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GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS FALL 2023

Tea Time!
Dec. 15-17

**2023 Masonic
Anniversaries**





From the East of Grand Lodge
MOST WORSHIPFUL GEORGE HAMILTON

Brethren,

By now, I hope that most of the Brethren of Massachusetts have received a birthday card from me which included a painting, from the Library of Congress, depicting the Boston Tea Party. Also on the card is a photograph of the meeting minutes from the Lodge of Saint Andrew, reading, "Lodge closed (on account of the few members present) until tomorrow evening."

The Boston Tea Party took place at Griffin's Wharf in Boston Harbor on the night of December 16th, 1773. Approximately 150 men, disguised as Native Americans, deposited into the harbor 342 chests of tea belonging to the British East India Tea Company. It was an act of political protest in response to the 1773 Tea Act imposed by the British Government on tea exported to the American Colonies. The Boston Tea Party was executed by the Sons of Liberty. Among its members were Massachusetts Freemasons such as John Hancock, Paul Revere, Isaiah Thomas, and Joseph Warren. The group is known to have met at the Green Dragon Tavern which was owned by the lodge of Saint Andrew. Hancock, Revere, and Warren were members of the lodge.

We are excited to celebrate the 250th anniversary of this historic event this year in December, and we hope to be surrounded by many Masonic friends and leaders of the community. Several local and regional historians will be speaking at the Grand Lodge on December 16th, during the day. Historical artifacts will also be on display and building tours will be conducted all day. In the evening, the Massachusetts Brethren and our guests from other jurisdictions will proceed from Grand Lodge to the Griffin's Wharf for the ceremony at the Tea Party ships. We hope to line the streets in commemorative white aprons and lanterns. Please register for the events using the information provided on MassMasons and come show your support! Wouldn't it be nice if there were 1000 Masons in attendance!

It may seem strange to some that an organization, which strives so earnestly to avoid politics and religion in the meetings and activities of lodges, should revel in these historic acts of defiance.

There are a couple simple reasons. First, the lapse of time has softened the animosity attached to these events and united us as a country, embracing the principle of a government, "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Our friends in Great Britain and around the world have also come to embrace the values inculcated in our Constitution. Secondly, we are proud that Masonic thought-leaders of their day were able to take the Masonic principles of the Anderson Constitutions and, as individuals, apply them to develop a system of government that has done more to uplift humanity than any other system devised by man.

Since 1733, when the first Masonic lodge was chartered in Massachusetts, Freemasons have always exercised their prerogatives of free thought and action in all matters, religious or civil. They have done so as individuals and not as spokesmen for the Fraternity. We take pride in the principles of our Fraternity that helped mold our founding fathers. Our Fraternity continues to focus on developing the individual and instilling, in the Brethren, the highest ideals of service to humanity.

So, as we celebrate these events, we need to renew our devotion to improving ourselves in Masonry to be the best men we can. By doing so, we are best prepared to serve as leaders in our places of worship, our civic groups, and communities and to practice, out of the lodge, the great moral duties inculcated in it.

God bless our beloved fraternity and God bless America!

Sincerely and fraternally,



Most Worshipful George Forest Hamilton

Grand Master



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The Gift of Mystery

The four were well dressed. They wandered around, hands in their pockets, nervous. They were even more frightened when, after prayer, they were directed to the buffet with a universal wave of arms and a, "Candidates first." All four took too little food and avoided anything red: their white shirts wouldn't appreciate a stain. They chatted with their soon-to-be-Brothers like they were at a job interview.



I sympathize. When I finally made it to my First Degree, I was with four other men. We did the same thing. Living with mystery is a gift to every Brother. There are moments in Masonry that, to the disengaged, seem repetitive. We say the same ritual, we dress the same way, and the green beans for dinner will always get caught in our teeth.

But when we're engaged, actively aware of our lodge and our time with our Brothers, we are happily mystified. There is an endless stream of surprises, like the first time we were initiated. The surprises can be the excellent performance of a Brother, the silly mistakes of another, the musical commentary by the Organist, or the joy of the candidates when they complete their degrees. Every moment in lodge is a mystery to be savored.

It is that sense of wonder, that openness to the possibilities of the next moment, that makes the life of a Mason joyful. That fear, excitement, and exhilaration at initiation helps Masons have the spring in our step. It helps Masons to enjoy every night with our Brothers, every day at work, every moment with our families. It makes us exciting, vibrant members of our community. It made us thrilled to pick up those crates of tea 250 years ago.

From the moment we are told when we will be taking the 1st Degree, we have begun a journey with no map - only the goal of becoming better men trying to take good, virtuous actions with joy. Lots of joy.

Fraternally, Lee H. Fenn

Are you a Revolutionary Mason?

Send in a photo to editortrowel@gmail.com. It must be taken with a camera, serious, and no glasses like the photos we have used. If we publish it for the next 250th article, we will send you a "Revolutionary" copy for your use.

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Thank You for Your Service

As we gathered to develop a Veteran's program for the upcoming Masonic year, it became evident just how significant this task was. We consistently hear from individuals that the sense of Brotherhood experienced through military service is one of the aspects that attracts members and candidates to the Fraternity. With this in mind, our objective was to create something that would truly stand out. We wanted a service member to be easily identifiable, allowing anyone to approach them and express gratitude for their service.

We were incredibly fortunate that M. Wor. George Hamilton shared our vision. He was generous enough to collaborate with us in developing the General George Washington Military Service Medal. Bro. Washington was not only a founding father and prominent Freemason, but also our nation's first

Commander in Chief. He served as an inspiration for this prestigious award.

With the assistance of Bro. Rinaldo Borges at Art Gold Jewelry in Everett, we explored various designs until we arrived at the current medal. The final product exceeded our expectations, and we are immensely grateful to everyone who contributed to its development and creation. The Grand Master has gone a step further and ordered a medal for every deserving member of the fraternity in Massachusetts. We hope to distribute these medals in time for Veterans Day events, allowing us to honor and acknowledge the service of our members.

Please keep in mind, when you come across a member wearing this distinguished medal, take a moment to express your gratitude for his service. It is a small gesture that can mean a great deal to those who have served.

-Bros. Eric Norton and Michael Armitstead

Wilder Lodge and District 22 Ride for Charity

On Saturday, August 26, 2023, we had the Second Annual Memorial Bike Ride for Bro. Thomas Long. On August 21, 2021, Tommy passed away after several days of hospitalization and surgeries following a motorcycle accident in West Boylston. Tommy was 37 years old and left behind a wife and two young daughters. The loss was devastating for them, as well as his parents and brother. We felt his loss at Wilder Lodge, and we still miss him greatly. Last year

was the First Annual Memorial Ride and the proceeds went to a new college fund for Widow's children.

This year, Tommy's mother, his widow, and their two daughters joined us. It was a wonderful day that provided us an opportunity to honor our obligation. Over 40 motorcycles participated, as well as a few cars. Following a salute to the flag and a couple of tunes by Bro. Stuart Paul on his bagpipes, Brothers from Wilder Lodge, our district, and beyond, including many Widows Sons, rode a route similar to last year's route. They passed by the Old Stone Church in West Boylston,

driving past the accident site, and back to the lodge for food and fellowship. Many words were spoken, and we all toasted Tommy with his favorite beverage - diet Mountain Dew. We raised almost \$3,000 for the Orphans College Fund at the Lodge and are still accepting donations—please contact Wor. Greg Seward at Wilder, 508-713-5536, or mail to Wilder Lodge, 69 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453, and note Orphans College Fund on your check.

We hope that you will join us next year for the 3rd Annual Memorial Ride—Saturday, August 24, 2024!

-Wor. Gregory Seward



The Act of Prayer Is Not an Art

by Rt. Wor. & Rev. Paul Starratt, Grand Chaplain

The act of prayer should never be confused with the art of prayer. If you are a Freemason, you have witnessed the art of prayer during the opening and closing of a lodge communication. It happens when the Chaplain is escorted to the altar, where he offers an invocation to deity. This could be described as an audible prayer, or a scripted prayer, that is often prepared in advance, or read directly from the trestle board. A key component to the art of prayer is that someone has taken the time to carefully craft the prayer to match the occasion. The art of prayer can be very moving, thought-provoking, or even inspiring to those in attendance.

The act of prayer is altogether different. The act of praying occurs when an individual spontaneously or extemporaneously communicates with God, with no regard for syntax, grammar, meter, or vocabulary. God is the only audience, and the conversation is often private. The act of prayer happens at the side of a hospital bed while holding the hand of a loved one, or at the end of a runway before the plane attempts to take off. For some, the act of prayer is part of a daily routine, or when we pause from the routine of the day to lift up our thoughts, joys, and concerns to deity. A key component to the act of prayer is that it comes from the heart when a person bares their soul to God.

A problem arises, however, when the art of prayer discourages men from the act of prayer. The very thought of praying is intimidating to some because they lack the skill or experience to pray eloquently or with theological proficiency. They do not sound like the Chaplain at the altar, and their prose is nothing like the trestle board. The fear of judgment and criticism leaves them silent, and they allow the prayers to be delegated to others who are well versed in the art of praying.

It is important to remember that when it comes to prayer, God is on the level. He does not turn away from our prayers if our grammar is wrong, if our

nouns morph into verbs, or if we end our prayer with a preposition. The Supreme Architect of the Universe is the very standard of perfection, to whom we constantly compare ourselves for improvement, and He knows our limitations and shortcomings. We do not need to impress the Supreme Architect when we pray, and it is not necessary to teach God with our many convincing words.

So, the next time you witness the art of prayer, enjoy it for all that it is worth. Appreciate that someone took the time to thread the words together into a meaningful tapestry of spiritual inspiration. Even more so if they are trained and educated in the art of prayer, or if they just have a spiritual heart that allows the words to flow like poetry. But, do not let the art of prayer rob you of the joy and exhilarating rapture that you can experience by praying yourself.

God is listening and no one else. It is a private conversation, and you can bare your soul to the Supreme Architect without fear of judgment. Prayer is the gift of being invited to dialogue with your creator. You are not being called to the principal's office to get a stern lecture, or being told to stand up and give an oral book report in front of your fifth-grade class. While prayer does give us the opportunity to wrestle with the struggles and challenges in our lives, it is always done in the company of the Supreme Architect, who wants to help.

The discipline of prayer is very cathartic, brethren, and you would do well to incorporate it into your daily life. It can be like singing in the shower. It may not get you on the cover of Rolling Stone, but it sure does feel good! It will enrich your life and you will be surprised by how much you can benefit from spending a few minutes in conversation with God on a regular basis. Amen? ■



Grand Chaplain Rt. Wor. & Rev. Paul Starratt is a graduate of the Seminary of the East and currently retired from the vocational ministry.

THE SEPTEMBER 2023 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

On September 13, 2023, at 1:30pm, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful George F. Hamilton, heard the assembled Brethren cheer as he entered for the Fall Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. From the East, the Grand Master welcomed those attending the Quarterly online, especially those from the Massachusetts lodges in Chile, Panama, Guantanamo Bay (Cuba), and Tokyo, Japan.

The Color Guard, members of the Tall Cedars Massasoit Forest #91, presented the flags of the United States of America and Massachusetts. Saluting, covering their hearts, and the Grand Master perching the tri-cornered hat on his shoulder, all pledged their allegiance to the flag, then sang out the National Anthem.

The Grand Master introduced two members of the Color Guard: Wor. William D. Richards, Grand Tall Cedars Massasoit Forest #91, and Bro. Matthew R. Brodeur, Past

Grand Tall, same Forest, and Tall Cedars Foundation Director Region 11 — District 15. The Grand Tall Cedars told of their founding in the 1800s, their presence during the Anti-Masonic period when people scoffed at Masons, but adored the Tall Cedars (who, of course, were all Masons), and their work for Muscular Dystrophy, including the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

The Grand Master directed the Brethren to sing “Faith of our Father” as the Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. Michael R. Durocher, opened the lights. Grand Chaplain, Rt. Wor. Paul Starrett, invoked the blessing of Deity and the Grand Master declared the Quarterly Communication open in ample form.

