

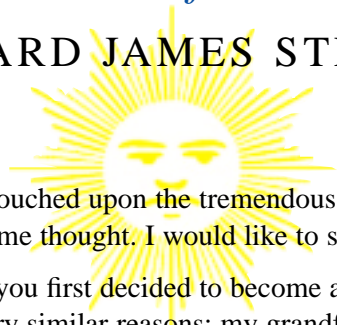
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From the East of Grand Lodge
RICHARD JAMES STEWART



Brethren,

In the fall issue of TROWEL, I touched upon the tremendous value we have in Freemasonry and asked that you give this some thought. I would like to say a bit more about value.

Reflect back to the time when you first decided to become a Mason, and recall your reasons. Many of us joined for very similar reasons: my grandfather was a Mason; my father was a Mason; someone looked up to and respected at work, or church, or in the community was a Freemason; Freemasons do so much good for mankind in so many ways; being a Mason was an opportunity to become a better person, to help improve the quality of life for others, to be part of an organization whose members were the founding fathers of our great nation.

I have found great value in the Brotherhood during the past 45 years. I measure the value by the quantity of happiness, service, loyalty, friendship, and camaraderie I have enjoyed. I suspect that you think about value in very similar terms; it is, in fact, the cement that bonds us all together as a fraternity.

Our Masonic forefathers saw great value in Freemasonry and they invested heavily in the fraternity's future. We are the recipients and the stewards of the investments they made. We have been consuming this seed corn. If we do not start to replace all that we have been taking from past investments, tomorrow's Masons will have a very different future.

For many years now, we have not kept up with the costs of running our fraternity. We have undervalued Freemasonry in initiation fees as well as in dues structure. A survey of the bylaws of our 232 lodges found that the lowest dues charge is \$5; the state average is \$42. Our Grand Constitutions were amended in 1891 to set initiation fees at not less than \$50. This fee has not been changed since. Adjusted for inflation, this fee would be \$1,250 today! Do these survey results accurately reflect the value we place on our fraternity?

At the December Quarterly Communication, I will speak about investing in the future of our fraternity. My brothers, I ask you to attend and help me find the right way to ensure the value of Freemasonry for the tens of thousands of men who are coming after us. It is our turn now.

I thank each of you for your past support and I wish you and your families a happy holiday season and healthy New Year.

Cordially and fraternally,

Richard James Stewart
Grand Master

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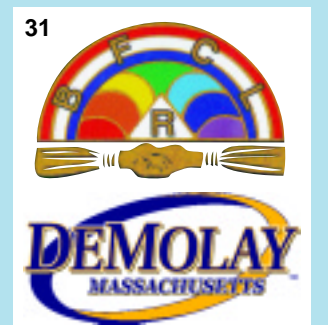
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The Annual Communication

The December Quarterly Communica-
tion is also the Annual Communication
of Grand Lodge. This is the meeting
where our Grand Master, grand treasurer,
grand secretary, directors, and grand
wardens are elected.

Each year, two candidates for the
senior and junior grand warden positions are nominated at
the September Quarterly. These four nominees spend much
of their time during the autumn visiting lodges throughout
the jurisdiction introducing—or reintroducing—them-
selves to lodge officers and members. It is important to
note our tradition: these men are not campaigning for
office; they are getting acquainted and making themselves
available to members.

The candidates for senior grand warden are Rt. Wor.
James A. Gilrein (Past DDGM, 21st District) and Rt. Wor.
Richard A. Gesualdo (grand lecturer since 1999).

Candidates for junior grand warden are Rt. Wor. James
C. Holmes (Past DDGM, Brockton 29th) and Rt. Wor.
Herbert W. Mower (Past DDGM, 3rd District).

Pictures of these men appear on page 5. I hope you had
an opportunity to meet them all, and I hope masters and
wardens from all of our lodges will attend the Annual
Communication and exercise their opportunity to vote.

Fraternally, *John Doherty*



Hear Directly from the Grand Master

Most Wor. Richard J. Stewart invites you to join
The Grand Master's E-mail Network.

To join, log on to
MassMasons.org
and provide the requested information.
You may opt out at any time.

The Grand Lodge Listening Tour

This winter and spring, Grand Master Richard J.
Stewart will host a series of "Town Hall" events
throughout the jurisdiction. This tour will give
brothers the opportunity to share their views on
Freemasonry today, and to express their goals and
visions for the fraternity.

By listening to members across the state, a greater
understanding of the challenges and opportunities
facing our fraternity will be gained; and, thoughts
and ideas for moving us "back to the future" and
engaging in new initiatives will be discussed. These
meetings will be open to all Massachusetts
Masons, regardless of degree. The dates and loca-
tions of these events will be announced soon.

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Lodge & District

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Tornado Relief by United Brethren



L-R: RW Rob Jesse, DDGM of the 15 N; Wor. Bob
Archibald; Wor. Edward Miodowski; RW Raymond
Kallaugher, DDGM 28th; Wor. Jeff Stoller; Bros. Rick
Pastore, Gary Jusseaume, and Alan Archibald.

In September, members of United Brethren Lodge visited
Day Spring Lodge in Monson, to present \$3,000 to Wor.
Edward Miodowski, and District Deputy Grand Master Rt.
Wor. Raymond Kallaugher. The funds were pledged to
relieve distressed brothers in the district, who suffered from
tornado devastation this spring and more problems from
Hurricane Irene. The destruction was evident to the
Marlborough brothers as they drove to the lodge—roofless
and collapsed buildings, church steeples covered in scaf-
folding, and several 100-year old trees with crazily bent
limbs stripped of leaves.

The majority of the funds came from proceeds raised in
United Brethren's "Main Street Car Show," which takes



Bro. James A. Harvey, M. Wor. Richard J.
Stewart, and Rt. Wor. Mark Smith.

Siloam Lodge Has Two Joseph Warren Medalists

Tuesday, May 17, 2011, was a very
special communication for Siloam
Lodge. The meeting included a visit
from Grand Master Richard J. Stewart.
Months of secrecy were coming to a

head: Rt. Wor. Mark Smith had worked
diligently to keep the Joseph Warren
Medal award a surprise for his uncle,
Bro. James A. Harvey. He was success-
ful; Bro. Harvey was shocked when
called to the East by the Grand Master.

Highest Imperial Shrine Award to Pearlstein

Rt. Wor. Ernest A.
Pearlstein was present-
ed the Imperial Potentate's Award of Merit
in July in Denver,
Colorado.

The presentation was
made by George A.
Mitchell, Imperial Potentate. This award is
made for an individ-
ual's achievements and
unselfish and extraor-
dinary contributions to the heritage,
culture, or mission of Shriners Inter-



national; to Freema-
sonry; to the mission of
Shriners Hospital for
Children; or for the
good of his local
community in a manner
that reflects positively
on Freemasonry and
Shriners International.

Bro. Pearlstein is the
chairman of Grand
Lodge's Service Com-
mittee and a long-time
member of Aleppo Shriners Clown
Unit.
—Bro. John Doherty

place annually the first Sunday of June. The balance was
made up of donations collected in lodge. Bro. Gary
Jusseaume worked with Day Spring Treasurer Bro. Mark
Schwartz to evaluate the need and make arrangements for
the donation.
—Bro. Rick Pastore

Sinim Lodge PM Brings Musical Solace to Quake, Tsunami Victims



Wor. Robert Ryker conducts the Tokyo Sinfonia for tsunami victims
in Sendai, Japan.

Wor. Robert Ryker, PM, Sinim Lodge, and members of the
Tokyo Sinfonia traveled to the eastern seaboard of Japan
after the earthquake and tsunami disaster, to present solace
performances for victims at evacuation centers in Sendai
and the desolated coastal town of Kesenuma. The Sinfonia
played during a holiday period known
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UPDATE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

by Chairman Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Sprague, Jr.

Significant progress was made during the 2011 Masonic year in the effort to introduce and grow various programs.

District ambassadors are delivering the **Cable-tow Brothers Mentoring Program** in their own lodges during September and October.

More than 250 brothers attended **Masonic Ambassador Training** in August at East Longmeadow, Brockton, and Wakefield. Training modules contained updated information on our new programs and relevant Masonic awareness content. Hardcover MAC Blue Books were distributed to attendees who were excited to receive the newest information about their roles.

The **Masonic Builder's Award** is available to all brothers who have the desire to become active in the Craft. This award is available to all members, not just Rookie Program participants. An outline of the program and available activities can be found in the Masonic Passport Program material.

Different versions of the **Masonic Passport Program** are now ready for three participants: new candidates (material is distributed in candidate packages), existing members, and out-of-jurisdiction Masons. Materials for the two later categories are available through the Grand Lodge's supply department. Fees have not been finalized as yet, but we do plan to donate a portion of program proceeds to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

The Membership Development Committee has established two **Membership Attainment Awards**. The first award will be presented by the Grand Master at the December Quarterly Communication to those lodges processing the highest number of candidates. Lodges will compete for this award with other lodges assigned to the same group within the jurisdiction. The second award will be given to all lodges that raise their membership number by 5% in any year. Certificates for this second award will be presented to lodges by their district deputy grand master.

The **Master Mason Rookie Award** continues to be

well received by new members and is enjoying growing support from lodge masters. One of the greatest attractions for recipients is the opportunity to have dinner with the Grand Master. The committee continues to promote this program at lodges of instruction and during district deputy visits. Details of the program will now be included in the new Masonic Passport.

