

# TROWEL

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS SUMMER 2023



Flag Day  
at Grand Lodge



# *From the East of Grand Lodge*

## MOST WORSHIPFUL GEORGE HAMILTON

Brethren,

As Grand Master, it has been my privilege to attend many sessions of appendant bodies across the jurisdiction in the last six months. I come from a Masonic family. My Grandfather, Wor. George Forest Penniman, was Past Master of Alpha Lodge, a member of Orient Chapter of OES, Aleppo Temple, and an active Royal Arch Mason. He served as Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts in 1963.

I think about his Masonic Journey, and how it might compare with my own. I have been pleased to be a member of several Masonic appendant bodies as well as the Order of the Eastern Star (OES). It seems to me that we find fraternalism, goodwill, and friendships flourishing in a whole host of lodges, chapters, councils, and temples which may be outside of our blue lodges, but are nevertheless, united by our Masonic principles. The breadth and variety of experiences offered in each body gives Masons more opportunities to make a real connection and find a Masonic home that cements our Masonic membership. We also can learn from the successes of these organizations and imitate their best practices in other bodies to improve each organization.

As our membership numbers decline, every appendant body is trying to increase their ranks and fill their lines. The pressure to address membership decline has led some to believe that blue lodges are in competition with the appendant bodies for limited membership. To the extent that we promote any organization to the detriment of another, we are headed on a road to decline. We need to support and promote all Masonic organizations if we want Freemasonry to thrive. We may not be able to be leaders in all bodies, but we all can be proud supportive members. I am proud to be friends with brothers that have risen to the top of many of these organizations and I can assure you that their experiences make them better Blue Lodge Masons.

We call ourselves a Masonic family and there are many chapters and lodges where there is a great family feeling. Nevertheless, I am afraid that there are many examples where we often fall short when it comes to doing everything we can to support and promote our organizations. There may be many reasons for this, but I do believe that we can do something about it.

I would like to see lodges, as well as districts, better connect with and support the appendant bodies in their communities as a way of promoting Masonry in general. This includes our support for our Masonic youth organizations and the OES. Lodge and district leadership can lead the way on this.

Grand Lodge has launched a jurisdiction-wide calendar to help us better coordinate significant events and avoid scheduling conflicts which prevent us from attending important events of each body. Sharing membership data to strengthen our ranks as well as to look after the welfare of Brethren and Widows has never been more important.

There are some natural synergies where I think we can work together to improve all of our organizations. Let's work to be a Masonic family in more than just name!

God bless our beloved Fraternity and God bless America!

Sincerely and fraternally,



***Most Worshipful George Forest Hamilton***

Grand Master





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## **We Revolutionaries**

Major General Henry Knox Lodge (MGHK) is the lodge serving the military Masons, active or retired. I've never been in the military, but have been welcomed to attend their lodge meetings, as are all Brothers. The next Master of my lodge, Mount Olivet, is a member of MGHK, Wor. Ron Higgins.



The Brethren of MGHK Lodge are friendly, as you would expect. They call themselves "Double Brothers," Brothers in Arms and Brothers in Lodge.

I'm always thankful when I meet members of the military. They are the brave that allow me to exercise my God-given rights. They are ever vigilant to protect the freedoms the Constitution enshrines as endowed by our Creator.

They deserve our thanks and respect.

When they brought in the colors in the Grand Lodge Quarterly, I was reminded of the 250th anniversary of our country. They are truly the "same men, different era."

But the protection of our liberties extends beyond the military. As Freemasons, we are good civil citizens. When the colonies were enduring an unjust tyranny, we were responsible to stand up for justice. We are all the same men, different era.

Now we pursue our vision of a more just society partially by being honest upstanding Masons, and also by helping those we can. Our charity work makes better lives for some, but also a better world for all. We are in a period of a quiet revolution, where good deeds and good Masons help.

All of us are called to betterment, and that starts with attending lodge and living the lessons learned there.

I don't maintain our borders. I don't protect our interests in foreign lands. I don't go once a month for training. But I, like all Freemasons, am the vanguard of freedom in our beloved country, as we were when the tea floated in a certain harbor in Boston.

Inside my heart, my community, my city, my state, and my country, I am a revolutionary Mason. I fail, at times, to be my best self. But, more often than not, I am trying to become better and be part of the world that helps people be free and happy.

Fraternally, Lee H. Fenn

### **Are you a Revolutionary Mason?**

See page 12 to get Revolutionized.

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## Freemasons Repair Vet's Memorial Flagpole

Four Brothers made structural repairs to straighten the flagpole at The Easthampton Veterans Memorial ahead of a ceremony Memorial Day weekend. One of the Freemasons was The Easthampton American Legion 224 Post Commander, Brother Kevin Miller from Hampshire Lodge. The three others are all the current Worshipful Masters of their lodges. They were Wor. Micheal Paciorek of Hampshire Lodge in Haydenville, Wor. Santo Tomasine of Jerusalem Lodge in Hatfield, and Wor. Donald Carberry of Mt. Orthodox Lodge in Westfield.

*-Wor. Donald Carberry*



## The Panama Canal: A Masonic Legacy

At a forum with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Panama and the Abou Saad Shriners Potentate, Rt. Wor. Eduardo Crocama talked about the Masons during the building of the Panama Canal. The Panama Canal is one of the most impressive engineering feats of the modern era. It is a 50-mile-long waterway that cuts through the Isthmus of Panama, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The canal was built by the United States between 1904 and 1914, and it has played a vital role in global trade and commerce ever since. *continued on page 18*

*I.S. Anibal B George, Abou Saad Shriners Potentate; Mr. Orlando Acosta, Coordinator of the historical unit of the Panama Canal; M. Wor. Carlos M. Herrera, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Panama, and Rt. Wor. Eduardo Crocama V, District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of the Panama Canal.*



# Brotherly Love And...

*by Rt. Wor. and Rev. Matthew Wissell, Grand Chaplain*

**W**e are taught as Masons that one of the tenets of our profession is to practice Brotherly Love. We hear lots of encouragement. Things like best work and best agreement. Talk of unbreakable bonds of fellowship. We are told that it is the internal qualities that matter. We gather together to make one another better men.

Sounds nice, doesn't it? But there is a problem. As in any congregation, or any family, or any other group to which people belong, there are difficult issues with all this togetherness. Think about the groups you're a part of – your family, your faith community, your group of friends, your volunteer organizations, your workplace. There are people in these groups who annoy you, come on too strong, whose voices are irritating. Others repeat themselves too much, who seem to care only about themselves, or who are mean-spirited. Still others can't forgive past wrongs, who love to gossip, who will try to get ahead by climbing over you, and so on.

It would be nice if we could idealize our Fraternity when our founders told us to love one another deeply from the heart, but I can only imagine those early lodges were full of people just like us – imperfect, at best. But love is required, nevertheless. It is made somewhat easier by the knowledge that love is not a feeling, but an action. We as members of the Craft are not required to feel love, but we are required to act lovingly. We are expected to sacrifice on behalf of others. We are challenged to put the needs of others before our own. If we are going to live our lives as men who are better because of our relationships in the lodge, then our lives will be marked by these acts of love.

When lodges become focal points of loving acts by people who are responding to the fellowship therein, they become very attractive places. Who wouldn't want to be a part of a fraternity where everyone is treated with respect – even when they believe different things? When a group can welcome those seeking meaning in life in the surrounding community, it makes

a statement of inclusion and warmth. When brotherly love becomes the reality, a lodge is a comfortable place for someone to enter and feel at home.

In lodges, we won't find people throwing punches at one another. But we do sometimes find people fighting, nevertheless. We fight over big things and small things. We usually make the small things bigger than they really are. Lodges get contentious over the time to eat dinner. They argue over whether to buy a refrigerator or not. They disagree over building assessments and the color of the carpet.

Our forefathers would have us know that we don't really have a choice about loving each other. Just as we don't get to choose the family that raised us, we also don't get to choose every person who is a member of the Fraternity. No, they were chosen by someone else. And they, like us, were taught the exact same lessons we were as they took their degrees.

It is that instruction that now permeates each one of us. That love is a gift of our faith in the Grand Architect, and the genesis of our own ability to love, however weakly and imperfectly, each other.

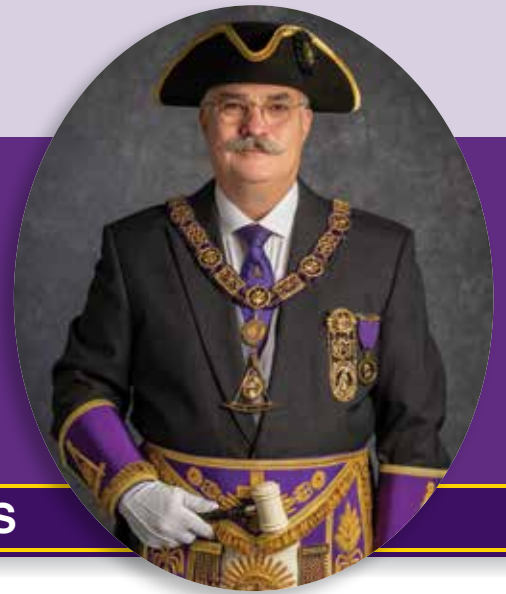
So when we come to lodge, we ought to remember when we walk through the door, none of us is perfectly worthy of the affection we receive from the others here. We are only there because the Grand Architect made a way for us. We may attend because we are seeking true fellowship, or maybe out of a sense of obligation. Perhaps, blessedly, some of us joined the lodge because we have seen others living out the love they received and by showing that love toward us. When that happens, we ought to give thanks for it, and we ought to learn new ways of duplicating it and demonstrating love toward others, whether we think they deserve it or not. ■



*Grand Chaplain Rt. Wor. and Rev. Matthew Wissell is pastor of Holy Trinity United Methodist Church in Danvers.*

# THE JUNE 2023 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

## OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

At 1:30pm on a warm June 14th, Flag Day, and the birthday of the United States Army, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful George F. Hamilton, entered the lodge room to the cheers and applause of the Brethren present.

The colors were presented by Major General Henry Knox Lodge's Wor. Christopher Tourtellot, Bro. Scott Tourtellot, Bro. William Wayne, Wor. Lawrence Corcoran, Wor. Joseph Fournier, and another Brother. After proclaiming our Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, everyone present sang an emotional National Anthem. Wor. Bro. Tourtellot

recited the Toast to the Flag to a proud assembly of Brethren (see page 20). The Color Guard, in their military uniforms from different ages, were dismissed.

After singing *Oh God Our Help in Ages Past*, and a prayer from Grand Chaplain, Rt. Wor. Benjamin S. Flax, the Grand Master declared the Summer 2023 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts opened in ample form.

The Grand Master introduced the following guests and reminded the Brethren of the "Delaware Clap," which he demonstrated: one clap, in unison.

### – Visiting Grand Lodge Jurisdictions –

- M. Wor. Gary S. Kaufman, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island (1791)
- M. Wor. Thomas E. Pulkkinen, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine (1820)
- M. Wor. Dean D. Rein, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Utah (1872)
- Rt. Wor. Samir C. Bichara, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge Rio De Janeiro (1927)
- Rt. Wor. Oscar M. Zepeda, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Baja California, Mexico (1933)

### – Massachusetts York Rite Bodies –

- M. Excel. Ernest Arnold Bean, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter 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. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts
- Ill. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, Active for Massachusetts
- Ill. Scott D. Inglis, 33°, Active for Massachusetts
- Ill. Peter R. Smith, 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts

### – Shrine International –

- Ill. Charles A. DiMinico, Potentate, Aleppo Shrine

### – Other Masonic Bodies –

- Wor. and Dad Matthew S. Gerrish, Executive Officer, Order of the DeMolay, Massachusetts

- M. Worthy 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

### – Other Masonic Introductions –

- Rt. Wor. Kenneth R. Blake, Chairman of the Board, Masonic Health System of Massachusetts

### STREAMING

#### – Tokyo Japan –

- Rt. Wor. Eduardo Crocamo, District Grand Master Tokyo Japan
- Rt. Wor. Anand J. Murti, A member of Sinim Lodge of this Grand Lodge Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Japan

#### – York Rite Bodies –

- M. Ill. Manual Ferreira, III, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts

#### – Other Guests Streaming –

- Rt. Wor. Jose D. Seixas, Grand Secretary pf Foreign Relations, The Grand Lodge of Rio De Janeiro (1927)
- M. Wor. Armando Acosta, Grand Master, The Grand Lodge of Baja, California, Mexico (1933)

#### – Past Grand Masters –

- 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



Grand Lodge Officers and guests enter the Lodge room.