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren of the “Delaware Clap.” The Brethren followed the Grand Master’s example and, in unison—or very close—in a single clap. He welcomed:

– Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (1775) –

M. Wor. Yves R. Maignan, Grand Master
Rt. Wor. Collin Herelle, Senior Grand Warden
Rt. Wor. Robert C. Young, Jr., Junior Grand Warden

M. Wor. Kenneth A. Clay, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Hampshire (1789)
M. Wor. Thomas E. Pulkkinen, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine (1820)
M. Wor. Jorge L. Aladro, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Florida (1830)
Rt. Wor. Samir C. Bichara, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge Rio de Janeiro (1927)
Rt. Wor. Leone Brandao, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais (1927)
Rt. Wor. Oscar M. Zepeda, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Baja California, Mexico (1933)
M. Wor. Robert H. Koole, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Japan (1957)

– Massachusetts York Rite Bodies –

Most Excellent Ernest Arnold Bean, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts
Most Illustrious Manual Ferreira, III, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts
Sir Knight Eugene Blake Nichols, 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. Scott D. Inglis, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts
Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Active for Massachusetts
Ill. Peter R. Smith, 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts
Ill. Robert E. Godbout, Jr., 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts
Ill. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts

– Other Masonic Bodies –

M. Wor. John J. Schurman, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star
Sir Knight Frederick J. Bowe, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth
Rt. Wor. Kenneth R. Blake, Chairman of the Board, Masonic Health System of Massachusetts

STREAMING

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

– District of Panama –

Rt. Wor. Eduardo Crocarno, District Grand Master

– Past Grand Masters –

M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames
M. Wor. Arthur Eugene Johnson (streaming)
M. Wor. Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr.
M. Wor. Jeffrey Black Hodgdon
M. Wor. Richard James Stewart
M. Wor. Harvey John Waugh
M. Wor. Paul Fulton Gleason
M. Wor. Richard Maggio



The Grand Master and his Officers enter the lodge room.

“We are fortunate for the support of those who provide us services behind the scenes,” continued the Grand Master. “Our First Responders, the Red Jackets, Rt. Wor. Jerry Bergeron, Captain, and our Production and Information Services Teams lead by Wor. Ethan Gilson and Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky. We thank you all for the talents you lend to our Grand Lodge.”

The Grand Master called on the Grand Secretary, M. Wor. Bro. Maggio, to give his reports. He explained the voting power of lodges and moved for the acceptance of the proxies. The latter was approved. The Grand Master explained the budget, which had been distributed, and the Grand Secretary moved for a vote. After a second, the budget was approved. Rt. Wor. John E. VanKuilenburg reported on the Records Committee, which was seconded and approved. Rt. Wor. Steve Cohn reported on the Committee on Charters and By-Laws: 16 changes were accepted, 5 were partially rejected. The report was seconded and approved.

M. Wor. Bro. Hicks provided the report from the Foreign Relations Committee. The Grand Lodge of Kazakhstan was found to meet the requirements for inclusion in the *The Acacia Book*, which is the current listing of lodges Brethren can visit. The report was seconded and approved. Eden Lodge and Thomas Day Spring Lodge petitioned for Consolidation. M. Wor. Bro. Maggio announced that they would be operating under the charter of Thomas Day Spring Lodge. The report was seconded and approved.

The Grand Master called upon his Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Kenneth J. Scott, for the sad duty of reading the necrology. He announced the loss to all Masons of eight of their Brothers who had taken with them to the Celestial Lodge above over 435 years of Masonic experience. The Brethren paid heed to the Grand Chaplain, Rt. Wor. Henry Peirce, and bowed their heads in prayer.

The Grand Master turned the Brethren toward the future Grand Wardens as they started their non-campaign. For the office of Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Master presented

Rt. Wor. Christopher Anthony Tonini, PDDGM, District 31, and Rt. Wor. Robert Edward Briggs, PDDGM, District 30. He presented Rt. Wor. William Ernest Yanakakis, PDDGM, District 10, and Rt. Wor. John Craig Toto, PDDGM, District 14, for the Office of Senior Grand Warden.

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren that “as Masons, we expect our members to behave in a civilized, lawful, and neighborly manner at all times. This applies to our behavior in everyday life, as well as within the confines of the Craft. We want our members to be good members of society, and useful in the community. It naturally follows that we should be very proud to be members of our Fraternity.” Two men did not live up to our high standards. They were expelled by a vote of the Brethren present.

The Grand Master directed his Grand Marshal to escort Rt. Wors. Leone Brandao and Samir Bichara to the East to present on behalf of Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais, a state in Brazil. A team from the 4th District traveled to Brazil, who were assembled in the East, for the 3rd Degree in front of 450 people. The degree was presented in English and Portuguese. Several awards of recognition were presented, among them the highest medal of the Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais. The Grand Master expressed his appreciation to the members of the 4th District for their outstanding representation of their Grand Lodge on this trip.

After being brought to the East, Rt. Wor. Nicholas Mantello presented the Grand Master with a pin from the Grand Master of Louisiana, an engraved Eagle Scout coin, and an Eagle Scout patch from a Brother who stopped at Williams Lodge. The Brother, Wor. George Mudge, traveled from Louisiana to Williamstown, where he was going to hike into Canada. It so happened that it was the day before the Hill Degree. He camped at the sight of the Hill Degree, enjoyed the degree and its unique setting, and departed for his hike.

The Grand Master directed Rt. Wors. Thomas McClintock and Gordon Craig to the East. They, along with Wor. James Field, Master of St. Albans Lodge, Wor. Steven



The Grand Master's nominees for Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. John Craig Toto and Rt. Wor. William Ernest Yanakakis.



His nominees for Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Christopher Anthony Tonini and Rt. Wor. Robert Edward Briggs.

Dray, Master of Rising Star Lodge (of 4 days!), Wor. Anibal Taveres, Master of J. Philip Berquist Lodge, and Wor. Jeffrey Miller, Past Master of Azure Lodge, presented a donation to the Brotherhood Fund from the 7th District Lodge of Instruction. This is the third annual Haircut Fundraiser for the Brotherhood Fund in memory of Bro. Eric Wickberg, who died of ALS in 2021. In addition, the Affinity Club, and Brothers of the Single Malt, donated to the Brotherhood Fund.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to enlist the Grand Stewards to retrieve the items in the antechamber. Much to the surprise of the Brethren assembled, a beautiful wooden set for the game of cornhole was brought into the Communication. One with the seal of the Grand Lodge, the other with the seal of the Scottish Rite. "I bet we could pit the Brotherhood Fund against the Grand Almoner's Fund, and no one would lose," joked the Grand Master as he proposed a game of cornhole. The set was a gift from Union Lodge and Wor. Shawn Robichaud.

Prior to his address, the Grand Master said, "Brethren, from time immemorial, members of our Fraternity have devoted themselves to the service of our communities, places of worship, our towns, and country. While it is not given for every man to take up arms in the service of our country, we can all honor and support those who protect us. US Servicemen have often been drawn to the Craft when their time of service ended. Servicemen formed strong fraternal bonds with their brothers in arms and when they return to civilian life, they wanted to associate with like-minded men and enjoy the Brotherhood that Freemasonry provides. By our latest numbers, over 2,600 Masons in Massachusetts are United States Veterans. Many

of these individuals still include men of the Greatest Generation. It is my direction that the Grand Lodge adopt a George Washington Military Service Medal. To be conferred by the Grand Master upon such Brethren as may have served in the US Military and honorably discharged from the same. The medal will be presented by the Master of the Lodge. A pin denoting the branch of the service or specific unit or honorary distinction may be worn on the ribbon of the medal. Brethren may wear the US Military Service Medal on special occasions, such as Memorial Day or Veterans Day, in place of other Grand Lodge medals, but

not in place of appropriate jewels," announced the Grand Master. He directed the Brethren to their District Deputy Grand Masters for more information. He then conferred the first medal to the Chairman of the Service Committee, Rt. Wor. Bro. VanKuilenburg.

The Grand Master began his address, "Brethren, I welcome you all back from summer and to begin the start of another Masonic year. Many lodges have been dark during the summer months, and I think this is a good tradition as it gives our wives and families a needed

break from our fast-paced Masonic schedule, as well as a chance to have family vacations and well-deserved down time." However, he noted, many Masonic events occurred over Summer.

In June, the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Scott, attended the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Annual Session. "On the weekend of Jun 22nd, I traveled with many of our Past Grand Masters to Washington, DC, for the final celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the Anderson Constitutions," said the Grand Master. "There was a Capital Hill breakfast with congressmen and staff, a wreath laying



Rt. Wor. John VanKuilenburg receiving the first US Military Service Medal.



ceremony at Mount Vernon, and a universal lodge meeting where every lodge officer performed the ritual of the long-form opening in their own native language. A bronze plaque was unveiled at the House of the Temple in Washington, commemorating the anniversary and recognizing the delegation in attendance.”

There were also events for the Appendant Bodies. The Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto, represented Grand Lodge at the 45th Shriner football game at Bentley University. “It was my privilege to attend the 2023 Shrine Imperial Session in Charlotte, North Carolina, from June 30th to July 6th. Aleppo and Melha Shrine were both well represented, and I was pleased to march in the parade with both temples. I attended the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation, at the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction’s annual meeting [6/21/23], as well as the biannual Supreme Council Session in Louisville, Kentucky.” In August, the Grand Master accompanied six other Brethren from Massachusetts to attend the Royal Order of Scotland session in Washington, DC.

As announced at the June Quarterly, there will be a Masonic Unity Picnic next summer. “I am pleased to announce that Rt. Wor. Bill Kessler will be the Chairman of the event.” The Youth Organizations’ events included Rt. Wor. Bro. Canhoto at the Rainbow Grand Assembly in June. “I attended the 2023 DeMolay Conclave at Nichols College in August [8/6/23], accompanied by many of the Grand Lodge Officers and permanent

members of our Grand Lodge.” The parades concluded last week with the D26 Greenfield Parade, which kicked off the Franklin County Fair last week. Rt. Wor. Bro. Canhoto represented Grand Lodge at the Framingham Flag Day Parade in June.

“Our Grand Lodge was pleased to host the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters of North America from July 21st to July 23rd. The conference was held at the Newton Marriott. The pillar officers of many jurisdictions were invited to attend. Our Masonic Education and Training

Committee, under the leadership of Rt. Wor. Michael Jarzabek, developed the program with local and invited speakers, and a range of topics covering History and Traditions, Back to Basics, and 21st Century Challenges. The keynote speaker was Mr. J. L. Bell, an accomplished Massachusetts historian, who spoke on the Myths and Realities of Colonel Henry Knox’s First Mission. The Grand Lady hosted the visiting ladies on a Boston Duck Tour, and held a luncheon and tour at 186 Tremont Street. Thank you to the Masonic

Education and Training Committee for making the event a success. Also, a special thanks to Rt. Wor. Bro. Moran and the staff who helped with all the logistics.”

And, yes, there was golf. “I was pleased to play in the Teddy Bear Classic Golf Tournament [7/24/23] at Juniper Hills Golf Course, along with the Grand Marshal,” smiled the Grand Master. This jurisdiction-wide event raised funds for all the Children’s Dyslexia Centers in Massachusetts. “Rt. Wor. Tom McClintock and the committee did an out-



The Grand Master approaching the mound to throw out the first pitch (rumor has it, right over the plate) for the Woo Sox. Photo credit: Tayla Bolduc/Worcester Red Sox.

Below Left: Rt. Wors. Leone Brandao and Samir Bichara with the Grand Master for many presentations. Center: The Grand Master received a custom made Cornhole game set from Union Lodge and Wor. Shawn Robichaud. Right: Rt. Wor. Nicholas Mantello presented the Grand Master with gifts from hiker Wor. George Mudge, from Louisiana.



standing job. The Grand Marshal and I also played golf with our ladies in the Union Lodge Golf Tournament on 9/11, held to benefit first responders in their community. Thank you to Wor. Brother Shawn Robichaud and the officers for a great event.”

The Grand Master attended the 225th Anniversary of King David Lodge rededication Carpet Ceremony and the name change Carpet Ceremony when the Consolidated Lodge changed their name to Henry Price Lodge. “It was our pleasure to hold a Rededication Ceremony in September [9/5/23]. Special Officer Jewels were struck to commemorate the new beginning for the lodge.” (See page 19.) Grand Lodge celebrated the merger of John Hancock and Merrimack Lodges [8/16/23], followed by the installation of the officers of the new lodge. “It was my honor, with the Grand Lodge Officers, to install the Officers of Star of Bethlehem Lodge and Norfolk Lodge. Congratulations to those lodges, and we wish them well for the new Masonic year.”

Rt. Wor. Bro. Scott, Deputy Grand Master, traveled to Sinim Lodge in Tokyo, Japan, in July to help celebrate their 120th anniversary and to present several awards. It is believed that this is the first time a Deputy Grand Master has traveled to District 32. (See page 14).

“I joined over 100 Masons at Polar Park on September 1st for the Worcester Red Sox versus the Norfolk Tides,” continued the Grand Master. “I was given the opportunity to throw out the first pitch of the game. Several days of training with my wife, the Phys Ed teacher, were necessary for me to get it over the plate, which I am happy to report I

accomplished. It may not have been the best pitch, but in my mind it was perfect. I thank Rt. Wor. Gary Levine and the D23 brethren for the special memory,” recalled the Grand Master to the joy of the Brethren present.

