

# TROWEL



GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS SUMMER 2022



# 2022 GOLDEN GAVELS



50 Year Veterans



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

Brethren,

You are an inspiration to me, not only by your charitable efforts on so many levels, your dedication to the Craft, but recently as displayed at the Golden Gavel Awards. It was an incredible evening to see Brethren from every corner of the Commonwealth, as well as Tokyo, come together for food, refreshment, entertainment, and to share their successes.

As most lodges go dark in the summer and look to September to begin a new Masonic year, your Grand Lodge continues without missing a beat. July provided the opportunity to travel to Maryland for the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, with 18 Jurisdictions represented, and then to New Hampshire where the Officers of the 6 New England jurisdictions collaborated. Discussions included membership, retention, lodge security, social events, education plans, how to deal with fast-paced social media, and how societal changes are influencing our Craft. Most common themes included “guarding the west gate,” membership, retention, and value for our members. The consensus was it all starts in our Blue Lodges with individual members. We all need to ask ourselves, “What do I do to contribute to the success of my lodge?” All members’ contributions are reflected in the success of a lodge and Freemasonry as a whole. Consider serving as an Officer, attending a meeting, organizing, participating in social events, volunteering for a charitable endeavor, as well as staying in contact with all your Brothers. Amazing men sit among us in lodge; engage them. If they are not at lodge, they are only a phone call away!

One vital step to take NOW is to go online to [massmasons.org](http://massmasons.org) and take the Lodge Self-Assessment Survey. The fundamental purpose and main priority of this evaluation is to equip lodge leadership with an understanding of their lodge’s strengths, as well as the perceptions and understanding of their members about those same strengths. This tool affords each lodge an educational opportunity to assess what is working and to shine a light on areas which may need improvement, as well as provide an opportunity for you to express how Grand Lodge may better serve you.

My journey these last twenty-two years has been enhanced by my choice to travel the life of Freemasonry with you. The men I have met enrich me and leave me wanting more. I urge you to extend the gift of Freemasonry to a good man. Show him the value of our tenets and why this light enriches us.

Enjoy the summer. I look forward to seeing you in my travels. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your family, and may He continue to bless our great Fraternity.

Sincerely and fraternally,

***Most Worshipful Richard Maggio***

Grand Master

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

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## We Move the Stick

Before becoming a Mason, I tried to do a good deed. I thought this task was simple, but I was wrong...

I thought doing a good deed would be working for a cause. I spoke with others. They explained that this cause was better and that that cause could be bad. I realized that a cause may be good, but it also may not be good. I gave up on causes.

I then thought giving people in need money was good. I saw someone give a person a loaf of Wonder Bread. They explained that if they gave money, it may be used for alcohol or drugs. I got confused again. If I give money, I give them choices. If I give food, then I've chosen for them. I got lost again.

Finally, I saw a fallen tree branch across the sidewalk. I moved it off of the sidewalk. I thought, maybe, just maybe, I had done a good thing. Perhaps, someone would not trip. At least with this action, the likelihood of harm was very slight and the possibility of good was relatively high. But it wasn't truly good.

When I became a Mason, I watched as my lodge, other lodges, the district, and the Grand Lodge, worked very hard to do good. When I became Executive Editor of TROWEL, I read about the incredible effort lodges in Massachusetts exert to do good with and for their Brothers, lodges, and communities.

Then came the Golden Gavel. The event itself, with the entertainment, the food, and the comradery, was a wonderful time with wonderful people. The Brethren and their ladies created an atmosphere of such joy, and I saw that, even before the awards, something good was created.

The awards themselves showed the Craft as excellent. The range of good we find to do is amazing. Freemasonry went through my pre-Masonic process hundreds of years ago and the pursuit of good permeated the efforts of every lodge - those not nominated, those nominated, and those who won. At every level, the striving toward the good was there and the fruits of our labor are profound.

When attending lodge or other Masonic events, or in our daily life, Masons can walk tall knowing that by our small deeds, and sometimes large deeds, we find and move the stick.

Fraternally, Lee H. Fenn



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## Liberty Lodge Passes Seven

On Monday, April 11, Liberty Lodge of Beverly met at the Salem Masonic Building to pass seven candidates to their Fellowcraft Degree with dispensation from the Grand Master. The evening began with a delicious steak-tip dinner followed by the seven candidates standing in the West to exemplify their cipher instructions before the Worshipful Master and his lodge. After opening, the Senior Deacon and Officers performed admirably in conducting this large number of candidates through the first section.

Promptly at 8pm, the lodge received the District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, R.W. Bro. Neal P. Packard, for the purpose of paying a Fraternal Visit. The lodge was honored when R.W. Packard and his suite stayed for the Middle Chamber Lecture, flawlessly performed by Senior Deacon Bro. Jordan M. Bartholomew. Once again, the evening was an incredibly uplifting experience, with all witnessing some exemplary degree work after such a long period of hiatus due to COVID. Fellowship was enjoyed immediately following the closing of the lodge, with refreshments served by the Officers.

Of course, the work never ends at Liberty Lodge as these candidates will continue to be required to exemplify their cipher lessons and will need to work in the dining room and perform other duties in support of their new lodge. Liberty continues to uphold a high percentage of retention of their newest members, mostly due to the candidates' heavy involvement early on in their Masonic career, lovingly required by the Master and his Officers. As Liberty approaches their bicentennial, they are honored to see their lodge flourish in an ever-changing world. They work hard to uphold their history and stewardship as Brothers have done in the centuries before them. *-Wor. Richard J. LaFave*

## Nicky Appreciated at Delta Lodge

On Thursday, January 27th, 2022, Delta Lodge of Braintree presented Nicholas Toscano with a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts in supporting the David Thayer Blunt Scholarship. This young member of Old Colony DeMolay took it upon himself to make and sell handmade paracord bracelets so he could donate the proceeds and help students further their education. Nicholas, or Nicky as he is known around Delta, is 12 years old, raised, and donated over \$400.00. He has no plans of slowing down. Nicky has already begun work on bracelets for his next event, which is The Widow's Kiddo's ride on July 27th, 2022, in Plymouth.

More than 40 Brethren and guests were in attendance to support Nicky on this special occasion including Rt. Wor. Philip Drouin and DDGM of the 8th Masonic District, Rt. Wor. John Macleod. Nicky is the grandson of Bro. Jon and Teresa Charles, and the son of Bro. Leonardo and Lisa Toscano. Some guests came from as far away as Cape Cod to partake in the recognition and congratulate this young man.

The bracelets are mostly sold for \$5 and any Brother that would like to order one—or more—can send an email to [nicks.paracord12@gmail.com](mailto:nicks.paracord12@gmail.com) and he will reply. You may choose a particular color from what he's already made or request whatever color you want. He will try to accommodate.

The Brethren of Delta Lodge extend a BIG thank you to this future Freemason. *-Wor. Jon Hinthorne*

*Wor. Jon D. Hinthorne, Rt. Wor. John A. Macleod, Bro. Jon E. Charles, Nicholas Toscano, Bro. Leonardo Toscano, Lisa Toscano, and Rt. Wor. Philip Drouin*



# Space for Reflection

by Rt. Wor. Rabbi Benjamin Flax

I have been studying the lives, religious activities, orations, and writings of the men who came before me. I quickly focused on the book *Peace of Mind* by Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman, the first Jewish Grand Chaplain of Massachusetts from 1946 until his untimely passing in 1948.

As a reconciliation of religion and psychology and a precursor to the human potential movement of the following decade, “This book attempts to distill the helpful insights about human nature...” he writes in his introductory remarks, “about man’s infinite capacity to change and improve himself.” Pop psychology was growing in society, and this self-help book was a needed resource, as can be seen from the three years it sat on the New York Times best-seller list.

In the book, Rabbi Liebman wrote of the Development of Self, “The human self is not a gift; it is an achievement.” Bettering oneself is not a fully formed action that takes hold one day, but trials and tribulations where one must continually fight and drive forward. Later in the book, he discusses Tolerance as Love. “Tolerance is the positive and cordial effort to understand another’s beliefs, practices, and habits without necessarily sharing or accepting them.” While discussing Intimations of Our Immortality, he reflects, “I often feel that death is not the enemy of life, but its friend, for the knowledge that our years are limited makes them so precious.” Towards the end, he states in My Personal Credo, “One man’s spiritual Odyssey may be of interest to others seeking peace of mind because it may reflect something of our modern age’s alternating turbulence and tranquility.”

These ideas are vital aspects of man’s experience within the Craft. The lessons we learn in the lodge room aid in understanding a memento mori, expound on the beauty of tolerance to others, and focus on an

allegory of a spiritual odyssey every brother goes through. With tools such as these, we as individuals can work on bettering ourselves and, in doing so, improving one another.

There is an idea that it is only possible to know someone as deeply as they know themselves. As Masons, we state how the Fraternity makes good men better, but one must already see themselves as good. Many in our travels will provide insight, opinions, ideas, and commentary that can help forge a path. Some embrace the perspective of their fellow brother, and some say such things as not enjoying the esoteric. But I challenge you to think about our lessons within your mind, forget what others have told you or pointed out, and instead think about what each degree means for you. Then the dialogue can benefit all.

No simple reflection can provide a practical perspective on all the symbols and lectures. But, like great literature or scripture, our life experiences, age, situation, and season can open the mind to a new understanding that is helpful and necessary for the personal experience. Self-help as a genre of books is now prolific, and most have some version of an *Idiot’s Guide to...* However, reading and not practicing does not improve one’s development. We should say the same within the Craft. Receiving the degrees can only provide so much. It is the self-reflection and practice which creates an impact.

Rabbi Liebman was not novel with the idea for the book *Peace of Mind*. Instead, he created a space for constant reflection, introspection, and improvement. These concepts are the core of our continued success and growth both as men and Masons. ■

Rt. Wor. Rabbi Benjamin Flax, Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop



# THE JUNE 2022 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

## OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

On June 8, 2022, at 1:30 pm, the Brethren erupted in cheers and applause as The Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Richard Maggio entered the room. There were yellow ropes sectioning off parts of the seating in the Southeast indicating something unusual was scheduled for the Summer Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. The Grand Master welcomed those in person and online and introduced the bearers of the Colors: the Grand Court of Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth.

Once the flags were posted, the Grand Master invited the Brethren to “please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.” After, all present sang the National Anthem with gusto. He introduced the Color Guard: Sir Knights Walter Hunt, Fred Bowe, and Mark Stought; Honored Ladies Kathleen Jessee, Amy Waggener, and Monica Gonzalez; and Grand Royal Matron Joy Kenen. The Grand Master thanked the members of the Grand Court of Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth, for their service before they retired.

He opened Grand Lodge in ample form and introduced the following guests. Prior to which, the Grand Master reminded the Brethren of the Delaware clap (a single clap for each person announced).

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. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Active for Massachusetts  
Ill. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, Active for Massachusetts  
Ill. Peter R. Smith, 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts  
Ill. Robert E. Godbout, Jr., 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts

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

### **Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:**

Rt. Wor. Gerald R. Thaxton, Deputy Grand Master  
Rt. Wor. Joseph Catan, Grand Treasurer  
Rt. Wor. Jubie S. Drakes, Grand Secretary

Rt. Wor. Oscar Zepde, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Baja  
California, Mexico

### **Shrine International:**

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

Rt. Wor. Dad Philip Drouin, Executive Officer, Order of the DeMolay,  
Massachusetts

Most Worthy David E. Fournier, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter  
of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star

Sir Knight Leo M. Kenen, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of  
Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth

### **Streaming**

**District of Panama:** Rt. Wor. Albert C. Hopper, District Grand Master  
**Tokyo, Japan**

Rt. Wor. Anand J. Murti, A member of Sinim Lodge of  
this Grand Lodge  
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Japan

“We also welcome the Brethren from the visiting Grand Lodges joining us here today and to the several Grand Lodges streaming in from Brazil,” said the Grand Master.

He then introduced the attending Past Grand Masters:

M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames (streaming)  
M. Wor. Arthur E. Johnson (streaming)  
M. Wor. Donald G. Hicks, Jr.  
M. Wor. Jeffrey B. Hodgdon  
M. Wor. Richard J. Stewart  
M. Wor. Harvey John Waugh  
M. Wor. Paul Fulton Gleason

The First Responders, in red coats in the back of the lodge room, were Rt. Wor. Jerry Bergeron (Capt.), Rt. Wor. Kevin Hamel, Rt. Wor. Jeffrey Arnold, and Wor. Jack MacNeill.