The Grand Master is escorted by the Grand Marshal into the Lodge room.

“We are fortunate for the support of those who provide us services behind the scenes,” said 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 the Assistant Grand Secretary, M. Wor. Bro. Stewart, to describe the voting power of Lodges. He also reported on the recognition of proxies, of which there were 167. The Report on Proxies was accepted.

M. Wor. Bro. Stewart supplied the Report on Mergers and Acquisitions. He reported on the merging of Merrimack Lodge, currently meeting in Haverhill, and John Hancock Lodge, currently meeting in Andover, under the Charter of Merrimack Lodge and the name of John Hancock Lodge.

The Charter of John Hancock Lodge is to be surrendered. The Report on Mergers and Acquisitions was accepted.

The Grand Master called upon Rt. Wor. W. Warren Richardson, Jr. to report on the Records Committee. The report was accepted.

He called upon Rt. Wor. Robert V. Jolly, Jr. for the report from the Committee on Charters and By-Laws. Nineteen by-law changes were approved and five were partially approved. The report was accepted.

The Grand Master called upon his Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Kenneth Scott for the necrology. He chronicled a list of seven travelers to that “undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns,” according to *Hamlet*. Rt. Wor. Seth A. Landau, Grand Chaplain, led the Brethren to mourn the loss of these Brothers who took

over 360 years of Masonic experience to further enhance the Celestial Lodge above.

The Grand Master then listed three men who did not live up to our strict code of conduct, falling short of our high standards for being a Freemason. He made a motion for three expulsions, which was agreed to by the Brethren present.

The Grand Master moved on to present to representatives of King David Lodge and Rt. Wor. William Cheetham, DDGM for the 6th District, a certificate commemorating the 225th Anniversary of King David Lodge.

The Grand Master presented the Grand Master’s Award to Wor. Jared LaLiberte, the Officers of Norfolk Lodge, and Rt. Wor. Joseph Manzo, DDGM for the 5th.

He called upon his Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. Michael R. Durocher, to present Rt. Wor. and Dad Philp Drouin and Wor. and Dad Matthew Gerrish to the East. There the Grand Master presented Rt. Wor. Bro. Drouin with the Youth Advisor of the Year by the Supreme Council Scottish Rite.

The Grand Master accepted a brand-new Mexican flag, a personal gift from Rt. Wor. Oscar Zepeda.

He directed his Grand Marshal to present Rt. Wor. Jacob Yanovich and Rt. Wor. John MacLeod to the East. Once there, Rt. Wor. Bro. Yanovich was confused; he did not know he was part of the proceedings. The Grand Master honored Rt. Wor. Bro. Yanovich with the Joseph Warren Medal. Rt. Wor. Bro. Yanovich was properly shocked.

The Grand Master met Rt. Wor. James Gilrein and Wor. Rodney Owens, Master of Delta Lodge in the East. There he explained that some time ago, Rt. Wor. Bro. Gilrein’s Senior Grand Warden’s Jewel and apron had been stolen.



Rt. Wor. James Lawrie Reid





**Members of the Military Lodge, Major General Henry Knox Lodge, present the Colors and recite the Toast to the Flag reprinted on page 20.**

“About six months ago, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire approached us,” continued the Grand Master, “and told us that they had received a number of items from a Masonic Brother from Massachusetts. Grand Lodge received a treasure trove of Masonic items from a very distinguished Mason,” Rt. Wor. James Lawrie Reid, (<https://tinyurl.com/JamesLawrieReid>), who passed away in 1974. Along with several other Masonic activities, he served as Senior Grand Warden in 1962.

The Grand Master requested from the Master of Delta Lodge, Wor. Bro. Owens, if the many jewels could be returned to Delta Lodge with the request that the Senior Grand Warden jewel be used on loan to Rt. Wor. Bro. Gilrein, to which he agreed. In addition, the Grand Master supplied a replacement Henry Price Medal.

The Grand Marshal escorted the Master, Wor. John Rowe, Rt. Wor. William Kessler, Sr. and Jr. Wardens, and members of North Quabbin Lodge to the East. The Grand Master welcomed the ten Brothers in the East. In the East, Wor. Bro. Rowe, having met the criteria for retrieval of their traveling gavel, requested its return from the Grand Master. With some hesitation, he relinquished it.

The Grand Marshal presented Rt. Wor. Gary Levine, DDGM for the 23rd. Rt. Wor. Bro. Levine presented a donation accumulated on May 6th, Brotherhood Day, along with many other districts. He invited the Grand Master to the next Brotherhood Day at Polar Park on Friday, September 1st. As a proud fan of the Wo Sox, Rt. Wor. Bro. Levine gave the Grand Master a Wo Sox hat, ball, and polo shirt.

In the East, Wor. Ara Yogurtian, Master of Meridian Lodge, presented the Grand Master with a donation to the Brotherhood Fund and expressed appreciation for the celebration of their anniversary.

To the confusion of the Brethren assembled, two Grand

Stewards erected an easel in the East as the Grand Master called for the Grand Historian, Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt, to the East. There, he presented to the Grand Master artist David Seeley’s rendition of the Battle of Bunker Hill and a donation from the Colonial Craftsmen for the Brotherhood Fund.

M. Wor. Bro. Gleason took the short walk down the stairs to the Level where he presented the Grand Master with a painting of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

The Grand Master met M. Wor. Bro. Rein, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Utah, on the Level where he presented the Grand Master an autographed copy of the book *Saving Dr. Warren...A True Patriot* by Bro. Jeffery McKenna.

The Grand Master then entertained other presentations.

Wor. Russell W. Wolf of Norumbega Lodge and Rt. Wor. Joseph A. Manzo, Jr., DDGM of the 5th District, donated to the Brotherhood Fund.

A contingent from Norfolk Lodge, including the Master, Wor. Jared LaLiberte, presented a donation to the Brotherhood Fund in memory of Wor. Warren Morse and the departed Brethren of Norfolk Lodge.

The Grand Master gratefully accepted these donations and began his address.

“It has been a busy first quarter in Massachusetts Masonry!” proclaimed the Grand Master, “Grand Lodge has attended 53 events during this period, and I have logged over 13,000 automobile miles within the Northeast.”

It was the Grand Master’s pleasure to visit Florida with the Grand Secretary, M. Wor. Bro. Maggio, and attend luncheons in Tampa, Fort Myers, and West Palm Beach.

“We conducted an informal survey to find out how many of our Brethren attend a local lodge, how often they return to New England, what their family support is like, etc. It was discouraging to learn that nearly half of the Brethren have had no contact from their Massachusetts lodge in the



Left: Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, Chairman Shriners Children; Rt. Wor. Ernest Pearlstein, P.J.G.W Imperial Potentate Aide; Marjorie Pearlstein, Past Queen Oppela Tempe #50; The Grand Master, the Grand Lady Theresa Hamilton, Imperial Sir's Lady Jennifer Craven, Imperial Sir Kenneth Craven, Imperial Potentate. Right: Supreme Queen Patricia Larimore, Daughters of the Nile, with the Grand Master.



## 2023 FLORIDA TRIP



Fort Myers



Tampa Bay



West Palm Beach

last year. We need to make it a priority to stay in touch with these Brethren. It is important to note that the average lodge has 22 members out of state. More than three quarters of our lodges have fewer than 30 members out of state. I offer as a suggestion that lodges break up the lodge into groups and assign junior officers to make regular calls and start the dialog with these Brethren. Categories such as out of state brethren, brethren over 80, brethren under 40, shut-ins, sick and recovering, etc.,” the Grand Master said, expressing concern.

The Grand Master discussed the mergers of Wisdom and Occidental Lodges (3/25/23), Pilgrim and Universal Lodges (5/11/23), North Reading and Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodges (5/15/23), and Simon W. Robinson and Washington Lodges (6/2/23). He reminded us, “We shouldn’t forget that the merger is also a new beginning where two lodges become one. Together they can often accomplish what neither could do separately. Congratulations to those lodges and we wish them well in their new beginnings.”

The Grand Master attended anniversary celebrations with four lodges for this quarter: Meridian Lodge held the last of the carpet ceremonies for the Paul Revere lodges on May 6th; Charles A. Welch Lodge celebrated their 150th anniversary at their relatively new meeting place in Concord on May 9th; across the sea, Union Lodge on Nantucket celebrated their 250th anniversary with a parade and banquet on May 13th; Star in the East Lodge celebrated their 200th anniversary at the historic Seaman’s Bethel and New Bedford Whaling Museum on June 10th. “We are proud to promote the welfare of these lodges and we rejoice in their prosperity,” said the Grand Master with a smile.

“It was my pleasure to attend the Master Mason’s degree at Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge for Bros. Ryan Phillip Saucier and Corey Joseph Taylor on April 11th, and also at the Scouts Lodge on May 25th for Bro. Kenny Kromer.” (See page 27.)

The Grand Master attended a celebration for the 150th Anniversary of the city of Holyoke on April 6th. “The



Honorable Joshua A. Garcia of Mount Tom Lodge serves as the Mayor of Holyoke, and we couldn't be prouder of this Brother. More than a dozen brothers from District 27 joined our Senior Past Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Ronald Jackson and me for this memorable event."

The Grand Master attended all of the appendant bodies' annual sessions and installations of officers. Grand Lodge Officers attended in March the Grand Commandery, in April the Scottish Rite Valley of Boston Reunion and Installation, Grand Court of Amaranth, York Rite Grand Chapter and Grand Council Semiannual, in May the Order

of the Eastern Star Annual Session, and in June the Daughters of the Nile Annual Session.

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## PRESENTATIONS IN THE EAST OF GRAND LODGE



*King David Lodge 225th Anniversary*



*Rt. Wor. Oscar Zepeda presents a new Mexican Flag*



*Norfolk Lodge Recieve the Grand Master's Award*



*Rt. Wor. Jacob Yanovich surprised with a Joseph Warren Medal*



*Rt. Wor. & Dad Philp Drouin awarded Youth Advisor of the Year*



*Rt. Wor. James Gilrein with his Jewel and Wor. Rodney Owens, Master of Delta Lodge*

## PRESENTATIONS IN THE EAST



*North Quabbin Lodge retrieves the super-sized Traveling Gavel*



*Rt. Wor. Gary Levine presents Woo Sox items to the Grand Master*



*Wor. Ara Yogurtian, Master of Meridian Lodge and Rt. Wor. Edwin Sloper donate to the Brotherhood Fund*



*Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt presents a donation and a depiction of the Battle at Bunker Hill*

organizations are ones where they make the wives and children feel welcome and included.”

**“I reject the notion that blue lodges are in competition with appendant bodies. I am proud of my association with several of the appendant bodies. Many of my friends and Brothers have risen to the top of these organizations and I assure you that they are better Masons for this association,” stated the Grand Master.**

The Grand Master turned his attention to our Widows programs. “As Masons, we take an obligation to look out for our Masonic Widows and orphans and there are some terrific examples of programs that lodges run. I do believe, however, that overall, we can do much better. It starts with taking better care of the ladies of living Brethren and developing relationships long before we lose a Brother.”

“We intend to develop and maintain better records of our widows and immediate families. I have spoken with the Worthy Grand Matron of OES and asked for their collaboration, and I will work with our Widows Committee to accomplish this,” the Grand Master said.

He announced a committee at Grand Lodge to collaborate and maintain a jurisdiction-wide online calendar of important events. This will make promoting and attending Masonic and appendant events across Massachusetts easier.

**“It is my intention to hold a Masonic Unity Picnic next summer and you will be hearing more about this in September,” the Grand Master announced.**

The Grand Master discussed the Youth Committee, which coordinates and supports all of the efforts of DeMolay, Rainbow, and the Boy Scouts of America. He thanked Rt. Wor. Arnie Johnson, Wor. Matt Gerrish, and Sister Susan Torrey for their continued efforts.

“With the help of our Pillar Officers, the Grand Lodge attended the annual sessions held during this quarter,” said the Grand Master. These sessions were in the Northeast, including Quebec and Prince Edward Island in Canada, Connecticut, New York, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. One of those events was the Brotherhood Night in March in Bangor, Maine.”

The Grand Master said that the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts will be hosting the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters in July.

“We put on our regalia and marched in several parades across the jurisdiction, including the District 26 Rat River Parade, the Patriot’s Day Parade in Lexington, the Flag Day parade in Framingham, and June Day for the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company Installation of Officers,” said the Grand Master. (See page 22.)

