prevail." It had become an issue of paperwork, and this provision, along with a number of other outdated or unnecessary ones, were eliminated from the Grand Constitutions – the first major revision of the then-current edition (the 1953 edition). This was a matter of great import, and a credit to Grand Master Vose for advancing it.

As Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple Shriners, Brother Vose directed the purchase of the property in Wilmington that became the new home for the Shrine. It remains a standout feature of the Shrine in Massachusetts to this day.

For many years during and after his Grand Mastership, Brother Vose welcomed many visitors to his home on Martha's Vineyard during the summer. It was said that if

you were invited once, you were welcome back any time afterward. M. W. Albert Ames, our senior Past Grand Master, spoke fondly of these visits. His first time was as Grand Marshal for M. W. Arthur Melanson in 1978. Brother Vose had a special guest room for the Grand Master when he visited.

In 1983, Past Grand Master Vose was very active in the 250th Anniversary celebrations, where he

famously brought the greetings of the many organizations to which he belonged – and also from the Edgartown National Bank, which he served as President. It became a standard greeting from him, and he repeated it when he attended the 275th Anniversary event in 2008.

In his later years, Grand Lodge, Columbian Lodge, and Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge celebrated anniversaries for his membership in the Fraternity. Columbian Lodge had a memorable ceremony in 1993 for the 60th Anniversary.

Men of strong character attract both friends and rivals as they progress in any organization, but it is apparent that Brother Vose was admired and well-loved, and memory of his friendship and collegiality still bring smiles more than a dozen years after his death in 2009. He remained a fixture in the Fraternity well into his 90s, touching the lives of many of his Brethren and many of his fellow citizens. There are many Masons active today, including the author, who have fond memories of time spent with him.

His was a life of great service to the Fraternity and to society. As Grand Master Osgood said, there seemed to be no limits to his capabilities or his willingness. He truly lived respected and died regretted. ■

In this world today there is great opportunity to go out and serve mankind



ASK THE GRAND LECTURER

by Rt. Wor. Nicholas J. Mantello

Senior Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts



As Grand Lecturers, we are asked many questions regarding words in ritual, ritual floor work, protocol, and just about anything related to Freemasonry. Since our last article, a few interesting questions have been asked.

Q: *Is a Brother a Master Mason after his Third Degree Obligation?*

A: The answer is no. In the prior degrees, it would be true. But remember, you must be raised to the Sublime Degree.

Q: *How long does an edict of the Grand Master stay valid?*

A: The answer was found on our MassMasons.org page. (I suggest you visit this page often). By Massachusetts Grand Lodge tradition, an edict or ruling issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master remains in force after his three year term of office, unless it is modified by another edict or ruling by one of his successors as Grand Master, or otherwise changed by formal action of the Grand Lodge. Therefore, these edicts and rulings are currently in effect.

Q: *Which way do the Cornucopias face when worn by the Stewards?*

A: The Senior Steward's horn faces left, and the Junior Stewards horn faces right. This sounds simple, but from what perspective? It is as you are looking at the Steward. The illustration and answer is found in the book *Duties and Responsibilities of Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen*.

Q: *Does an application for the degrees need to be sponsored by a member of the lodge applied to?*

A: In short, no. The only requirement is that the sponsor is a member in good standing in our jurisdiction. However, it may be in the by-laws or a long tradition of a lodge that an applicant must be proposed by a member.

On a final note, we have many publications to refer to, such as *The Grand Constitutions and Regulations*, *Massachusetts Masonic Protocol*, and *Duties and Responsibilities of Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen*. When a question arises, in most cases the answer can be found in these books. But, for that one word in ritual that has you questioning what it is, we have *The Book of Standard Work*. It is always in the Grand Lecturers' possession, to inform you of the right way or words, and we are happy to do so.

To ask the Grand Lecturers a question, send an email to Rt. Wor. Nicholas Mantello, nicholas.j.mantello@gmail.com.

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center of the lodge and interviewing him about his Masonic and personal journey really touched my heart. You watch the smiles and listen to the laughter, the sighs, and sometimes the oohs and ahs. It is one of the things this fraternity is all about.