Candidate Sponsor Coins are expected to boost interest in sponsoring candidates. Brothers will receive a bronze coin for sponsoring five candidates; a silver coin for ten candidates; and a gold coin for sponsoring fifteen candidates. Tracking will be performed by the Grand Secretary's Office and will be distributed once a year by district deputy grand masters.

The Membership Development Committee will make **One-on-One Lodge Assistance** available. Individual committee members will meet with any master who requests help and assistance to generate new members, process candidates, establish committees, or form goals. This offer of help has already been made at the Master's Path Program and during Masonic awareness training. A letter further explaining the program will be sent to lodges in October.

A **new arm** of the Membership Development Committee is being established in the **Springfield area** with the help of Rt. Wor. Robert W. Clarke. The new committee will meet monthly with lodges in the western region and will solicit input on ideas for member retention and engagement.

Since nearly every lodge sees fewer than 20% of their members at regular meetings, a systematic plan is needed to reconnect with absent brothers and encourage them to attend again. The Membership Development Committee has established a **Sub-Committee on Retention and Engagement** consisting of Rt. Wor. James Dill, Rt. Wor. Jerry Roach, Rt. Wor. Toby Booth, Bro. Chris Canada, and Rt. Wor. Ken Sprague. This group intends to produce a booklet of information that will help masters address the challenge of reconnecting with existing members. ■



The Grand Master's Address

at the September 2011 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



I am pleased to welcome you all back to this September Regular Quarterly Meeting of our Grand Lodge. I trust that you had a healthy, restful, and enjoyable summer. It is now time to rededicate our efforts to the work of the Craft.

Visitations

The past three months have been busy for your Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, and various Grand Lodge committees. The Grand Master, grand secretary, and Rt. Wor. Robert Johnston traveled to Burlington, Vermont to attend the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. I had the honor to present Most Worshipful Thomas Johnston with our prestigious Henry Price Medal. Most Wor. Bro. Johnston is the nephew of Rt. Wor. Bro. Johnston, who is our senior grand lecturer.

The Grand Master and grand marshal traveled to Toronto, Canada to attend the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

The following week, the Grand Master and Rt. Wor. Mason Russell traveled to Newark, Delaware to attend the annual Northeast Conference of Grand Masters. Rt. Wor. Bro. Russell's presentation of his membership program called "Marketing the Dream" was very well received by the Conference attendees.

The Grand Master traveled to Alexandria, Virginia in August with twenty-seven members of Mount Lebanon Lodge, where history was made for Massachusetts Masonry. The lodge was opened in the North Lodge Room at the George Washington Memorial; the Grand Master, a member of Mount Lebanon, was received; and the Entered Apprentice Degree was performed for two sons of past masters of Mount Lebanon Lodge. Bro. William Gomes, the son of Wor. Frank Gomes Jr., became the fourth generation of his family to belong to Mount Lebanon Lodge. The gavel used during the degree work was also used by Bro. Gomes' great grandfather, Wor. Frank Hallgren who served as master in 1952. Bro. Frank Gomes Sr. was also present to see his eighteen-year-old grandson enter Masonry. Bro. Richard Greer III, twenty-year-old son of Wor. Richard Greer II, became the second generation of his family to belong to the lodge.

The Grand Master traveled to Washington D.C. on September 9 with several members of Winslow Lewis Lodge to participate in a VIP tour arranged by Bro. John Mitchell. Highlights of this visit included a meeting with Senator Scott Brown; a private tour of the Capitol Building arranged by Senator John Kerry; a tour and luncheon at the

Left: The Grand Master introduces candidates for the office of senior grand warden: (L) Rt. Wor. James A. Gilrein. (R) Rt. Wor. Richard A. Gesualdo. Right: Candidates for the office of junior grand warden are introduced by Grand Master Stewart; (L) Rt. Wor. Herbert W. Mower; (R) Rt. Wor. James C. Holmes.



At right: RW Kenneth W. Sprague, Jr. is recognized at Grand Lodge for receiving the Scottish Rite's Medal for Blue Lodge Service.

Facing page, left: MW Albert T. Ames receives the Fred Kirby Bauer Medal from G.M. Stewart assisted by RW Brian Noble. Facing page, right: RW W. Terence Stephens, G.M. Stewart, and RW Philip Druin present the W. Terence Stephens Award and the Rev. Oscar A. Guinn Jr. Award to RW Peter Dorr, DDGM 17th Dist., whose LOI won both the Guinn Trophy for total attendance and the Stephens Award for greatest percentage of officers present.



George Washington Masonic Memorial arranged by Wor. Mark Tabbert; a VIP tour of the Scottish Rite's House of the Temple; and two tours arranged by Brig. Gen. Rudolf Peksens, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), of the new Marine Corps Heritage Museum and the National War College.

Grand Lodge officers attended or participated in numerous events: constitution and installation of officers at the Scouters Lodge; installation of officers at Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge and Simon W. Robinson Lodge; Past Masters Night at Caleb Butler Lodge, where four brothers ranging in age from eighteen to seventy-five were raised; the 2011 DeMolay State Conclave with over 300 attendees; the rededication of the cornerstone at Temple Ahavat Achim; several lodges of qualification; and a joint visit in Nashua, New Hampshire with Rising Sun Lodge No. 39 of Nashua and John Albro Lodge of Bedford, Nova Scotia.

On a sad note, the Grand Master, Rt. Wor. and Rev. John Higgins, Rt. Wor. Robert Godbout Jr., and Most Wor.

Albert T. Ames participated in the June 20 funeral service for Rt. Wor. Lowell U. Hammett. Bro. Hammett was a past senior grand warden and one of our Grand Lodge's finest grand marshals.

New Grand Lodge Charity

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory will become one of the Grand Lodge's principal charities. On July 25, your Board of Directors and our Past Grand Masters heard a presentation from Doctor and Brother Charles Antzelevitch, executive director and director of research at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory located in Utica, New York. This organization is on the cutting edge of research into cardiac electrophysiology, cardiac arrhythmias, and stem cells. Dr. and Bro. Antzelevitch is the 2011 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Cardiology.

We can all be very proud that we are funding a research organization that is run by Masons and has the word

Masonic in its name. The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts will be helping to fund a cure for heart disease not only for our brethren who suffer from this disease, but for all of humanity.

Other Matters

In my address of last June, I reported to you on several other matters. I would like to update you on these items today.

Since March we have lost 356 members due to suspensions for nonpayment of dues. In the same time frame last year we suspended 750 members. This is a 53% reduction in suspensions.

We have awarded certificates to 179 Masonic Rookies since the inception of the program. These rookies have sponsored 164 new members into our fraternity and this number increases each month.

At the June Quarterly, I spoke to you about the growing problem of cell phone use in our lodge rooms. At that time, I said that I would prefer not to issue an edict on the topic, but instead I would rely on your voluntary cooperation in an effort to eliminate the distraction caused by cell phone use. However, because I have received numerous requests from members to do something about the annoyances caused by cell phones ringing during our meetings, and because of a recent incident during degree work, I have been forced to address this issue with the following edict.

EDICT ON CELL PHONES IN A TYLED LODGE

All cell phones carried into a lodge room must either be turned off or silenced prior to entering the lodge room. If an emergency call is received on vibration mode while the lodge is in session the brother must not answer the call within the lodge room. He must exit the lodge room according to proper Masonic protocol and respond to the call outside of the lodge room area.

If a cell phone rings within a tyled lodge, the master will instruct the lodge marshal to escort the brother from the

room. Readmittance of the brother to the lodge will be at the discretion of the master.

Use of cell phones or other devices for texting, audio recording, video recording, outbound transmission, or photography from within a tyled lodge room is strictly forbidden except as and where photography has been previously approved. Any reported infraction of this rule is subject to reprimand, suspension, or expulsion from Freemasonry.

A group of volunteer tour guides began conducting tours of our magnificent and historic building in June. The guides have given nearly 150 tours and have had the opportunity to meet over 400 guests including Masons from Massachusetts and from across the country and the world. More volunteers are needed to grow this program. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, contact Wor. Robert Huke in the Communications and Development Office.

Our online store has been operating since May. If you have not already, I encourage you to visit. The store offers a selection of high quality Masonic apparel and merchandise.

www.onlinestore.massfreemasonry.net

EDICT ON CANDIDATE KITS

Each lodge will purchase, through the Grand Lodge supply room, a kit specifically defined by the Grand Lodge for each candidate within this jurisdiction. The cost of this kit will be included in the candidate application fee.

The Value of Freemasonry

As active members of this great fraternity, we appreciate the role Freemasonry plays in our lives. For those who feel that greatness lies within, Freemasonry offers an unparalleled opportunity to build moral and spiritual well-being and, truly, to make the good man better.

I believe we are making great progress. We have begun to see the fruits of our labors over the last few years as we raised thousands of new Masons. We are assembling high

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Left: G.M. Stewart congratulates RW. Elliot Chikofsky on his appointment as grand representative by the Grand Lodge of Slovakia. Right: The Grand Master presented certificates to grand representatives recently appointed by other jurisdictions. (L to R) For Finland, RW Eric J. Zzepka; for Oklahoma, RW David A. Abbott; for Delaware, RW Ralph W. Staples.





The Washington Urn

Two Golden Urns

by Rt. Wor. C. William Lakso



The Garfield Urn

Two priceless artifacts owned by our Grand Lodge are rarely seen in public, and have never been seen by the majority of Massachusetts Masons. The first leaves the security of the Grand Lodge vault at an event every third year, and the second, the two consecutive years in between. What are these artifacts? They are gold urns, each having a lock of hair of a deceased president of the United States.