The Grand Master attended several special events across the jurisdiction including meetings of the Colonial Craftsmen, a Masonic play at Union Lodge in Norwood, a *Titanic* Dinner at John Hancock Lodge (see page 26), and a 16th District LOI panel discussion with M. Wor.



Bro. Maggio.

"I was honored to present the Joseph Warren Medal to Wor. Elmer Maxwell of Golden Rule Lodge and Rt. Wor. Bro. Wissell of Mount Lebanon Lodge, and to present the Daniel Carter Beard Award to Bro. David A. Chase of Weymouth United Masonic Lodge and Bro. Bradford F. Anselmo of Star in the East Lodge."

"I joined the brethren of Quittacus Lodge to celebrate the 90th birthday of Rt. Wor. August R. Cote, Sr. In all, I made three visits, one to each of the three lodges of New Bedford: Abraham H. Howland, Jr., for a third degree, Star in the East, for their 200th Anniversary, and to Quittacus, for RW Brother Cote's birthday celebration. Congratulations to the Masons of New Bedford for their outstanding Masonic spirit!"

"I appreciated the kind invitations we received to attend Table Lodges at Paul Revere Lodge in April and Tahattawan Lodge in June," the Grand Master happily said.

The 250th Committee, under the leadership of Rt. Wor. Bryan Simmons, is moving ahead with some exciting plans.

**"One of the overarching goals of the committee is to help lodges connect with their own local histories and the men that not only helped form their lodges, but also played such a big role in the birth of our nation. Grand Lodge was pleased to attend a historical event at St. John's Lodge in Newburyport where history is alive and well. Wor. Brother Jon L. Williamson gave a wonderful presentation on the history of the lodge, the early leaders, and where the lodge met over the years," said the Grand Master.**

**"I have asked the DDGMs to nominate a historian from each District to work with the 250th Committee and help connect the dots between local, state, and lodge histories. We are a third of the way to completing this goal."**

On June 13th, Grand Lodge hosted a reception in the Joseph Warren room for civic history organizations from around Boston. "We expect to be partnering with many of them in the events approaching and this was a nice opportunity to network and make connections and also to showcase the history of Freemasonry in Massachusetts," said the Grand Master.

"I appreciate all the support I have received from the Past Grand Masters, the business office, the Grand Lodge Officers, and all of our committees. I look forward to the next quarter, and all the events before us which make me proud to be a Massachusetts Mason."

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

After singing with the Brethren *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts closed the Quarterly Communication in ample form. ■



*M. Wor. Paul Gleason presents a portrait of the George Washington Masonic Memorial*



*M. Wor. Dean D. Rein, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Utah presents Saving Dr. Warren . . . A True Patriot by Bro. Jeffery McKenna*



*Wor. Russell W. Wolf of Norumbega Lodge and Rt. Wor. Joseph A. Manzo, Jr., donated to the Brotherhood Fund*



*Wor. Jared LaLiberte donated to the Brotherhood Fund in memory of Wor. Warren Morse and the Brethren of Norfolk who passed*

## PRINCE HALL: A FOUNDING FATHER OF FREEMASONRY AND CHAMPION FOR EQUALITY

by Victor Cruz, Senior Steward, St. John's Lodge, Newburyport

A stone's throw from Philanthropic Lodge hangs the iconic "Spirit of '76" drum and fife painting. The 1876 Marblehead Abbot Hall artwork is enormous. Originally titled "Yankee Doodle," it features two drummers, a boy and a white-haired man, a flutist, and a dying man waving under a dark, smoky sky. During the pitch of battle, drumbeats alerted soldiers when to load and fire muskets, or instructed marching orders. Fifes played tunes to communicate a cease-fire, parley for peace talks, rally, or surrender. "Spirit" is a patriotic reminder of sacrifices made in the eight-year fight for American independence. After the Battle of Bunker Hill (1775), it was Paul Revere, a silversmith and self-taught dentist, who identified the fallen hero Dr. Joseph Warren, his dear friend and Masonic brother, by his teeth.

Perhaps the skins on those drums represented in the "Spirit of '76" were made by the founder of Prince Hall Freemasonry, which today comprises some 4,500 lodges globally. Prior to the War, Prince Hall, (not an unusual name during the late 18th century), along with 14 other free black men, petitioned St. John's Lodge, Boston, for admission. Hall was attracted to Freemasonry for its Enlightenment-era ideals of liberty, equality, and freedom. His request was denied.

In 1775, Hall and his friends were "accepted" when initiated into Freemasonry in Lodge No. 441 of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, attached to the 38th British Foot Infantry. It was the first historical account of black men made Masons in America. When the British Army left Boston in 1776, Lodge No. 441 granted Prince Hall and his brethren authority to meet as African Lodge No. 1, where Hall

was elected Worshipful Master, a position he held for 31 years, until his death at age 72.

Prince Hall was born in Barbados in 1735, and at 11 years old was brought to Boston as a slave acquired by William Hall, a tanner. Prince learned how to process and dress leather from him. A month after the Boston Massacre in April, 1770, now aged 35 and fully literate, Prince Hall manumitted as an "always accounted free man." By age 40, he had his own successful leatherworks business. Though most likely rare at the time, Hall was a homeowner who voted and paid taxes. Swept up in Revolutionary War fervor, Hall believed the pathway to equality lay in military service. He petitioned the Massachusetts Committee of Safety to allow black men to join the Continental Army. He and his supporters argued that the Intolerable Acts, passed by Parliament in 1774, were similar to the enslavement of black people. The Committee denied his request.

In 1775, the British government guaranteed freedom to all men of color who enlisted in the British Army. This led the Continental Army to reverse course and welcome black men into their ranks. Hall was one of six "Prince Halls" who served in the Continental Army during the war. As a chaplain in the Massachusetts militia, he created leather drumheads for an artillery regiment and helped recruit black soldiers to join, promising a post-war freedom that did not materialize. Kidnappings of even freed men were common.

After the war, Prince Hall continued as a leatherworker and caterer. He became involved in politics and served as a Boston Selectman. To improve the lives of his people, he hosted community events, theater events, and educational forums. Twice he solicited Massachusetts Congress to open an education program for young children and twice his pleas went unanswered. So, he operated a school from his home.

Although his African Lodge No. 1 was not recognized by Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,

### Are you a Revolutionary Mason?

Send in a photo to [editortrowel@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## OUR LAND — SILENT WITNESS TO HISTORY

by Wor. Keith MacKinnon

Our Grand Lodge of Massachusetts recently formed a new committee, the 250th Committee, whose duty it is to bring to light the events, people, history, and locations of the American Revolutionary War. Massachusetts is rich in history, and growing up here in New England, history stared at you from every direction. The Revolutionary War affected many communities, and today many of the homes, cemeteries, forts, history, museums, and even the land can help tell our past.

One thing I never took into account is the land that our Masonic buildings of the present sit on and those of the past were located. The land has been a silent watcher of various events that took place for our freedom from tyranny. My hometown, Cambridge, never saw a battle, but did see Redcoats, Minutemen, the Continental Army, and later Prisoners of War. The land that my Masonic building stands on today saw and heard the cries of Bro. William Dawes as he rode past it, not to mention the Cambridge Minuteman that lived upon this land. He grabbed his musket and marched to Lexington on that warm day in April.

The original home of King Solomon's Lodge in Charlestown, Massachusetts, Warren's Tavern, though not standing at the time when the British marched upon Breed's Hill, is on the land where this lodge held its early days of life. It may have seen a British Regular stop and think, "What am I doing?" as he lit his torch which burned the town. Munroe Tavern, in Lexington, was the first home of

Hiram lodge. It was used by the retreating British as a hospital and rest station for the troops for that long march from Concord to Boston. The room the lodge would occupy some 23 years later did not exist at the time the British arrived. Imagine though, that room later built, used for years as a Masonic meeting place, might have seen a British Regular rest or even bleed on that land.

Perhaps there are a handful of current Masonic buildings still active, or sitting silent today from our past, whose land viewed events that unfolded in their towns. Some of them not only witnessed, but heard the men, wagons, sleighs, and oxen that carried those needed cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to Dorchester Heights.

Simply stepping out the front door of the Lexington Masonic Building, you are faced with the land which the books of history call the location of The Shot Heard 'Round the World. Concord, another historical building, did not stand at that time, but the land did witness the dozens of men and boys march towards Concord Bridge that day. Perhaps the land is still waiting patiently for one or two of those heroes to come home, though they will never return.

Sometimes it is not only the history, stories, cemeteries, houses, buildings, and people that took part in our fight for freedom, but the land as well on which many of our Masonic buildings were erected. They might hold a secret or two of the past and only we can unlock it. ■

the Grand Lodge of England did issue a warrant in 1784, renaming it to African Lodge No. 459. The charter was delivered to Prince Hall personally by John Hancock's brother-in-law, Captain James Scott. Prince Hall went on to open other Masonic lodges in Philadelphia and Providence.

Hall died on December 4, 1807, and is buried under a pillar memorial at Copp's Hill Burying Ground overlooking the Charlestown Naval Yard. Other Revolutionary War figures buried there include Robert Newman (1752-

1804), a member of the Sons of Liberty who hoisted lanterns in a church steeple to signal Paul Revere to begin his famous ride, and Edmund Hartt (1744-1817), the builder of the 204-foot long frigate *USS Constitution*, "Old Ironsides," still afloat. Hartt was Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge from 1780-1781.

Out of admiration for their founding father and first Grand Master, Lodge No. 459 was rechristened in 1847 as Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the name it carries *continued on page 32*



# Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



## Most Worshipful Dudley Hays Ferrell 1923-1925

*“Capacity for Service”*

*The 44th installment in the  
continuing series focused on our past  
Massachusetts Grand Masters.*

At his passing in 1932, the memorial committee of the Grand Lodge wrote of M. Wor. Dudley H. Ferrell:

*“Gone from us a familiar face, a cheery smile, the handclasp of a friend; but memory remains. Now and again, and yet again, upon the silver screen of memory, he lives with us day by day.*

*“And it is not a silent screen. Memory brings back to us voice as well as feature. As we sit musing, we forgather with him again as Christian gentleman, clergyman and pastor; as Master of his Lodge, Deputy Grand Master, and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts; as the newly installed Most Wise Master of Rose Croix; as Relief Commissioner; as Director of the Grand Lodge; as husband, father, and grandfather; as personal friend; and as Masonic Brother.”*

His life was too brief, but it was very eventful. A devoted and active Mason, he was active in many Masonic bodies and organizations, a worthy accompaniment to his duties as a clergyman – the first of his profession to ascend to the East of our Grand Lodge since George Randall almost three-quarters of a century earlier. His life, as another testament says, was “a happy and deep adventure in service to his fellow men,” while his death – at just short of 54 years of age, due to a brief illness – was unexpected and took place at a time when several other leaders of the Craft in Massachusetts passed away suddenly and tragically. His career in Masonry was bright and eventful, with the greatest honors coming in the 1920s, a time when the Fraternity was vital and growing; his death took place in a time of crisis in the world, in the early 1930s.

Bro. Ferrell was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1879, but came to Massachusetts at an early age. He attended Princeton, both as an undergraduate and in the Theological Seminary. His first pastorate in Massachusetts was at the Unitarian Church in Natick, Massachusetts, followed by a twelve-year term as pastor of the Church of the Unity in Brockton. It was there that he was brought to Masonic Light, receiving his degrees in Paul Revere Lodge in that city in 1906. In 1917, he was among the petitioners for Baalis Sanford Lodge, and served as its first Worshipful Master under its charter. This was made possible following a declaration by Grand Master Leon Abbott: “I rule that service as regular Warden for the period one year in a Lodge acting under Dispensation makes such member eligible for election as Master.” Bro. Ferrell had never served in an elected office before, and his year as Senior Warden in the lodge under dispensation was the first such elevation. M. Wor. Bro. Abbott installed Rev. Bro. Ferrell himself on April 10, 1918. Shortly afterward, his profession took him to Montréal, where he was pastor at the Church of the Messiah, but he returned to Massachusetts to serve at the Unitarian Church in Lynn. Subsequently he would be pastor at the Second Church in Boston. Thus he would remain in the Commonwealth for the rest of his life.