A trip to Nantucket for a last Official Visit at Union Lodge. Meeting distinguished Brothers at the boat terminal, and then taking the two-hour boat excursion. We all got to share stories from every corner of the state and introduce the ladies to each other as well. We spent the weekend together walking, shopping, and going to dinner. It is truly amazing what can happen when your Masonic Brothers become more than just your Brothers, but friends, or maybe an extension of your family.

A Brother visits your lodge and you receive a Masonic one-million-dollar bill, which has no monetary value. It

does have intrinsic value, which is meant to be the noblest of fraternal gestures and friendship. The presentation of it meant the world to me. It is just the simple things in Freemasonry that can have the biggest rewards. I have witnessed time and again the presentation and the smile it brings to the unknowing Brother that is the recipient.

None of these I would have ever witnessed if the brethren didn't travel in foreign districts, to work and receive Master's pay, and to better ourselves and those around us. Still, to this day, I enjoy the travel to visit Brothers, whether it be a lodge meeting in the western, northern, or southern zones, a weekend trip to the Cape and Islands, or elsewhere about the state. I am very honored, humbled, and grateful that the Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother Richard Maggio and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has put faith in me and my fellow Brother, Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto to be nominated to run for Junior Grand Warden. ■



Four Years of Help for H.E.L.P. from William Parkman Lodge

At the beginning of the 2022-23 Masonic Year, William Parkman Lodge presented the final installment of a four-year pledge to the SMD-Hospital Equipment Loan Program. This commitment from the lodge was established in honor of Rt. Wor. Robert C. Crockett, who had been a long-time integral supporter of the program, and had allowed the program to expand its facilities at its location in Woburn at the West Cummings Park. Shown presenting the check to the President of the program, Bro. Brian Cavanaugh, is the outgoing Master of William Parkman Lodge, Wor. David Jackson, accompanied by (left to right) Bro. Richard Legier, Wor. Robert MacIntosh, and incoming Master, Worshipful Bro. Antonio Aufiero.

-Wor. Robert B. MacIntosh

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to the Masonic building where I met some men, now Brothers, who have changed and enriched my life forever.

Among the men and Brothers I met that day was Brother Paul Gaudet. He is an affable guy, who not long before had joined Middlesex Lodge. A few months later, upon my initiation as an Entered Apprentice, Brother Gaudet received me at the door as the Senior Deacon of Middlesex Lodge. The weeks, months, and years that followed brought Paul and I closer as friends and Brothers. We had numerous things in common, not the least of which was that we both had two daughters who really enjoyed going to the monthly pancake breakfasts at the Lodge. Upon Paul's older daughter's confirmation, she asked me to be her godfather. Man, I was excited and proud to have a goddaughter. And of course, when my older daughter became of age to be confirmed, she wanted Uncle Paul to be her godfather. It was at that point that I knew that Freemasonry had brought me a huge number of Brothers



Masonic Plate Stories

Brothers Surprise Each Other

Two brothers with Masonic plates unknowingly parked next to each other in Winooski, VT, on July 7, 2022. My car is the black Honda, plate MM1116. I belong to Elm-Belcher Lodge in Agawam, (Western) MA. The other car belongs to a Brother from Ezekial Bates Lodge in Attleboro. We had a nice conversation!

-Bro. Stephen Brault



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

that are now truly part of my family.

It is said that women interact face to face while men do so shoulder to shoulder. The quarries in which we worked provided the two of us with many opportunities to strengthen the bonds of Brotherhood through our shared labors in our several roles and stations. As we matured as Masons and our knowledge of the Craft deepened, so did our knowledge of ourselves and each other. Looking back, I can't pinpoint the exact moment it happened, but somewhere along the way, I found in Paul the brother I always wanted.

My need for Brothers has been fulfilled because several times over, during my 17 years as a Freemason, I have met so many more Brothers that I call and spend time with regularly. My friendship with these men is just as deep and meaningful as the one I share with Paul. I dare not try to name them all, however, as I would certainly forget to mention the most important ones. I now consider myself incredibly lucky to have found Freemasonry and, through it, to have filled my life with a family full of Brothers. ■

Overlook University: A Community of Lifelong Learners

The first day of school is a memory that lives with many of us in perpetuity. We remember having our fresh school supplies, textbooks that have yet to be opened, and a mind filled with questions. For Bro. Burt Goodrich and his wife Janet, this feeling returned to them upon their move to The Overlook, where they became residents in January, 2020. When the COVID-19 pandemic began, having only lived at The Overlook for a couple of months, they realized there were a myriad of questions about their new home they needed answers to, and they weren't alone. New friends and fellow residents shared this desire to learn about The Overlook. From things as simple as learning how to put in a work order with maintenance, to more complex questions such as learning the benefits of continuing care, Burt and Janet were acutely aware of the need for education.