**The Color Guard, The Grand Court of Amaranth in Massachusetts, Honored Lady (HL) Kaitlin Jessee, Grand Royal Matron Joy Kenen, HL Kathleen Jessee, Sir Knights Walter Hunt, Mark Stought, and Fred Bowe.**



**The Grand Master congratulates M. Wor. Richard Stewart on being installed Assistant Grand Secretary.**

Wor. Charles Caroselli produced the audio and sound. For the livestream, from the Information Services Committee, Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky, Wor. Patrick DelVal, Wor. Scott Sherman, and Bro. Timothy Maxwell were present.

“Brethren, again welcome,” continued the Grand Master, “As we are in a festive mood, would you all join me to congratulate our Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. John E. Kelley Jr., on the occasion of his 37th Wedding Anniversary.” Applause resounded from the Brethren.

The Grand Master assuaged concerns of the Brethren about the health of M. Wor. Bro. Ames and installed M. Wor. Bro. Stewart as Assistant Grand Secretary. M. Wor. Bro. Stewart was escorted to the Grand Secretary’s seat.

Similar to the system of receiving Grand Masters from other jurisdictions during the installation of Grand Lodge Officers, a Mexican flag was prepared and a committee of Past Grand Masters was formed to escort the Grand Masters into the lodge room. Rt. Wor. Oscar Zepeda, who is bilingual, introduced the contingent of Grand Masters from Mexico, each preceded by the flag of Mexico.

The yellow-rope mystery from the start of the Communication was solved: seated in the East of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in the chairs beyond the yellow rope, were the Grand Masters or their representatives of five jurisdictions of Mexico.

The business of Grand Lodge proceeded, with the

Mexican enhancement. M. Wor. Bro. Stewart explained the voting powers of lodges, Rt. Wor. W. Warren Richardson, Jr. reported from the Records Committee, and Rt. Wor. Peter Lawson reported from the Committee on Charters and By-Laws that eight changes to by-laws were accepted and two were rejected, partially. All reports were accepted.

Report of the Foreign Relations Committee was delivered by M. Wor. Bro. Hicks, Jr. The Grand Lodge Benemerito

Ejercito de Oriente F. & A. M. of the state of Pueblo requested recognition. This Grand Lodge, part of the Confederation of Mexican Grand Lodges, complied with the requirements in section 712 of the Constitutions and Regulations. As a result, M. Wor. Bro. Hicks, Jr., reported the Committee recommended recognition and the exchange of Grand Representatives, if appropriate.

He also reported that the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Grand Masters Conference of North America indicated that “Over the last decade, [The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico] has invaded the territory of a number of

neighboring Grand Lodges.” M. Wor. Bro. Hicks Jr. explained that “invasion” means that the Grand Lodge in question had established lodges in other jurisdictions without permission from those jurisdictions. For the Committee, he recommended rescinding recognition immediately.

In addition, there is a new book for Brethren to consult to ensure they admit recognized Masons and visit recog-



**The Grand Lodge of the State of Veracruz, founded 1885**

M. Wor. Jose Gabriel Benitez Cabrera, Grand Master  
Rt. Wor. Enrique Carlos Herrera Lazarini, Grand Treasurer  
Rt. Wor. Jose Manuel Benitez Cabrera

**The Grand Lodge of the State of Nuevo Leon, founded 1905:**

Rt. Wor. Daniel Marcelo Pazos Vidal, Grand Chancellor

**The Grand Lodge Occidental Mexicana of the State of Jalisco, founded 1912:**

M. Wor. Fernando Valenzuela Michel, Grand Master  
Rt. Wor. Daniel Valazquez Garcia, Grand Chancellor

**The Grand Lodge of the State of Baja California, founded 1933:**

M. Wor. Armando Lopez Acosta, Grand Master  
M. Wor. Benjamin Woolfolk Gonzalez, Past Grand Master  
Rt. Wor. Alberto Angulo Verdugo, Deputy Grand Master  
Rt. Wor. Arturo Nikolai Sevilla Covarrubias, Grand Secretary  
Rt. Wor. Oscar Mario Zepeda, Grand Chancellor

**The Grand Lodge Occidental Mexicana of the State of Zacatecas, founded 1994:**

M. Wor. Agustin Aguilera Miranda, Grand Master  
Rt. Wor. Falvio Alvarez Fernandez, Deputy Grand Master  
Rt. Wor. Alejandro Martinez Ramirez, Board of Directors  
Rt. Wor. Juan Bosco Alfaro Huer, Board of Directors



nized Lodges. It is *The Acacia Book*, published by Copiri, Inc., in Wilmington, Delaware. It replaces *List of Lodges – Masonic*, published by Pantograph in Bloomington, Illinois. This report was accepted by the Brethren.

Rt. Wor. John F. Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, had the sad task of announcing, during the Necrology, the loss to the Celestial Lodge of almost 160 years of Masonic experience. The Brethren bowed their heads when Rt. Wor. Richard Haley, Senior Grand Chaplain, led all in prayer.

The Grand Master, in response to questions, explained why all Masons who passed away were not listed. He mentioned that in the past year, 936 Masons had joined the Celestial Lodge above and that he was unable to list them all.

The Grand Master said there was “no pleasure in discussing the following.” He announced six suspensions and two expulsions. The Brethren agreed by their votes in the affirmative.

To more extremely good news, the Grand Master directed his Grand Marshal to bring the Masters or Representatives of Bristol Lodge, Corinthian Lodge, and Jerusalem Lodge to celebrate their 225th year since their chartering. They were all chartered by M. Wor. Paul Revere on June 12, 1797. “That was one busy day,” joked the Grand Master.

He appointed two new Grand Representatives. The Grand Marshal presented to the East M. Wor. Bro. Michel, Grand Master of the Occidental Mexicana Lodge of Jalisco



**Rt. Wor. Paul W. Rolston receives his 50 yr. Past District Deputy recognition.**

and Wor. Joseph Manzo, where they received their Grand Representative Commissions.

The Grand Master presented a 50 year Senior DDGM certificate to Rt. Wor. Paul Rolston with Rt. Wor. Greg Fulton of the 14th District.

He called for two members of the Charles W. Moore Lodge to the East, along with the DDGM of the 26th District, Rt. Wor. William Kessler. A large number of Brothers came to the East. “I only asked for two,” joked the Grand Master. “Would somebody like to explain to me what’s going on?” Rt. Wor. Bro. Kessler spoke for “the most fun district in our Commonwealth” with members of North Quabbin Lodge. He recounted the River Rat Race and Parade and their being in possession of a “certain gavel that the Grand Master and his Officers took.” They were there, with Charles W. Moore Lodge, to retrieve the gavel. As the Deputy Grand Master went to retrieve the gavel, the

Grand Master stopped him, saying, “Time out, hold the gavel. Protect the gavel.”

The Grand Master recounted the joy of the parade, despite the rain (see page 13). The gavel, the Grand Master explained, is given to the lodge that comes with the most Brethren to the lodge holding the gavel. He came with 55 Brethren. He counted. “You come back here with nine and expect it back?” With the claims of more online, much to the joy of the Brethren present, the Grand Master brought

**The diminutive Traveling Gavel is retrieved from Grand Lodge.**



**The Grand Master receives his copy of the Massachusetts Ritual translated into Portuguese.**



the gavel to the level to relinquish it. However, upon reading the inscription on the gavel, he realized that a member of Trinity Lodge would need to receive the gavel. The Deputy Grand Master, as the present member of Trinity Lodge, received the gavel.

**Rt. Wor. Bro. Kessler challenged each and every Brother for next year, the second Saturday in April, to a six mile canoe race between Athol and Orange.**

The Grand Master received Rt. Wor. Sergio DeAssis, Rt. Wor. Leone Brandao, Wor. Samir Bichara, and Bro. Fabio Dos Santos (from the United Grand Lodge of England), and Rt. Wor. Ernest Pearlstein in the East. Rt. Wor. Bro. DeAssis presented the Portuguese Ritual to the Grand Master.

In the East, the Grand Marshal presented Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer and Bro. Enoch Woodhouse to the Grand Master. Bro. Woodhouse presented two books to the Grand Master, *The Tuskegee Airmen: An Illustrated History* and *Freedom Flyers: The Tuskegee Airmen of WWII*. Bro. Woodhouse, our 95 year old Tuskegee Airman Brother, said the books were about virtue and “about me, and people like me.”

Under the direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal escorted Rt. Wors. Robert Godbout, Christopher Tonini, and Alfredo Canhoto to the East. Together they presented a special Golden Gavel award to Rt. Wor. Bro. Canhoto who was unable to attend the ceremony. “The girls needed me,” he said.

The Grand Master opened the floor to presentations. Wor. Phil Privitera was escorted to the East by the Grand Marshal to make a donation to the Grand Master’s Appeal. The Grand Master asked for other presentations, but the Deputy Grand Master interrupted. “What means this violence?” queried the Grand Master. Rt. Wor. John F. Sullivan invited the Grand Master to the level and said, “In the spirit of Jack Benny, your 30th anniversary of your 39th birthday.” The Brethren serenaded the Grand Master with a rousing rendition of “Happy Birthday.”

A smiling Grand Master called for other presentations. First from the Mexican Grand Lodge delegations, Rt. Wor. Oscar Mario Zepeda organized the delegations for the presentations, see page 11.

The Grand Master began his remarks by noting that the “last quarter has been extremely busy.”

In March, he spent a weekend in “Western Mass, with the highlight being the District 31 Annual Gala. We did travel back and forth from Needham to attend a memorial

service for our dearly departed Brother Rt. Wor. William Edward Holland.” The Grand Master attended a second memorial service for Bro. Donald William Moran, Father of Rt. Wor. Donald Moran, the Grand Lodge Business Manager.

With all the Grand Lodge Officers and guests, the Grand Master attended the Junior Grand Warden reception for Rt. Wor. Russell Edwin Lowe.

In “the week of March 20, 2022,” the Grand Master continued, “the Grand Lady and I traveled to Florida for three luncheons to meet and greet our Florida brothers at three locations. It was a wonderful time to rekindle relationships and create new ones.” See page 21 for photos.

The Deputy Grand Master, Acting Grand Master Rt. Wor. Bro. Sullivan, led the Grand Lodge in Boston’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Grand Lodge was well represented, along with the Shrine and many Blue Lodge brothers.

On March 30th, Grand Lodge held a well-attended listening tour meeting in South Yarmouth. **“Brethren, it is up to all of us to make our Fraternity relevant today by addressing the needs of our members. Our Town Hall meetings provide another venue for communication. Communication is the key. Let’s work together. Your input is critical for the operation of the Grand Lodge and our Craft,”** said the Grand Master.

On April 2nd, the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Masters Carpet Rededication Ceremony on the occasion of Columbian Lodge’s 225th Anniversary, followed by dinner and dancing to a live

band at the Revere Hotel at the Boston Common. On the 8th, “We attended a Memorial Service in Woburn for our Grand Lodge Organist, Wor. George Albert Wiseman,” lamented the Grand Master.

On a lighter note, “I, along with several Grand Lodge Officers and Blue Lodge members, attended the River Rat Race and Parade in Athol. It was a beautiful day until we stepped off. The rain continued until the end of the parade at which time the beautiful day returned. In spite of the rain, we, along with Rt. Wor. William David Kessler, and the 26th District had a wonderful day ending with a fine Pancake Breakfast!” See page 13.

The Grand Master attended a regular communication of Budleigh Lodge where he signed their By-Laws as their newest Honorary Member. On the 15th, with the Grand Marshal, the Grand Master was in Pittsfield for the Cincinnatus Table Lodge, ending with Mrs. Tonini’s famous cream puffs with maple glaze.



**M. Wor Fernando Michel, Grand Master of the Grand Occidental Mexicana Lodge of Jalisco, is the Grand Representative to The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts and Wor. Joseph Manzo is the Grand Representative to the Grand Occidental Mexicana Lodge of Jalisco.**

On the 18th, “I marched with the Grand Lodge, Blue Lodges, and the Shrine,” said the Grand Master, “in the annual Patriots Day Parade in Lexington. I was one of thousands wearing the tricornered hat!”

After attending the Valley of Boston Spring Reunion Class on the 23rd, where several new 32nd degree Masons were minted, on the 24th, “The Grand Marshal and I, along with our ladies, attended the Grand Court, Order of Amaranth, for their annual session hosted by Honorable Lady Christina Qualey, Grand Royal Matron, and Sir Knight Mark Stought, Grand Royal Patron. On the same evening, the Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Glenn Lawrence Kubick, represented me at the Installation of Wistaria Chapter No. 138, Order of the Eastern Star.”