At the end of 1920, Bro. Ferrell gave his first prominent speech at Grand Lodge at the Feast of St. John. His subject was “Trustees of Civilization” – referring to the Masonic fraternity. He noted:

*“We are continually talking about destiny. The only destiny that I know of is the destiny that is interpreted in a man’s work, and that destiny is not fulfilled until his work is a contribution to the common welfare. . . while it is true that the average man finds it impossible to rise above the general level of his time . . . what the average*



*man does, it is what you and I nurture in our souls as the purpose of life . . . When all is said and done, civilization is the one inevitable democracy. We all have a share in it whether we want to or whether we do not want to."*

It was only two years after the end of a catastrophic war that had changed the map of the world, and Ferrell's speech – as well as many other writings and presentations of the era – reflected the burden of that change. He observed, "We are the inheritors of an honorable past, and it is our duty to match that past with a present that is just as honorable."

In 1922, Rev. Bro. Ferrell was selected by M. Wor. Arthur D. Prince to serve as Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts, not only as a testament to his skill with the Masonic work, but also for his ability as a speaker. He was being prepared for the greatest honor of his Masonic career - to be elected Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, in which office he was installed to succeed Bro. Prince in December, 1922.

It was an active time for the Fraternity, a time of great growth. During his three years as Grand Master, he granted eleven charters for Lodges. Three of them still exist (The Harvard, Milton, Bay Path, and Eastern Star). Others (Fourth Estate, Beaver, Russell, Netop, Elm and United) have since merged with other lodges.

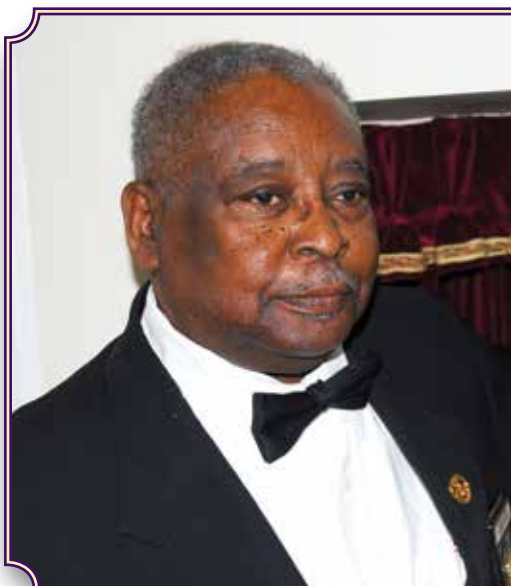
He made a number of rulings and edicts. He was very firm on the matter of public utterances, stating clearly that "Grand Lodge speaks only through its Most Worshipful Grand Master, through its official Proceedings . . . and through Brothers especially deputed," and that "no person and no . . . publication has the right officially to voice or represent the principles, opinions or attitudes of this Grand Lodge except as heretofore provided." He strongly advised a thorough investigation of potential candidates, and forbade the operation of lotteries and games of chance (well before the well-known rulings in the 1930s and after). He

insisted that the officers of a lodge, particularly the Master, needed to have good familiarity with the Grand Constitutions, and that every brother should show proficiency to the Master's satisfaction. These convey a certain firmness and seriousness. Indeed, that seems to be reflected in every portrait of M. Wor. Bro. Ferrell. There do not appear to be any that show him smiling, but it is clear that among Brothers and friends he was a genial and friendly man.

Yet there is an eloquence and compassion in his public speaking. "The simplicity of Freemasonry is perhaps one of its greatest charms," he wrote, and that any man of "average intelligence" who listened to its teachings was worthy of the "possession of its principles and the custody of its reputation." He believed strongly (as was later said, and enshrined in our Grand Constitutions) that Freemasonry sought "to proclaim its principles as widely as men will hear them." He wrote: ". . . to those who have made our history as a Fraternity, a distinguished record of public service, Freemasonry was nothing more or less than an opportunity to develop real Craftsmanship in the exercise of morals."

After his time as Grand Master, he was appointed as Relief Commissioner, in which office he served our Grand Lodge until his death in 1932. In his later years (and they were not at all late in life!), he continued to be active in Masonry, and at the time he passed he was serving as Most Wise Master of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of Boston Scottish Rite.

"His was a true genius for unselfishness, a natural skill in friendliness, a capacity for service so great that the hardest labor seemed effortless in the smiling grace with which it was performed." It is clear from all that was written about him that his death was a great loss to the Fraternity at a time that it could scarcely afford such a loss. In his work, his pastorate, his remarks, and his deeds we have an admirable legacy. ■



## M. Wor. Nicholas B. Locker: Revolutionary In Our Time

The passing of Most Worshipful Nicholas B. Locker, Past Grand Master of Prince Hall Massachusetts, is a loss for all Masons. I had the privilege of working with M. Wor. Bro. Locker on an article in 2010 about the Restoration of Amity of Prince Hall by the United Grand Lodge of England. He was truly a revolutionary Mason. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for enhancing the Masonic experience for all Masons. For the full story, go to [https://massmasons.org/public/trowel/Trowel\\_Summer\\_2010.pdf](https://massmasons.org/public/trowel/Trowel_Summer_2010.pdf)

-Wor. Lee H. Fenn





# VETERAN'S MEDAL 2023 RECIPIENTS

The following Master Masons will be eligible to receive their Veteran's Medal this year. This medal is awarded to men who have been Masons for 50 years. Anyone raised at any time during 1973 will be recognized in 2023.

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

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

in 2023 and generously sent to TROWEL. Thank you to all the Masters, District Deputies, members of Grand Lodge, and their photographers for taking the time to share these pictures.

Masons are listed in their current lodge, which may or may not be the lodge where they were raised in 1973. If you have any concern about being included in the listing, or any question about your membership status, please contact your lodge Secretary, who will consult your membership records for you.



*Bro. Raymond Samra of Middlesex Lodge*

## AMICABLE LODGE

Bro. Alfred William Siegrist  
Bro. Richard David Stockwood

## AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE

Bro. James Norman Black, Jr.  
Bro. Wallace Leslie Pennell

## ASCENDUS LODGE

Bro. Herbert Russell Barclay  
Bro. Richard Dana Blaisdell  
Rt. Wor. John William Burt  
Bro. William Keath Loizides  
Wor. Mark Evan Lubarsky  
Bro. Richard Stephen Ochinn

## AURORA LODGE

Bro. Ronald Victor Legros

Wor. Scott Philip Nussey

## BAALIS SANFORD LODGE

Wor. Robert Charles Farrell  
Bro. Steven Marc Fishman  
Wor. John Courtney Howard

## BLUE HILL LODGE

Wor. Dan Marion Petrescu

## BOYLSTON LODGE

Bro. Roy Kenneth Baer

## BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. Harvey Leon Isabelle  
Bro. Dennis Richard Sage

## BRISTOL LODGE

Wor. Edward Anton Dyer, Sr.

## CALEB BUTLER LODGE

Bro. David Harrison King

## CELESTIAL LODGE

Wor. George Stanley Fontana  
Bro. Irving Morris Weiner  
Bro. Thomas Mark Winer

## CHARITY LODGE

Bro. George Steven Brown  
Wor. John James Polychrones

## CHARLES A. WELCH LODGE

Wor. Donald Arther Foss

## CHARLES C. DAME LODGE

Bro. Allan Bruce Hardenbrook  
Rt. Wor. Lester Rundlett Sinton  
Bro. Wayne Seaton Stanwood III  
Wor. Paul Douglas Wright, Sr.

## CHARLES RIVER LODGE

Rt. Wor. Richard Wayne Graham

## COCHICHEWICK LODGE

Wor. Raymond Paul Tudisco

## CONVERSE LODGE

Wor. Marvin Harold Harris  
Bro. David Alan Strasnick

## DALHOUSIE LODGE

Rt. Wor. Paul Arvid Edberg  
Bro. Gary Charles Pentek  
Wor. Maurice Michael Pilette  
Bro. George Barry Sheehan  
Bro. Samuel Sicchio

## DELTA LODGE

Bro. Arthur William Kanavos  
Bro. Sam Najjar

## DEWITT CLINTON LODGE

Bro. Robert Walter  
McBournie

## EASTERN STAR LODGE

Bro. Audley Edward Child  
Bro. Steven Batchelder Sammis

Bro. Joseph William Wells

## ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE

Bro. John Osborne Hayden  
Bro. Bruce Hochberg  
Bro. Ronald Eduard Mikat  
Bro. George Marvin Randall

## ESSEX LODGE

Bro. Charles Francis LaFreniere

## EUCLID LODGE

Bro. William Glazer

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Wor. Thomas Paul Morawiec

## EXCELSIOR LODGE

Wor. Stephen Colbourne Miller

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Bro. Robert Searles Hammond

## FRANK W. THOMPSON LODGE

Bro. Jack J. Gomes  
Bro. Kenneth Austin Hyatt

## FRATERNAL LODGE

Wor. Carl Brian Olander

## FRIENDSHIP LODGE

Wor. Don Gleason Hill IV

## GARDEN CITY LODGE

Bro. Ronald Leslie Belt  
Wor. Paul Steven Koss  
Bro. Joel Paul Shriberg

## GATUN LODGE

Rt. Wor. Victor Damazo Cruz  
Bro. Nicholas Loring Unger

## GOLDEN RULE LODGE

Bro. Roy Eugene Fanjoy  
Bro. David Merrill Morton

## GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE

Rt. Wor. Paul Bruce Craigie



**HARMONY LODGE**

Bro. Dale Franklin LaClaire

**HAYDEN LODGE**

Wor. John Howard Woodard

**HOPE LODGE**

Wor. Aaron G Ballinger

**JOHN HANCOCK LODGE**

Wor. Peter Wesley Chapman

Bro. Donald Alan Hird

Bro. Earl Frederick Schubert, Jr.

**JOHN T. HEARD LODGE**

Bro. Thomas Lawrence Winter

**JORDAN LODGE**

Bro. Alan Eugene Hubley

**JOSEPH WEBB LODGE**

Wor. Ronald Lee Porter

**KING DAVID LODGE**

Rt. Wor. Robert Harold Hartley

**LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE**

Bro. Craig Alan Alderman

Wor. Alan Doyle Horbal

Rt. Wor. Raymond Hudson  
Moulthrop

Wor. Richard Ronald Sherman

**LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE**

Bro. John Carl Oldfield

Bro. Robert Ernest Parsons

Bro. Robert Henry Pedersen

Bro. Ronald Joseph St. Hilaire

**LEVEL LODGE**

Bro. Michael David Sleeper

**LIBERTY LODGE**

Bro. David Austin Clay

Bro. Freeman Hodgdon Davis

**LYNNFIELD-ZETLAND LODGE**

Rt. Wor. Charles Rogers Austin

Bro. Victor Gerard Iacozzi

**MANCHESTER LODGE**

Bro. Richard James Greenleaf, Jr.

Bro. William David McKie

**MARINERS LODGE**

Wor. William Walter Greer

**MERIDIAN LODGE**

Bro. Arlon Inman Brown

Wor. Robert Benson Helpin

Bro. William Brian Robinson

**MERRIMACK LODGE**

Wor. David Franklin MacKinnon

Bro. Raymond Thomas Samra

**MORNING STAR LODGE**

Wor. John Nicholas Barbale, Jr.

Bro. Thomas Albert Schnare

Wor. Theodore Merougan  
Torian

Bro. Ralph George Woodland  
Bro. Robert Douglas Woodland

**MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE**

Bro. Raymond DiCicco, Jr.

Bro. Thomas Stanley Halliday

Bro. John Harold Kavanagh, Jr.

Wor. Bruce Morton Newman

Bro. Ira Bruce Winthrop

**MOUNT HOLLIS LODGE**

Bro. Frederick Anthony Rogers

**MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE**

Bro. Carl Frederick Hartig, Jr.

Bro. Wayne Edward Popp

**MOUNT HOREB (D) LODGE**

Wor. Gil Joseph Condinho

Bro. Carl Warner Ellis

Wor. Jimmie Wayne St. Pierre

**MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE**

Wor. Earl Lowell Greaves

**MOUNT MORIAH LODGE**

Bro. Richard Henry Cox

**MOUNT OLIVET LODGE**

Bro. Michael Ardean Townsend

**MOUNT TABOR LODGE**

Bro. Robert Allan Cooper

Rt. Wor. James Richard Goodwin

**MOUNT TOM LODGE**

Bro. Glenn Alan Fletcher

Bro. Robert Bradford Hardaker

**MOUNT VERNON-GALILEAN****LODGE**

Bro. William John Pellerin, Jr.