The first urn, delicately hand crafted by Most Worshipful Paul Revere, contains a lock of the hair of George Washington, obtained from and presented by Martha Washington in 1800 following a request of our Grand Lodge. The inscription on the urn reads, "This urn encloses a lock of hair of the immortal Washington / Presented January 27, 1800 / to the Massachusetts Grand Lodge by his amiable widow. / Born Feby 11th, 1732 / Obt Decr 14, 1799."



The second urn contains a lock of the hair of James A. Garfield following a similar request to Mrs. Garfield following his death. He was shot July 12, 1881 by Charles J. Guiteau and died eleven weeks later on September 19, 1881. The inscription reads, "Brother James Abram Garfield / President of the United States / Born November 19, 1831 / Died September 19, 1881 / This urn incloses a lock of the hair of President Garfield / Presented Feb. 1st, 1882 to the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts by his widow Lucretia R. Garfield."

When a Grand Master is first installed into office, the urn with Washington's hair is taken from the vault and carried in procession as officers of Grand Lodge salute the newly installed Grand Master; thus, the display of the urn at three-year intervals. When installed for his second and third one-year terms, the urn with Garfield's hair is carried in the procession.

Freemasons know well that Paul Revere was a patriot and Grand Master. Many are not aware that he also practiced dentistry, copperplate engraving, owned a hardware and home goods store, a brass and iron foundry, produced church bells, iron bolts and fittings for ships, including the U.S.S. *Constitution*, and founded the first copper mill in the United States. That firm continues operation today as Revere Copper Products, Inc., whose products include the familiar "Revere Ware" cookware.



Rt. Wor. C. William Lakso was raised in Aurora Lodge, Fitchburg and served as worshipful master in 1965-1966. He was appointed grand pursuivant of Grand Lodge in 1970. He presided over Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection from 1993 to 1996; and became a sovereign grand inspector general, 33° in 1995.

James A. Garfield was a teacher, minister and lawyer. He was reportedly able to simultaneously write the answer to a question in Latin with one hand and in ancient Greek with the other. He served as a state senator, a major general in the Union Army during the Civil War, and a representative in the U.S. Congress before being elected president.

Washington and Garfield were among fourteen presidents who were Freemasons. Washington, as most know, was Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 in Virginia. Garfield held memberships in Magnolia Lodge No. 20, Columbus Lodge No. 30 and Garrettsville Lodge No. 246, all in Ohio.

Although today it is kept under utmost security, that has not always been the case with the Washington urn. The August, 1920 issue of *The Builder* mentions the presence of then past Grand Master Charles T. Gallagher in the Temple at Philadelphia, holding the urn aloft and pro-



claiming it "a precious urn containing a precious treasure." Grand Lodge Librarian Cynthia Alcorn tells us that our Grand Lodge Proceedings confirm this occurred in 1902 when Pennsylvania Masons observed the 150th anniversary of the initiation of George Washington. Grand Master Gallagher also showed the valuable artifact at Merrimack Lodge's Centennial and Cornerstone Lodge's Centennial that same year.

The urn was present at one of the two funeral processions in Boston honoring Washington, on February 11, 1800 and February 22, 1800. It was present also at the dedication of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia the week of May 7 to May 14, 1932.

Where else might have the urn traveled? We don't know, but one thing is certain: Today, in the hands of the Grand Secretary, from the vault to Ionic Hall every three years is about the limit.

A MESSAGE FOR PAST MASTERS

Use Your Masonic Working Tools—Become a Mentor

by Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb

When we sit in the Oriental Chair of our lodges, we enjoyed the opportunity to present the working tools of Freemasonry to candidates for degrees. Let's consider for a few moments the working tools of fellowcraft Masons: the plumb, square, and level. As speculative Masons, we learned to use these tools in our daily lives by treating others as equals, walking uprightly before God and Man using honesty and integrity. By using these tools as mentors in your lodges, you can enjoy another opportunity to serve your lodges and fraternity and help guide Freemasonry to the future.

What is a mentor? Webster's Dictionary defines a mentor as a trusted councilor or guide. As a mentor, you may possibly make your best contribution to Freemasonry.

There are several ways of mentoring:

As a Teacher—it's your opportunity to share your experiences as a seasoned Mason. You don't have to be the expert on all things Masonic, but rather a knowledgeable and helpful resource.

As a Guide—it's your opportunity to help the next generation of Masons decipher the unwritten rules and traditions of our fraternity. It's important for the newer

Masons to understand the expectations of line officers as well as sideline members. A guide can help brothers to avoid mistakes and misunderstandings.

As a Counselor—it's your opportunity to establish a fraternal relationship with newer Masons, promoting confidentiality and trust.

As a Motivator—it's your opportunity to help your Masonic brother to succeed, especially if he has chosen challenging Masonic goals. A motivator will build self-esteem and foster successes and accomplishments.

As an Advisor—it's your opportunity to inspire brothers to set realistic goals and help them get there. This is how you may offer your experiences with your own successes and failures, serving your brothers in ways you may remember from your fraternal life.

Worshipful past masters, consider the opportunities you have now to serve again as mentors. Remember when on the night you received your First Degree, you stood at the right hand of the worshipful master as a just and upright Mason and were charged to ever walk and act as such. Here's another chance. Be a mentor. It's a noble and worthwhile thing to do.

Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt

1838–1840

Most Wor. and Reverend PAUL DEAN “Careful Steward”

“The motives which may have induced my acceptance of this office . . . are those of conscientious duty; that I might thereby express my most unwavering attachment to a society whose principles are just and mutual . . . charitable and benevolent; and with whose members there is no value attached to any titles or distinctions among men but those of virtue, talent, and usefulness. For, in these days of partial and local excitement, when our Ancient Institution has been rudely assailed, I deem it the duty of every friend to truth and virtue, who is acquainted with its security and worth, to stand forth . . . in its support.”

*Rev. Paul Dean, at his election
as general grand king
of the General Grand Chapter,
1832*

The history of Freemasonry in the first half of the nineteenth century is decorated with great figures, many of whom have faded from memory. The Anti-Masonic period in particular has helped to obscure this era, as the efforts of such men are overshadowed by the deeds of more well-known men who followed. It is clear, however, that without the burdens borne in the heat of the day, the great successes that came to the fraternity later in the century and the expansion that followed might have never come to pass.

In September 1837, Most Worshipful Joshua Flint, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts (whose biography appears in the fall 2011 TROWEL, pages 14–15), received an offer to become chair of surgery at a new hospital in Louisville, Kentucky; at the fall Quarterly Communication he “gave notice of his intention to remove from the Commonwealth . . . and took leave of the Grand Lodge in an affectionate and feeling manner.” It had been a difficult three years for the youngest Grand Master in Massachusetts Masonic history, but he left the fraternity in better shape than it had been when he was first elevated. He also left it in the care of a skilled and capable deputy, the man who was shortly elected as his successor: Reverend Paul Dean.

Like his immediate predecessor, Dean was not only well known in the fraternity, but was also a renowned clergyman, and his election as Grand Master was the first time that a man of the cloth had taken the Oriental Chair in Grand Lodge. He was not native to Massachusetts; he was born in Barnard, Vermont in 1783, and in his youth he lived on a farm. In 1806 he felt the calling to the pulpit; he served first in Vermont, then in New York, and he finally settled at the First Universalist Church in 1813, where he served as associate pastor under Rev. John Murray, the father of American Universalism. Reverend Murray had suffered a stroke in 1809, and at the time Dean took up the position of associate, the much-beloved minister was being physically carried to a chair from which he “delivered his messages of grace.” Dean was less than half his mentor’s age, and his style was a stark contrast to the aging but still beloved elder; he contributed dynamism to the church’s proceedings, particularly when Reverend Murray died in 1815.

Dean was a devout, but somewhat outspoken, member of the Universalist denomination. Its rapid growth in Boston, and the spread of the doctrine, had created differences in Universalism. Both Dean’s allies and detractors found trouble with Dean’s theology; in particular Rev. Hosea Ballou and Rev. Edward Turner, both young Universalist ministers, were involved in the controversy. After 1817, there were two large societies in Boston—Dean’s First, and Ballou’s Second Universalist Society—while Turner had established a similar church in neighboring Charlestown. In 1822, Dean established a new church on Bulfinch Street in Boston, and the First Society chose Rev. Sebastian

Streeter, later grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge, as their new pastor. Dean’s controversial Restorationist views (anyone who held with the divinity of Christ would eventually achieve restoration to the Kingdom of Heaven) continued to create rifts in his denomination, but he was widely recognized as a charismatic, forceful, and articulate preacher and pastoral leader.

Paul Dean had become a Mason in Rutland, Vermont, in 1805, and became associated with the Craft in Boston when he began to serve there. He was chaplain of Columbian Lodge as early as 1817, and was involved with the York Rite bodies as well. At the end of 1820, Grand Master John Abbot appointed him as district deputy grand master of the First Masonic District, in which position he served for the next three years. The First District at the time included some of the oldest and most distinguished lodges in the jurisdiction—St. John’s, the Lodge of St. Andrew, the Massachusetts, his own Columbian, Washington (then meeting in Roxbury), Union (then meeting in Dorchester), Mount Lebanon and Rural. He was an able administrator and effectively represented the interests of the Grand Lodge to the lodges in his care. During this period, there was already difficulty with some lodges that were unable or unwilling to provide what were called quarterages (quarterly dues payments to Grand Lodge). When delinquent bodies were reported at Grand Lodge, rarely if ever were any of Dean’s charges mentioned.