On the 25th, the Grand Master, along with the Junior Grand Warden and several other Brothers, joined The Order of the Thistle. The 26th brought the Grand Master and Marshal to the RMS Titanic Themed Dinner at John Hancock Lodge. To close out April, Grand Lodge hosted a Leadership Summit in Charlton to network with all associated Masonic bodies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. “This was a very well-attended and informative event with the emphasis on networking and finalizing an easy-to-use master calendar,” said the Grand Master.

“The Grand Marshal and I attended the Grand Lodge of New York’s Annual Communication and Installation of Officers. I was honored to bring the greetings of all visiting jurisdictions. The Senior Grand Warden, Acting Grand Master Rt. Wor. Glenn Lawrence Kubick, represented me at the Grand Lodge of Maine’s Annual Communication and Installation of Officers.”

On May 14th, “About 400 of us enjoyed the Golden Gavel Awards where we were treated to some great food, entertainment, and presentations of numerous Golden Gavel awards to lodges for their outstanding programs in

many facets of Masonry. I also had the honor and pleasure of presenting a Crystal Gavel Lifetime achievement award to M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames for his lifetime commitment, and achievements to local, state, country, and international Masonry.”

Two days later, “Along with the Grand Marshal, I enjoyed a day with Star of Bethlehem Lodge for their annual golf tournament,” said the Grand Master. On the 18th, he installed the officers of the Masters Lodge, and on the 19th, they performed The Masters Carpet and Rededication Ceremony on the occasion of Budleigh Lodge’s 100th Anniversary, followed by a celebration at the 1640 Hart House in Ipswich. On the “same night, the Deputy Grand Master represented me at the Order of the Eastern Star Annual Sessions.”

From the 20th to the 22nd, “We travelled to New Hampshire for their Annual Communication and Installation of Officers. M. Wor. David Collins entertained all the Covid Grand Masters who served in 2020-2021. I was humbled and honored to be the recipient of the Jeremy Ladd Cross Medal from M. Wor. Bro. Collins,” said the Grand Master. For the next two days, they went to the Grand Lodge of RI for their Annual Communication and Installation of Officers.

There was a Town Hall Listening Tour in East Longmeadow, on the 25th. “Like the last four, your voices were heard, and we will endeavor to meet your needs while preserving our past traditions and planning for the future of Freemasonry in Massachusetts,” said the Grand Master. The next day he “had the pleasure of attending the District 17 Lodge of Instruction under the leadership of Rt. Wor. Douglas Gordon Massey, where I presented Rt. Wor. Demetrios John Sarantopoulos his 50 year Past Masters Certificate.” On the 31st was “the District 14 Table Lodge honoring Rt. Wor. John Craig Toto. An enjoyable time was had by all with a little good spirited roasting.”

**Bro. Enoch Woodhouse, a Tuskegee Airman, presents two books about his fellow Airmen to the Grand Master.**



**Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto receives the first William H. Holland Memorial Golden Gavel for Masonic Excellence from the Grand Master.**





**Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. John F. Sullivan, leads the Brethren in a round of Happy Birthday for the Grand Master.**



**Wor. Phil Privitera donates to the Grand Master's Appeal.**

On the 4th, the Grand Lodge performed another Masters Carpet Rededication Ceremony on the occasion of Bristol Lodge's 225th Anniversary. "I was received in the lodge room, then we processed across the street to the town common to perform the rededication in a Gazebo witnessed by the lodge, guests, and the general public. This was also a great community awareness event with about 200 in attendance. We were treated to a wonderful collation back at the lodge with Wor. Thomas Francis Rose and a live 'Band of Brothers.' Before leaving, I videoed the entire group singing Happy Birthday to Nancy Ames, M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames' Lady."

"An incredible day," the Grand Master remembered the anniversary of the D-Day invasion, "Was spent with the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company (AHAC) of Massachusetts, a militia formed in 1638 by the Governor. Their traditions continue today on the 1st Monday in June with a procession from their headquarters in Faneuil Hall to the Boston Common. There were many members of the AHAC who were also Masons, and we witnessed our own Bro. Thomas John Goodfellow installed as Captain Commander. Additionally, our Bro. Michael Andrew Fish was installed as 1st Lieutenant, and Rt. Wor. John Ferrante III as Sargent. All were sworn in and installed by Governor Charles Baker. To name a few in attendance were Bro. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Enoch O'Dell Woodhouse (Tuskegee Airman), Bro. General John Driscoll, General Gary W. Keefe, General Scott Rice, and the list goes on. It was exciting to visit with many more Ancients who are also Masons. We hope to further cultivate our relationship with the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts."

On the 7th, Essex Lodge hosted a meeting and dinner to greet a contingent of Grand Masters and Masons representing five Grand Lodges in Mexico.

"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 as well as other special events," said the Grand Master.

He made a few announcements. Rt. Wor. Douglas Eames was installed as Grand Lecturer by Rt. Wor. Michael Craven at the regular Communication of Sinim Lodge in March. Rt. Wor. Bro. Eames is the 1st Grand Lecturer for the 32nd District covering Sinim Lodge in Tokyo. He will conduct a workshop, exemplification, and other duties as our Grand Lecturers do here.

**The Masonic Youth Child Identification Program (MyCHIP) began holding events again in May. To schedule a MyCHIP event, go to [mychip.org](http://mychip.org) and click on the "request an event" link.**

Bro. Kristopher Crosse, formerly of security in the Grand Lodge, is now heading up our newest membership initiative. He will build a program from the top down to address every lead produced by our Grand Lodge Website, by the Scottish Rite Website BeAFreemason.org, and from all social media sources. He will work directly with the Membership Committee under the Chairmanship of Rt. Wor. Peter Culbertson.



The Grand Master announced the revenue from the Masonic License Plates:

- **January \$3,372.00**
- **February \$5,424.00**
- **March \$4,964.00**
- **April \$4,800.00**

"I have contacted the RMV multiple times for a count of the number of plates on the road and I await their response," said the Grand Master. "Brethren, we are remarkably close to our goal of 3,000 plates on the road.



# THE MEXICAN DELEGATIONS



The Grand Lodge Occidental Mexicana of the State of Zacatecas



The Grand Lodge of the State of Baja California



The Grand Lodge of the State of Nuevo Leon



The Grand Lodge of the State of Veracruz



The Grand Lodge Occidental Mexicana of the State of Jalisco

Think of how many of our brothers and their families will benefit from the funds raised, not to mention the great Masonic awareness. Please visit your nearest full service RMV or go online to secure a plate. Grand Lodge will continue to reimburse you upon receiving your application fee receipt until we reach our goal.”

Shriners Hospitals for Children in Springfield will close its remaining inpatient beds by the end of the year as part of a nationwide evolution toward outpatient clinics. The transition is reflective of what is happening in health care across the county. The Shriners hospital in Springfield treats children with orthopedic conditions, cleft palate, and rheumatoid arthritis, with some work in prosthetics. Times change, systems improve, procedures become more modern. The result is better care and a better experience for the patients.

“The Grand Lodge recently launched a new lodge self-assessment tool via MassMasons on April 8th,” announced the Grand Master. “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 the ability to determine what it does and does not want to focus on. It allows for 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. If few respond, then their responses drive the evaluation. Make sure that your input is received and that your lodge hears from you. 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.”

“Changing gears,” the Grand Master addressed a Grand Constitution issue. “In response to the question of whether candidates’ names need to be published in the notice for a lodge conferring them, the answer is, strictly speaking, no. There is no constitutional requirement. Placing the name in the notice for balloting is well defined by the Grand Constitutions and required. 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 throughout the entire process.”



The Grand Master shared an interesting community partnership that started recently. In a collaborative effort between The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts CPR program and the United States Coast Guard, Operation CPR kicked off on May 9th. Operation CPR is a joint mission between the Grand Lodge and the US Coast Guard to maintain and provide required CPR, AED, and First Aid Certifications for the men and women of the crews at USCG Station Boston.

Rt. Wor. Stanley is the CPR Chairman, and has been the CPR Chairman at Grand Lodge since 2018. He has extensive experience in CPR and First Aid training, along with being an Emergency Medical Technician. Rt. Wor. Bro. Stanley’s experience in coordinating and training CPR spans 44 years and includes the private sector, academia, Masonry, and now the men and women of the USCG.

The first crew of seven to pass through the training are assigned to the USCGC *Pendant* (WYTL 65608). The USCG small harbor tug (65 feet long) is a class of fifteen tugs used by the United States Coast Guard for search and rescue, law enforcement, aids-to-navigation work, and light icebreaking. See page 23 for more information.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts CPR Program is available for your lodge as well. Contact the Grand Lodge Service Department, your District Service Officer, or Rt. Wor. Robert F. Stanley for assistance in setting up a program for your district or lodge.

“Brethren, given the significant amount of suspensions this quarter, let us all be ever vigilant of guarding the West Gate. Additionally, Worshipful Masters, you received the Ancient Charges and are charged when installed to ‘to exert your authority to prevent ill-feeling or angry discussion arising to impair the harmony of their meetings.’ All of us need to support our Worshipful Masters and maintain harmony in our lodges, both inside and outside the lodge room.”

“Let me also remind you of Section 337 of our Grand Constitutions: No political, sectarian, religious dogma, or other topics likely to excite personal animosities, (likely to excite personal animosities) shall be introduced for discussion in any lodge under this jurisdiction. Following Section 337 should prevent any ill feelings or angry discussions in our lodges and will foster harmony.”

“Brethren, despite any issues we may have, any struggles we may encounter, the percentage is minor compared

to the whole, and always know that I enjoy serving you and I continue to be humbled and honored to be in the East of your Grand Lodge.”

“I thank you for sharing your time with me today and thank you for all you do for the Craft. God bless you, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and God Bless the United States of America!”

After a standing ovation, Grand Master M. Wor. Richard Maggio closed this Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in ample form. ■

## LODGE ANNIVERSARIES



*Bristol Lodge, 225 years*

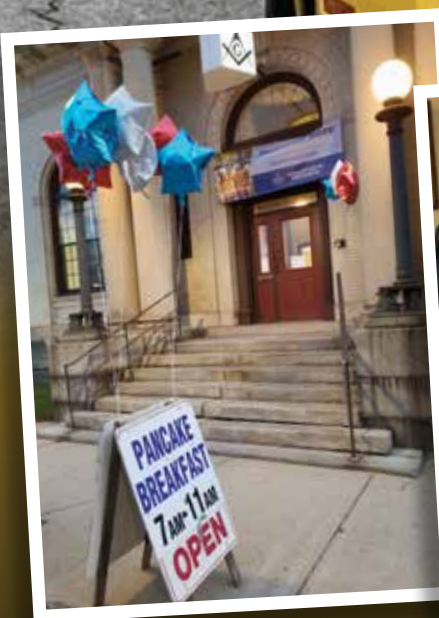


*Corinthian Lodge, 225 years*



*Jerusalem Lodge, 225 years*

# River Rat Parade





# 2022 GOLDEN GAVELS



Each committee member (we had 9 original members) was assigned a section of the Golden Gavel Awards Event, which keeps everyone involved and gives them something to do to feel like they are a part of the team. Many hands make light work!

The committee started putting the Golden Gavel Awards together at the beginning of October, meeting via Zoom every Sunday until the opening of submissions. The work entailed coming up with fundraising using coins and sponsor ads for the show program, trophies, catering, venue, the entertainment (which was done very carefully by watching and inviting the entertainers to talk and interview), along

with using AV to help make the event feel like an Oscar winning award show.

The Golden Gavel Awards Committee would like to thank the Most Worshipful Brother Maggio, Right Worshipful Brothers Yanakakis and Culbertson, for their assistance and support, and most especially the Brethren of the state, who either submitted programs or attended the event. Without you the 2022 Golden Gavel Awards would not have been as successful as they were.

The judging of the submissions was carefully thought out, and thoroughly done in a fair and unbiased manner. Each submission was electronically submitted through the MassMasons.org website, were assigned into their respective categories, and held there until judging. Having the submissions done this way made it easier for the judges to pick their choices and for the data to be collected for the final voting. It also will make it easier to slide all the submissions into the idea store so that lodges can look at what events or programs they may be able to do in their area.