**MOUNT ZION LODGE**

Rt. Wor. Charles Ignazio

Montalbano

**MOUNTAIN LODGE**

Wor. Melvin Levi Cass

Bro. Tom Howard Newman

**MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE**

Bro. Bradford Dillman

Bro. Carl Wesley Ericson

Bro. Bruce Alan Greene

Bro. David Scott Keyes

Bro. Donald Allan Millard, Jr.

**NEW MOON LODGE**

Bro. Edward John Stanley

Brzezinski

**NORFOLK LODGE**

Bro. Stephen Warren Congdon

Bro. Harbo Peter Jensen

Wor. Allan Theodore

McIntosh, Sr.

Rt. Wor. Thomas Arthur Stark

Bro. William Alfred Thorndyke

**NORTH QUABBIN LODGE**

Wor. George Edward Colby, Jr.

**NORTH READING LODGE**

Bro. Richard Harvey Downs, Jr.

**NORUMBEGA FRATERNITY****LODGE**

Wor. William Frederick Gath

Wor. Paul Lewis Randazzo

**OLD COLONY LODGE**

Bro. George Leslie MacKay

**ORIENT LODGE**

Bro. Donald Leslie Holmes



*Rt. Wor. Paul Bruce Craigie of Samaritan Lodge*



*Rt. Wor. Charles Austin of Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge*

**PAUL REVERE LODGE**

Bro. David Warren Burbank

Bro. Robert Joseph

Kowalewski, Jr.

Bro. Karl Raymond Liljegren

Bro. Anthony Julio Zeoli

**PENTUCKET LODGE**

Bro. Martin Hiram Pashain

Bro. Kenneth Charles Roscoe

**PHILANTHROPIC LODGE**

Wor. Kenneth Orne Glass

Bro. Frederic Alfred Lausier

**PLYMOUTH LODGE**

Bro. David Walter Thissell

**PYTHAGOREAN LODGE**

Wor. George Bradley Hellyer

**QUITTACUS LODGE**

Wor. Frank John Linhares

Bro. Phillip Benjamin Warbasse

**REPUBLICAN LODGE**

Bro. Lawrence Harold Chapin

Wor. Stephen Kent Hastings

Rt. Wor. Ralph Wallo Semb

**RISING STAR LODGE**

Bro. Bob Joe Clingan

Wor. Robert Samuel Cluett

**RURAL LODGE**

Bro. Alfred Arthur Daniels

Bro. Robert Peck MacKenzie

Bro. James Stone Taylor

**SAINT ALBAN'S LODGE**

Bro. Roy Philip Lindquist

**SAINT GEORGE LODGE**

Bro. Edward Harvey Cowden

**SAINT JOHN'S (N) LODGE**

Bro. William Murray Silsby

Bro. Melville Ernest Woodman

**SAINT MARTIN'S LODGE**

Bro. Jon Delmar Eldridge

Bro. Roy Briggs Meservey, Jr.

Bro. Craig Hollinshead

Pennypacker

Bro. Winthrop Edwin Taylor

Rt. Wor. David Reynolds

Thomson

**SAINT PAUL LODGE**

Wor. Joseph Henry Gonynor

# 50 YEAR VETERANS

## SATUIT LODGE

Wor. John Bernard Hammill, Sr.  
Bro. Kenneth Eugene Housman

## SIMON W. ROBINSON LODGE

Wor. Roger Wayne Austin  
Bro. William Arthur Grover  
Wor. Keith Alden Hutchins  
Wor. Warren Cole Hutchins  
Bro. Richard Gordon Thomson

## SINIM LODGE

Bro. Spencer Nicholas Roditi

## SOCIAL HARMONY LODGE

Bro. Elton Emerson Gould, Jr.  
Bro. Frank Nasisi  
Bro. Robert Briane Ritchie, Sr.

## SOJOURNERS LODGE

Bro. Joseph Richard Anthony  
Rt. Wor. John Bernard Bamber  
Bro. Donald Howard Barnes

## STAR IN THE EAST LODGE

Bro. Henry Bernard Wainer

## STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE

Bro. Alcwyn David Davies  
Bro. Edward Turner Lewis

## TAHATTAWAN LODGE

Bro. Kenneth Gilbert Watson

## THE HENRY PRICE LODGE

Bro. Arthur Isaacson  
Wor. Gary Roy Rachins

## THE MEADOWS LODGE

Bro. Richard Charles Bewsee  
Bro. James Harold Blevins  
Bro. Laurence Francis Moriarty  
Bro. Robert Kenneth Newell

## THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE

Bro. Dennis John Daulton  
Wor. John August Halmen  
Wor. Malcolm Leslie Patterson  
Wor. William Epes Shofner

## THOMAS DAY SPRING LODGE

Wor. Ira Neil Cameron

## THOMAS TALBOT LODGE

Bro. Neil Stephen Crimins  
Bro. George Allan Paige  
Wor. Michael William Ward

## UNION LODGE (D)

Bro. Steve George Bakas  
Wor. George Arthur Haskell

## UNITED BRETHREN LODGE

Wor. Robert Floyd Jones  
Bro. Bruce Earl Pendleton

## UNIVERSAL LODGE

Bro. Harold Keith Campbell  
Bro. Raymond Theodore Escher  
Wor. Alan Walter Estabrook

## WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE

Bro. George Edwin Armstrong  
Wor. Thomas Michael Newton

## WAMESIT LODGE

Bro. Ronald Leslie Marti

## WASHINGTON LODGE

Bro. Philip Joseph Joliat

## WILDER LODGE

Bro. William Coleman Morrow

## WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE

Wor. George Fromm Riddle

## WYOMING LODGE

Bro. John Cecil Colclough II

## VETERANS MEDAL PRESENTATIONS IN FLORIDA

*Some of the happy Florida Masons who visited with the Grand Master. The 50 year Veterans Medals were given to Rt. Wor. Lester Rundlett Sinton of Charles C. Dame Lodge, Wor. Thomas Michael Newton of Waltham Triad Lodge, Wor. John Bernard Hammill, Sr. of Satuit Lodge, and Bro. James Harold Blevins of The Meadows Lodge.*



## ► Panama Canal continued from page 3

The construction of the Panama Canal was a massive undertaking, and it required the skills and dedication of thousands of workers. Many of these workers were members of the Masonic fraternity, and they brought their Masonic values of hard work, dedication, and brotherhood to the project. The Masonic influence on the construction of the Panama Canal is evident in many ways. For example, the canal's locks were designed by Freemason John Frank Stevens. The canal's headquarters building, which is now a museum, was designed by Freemason George C. Goethals.

The Panama Canal is a testament to the power of the human spirit and the strength of the Masonic brotherhood. It is a reminder that when we work together, we can achieve great things. In the Masonic tradition, the Panama Canal is seen as a symbol of cooperation and brotherhood. It is a reminder that we can overcome any obstacle if we work together towards a common goal.

*-Rt. Wor. Eduardo Crocamo V*





# 50 YEAR PAST MASTERS

The following Masons served their lodges as Master in 1973. They are listed in alphabetical order by name of the lodge served, which in many cases is not the lodge in which the honoree is now a member. These Past Masters are recognized in 2023, with certificates of service from the Grand Master.

Wor. David E. Stocker  
*Army Lodge, Balboa, Panama*

Wor. Keith W. Lidback  
*Baalbec Lodge, Chelsea*

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

Wor. Arthur H. Post, Jr.  
*Beaver Lodge, Watertown*

Wor. Kent Larson  
*Belmont Lodge, Watertown*

Wor. Norman H. Finkelstein  
*Boston University Lodge, Boston*

Wor. George P. Milne  
*Brigham Lodge, Ludlow*

Rt. Wor. James R. Franklin  
*Brookline Lodge, Brighton*

Rt. Wor. Allan M. Zecchini  
*Cochichewick Lodge, North Andover*

Wor. George C. Lind  
*Dalhousie Lodge, Newtonville*

Wor. Donald R. Blunt  
*Delta Lodge, Braintree*

Rt. Wor. Mark Lichtenstein  
*Everett C. Benton Lodge, Boston*

Wor. Peter Buchanan  
*Fourth Estate Lodge, Boston*

Wor. Ralph H. Cross  
*Ionic Lodge, Taunton*

Wor. Perry Smith  
*Jerusalem Lodge, Northampton*

Wor. Edward C. Donahue  
*Joseph Warren Lodge, Boston*

Wor. Gerald Finkle  
*Level Lodge, Worcester*

Rt. Wor. Jon G. A. Hill  
*Liberty Lodge, Beverly*

Wor. Robert L. Brown  
*Manet Lodge, Quincy*

Wor. Donald R. Gray  
*Matthew John Whittall Lodge, Shrewsbury*

Wor. John W. Pride, Jr.  
*Mechanic's Lodge, Turners Falls*

Wor. Robert D. Kaplan  
*Moses Michael Hays Lodge, Boston*

Wor. Ronald F. Thistle  
*Mount Horeb Lodge, Dennis*

Wor. Roger A. Page  
*Mount Moriah Lodge, Westfield*

Rt. Wor. Robert L. Pann  
*Mount Olivet Lodge, Cambridge*

Rt. Wor. Neil D. McElwey  
*Mount Tom Lodge, Holyoke*

Wor. Richard A. Salve  
*Netop Lodge, Seekonk*

Wor. Robert E. Lovett  
*Norfolk-Union Lodge, Randolph*

Wor. Grover R. Ballou  
*Orange Lodge, Orange*

Rt. Wor. Raymond A. Phillips  
*Paul Dean Lodge, North Easton*

Wor. Alan S. MacEachern  
*Paul Revere Lodge, Brockton*

Rt. Wor. Robert M. Blake  
*Pequossette Lodge, Watertown*

Wor. Sidney D. Shapiro  
*Perfection Lodge, Framingham*

Wor. Robert C. Faulkner  
*Saggahew Lodge, Haverhill*

Wor. Richard B. MacNevin  
*Saint George Lodge, Brockton*

Wor. James H. Pollard  
*Saint Mark's Lodge, Newburyport*

Wor. John H. Blackburn  
*Solomon's Temple Lodge, Uxbridge*

Wor. Robert G. Porter  
*Starr King Lodge, Salem*

Wor. Richard E. Dalton  
*Trinity Lodge, Clinton*


Wor. John A. MacKenzie  
*Tuscan Lodge, Lawrence*

Wor. William S. Saurman  
*William Parkman Lodge, Woburn*

Wor. Bruce A. Carter  
*William Sutton Lodge, Saugus*

Wor. George E. Durfee, Jr.  
*Winthrop Lodge, Winthrop*

Rt. Wor. Roger W. Waugh, Sr.  
*Wyoming Lodge, Melrose*



**50-YEAR PAST  
DISTRICT DEPUTY  
GRAND MASTER**

**SERVING IN 1973**

Rt. Wor. Edward T. Johnston  
*Blue Hill Lodge, Canton*  
*Hyde Park 25th District*



# Grand Lodge and Major General Henry Knox Lodge Honor Our Flag

## "A Toast to the Flag"

*by John J. Daly - 1917*

Here's to the red of it--  
There's not a thread of it,  
No, nor a shred of it  
In all the spread of it  
From foot to head.  
But heroes bled for it,  
Faced steel and lead for it,  
Precious blood shed for it,  
Bathing it Red!

Here's to the white of it--  
Thrilled by the sight of it,  
Who knows the right of it,  
But feels the might of it  
Through day and night?  
Womanhood's care for it  
Made manhood dare for it,  
Purity's prayer for it  
Keeps it so white!

Here's to the blue of it--  
Beauteous view of it,  
Heavenly hue of it,  
Star-spangled dew of it  
Constant and true;  
Diadems gleam for it,  
States stand supreme for it,  
Liberty's beam for it  
Brightens the blue!

Here's to the whole of it--  
Stars, stripes and pole of it,  
Body and soul of it,  
O, and the roll of it,  
Sun shining through;  
Hearts in accord for it,  
Swear by the sword for it,  
Thanking the Lord for it,  
Red White and Blue!



# The Prodigal Mason

by Wor. Richard Thompson



A dozen or more years ago I was at a Masonic meeting, and someone was giving a talk on why men join the Masonic fraternity. He said it comes down to our tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. He said some come for Truth, the lessons we teach. How many of us can walk into a lodge room and see the “point within a circle” without thinking of what it means? How many of us can see the “square and compasses” and not think about the lessons we learn about those two implements?

He added that some come for Relief, the way we help both each other and those people around us. Look at the help we give to those in need, not just to our own, but to the world at large.