“I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Rocco Andrew Telese back in June at the Parker House in Boston. Mr. Telese was born in 1925, and served in the United States Army during the second world war in the Italian campaign. He worked most of his life for the US Postal Service, and is a lifelong resident of East Boston. It came to my attention through Wor. Bob Brown and the Shriners headquarters in Tampa, that Mr. Telese had long desired to become a Mason and thought the time had passed to make this a reality. After further consulting with the Worshipful Master of the Massachusetts Lodge, Wor. Tashane Dennis, and Rt. Wor. Tad Connelly, DDGM, Bro. Telese was initiated and passed in the Massachusetts Lodge and will be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Sep 18th. It is never too late to bring outstanding men of character into our beloved fraternity! I hope many

of you will have the opportunity to meet Bro. Telese. My heartfelt thanks to the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Massachusetts Lodge for making this a reality!”

The Grand Master reminded us that congratulation cards and onesies or bibs are sent whenever a Brother has a baby or grandchild. “They have the 1733 square and compasses logo and have the caption ‘Grand Master 20??’ or ‘Grand Lady 20??’ on them. The most recent one went out to Wor. Andrew Duhaime, of Puritan Lodge, *continued on page 30*



The photo of the shaved head of the 7th District DDGM, Rt. Wor. Thomas M. McClintock given to the Grand Master.

Below Left: The team from the 4th District traveled to Brazil for the 3rd Degree. Right: Rt. Wor. Gordon Craig presented a donation from the 7th District from their hair cutting event. There was also a donation from Brothers of the Single Malt.



GRAND WARDEN

CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

Rt. Wor. John Craig Toto



We all come to Freemasonry in a variety of ways. My journey began on my birthday, Saturday, October 18th, 2009. I was driving home to Wayland, on the phone with my wife Debby. I had completed all my errands and was looking forward to her great

cooking and homemade birthday cake. “Did you visit that Masonic Lodge in Lincoln,” she asked. “It’s kind of late in the afternoon, I was going to finish up some stuff around the house,” I said. “John, you’ve been talking about going to that Open House. Do that first or you’ll regret it,” Debby reminded me. I turned around and headed to the Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge around 3pm. I climbed the stairs, and

there was Rt. Wor. James K. Ray, Past Senior Grand Warden, and the Master, Wor. Malcom Burwell, who both greeted me with smiles and firm handshakes.

Fast forward to June 2010, my third degree. It was very hot in the lodge, much like this September’s Quarterly. After collation downstairs, the Master came over to me and asked if I would consider being Inside Sentinel. On the way home, I called my wife and told her of this incredible opportunity the Master was giving me. I was not aware of exactly what the Inside Sentinel did, but I was excited to be an Officer! Brethren, I’ve kept that excitement burning in me for everything I’ve done in Masonry. Whether it was being elected Master twice, appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 14th District, Grand Lodge Membership Committee, Chairman of Lodges of Instruction, creating a successful Golden Gavel-awarded Lodge Charity Night, or heading the restoration of the Joseph Warren Bible. My zeal for promoting the Craft and supporting our brethren is etched into me.

When I look back on 13 years as a Mason, besides the friendships formed, events attended, charities helped, it is the warm brotherly love I’ve received that displayed to me what this Fraternity is all about. It was a beautiful day on July 12, 2020. I was watering plants *continued on page 30*

CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

Rt. Wor. Robert E. Briggs



Iwould like to take this opportunity to tell you about myself. I am Robert (Bob) Briggs, a 4th generation Freemason. My dad and grandfather were raised in Mt. Carmel Lodge (now Ascendus Lodge), in Lynn, MA. My great-grandfather was a charter mem-

ber of Kora Temple in Lewiston, ME. I grew up in Williamstown, a small college town in the corner of the state bordered by Vermont and New York. In 1990, I was raised in Berkshire Lodge in Adams, MA, along with four others in my class. What a memorable night. I could not believe the number of brethren that attended our 3rd degree. Since being raised, I’ve joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsfield and the Melba Shriners in Springfield. I am also a member of the Berkshire Shrine Club.

Berkshire Lodge was and still is very active. We support local youth sports teams and operate a small concession trailer at many public events. While I belong to one Blue Lodge, that does not mean I don’t travel. I enjoy visiting other lodges and meeting new brethren. Freemasonry is strong in District 30, with five small lodges surrounding Mt. Greylock, the state’s highest peak, in rural northern Berkshire County. We march in local

parades, host nights out at the local ballpark, and have Ladies at the Table Lodge. We hold the annual Hill Degree, an outdoor degree in the Hopper Valley, west of Mt. Greylock in Williamstown, an event that you really would enjoy.

Since I was appointed to the role of District Deputy Grand Master in 2018, I’ve learned so much more about the lodges in our district. Each has its own distinct personality. Even our smallest lodge, with only 18 members, is strong and well-respected within its community. I’ve found that a lodge’s strength is not the quantity of the membership, but the quality of the brethren who are working together. Our numbers within the Fraternity have decreased, but we can continue to thrive and sponsor great men.

During my term as District Deputy Grand Master of 30th District, I worked with the brethren of our lodges to create a united brand, “Northern Berkshire Freemasons,” *continued on page 32*

CANDIDATES



CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

Rt. Wor. William E. Yanakakis



Freemasonry is a way of Life

I was raised to the sublime degree in 2003, and although I have only been a member of the Craft for twenty years, I feel like I have been a Mason for my entire life. We learn from our ritual that you are first prepared to be

made a Mason in your heart. These words are so very true. I remember the night of my Entered Apprentice degree as if it were yesterday. When my hoodwink was removed and my eyes adjusted to the dim lighting of the lodge, I recognized so many of my friends, relatives, and acquaintances in the room. I had no idea that these men were part of the Fraternity that I just waited three months to join. I recall the

collation after the meeting, and the friendship and fellowship which began that night, and is still alive today twenty years later. This is the true “secret” of Masonry - the bonds and friendships which last a lifetime.

I live in a small town on the north shore called Ipswich and work in an even smaller seaside community called Rockport. I consider both to be slices of heaven and am very fortunate to call both my home. Masonry is strong in both towns, with many of the Brethren owning and operating businesses in the community. So, I have the great pleasure to see many of my Brethren in daily life as well as in lodge each month. My mechanic is a Mason, the owner of the hardware store, my carpenter, my oil man, barber, realtor, lawyer, and so many others in town are Brothers. The Chief of Police is a Brother, as are several officers in both the police and fire departments. When we pick a restaurant, we have the choice of several fantastic venues owned by Brothers. Masonry is something which I enjoy each day. Every summer I look forward to boating and golfing around Cape Ann, with nothing giving me greater pleasure than passing a group and being able to say, “Hello Brother.”

Masonry begins at home and there is great truth in the saying, “A happy wife leads to a happy life.” My wife Paula and my three sons Christopher, *continued on page 30*

CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

Rt. Wor. Christopher Tonini



My Masonic journey began in the fall of 1993. I was 21 years old when I was approached by my father about becoming a Freemason. I turned him down because I was too young and didn't really have interest in joining the Fraternity. I was busy volunteering as

both a youth hockey coach, firefighter in the West Stockbridge Fire Department, and I was starting a new relationship with my wife Rocky. My father had asked my brother-in-law about joining the Fraternity, along with three other members of the West Stockbridge Volunteer Fire Department. It was kind of an eye-opener, as there must be something to becoming a Mason if that many guys I knew were joining the lodge. So, I asked my father the questions: what do Masons do and how do I become one?

He explained to me that we had a long lineage of family members who were Masons. My great grandfather was a charter member of Mount Orthodox Lodge in Agawam, both my grandfathers were Masons, my paternal grandfather was a Past Master of Cincinnatus Lodge, my maternal grandfather was a member of a lodge in Canada, both of my great uncles were members of Wisdom Lodge, as well as my father, Rt.

Wor. Lawrence D. Tonini, and soon my brother-in-law was to join as well.

The reason that I found myself joining was because of the bonds my family had to the Fraternity. Like me, many Brothers join because there is usually a family member that is part of the Fraternity, whether it be a grandfather, father, uncle, or brother. Having that common connection with family members was why I joined. Becoming a member of Wisdom Lodge wasn't a hard transition, as I had known many of the Brothers since I was a young child growing up around the lodge. The familiar faces of all the new candidates that came in that year, and being one of seven Brothers that were raised in 1995 in Wisdom Lodge, was a unique experience that to this day I will never forget. It was like a small family, with a mix of old and new Brethren, which made becoming a Freemason enjoyable and fun.

My experience *continued on page 30*

THE OLD MANSE: THE MASONIC HISTORY OF THE HOME TO TWO REVOLUTIONS

by Bro. Matthew Patrick Ahern

Most often associated with the American Revolution and Transcendentalist movement of the nineteenth century, the Old Manse also has a deep Masonic history that spans three generations. By 1780, Concord's the Old Manse, just a decade old at this point, had already been home to "patriot preacher" Rev. William Emerson, a witness to the Battle at the North Bridge, and "the shot heard round the world." In the aftermath of William's death in the Continental Army, the Manse welcomed its second minister, Rev. Ezra Ripley, when he married William's widow Phebe. Ezra was the first Old Manse resident to be made a Mason when he was raised in Corinthian Lodge on April 26, 1798, but he would not be the last. His eldest son Samuel joined the lodge just six years later. Both were active members, with Ezra serving as Grand Chaplain in 1803 and 1831-33, and Samuel serving in 1823. Both also went on to sign the Boston Declaration of 1831, a major pushback against the Anti-Masonic movement from Grand Lodge. *continued on page 28*



REVOLUTIONARIES VISIT OLD NORTH CHURCH

by Wor. Robert Jackson

Have you ever noticed how the locals rarely take part in the education or services offered by the surrounding community? So often it takes the visit of a friend or relative to compel us to participate in some of these tourist activities and learn more about where we live and the history behind it. Recently, I experienced this pressure to visit the Old North Church in Boston, a place that I've walked by countless times, talking about its importance in the history of our Nation, but I've never actually gone inside. I even proudly wear a concert shirt with the lanterns drawn on the back! In this instance, however, the motivation behind the visit was not due to friends or family. The source was within our own Fraternity.

As you may have heard, there is a Grand Lodge committee arranging a barrelful of events and experiences in honor of the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation. This

is a special time for us, as Massachusetts Masons, considering how those steps taken so long ago have shaped our current way of life. The committee arranged a Masonic Night for Revolution's Edge, a play that takes place within the Old North Church. The play provides a fictional story around the steps taken by three very real men within our history. Seeing the story unfold, in the very place similar conversations likely happened, was simply spine tingling.

My family and I sat in the unique church pews, or pew boxes, the same inhabited by families over the last 300 years. We watched the personal struggles of three men with three very different lives. Rev. Dr. Mather

Byles, Jr., was a rector of the church loyal to the crown. Cato was enslaved by Rev. Byles, and Capt. John Pulling, Jr., or Brother Pulling as we may refer to him, was the man who actually hung the lanterns just *continued on page 27*



MASONIC TEA PARTY IN 1773

by Rt. Wor. Bryan Simmons

Would there have been a Boston Tea Party on December 16, 1773, without Masonic involvement? The Green Dragon Tavern was purchased by St. Andrew's Lodge in 1764, and it was where they held their meetings. It became a hotbed of rebellious activity, and was dubbed the "Headquarters of the Revolution." Men like Dr. Joseph Warren, Paul Revere, and John Hancock were members of St. Andrew's Lodge, which was chartered in 1756 by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Warren became the Grand Master in 1769 and was one of the most active revolutionaries pushing for colonial independence. Warren and Revere became close due to their Masonic involvement and similar backgrounds. Both came from humble beginnings and lost their fathers as teenage

boys. In 1773, just months before the Tea Party, their wives died in the same week. Warren came to rely on Revere as a trusted messenger and spy.

With the British East India Company holding a surplus of tea, the British Parliament passed the Tea Act to assist the struggling conglomerate, mitigate the smuggling of Dutch tea, and flex their taxing muscle over the colonies. News of the Tea Act stoked fears over seizures of colonial rights and protests soon erupted. Parliament appointed special consignees to sell the tea. With a deep network of social and political connections on both sides of the political divide, Warren played a lead role in planning The Destruction of the Tea, as it was known until popularly termed the *continued on page 31*

SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE: MINUTEMAN COMMANDER OF 1861

by Bro. Matthew Patrick Ahern

Most Worshipful Samuel Crocker Lawrence was a man energetic in his pursuits, though reserved in temperament, with a keen interest in promoting the excellence of those around him. These qualities may have made him an excellent Grand Master, but long before this, these same traits served him as a key Commander in the early days of the American Civil War, where he is remembered as a leader of the Minutemen of 1861.