Judges were hand-selected by the chairman and judging coordinator, with approval from the Grand Master. We asked two PDDGMs from each zone to be on the judging panel, and an unaffiliated brother from the committee so that fairness would be given to all submissions. It took two weeks to finish the judging, decide the three finalists, and winner in each category (except the Grand Master's Choice, which doesn't have to be explained). After that was completed, the release of the finalists were done over a period of 10 days, so that lodges could purchase extra tickets if they would like for the show. Certificates were made by Rt. Wor. Brother James Orgettas for the winners from the Golden Gavel Awards, and separate certificates will be made for the finalists that did not win. ■

## THE 2022 GOLDEN GAVELS COMMITTEE

**Rt. Wor. Christopher Tonini**

*Committee Chairman/Show Coordinator*

*Rt. Wor. Keith Gobin, Venue Coordinator*

*Rt. Wor. Craig Clafin, Judging/Assistant Show Coordinator*

*Rt. Wor. Evangelos Liapis, AD Book/Catering Coordinator*

*Rt. Wor. Christopher Lindsay, Treasurer*

*Rt. Wor. Josh Mantello, Photography*

*Wor. James Uzdarwin, DeMalay Ushers*

*Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky, Information Services/Tickets*

*Rt. Wor. Peter Culbertson, Advisor*

*Wor. Ethan Gilson, A/V*

*Bro. Nathan Lewis, Art Direction*

*Rt. Wor. Tom O'Shaughnessy, KSA*

*Rt. Wor. Fred Dobson, KSA*

*Rt. Wor. John Bell, KSA*

*Mike Petit, Emcee/Comedian*

*Keith Fields and Lady Sarah, Comedy Act*



# 2022 WINNERS AND NOMINEES

## RUSTY BROTHER AWARD

**Pequossette Lodge "Come to Lodge" - WINNER**  
Norfolk Lodge "Friends We Have Not Seen in a While"  
Pentucket Lodge "Bring a Brother Back to the Best Fraternity"

## WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PROGRAM AWARD

**Thomas Talbot Lodge "Widows Holiday Luncheon and Care Package" - WINNER**  
Boylston Lodge "Christmas Widows Program"  
Saint John's (N) Lodge "Holiday Luncheon"

## ACTIVATION ACTIVITY AWARD

**Lafayette Greylock Lodge "Hill Degree" - WINNER**  
Caleb Butler Lodge "Grand Master Lodge Tour"  
Phoenix Lodge "Continuing During the Pandemic"

## PRESENTATION AT REGULAR COMMUNICATION

**St. Martin's Lodge "Appreciation Night for First Responders, Coast Guard, Police, and Fire Service Members" - WINNER**  
Star of Bethlehem Lodge "Presentation of a 156 Year Old Master Mason's Certificate, William B. Cushing, CMD, USN"  
North Quabbin Lodge "Excerpt on History of the Glass Industry 1880-1930 in the United States"

## BEST EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARD

**William Parkman Lodge "The Masonic Symbol and Meaning Education Series" - WINNER**  
The Consolidated Lodge "Masonic Education Lecture Series"  
Mayflower Lodge "Research and History Program"

## BEST LOI PRESENTATION AWARD

**Caleb Butler Lodge/14th Masonic District "14th District Men's Health Series" - WINNER**  
Azure Lodge "Best LOI Ever"  
Star in the East "LOI Covenant of Brotherly Communication"

## BEST MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE AWARD

**Charles W. Moore Lodge "Partnership with Clear Paths for Veterans" - WINNER**  
Good Samaritan Lodge "Scout Reach Program"  
Sinim Lodge "Mozart Birthday Concert"

## BEST FUNDRAISER AWARD

**North Reading Lodge "Help Us Help Him (Veteran BBQ Fundraiser)" - WINNER**  
Washington Lodge "Best Charity Fundraiser"  
Norfolk Lodge "Christmas Tree Sale"

## BEST PUBLIC RELATIONS PROJECT AWARD

**Marine Lodge "Falmouth Lighting of the Green and Holiday Parade" - WINNER**  
Mountain Lodge "Moonlight Magic and Santa's Workshop"  
Charles W. Moore Lodge "Staying Visible and Engaged"

## BEST MASONIC SERVICE PROJECT

**SMD-Help Program "Hospital Loan Equipment Program (HELP)" - WINNER**  
Friendship Lodge "Friendship Lodge Handicap Ramp Program"  
United Brethren Lodge "Feed a Neighbor"

## BEST CHARITABLE EVENT AWARD

**Sinim Lodge "Tokyo Christmas Joy Charity Drive" - WINNER**  
William Sutton Lodge "Kentucky Tornado Relief"  
Bristol Lodge "Magical Night for Make a Splash"

## BEST FELLOWSHIP/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT AWARD

**Star in the East "Clue Murder Mystery Night" - WINNER**  
Mount Zion Lodge "Annual Halloween Trick or Treat"  
Good Samaritan Lodge "Hiram's Battery"

## BEST PANDEMIC AWARD

**Marine Lodge "The Officers and Spouses of Marine Lodge Flatten the Fear" - WINNER**  
Charles W. Moore Lodge "Charles W. Moore Lodge Lengthens Our Cable-Tow to DC"  
Fifth District "Working Through the Pandemic"  
Wisdom Lodge "2020 Golfing for the Pandemic Tournament"  
Lafayette Greylock "2022 Hill Degree"

*On the first ballot, all five lodges above were voted to win this award.  
On the second ballot, after much deliberation, the tie was broken.*



# VETERAN'S MEDAL 2022 RECIPIENTS



The following Master Masons will be eligible to receive their Veteran's Medal this year. This medal is awarded to men who have been Masons for 50 years. Anyone raised at any time during 1972 will be recognized in 2022.

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

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

in 2022 and generously sent to TROWEL. Thank you to all the Masters, District Deputies, members of Grand Lodge, and their photographers for taking the time to share these pictures.

Masons are listed in their current lodge, which may or may not be the lodge where they were raised in 1972. If you have any concern about being included in the listing, or any question about your membership status, please contact your lodge Secretary, who will consult your membership records for you.



## Bro. William Lumsden Knott

On February 23rd at Azure Lodge, Walpole, Bro. William Lumsden Knott, accompanied by his wife Agnita, was awarded his 50-year Masonic Veterans Medal in a Gates of Memory Ceremony performed by the Kilwinning Club of Boston. Bro. Knott remarked that it was a "very moving and enjoyable evening." The Gates of Memory Ritual was revived and rewritten for the Kilwinning Club of Boston in conjunction with Rt. Wor. Larry Bethune. It is now a cornerstone of the Kilwinning Club of Boston's repertoire. For more information, contact [kilwinningclubofboston.org](http://kilwinningclubofboston.org).



-By Rt. Wor. Gordon Craig

### AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE

Bro. Mark Sheldon Linsky

### ANCIENT YORK LODGE

Bro. Richard Allan Gray  
Bro. Frederick Kingston Lorman

### ANCON LODGE

Bro. Robert Theodore Russell, Jr.

### ASCENDUS LODGE

Bro. Robert Hume Fisher  
Bro. Michael Alan Shadoff

### AURORA LODGE

Wor. David Paul Macklin

### AZURE LODGE

Bro. William Lumsden Knott

### BAALIS SANFORD LODGE

Bro. Michael Arthur Soares

### BETHESDA (W) LODGE

Bro. Costas Petros Floros  
Wor. Alan Edward Otash

### BLUE HILL LODGE

Rt. Wor. John Endicott Hutchins

### BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. Edgar Wilfred Gelinas  
Bro. David Jerome Pauze, Sr.  
Wor. Silvain Emiel Schulze

### BRISTOL LODGE

Bro. Robert Scott Eddleston, Sr.

### CARIBBEAN NAVAL LODGE

Bro. John Joseph Hollowood  
Bro. Alenjandro Reyes Vedo

### CELESTIAL LODGE

Bro. William Finer

### CHARLES C DAME LODGE

Bro. Ronald Orcutt Pearson

### CHARLES RIVER LODGE

Wor. John Thomas Doyle  
Bro. Ronald Earl Lincoln  
Bro. Franklin Christian Roberts  
Bro. Clyde Allan Todd

Rt. Wor. Wayne Marshall Vinton  
Bro. Alan John Whitecross

### CININNATUS LODGE

Bro. Stanley Norman Marder  
Bro. Richard Francis Zucco

### COCHICHEWICK LODGE

Wor. Wesley Rhodes Hull

### CORINTHIAN LODGE

Wor. Norman Joseph Adrian

### DANIEL WEBSTER LODGE

Wor. Paul Vincent Malley

### DAY SPRING LODGE

Bro. Robert John Weldon

### DELTA LODGE

Bro. David Samuel Wirkala

### EASTERN STAR LODGE

Bro. Cornelius Vincent  
Harrington, Sr.

### ELM-BELCHER LODGE

Bro. Charles Russell MacGowan

### EVENING STAR LODGE

Wor. Rainsford Balloch Morehouse

### FELLOWSHIP LODGE

Wor. Allen Robert Blanchard

### FRANK W THOMPSON LODGE

Wor. Robert Sanford Brand  
Wor. Charles Russell Philbrick

### FRATERNAL LODGE

Rt. Wor. William Findlay Carr  
Wor. Louis Chandler Emrich

### FRIENDSHIP LODGE

Bro. Rosario Serrentino  
Bro. Richard Edward Storms  
Wor. Robert James Sweet, Jr.

### GARDEN CITY LODGE

Bro. Steven A Grossman

### GATUN LODGE

Bro. Thomas Anderson Simcox

**GOLDEN RULE LODGE**

Bro. Walter Fredrick Emerson  
Bro. Robert Michael Joseph

**GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE**

Bro. Philip George Dole, Sr.  
Bro. Michael Winn Shaffer

**HAMPSHIRE LODGE**

Wor. George Thomas Brooks  
Bro. Arden Gilbert Wimer

**HARMONY LODGE**

Bro. Lawrence Wesly Emerson  
Wor. Martin Ellis Glaser  
Bro. Cornelius Stuart Putnam

**HAYDEN LODGE**

Wor. Wayne Westcott Burkhardt  
Bro. David Charles Jenkins  
Bro. Roswell Dana Johnson  
Wor. Phillip Fredrick Mulrain

**HOPE LODGE**

Bro. Bradley Steven Goodrich  
Wor. Larry Stephen Wood

**HOWARD LODGE**

Bro. Nelson Alfred Belanger III  
Bro. Carl William MacDonald

**HUELEN LODGE**

Wor. William Carman Wagner

**JOEL H. PROUTY LODGE**

Bro. Walter Andrew Gabriel

**JOHN HANCOCK LODGE**

Bro. Glen Edwin Davis, Jr.  
Bro. Alfred Carl Graichen

**JOHN T. HEARD LODGE**

Rt. Wor. William Kenneth Clapp  
Wor. Andrew Foster Creed

**JOHN WARREN LODGE**

Bro. George Edward Robinson

**JOSEPH WARREN-SOLEY LODGE**

Bro. Thomas Francis Norton

**KING DAVID LODGE**

Bro. Eugene Perry Costa

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Bro. William Sumner Fancher, Jr.  
Bro. Edward Everett Grace  
Bro. George Daniel Rosenfield  
Bro. Joseph William Rosenfield

**KONOHASSETT LODGE**

Bro. Robert Chandler Clark  
Bro. Gerard Horace Gould  
Bro. Milton Leeds Kerr III  
Bro. David Edmund Truesdell III

**LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE**

Bro. Francis James Morandi

**LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE**

Bro. Harold Edwin Benedix  
Wor. Thomas Augustine Connors, Jr.  
Wor. John Charles Ramm

**LYNNFIELD-ZETLAND LODGE**

Bro. Richard Lee Shanler

**MANCHESTER LODGE**

Bro. Ernest Thomas Niebler

**MASSASOIT-NARRAGANSETT LODGE**

Bro. David Thomas Clarke

**MAY FLOWER LODGE**

Bro. Robert James Allison

**MERIDIAN LODGE**

Wor. Robert Harvey Mandel  
Bro. Givin McLaren Owen

**MERRIMACK LODGE**

Bro. Stephen Michael Ryan

**MORNING STAR LODGE**

Bro. Christopher Ivan Borglund  
Wor. Neil Harry Janson  
Wor. John Eric Norgren

**MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE**

Bro. Maurice Abromson  
Wor. Robert Louis Baker  
Bro. Russell Wayne Harrington

**MOUNT HOLLIS LODGE**

Rt. Wor. Jack Edward Anderson  
Wor. David Henry Higinbotham  
Wor. Walter Judson Waring

**MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE**

Bro. William Frank Astley  
Bro. Robert William Lynes  
Bro. William Ira Shattuck, Jr.