It's not surprising the Goodriches were advocates for learning. Both spent their careers as educators, and their commitment to community and making an impact is palpable the moment you meet them. They got to work creating

a list of questions that they took to the team at The Overlook with the suggestion of creating a program to educate residents. It was then that Overlook University was born. They started small with classes covering things like buildings and grounds, and culinary, but the popularity of the classes made it easy to increase programming and provide additional offerings, including speakers on resident-requested topics such as low vision. Now, there are consistently two classes a month and 65-75 people attend each one.

"The program has been so well received," said Executive Director Kristine Binette. "We even had a graduation this year, and everyone got matching Overlook University sweatshirts!" The decision to become residents at The Overlook was not one taken lightly by Burt and Janet. They looked at more than eight other communities before selecting The Overlook, which they loved for its beautiful campus and the comfort in knowing they can stay together even with changing levels of care. Burt calls himself a "shareholder" when discussing his commitment to the community.

"It dawned on us," he said, "that we are not renters of an apartment. We are shareholders in this enterprise. The management has been incredibly receptive to our feedback. That tells me they are shareholders along with us, which gives us comfort as well." "We came here to live a meaningful life with a sense of purpose," Janet remarked. As evidenced by the work she and Burt have already accomplished with Overlook University, we can't wait to see the ways that they and The Overlook make an impact next. ■