For the young Lawrence, Masonry and the militia often ran together. Raised in 1854 in West Cambridge's Hiram Lodge, he was commissioned that same year into the Winchester Light Infantry as a 3rd Lieutenant. Lawrence recognized that his hometown of Medford had neither a lodge nor militia company of its own, and quickly got to work changing that. In one year, he helped charter Mount Hermon Lodge and convinced



Most Worshipful
Samuel Crocker Lawrence

company leadership to move the headquarters of the Winchester Light Infantry to Medford. This move saved the company. Within one year, they went from barely mustering 20 Privates to reporting 79 of them. Along with its new home, the company was renamed the Lawrence Light Guard. Officially named after Lawrence's father, he was inevitably associated with the name after being elected to command the company in 1856. As a Commander, Captain Lawrence was not only popular, but ensured his men were among the best supplied and best drilled in Massachusetts.

On April 12, 1861, southern secessionists fired on Fort Sumter and President Lincoln called for 75,000 three-month volunteers to put down the rebellion. Lawrence, the freshly-promoted Colonel of the Fifth Regiment, answered this call, and on the night of April 18, he *continued on page 28*



IN FOCUS:

Sinim Lodge, Japan, Receives The Deputy Grand Master

A special visitor from Boston recently made an unforgettable trip to the farthest District from Massachusetts. On July 11, 2023, the Deputy Grand Master visited the 32nd Masonic District (formerly known as the China district), marking a significant milestone in the history of this District. It was not only the fifth time that a Senior Grand Lodge officer had attended a meeting here, but also the first visit by a Deputy Grand Master from Boston. The reason behind this momentous visit traces back to Sinim Lodge, which had received the prestigious Grand Master's Award for the third time. This achievement is no small feat, considering the lodge's considerable distance from the heartland of Masonic activity in Massachusetts. However, when the members of Sinim Lodge discovered that the award would be mailed to them rather than presented in person, Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Kenneth J. Scott took it upon himself to rectify this situation.

With a determined spirit, Rt. Wor. Bro. Scott embarked on a mission to personally present the Grand Master's Award to Sinim Lodge. The significance of this gesture cannot be overstated. It conveys the respect and admiration that Grand Lodge holds for Sinim Lodge and its dedicated members. In addition to this special recognition, Rt. Wor. Andrew Chung Wai MacKinlay was honored with a certificate of acknowledgment for his meritorious service. Furthermore, the highly esteemed Joseph Warren Medal



SINIM LODGE

was awarded to Rt. Wor. Anand Jairam (“Jai”) Murti during this momentous occasion.

In his role as the Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Japan, Rt. Wor. Bro. Murti has played a pivotal part in expanding Masonic brotherhood across borders. Not only is he an eminent member of Sinim Lodge in Tokyo, but he also serves as the Grand Representative to Massachusetts’s Grand Lodge from Japan’s Grand Lodge. Additionally, Rt. Wor. Bro. Murti holds three essential positions within the Masonic community, including Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Foundation of Japan. The Joseph Warren Medal stands as a symbol of recognition of the decades of dedicated service and unwavering commitment that Rt. Wor. Bro. Murti has demonstrated throughout his Masonic career.

The visit of the Deputy Grand Master and the various honors bestowed upon distinguished members of Sinim Lodge turned this event into a truly memorable and remarkable occasion. It highlights the bonds that unite Masons across continents and showcases the strength and resilience of Freemasonry as a global brotherhood. As we reflect on this historic visit, let us celebrate the profound impact of Massachusetts Freemasonry in fostering camaraderie, promoting individual growth, and serving communities around the world. It is through such significant gatherings and mutual appreciation that we continue to reinforce the values and principles that underpin our Masonic heritage.

-Rt. Wor. Michael S. Craven, DDGM 32nd Masonic District



2023

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth Duffie 75 Years

Star in the East Lodge began its year with an historic event in what promises to be a memorable upcoming year. On January 3rd, the lodge celebrated Brother Kenneth Duffie for his 75 years as a Master Mason, the same year it will celebrate its own bicentennial. Brother Duffie is the most senior member of the lodge in terms of age and membership length. Bro. Duffie, who will be 97 in April, was raised in Star in the East at the age of 21, in 1948. Born in New Bedford in 1926, our remarkable Brother joined the Navy at age 18, and served in the Pacific in World War II. He returned home, and like many of the Greatest Generation, found camaraderie and purpose in civilian life in Freemasonry. His Masonic career also included membership in Sutton Commandery of the York Rite.

One of his passions throughout his life has been playing the organ. He was a long-time organist at New Bedford's Zeiterion Theater, another Whaling City institution which itself is turning 100 years old this year. Brother Duffie was instrumental in coordinating the donation of a famous Wurlitzer Organ to the Zeiterion in 1981. Having played sold-out shows to elementary school kids for decades, Bro. Duffie estimates he has performed for over half a million local children. It was, in fact, his fellow organist and Brother, Charles Briggs, who made the night one to remember. These two gentlemen have known *continued on page 28*

Left: Kenneth Duffie receives a pin commemorating 75 years as a member of Star in the East Lodge from Adam Pimentel, the lodge's presiding Master. Right: The Kilwinning Club of Boston enters Star in the East lodge prior to performing the "Gates of Memory" ceremony for Kenneth Duffie.



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

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

80 YEARS - RAISED IN 1943

MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE

Bro. Delfar Davis Grant

THE HENRY PRICE LODGE

Bro. Warren Philip Goodman

75 YEARS - RAISED IN 1948

ASCENDUS LODGE

Bro. David Martin Goodhue

BAALIS SANFORD LODGE

Bro. Robert Weston Moore

BOYLSTON LODGE

Bro. Raymond Eugene Tibbetts

COLUMBIAN LODGE

Bro. Alfred Edwin McKenney

KING DAVID LODGE

Bro. Milton Craig Francis

SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE

Bro. Robert Eugene Desautels

SOJOURNERS LODGE

Bro. James Albert Correll

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE

Bro. Kenneth Gordon Duffie

THE HENRY PRICE LODGE

Bro. Maurice Epstein

WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE

Bro. Winslow Haskell MacDonald

WYOMING LODGE

Bro. Lowell Franklin Wentworth

70 YEARS - RAISED IN 1953

AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE

Bro. Arthur Ward Carr

ANCON LODGE

Bro. Walter Jaworski
Bro. Kit Carson Price

ASCENDUS LODGE

Bro. Sumner Colman Packer

BLUE HILL LODGE

Bro. Richard Thomas Witt

BOYLSTON LODGE

Bro. Richard Baxter Hardy

BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. Richard Louis Bosworth
Bro. Jack Arnold Goldberg

CALEB BUTLER LODGE

Bro. Frank Carter Harmon, Jr.

CINCINNATUS LODGE

Bro. Edward Terry Durant
Bro. Wayne Bruce Palmer

CONVERSE LODGE

Bro. Nurhan Arnold Adrian
Bro. Arnold Sidney Wolf

CORINTHIAN LODGE

Bro. Donald Alson Linscott, Jr.

CORNER STONE LODGE

Bro. Herbert Bradford Wright

EASTERN STAR LODGE

Bro. Henry Andrew Thresher

ELM-BELCHER LODGE

Bro. Darold Henry Hartwell
Bro. Leslie Bennett Kahn

EZEKIEL BATES LODGE

Bro. Irvin Mark Cobb
Bro. Dale Herbert Gould
Bro. Ralph Gerhard Voelker

FELLOWSHIP LODGE

Bro. Russell Everett Skinner

FRATERNAL LODGE

Rt. Wor. Hugh Campbell Findlay

GLOBE UNITY LODGE

Wor. Russell Miller Warner
Bro. William John Fraser
Bro. Albert Der Parseghian

HARMONY LODGE

Wor. Charles Pochon Tranfield

HOPE LODGE

Bro. Clair Everett Shirley

JOHN HANCOCK LODGE

Wor. John Tyler Douglas

JORDAN LODGE

Bro. Peter George Mandragouras

LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE

Bro. Thomas Sexton Hurlbut, Jr.

MAJOR GENERAL HENRY KNOX LODGE

Bro. Harley Harlan Cott
Bro. Gerald Victor Monsein

MANCHESTER LODGE

Bro. Warren Alfred Gray

MARINE LODGE

Bro. Bradford Carl Forsberg
Bro. Harold Lawrence Gilmore
Bro. Charles Williams Kettendorf
Bro. William H Robinson

MERIDIAN LODGE

Bro. Donald Morton Silver
Bro. Charles Ernest Zagoren

MONTGOMERY LODGE

Bro. David Mielt Grimshaw
Bro. Arnold Douglas Wilson

MORNING STAR LODGE

Bro. Russell Ivan Carlson

MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE

Bro. Joseph Malcolm Aronstam
Bro. David Morris Epstein
Bro. Edward Kaufman

Bro. Aaron David Spencer

Bro. Leonard William Wolfe

MOUNT HOLLIS LODGE

Bro. George Sumner Burbank
Bro. Donald Lewis MacKeen

MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE

Rt. Wor. Sidney Weiner

MOUNT HOPE LODGE

Bro. Everett Franklyn Southworth

MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE

Bro. Robert William Hall, Jr.
Bro. Charles Yassemedis

MOUNT ORTHODOX LODGE

Bro. Harold Norman Pelley
Bro. Demetrius Stratos

MOUNT VERNON-GALILEAN LODGE

Bro. Frederick Gilford Ladd

MOUNTAIN LODGE

Wor. Donald Tyler Upton

MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE

Bro. Andrew Fotis Antippas
Bro. Richard Kennian
Bro. John Collieson Onthank
Bro. Paul William Phillips
Bro. George Kader Squires, Sr.

NORTH READING LODGE

Bro. Neils Bernard Hansen

NORUMBEGA FRATERNITY LODGE

Bro. Frederick Vincent Fortmiller

ORIENT LODGE

Bro. Frederick George Blanchard
Bro. Howard Arthur Konetchy
Bro. Scott Goodwin Wakefield, Jr.

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE

Bro. Harry David Jenkins
Bro. Gregg Stowell Whitney

RISING STAR LODGE

Bro. Robert Ellsworth Staples



Bro. Charles Williams Kettendorf of Marine Lodge

RUFUS PUTNAM LODGE

Bro. Alvah Wilson Tracy

SIMON W. ROBINSON LODGE

Bro. Thomas Maclellan Swan

SOJOURNERS LODGE

Bro. Charles Glynn Judge

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE LODGE

Bro. Alan Carter Seagrave

THE HENRY PRICE LODGE

Bro. Sidney Bertrum Tartarkin

THOMAS DAY SPRING LODGE

Bro. Leonard William Hooton

THOMAS TALBOT LODGE

Bro. Charles David Mason

WAMPATUCK LODGE

Bro. Richard Marion Spencer, Jr.

WILDER LODGE

Bro. John Robert Johansson

65 YEARS - RAISED IN 1958

AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE

Bro. Richard Henry Cloutman

ASCENDUS LODGE

Bro. Gordon Armstrong Doak
Bro. Theodore Liftman
Bro. William Arthur Newman

BAALIS SANFORD LODGE

Bro. Joseph John Males III

BLUE HILL LODGE

Bro. Ralph Prettyman Joline

BOYLSTON LODGE

Bro. Alvin Victor Barakian
Bro. Konstandin Ligor Dionis
Bro. Leo Joseph Garneau

BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. Richard Eugene Martin

CALEB BUTLER LODGE

Bro. William King, Jr.

CELESTIAL LODGE

Bro. Donald Owen Folsom

CHARLES C. DAME LODGE

Bro. Mervin Astor Locke
Wor. Frederick Weare Lowell

CINCINNATUS LODGE

Bro. Gerald Henry Stephens

COCHICHEWICK LODGE

Bro. Robert Alden Banks
Bro. Hilton Parker Cormey
Bro. Robert Frank Tuckey

CONVERSE LODGE

Bro. David Wheeler

DALHOUSIE LODGE

Rt. Wor. Charles Robert Dauwalter

DELTA LODGE

Bro. Alf Lawrence Carlson
Bro. Peter Demetriou
Wor. Donald Robert Weber

DEWITT CLINTON LODGE

Wor. Earl Silvanus Moore

ELM-BELCHER LODGE

Bro. Ernest Patten Follansbee

ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE

Bro. Donald Frank Berth
Bro. Stanley Bernard Rubinstein

EXCELSIOR LODGE

Rt. Wor. Leland Francis Ross, Jr.

FELLOWSHIP LODGE

Bro. Albert Charles Meserve

FRATERNAL LODGE

Bro. Robert Harold Nolan
Bro. Warren Addison Rand

GARDEN CITY LODGE

Bro. Earl Quint

GATUN LODGE

Bro. William Lewis Sosebee

GOLDEN RULE LODGE

Bro. Philip John Hiscock

GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE

Bro. Frederick Segar Hoering
Bro. Joseph Wheeler McLaughlin

HARMONY LODGE

Bro. Arnold Marvin Rubin

HAYDEN LODGE

Wor. Stanley Francis Hanson

JOHN HANCOCK LODGE

Bro. Richard Warren Allen, Jr.