**MOUNT HOPE LODGE**

Wor. John Richard Lopes

**MOUNT HOREB (D) LODGE**

Wor. Paul Melville Henderson  
Rt. Wor. Chronis Kalivas

**MOUNT ORTHODOX LODGE**

Wor. John Demetrius Kallipolites

**MOUNT TABOR LODGE**

Bro. Alfred Chandler Coffin, Jr.

**MOUNT VERNON-GALILEAN LODGE**

Bro. William Vail Kellen Fletcher II

**MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE**

Bro. John Kakavoulis  
Bro. Robert Henry Kelley  
Wor. Thomas Michael Leach  
Bro. David George MacLeod  
Bro. Robert Sylvain

**NEW MOON LODGE**

Rt. Wor. George Arthur Hadley  
Wor. Kurt Kenneth Haswell

**NOQUOCHOKE LODGE**

Bro. Donald William Fitton  
Bro. Frederick Clark Wilbour III

**NORFOLK LODGE**

Wor. William Anthony Thompson, Jr.  
Bro. Herbert Shaler Williams, Jr.

**NORFOLK UNION LODGE**

Wor. Robert George Olson, Jr.

**NORTH QUABBIN LODGE**

Bro. Richard Chase Castine, Jr.

**NORTH READING LODGE**

Bro. Hal Griswold Dwyer  
Bro. Willard Gary Weightman

**NORUMBEGA FRATERNITY LODGE**

Bro. John Rainey Barr III  
Bro. George Evangelos Danis  
Bro. Richard Dana Sherman  
Wor. Charles Stanley Turcotte

**OLIVE BRANCH LODGE**

Wor. William Paul Bedord  
Bro. Robert John Bernard

**ORIENT LODGE**

Wor. Donald John Carpeno



Wor. Mike Chiler, Master of Webster Lodge; Rt. Wor. Anselme B. Maxime, Wor. John C. Shaw, and Massachusetts Grand Lodge Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Russell E. Lowe.

## Webster Lodge A.F. & A.M. Awards Wor. John C. Shaw

The members of Webster Lodge A.F. & A.M. and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts honored Wor. John C. Shaw, a Past Master of Webster Lodge with a 50 Year Veterans Medal on February 21, 2022. The presentation was made by Rt. Wor. Anselme B. Maxine, District Deputy Grand Master of the 24th Masonic District and a Past Master of Webster Lodge. Adding to the significance of the occasion was the presence of honored guest and Massachusetts Grand Lodge Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Russell E. Lowe, as well as Masonic Officers from both Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Wor. Bro. Shaw has had a remarkable 50-year journey in Masonry, having been an active member and officer in Masonic lodges in both Massachusetts and Maine. Wor. Bro. Shaw has dedicated his life to serving others, be it in the classroom or in the pulpit. An ordained minister, Wor. Bro. Shaw has served the Masonic Fraternity faithfully for these 50 years. Always a steady influence, Wor. John C. Shaw has been a supportive and positive guide to many, Masons, and non-Masons alike. Thank you and well done Wor. John C. Shaw.

*-Wor. Richard Clark*

**PAUL REVERE LODGE**

Bro. David Thin Wong

**PENTUCKET LODGE**

Wor. Joseph Louis Husson

**PHILANTHROPIC LODGE**

Bro. John Burt Palmer  
Wor. Dincer Ulutas

**PHOENIX LODGE**

Bro. Elmer Russell Lindvall  
Bro. Edwin Roland Lofgren

**PLGRIM LODGE**

Wor. Karl Emerson Dunakin, Jr.

**PLYMOUTH LODGE**

Rt. Wor. Russell William Nickerson

**PROSPECT LODGE**

Bro. Robert Winsor Fogerty

**QUITTACUS LODGE**

Bro. Robert Carlton Cook

**RABBONI LODGE**

Bro. Norman Irving Gotshalk  
Wor. Robert James Jones II

**RURAL LODGE**

Bro. William Schon Ellsworth, Jr.

**SAGGAHEW LODGE**

Bro. Thomas Stone Page, Sr.

**SAINT ALBAN'S LODGE**

Bro. Thomas Wilson

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# 50 YEAR VETERANS



At the Installation of Wor Joseph J Turner on Saturday, September 18 th , 2021 Rt. Wor. Alan R Welch presented a Past Master of Converse Lodge, Wor Edward C Wright with his well-deserved 50 year Veterans medal. This was done so that Wor. Ed's friends and family were allowed to see this prestigious presentation. Pictured: Wor. Ed's daughter, Brianna, Wor. Edward C Wright and the 4 th District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Alan R Welch.



William Wagner of Huelen Lodge, Chile



Rt. Wor. Chester R. Dunn of Thomas Talbot Lodge



John McGowan of Rural Lodge

## SAINT GEORGE LODGE

Wor. George Frederick Hebert  
Bro. Stewart Thomas Mitchelson

## SAINT JOHN'S (N) LODGE

Bro. Sumner Florin Ellis

## SAINT MARK'S LODGE

Bro. Archie Milton Janvrin, Jr.  
Bro. James Lagoulis  
Bro. Robert Gabel Quayle

## SAINT MATTHEW'S LODGE

Bro. Robert Scobie Hamilton, Jr.  
Bro. Henry Kirk White

## SIMON W. ROBINSON LODGE

Bro. Robert Louis Bailey, Jr.  
Bro. Ronald Wilbur Witty

## SOCIAL HARMONY LODGE

Bro. Richard Charles Hunting

## SOJOURNERS LODGE

Bro. Charles William White

## SOLOMON'S TEMPLE LODGE

Bro. Alan Smith Keeler

## STAR IN THE EAST LODGE

Bro. Wayne Alton Braley

## THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE

Bro. Gary Ira Burgin  
Bro. Samuel Lloyd Fischer  
Rt. Wor. Gary Charles Miller

## THE MEADOWS LODGE

Bro. Bruce Hayward Garrett

Bro. James David Gosselin

Wor. Kenneth Edward Taylor

## THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE

Wor. Wayne Wallace Anderton  
Wor. John Ivan Donahue  
Rt. Wor. Ronald James Gerring  
Bro. Phillip Beau Zeman

## THOMAS TALBOT LODGE

Bro. Robert Benjamin Simington

## TRINITY LODGE

Wor. James Bryant Clemence, Sr.

## UNITED BRETHREN LODGE

Bro. Salvatore Greco  
Bro. Shawn Charles Kelley

## WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE

Bro. Donovan Robin Bowley

## WAMPATUCK LODGE

Bro. James Francis Aikens  
Bro. Lowell Leslie Darling

## WEBSTER LODGE

Wor. John Calvin Shaw, Sr.

## WEYMOUTH UNITED

## MASONIC LODGE

Bro. James Dudley Asher, Jr.  
Bro. Donald Leonard Hetherington  
Bro. George Herbert Raymond

## WILDER LODGE

Bro. Charles Lewis Heffelfinger  
Wor. George Daniel Pushee III

## WILLIAM NORTH LODGE

Bro. Robert Theodore Kropilak

## WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER-KILWINNING LODGE

Bro. Stephen Frank Kosciolk

## WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE

Bro. Charles Otto Bjorkman

Wor. John Richard Gear

Bro. Nicholas J Lanzilli, Jr.

Bro. George Russell Smith

## WYOMING LODGE

Bro. Wayne Ayer Mader

Wor. William Paul Wohlfarth

# 50 YEAR PAST MASTERS

The following Masons served their lodges as Master in 1972. They are listed in alphabetical order by name of the lodge served, which in many cases is not the lodge in which the honoree is now a member. These Past Masters are recognized in 2022 with certificates of service from the Grand Master.

Wor. Bradford L. Bigelow  
*Ashler Lodge, Rockport*

Wor. Wayne S. Smith  
*Bay Path Lodge, West Brookfield*

Wor. George J. Leocopoulos  
*Belcher Lodge, Chicopee Falls*

Wor. Mowry E. Tennant  
*Bristol Lodge, North Attleboro*

Wor. Gerald J. Singer  
*Canaan Lodge, Everett*

Wor. Charles R. Lavallee  
*Canal Zone Lodge, Ancon, C.Z.*

Wor. Bruce S. MacInnes  
*Constellation Lodge, Dedham*

Wor. Morris J. Harrison  
*Delta Lodge, Braintree*

R. W. Robert G. Goodfield  
*Eden Lodge, Ware*

R. W. Keith M. Raftery  
*Evening Star Lodge, Lee*

Wor. Alan H. Woodrow  
*Excelsior Lodge, North Attleboro*

R. W. Robert A. Goewey, III  
*Federal Lodge, Chester*

Wor. Harry N. Atamian  
*Friendship Lodge, Wilmington*

Wor. John Rogers (posthumously)  
*George H. Taber Lodge, Fairhaven*

Wor. Leonard Kopelman  
*The Harvard Lodge, Boston*

Wor. Ronald M. Brown  
*Ionic Lodge, Taunton*

Wor. Peter A. Jones  
*Jerusalem Lodge, South Hadley*

Wor. Roland E. Gooch  
*King David Lodge, Taunton*

Wor. Ronald H. Tolin  
*Martha's Vineyard Lodge, Oak Bluffs*

Wor. Raymond R. MacNeil  
*Milton Lodge, Quincy*

Wor. Richard B. Scott  
*Mount Holyoke Lodge, South Hadley Falls*

Wor. James E. Thistle, Jr.  
*Mount Horeb Lodge, Dennis*

Rt. Wor. Hagop V. Demirdjian  
*Mount Vernon Lodge, Malden*

Wor. Donald W. France  
*Noquochoke Lodge, Westport*

Wor. Vincent A. Moulton  
*Norfolk Union Lodge, Randolph*

Wor. Louis J. Lucas  
*Olive Branch, Millbury*

Wor. Alfred O. Ohlson  
*Orange Lodge, Orange*

Wor. John N. Olsen  
*Palestine Lodge, Everett*

Wor. Gordon E. Thayer  
*Pilgrim Lodge, Harwich*

Wor. Charles E. Thompson, Jr.  
*Pittsfield Lodge, Pittsfield*

Rt. Wor. Demetrios J. Sarantopoulos  
*St. George Lodge, Brockton*

Wor. Paul W. Stanwood  
*Saint Mark's Lodge, Newburyport*

Wor. Walter C. Pihl  
*Satuit Lodge, Scituate*

Wor. Christopher L. Glasscock  
*Sojourners Lodge, Cristobal, C.Z.*

Wor. Steven W. Ziegler  
*Soley Lodge, Lincoln*

Wor. Elmer L. Maxwell  
*The Lodge of Stirling, Malden*

Wor. Edward G. Najjar  
*West Roxbury Lodge, Roslindale*

Rt. Wor. Ronald W. Wetmore  
*William Sewall Gardner Lodge, Lowell*

Wor. Ronald C. Sawyer  
*William Sutton Lodge, Saugus*

## 60-YEAR PAST MASTERS

SERVING IN 1962

Wor. Arnold B. Wilson  
*Henry Price Lodge, Charlestown*

Wor. Neilson C. Gass  
*John Warren Lodge, Hopkinton*

Wor. Raynor G. Adams, Sr.  
*The Tyrian Lodge, Gloucester*

Rt. Wor. John H. Hart  
*Corinthian Lodge, Concord*



## 50-YEAR PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

SERVING IN 1972

Rt. Wor. Paul W. Rolston  
*Brighton 5th Masonic District  
Belmont Lodge*

Rt. Wor. Allen G. Zippin  
*Chicopee 18th Masonic District  
Samuel D. Sherwood Lodge*

## A 50-YEAR PAST MASTER'S IMPACT



A wonderful friend of mine, The Reverend Stephen A. Trimble, now pastor of the First Baptist Church in North Attleboro, remarked from the podium at my late wife's funeral, that "life is about relationships." Perhaps no institution, other than Freemasonry, drives home this point with greater fervency and zeal. It is with this simple truism on my mind and in my heart that I relate a story of brotherly love and affection that took place on the evening of February 20th, 2020, at Old Colony Lodge.