One estimate I’ve seen is Masons in the United States are donating money to charity at the rate of about 2 million dollars per day. I’m not sure how accurate this number may be, but every estimate I’ve come across includes the word million.

The last attraction is, of course, Brotherly Love, the camaraderie we experience every time we meet up with brother Masons. I have to admit this is the main reason I joined the fraternity. That, and the fact I come from one of those multi-generation Masonic families. My Masonic journey started in DeMolay, which I joined because my cousin and best friend, Wor. David Hicks, was a member of Lowell Chapter. I may have joined because of a relative, but I have been involved in the fraternity for some 58 years because of Brotherly Love.

While my main reason for being active is Brotherly Love, I want to write about Charity. I especially want to focus on one particular charity, the Hospital Equipment Loan Program (HELP). I have managed to get through 72 years without needing any hospital equipment, except for a cane I occasionally use to steady myself when taking long walks and an oxygen concentrator I occasionally use when I have respiratory difficulty. In the spirit of full disclosure,

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

I should note that 20 years ago I had a lung removed due to lung cancer. The cane I bought for myself and the concentrator was furnished by my Medicare.

So, my luck ran out in the Fall of 2022. I needed some hospital equipment and I needed it fast. Wor. Dave Hicks arranged for me to get what I needed from Friendship Lodge in Wilmington. When I was finished with the equipment, I spoke to Bro. Bernie Nally of Friendship Lodge. He suggested that rather than return it to Wilmington, I should take it to the main supply station in Woburn. I have been hearing about HELP for a number of years and like most of us, I’m sure, I listened with interest and that’s as far as it got. I believe most everyone thinks it is a good program, but is sure he will never need it. That is exactly what I thought right up until the moment I needed it. And then I was most thankful it was there.

When I got to Woburn to the HELP warehouse, it was a marvel of efficiency, even though I entered through the exit, and I tried to get out of my car. Once I got turned around and stayed in my car, it was a marvel of efficiency. The three bulky and slightly heavy objects were out of my car and into the warehouse in five minutes or less.

This is a brilliant program and whoever thought it up deserves a great deal of recognition. When you think about it, when we need hospital equipment, it can be a chore to find what you need. You have to figure out how to get it home. In most cases, if you need four pieces of equipment, you have to go to four separate places. For the most part, the HELP warehouse looks like it’s one-stop shopping. And the price is right.

The thing I like best about HELP is it is not just for Masons and their families. If anyone needs something HELP has, all they must do is call.

While I stay with the Fraternity for Brotherly Love, I am proud that we can assist anyone who needs a hand. The Masonic fraternity is the world’s oldest and largest philanthropic organization. That is one great reason for being a Mason.

I once read something that has stuck with me and in just a few words defines what it means to be a Mason. “A Mason does not give until it hurts. A Mason gives until it helps.” Those are words we can all live by. ■

# Masons on



## Norfolk Lodge Wins “Spirit of America” Trophy at the Needham Independence Day Parade!

Norfolk Lodge once again participated in the Needham Exchange Club Independence Day Parade and won the coveted “Spirit of America” Trophy. A special Thank You to Wor. Edward Ambuter and Wor. Ethan Gilson for designing the float and to all those who helped put it together! A special thank you to Rt. Wor. Joseph A. Manzo Jr., District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th Masonic District for leading the float along the parade route.

*-Wor. Michael Centola*



## PATRIOTS DAY PARADE

Lexington, MA • Monday, April 17, 2023



# the March



## Framingham Masons March in the Flag Day Parade

On June 11th, Masons from around the jurisdiction gathered in Framingham for a delightful day honoring our country's flag. A fantastic program was put on by the City of Framingham at which the brethren of Alpha Lodge, our Grand Master's mother lodge, led by their Master, Wor. Adam Marks, gathered over a dozen brethren for a walk around Cushing Park. Representing our Grand Master, the Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Alfredo J. R. Canhoto, marched in the 1.4 mile Framingham Flag Day Parade. Attended by several local dignitaries, including the City Mayor and Chief of Police, the event provided the perfect platform to deepen the connections with the Framingham community.

*-Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto*



## RIVER RAT PARADE

Saturday, Athol, MA • April 8th, 2023





# A Knight Templar Explains Commandery Christmas

*by Wor. Glen Cunningham*

**M**asonry is steeped in tradition. Knights Templar is no different, which is not surprising as all Knights must be Masons first. One of the long-standing traditions, almost since the very inception of our current-day Templary, is for our families and friends to gather and celebrate Christmas. This is usually done by each Commandery or sometimes a few join together to celebrate. In the early days, this was often on Christmas morning. I'm sure this caused much concern for the children as I have heard reminiscences from older members that the kids had to wait until they returned home to open presents! These days, throughout the month of December, each Commandery invites its members, family, and friends to join them in this event.

The details of the observance are left up to the individual Commanderies. However, they usually follow a pattern. Everyone gathers in the Asylum or other suitable room, which is usually decorated with various seasonal items and often has a large cross made of tables, appropriately decorated in the center of the room. The Commander welcomes the attendees, makes any housekeeping announcements, and proceeds with the program. The Prelate (Chaplain) reads the Old Story, we join in singing seasonal carols, often there is a message delivered by a

local minister, and at some point, the Knights gather together around the cross to exchange seasonal toasts.

There are several traditional toasts from and to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, other dignitaries as may be present, our servicemen and women, our departed brothers, and others as is each's tradition.

One of the pleasures of the season is to visit different Commandery observances and participate, seeing the differences which make each special. As we are all Masons, family, and friends, we have our similarities. In addition, we are all individuals. It is the individuals who comprise each group that create identities, and like snowflakes, each belongs, but each is unique. Celebrating our faith together is one of the many family-focused activities each Commandery and the Grand Commandery offer to encourage our fellow Knights to support each other and celebrate their involvement in a unique portion of Masonry.

I hope to see all who are interested attend next Christmas season. If you wish to participate, ask one of your brothers who is a Knight to let you know when they are holding their observance. Please contact the York Rite Office at [grandsec@mayorkrite.org](mailto:grandsec@mayorkrite.org) to find a Commandery Christmas Observance near you. You won't be disappointed! ■







# From The West (of Boston)

by Bro. Brian McHale

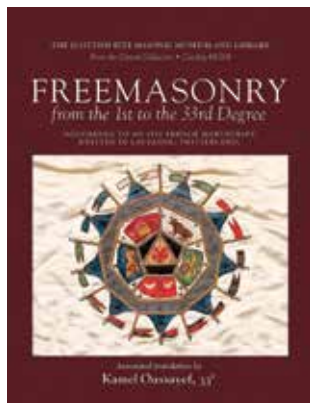
## *Freemasonry from the 1st to the 33rd Degree*

**F**reemasonry from the 1st to the 33rd Degree is the latest offering to the world of Masonic literature from Bro. Kamel Oussayef. Bro. Kamel has several titles to his credit, and this book is a welcome addition from the Scottish Rite's Author in Residence. Bro. Kamel is also a member of the prestigious Blue Friars, an invitation-only group for Masonic writers. *Freemasonry from the 1st to the 33rd Degree* is a journey into a rare document, finally brought to light.

The book is a translation of a French manuscript from 1875, written in Lausanne, Switzerland. It tells us of the meeting of several Scottish Rite Councils, their discussions, and outcomes. It delves into minute details regarding the garments to be worn for each degree, the actual steps to be taken, grips to be given, and dialogue

to be spoken. The most fascinating element of this work, however, is the philosophy attached to each degree.

The ideas shared and the manner in which this is done is often poetic, and many of these objectives will cause you to pause in order to fully digest what you have just read. Repeated readings are suggested as they will yield further levels of thought and reflection. I recommend that any Mason with an interest in history read this book. Many of the thoughts are truly revolutionary. The scanned French manuscript is also included for your perusal. ■



*Bro. Brian McHale is the Editor of Freemasonry from the 1st to the 33rd Degree and found that every reading revealed new perspectives.*

### **This Editor's Epilogue**

1875. President Ulysses S. Grant is in the White House. Queen Victoria reigns in the United Kingdom. The telephone will have to wait a year before Mr. Bell places his fateful call. The United States of America, not yet one hundred years old, has only thirty-seven states.

In Lausanne, Switzerland, a man writes about the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He fills over two hundred and sixty pages with his handwritten notes. A time capsule for future readers to consider. That is, if they can read French and somehow are allowed physical access to this prized and rare manuscript. Fortunately, this book has been created for the world to enjoy. I was lucky enough to work with Bro. Kamel Oussayef on this translation of this sometimes poetic manuscript.

I often wondered about the original author while working on the book.

"What would he think?" Countless times over the past months, these words echoed in my thoughts. What would he think about the labor of Bro. Kamel and myself? Not only has his writing survived, but it has been translated into English with the utmost care and attention to detail. His thoughts may take the form of something akin to a Jules Vern novel, with him at the helm of his personal literary *Nautilus*, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* having only been written a few years earlier. I doubt that he ever could have imagined that his putting (quill) pen to paper with the ink from a (possibly cooperative) cephalopod would now be the subject of so much attention.

The process itself was very involved. Consider the conditions themselves. The manuscript had to be scanned with great care given its age and fragility. I never saw the original, but worked solely from this invaluable digital document. Thankfully, my home computer

configuration includes two monitors, allowing me to zoom in as much as necessary. Several times, I felt like Deckard in 1982's *Blade Runner*, when he was scrutinizing the photos for clues. ("Enhance...") At one point, I found it imperative to zoom in four hundred percent when trying to decipher the age mentioned in one of the degrees. The word for the age had been squeezed in, between lines, forcing me to count the number of letters in the words. I felt like a modern Hercule Poirot, using my own version of a digital magnifying glass.

I am pleased and proud of what I was able to assist my Brother and friend Kamel with, over these many weeks. I hope Masons and non-Masons alike find enjoyment in the pages for generations to come. As arduous and mentally strenuous a task as this was, I look forward very much to again being called from refreshment to labor.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Brian McHale, 32°

# FRATERNITY News & Events



*Wor. Adam Pimentel, Rt. Wor. Michael Gagne, Charlie McConnell, Bro. Kevin Fernandes, and Rt. Wor. Bryan Simmons. Photo by Bro. Brad Anselmo.*

## Bowling for Youth

On June 24th, the Districts 19 East and West attended the Bowl for a Cause at Wonderbowl in New Bedford. The event was put together by newly raised Brother Kevin Fernandes of Star in the East Lodge, who spent a lot of time as a youth in bowling alleys and credits this with keeping him off the streets. The event raised \$650 for the Junior League, which will cover the cost of two underprivileged junior bowlers for a season.

*-Rt. Wor. Bryan Simmons*



## Middlesex Lodge Enjoys Brazilian Barbeque and Fraternalism

Looking for a way to keep brethren engaged between regular meeting nights? Put on a Brazilian barbeque and cigar night and have over thirty-five Brothers show up for food and casual fraternalism. Middlesex Lodge in Framingham is situated in a very active community of Brazilian immigrants, several of which have recently joined the lodge. On non-meeting nights, the brethren regularly gather. As the weather has improved, it provided an awesome opportunity to gather out back and enjoy some delicious Brazilian barbeque and cigars. That event brought together as many brethren as a regular meeting night, including visitors from other lodges, districts, and the District Deputy Grand Master.

Is your lodge looking to build stronger bonds? A casual gathering with tasty food in the summertime provides a fun and easy way to do so.

*-Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto*

## A Night to Remember, Remembered by John Hancock Lodge

While much is known about the *Titanic*, from when construction started through the time of day when she finally went under, there is still an opportunity to learn more. For example, did you know that we know of at least 11 Masons who perished on the *Titanic*? We think there are more...

On April 25, 2023, John Hancock Lodge paid tribute to our lost Brothers, with our 2nd Annual *Titanic* Night. With the Grand Master present for dinner, along with Rt. Wor. John E. Kelley,

Senior Grand Warden, some 65 Brethren gathered and enjoyed a tremendous dinner prepared by Bro. Mike Coronella. Chicken Caesar, Caprese Salad, Pasta Bolognese, roasted chicken, pork tenderloin, and homemade desserts were on the menu. Several punch toasts were also made.

The lodge held a very moving candlelight ceremony commemorating the 11 known lost Masons. Of the eleven Masons, seven were British Masons, three were from New York, and one was from Virginia. The Worshipful Master, Rt. Wor. Fred Dobson, gave a presentation about six Masons who survived the sinking of the great ocean liner.