JOHN T. HEARD LODGE

Bro. George James Bouzianis
Bro. James Geanakakis

JORDAN LODGE

Bro. Thomas Richard Babbitt
Bro. Robert Yontof Gibeley
Bro. Thomas Routsos

KING DAVID LODGE

Bro. Philip Howard Barron
Wor. Charles Emerson Rouleau, Sr.

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE

Wor. Malcolm Arthur Austin

KONOHASSETT LODGE

Wor. Donald Webster Pratt

LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE

Bro. Leo Evan Beaulieu

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Rose of Sharon Lodge*

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- Wor. M Howard Jacobson
- Bro. Harold Sadowsky
- MAJOR GENERAL HENRY KNOX LODGE**
- Bro. George Robert Rubin
- MANCHESTER LODGE**
- Bro. Charles Emil Storm
- MARINE LODGE**
- Bro. Everett Elwin Bagley
- Bro. James Thomas Kalperis
- Bro. Alfred William Morton
- MARINERS LODGE**
- Bro. Robert Carroll Studley
- Bro. Roy Henry Thomas
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- Bro. Wilfred Ivanhoe Colson, Jr.
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- M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames
- MIDDLESEX LODGE**
- Bro. Richard Lee Sulzer
- MILTON LODGE**
- Bro. Richard Harvey Duncan
- MONTGOMERY LODGE**
- Bro. Robert Alton Berquist
- Bro. William Bruce Brokaw
- Bro. James Charles Heath
- Wor. Robert Earl Ranslow
- MORNING STAR LODGE**
- Bro. George Stark Butler
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- Bro. Paul Irving Kopelman
- Bro. Walter Louis Martin
- Wor. David William Ryder
- Bro. Donald Hunt Swanson
- Wor. Stanley Gordon Winchester
- NEW MOON LODGE**
- Bro. Robert Kenneth George
- NOQUOCHOKE LODGE**
- Bro. Francis Alden Pettengill
- NORFOLK LODGE**
- Bro. William Harrison Jefferson
- NORTH QUABBIN LODGE**
- Bro. Bernard Earl Dodge
- NORTH STAR LODGE**
- Bro. John Charles Brown
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THE HENRY PRICE LODGE IS BORN

by Wor. Lee H. Fenn



It was a beautiful evening at Grand Lodge. A regular meeting of The Consolidated Lodge became the birthplace of The Henry Price Lodge. The Grand Master, M. Wor. George F. Hamilton, and his suite performed the rededicating Carpet Ceremony to the joy of the members and guests. They proceeded to perform the first installation of Officers for the newly renamed lodge. The Henry

Price Lodge is named after the first Grand Master in the Western Hemisphere, M. Wor. Henry Price. There was a Henry Price Lodge that merged into The Consolidated Lodge; hence, the name of this lodge is The Henry Price Lodge, to distinguish itself from the prior Henry Price Lodge. During the installation, each new officer was given a beautiful pocket jewel for their office. They were made by the owner, Bro. Rinaldo Borges. He owns the jewelry shop Art Gold Jewelry on Main Street in Everett. He creates custom Masonic pocket jewels, does engraving, and other work in precious metals. ■



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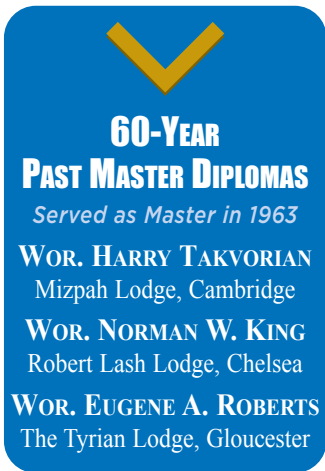
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The Prodigal Mason

by *Wor. Richard Thompson*



I was doing research for another project when I came across an interesting fact: of the 16 million men and women who served in the U.S. armed forces during World War II, fewer than 300,000 are alive today, which is less than two percent of all who fought in that war.

I'm in the early group of Baby Boomers, the children of what is today known as The Greatest Generation. The Greatest Generation are those people born between 1901 and 1927. About 63 million people were part of that generation. The Boomers date from 1946 to 1964 and include about 76.4 million people. Of The Greatest Generation, only about 600,000 remain. This quite a few when you consider the youngest of this generation are now 96.

Just to fill in the gap, those born between 1928 and 1945 are known as the Silent Generation. These are the Great Depression kids and were few because families were kept small in those days because money was limited. Some of the Baby Boomers' parents were part of this Silent Generation, which numbered about 47 million.

I mention all this because it was members of The Greatest Generation who dominated our lodges when this Baby Boomer joined the fraternity in 1971. Many of the chairs were filled by members of this generation and many were filled by veterans of World War II. We have had to say goodbye to many of our brothers who helped make the generation to be known as the Greatest.

The more I thought about this, the more I had to know about the contributions made by each generation. I learned seven U.S. presidents were part of the Greatest Generation: Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, and George H.W. Bush. Four U.S. presidents were Baby Boomers: Clinton, George W. Bush, Obama, and Trump. The Silent Generation has but one: the current president, Joe Biden.

I had always wondered why there was a generation called the Silent Generation. This was the generation who welcomed home the men and women who fought in World

War II. Another name for this generation is the Traditionalist Generation. They were given this name because they tend to be rule followers. They did not speak up about what they may have seen as an injustice.

This may explain why the next generation in line, the Baby Boomers, hit the streets and protested most everything. It may also explain why the Baby Boomers did not join organizations in the numbers their predecessors did.

In the year 2000, Robert Putnam, a professor of public policy at the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, published a book named *Bowling Alone*. He had observed that membership in organizations, such as the Masonic Fraternity, rose and fell at about the same times. He said one of the big reasons is Baby Boomers were not joining organizations at the same rate as their parents and grandparents. The mantra of Baby Boomers is, "Do your own thing!" Joining lodges was something your father and grandfather did. So, many didn't join. He got the title for his book from his observation that bowling was still a popular sport, but bowling league membership was way down.

After all this, I ended up looking at my own lodge, Merrimack Valley Daylight, to see the membership spread. Since the lodge meets on the third Wednesday of the month, usually at 11 am, I expected the result will be a bit top heavy, weighted toward the older generations. I was surprised to discover we have members in some of the later generations.

Daylight Lodge has one member from the Greatest Generation, 15 from the Silent Generation, and 32 Baby Boomers. We have three members who are a part of Generation X (1965-1980) and two Millennials (1981-1996).

While looking over this data, I realized that some years ago, our brothers who were a part of the Greatest Generation handed the Fraternity to the Silent Generation. The Silent Generation is handing it to the Baby Boomers. But the Boomers are not there in the numbers we may need. It looks like the Generation Xers and the Millennials will have to step up to the plate a bit earlier than we Baby Boomers did. But that is okay. Generation Xers and Millennials are known to be take-charge people. They want to make a difference on the first day they are members. They may just have their chance. ■

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

The Builders of the Temple

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt

A visitor to the Boston Masonic Building, while standing in the lobby, can look up the stairs and see an engraved plaque. It was installed there more than a century ago, in October 1902, to commemorate the completion of the edifice. It is the third home of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the corner of Boylston and Tremont, and it has stood the longest – next year will mark its 125th anniversary.

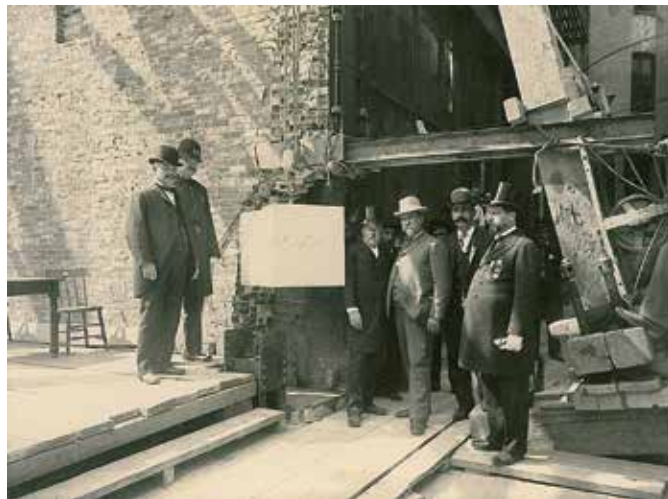
The first two buildings – the Winthrop House, home to Grand Lodge from 1858 until 1864, and the New Temple, dedicated in 1867 – were both afflicted by fire. The Winthrop House suffered a catastrophic fire in April 1864, and its successor had a similar, but not quite as devastating, event roughly 30 years later.

M. W. Brother Edwin Holmes, Grand Master, reported the event to the Grand Lodge at the December Quarterly Communication:

On the 7th day of September last, a serious fire in the Temple interrupted our Masonic work, and occasioned great inconvenience to the Lodges and other Masonic Bodies that met in this

building. Notwithstanding the work of destruction evident throughout the entire building, it seemed best that our Annual Communication should be held in this place. It is probably a farewell meeting in this Hall, which is made sacred to us by so many recollections of the past...

The furniture suffered very seriously from water and hasty handling, that in Gothic Hall especially. All in this [Corinthian] Hall has been re-upholstered, and is now in almost as good condition as when it was new... The aprons of the Grand Officers, which were nearly new, were ruined by water, and a new set has been ordered. The portraits of Past Grand Masters, which adorned these walls, were taken down and carefully covered, while the fire was in progress, so that they sustained little or no injury, except perhaps some slight damage to frames. The pipe organ was rendered almost worthless by water, so that we are now obliged to be content with a much humbler instrument.



The cornerstone block, 1898

The organizations resident in Boston – “13 Lodges, 2 Chapters, 1 Council, 3 Commanderies, 4 Scottish Rite Bodies, together with the Grand Bodies governing” – were relocated to the then newly-built Boylston Building, at the corner of Boylston and Washington Streets, with a three-year lease. “The new quarters thus provided will, in a fairly satisfactory manner, meet the wants of the Grand Lodge and other Bodies formerly meeting in the Temple, until a new Temple shall be erected.”

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors in October 1895, it was concluded that the expense of simply repairing the existing building was far too high, and various proposals were considered – raising the structure and adding “two lower stories of steel construction”, to build at the top of the building and renovate the ground floor for use by stores, and to construct an entirely new building. All of these plans entailed debt, and all of the proposed costs were more than the Board was willing to spend. This was a critical matter: when the previous building had been

built, the debt was laid upon the Brethren in the form of a tax, which was not fully paid until the term of M. W. Samuel Crocker Lawrence, fifteen years after the building was dedicated. It was a fraught issue.

Regardless of the way forward, the Board (and the Temple trustees) concluded that there was no merit in moving out of Boston. “It is of the greatest importance to the Fraternity throughout this jurisdiction that we continue to maintain in Boston a Masonic Temple readily accessible to all the Brethren as the headquarters of the Masonic Fraternity in the Old Bay State.” The following year, the Grand Lodge authorized the Board to “rebuild or reconstruct the Masonic Temple upon the land now owned and occupied by this Grand Lodge...and they are hereby authorized to borrow such sums of money as they find necessary or expedient...not to exceed in amount \$400,000.” In June 1897, Grand Master Charles C.

Hutchinson read a report of the chosen architects, Loring & Phipps, giving plans and estimates for the work. In due course, the old temple was taken down and the site was prepared for a completely new building.

In June 1898, Grand Master Hutchinson led a procession to the site, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the new building. The cornerstone box from the 1864 ceremony was recovered, opened, new items were added, and it was deposited with elaborate ceremony. The building of the Temple had begun.

In March 1899, Grand Master Hutchinson read excerpts from the Loring & Phipps detailed report on their progress. It described the rooms and furnishings much as we know them today, noting specifically how the new halls were more spacious and comfortable than they had been in the previous structure (and that there was a \$75,000 cost overrun from the original estimates). There was a palpable anticipation for the day when the Temple would be dedicated.

On the day of the Feast of St. John in 1899, the Grand Lodge opened in Corinthian Hall, and conducted an elaborate ceremony of dedication. Grand Master Hutchinson's remarks included the following:

The last stone has been placed, the Plumb, Square and Level have been laid aside, the operative mason has ceased his labor, and now this edifice stands out in all its proportions to speak to us and coming generations of the grandeur and helpfulness of our Fraternity...

We dedicate this Temple to the cause of intellectual improvement, in the hope that the Institution may here exert its most salutary influence upon the mind...to Faith, Hope and Charity which shall abide when all else shall have vanished.

My Brothers, as we stand in the courts of our beautiful Temple, amid the brightness of prosperity, and with hearts full of gratitude dedicate it to the uses of our ancient Order, let us not forget that our responsibilities increase with our means and opportunities, but here and now dedicate ourselves anew to promote the honor and maintain the dignity of our great Fraternity.