After service to the Massachusetts Royal Arch Chapter, where he was elected grand high priest in 1826, he progressed to the General Grand Chapter, where he was elected general grand scribe, general grand king, and eventually general grand high priest, in which position he served capably for many years. The quote that begins this essay gives insight into his feeling regarding the need of good Masons to serve, even in the face of opposition and anti-Masonic rhetoric. Dean was among the many signatories to the Declaration of 1831. When he was elected as Grand Master at the end of 1837, he addressed the Grand Lodge “in an eloquent and impressive manner, on the nature and advantages of this Institution, on its great antiquity, on the purity of the characters, and the ennobling virtues of the distinguished brethren who had preceded him in the honorable station in which he had been called.”

Grand Master Dean chartered no lodges during his administration; indeed, some of the lodges in the Commonwealth chose to, or were compelled to, surrender their charters during the period, as the anti-Masonic furor

had not yet abated. Still, it is clear from a perusal of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge that more lodges and individuals were involved in the business of the fraternity during his Grand Mastership than during those of his most recent predecessors. In these sparse records, the reader finds names of individuals who would have profound impact on the fraternity in the years to come – Simon W. Robinson, Edward Raymond, Charles W. Moore, Winslow

Lewis, E.M.P. Wells, William Whiting, Thomas Tolman, and Caleb Butler, to name a few.

Grand Master Dean seems to have imposed a calm and sure hand when governing the Craft, navigating through the demands of organizations within and without the State. For example, in a number of neighboring jurisdictions, there were calls for a grand union of Masonic Grand Lodges, a movement from which Massachusetts steered clear.

During the last year of his administration, Most Worshipful Brother Dean was able to regularize certain policies and practices of the Grand Lodge as well as the formal relationship between it and its subordinate lodges. This work could not have been accomplished without the efforts of new Grand

Secretary Charles W. Moore, who became corresponding grand secretary in 1840. Through Brother Moore’s extensive and detailed work, the Grand Lodge was enabled to take stock of its membership, confirm its privileges relative to the lodges, and establish a fixed charge for the conferral of the degrees throughout the jurisdiction.

At the Feast of St. John in 1840, Brother Dean installed his successor, Caleb Butler, as Grand Master; and then “in a peculiarly appropriate and feeling manner took leave of his officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge in an address of great beauty, eloquence, and affection.” Rt. Wor. Winslow Lewis, Jr., called upon to speak, delivered an “able and interesting address in which he reviewed in a peculiarly spirited and caustic manner, the persecution through which the institution has recently passed; and congratulated the Grand Lodge . . . on the present encouraging condition and future prospects of the fraternity.” The Grand Lodge subsequently adopted a unanimous resolution thanking Past Grand Master Dean for “the very able, faithful, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the arduous and important duties” of Grand Master.

In his declining years, Past Grand Master Dean remained active as a clergyman and as a Mason. He participated in the memorial service for Rt. Wor. Thaddeus Mason Harris, in the revision of the Grand Constitutions, and on various committees of the Grand Lodge. One can

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The Great Light – The King James Bible

by Wor. and Rev. Brian S. Dixon

The recently celebrated 275th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts surely constituted an historic moment. A short exercise in math yields the awareness that the establishment of our Grand Lodge predated, by over four decades, the foundation of the United States of America as a nation. Indeed, as we know, several Masonic personages—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Paul Revere come quickly to mind—played vital roles in the establishment of our nation. We justifiably take pride in these realities.

We tend to view men like the aforementioned Washington, Jefferson, and Revere as being different in degree, if not in kind, from more common folks like ourselves. But, here is this reality; like us, they gained admission to the rites and privileges of our fraternity by kneeling before the Great Light, as we appropriately call the Holy Bible. Envisioning the great in such a moment is instructive.

The Great Light before which Masons—since the founding of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts—have knelt, almost certainly, was that version of the Holy Bible known as the King James Version. It is worthy of note that the year 2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the publication of that version. As it turns out, the King James Version of the Bible is the best-selling book of all time. As such, it is a fitting document to adorn the center of a lodge room.

In many ways the language of the King James Version was to shape the wording of Masonic ritual, and we are richer for that. While the wording of this historic version has an elevated character, it actually was the common language of the era; witness Shakespeare. Its majestic language belies its commonness. In the present time, when well-spoken, to say nothing of well-written language is a lost art form, it is refreshing

to hear the recitation of our Masonic ritual, informed as it is by this version.

Of course, the King James Version of the Bible does have its contemporary, cultural critics. The language is antiquated; some object. Oddly, Shakespeare, whose language is essentially that of this version, is rarely so critiqued. The language of the ancient and honored text is sexist complains someone else. Here it must be acknowledged the seventeenth century did not have the same sensitivity to what is called sexist language in contemporary culture. Sadly, the corrective terminology that is substituted for the allegedly offensive language hardly bears the eloquence, the poetry, the majesty of the ancient document. While one cannot advocate abandoning the attempt of offended persons to make the language of the historic document clearer and less offensive, is it unreasonable to ask that what is substituted be of similar quality and tone as the original?

So, when in lodge, as candidates progress through our three initiatory degrees, you hear the chaplain recite the ancient text of the King James Version of the Great Light, or when you hear its allusions to Solomon's Temple, or, to "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," celebrate the fortunate fusion of the language of our ritual with that of this historic document.

P.S. In celebrating the historic nature of the King James Version of the Holy Bible, I am aware that a brother of the Islamic tradition will, appropriately, kneel before, and take his vows upon, the Holy Koran. For the record, I personally, have served as chaplain on such an occasion. ■

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imagine him taking his place with the other Past Grand Masters, just as our distinguished ones do now, viewing with pleasure the growth and prosperity of the fraternity that his efforts had helped to preserve.

Rev. and Brother Paul Dean died in October, 1860, full in years and much beloved within and without the fraternity. As his old friend, Brother Adin Ballou, wrote to Past

Grand Master Heard some years after his death: "Within the sanctuaries of Masonry, in its cherished archives of written and unwritten memoranda, on the heart-tablets of relatives and friends outside the mystic veils, who knew and loved him, and above all on the imperishable scroll of the celestial temple, may his name shine with serene radiance forevermore." ■



The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



I was rummaging in a closet recently when I came across a box filled with pictures. Now, I'm not talking about something like a shoebox. This was a shipping carton, about 1-1/4 cubic feet, stuffed to overflowing with pictures. I'm sure everyone has a box filled with pictures. It may not be as big as mine, but I'm sure everyone has one. These are

the pictures taken throughout the years, pictures we intended for an album that we never bought. There must be at least a thousand pictures in that box.

Today, with the popularity of digital photography, there are no more boxes filled with pictures. Now, the thousands of additional pictures waiting for some kind of display are filling computer files on the three computers in my house.

I sat down with the box and started looking at the pictures. There were pictures of my children (now 33 and 30) when their ages were marked in single digits. There were pictures of various family gatherings as well as pictures from countless family vacations.

But there was one photo that really caught my attention. It was a group of Masonic officers standing there in all their finery. And I know the exact date that photo was taken, Sept. 11, 1982. It was the Wamesit Lodge installation of officers where I was installed as worshipful master.

I can't believe we were ever that young. I had long hair and a full beard. This contrasts with my look today—no beard and almost no hair. Of the 14 Masons in the photograph, five are gone. The most recent loss was the man on my right, William A. Hamm, who was then Bro. Hamm, but later Rt. Wor. Hamm.

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In a column written a short time ago, I told you about losing my junior warden, Wor. Henry E. Breault. This past summer we buried Rt. Wor. Bro. Hamm, my senior warden. Losing Henry was tough, but losing Bill really hit me hard. In my column about Henry, I said he was my go-to guy. Bill was my anchor.

Bill and I joined the officers' line on the same day, Sept. 10, 1977. I was junior steward and Bill the inside sentinel. On that day we knew that, barring something unfortunate, he would be senior warden to my master and I would be marshal to his master. I remember discussing that with Bill during those first few weeks as officers. And that's the way it went.

Bill and I both liked precision and insisted on it. That explains why we would rehearse the smallest things over and over and over. When we were both stewards, we spent about 15 minutes rehearsing how we would come out of the South and end up side-by-side to march around the room.

For both of us it had to be perfect.

But as I said, Bill was my anchor. When I get enthusiastic about something, it just takes over and my imagination kicks into high gear. I'm looking at what could be the results. The mission was to paint the ceiling and I'm looking at the Sistine Chapel. Bill, however, could anchor me to the ground so we could discuss the details and what would

really make the project a success.

To this day, when I am working on a project and my imagination starts taking over, I can hear Bill's voice. "That's great and I hope we get there, but what steps do we have to take and what will make this a success for now?"

I spent my last afternoon as master at Bill's home. We chatted about what we accomplished during my term in the East and what Bill was planning to do during his. We laughed at some of the things we saw and did, but there was a sense of sadness as well. I think we both realized the relationship we enjoyed was coming to an end. We were friends and always would be, but I was the marshal and he had to turn his attention to his senior warden, Henry.

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ONE NIGHT A MONTH

by Rt. Wor. Steve Cohn

There's a running joke among lodge officers about only being out one night a month. But in reality, that's all we ask of our members—to attend lodge one night a month! After all, we joined our lodge for a reason, and there are probably as many reasons for joining a lodge as there are Masons!