Bro. and Dr. William Frauenthal

was returning from France where he was married. His medical specialty was the treatment of chronic joint diseases and he established a clinic in New York City for the treatment of patients. Bro. Elmer Taylor was a pioneer in the paper container industry. He designed and manufactured automatic machinery for moisture-proof food containers and had begun manufacturing paper cups in England under the name Mono Industries.

Four Masonic survivors were crew members aboard the *Titanic* and each was assigned to a particular lifeboat after it struck the iceberg. One, Bro. Herbert Pitman, was part of official inquiries into the sinking and gave tes-





## Hair Today, Gone for a Cause

On the 18th of June, Father's Day, while many fathers were enjoying breakfast in bed or brunch with their families, I was driving my family to Gillette Stadium to participate in a different type of ritual. This was my third time having my head shaved in support of OneMission, a pediatric cancer charity headquartered in Westborough, MA. However, this time would be very special. My eleven-year-old daughter, Corinne, after seeing me participate last year, wanted to participate herself. Of course, we hear things from our kids that will often fall by the wayside, and at first I thought this would be no different. But after repeated conversations, she never wavered, she never doubted herself once - oh, to have that level of confidence!

Over the next several months, we both requested funds from friends, family, colleagues, schoolmates, and of course, lodges. Less than one week prior to the event, she was 50% ahead of her goal, and I was roughly \$500 short. The feeling of failure and my own disappointment ensued, but I requested one last time (throwing the beard in as a motivator). One Brother, Mike Grim from Siloam Lodge located in Westborough, came through. Bro. Grim's kindness and guidance had influenced me in the past, but this was far and above

any expectation of a friend or Brother.

Brethren, I'm not writing this article in hopes of accolades, recognition, or more donations - although donations won't be turned away! I'm writing this, after some encouragement from my District Deputy, to stress that it is not our words, our dues cards, our pocket jewels, or our aprons, that make us Masons. It is our actions. Bro. Grim was not the only member of our Fraternity to contribute, and I'm grateful for every dollar. What really hit me, however, was sitting next to my baby girl, as her 21+ inches of hair was removed from her head, she did not have a single tear, or any sign of regret. Had she not seen me do the same last year, this likely would never have happened. I may never get to sit in open lodge with her, but I have no doubt in my mind that the tenets of our fine institution have been solidly deposited within her own heart.

**-Wor. Rob Jackson**



## Kromer<sup>3</sup> at Scouters Lodge

Bro. Kenny Kromer, flanked on the left by his father, Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer, on the right by his grandfather, Wor. Barry Kromer, and the Grand Master, M. Wor. George F. Hamilton, in Scouters Lodge when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

**-Wor. Barry Kromer**

timony regarding what he saw during the sinking. He noted that his lifeboat was ordered to stay by the gangway doors to take on more passengers, but the doors never opened. While there was room for more passengers in his lifeboat, when he suggested they get closer to the ship, those on board protested and prevented him from directing the lifeboat closer to the ship as they were afraid they would be overcome and sink as well. He later said he was haunted by his failure to save additional passengers.

You may be familiar with Ostby and Barton Masonic Rings. Engelhart Ostby came to the US from Norway and with his partner Nathan Barton, formed

Ostby and Barton Jewelers in Providence, RI. At one point, they were the largest manufacturers of Masonic rings. Barton was, in fact, a Mason and a member of Adelphoi Lodge #33 in Rhode Island. We have no information indicating that Mr. Ostby was a Mason but we do know he and his daughter were aboard the *Titanic*. They were returning home after purchasing a quantity of gems. Ostby gave the gems to his daughter prior to her boarding a lifeboat and Ostby himself went down with the ship.

Who knows? Perhaps you have an Ostby and Barton Masonic ring with a gem that was aboard the *Titanic*!

**-Rt. Wor. Fred Dobson**



*The candle ceremony memorializing the 11 Masons known to have lost their lives on the Titanic.*



## Traveling Masons: Tahiti May 2023

Two longtime friends, both Massachusetts Masons, Wor. Jim Bennette (Past Master of Plymouth Lodge), and Wor. Bruce MacGregor (Past Master of Phoenix Lodge), travelled with their wives to French Polynesia for a two-week stay, exploring several islands. After corresponding via email with the Grand Lodge of Tahiti, we were pleasantly surprised to be welcomed at the airport after 20 hours of flying. We were greeted by M. Wor. Eric Delculvellerie, Rt. Wor. Alain Diter, Grand Secretary, and M. Wor. Phillippe Slowinskie, in Polynesian custom with flower leis. We were treated to a lunch with our wives the following day, and invited to a meeting to confer an Entered Apprentice degree.

The meeting was held at their beautiful Grand Lodge building in downtown Papeete. We were met with a large attendance of French-speaking Masons and greeted each one with the customary kissing of the cheeks. The ceremony, although all in French, was very powerful and moving, and included the singing of several hymns. All in attendance met on the level and joined hands, forming a chain of union at the conclusion, while one brother recited a charge. The lodge meeting was followed by a festive board featuring many toasts with excellent French and Tahitian wines, and delicious Tahitian food. One of the toasts was to the visiting Massachusetts Masons and was of course reciprocated by us with a toast to the gracious hosts.

The Grand Lodge of Tahiti is particularly fond of Massachusetts as they say we were one of the first states to recognize them when they separated from the French Grand Lodge. Despite all the great things we did and saw in beautiful French Polynesia, this night was one of the most memorable events of our trip.

To our great surprise, we were met at the airport when we were leaving Tahiti over a week and a half later, by two of the local Masons. They presented us with shell necklaces as is their Polynesian custom for departure. They bid us adieu in style and waved goodbye as we went through security. We were overwhelmed by their warmth and the fraternal brotherhood shown to us, even thousands of miles away from home. We hope to return their hospitality should they ever come to visit us in Massachusetts. This is a great example of how special Freemasonry is, and how it truly is a worldwide brotherhood.

**-Wor. James Bennette**



## Masonic Secretaries Association of Massachusetts is There for You

The Masonic Secretaries Association of Massachusetts, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, is open to all current and past Secretaries of any Masonic organization. In our club we have fun, eat well, bring in guest speakers, and share knowledge and best practices to help make it easier to perform the duties of our important role in the lodge. This group allows us to engage in an ongoing positive and constructive dialogue regarding our respective secretarial duties.

In attendance at the most recent meeting were members from all over the

jurisdiction and members who were very heavily involved in Secretary training and the information systems. There were Past Grand Masters, Past DDGMs, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, and many Brothers who are sitting Secretaries. Secretaries, both past and present, of Blue Lodges as well as the Appendant bodies, were present.

We Secretaries care enough about our Lodge and the Craft to do whatever is required to carry out our operational duties and assist our lodge Master in keeping our Brethren up to date in all aspects of Masonry.

We help bring value to them as members while helping to justify their

investment in Freemasonry. To find out what more you can do and be as a Secretary, email the President at [stcyrlls@gmail.com](mailto:stcyrlls@gmail.com).

**-Wor. Robert St. Cyr**

*Caption: M. Wor. George F. Hamilton and Wor. Robert St. Cyr, President of the Secretaries Association of Massachusetts, award M. Wor. Albert Ames a Certificate of Recognition.*







*Bro. John J. Schurman II, Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Marsha L. Coocen, Worthy Grand Matron; M. Wor. George Forest Hamilton, and the newly installed Miss Caera S. Gonyea, Grand Worthy Advisor from the International Order of Rainbow For Girls 2022-2023.*

## Rainbow Girls Grand Worthy Advisor Installed

The Installation for Massachusetts Grand Assembly of International Order of Rainbow for Girls was held in June, 2022. Miss Caera S. Gonyea was installed as the Grand Worthy Advisor for the ensuing year. She is a Past Worthy Advisor of Oxford Assembly No. 89 of Rainbow and has

previously held the office of Grand State Flag Bearer and Grand Hope. Over the past year, in her prior position, Grand Worthy Advisor Caera and the state of Massachusetts Rainbow Girls made over 2,500 pocket hearts as one of her service projects. The hearts were delivered to foster care agencies, children's hospitals, Annie Kindness Blankets, Why Me Sherry's House, schools, and churches to remind people that they are not alone.

Grand Worthy Advisor Caera's second service project was to make no-slip socks for children and grandparents so that they avoided slipping and falling. Some of the socks went to the Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., Johnny Appleseed After School Program, Senior Centers, and to the local library for story hour. She completed 900 pairs of socks with the help of her assembly, friends, the pledge group, and the advisory board. The girls were also able to enjoy many outings and ice cream parties, as well as spend time at Rainbow Camp for fun this year.

We hope you were able to join the Rainbow Girls on their journey this year, all over the state of Massachusetts and beyond. They made many friendships that will last a lifetime as they journeyed all over New England, to other states, and even to the Supreme Assembly in Oklahoma.

*-Past Matron Cynthia Sampson*

## Spamming the 4th District

On April 29, some of the best chefs in the 4th District gathered for a Cook-Off sponsored by William Sutton Lodge. The rules were simple. Each lodge paid a \$50.00 registration fee for as many entries as they wanted. Any type of dish could be prepared, as long as a main ingredient was SPAM. Four distinguished judges sampled eight separate dishes that ranged from Hawaiian Chili, to lasagna, to arancinis, to cookies. They were Rt. Wors. Peter Culbertson, Fred Dobson, Russ Lowe, and Ian Mackenzie. The winning recipe was a lasagna entered by Bro. Dimy Gasperini, second place was a Hawaiian Chili entered by Bro. Jim Orgettass, and third place was for chocolate chip and Spam cookies, entered by Bro. Mike Armitstead. The lodge that had the winning recipe, The Independence Lodge, had the registration fees donated to a charity of their choice, Rainbow Assembly #33 in Wakefield. *-Rt. Wor. Alan Welch*



*L-R: Bros. Mike Armitstead, Jim Orgettass, Dimy Gasperini, Ian Mackenzie, Russ Lowe, Fred Dobson, Peter Culbertson*



## Mount Olivet Visited By Prince Hall Masons

In what has become an ongoing exchange of visits, members of Widow's Son #28, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, visited Mount Olivet Lodge in Cambridge.

Wor. Selwyn Eccles, Master, Bro. Dennis Ambrose, Jr. Deacon, Bro. Mac Osias, Sr. Steward, and Bro. Alton Briggs, acting Jr. Steward, were in attendance. Return visitations were continued by Mount Olivet Lodge, whose members attended their raising and annual fishing trip. We look forward to continuing the fellowship and Fraternality!

*-Wor. Mark Stought*

## With Masonic Roots, New Growth and Connections Happen in Retirement

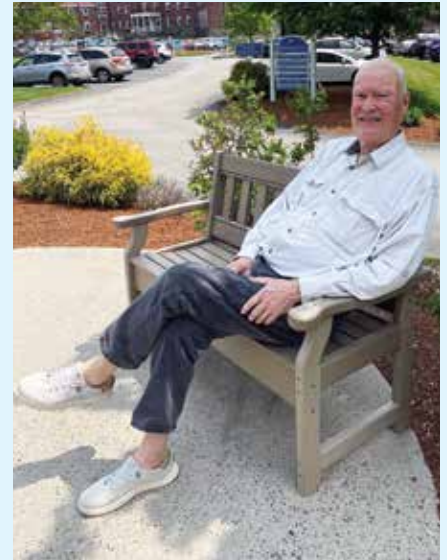
Retirement can bring up a myriad of emotions: excitement, relief, maybe even some anxiety. For Rt. Wor. Richard Heale and his wife, Patty, it meant the comfort of moving back to Massachusetts to be closer to family, and the joy of beginning a new chapter in their life at The Overlook.

"I'd been aware of The Overlook for years," Heale shared. "And when we were ready to retire, we made the move pretty quickly. It's been a wonderful experience. Even the downsizing process was pleasant." As a Mason himself, Rt. Wor. Bro. Heale is quick to comment about the strong Masonic heritage in the community. "There are a lot of Masons who live here who are young and vibrant people. This is not an old-age home. It's very active and engaging." Rt. Wor. Bro. Heale even remarked that he no longer sees the assistive devices some residents use, but rather "just sees the people." And with the wellness-focused amenities and

commitment to lifelong learning offered in the community, it's easy to stay vibrant both physically and mentally.