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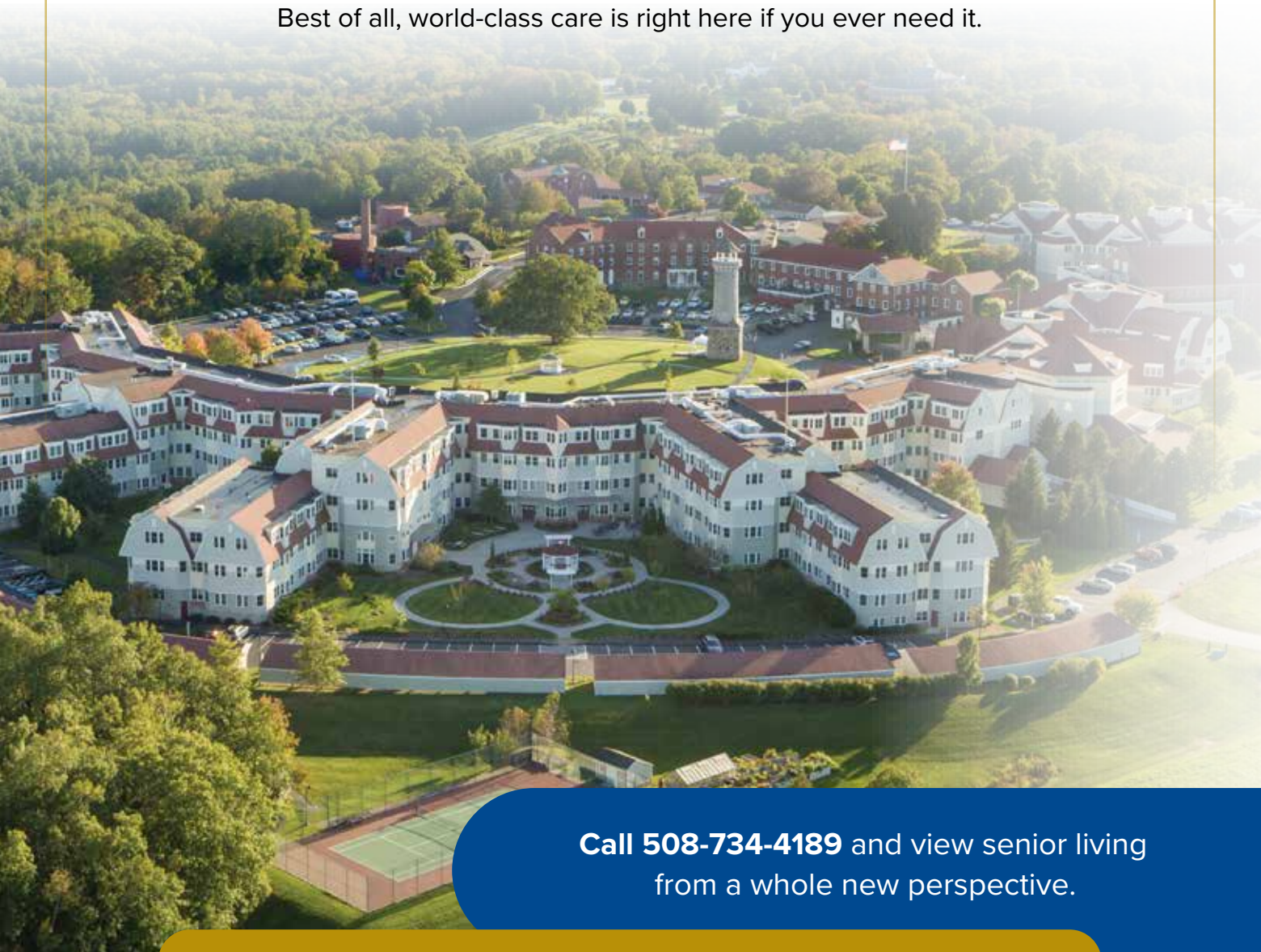
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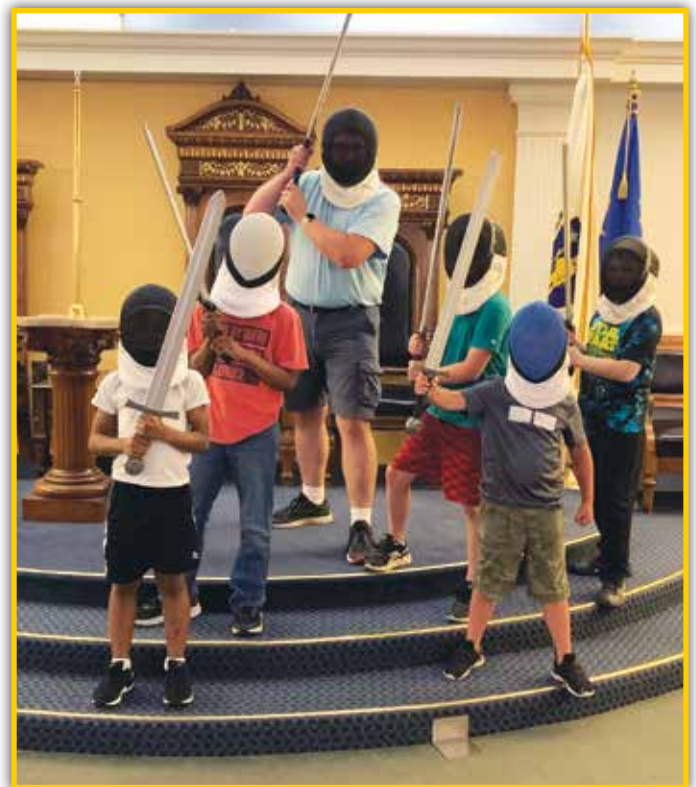


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★ FOR 9-11 YEAR OLDS ★

The Massachusetts Manor of Squires, a new DeMolay program offering for 9-11 year olds featuring fun, fitness, STEM education, and a chance to make new friends, enjoyed a very successful launch with its first two Quests. The Manor is different from a traditional DeMolay chapter. The Manor holds events on a monthly basis in locations across the state with flexible scheduling to accommodate the busy lifestyle of today's pre-teen boys.



Squires in Quests do not memorize ritual. For our first event, put on by Swords of Chivalry, the boys learned medieval longsword techniques. The Squires had to solve math and science puzzles to unlock brackets for a series of sword tournaments. In September, they entered the Alchemists' Kitchen, where award-winning chef Gloria Cabral led the Squires in creating decorative and delicious cupcakes covered in gold leaf, and taught the science behind the magic.

Squires' events are open to 8-11 year-old prospects and members. It is a great way to have fun and make friends. For more information, contact mademolayoffice@mademolay.net, or call Squires Director Hans Schwartz at (781) 866-7880.