We have some lodges with hundreds of members yet the lodge can hardly fill the stations. We have lodges that are very successful in attracting candidates yet the sidelines are filled mostly by past masters. Why is that? What has happened to all the new Masons over the years?

There are many reasons for low attendance. The most common is likely, "I don't know anyone any more." Think back to when you joined your lodge. You knew maybe one or two of the members and made new friendships over time. You can do this again. Sure, work schedules sometimes get in the way as do family demands, but think about what you have given up one night a month. Another common reason is: "I can't get there because I don't drive at night." An attentive master will have a committee arrange transportation for brethren wishing a ride.

Not everyone wants to become an officer. Some men just may want to attend lodge, listen to the ritual, and have dinner with their friends and brothers. That's fine! That's what

coming to lodge can be all about for many of us. But once a brother falls out of the habit of regular attendance, it becomes a chore to get back into the habit. A good officer will see this trend and reach out to these brothers—extending a hand and inviting them to come back to lodge to see what they've been missing.

If a lodge has become stagnant, it takes only a modest effort to revitalize it with sound programming and good meals. Remember, the way to a Mason's heart is through his stomach! Many successful lodges have an interesting program every month, whether it is actually scheduled as part of the monthly meetings or as a separate stand-alone program. Social activities are key to a lodge's success. Having our wives or significant others meet other spouses and having them forge their own bonds makes our involvement stronger. Community involvement is high on the list of attractions for many of our newest members and is a key characteristic of a healthy lodge.

Results may not be realized overnight nor will they be realized in a month or two. But success will come in time and once the membership sees positive results, they will be more motivated to attend monthly and, perhaps, even take an active role in the rebuilding process

Would one night a month be worthwhile again? ■

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quality education and training opportunities to support all of our members in their Masonic lives and to prepare them for leadership positions in their lodges and at Grand Lodge. Think of where we would be as a fraternity had we not embarked on our membership initiative in 2005, and launched the Ben Franklin awareness and advertising campaigns.

Your board of directors and our Past Grand Masters have thrown support behind all of these initiatives. The financial investment has been considerable, but worth it. The cost of these programs plus costs associated with running the Grand Lodge and fulfilling its missions is well in excess of what we collect each year in dues, rents, and charitable contributions. By the time the books are closed on our last Masonic year ended August 31, the annual deficit will amount to over \$3 million. That money has to

The Old Secretary

Hello again, my friends and brothers,

Say, I don't know about you, but I find myself awfully busy these days. I thought that after I retired, I would be able to sit back and just watch the world go by. I thought that I would be able to do all the things that I had been putting off for years and still have time left over. But now I am wondering how I ever had time to work!

Now, I am not complaining, but I find my job as lodge secretary is a lot busier than I expected and also a lot busier than it used to be. With a new line of officers and a lot more candidates, it seems like I always have something to do. Now mind you, I am surely not complaining. I am actually very happy to see the lodge coming alive again. You see, when I first joined the lodge, we had a lot of things going on. We had candidates every month and many months we had special meetings to confer the degrees. We also had a lot of other activities. We had ladies nights, fishing trips, ski outings, picnics, ball games, and dinners every month. All our installations were public and our families really looked forward to them. We had a dinner down at the senior center during the Holiday Season, and blood drives at the lodge; we sponsored a Scout troop and a Little League team. Everybody knew who the Masons were and being a Mason was considered an honor and a privilege.

Over the years that all changed. The older members died off, the younger members didn't come to lodge very often and no one was bringing in any candidates. It seemed like nobody had any interest in all those activities that the lodge used to hold. Everybody was working or watching television or doing something else and only a few had time for lodge. When the lodge stopped participating in the community and having activities for its members, people sort of forgot about the Masons. We just didn't seem to have much to offer. We even talked about merging with another lodge in another community.

Then we got a new Grand Master. It didn't take him too long to see that we had a real problem and if it wasn't fixed, we would be out of business. He started by telling us that the problem was membership and we had

come from somewhere—our investment funds. But is it fair to all concerned to engage in deficit spending year after year? In particular is it fair to the next generation of Masons? How can we properly instruct them on the value of Freemasonry if we ourselves rely too heavily on the contributions and labors of preceding generations to pay our bills?

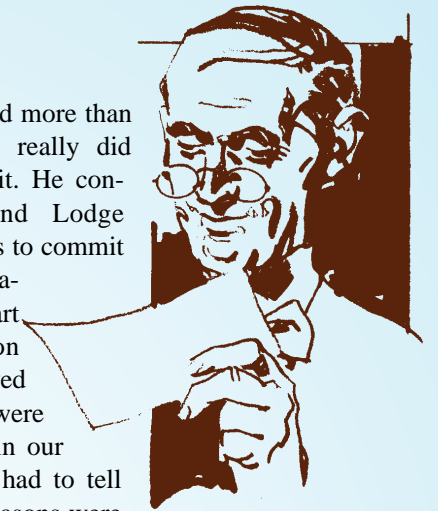
We cannot continue to incur deficits at the current levels without jeopardizing our future. I wholeheartedly support

to fix it. But he did more than talk about it; he really did something about it. He convinced the Grand Lodge Board of Directors to commit to a public education program to start the revitalization process. He believed that because we were no longer active in our communities, we had to tell people who the Masons were and what we were all about. Now I have to confess that many of us thought that we were advertising for members and that we shouldn't do that. Then, I came to realize that we weren't really advertising for members; we were just telling the public who we were and what we were all about. I have to say that it really made me feel proud to hear old Ben Franklin tell about the great Masons in the past and how the Masons could bring out the greatness in our members.

And, you know, it worked. People started attending our open house events and calling to find out more information about the Masons. Young men wanted to know how they could find their greatness and become a part of our fraternity. At the same time, our members now had something to talk about to their friends and neighbors. They also talked with their sons and grandsons and encouraged them to join. Pretty soon, lodges that hadn't seen much activity in years started to get inquiries and applications. Young men started to join and they brought their friends. As more young men joined, the lodge started to get active again with events for young families.

Now I know we all complain about Grand Lodge sometimes, but their public education and open house program has turned our lodge around. I know radio and television time is expensive, but I surely don't want to go back to the days of no candidates and no activities.

—The Old Secretary



The Groves Celebrates First Anniversary

by Steven Davis



The Groves in Lincoln opened its doors to the very first residents on July 19, 2010. With construction trucks still dotting the landscape, seven people occupied four residences on the very first day. As the weeks and months progressed, so did the move-ins; until over the winter, The Groves welcomed its one hundredth resident.

The residential community has come very far since that opening day one year ago and there was much to celebrate at the first anniversary in July. Besides the increase in residents, the staff has more than tripled, its programming has been taken to new heights, and the dining program is renowned among residents for creativity and quality.

The Groves team wanted to present the residents with something special to mark the one-year anniversary. The team worked to put on three truly wonderful events that celebrated not only the residents, but also what The Groves is, and where it is going.

Family, friends, and future residents were welcomed to an afternoon celebration on Saturday, July 23. That morning, an apple tree was planted in the orchard grove on the property; this planting will become an annual tradition. The dining team put out an incredible assortment of food in the Gala Dining Room; choices ranged from a carving station to shrimp cocktail to oysters! Music provided by The Winiker Brothers Band filled the halls. Guests were entertained by a caricature artist, crafts for children, out-door games, and door prizes.

NEWS FROM OVERLOOK

“Thanks to the Angel Fund our lives have been bolstered. The Christmas presents, the clothes, that special game or toy, the trip to summer camp; or whatever, it meant so much to me. Thank you, thank you!”

A little more than a year ago, Rose of Sharon Lodge members formed an advisory committee to explore the angel fund concept. The committee quickly determined that this concept would be a winner for the children of Charlton and it would give more community focus to Rose of Sharon Lodge. The lodge enthusiastically sponsored the Charlton Masonic Angel Fund in February of 2010.

The lodge, located at Overlook in Charlton, reached out to the Overlook community and the Overlook community responded: “Yes, this Angel Fund is a wonderful idea and we want to help.” Immediate financial support came from the Rose of Sharon Lodge along with Grand Lodge matching funds and many lodge member donations. The larger Overlook community quickly followed.

Thanks go to Masonic Health System, Country Bank, Armand’s Recycling, the Overlook Garden Club, the Overlook Fashion Show, the Overlook Car Show, the Angel Horseshoe Tournament, the Overlook Young at Heart Quilters, the Publick House Charity Dinner, the Charlton Schools, and personal donations from many Overlook residents and individual Masons. One resident donated furniture and another an automobile. And as benevolences developed, the Angel Fund Foundation awarded grants. Our Angel Fund became financially viable.



Later in the week, Dr. William J. Evans, author of *Biomarkers: The 10 Keys to Prolonging Vitality*, presented residents with an incredible talk. Dr. Evans shared exciting



The Charlton Masonic Angel Fund

by Carl Swanson

Rose of Sharon Lodge elected three trustees to manage the fund. The trustees work with the Charlton school administrators and nurses to identify children in need in three of Charlton’s schools: The Elementary School, the Heritage School, and the Middle School. The trustees are also in touch with Charlton Boy Scout troops. The trustees are empowered to respond immediately and anonymously to deserving child needs by school administrators or nurses. Needs are normally answered within minutes or hours.

The first benevolence was granted on June 11, 2010. Twenty-two benevolences have been granted to the benefit of over 40 needy Charlton children. To give an idea, some of the benevolences were inhaler and medication for a needy student, pants, jeans, and underwear for a thirteen-year-old boy, clothing for a child of needy grandparents,

parents, the scouts and the kids say it all.