As it turns out, I am the organist in six lodges in the 18th Masonic District, a position I occupy with enthusiasm and simple adequacy, if not great capabilities. I have performed this activity out of love for the Craft and the fact that it keeps me involved with my friends. I should also point out that this was one of the last meetings before the pandemic shut our lodges and created a situation that is so very antithetical to the very foundations of our precious institution.

I sat down to dinner before our meeting and after a few moments, a very distinguished looking older gentleman sat down next to and introduced himself to me. "Charlie Black," he said, sticking out his hand which I took and replied, "Michael Smith," and thus began a remarkable monologue filled with wisdom and uncommon clarity. Charlie, or more formally, Wor. Charles E. Black, was present to receive his 50-year Past Masters' Award and had a great deal to talk about. First, he apologized for not being more present in lodge in recent years. As time had marched forward, the winter had kept him away and in the warmer months, he spent most of his time in Maine. He spoke at length and easily, lamenting the loss of the Ancient Penalties and the abbreviated ritual that had gathered steam in the recent decades. He also suggested that in earlier times our fine brotherhood brought men like Rt. Wor. Leverett Saltonstall and Rt. Wor. Carl Claudy into the circle that he knew.

I began to wonder about Charlie. Who was this man and what was his path through life? It took little prompting, and the answers came in a flood of information. The Honorable and Worshipful Charles E. Black had joined the Army after graduating from Boston University School of Law. He spent time in the Judge Advocate General's service before becoming part of the reserves. There was a short stint as legal counsel for an insurance company before he was appointed to the Brockton District Court and then recalled to active service as the Judge Advocate General for the six New England States. He returned from the military a second time to serve as Chief Judge of the Quincy District Court, finally retiring from the

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# Commandery Knights Honor The Unknown Soldier

On Saturday, April 16, Right Eminent Grand Commandery Knights Templar Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Sir Knight Peter A. Mooradian, his Warder Russell H. Dumas, Past Grand Commanders James S. Stone Sr., and George L. Herbolzheimer IV, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C., as part of the Easter Sunrise Weekend.

Each year, Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar from across the country make a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., for the annual Easter Sunrise Service which is held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Along with the wreath-laying, there was a banquet on Saturday night at the hotel for Sir Knights and their guests. This weekend is open to all Knights Templar and their guests, and is a great way to meet York Rite Masons from across the country.

*-Rt. Wor. Bryan Simmons*



## Masonic Plate Stories

### Missed Plate Opportunity

*Saturday, March 5, 2022. Approximately 3:00 PM.  
Stop and Shop parking lot, North Beverly, MA.*

I was leaving the supermarket, and when I was climbing into my car I heard a man's voice from a car parked next to me. I was in a hurry and didn't immediately understand his comment, but acknowledged it with a wave of my hand. I closed my door, started the engine and prepared to pull away. The other car pulled away in the opposite direction. That was when I realized that he had said, "Nice plates Brother." This was a young man and possibly a relatively new Mason and I didn't want him to go away thinking that he had run into a Grouchy Old Mason. I tried to catch up with him by driving around the parking lot and I did see him again, but only when he was back out on the road heading in the opposite direction. We waved at each other, and when I could, I turned around and tried to catch up with him, but I lost him. I would really like to meet this Brother and apologize for not stopping to speak with him.

"If you are reading this, Brother, please contact me, Rt. Wor. Ross Pope, a member of John T. Heard Lodge, Ipswich, at [arpope@comcast.net](mailto:arpope@comcast.net)."

*-Rt. Wor. Alexander Ross Pope*

### Masonic Plates Provide Rewards

My Masonic license plate has brought me several rewarding experiences. One day, I pulled over beside a pond in Rochester, MA, to take some pictures of an osprey nest. Before I could get out of my truck, I heard a man say, "Hello Brother." It didn't sink in right away until the man said, "I saw your plate, you must be a Mason." Well, that opened the door to a great conversation. Turns out he was a member of Plymouth Lodge, and I'm a member of Phoenix in Hanover. We're both in the 18th Masonic District. I learned a lot about him. He's retired, loves to go fishing, and doesn't get to lodge because of a medical condition. It was a pleasant meeting. We wished each other well and continued on our way.

My second encounter was outside the Hanover, MA Post Office. I came out of the door and encountered a man standing by my truck. He introduced himself and said he had noticed my Masonic license plate. He proceeded to tell me about several local Masons he knew, some from my lodge, and what good men they were. He went on for quite a bit until I interrupted him and said he should consider becoming a Mason since he thought so much of these men. That's when he acknowledged he was a member of Old Colony Lodge in Hingham, but being self-employed, he never had time to attend. I invited him to come to dinner at Phoenix since he already knew some of the members. I assured him he didn't have to stay the whole night if time was a problem. I haven't seen him yet, but I'm hoping he'll find the time to come.

A returning customer came into the shop and asked whose truck outside had the Masonic plate. I said it was mine, at which point he said he was a Mason. He'd been to the shop several times, but we never made the connection. A week later he was my guest for dinner at Phoenix Lodge. *-Bro. Jonathan Bond*

*Do you have an experience from seeing or having a Masonic plate? Send it to the Editor of TROWEL at [editortrowel@gmail.com](mailto:editortrowel@gmail.com).*

# THE GRAND MASTER'S 2022 FLORIDA TOUR



## WEST PALM BEACH



## FORT MYERS



## TAMPA

# 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 his 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 salt and you couldn't eat it. He added that 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 he 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

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*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.*

it may, with other efforts, actually help attract members to meetings and turn candidates into regular attendees. I am fond of saying, "In the lodge room, 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 11 am 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 11 am. The opening drops to 10:30 am on those days when something special is happening, like a visit by 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 Susan Hicks, the wife of our Junior Warden. In the spirit of full disclosure, I should note that 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. ■



# 250TH REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION STARTS WITH MASSACHUSETTS FREEMASONRY

by Rt. Wor. Bryan Simmons

March 5, 2022, marked the 250th anniversary of Dr. Joseph Warren's first Boston Massacre Oration. Dr. Warren had become the Grand Master of St. Andrew's Lodge in 1769 and was actively involved in nearly every major insurrectionary event in the Boston area in the decade leading up to the battle of Bunker Hill where, ultimately, he was killed.

In 2020, the Grand Master formed a committee to plan for the coming 250th anniversary of the iconic events that led to American independence. Partnering to build relationships with local museums and historical societies throughout New England, the Massachusetts Freemasonry, Rev250, a state committee appointed by the Massachusetts Historical Society to work on the anniversary, and the Dr. Joseph Warren Foundation, held five events over the course of three days to help highlight Warren's important contributions to the causes of freedom and liberty. They examined not only the role of women, but also the massacre's most famous victim, Crispus Attucks.

Grand Lodge, as well as other lodges, generously lent items from their collections for display, which included a Warren Family bible that dates from 1609, a charter signed by Paul Revere, as well as Masonic jewels that Revere crafted in the 18th century. Other displayed items featured



replica coffin lids of the massacre victims and a portion of one of Dr. Warren's missing medical ledgers that highlighted care for the massacre's often forgotten sixth victim, Christopher Monk. Many of the displayed items had not been viewed publicly in centuries.

This celebratory program launched the first of many coming events that Massachusetts Freemasonry will be conducting and sponsoring throughout New England over the next decade when Freemasonry will celebrate its own anniversary of 300 years in 2033. ■

## Operation CPR

by Rt. Wor. Robert F. Stanley

The first Coast Guard training in CPR took place on May 9th at Station Boston, located in the North End. Operation CPR shows the work of Grand Lodge with the US Coast Guard Station of Boston to provide required CPR, AED, and First Aid Certifications.

Rt. Wor. Robert F. Stanley was contacted by Bro. Mark Sedgwick of Plymouth Lodge to conduct the training. Bro. Sedgwick is a member of the USCG Auxiliary and in his role as a National Branch Chief for the USCG Human Resources Directorate, he is charged with finding instructors and coordinating the training for the crews.

Seven Coast Guardsmen passed through the training are assigned to the USCGC *Pendant* (WYTL 65608) - 1 of 15 small (65 feet long) harbor tugs in

Boston. The crew is led by BM1 Johnathan Clow, Executive Petty Officer.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Stanley was able to successfully certify the entire crew and presented each of them with their required certifications. Operation CPR will continue through the spring and into summer as the incoming USCG Fast Response Cutters come into port.

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.

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mark.s.sedgwick@cgauxnet.us*



# FRATERNITY News & Events



## Middlesex Lodge with M.A.S.O.N. Helps Ukraine

All the remaining equipment from the Medical Apparatus Serving Our Neighbors (M.A.S.O.N.) program, very similar to the H.E.L.P. program, has been donated to Ukraine. The donation and effort were a part of a project with Rotary International District 7910 (Central Massachusetts) to provide much needed medical equipment and supplies to a field hospital in Zaporizhie, Ukraine. In addition to the donations by Middlesex Lodge, there was equipment from a physician's office in Fitchburg. The equipment will be in New Jersey where it will be unloaded. The entire contents will be shipped to Ukraine to be unloaded by Rotarians and Boy Scouts. Donations by Middlesex Lodge included hospital beds, commodes, crutches, walkers, C-PAP machines, approximately 250 stuffed animals, wheelchairs, and related equipment. *-Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto*



## A Warren for Bro. Wright

Rt. Wor. Dennis E. Reebel (PJGW and Past Potentate), Rt. Wor. Kevin J. Willis, Wor. David Jackson (Master of William Parkman Lodge), Wor. David T. Wright, Rt. Wor. Paul J. McMahon, and Rt. Wor. Ernest A. Pearlstein (PJGW and Chief of Staff for Aleppo Shriners) were all present to witness when Noble and Bro. David T. Wright (a proud member of the Aleppo Fire Brigade) was presented with his well-deserved Distinguished Service Award on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at William Parkman Lodge. Congratulations, David. We are very proud to see that all the work you do is noticed and appreciated. *-Rt. Wor. Ernest A. Pearlstein*



## H.E.L.P. At Health Fair

Bro. Antonio "Tony" Aufiero, Wor. David Jackson, Bro. Richard Legier Jr., Rt. Wor. Ernest Pearlstein, Bro. Richard Wing, Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky, Wor. Michael Morris, Jr., Rt. Wor. Vincent Marino, all of William Parkman except Rt. Wor. Bro. Pearlstein from The Masters Lodge at the Burlington Regional Health Fair.

## Quinebaug Honors Vets and First Responders

On Monday night, May 2nd, family and friends gathered at Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge to honor their Veterans and First Responders. The lodge was packed with brethren in all kinds of past and present uniforms to represent their service. There were individuals from the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, National Guard, along with Firefighters, Paramedics, Emergency Response personnel, and State Police. It was an incredible sight to see - all these brethren showing their pride by representing their service.

A highlight was watching the Color Guard march into the room to a standing ovation, holding the flags of their branches of service. Navy Master Chief Brother Larry Olsen, from Joel H. Prouty Lodge of Auburn, marched in his Class A uniform displaying numerous medals and hash marks on his sleeve, signifying his years of service. Master Chief Bro. Olsen was at attention when he blew his naval boatswain pipe call. He recited a touching poem in tribute to our veterans and first responders.

Wor. Larry Burbridge is a Vietnam veteran and a past



*The Brethren, most in uniform, holding the Military and First Responder flags.*

master of Quinebaug Lodge. He received a Letter of Commendation from our 24th District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) Rt. Wor. Anselme Maxime for serving a second term as Master of Quinebaug Lodge.

*-Bro. Vincenzo Jimmy Falzone*



## Tahattawan Honors Those Who Gave All

Each year, for the past several years, on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, Brothers from Tahattawan Lodge have met at Westlawn Cemetery in Littleton to place Masonic flags on graves of our departed Brethren. This year, over 100 Masonic flags were placed, with remembrances shared of those we knew who have gone before us. L to R: Wor. Dennis Gibbons, Rt. Wor. Kenneth Atkins, Rt. Wor. Donald Stevens, Bro. Robert LaVallee, Bro. Jonathan Resnick, Bro. Charles Ellis, Bro. Stephen Rogg, and Future Past Master Aiden Gibbons.

*-Rt. Wor. Don Stevens*



## Drone Photo Presented to Washington Lodge

On July 13, Wor. Joseph J. Turner of Converse Lodge presented a framed photograph to Wor. Robert L. DiCesare, the Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge in Lexington. Wor. Bro. Turner is an accomplished, certified drone pilot. He took this aerial photo of Washington Lodge on a recent trip to Lexington and was pleased to present it to the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Turner is also on the Speakers Bureau, available on MassMasons, and is available to give a presentation on drones and his experiences with aerial photography.