At the end of the ceremonies, the new Grand Master, Charles C. Gallagher, was installed along with his Officers, and the Grand Lodge made itself ready for the new year and the new century, surrounded by the furnishings and accommodations of a new Masonic Temple.

Of the names engraved on that stone plaque, a number are well-known to the Fraternity (and the readers of TROWEL magazine): Charles C. Hutchinson, Samuel C.

Lawrence, Henry Endicott, Edwin B. Holmes, Charles C. Dame, Charles T. Gallagher, and Sereno D. Nickerson have all been introduced in earlier issues of this magazine. Here are a few words about the other men whose names appear on the stone.

Henry A. Belcher

Henry A. Belcher was a dry-goods merchant in Randolph who was active in Masonry for half a century. He was raised in Norfolk Union Lodge in 1866, serving as Master three times (1884, 1885, 1888). He was a District Deputy Grand Master, and was appointed as Deputy Grand Master in 1896. He was also active in the York and Scottish Rite, and received the 33° in 1891. At the time of the dedication, he was a member of the Board of Directors.

Frank T. Dwinell

Frank T. Dwinell was born in Vermont, and moved to the Boston area when he was 18. He worked in the textile industry and rose to prominence in his profession. He was raised in Revere Lodge of Boston, and was Master in 1880 and 1881. He was also a District Deputy Grand Master, and was appointed Deputy Grand Master in 1892 by M. W. Samuel Wells. He was a member of the Board of Directors.

Albert A. Folsom

Brother Folsom arrived in Boston from New Hampshire at an early age, and was in the railroad business. He rose to the position of Superintendent of the Boston and Providence Railroad. He was long associated with the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, having joined in 1867, and served as Commander in 1876. He received his degrees in Columbian Lodge in 1870, and was Master in 1877 and 1878. He became a member of the Board of Directors in 1897, and would serve as Deputy Grand Master in 1901.

John Carr

Brother Carr was born in New Hampshire and arrived in Boston at age 18, eventually coming to employment in the banking industry. He was a prominent corporate officer in several financial institutions, and was also extremely active in charitable works, including service as President of the Home For Little Wanderers. He was brought to Masonic light in Washington Lodge in 1868, and was Master in 1881 and 1882. He served as District Deputy Grand Master and was Senior Grand Warden in 1902. At the time of the dedication he was Grand Treasurer, a post he had occupied since 1888. ■





From The West...of Boston

by Bro. Brian McHale

The Shriners - Fun and Good Deeds

Having recently joined the Shrine, I was surprised by the virtuous work they do, and the fun they have doing it.

The Shriners, formally known as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, boast a rich history dating back to 1871, when the fraternity was first established in New York City. Rooted in the principles of philanthropy, camaraderie, and a steadfast commitment to aiding children in need, the Shriners have made a profound impact on the lives of countless young individuals through their philanthropic efforts and distinctive traditions. The Shriners' story began when Bro. Walter Fleming, a doctor, and Bro. Billy Fleming, an actor, met in New York City with the intent of forming a new and distinct fraternity within Masonry. An Arabian-themed party in Europe attended by Bro. Fleming led him to suggest the same theme for the group, including the wearing of the iconic red fez, a conical red hat with a black tassel. This distinctive headwear, inspired by the group's Middle Eastern theme, has become an iconic symbol of the Shriners. The organization's mystique and its focus on service led to its rapid expansion across North America and beyond.

The Shriners' most enduring legacy is their unwavering commitment to pediatric care, which became a central mission of the organization in the early 20th century, and one that is embodied in their motto, "No Man Stands So Tall As When He Stoops To Help A Child." The Shriners have always been charitable and selfless, but the idea of establishing a hospital network to help children was conceived in 1919, the brainchild of Imperial Potentate Freeland Kendrick. These hospitals would always be free to the children, at no cost to them or their families. This radical approach to healthcare has had a profound impact, helping countless children receive the life-changing care they need without the burden of financial strain on their families. This system of hospitals and associated healthcare has since expanded to over twenty locations, including Boston and Philadelphia. The areas of specialization include "burn care, spinal cord injury rehabilitation, cleft lip and palate, sports injury care, and rehabilitation services." The Shriners even have a Uniformed Unit that will provide transporta-

tion to the hospitals and back home for the patients. They are aptly named the Shepherds.

Beyond their philanthropic mission, the Shriners are known for their distinctive traditions that set them apart from other fraternal organizations. The group hosts lively parades and events that often feature members in colorful costumes, riding motorcycles or in small cars. These eye-catching parades, often with a touch of whimsy and humor, often draw large crowds. The Shriners' parades serve more than one purpose. They are a way to engage the public and generate support for their charitable activities, and are a means for members to bond and express their sense of camaraderie.

The Shriners attract a wide variety of support. I recently received a catalog from Henry Repeating Arms. With it, they included *The Henry Repeater*, a newsletter of sorts. One of the photos shows a donation to Shriners International "for \$52,500 to assist with their many philanthropic efforts, including the world-renowned Shriners Children's Hospitals."

The Shriners are a family-oriented organization. They produce and perform in an annual circus, featuring the Clowns, another Uniformed Unit. The Clowns and all the support personnel for the circuses, right down to the ushers, are volunteers. Some of you may have seen parades that included the String Band, Oriental Band, Legion of Honor, or the Motor Corps. Shriners also have Clubs for their members. Some of the Clubs include Golf, Rifle and Pistol, Cigars, the Hillbilly Clan, and the Haunt Club. This last group entertains families with a seasonal Halloween Hayride and a Haunted House. Many of the clubs allow and encourage ladies and family members to participate.

I hope that all of you who are not currently members of the Shriners consider becoming one. As it states in the Shriners' Creed, "...we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves." A few famous Shriners include John Wayne, Ernest Borgnine (of *McHale's Navy*), and former President Harry Truman. Membership information can be found online at beashrinernow.com. ■

When a Mason Joins the Celestial Lodge

by Bro. Robert St. Cyr

W e as Masons do not mysteriously go to our meetings and keep our families and friends ignorant of what we are doing and accomplishing. We share both the good and challenging events that we are involved in. Modern Masonry continues the old traditions, but also focuses on how we can get and keep our families more involved. Our life partners, in many cases, are getting more involved in our lodges than ever before. Most events are open to friends and family, and are designed to get everyone participating. Many family members and friends have made social connections with our members without being Masons. They feel as though they are a part of the lodge. For the sake of this article and in line with our obligation to care and support for our widows and orphans, I will focus on our widows, but it refers to all forms of personal relationships with our Brother Masons.

The question for life partners is, “What do I do when my Mason passes away?” There are many different family scenarios, so the order in which you choose to follow these recommendations is flexible and up to your judgment, comfort, and financial situation. The funeral director of your choice should be your first point of contact.

The funeral director is there to provide you with professional and personal service, and should be involved in scheduling all fraternal and military services that will be presented to honor your Mason. The funeral director must be kept in the loop and will do most of the notifications and scheduling for you.

Let the funeral director know that your husband is a Mason and that you are requesting a Masonic service, and which lodge is involved so proper contact with the Master or Secretary can be done for you. Of course, if you have personal contacts within the lodge, it would expedite the planning if you could contact them. Again, the funeral director should be kept informed. Your Mason has a lambskin apron that was presented to him when he was made a Mason and it should be given to the funeral director for the service. If it is not available, the lodge will provide a substitute.



The Masonic service can be done in the funeral home or at the cemetery. It is a ten-to-fifteen-minute ceremony and your religious affiliation should be made known to the Master prior to the service. After the service, the Master will present you with a lapel pin provided by the Grand Lodge. The pin depicts a broken column in representation of our fallen Brother. When ordering the casket, urn, headstone, or footstone you might want to consider having a Square and Compasses engraved or etched for recognition in the future. Military footstones often have this emblem engraved along with his military service and rank. The obituary should include your Mason's Masonic affiliations, and if you would like to designate a Masonic charity for donations in his memory.

After the funeral, when the time is right for you, you can think about what type of legacy you would like to set up, or this could be planned together with your Mason ahead of time. Return Past Masters Jewels as they are the lodge's property and add to his legacy. The jewel is usually engraved with his name and date as Master. This Jewel will be proudly worn by a future Master in memory of your Mason. Gather all of his Masonic items, and if you are not giving them to a close friend or relative, consider donating them to his lodge. Pins, jewelry, rings, memorabilia, etc. will be disbursed to worthy brethren or put on display. Clothing, especially tuxedos, can be donated to the lodge to be used by new members.

A Financial Legacy can be set up to honor your Mason. Consider a scholarship, the Building Fund, or the Brotherhood Fund, just to mention a few. Your Mason might have had a special fund he was partial to. For special situations and cases of hardship, the lodge Master or Secretary will put you in contact with the Grand Lodge Service Committee. They are there to help. The lodge Service Officer will be familiar with the Grand Lodge Widows Program for individual Lodges found on massmasons.org. It all comes down to this, we are here to help you if you need us, and all you have to do is ask. ■

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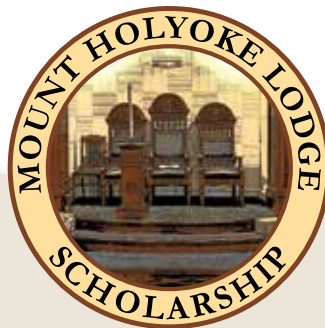
Two Legacy Raisings at Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Lodge

The raising of a new Master Mason is always a special night for everyone involved. For Wor. Robert C. Franklin, Jr. and the members of Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Lodge, the night of April 11th was an especially meaningful and memorable occasion. Bros. Corey Joseph Taylor and Ryan Phillip Saucier, two young men with strong family ties to the lodge, were raised to the sublime degree with the Grand Master, M. Wor. George F. Hamilton in attendance.

Bro. Corey Taylor is the fourth generation of his family to be a member of Howland lodge. His family's lineage in the lodge began with Wor. Clayton Taylor, who was raised in Howland on April 11, 1933, 90 years to the day before his great-grandson. Bro. Clayton had three sons, Clayton, Jr., Rodman, and Richard, who would all serve Howland as Worshipful Master. Richard, who is Corey's grandfather, would also serve as the District Deputy Grand Master of the Fall River 30th Masonic District. Corey now joins his father's cousin Wor. Kenneth Ainsley as a current Howland member, ensuring that the family tradition will be carried on for decades to come.

Bro. Ryan Saucier is also preceded into Howland Lodge by family. In this case, by his father, Bro. David Saucier, and sibling, Bro. Paul Saucier, were both thrilled to welcome Ryan into the Fraternity. Bro. David served as Senior Warden in Howland for two years and will move to the East in the Fall. He welcomed his eldest son, Paul, into the lodge in 2022. Both of them received the Lewis Jewel to commemorate the special father-son Masonic relationship on that night. A third Lewis Jewel now resides in the Saucier

Left to right: Wor. Robert Franklin, Bro. Corey Taylor, M. Wor. George Hamilton, Bro. Ryan Saucier.



Mount Holyoke Lodge Confers Scholarships

Mount Holyoke Lodge, in South Hadley, is proud to announce the recipients of their 2023 scholarships. Mount Holyoke Lodge is honored to award scholarships to the following outstanding students: Nicole Eempio, Ludlow High School; Nathan R. Sarrazin, South Hadley High School; Ashley K. Scott, South Hadley High School; and Kaitlin S. Parker, Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School.

household with the addition of Ryan's.

The name Ryan Saucier will be recognized by Brothers familiar with DeMolay at the state level as Bro. Saucier is the current State Master Councilor of Massachusetts. In evidence of his steadfast support for DeMolay, M. Wor. Bro. Hamilton was pleased to travel to New Bedford to witness his DeMolay counterpart receive his third degree. The Grand Master spoke of how the night was an example of the importance of DeMolay to Freemasonry in Massachusetts, and encouraged Brethren to support the young men of that organization. The Sauciers certainly exemplify the relationship between Freemasonry and DeMolay. David was a DeMolay Dad and both sons were very active members of Phoenix Chapter in New Bedford. Howland Lodge is proud to now have two State Master Councilors among its members. Worshipful Ainsley served in that capacity in 1972-1973. - *Wor. Adam Pimentel*

Howland Members: M. Wor. George Hamilton with members of Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Lodge.





over 248 years ago. Although the play was fictional, it is entirely possible, perhaps even likely, that those very walls heard similar discussions as families, friends, and Brothers were torn apart, each deciding what they felt was best for their families. What may have stuck with me the most, however, was Cato's response to these men discussing the principals of freedom, as he was required to accompany Byles and

his family when they left Boston, taking him further from his own family (records show he would never see his family again).