Our sincerest thanks and appreciation go to the still-very-active Angel Advisory Committee and to the many supporters of the Charlton Masonic Angel Fund. Special thanks go to Vice President Paul Bowler and his staff, and to Donna Scherer for her untiring support and her many contributions to this cause. And thanks to the administration and nurses of the Charlton schools for their vital rolls in accepting and applying the angel fund on behalf of the needy children of Charlton. With everyone’s continuing support, the Charlton Masonic Angel Fund will be here for a long time. Thank you everyone! Trustees: Windsor Bigelow, Jack Campbell and Carl Swanson; Angel Advisory Committee: W. Bigelow, J. Campbell, J. Cline, E. Goldberg, R. Grieve, R. Lowe and C. Swanson. ■

At left: Younger guests are fascinated by a caricature artist during the July anniversary events at the Groves.

research conducted at Tufts and Harvard Universities showing how you can control the physiological factors that contribute to aging, regardless of your age or physical condition. Afterwards, residents socialized and had an opportunity to talk with Dr. Evans at a wine and cheese reception on the veranda. Dr. Evans research truly hit home with residents as participation in fitness classes increased in the weeks following.

The week of celebration concluded with a good, old-fashioned, barbeque! The town of Lincoln’s own band, The Nays, put on a fantastic show in the courtyard that featured music from the 40s, 50s and 60s. Residents and their guests enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob, ice cream, and other delicious treats! The afternoon of great eating, dancing, and laughing was the perfect ending for the first anniversary celebration. ■

Nurses Rally for Home Health Care

by Elaine Stephens

Elaine Stephens, executive vice president of Overlook Visiting Nurse Association, traveled to Washington D.C. recently to participate in the nurses’ rally coordinated by the National Association for Home Care & Hospice and the Home Healthcare Nurses Association. Nurses from across the country came to Washington to share their experience as a home health nurse and advocate for the patients they serve.

Each nurse displayed a photograph of one of their patients and spoke about the patient’s struggles. Many of the nurses were able to discuss how home health care for

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Masonic Health System's Education Committee

by Rt. Wor. Paul Cataldo

Grand Master Richard J. Stewart has approved the formation of the Masonic Health System (MHS) Education Committee. This new group was created to address the perceived lack of understanding about MHS services. Few Masons are taking advantage of the outstanding offerings from Overlook Visiting Nurse Association and the many services made available at the Lincoln, Charlton, and Northampton sites. Lack of knowledge is seen as the major culprit.

The new committee is composed of one MHS representative for each of the thirty-two Masonic districts. In August, two training seminars were held at the Overlook in Charlton. The seminars educated new representatives about services aimed at keeping the elderly out of nursing homes for as long as possible, and assisting people with much-needed services at home or in their communities. The MHS concept is to keep people at home, where they are most comfortable and secure, for as long as possible. Representatives learned about the multitude of services available throughout the State designed to assist older adults with a better quality of life in their own homes. These services include Overlook Outpatient Rehabilitation and Wellness, Over-



look Visiting Nurse Association, Overlook Hospice, Overlook C.A.R.E. geriatric case management services, and Overlook Private Care.

Representatives for the MHS Education Committee will be responsible for staying informed on current developments within the Masonic Health System, relaying news and information from MHS to each district, and referring individuals to appropriate Masonic Health System resources.

The new representatives will be visiting all the lodges in their respective districts to introduce themselves and to talk about all the Overlook services. The districts will be bro-

ken up into three teams with a team leader for each. He is not there to diagnose anyone's problems but to refer the individual to the appropriate resource. Each month, the representatives will forward to their team leader a monthly update with lodges visited and feedback, which will be given to the Grand Master, who can then follow the progress of educating our brothers to the Masonic Health System programs and services.

Remember if you need assistance making an important health-related decision call (866) 657-7000 or visit www.mhs-mass.org. ■

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their patients saved Medicare money by preventing additional hospitalizations and how many of their patients struggle to afford everyday expenses. These remarks demonstrated that proposals to change out of pocket costs for home health care affect real people, not the nameless and faceless.

Representative Jim McGovern (D-Mass.), a long time champion for home care, kicked off the rally by acknowledging the need to inform Congress that cost-effective home health care is part of the solution to holding down health care costs. He also argued that imposing a copayment on the poorest and sickest Medicare beneficiaries is not an acceptable solution.

The rally was in response to proposals put forth which would cut overall funding and require Medicare enrollees to pay a co-payment for home health and hospice services. The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform recommended a uniform 20% co-payment for all Medicare services, including home health. Earlier this year, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission voted to rec-

ommend a home health co-payment, as much as \$150 for episodes not preceded by a hospital or nursing home stay as a means to encourage beneficiaries to control utilization of care.

Proposals such as these have appealed to some law makers as a source of revenue. However, many in Congress do not realize reinstating a home health co-payment is penny-wise and pound-foolish. A co-payment would serve as a disincentive to patients and encourage them to seek care in more costly institutions.

Home health saves money in the long run. Home care is part of the solution to our nation's fiscal challenges. This rally highlighted the unique perspective home care and hospice nurses bring to the table. These nurses often care for the poorest and sickest patients, who cannot advocate for their own interests. They not only see the clinical side of patients, but also see how patients live and interact with their community. That is why it is so important for those who see firsthand the effects of health care decisions on the daily lives of patients to tell their untold stories. ■

MASONIC ATTIRE

by Most Wor. Bro. Barry A. Rickman
Past Grand Master of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina

Our society today is one of casual to less than casual dress and it has made its way into our honorable institution. So much so, our fraternity in South Carolina has lost much of its dignity and decorum. As I visit various Masonic functions across our Grand Jurisdiction, I observe many of our brethren wearing forms of dress, which I find not only to be inappropriate but also unacceptable such as T-shirts, tank tops, shorts, jeans, overalls, no socks, and open toed shoes. Freemasonry is not a club for "good old boys" and we should not be dressed as if it is. I firmly believe unacceptable dress will lead to unacceptable manner. It all goes hand-in-hand with each other.

Your Grand Lodge officers are the leadership of Freemasonry in our state. I deem it our responsibility to set the standard in all aspects of the fraternity for all other Masons. As to the standard of dress, they were informed unless they hear otherwise, they are required to be dressed in a coat and tie at any and all Masonic related functions. Blue lodge officers are the leadership of their lodge members and, likewise, should be setting a higher standard for their members.

With these thoughts in mind, I encourage you while attending all Masonic related meetings such as Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, Amaranth, Masters' and Wardens' Club, Square and Compass Club, Past Masters' Club, Rainbow, DeMolay, as well as Grand Lodge and Blue lodge, to be appropriately dressed. Our personal appearance, attire, and attitude will broadcast the message to others of our devotion, pride, and respect toward the fraternity and aid in setting the tone of our meetings. It is my belief, over time, this action will influence others to pause and reflect upon their own dress and act accordingly. If you are a past Grand Lodge officer, you as well should be helping to set the example. Being a past Grand Lodge officer



does not relieve you from your responsibilities. Once you have served Grand Lodge in any capacity you always belong to the Grand Lodge family.

One brother has this to say concerning dress, "It is the internal and not the external qualifications of man that Masonry regards... That phrase is intended to be a leveler, to say that Freemasonry regards no man for his wealth or goods but for his internal qualities, his morality, his integrity, his sense of justice; qualities that can exist in an unemployed day laborer and the highest paid CEO in equal

measure. Unfortunately, what it has become is an excuse: an apologia for slovenliness borne of the cursed notion that jeans, T-shirts and sneakers are appropriate attire for attendance at a gentleman's organization, the odd idea that no one, not even you, should care how you look.

Freemasonry is not intended to be a lowest common denominator group. It is a society of gentlemen created for our mutual encouragement and uplift, to become better."

I ask, brethren, that you will make a commitment to improve your personal dress so as to demonstrate to others you have a renewed pride in

our fraternity. I ask you to join me in raising the bar of our dress and appearance while attending Masonic related functions. At times it will be inconvenient. At others it will be bothersome. At still other times it will be uncomfortable. But remember, "Our Focus is on Quality." Will you step forward? Will you join me? Will you help raise the bar? Will you help promote a higher standard? Think about it, my brethren. Will you require of and for yourself a higher level of respect for Freemasonry?

May God continue to bless America and our great fraternity and may the blessings of Heaven rest upon you and your families. ■

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"Our Focus is on Quality"



MW Richard J. Stewart at the White House with members of Mt. Lebanon Lodge.

Mount Lebanon Lodge, GM visit Washington

In August, members of Mount Lebanon Lodge were joined by Grand Master Stewart on a tour of Washington, D.C. and nearby Alexandria, Virginia.

The Masonic highlight of the trip was the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, in Alexandria. The two candidates for the degree were William Richard Gomes, of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, and William

Richard Greer III, whose granduncle, Wor. Ronald K. Beaton, served as past master of Mt. Lebanon Lodge.

The many tour highlights included a photo stop at the White House, a collation at Gadsby's Tavern (where Bro. George Washington, James Madison, John Adams and Bro. James Monroe had been frequent guests), a tour of the Capitol Building, and a meal at the historic Old Ebbitt Grill. At Gadsby's, Most Wor. Donald Hicks noted that

Bro. George Washington also took his Entered Apprentice Degree in Virginia when he was 20 years old, the same age as Bros. Greer and Gomes.

—Wor. Frank B. Gomes, Jr.