As for life on the expansive campus, Rt. Wor. Bro. Heale is fond of the staff, who he says "become like family to you." He enjoys his routines of walking to the dog park and watching residents' dogs play together. He affectionately calls them the mascots of The Overlook. He loves getting a cup of coffee and catching up with friends. He's a member of the Brew Crew, a group of residents who brew beer on site (although he says he might enjoy drinking the beer more than the brewing process). Of course, he attends meetings at the Masonic lodge on campus, where he's the Senior Warden. "There are so many ways to get involved and experience a great sense of community and purpose," Heale emphasizes. "You can be as busy as you like. My wife is currently serving on four committees!"

The Heales just celebrated their sec-



ond anniversary of being residents, and they have loved the sense of community and the friendships they've developed most of all. In fact, they are preparing to take a Pacific coast tour cruise with two other couples they met at The Overlook. As for what he'd share with other Masons, Rt. Wor. Bro. Heale states, "I'd encourage you to learn more about The Overlook. You can live the life you want here. It's outstanding."

If you'd like to learn more about a vibrant retirement with Masonic tradition at The Overlook, give us a call at 508-507-6160, or visit [Overlook-Mass.org](http://Overlook-Mass.org). ■

## Nicholas Pugliese Appointed New Chief Financial Officer For Masonic Health System / The Overlook

The Masonic Health System of Massachusetts / The Overlook are proud to announce that Nicholas ("Nick") Pugliese has been appointed their new Chief Financial Officer. A crucial member of the Senior Leadership Team, Pugliese will report to the President and CEO, directing the overall financial, accounting and payroll practices across all three business entities of the organization.

Pugliese brings more than 20 years of experience in corporate finance and accounting to the role, and has been active in championing successful mentoring and training programs for individuals demonstrating potential and a



desire to grow in their careers. His love for developing and coaching began after participating in a Launching Leaders program. As a result of the effectiveness of this program and the lasting relationships he cultivated, he realized the importance of advising and supporting others in both their personal and professional development and has carried this philosophy with him.

Pugliese's background includes working in financial and executive leadership roles at Stellar Health Management, Salter HealthCare, Winchester Hospital, and State Street Bank and Trust Company. He received his Master of Business Administration with a concentration in management from Salem State University, as well as a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in accounting from Fitchburg State University. He will provide oversight and extensive knowledge of the day-to-day financial operations, as well as focus on critical financial planning, analysis, strategic development, and partnerships related to The Overlook's Master Planning process. He currently



## 24th Masonic District Honors Widows and Vets

On Saturday, May 20th, the 24th Masonic District held its Annual Masonic Widows and Veterans Luncheon at the Overlook Masonic Home facilities in Charlton, MA. This event has been going on for over a decade. Chairmen Bro. Dean Moss, and committee member Bro. Steve Dragon were very happy to see all the attendees that came out for this very special tradition to honor our Widows and Masonic Veterans. Fifty-one people attended, including many of the Overlook facility residents, to honor these Widows and Masonic Veterans at their luncheon. There was entertainment from Clyde Wheatley, who played jazz from the 1930s and 40s on his saxophone. His music brought back many memories for those who attended this event.

Prior to entering the hall, Widows and Masonic Veterans registered for the event. Widows were handed a Masonic pin and the pamphlet "Our tribute to you honoring the loss of your loved one." Presented at this event was a 50-year Masonic Veterans Service Medal to Bro. John



Merz (see page 16) who is affiliated with the Rose of Sharon Lodge, located at the Overlook in Charlton. At the main dining hall entrance, the ladies were given a red rose from Leslie Cape of the Clara Barton Chapter No. 63 of The Eastern Star.

Prior to the meal, the Color Guard entered the dining hall. The flag bearer, Vietnam Veteran Chief Petty Officer Bro. Larry Olson walked proudly holding the flag high. Behind him was our 24th District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Jonathan Neitz and Bro. Moss. The color guard stopped, and the

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Bro. Moss, the Chairman of this event, spoke and thanked everyone for attending. He said to me he looked forward to this event because, "The best thing we can give our Widows and Veterans is our time."

These Veterans served our country when we needed them the most, and risked their lives so we could have a better life. They served this country with honor and distinction. The Widows supported them and believed in what they were fighting for.

*-Bro. Jimmy Falzone*

resides in Burlington, MA, along with his wife, Amy, and two sons, Luke and Henry.

When asked why he decided to join The Overlook, Pugliese expressed, "I'm excited by the opportunity to collaborate with like-minded individuals at such a pivotal time for the company and their stakeholders." His long-term goal for The Overlook is to offer support and value to the residents, team members, and community, with the objective of identifying opportunities and solutions for stabilizing and repositioning the community post-COVID-19, and ultimately advancing The Overlook beyond a singular retirement community to a more robust, mixed-use, multi-generational environment. ■

## The Overlook Hosts the Grand Master

On May 25th, twenty Masons at The Overlook and its lodge, Rose of Sharon, hosted our Grand Master, M. Wor. George Hamilton, at a luncheon. He was accompanied by our Past Grand Master, M. Wor. Richard Maggio. As several of our members find it difficult to travel to other Masonic events in the state, it was an excellent opportunity for them to meet these two brothers who mean so much to us and our Masonic fraternity. The members present greatly enjoyed this opportunity for the one-on-one experience.

*-Rt. Wor. Herbert Mower*





# ASK THE GRAND LECTURER

by *Rt. Wor. Nicholas J. Mantello*

*Senior Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts*



**Q:** *Does the Worshipful Master have to wear his top hat when presiding?*

**A:** No, it is not mandatory, but it should be carefully considered if he decides not to wear it. The top hat is a time-honored symbol of authority in Masonic lodges. The type of hat worn by presiding Masters varies by jurisdiction, but in Massachusetts a black, tall, cylindrical-shaped hat with a flat top (top hat)

has been adopted for the Master to wear as an emblem of his office. The top hat may be fixed or collapsible, but no other style or color of hat should be worn, even for special occasions. It is strongly recommended that the Master wear his hat from the opening through the closing of the Lodge. (Protocol 1.5)

In a Masonic Lodge, only the Master is privileged to remain covered, except when the Most Worshipful Grand Master or his official representative is present. Only one brother may be covered in the lodge at any time. As the District Deputy Grand Master enters the lodge room, the Master uncovers and remains so until the District Deputy Grand Master removes his own hat

or retires from the lodge room. If the Master has duties to perform from the Master's station, he may wear his hat with the permission of the District Deputy Grand Master. If present, the Grand Master will be wearing his tricorne and no other hat should be worn unless permission is granted by the Grand Master. (Protocol 1.5.1)

**Q:** *When an Acting Master is presiding over a lodge, is he permitted to wear the top hat?*

**A:** No. This is reserved for presiding Worshipful Masters, not Past, Acting, or Pro Tem.

**Q:** *Can the Worshipful Master close his lodge in any form?*

**A:** The Master can close in Due Form, in Form (some duties are omitted), Shortest Legal Form, and Abbreviated Form (for a Funeral Service and Installation of Officers). NEVER, can anyone, other than the Grand Master himself, close in Ample Form.

Remember brethren, it's not knowing all the answers. It's knowing where to find them.

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

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today at 550 Washington St., Dorchester. The lodge was formally recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England 147 years later, on December 14, 1994. In 1869, a fire destroyed the lodge and many of its priceless records. Charter No. 459 had been rolled in a metal tube. Grand Master S.T. Kendall risked his life by crawling into the burning building to save the charter. Intense heat melted the tube and charred the parchment. It now remains safely intact behind heavy plate glass in a fireproof vault in a downtown Boston bank. It is one of, if not the only, surviving copies of an English charter in North America.

Other prominent Prince Hall Masons included Bishop James Hood (1831-1918) of the North Carolina African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Arthur A. Schomburg (1874-1938), Grand Secretary of Prince Hall Lodge, New York. Bishop Hood was Grand Master of his state's Prince Hall Masons for 13 years, helping start 18 lodges and 366 churches. As assistant Superintendent of Education, he helped school 49,000 children of color. Born in Puerto Rico,

and a banker by trade, Schomburg devoted his life to collecting African-American artwork and books. His sizable collection of 5,000 artifacts grew to 5 million items. Acquired by the New York Public Library, it is considered one of the most important repositories of African-American history (Mark A. Tabbert, *American Freemasons*, pp.84,168).

Prince Hall's legacy as a founding Masonic father, and the first Black Grand Master, continues to live on 250 years later. Today, Prince Hall Masonry has 300,000 members across 50 sovereign districts, occupying lodges in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, Africa, and Europe. He helped establish a Masonic tradition that membership is open to all men, regardless of race or ethnicity. Like Warren, Franklin, and Revere, Prince Hall is a role model for all Masons, a vocal advocate for equality, committed to community service and improving social and economic conditions for its brethren, who saw the potential of Freemasonry to provide brotherhood and opportunities. ■

*Note: Due to many lost records, some dates are disputed or considered generally accepted by historians.*



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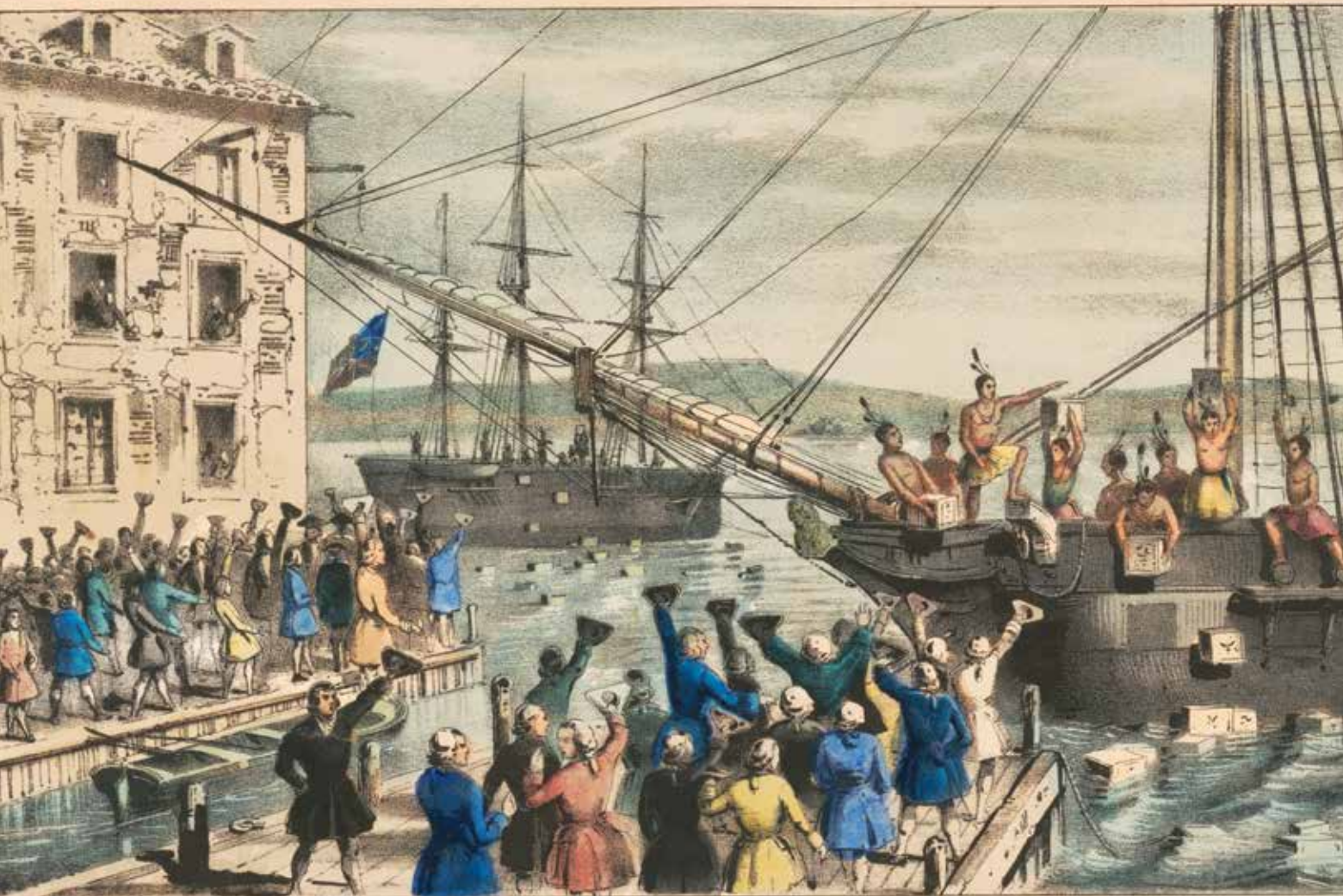
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