*-Rt. Wor. Don Stevens*



# LODGE IN FOCUS: SINIM LODGE IN JAPAN



## Sinim's Grand Lady

On April 23rd, 2022, at the "70 Years of Sinim Lodge in Japan Gala," Rt. Wor. Michael Craven and Wor. Andrew MacKinlay together presented Wor. Keith Hager's daughter, Nancy Hager, a Grand Lady's Award for her dedication to the Craft. We are thrilled to announce this special moment on behalf of Sinim Lodge and the 32nd Masonic District. We are so happy to have Nancy's continuous support.

*-Rt. Wor. Michael Craven*

## Sinim Lodge Celebrates 70th in Japan

On April 23, 2022, Sinim Lodge gathered to celebrate their 70th anniversary since their relocation from Shanghai to Tokyo in 1952. Originally chartered in 1903 under (China) District 32, with special dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, along with Ancient Landmark Lodge, Hykes Memorial Lodge, and others. Sinim Lodge was the only lodge to re-open after the events of World War II and the ensuing Communist Revolution. Eleven members of Sinim Lodge and four members of Ancient Landmark had relocated to Japan in 1952, including Past Master Wor. Henry Kay. However, it was our first Chinese Master, Wor. Peter Chao, who actually rescued our charter from the Masonic Temple Building in Shanghai when the Communists first took charge. He met Wor. Bro. Kay for lunch in Hong Kong and passed it along to potentially re-establish in Japan.

To celebrate one of the oldest English-speaking lodges here in Japan, last weekend over 75 attendees from at least 4 different lodges were present. Although mainly under the Grand Lodge of Japan, they included Tokyo Masonic Lodge #2, Far East Lodge #1, Yuai Lodge #11, and DeMolay Land Lodge #22, who all seemed to revel in the celebrations. They enjoyed a sumptuous banquet and rejoiced in the Brotherly love which was ever-present.

The Tokyo Masonic Center's Scottish Rite Hall played host to this memorable black-tie gala with fine dining, live music, live-painting succeeded by a charity auction, as well as the presentation of this year's Grand Lady Award, plus a brief explanation of Sinim's history and relocation to Japan. Having foregone the annual installation banquet due to COVID restrictions, it was truly a pleasure to see so many Brothers reaching out and forming new bonds with their fellow Freemasons here in Japan. It really felt like the epitome of those who can best get along and best agree. Long may our warm friendships continue far into the future!

*-Wor. Andrew MacKinlay*





## Diaper Formula One Drive Begins

Bro. Richard P. Legier, Jr., of North Reading Lodge and Junior Deacon at William Parkman Lodge, a single father, received help from the Department of Children and Families with diapers and formula for his son Ricky Jace Legier, born July 12, 2018. He wanted to give back. He worked with the Craft to create the Diaper Formula One Drive to provide diapers and formula to the needy. Four Lodges had drives: North Reading, William Parkman, Lynnfield Zetlin, and Reading Lodges.

The drives were so successful that three truckloads of diapers and formula were delivered to two different districts of The Department of Children and Families (DCF).

M. Wor. Paul Gleason and Bro. Legier made the first drop of diapers and formula at the Arlington DCF location, which covers families all the way down to Marlborough. The second trip by Wor. Paul Orr, Bro. John Robinson, and Bro. Legier distributed them to the Wakefield office, which covers all the way up to Gloucester.

Many were involved with the project, including the Grand Master, M. Wor. Richard Maggio, and Past Grand Master M. Wor. Paul Gleason, and their families. Thanks go to Brother Brian Cavanaugh for helping distribute fliers to people down at the HELP Program in Woburn. A special thanks to Wakefield York Rite Bodies. They were the first to kick start the momentum of this project with a substantial donation. Others included Wor. Jay Garrett for helping with the graphics on the flier for distribution, Rt. Wor. Paul McMahon for helping spread the word on all of his Fraternal visits in the mighty District 13, and Bro. Curt Nietzsche through the Lodge of Instruction held at Good Samaritan Lodge. Also, at North Reading Lodge, Wor. Basil Pawlyk set up the event with the help of Wor. Bill McIntire and Bro. Richard Ward.

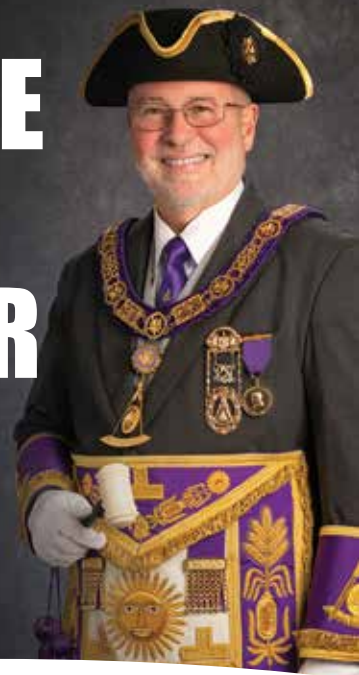
William Parkman Lodge provided help from Wors. David Jackson and Robert MacIntosh. There was a grand finale at Lynnfield Zetlin Lodge at Wor. Bro. Orr's My Brother's Table, including M. Wor. Bros. Maggio and Gleason and their Grand Ladies at the Wakefield Masonic building.

The plan for next year is to include all the lodges in District 13 to hold a Diaper Formula One Drive. Eventually, all of Masons in Massachusetts can help as many families as possible. Any Master of any lodge can serve their community through this project and everyone can relate to children!

This project shows that anyone who puts their mind to something good, no matter how long they've been a Mason or what office they hold, the Fraternity will always support efforts and there will always be Brothers willing to put in their time and energy. God Bless Freemasonry. *-Bro. Richard P. Legier, Jr.*

# ASK THE GRAND MASTER

by Most Worshipful  
**Richard Maggio**



**Wor. Matthew Stewart, Thomas Lodge (Wor. MS):**

I want to be certain that Grand Lodge will not have cause to take issue with me if I submit an editorial to a newspaper about any topic, providing that I do not disclose that I am a Freemason, or speak for Freemasonry in the article. Is that correct?

**M. Wor. Richard Maggio, the Grand Master (GM):**

Yes, as an individual only. You can state your opinion as a person or as an individual, but you can make no disclosure on behalf of Freemasonry. Easy ways of doing that are phrases such as, "Speaking for myself, not Freemasonry," or "Yes, I am a Mason, but I don't speak for Freemasonry in any way, only as an individual citizen."

**Wor. MS:** People who read any such editorial may know that I am a Freemason, and I would not be able to control any associations those people may make unless they reach out to me directly.

**GM:** Agreed.

**Wor. MS:** As you stated in the Guidance, there are many things happening in this country that a person may wish to try to change, or redirect, and as Masons promise in our obligations, we must stay true to our own consciences, and act accordingly.

**GM:** The Guidance states that we speak up "as individuals and not as spokesmen for the Fraternity. No Member, Officer, or body of Masons has the right to speak or act in the name or behalf of Freemasonry except as to matters exclusively Masonic."

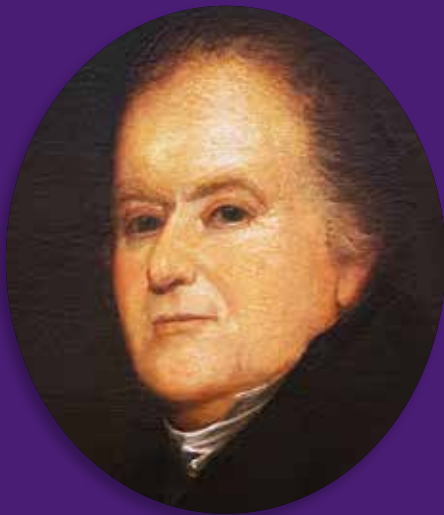
**Wor. MS:** Thank you for your time and consideration.

**GM:** I hope this offers the clarity you requested. Feel free to reach out to me anytime with any questions you may have. ■

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# Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



Most Worshipful

Dr. Josiah

Bartlett

1798-1799, 1810

*Industrious and Upright*

*The 41st installment in the  
continuing series focused on our past  
Massachusetts Grand Masters.*

A tour of our Grand Lodge always brings visitors to Corinthian Hall, where portraits of fifteen of our earliest Grand Masters hang. The guide is quick to point out Henry Price and Joseph Warren and, possibly, Isaiah Thomas, but the other twelve are often passed over, just pictures on a wall. Yet these Brothers all deserve our attention, for their character and their service, during the unexplored past, unreachable and unknowably distant.

One such portrait, not far from Brother Revere, is that of Josiah Bartlett, who served as Grand Master of our Grand Lodge directly afterward and again for one year more than a decade later. Unlike his distinguished and much-celebrated predecessor, he granted very few charters (five during his first two years, and two during his last one), and his orations and addresses betray a humility and reserve that belie his skill and intelligence. In his many capacities in the Fraternity, his was always a steady hand, firm and decisive, but respectful of the landmarks, traditions, and history of Freemasonry.

For example, he was elected Grand Master in December of 1797, and in his address he began,

*“With emotions of gratitude and anxiety, I address you on this occasion, for whilst I offer my unfeigned acknowledgments for the repeated tokens of your respect and confidence, when I contemplate the talents, the patience and unwearied exertions of a Price, of a Tomlinson, an Oxnard, a Gridley, a Rowe, a Warren, a Webb, a Hays, a Cutler, and a Revere, I experience a full conviction of my inability to discharge the important duties to which your partiality has invited me.”*

Many of his public utterances suggested the same - that he was honored by the choice, but unsure whether he was equal to the task. Yet he fulfilled his duties in each case with skill.

Our brother was born in 1759 in Charlestown, and began his career in medicine at an early age, serving as a surgeon's mate in the Continental Army from 1775 until 1780. He then resigned his commission, serving on two voyages as a surgeon for ships of war. He became a Mason soon after his time in service. He was raised in Union Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts (Independent) Grand Lodge. Not long after, he and seven others met at the house of Richard Trumbull, a silversmith in his native town, and voted to present a petition to the Grand Lodge for a charter. This was granted in September, 1783, by M. W. John Warren. Dr. Bartlett was its first elected Master, and he served in that capacity for two years. This lodge - which still occupies a preeminent place on the rolls of our Grand Lodge - prospered under his leadership. In 1786, it took up residence in Warren Hall, a meeting room attached to the Warren Tavern, and Bartlett gave a memorable address at its dedication.

In 1794, when future Grand Master John Soley was Master of King Solomon's Lodge, Brother Bartlett was chosen to give the address of dedication for the first Bunker Hill Memorial. At the time, he was serving as Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge, after having been Senior Grand Warden for the previous two years. This monument

was supplanted by a newer one, the cornerstone of which was dedicated in 1825 by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

At the end of 1797, Brother Bartlett was chosen as Grand Master, succeeding Paul Revere, who had been extremely active in the role. While he did not explicitly say so in his first address, he had determined to move at a more careful pace, not because he was displeased with the work of the Grand Lodge under Revere's leadership. He said, "Three years have elapsed since I last had the honor of holding an office in the Grand Lodge, and, unambitious of any further preferment, I have beheld with pleasure, from the background of the picture every successful attempt to beautify its appearance or increase its usefulness."

Indeed, he was most proud of the work of the Grand Lodge, but believed that such growth was not sustainable. He appointed a committee in December, 1798, to consider a moratorium on the erection of new lodges for just that reason. From the vantage of historical perspective, this might have been mistaken, at least regarding the growth of Freemasonry in Massachusetts from 1792 to 1797. Today, more than two and a quarter centuries later, most of those lodges still exist, but it is true that many of the lodges chartered after 1797 have fallen by the wayside. Whatever the case, only two of the lodges to which he granted charters in 1798 – Marine of Falmouth and King David of Taunton – survived through the years and the storms to come, while three others – Mount Moriah of Reading, Social of

Ashby, and the original Eastern Star of Rehoboth – eventually failed during the Anti-Masonic period.

From the very start, Brother Bartlett cautioned his brethren that the duties of his profession, and his residence in Charlestown (then very much a separate location from Boston) might hinder his participation in, and attendance at, Grand Lodge. He directed that the Grand Lodge should commence work in his absence if he was more than a half-hour late. By the middle of 1799, his responsibilities were enough of a distraction that he turned the government of the Grand Lodge over to other officers, and declined to be nominated for the Grand Mastership for a third year.