Revolutionary War Reenactors Organizing Masonic Regiment



Bros. Ken Sutcliffe and Ken Sutcliffe Jr. in uniforms from the Sons of the American Revolution, Massachusetts Society, which represent officers within the Major General Bro. Henry J. Knox Command.

The first meeting of the Masonic American Revolutionary War Reenactors' regiment was held in July. Bro. Kenneth Sutcliffe had the idea of forming this all Masonic regiment. He hopes to recruit eight to fifteen reenactors from the 17th Masonic District and then expand to other parts of the state. Said Bro. Sutcliffe, "Who knows how many we can field if we can take this statewide."

Future units will be named after a genuine Revolutionary Era Masonic leader. Local units will be assembled in a regiment. A name for the statewide regiment has not yet been chosen; it could be either the 357th Regiment or the Joseph Warren Regiment. The first public appearance of the new unit is planned for Bunker Hill day in June. If you are interested, please contact Bro. Sutcliffe at kensutcliffe@hotmail.com.

—Bro. Kenneth Sutcliffe, Jr.



Fellowship Lodge Holds Summer Degree for Serviceman Home from Afghanistan

Army Staff Sergeant, Bro. Adam Michael Gately and Bro. Harold Mauge Estabrook III both received the Entered Apprentice Degree in Fellowship Lodge, in Bridgewater in July. Degree work is unusual in July but was necessary this year to accommodate a candidate who was home on leave for two weeks from his duty in Afghanistan.

Shown L to R are: Wor. Edward Ambrose Buckland, Wor. William Petrie Renny, Bro. Staff Sergeant Adam M. Gately, Bro. Command Sergeant Major David Ralph Heidke, Bro. Harold M. Estabrook; and Bro. Thomas Thaddeus Perkins

—Bro. William P. Renny

myCHIP at Ch 7 Health Expo



Bros. Mike Penta and Yotam Mendlinger using the new digital technology at the Health & Fitness Expo.

For the second year, brethren from a number of lodges including Amicable, Charity, and Mount Olivet stepped up to lend a hand for the myCHIP event at Channel 7's Health & Fitness Expo. Over 400 children have participated in the identification program each year.

"I had so much fun talking to the children and being around my brothers that I came back early Sunday morning to work in the booth for a second day," recalled Bro. Yotam Mendlinger, of Charity Lodge.

Wor. Robert F. Stanley is scheduling another myCHIP event for the Channel 7 Health & Fitness Expo for spring, 2012 at the Hynes Convention Center. —Wor. Lee H. Fenn

Waltham Triad: "Ask A Mason"

Waltham Triad Lodge staffed an "Ask A Mason" table during the Waltham Day Celebration on September 17, 2011. The members of Waltham Triad handed out business cards and informational material and answered questions from interested attendees. Of the many people asking questions, one gentleman asked bluntly how he could become a brother; others asked general questions about the fraternity and the lodge. Joining the Waltham Triad brothers were the girls from Newton Rainbow Assembly; they did a fantastic job selling cotton candy and were busy all day.

This simple little program works well. The day was a great success and good public relations for the lodge.

—Bro. Kenneth L. Brown

Below: Bros. Nicholas J. Pappas, Kenneth L. Brown, Wors. Joseph L. Wooters, and William P. Asadoorian manned the "Ask A Mason" table at Waltham Day.



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as Golden Week, which is like a combination of July 4th, Earth Day and a special Boys day; the holiday tended to amplify the feelings and emotions of traumatized victims.

One twelve-year-old tsunami victim said, "Listening to this beautiful music gave me courage." Another member of the audience sat with tears rolling down her face, while an enchanted listener said, "they have brought us heartwarming, healing sounds." One little tot, not yet able to walk, time and time again crawled determinedly toward the stage in Kesennuma. Bro. Ryker eventually reassured the family and took over guard duty personally, carefully watching over the tiny child while she crawled all the way to the front, up the steps to the stage, and onto the level where the musicians were playing.

Sinim is a very musical lodge: the current master, Wor. Janos Cegledy, is a professor of piano; Bro. Clemens Doll is a professor of cello; Bro. Zsolt Tibay is a professor of contrabass; Bro. Kalman Berkes, a world famous clarinet soloist, is a professor of clarinet and conductor of the student orchestra; and Bro. Neil Stalnaker, is a prominent jazz trumpet player active in Japan. —Wor. Robert Ryker

Scouters Lodge Presents Awards at Eagle Court of Honor

Members of MMESA and the Scouters Lodge presented a framed certificate with Grand Lodge medallion and an Eagle Scout Sebastian to Joshua R. McDuffie at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on June 19, 2011 in Worcester. Joshua is the son of R. Todd McDuffie, a member of Guiding Lights Lodge. His grandfather is R.W. Robert E. McDuffie also of Guiding Lights Lodge. Joshua's Eagle Scout project was to paint the recreation hall of St. Mark's Church in Sutton. He is a sophomore at U Mass Amherst, studying mechanical engineering.

—Robert McDuffie



L to R: R.W. Robert E. McDuffie, Bro. R. Todd McDuffie, Joshua R. McDuffie, RW. Jay A. Jolicoeur, R.W. Michael B. Dodge, Wor. Thadeus Owoc

Grand Master at Old Colony Lodge Rededication



The Grand Master visited Old Colony Lodge in Hingham for the rededication of the building and the installation of officers. He also presented the Joseph Warren Medal to Rt. Wor. Joseph DeNicola.

L to R: RW John Maynard, MW Richard J. Stewart, Wor. Carlton Goff, RW Joseph DeNicola, and Wor. Ian Mackenzie.

Rt. Wor. Dr. John Maynard, past DGM of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, and their Masonic Ambassador to Massachusetts, traveled from Australia to join in the celebration. Rt. Wor. Bro. Maynard and Old Colony's newly install master, Wor. Ian Mackenzie were both raised at Scotch Collegians Lodge #396 in Melbourne, Australia.

—Wor. Ian Mackenzie

Secretary's Secretary Retires

Rt. Wor. Richard G. Weston retired as secretary to the Secretary's Association after 13 years of service. He had previously been secretary for Old Colony Lodge in Hingham for 19 years.

The Secretary's Association is composed of past and presiding lodge secretaries. It meets every other month to share knowledge and experience. Speakers present a variety of topics germane to the role of secretary. Grand Secretary Rt. Wor. Jeffrey Gardiner often attends meetings and shares current developments at Grand Lodge that



may impact secretaries' responsibilities.

Shown L to R: RW Mark Lichtenstein, RW Jeffrey L. Gardiner, Alan P. Koufos, (president of the association) RW Richard G. Weston, RW James C. Holmes, Wor. Scott Sherman, and Wor. Russell P. Mead. —Bro. Alan Koufos

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Two Cambridge Lodges March in HONK Parade

Wors. Edward "Ted" Lavin and Lee H. Fenn, both of Mount Olivet Lodge marched with Amicable Lodge in the HONK! Parade from Davis Square, Somerville, through Harvard Square, Cambridge. —Photo by Matt Murphy



50-Year Past Master's Certificate
RW Bruce Marshall, DDGM 6th Dist. (right), presents 50-year Past Master certificate to RW William Antonopoulos. At left is Wor. Eugene C. Goyette, Rabboni Lodge.



Hayden Lodge Installs Rookie Award Winners

Hayden Lodge of the 25th Masonic District held its installation of officers in September, and three recipients of the Master Mason Rookie Award joined the line. Wor. Francis M. Hart (center), who was one of the first to receive the Master Mason Rookie Award, was installed as worshipful master. Bro. Paul S. Jackson Sr., (left) who earned his Master Mason Rookie Award in 2009 was installed as marshal. Bro. Jackson is also serving as the district deputy grand marshal for the 25th Masonic District. Bro. Jody J. Madden (right), who earned his Master Mason Rookie Award in 2010, was installed as junior warden.

—Bro. Jody J. Madden

Mount Vernon-Galilean Helps Children's Bereavement Camp

Bro. Michael Bruce (left) of Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge presented Paul Moriarty of Moriarty Financial Group. with two checks for the Comfort Zone Camp Charity Fund: one from the lodge and one from Grand Lodge's matching program. The Comfort Zone camp is a bereavement camp for children who recently lost a parent or sibling.

—Bro. Michael E. Bruce



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2011 MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Nearly 550 Masons are celebrating anniversaries in 2011. The men listed here under the names of their current lodge are enjoying their 60th, 65th, 70th, or 75th years in Freemasonry. Anniversaries are based on the date raised to the Degree of Master Mason regardless of

your current lodge. Contact your lodge secretary if you have any question about your seniority or status. Recent demits and deaths may not be reflected in this listing. Congratulations to each celebrant and thank you to those providing photos of lodge presentations.

75-Year Anniversaries Brethren Raised in 1936



Weymouth United Masonic Lodge
Bro. H. Edward Bascom

Williams Lodge
R.W. Frank Lindsey Wellcome

RW DDGM Michael J. Hernandez, Rt. Wor. Frank L. Wellcome Jr., 75-year member of Williams Lodge, Wor. Craig A. Pedercini.

70-Year Anniversaries Brethren Raised in 1941

Amity-Mosaic Lodge
Bro. Herbert Larcombe Cheeseman

Boylston Lodge
Bro. Stanley Jack Davidson Sr.
Bro. Winthrop Hart McGown

Excelsior Lodge
Bro. Charles Stanley Canning

Garden City Lodge
Bro. Sewall Philip Bronstein

King David Lodge
Bro. William Frank Gay Jr.