Afterwards, we discussed various aspects of the show with Eric McGowan who played the part of Rev. Byles. We were invited to further explore the church and some of its artifacts. Sadly, we were unable to visit the crypt due to construction, but my family and I did wander among the pews, the second floor seating, and even got a close-up look at the 17th century carved angels on display. It truly was a remarkable feeling, staring at the 1759 pipe organ, which can still operate with a manual hand pump, knowing that 248 years ago Brother Pulling risked the life of himself and his family by climbing behind that organ to hang two lanterns in the church steeple for fewer than 60 seconds - 60 seconds that could have completely altered the course of the lands that we now call home.

Watch MassMason.org for more events commemorating the 250th anniversary. I hope to see many of you at the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party December 15th-17th! ■

Building a Masonic Bridge to DC

Wor. Daniel "Butch" Machado and his son, Bro. John-Hanson Machado, both members of Konohassett Lodge A.F. & A.M. in Massachusetts, attended the joint Grand Visitation hosted by The Colonial Lodge No. 1821, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, F.A.A.M. in Washington, DC. Lodges participating in this Grand Visitation included: The Colonial Lodge No. 1821, the academic lodge affiliated with The George Washington University (host); Federal Lodge No. 1, the oldest lodge in DC Masonry; Eireann Lodge No. 98, "whose members celebrate an affinity for Irish heritage and cul-

ture," and The Eagle Lodge No. 1893, which is an academic lodge associated with American University. Bro. John-Hanson serves as Marshal for the Colonial Lodge. He is a member in both Massachusetts and DC jurisdictions. The Colonial Lodge meets at the House of the Temple, the home of The Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, in Washington, DC.

-Bro. John-Hanson Machado

Wor. Nicholas A. Sanchiz, WM of Colonial Lodge; Bro. John-Hanson Machado, Marshal of The Colonial Lodge; M. Wor. Annas Fadludeen Kamara, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; Wor. Daniel "Butch" Machado, PM of both Plymouth and Konohassett Lodges and Past President of South Shore Shrine, standing in the East of the House of the Temple.



Wor. Robert E. Reynolds III, Rt. Wor. David Raymond, Wor. Ronald C. Higgins, Rt. Wor. Charles Austin, Rt. Wor. Ernest A. Pearlstein, Rt. Wor. Arthur W. Aznive (DDGM), Wor. John C. Robinson, Wor. Mark Z Stought, and Rt. Wor. Earl Cole.

Masons Enjoying Fraternalism Over the Border

On Wednesday, September 20, 2023, in Concord, NH, Rt. Wor. Arthur W. Aznive, DDGM, held his first official combined district visitation in his jurisdiction at the Masonic lodge located at 53 Ironworks Road in Concord, NH. A proud group of Brother Masons from the Massachusetts delegation were there to congratulate and provide their support. Rt. Wor. Aznive was DDG Marshal (88-89) for Boston's 2nd Masonic District.

-Rt. Wor. Ernest A. Pearlstein



► **M. Wor. Lawrence** *cont'd from pg 13*

sent his brother Daniel W. Lawrence to order all companies to Boston. Daniel, a Brother in Joseph Warren Lodge, rode into the morning of April 19, alerting the militia companies on the same route Paul Revere followed 86 years earlier.

While Senior Warden of Mount Hermon Lodge, Colonel Lawrence led the Fifth south to occupy Alexandria, Virginia, by late May. At camp, Lawrence maintained the discipline of his soldiers so much so that Regular Army soldiers, who often looked down on the new volunteers, gave them the nickname "The Steady Fifth." The moniker would prove to be prophetic in the coming months. Come July, the army was preparing for an assault against Richmond with the intention of bringing a swift end to the rebellion. However, the three-month enlistment of Lawrence's Fifth was set to expire

before the assault could commence. The men were determined to fight, and Lawrence told his commanding officers, "The Fifth Massachusetts will go anywhere you order it."

At the first battle of Bull Run, the Fifth was ordered to take the hill in front of Confederate batteries. They attacked "with as much coolness as if they had been on an ordinary muster-field." Holding the hill, they experienced heavy artillery shelling, but "Colonel Lawrence, standing most of the time in the middle of the regiment, used his utmost efforts to keep the men calm..." They held the position until a retreat was called, but as the men were falling back, an artillery shell hit a tree near Colonel Lawrence, sending pieces of shrapnel into his side. Incapacitated, Lawrence was one of the last men dragged off the field during the retreat.

Bull Run was a disaster for the United States, and despite the perfor-

mance of the 5th that day, the wound suffered by Lawrence would take him out of battlefield command for the remainder of the war. Instead, he was promoted to Brigadier General, where he would continue to serve in an administrative capacity in Massachusetts. Now back home, Lawrence shifted his focus toward his fraternal pursuits, becoming Master of Mount Hermon Lodge in 1863. After the war, he embarked on a journey that would see him become Grand Master in 1881. He never could fully silence the call of the militia however, spending much of his post-war retirement with the Ancients and Honorable Artillery Company, where he served as their Commander in 1869. Titles and accolades would continue to surround Samuel Crocker Lawrence throughout his life, but his service and sacrifice as a Minuteman Commander in 1861 stands above them all. ■

► **The Old Manse** *continued from page 12*

Later in Ezra's life, he helped preserve the memory of the American Revolution by writing a history of the conflict and establishing the original obelisk monument at the North Bridge. Upon his death in 1841, Samuel inherited the home, but as the current minister of Waltham, he opted to rent the house to newlyweds Nathaniel and Sophia Hawthorne. He retired to the home in 1845. Samuel did not have a long retirement, dying fewer than two years after his move back to Concord in 1847. His youngest son Ezra, who was just beginning a law practice in Cambridge, split his time between Concord and Cambridge following his father's death. Ezra continued the Masonic family tradition, becoming a brother of Amicable Lodge in 1852, and serving as the first Worshipful Master of Putnam Lodge in East Cambridge from 1854-55. Like his father and grandfather, he also became a Grand Lodge officer, serving as the Junior Grand Steward in 1857.

Upon learning of the secessionist firing on Fort Sumter, Ripley, a staunch abolitionist, would march the men of Concord from the North Bridge through the central hallway of the Old Manse to emphasize Concord's importance to the nation's founding. He was eager to serve, being commissioned a lieutenant in the 29th Massachusetts, and fighting through major battles such as Antietam and Vicksburg. The latter of these left him with wounds that ultimately caused his death.

In a final letter home, Ripley left his family with these parting words, "I could not help thinking we had indeed a country worth fighting for. To think that we were in danger

of losing a great and good government...which offers freedom and equal rights to all; whose very greatness is shown in her struggle for existence – Made me almost frantic. If anything were needed to make me feel the necessity of working in the good cause to the last, to give the last drop to my country, this journey has convinced me. God forgive me if I hesitate or falter now..." ■

► **Kenneth Duffie** *continued from page 16*

each other for years as Brothers and musicians. Bro. Briggs, who is a member of the Kilwinning Club of Boston, proposed the idea for a very special evening. The Brethren of Star in the East are extremely grateful that he did.

The rain on the night of the event did not prevent Bro. Duffie's friends, family, and many of his Masonic Brothers from filling the lodge to witness him honored with a ceremony called "The Gates of Memory." The performance was masterfully conducted by the Kilwinning Club. The group was appropriately clad in traditional tartan kilts and accompanied by bagpipes, drums, and the organ, of course. Masons and non-Masons alike were thrilled by their pageantry and the ritual.

At the conclusion of the night, Bro. Duffie received a certificate of appreciation from the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful George Forrest Hamilton. In addition, Most Illustrious Grand Master Manuel Ferreira III of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts made Bro. Duffie an honorary Cryptic Mason that night.

-Wor. Adam M. Pimentel

Star in the East 200th Anniversary

Last June, in the heart of historic downtown New Bedford, Star in the East Lodge celebrated its 200th anniversary with a gala event that will stand out as a shining milestone for the lodge as it enters its third century. On this auspicious occasion, it was an honor and a pleasure for the lodge to welcome the Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts, M. Wor. George F. Hamilton, Grand Lady Theresa, the members of his suite, and their ladies to New Bedford. The brethren, along with their families and friends, enjoyed a memorable mix of history, fraternity, and fun throughout the afternoon and into the evening.

The festivities began by welcoming the Grand Master on the cobblestones of Johnny Cake Hill. After a large group photo in Captain Paul Cuffe Park, the gathered Masons marched into Seamen's Bethel for a convocation ceremony officiated by Grand Chaplain Rt. Wor. & Rev. Henry Peirce. The Seamen's Bethel of New Bedford was immortalized in Moby Dick, and has remained a non-denominational place of worship and a memorial to those lost at sea since 1832. For Rt. Wor. & Rev. Bro. Peirce, who grew up in neighboring Fairhaven, preaching from the famous bow-shaped pulpit was quite a thrill, he confessed that night. One of his two musical selections for the convocation was *Hail! Gentle Charity!*, a song used by Star in the East in a ceremony to celebrate St. John the Baptist Day in 1848. The Seamen's Bethel was also used in 1973 by Star in the East during its 150th Anniversary.

After the convocation, guests made their way across the street to the New Bedford Whaling Museum for the reception and dinner. One of the buildings that makes up the museum was the home of Star in the East lodge in the 1800s before it was donated to the Dartmouth Historical Society that later established the museum. Guests enjoyed a cocktail hour reception while marveling in the shadow of the

Bro. Bradford Fish was presented a Lewis Jewel.



Rt. Wor. & Rev. Bro. Peirce preaching from the famous bow-shaped pulpit.

one-half size replica of the whaling ship *Lagoda*. The reception was the perfect time for Brethren to mingle and meet the guests of their Brothers.

When it came time for dinner, the Grand Master and his suite were warmly welcomed as they made their way to the head table. The suite included Grand Lodge Historian Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt and Lisa Hunt, Rt. Wor. & Rev. Bro. Peirce and Rebecca Scott, DDGM of the 19 East Masonic District Rt. Wor. Bryan Simmons and Jennifer Simmons, Grand Sword Bearer Rt. Wor. Matthew Niedermeier and Elaine Niedermeier, and Star in the East Master, Wor. Adam Pimentel and Maria Pimentel.

The most meaningful part of the whole day may have been the recognition of several Star in the East members. Bro. Bradford Fish was presented a Lewis Jewel to commemorate his becoming a Freemason after the passing of his father Bro. Alan Fish. Bro. Ray Tetreault was presented with the prestigious Robert Johnston Award. The Grand Master spoke of his personal relationship with Rt. Wor. Bro. Johnston and the type of man he was, making the presentation even more poignant. Bro. Bradford Anselmo received the Daniel Carter Beard Scouting Award for his lifetime commitment to the Boy Scouts and Freemasonry. Wor. Shawn Thomas was given his Past Master's Jewel, following his two-year term during which he captained Star in the East through the turbulent times of the Covid years.

Star in the East members were very appreciative of the hard work of the 200th Anniversary Committee, which included Bros. Robert Caldas, Brian Fernandes, Ray Lantz, Adam Pimentel, N. Douglas Schneider, and Filipe Silva. The Worshipful Master was grateful to everyone who attended that evening, in particular the members of other lodges from around the district and the state. The lodge is proud of its 200 years of history and looks forward to laying the foundation for our next century. **-Wor. Adam M. Pimentel**

Bro. Ray Tetreault was presented with the prestigious Robert Johnston Award.



▶ **Rt. Wor. Tonini** *cont'd from pg 11*

in Freemasonry has evolved over the years, being Master of Wisdom Lodge four times, and Grand Steward in 2004 under the direction of M. Wor. Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr. In the spring of 2015, at one of the 31st Masonic District's Lodge of Instruction at Cincinnatus Lodge, there was discussion about lodges working together and the district maybe trying new events that might interest the Brethren. The following month, at the next Lodge of Instruction, we had a cookout, and the Brethren came up with a few events they would like to do, from which sprang the 31st District Masonic Gala. This led to having the ladies being included more and having more family friendly events.

In 2017, being appointed District Deputy Grand Master changed my

Masonic life forever. It was an eye-opening change. There is more to Masonic life than just your own District. I met other District Deputy Grand Masters from all over the jurisdiction, traveling with those Brothers to their respective districts. Traveling as a candidate for Junior Grand Warden, I again get to greet those Brothers that I have met along the way, and most importantly, get to meet new Brethren every day, creating life-long friendships, some of which become more than your Brother, but your family.

In 2021, I had the honor to raise my youngest son, Bro. Logan D. Tonini, into the Fraternity, with the help of many Brethren I had met from across the jurisdiction, which was special not only for him, but for me as well. It showed how special the bonds of Freemasonry can be, and I can never

say thank you enough to those Brethren who were there for that moment and took the time to travel to extreme western Massachusetts for rehearsals and participate in his raising.