Between 1800 and 1810, Brother Bartlett was active in

the affairs of the medical profession, particularly with the Massachusetts Medical Society, and in the activities of his native town and state, serving in both local and Massachusetts state offices. He was a well-known and much sought after speaker, and delivered many addresses to both Masonic and non-Masonic audiences. At the end of 1809, during which year M. W. Isaiah Thomas had returned to serve as Grand Master and Bartlett had served as Master of King Solomon's Lodge, there was a contest for the office of Grand Master, with five possible candidates, including Thomas himself. It was sufficiently contentious that the Grand Lodge adjourned overnight without a decision. Evidently, there was some amount of give and take, because on the following morning Bartlett was elected on the first ballot.



*The "new" Bunker Hill Monument from 1890.  
Inset, the original monument from 1828.*

A great deal had changed since his last term of office, and Grand Master Bartlett had to deal with the contention between the Lodge of St. Andrew, lately brought under the authority of the Grand Lodge, and Rising States Lodge, composed originally of brothers of that lodge that had not wanted to stay loyal to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. That matter was not resolved until the term of Bartlett's successor, Timothy Bigelow.

After his single year term, Bartlett again retired "to the ranks." In his later years, he continued to be active as a member of Grand Lodge, particularly as a trustee of the Charity Fund. He continued to be a well-regarded orator. He gave a memorable oration on the death of his friend, colleague, and fellow Past

Grand Master John Warren in 1815. His last notable speech was at the installation of Grand Master Francis Oliver in December, 1818. Some time during the next year he suffered a stroke, which ultimately hastened his early death at age 61, in 1820.

In his time and long after, Dr. Josiah Bartlett was highly regarded and esteemed both as a Mason and as a pillar of the community. When his portrait was presented to Grand Lodge many years later, Past Grand Master Charles A. Welch described him as "an ardent patriot, [a] skillful physician, faithful Mason, [an] industrious and upright man." This more than adequately summarizes the worth of this honorable gentleman and Brother. ■



Tonya Landry



Christina Killizli-Salameh

## Two New Hires at Overlook

The Overlook, in Charlton, MA, is pleased to announce that Tonya Landry joined The Overlook team as Health Center Administrator on March 28, 2022. Tonya has worked in healthcare for more than 15 years. Tonya is a highly motivated and seasoned leader with a focus on patient satisfaction, quality outcomes, streamlining processes, and building relationships. Tonya recently worked with The Mentor Network, as Regional Director of Operations. Tonya graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Masters in Business Administration, having previously received a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy in MA and RI, and served in the United States Coast Guard as a 2nd Class Petty Officer. Tonya resides in Harrisville, RI, with her husband and two sons. Tonya enjoys the outdoors, gardening, and hiking. Quality time with family and friends is key! Tonya will be leading the charge and be responsible for maintaining high quality resident care at The Overlook and building strong clinical teams. She will report to Kristine Binette, Executive Director of Overlook Communities.

We are also pleased to announce that Christina Killizli-Salameh, MBA, joined The Overlook team as Chief People and Culture Officer in February, 2022. Christina has more than 20 years working with non-profit organizations, largely focusing on human resources, operations, administration, finance, information technology, and information systems. Christina comes from River Community Health Boston, where she was Chief Administrative Officer. She is passionate about arriving at data-driven solutions through a range of innovative, technological resources and enjoys problem solving. Christina graduated from Suffolk University in Boston with a Masters in Business Administration, having previously received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management with a minor in Accounting from Newbury College in Brookline.

Christina is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and sits on the MBA Board of Suffolk University. She is also a licensed real estate broker in MA and CT, a certified Notary Public, and a Cultural Awareness Trainer. Christina resides in Holland, MA, with her husband and son. She is a proud first generation college graduate, fluent in English and Arabic, and in her free time she enjoys the outdoors and camping. Christina will be working closely with frontline managers and senior leaders to achieve organizational goals, building consensus, and promoting collaboration and growth within The Overlook.

The Overlook is a Continuing Care Retirement Community offering Independent Living Cottages and Apartments, Short-Term Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Enhanced Living, all with private rooms and Adult Day Health on the Charlton Campus. The Overlook also provides Visiting Nurse, Hospice and Palliative Care, Private Duty Services, and Care Management – focusing on vitality and well-being. ■

## Primary Care Comes to Overlook

The Overlook has now added primary care medicine to its growing list of amenities in Independent Living. In April, The Center for Health and Well-Being, in partnership with Integral Health, began providing physician services to people who live in the community. Integral Health Partners is an innovative team of Board Certified Geriatric Nurse Practitioners and MDs serving individuals in many types of care settings throughout the region. Overlook is fortunate to have Integral Health serving almost 80 residents who have chosen to receive excellent medical care with the convenience of remaining on campus. The patients receive annual wellness visits, urgent visits, disease prevention, medication management, EKGs, labs, diagnostics, and many other





services here on the Overlook campus. Dr. Allison Hargreaves and Nurse Practitioner Jennifer Stanhope are in the clinic two days a week for scheduled visits and are available on the other three days to conduct urgent visits.

Dr. Hargreaves is a Board Certified Family Medicine Physician, has a UMass Faculty Appointment, and is the Medical Director of the Health Center. She has a strong clinical interest in serving older adult populations and palliative care. She has extensive experience in primary care medicine, acute care, post-acute, and long-term care. Dr. Hargreaves believes, "Our older adults deserve the best in health care. Care that is comprehensive, patient-centered, and evidence based."

NP Jennifer Stanhope is a Board Certified adult-gerontological primary care Nurse Practitioner. During her career she has worked in many care settings, including post-acute care, long-term care, outpatient primary care, and end of life care. Jenn thinks, "It is important to be able to provide individualized care among such a medically complex population while honoring each patient's wishes and goals of care." Jennifer is a proud member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the Massachusetts Coalition of Nurse Practitioners.

The medical clinic is the fulfillment of the first phase of a long range plan to "Create a Community within a Community." With this clinic, the Overlook is able to benefit new residents who arrive from out of state in need of a primary care doctor. Additionally, the clinic will reduce unnecessary ER visits and hospitalizations, provide greater focus on patient centered care, and allow residents to remain healthy longer and be more active in their care. In the event of an unavoidable hospitalization, residents can continue to receive their rehabilitation from Dr. Hargreaves or NP Stanhope in the Overlook Post-Acute unit, who will also follow them closely upon discharge, in their own apartments. If a referral for home care or hospice services is needed, they facilitate referrals to the OVNA and Hospice, closing that loop to ensure that our residents receive the best and most seamless care possible.

As part of the Overlook's commitment to providing on-site care to residents and staff, Integral Health is now providing pre-employment physicals with long-range plans to provide comprehensive Occupational health. Overlook's multidimensional approach to wellness does not stop with medical care. Plans for a Mental Health clinic and nutritional consultations with a dietician, as well as educational offerings are on the horizon. All of these initiatives make the Overlook an innovator in health-care in Central Massachusetts and beyond. ■

## Major General Henry Knox and Rose of Sharon Lodges Paint at Charlton



*Front Row, Left to Right: Bro. Harry W. Manuel, Rt. Wor. Philip Nowlan, Wor. Bill Peterson, Bro. Steve Dragon, Wor. Ron Higgins  
Second Row, Left to Right: Bro. Bob Serrichio, Bro. Stephen (Bob) Munier, Bro. Dana Gould, Wor. Joseph L. Mondor, Bro. Jeff Michael, Bro. Dennis Lincoln*

This past February, Major General Henry Knox Lodge Bro. Bob Serrichio contacted our Director of Facilities, Bro. Ryan Moore, indicating several brothers wished to volunteer their services by performing some maintenance for the Overlook facility in Charlton, Massachusetts. Bro. Moore welcomed their offer and suggested the pavilion and the five cabanas in the outdoor recreation area could use some tender loving care and a new coat of paint.

On July 9th, seven brothers from Major General Henry Knox Lodge arrived at 8:30 a.m. and joined seven brothers from the Rose of Sharon Lodge. The weather was perfect, warm, and dry, with a pleasant breeze. The work party immediately started scraping and painting. By 11am, 80 percent of the work had been completed. We broke for a lunch of pizza, soda, watermelon, and a much-appreciated Senior Moment beer provided by our Brewmaster, Bro. Steve Dragon.

By 1pm, the work was completed, and we took pictures of the work party. Wor. Eric Wipfler, Past Master of Major General Henry Knox Lodge and Bro. Robert Childs, member of Rose of Sharon Lodge, were part of the work party, but had previous commitments and had to leave before the pictures were taken. Before the MGHK brothers departed for Boston, we gave them a tour of the Rose of Sharon Lodge. It had been an enjoyable day working with our brothers from Boston and making new friends. We at the Overlook are grateful to all the brothers that so willingly volunteered their time to improve the scenic beauty of our campus.

**-Bro. Bill Kenyon**





# ASK THE GRAND LECTURER

by Rt. Wor. Nicholas J. Mantello

Senior Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts



## Entering/Exiting a Lodge

**Q:** *Is there a proper way to enter a lodge that has been already tyled?*

**A:** Yes, there are a few nuances that you should be aware of if entering a tyled lodge. Your first contact will be with the Tyler. You need to express your desire to enter or visit (if not your home lodge), and make sure he

informs you of the degree the lodge is now opened on. The Tyler should never make the demand at the door while the lodge is at prayer, in the middle of a degree, or during a ballot. It should be at a break in the business or the degree. After the Worshipful Master gives you permission to enter, walk directly to the West of the Altar and confirm that the Great Lights are in agreement with the Tyler's information about the degree. If the Great Lights differ from the Tyler's information, salute with the due-guard and sign of the degree displayed by the Great Lights and go directly North or South to a convenient seat.

**Q:** *Is exiting an open lodge permissible?*

**A:** Yes, absolutely. If you know before the lodge meeting that you will need to depart, you should make your

intentions known to the Master, so that he will not be taken by surprise by your departure. When leaving, it should be achieved with as little disturbance and notice as possible. Give a slight wave or prearranged gesture to the Master, and after his nod or sign of approval, rise, go directly to the West of the altar and salute with the due-guard and sign. Go to the door where the J.D. will tyle the door for your exit.

If your departure is an emergency, use the words our Grand Master has asked us to use - "Follow Reason." If possible, inform a nearby Brother of your emergency. Rise and walk directly to the door and exit. Depending on the urgency, if time permits, go directly to the West of the altar, give the due-guard and sign, and exit without tiling. The object is to depart with as little disturbance to the harmony as possible.

**Q:** *Should I show the due-guard and sign if exiting a Table Lodge?*

**A:** Yes, the lodge is open on the EA Degree and is tyled to the non-initiated. Standing to the West of the altar at the open end of the horseshoe, giving the EA due-guard and sign would be proper. If it is an emergency, again, follow reason. ■

*To ask the Grand Lecturers a question, send an email to Rt. Wor. Nicholas Mantello, [nicholas.j.mantello@gmail.com](mailto:nicholas.j.mantello@gmail.com).*

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bench only to keep working. He taught for a decade at Curry College and chaired the Governor's Select Committee on Domestic Violence.

This one-sided conversation continued after the accolades and honors that filled the meeting. I found myself playing "Harlech Men" with unusual verve and vigor after the photographs and the march around the lodge room. Downstairs, over coffee and cookies, Charlie found me again, only this time he was more philosophical. A group of us listened as he quoted Cicero, Plutarch's *Lives*, and Homer. He reminded us of the flaws in all men by comparing us to Achilles and noted that life is filled with cautionary tales that most often teach us that the easiest path is almost never the best course. Wor. Bro. Black was, put simply, fascinating and remarkable. A lesson in the axiomatic reality that none of us really knows who we are talking

to at any particular point in time.

Time waits for none of us, and the night flew by before I even realized that it had passed. There was work in the morning for my son, Robert, and I was getting tired. We said our goodnights, wishing each other well. I congratulated our 50-year Past Master, and he thanked me for my kindness. Before I knew it, I was in the car with Rob, and we were headed home. Thus ended my only night with Charlie Black, for I would never see him again. Little more than eight months later, a week after my 70th birthday, Wor. Charles E. Black took a fall in his yard. A few days later, he fell out of our lives and crossed the river, leaving us behind. The pandemic even forbid us saying goodbye. For many of us, one night with Charlie Black will have to do for the rest of our lives. I think of him often and feel the certainty of his place in the affections of The Supreme Architect of the Universe. I hope our conversation will pick up where he left off that night in February when I see him again. **-Bro. Michael Smith**



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