In the twenty-eighty years I have been a Mason, if you ask me why I would join Freemasonry today, the answer would be because of the fellowship, relationships, friendships, and the many Brothers and their ladies that I call my Masonic family. When the term greatest fraternity in the world is said, believe me it is a true statement. Every Masonic journey begins somewhere, with a simple question of how do I join? Each of us has different reasons, and what you expect today will change as your Masonic career evolves. I wish every candidate for Grand Warden the best and look forward to spending quality time with quality Brethren from all over this jurisdiction. ■

▶ **Rt. Wor. Toto** *continued from page 10*

around the yard and hosed off debris from the front granite stairs. As I walked down the stairs I slipped and landed hard on the next step. Something was wrong. I stood up and went to walk but crumbled to the ground. I had just torn both quadricep tendons. The ambulance came, and one of the EMTs noticed my Masonic ring. He wasn't a Mason, but I gave him a quick pitch on the fraternity and a lodge that was close to him to visit. An orthopedic doctor examined me. No worries, he could fix it up. Good news, I'd be able to walk by Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving? My mind raced. I was DDGM. There is much to do, and my basement would have to be converted with a hospital bed. I thought of my wife Debby and how it would affect her.

I'm not one to ask for help. Usually I am assisting or coordinating help. This is what we do as Freemasons. I called a couple of my lodge brothers and told them what happened. "John, don't worry, you take care of getting better and the brothers will make sure everything is prepared for you," is the answer I received. Many brethren of the 14th and even the 15th made certain everything was set up at my house so I could rehab at home. Besides all that work done, so many brought food and stopped by to visit. I think about this often, and it really has affected me in profound ways. My Brothers were there for me when I needed them most. I am such a fortunate man being able to call myself a Brother in the greatest Fraternity known to man. I look forward to seeing all of you and thanking each of you for being my Brother. ■

▶ **Rt. Wor. Yanakakis** *continued from page 11*

Benjamin, and Alexander were my anchor and support staff throughout my Masonic journey. They too have become a part of our lodge and Masonic community, each becoming involved in so many ways. I was fortunate to have been able to bring each of my three sons into the Craft when each one turned eighteen. It is my hope that they too will enjoy the gifts of Freemasonry which surrounds all of us. It is the duty of every member to bring new men into the Fraternity and to grow our lodges and the Craft. There is no greater gift than to share the wonderful light of Freemasonry with a friend or loved one. Building membership is not always through ad campaigns and slogans. Always remember that growing your lodge begins with a handshake and a smile. ■

▶ **Grand Lodge Quarterly** *continued from page 9*

recognizing the birth of Jordan Patrick Duhaine. Congratulations to the Grandfather, Rt. Wor. Rich Duhaine. Please continue to forward to my office notice of the new arrivals so we can celebrate together," said the Grand Master with a smile.

"I have received tremendous support from the Past Grand Masters, the business office, the Grand Lodge Officers, and all of our committees. With your help, we will continue to promote all of our Massachusetts Lodges and help them to be a light in their communities."

"God bless the United States of America, and God Bless our beloved fraternity," concluded the Grand Master to a standing ovation.

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

Overlook Annual Fall Festival

The Overlook held its Annual Fall Festival on The Overlook Campus on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Traditionally, the fair features craft items for sale, and the crafters were well represented with 20 vendors present despite an overcast day. A few hundred visitors viewed the booths and the various crafts. Food trucks, food vendors, and games for the kids were also plentiful. The tents featured the Senior Moment on-campus brewery, selling home-made root beer. The Masonic tent added ice cream for delicious root beer floats, which were enjoyed by many! Pictured at the Senior Moment tent is resident Sue Siopes and Brother Bruce Sandberg. The Masonic information tent is manned by Bro. George Fontana, with residents Ron Debellis and Bro. Steve Dragon looking on. ■



► Tea Party *continued from page 13*

Boston Tea Party in 1835. As the owner of a wharf, Warren had connections to the seaside populace, which gave him a direct conduit to information about the landed tea. Warren held meetings with various consignees and ship owners, many were his close associates, throughout November and December.

Meetings at St. Andrew's Lodge in those months reveal that the "Consignees of Tea took up the Brethren's Time." On the day of the Tea Party, Warren and four other brethren met at the Green Dragon, but

the "lodge closed on account of the few members in attendance." The hub of activity that day centered in Old South Meeting House, where Warren, one of the main speakers, gathered with other patriot leaders to actuate their plans. While Warren likely did not throw chests of tea into Boston Harbor, he undoubtedly helped orchestrate the entire event. The following day, Revere was dispatched to carry the news to New York and Philadelphia. The Boston event would set off nearly a dozen other Tea Parties throughout the colonies.

Years later, insightful clues surfaced

indicating Warren and Revere's involvement. One of these is a sketch of the Green Dragon featuring Masonic symbols and titled "Where we met to Plan the Consignment of a few Shiploads of Tea, Dec 16, 1773." Additionally, a popular Tea Party ballad appeared decades later, reading in part, "To meet our Chiefs at the Green Dragon. Our Warren's there, and bold Revere..." Although the event remains shrouded in secrecy, Warren's footprint is omnipresent. We will soon celebrate the semiquincentennial of The Destruction of the Tea, and with it, the main role played by our Masonic forefathers. ■



ASK THE GRAND LECTURER

by Rt. Wor. Nicholas J. Mantello

Senior Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts



This year's Exemplification of the Second Degree went well. Obviously, we all had words to correct and some required floor work (not all is at the discretion of the lodge). When mistakes are made at an Exemplification, it is not, nor should it be, considered to be an embarrassment. I have always said that if you learned a word incorrectly, it was possibly transmitted to

you wrong. Don't take it personally. I can remember many years ago I learned a word that pops up in our Third Degree as "enfolded," and a dear friend and Brother who recently passed away had a chuckle when rehearsing with me, and I put the word "entangled" in its place (a great memory that I will always have). Recently, my son was giving the same lecture and the word "entwined" popped out.

Yes, we strive for perfection, but that is reserved for the Grand Architect. For the rest of us, do your very best, have a laugh, and get it right the next time. When we gather after our meeting, we don't very often speak about the perfect ritual of Bro. AB, because it is rare. Rather, we have a good time remembering the crazy substituted words. This upcoming year, 2024, we will be exemplifying the Third or Master Mason Degree. So remember "enfolded," and if during your rehearsals, or while practicing by yourself, you say "I

think the word is..." make that call to your Ritualist, Master, Grand Lecturer, or myself, and get it right.

Q: *At a Masonic Memorial Service, is it allowed for Members to wear the apron of their office or a higher office?*

A: No. The only aprons to be worn at a Masonic Service are plain white aprons. The only exceptions are the Master, Senior Warden, Chaplain, and Marshal. At times, it may be difficult for the Worshipful Master or Chaplain to conduct the service because of their close relationship to the deceased, so it is permissible for another Brother to do the service and wear the Master's, Chaplain's, or a plain white apron when conducting the service. The same is true for the collars of the same office.

There have also been a few changes in our Masonic Trestle Board to review. The Officers, who will be presiding, shall also wear a tuxedo. This is our Officer's uniform. No pocket jewels or lapel pins shall be worn by any Brethren. The Brethren in attendance will wear business suits and only white aprons. It is also of great importance that the Master and Chaplain use books that are in correspondence with each other. This is our public ritual. Let's look our best. ■

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

▶ **Rt. Wor. Briggs** *continued from page 10*

with a uniquely designed trademark. Rt. Wor. Christopher Tonini of the 31st District and I are founding members of the Berkshire Past Master's Association. I am also part of the team reestablishing the Order of DeMolay in Pittsfield by reviving the Petherbridge Chapter.

Outside of Masonry, I live in the small town of Stamford, Vermont, right on the Massachusetts border, with my wife Leanne, and our Golden Retriever, Abby. I am a Grandpa to two wonderful boys, Alex (9), and Max (6), who I hope someday to sponsor into this great Fraternity. I've been employed by Williams College for 23 years, and for the past 11, have worked in the IT Department. As a Master Electrician for over 30 years, I also teach the National Electrical Code to adults working to become licensed electricians through a program at our local trade school. I have served in the community as a call/volunteer firefighter for 42 years. I feel the need to do what I can to

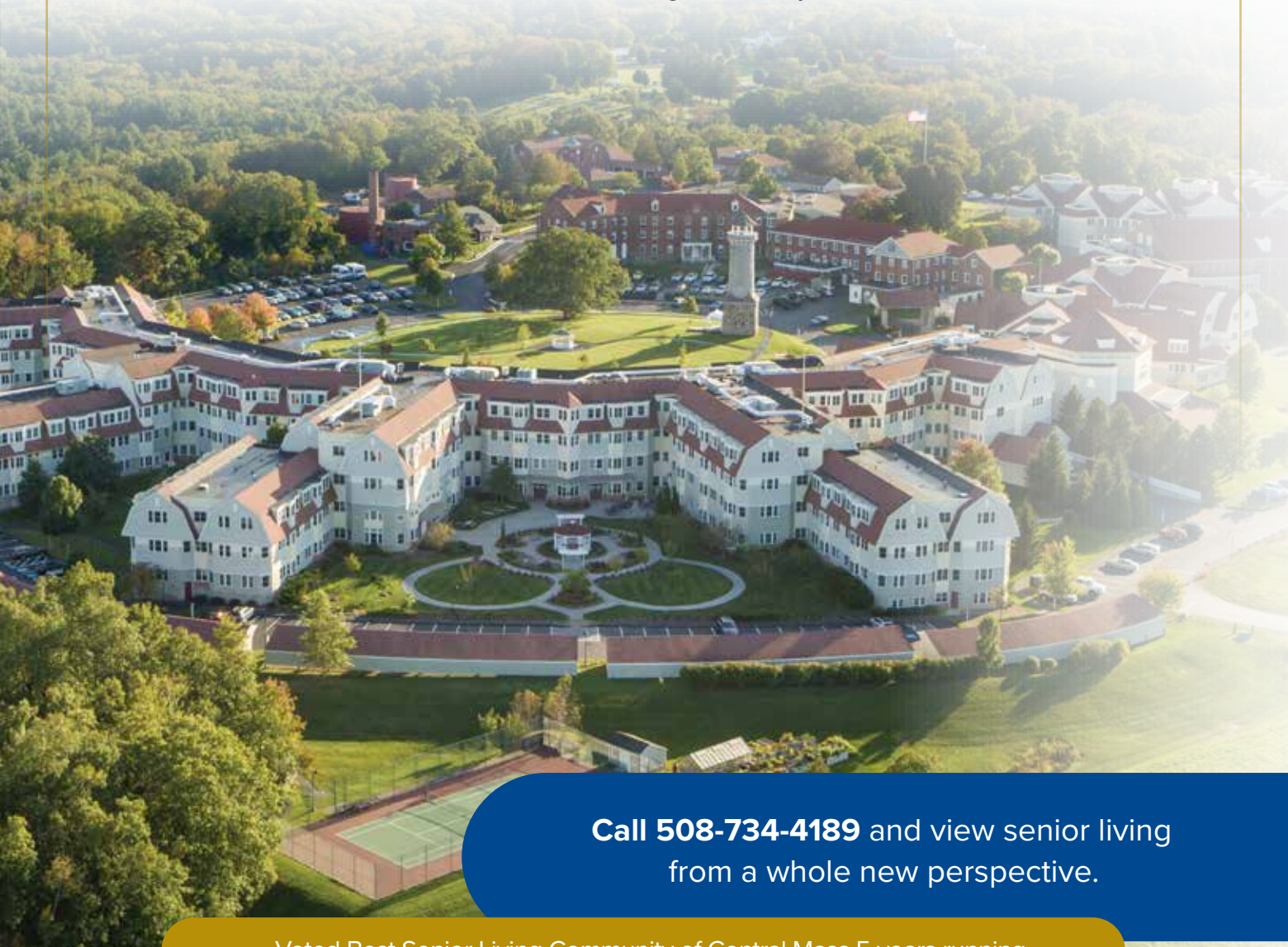
help when people are having their worst day.

I would like to end by talking a bit about my role model, my dad, Edward Bryant Briggs. M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason spoke about how we all have a "somebody." My Dad is my somebody. We spent many lunches together studying the cipher when I was going through the chairs in Berkshire Lodge. He had a gavel hand-made for me when I was installed as Master of the lodge, and arranged to have it presented to me in our lodge room by presiding Grand Master, M. Wor. Jeffery B. Hodgdon. He is the reason that I am so passionate about Masonic youth groups. I see the great lifelong friendships that he's maintained to this day from his DeMolay days 70 years ago. The Order of DeMolay's motto is "We encourage Good Boys to become Better Men." Perhaps they may become members of our Craft! Our country needs more youth leadership development programs. We need to give youth the tools to become good citizens. Freemasonry and our communities' efforts are helping meet this need. ■

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