King Solomon's Lodge
Bro. Edward Justin Alexander

Morning Star Lodge ▶
Bro. Norman Roland Ekholm
Bro. Martin Leonard Kuniholm
Bro. Edward Wilder Shaw

Mount Carmel Lodge
Bro. Donald Richmond Phillips

Paul Revere Lodge
Wor. Robert Edward Bean
Bro. Robert Winslow Briggs

Pequossette Lodge
Bro. Joseph Lawrence Lord

Plymouth Lodge
Bro. Clarence Edwin Delano Jr.

Saint James Lodge
Bro. Edward Harrison Morse

Saint John's (N) Lodge
Bro. Nelson Kellogg Ward

Satuit Lodge
Bro. Clifford Leon Ward

Starr King Lodge
Bro. Everett Woodrow Henderson

The Consolidated Lodge
Bro. Robert Morrill Robbins

The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge
Bro. Willis Wilburt Leveille Jr.

Webster Lodge
Wor. Russell Ward Nadeau

Bro. Lenny Kuniholm, Morning Star Lodge, received his 70-year Pin from Wor. Azim Rawji.



65-Year Anniversaries Brethren Raised in 1946

Alpha Lodge
Bro. Raymond Cummings Avery Jr.
Bro. Mark Josiah Brown Jr.

Ancient York Lodge
Wor. William Henry Ramsay
Bro. Norman Harold Thrope

Aurora Lodge
Bro. Walter Herman Schrader
Bro. Ralph Edward Worthington

Bethany Lodge
Bro. F. Gilbert Lafaver

Bethesda (W) Lodge
Bro. Edward Boyajian

Beth-horon Lodge
Bro. William Neil Lyons

Blue Hill Lodge
Bro. Andrew Theodore Johnson

Boylston Lodge
Bro. Gordon Iver Erikson

Budleigh Lodge
Wor. Willard Arthur Flagg Jr.
Bro. Herbert Alan Rouisse

Celestial Lodge
Bro. Arthur William Anderson
Bro. John Francis Bastable

Charity Lodge
Bro. Arthur Richard Albrecht
Bro. Earl Frederick Bardsley

Charles A. Welch Lodge
Wor. Wentworth Prentiss

Charles C. Dame Lodge
Bro. Gregory Walter Stark

Charles W. Moore Lodge
Bro. Harry Alfred Mayor

Cincinnatus Lodge
Bro. William Francis Dempsey

Cochichewick Lodge
Bro. David William Ritchie Sr.

Columbian Lodge
Bro. Dana Knowlton Seiler

Converse Lodge
Bro. Robert Tolman Dodge
Bro. Arthur Kenneth Nelson
Bro. Marvin Milton Rosenthal

Corinthian Lodge
Bro. Ralph Albert Gerow Jr.

Dalhousie Lodge
Bro. George William Bentley Jr.
Bro. Thomas Legare Fenn

Delta Lodge
Bro. Arnold David Swartz

Eastern Star Lodge
M.W. William Grover Hunt
Bro. George Hall Sutcliffe
Bro. George Robert Withers

Ezekiel Bates Lodge
Bro. Howard Irving Peach

Fellowship Lodge
Bro. Albert Sylvester Grover
Bro. Edward Albert Rudis

Franklin Lodge
Bro. John MacDougall

Garden City Lodge
Bro. George Seymour Chaletzky
Bro. Sidney Manuel Shaer
Bro. Nathan Sobel

Gatun Lodge
Bro. Clare Harrison Comins
Bro. Louis Gould

George H. Taber Lodge
Wor. Lindsey Shephard Gifford
Bro. Shirley Gile Mitchell

Good Samaritan Lodge
Bro. Gardner Dow Gray
Bro. Robert William Grieve
Bro. Wyman George Halverson
Bro. James Arthur Shuttleworth

Guiding Lights Lodge
Bro. Ralph John Garbutt Jr.
Bro. Carl William Jernstrom
Bro. Edward Nimr Nabhan
Bro. Robert Merton Siff

Harmony Lodge
Bro. Robert Clinton McCutcheon
Wor. Carlton Francis Wells

Howard Lodge
Bro. Richard Paul Hudson
Bro. William Gordon Minty

Huntington-Federal Lodge
Wor. George Raymond Barton
Bro. Edward Thomas Claydon

Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge
Bro. Elliot Burnace Kimball
Bro. Gabriel Harris Kitchener

65-year Veterans continued from previous page

- Jerusalem Lodge**
Bro. Robert Diggle
- Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge**
Bro. Donald Clifford Horan
- King Solomon's Lodge**
R.W. Irving Elmer Johansen
Bro. Joseph John Mirakian
- Lafayette-Greylock Lodge**
Bro. Frederick Elbert Crosier
Bro. Franklin George Estes
Bro. Ernest Donald Pead
- Lawrence United Lodge**
Wor. Willard H Patterson
- Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge**
Bro. Roger Wheeler Conant
Bro. Royce Carleton Kahler
Wor. Clifton Ellis Rawcliffe
Bro. Earl Louis Richard
Bro. Robert Dikran Shooshan
- Macedonian Lodge**
R.W. Kenneth Parker Lodge
- Major General Henry Knox Lodge**
Bro. Zelig Cooper
Bro. Oliver Kelley Hulsey
Bro. Donald Gilbert Perry
Bro. Frederick Reginald Rall
Wor. Raymond Osgood Robinson
- Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge**
Bro. Stanley Howard
- May Flower Lodge**
Bro. Harold Ashlee Atkins
- Meridian Lodge**
Bro. David Walker Roberts
- Montgomery Lodge**
Bro. Alden Robert Allen
- Morning Star Lodge**
Bro. Wesley Theodore Holm
Bro. Roland Ivar Thorn
- Moses Michael Hays Lodge**
Bro. Harry Louis Baker
Bro. Ralph Becker
Bro. Harold Brenner
Bro. Albert Brown
Bro. Herbert Edward Daitch
Bro. Edwin Glasberg
Bro. Louis Peter Greenberg
Bro. Morris Seidman
Bro. Melvin Paul Stavis
- Mount Carmel Lodge**
Bro. Alfred Joseph Decareau Jr.
Bro. John DerBogossian
Bro. Herbert Goldman
Bro. Newton Irving Riess
- Mount Hermon Lodge**
Bro. Robert Wilfred Andrews
- Mount Holyoke Lodge** ▶
Bro. Charles Edward Allard
Bro. Lloyd George Askew
Bro. Edmund Crosby Jackson
- Mount Hope Lodge**
Bro. Carlton Dubitsky
Bro. Abraham Ehrenhaus
- Mount Horeb (D) Lodge**
Bro. Richard Calvin Armstrong
- Mount Moriah Lodge**
Bro. Robert Paul Finney
Bro. Robert Welch Gardner

- Mount Orthodox Lodge**
Bro. Ralph Norman McCarroll
Bro. John Charles Volanakis
- Mount Tabor Lodge**
Bro. Cary Nicholas Moured
- Mount Tom Lodge**
Bro. Edwin Carl Kallmeyer
Bro. Arthur David Page
- Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge**
Bro. John Henry Allen
- Mystic Lodge**
Bro. Vincent Eugene Blake
- Mystic Valley Lodge**
Bro. Nicholas Evriviades Gavrelis
Bro. Gordon Roland Sherburne
Bro. Grant Cecil Wonn
- Norumbega Fraternity Lodge**
Bro. Herbert Edwin Carlough
Bro. Norton Henry Goodsell
Bro. Ivan Kenneth Hoyt
Bro. G Walter Johnson
Bro. David Linton McElroy
Bro. Walter Slater Merigan
- Orient Lodge**
Bro. Harry Morse Payne
- Pacific Lodge**
Wor. Edward Peter Nicolay
Bro. William Harry Richters
- Paul Revere Lodge**
Bro. Harry Nathaniel Gustafson Jr.
Bro. Leon Vernon Prior
- Pentucket Lodge**
Bro. Edgar Whitney Emerson
Bro. Robert Loring Griffin
- Pequossette Lodge**
Bro. Everett Leon Abbott
Bro. William Eaton
- Philanthropic Lodge**
Bro. Kenneth Webb Phillips
- Phoenix Lodge**
Bro. Kenneth John Bradeen
Bro. Alexander Knowles
- Pilgrim Lodge**
Wor. Emulous Edward Hall Jr.
- Plymouth Lodge**
Bro. Earl Cushing Healey
- Quittacus Lodge**
Bro. William Abesh
Bro. Charles Habicht Jackson
- Republican Lodge**
Bro. Allan Cameron Carpenter

(L to R) Wor. Karl F. Ferguson, Bro. Edmund C. Jackson of Mt. Holyoke Lodge, recipient of his 65-year pin, Wor. Henry Fusari.



- Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge**
Bro. Albert Joseph Bacchieri
- Rising Star Lodge**
Bro. Harrison Colby Howland Jr.
- Rural Lodge**
Bro. Roy Wendall Ellison
Bro. Peter Dewey Post
- Saggahew Lodge**
Bro. Frederick Tolen Coder
Bro. Edward Morrow
- Saint George Lodge**
Bro. William Ture Bystrom
Bro. Roy Edward Cross
- Saint James Lodge**
Wor. Standish King Allen
- Saint John's (B) Lodge**
Bro. William Edward Brooks Jr.
Bro. George Sanford Hebb Jr.
Bro. Herbert Freeman Sawyer
- Saint Paul's-Algonquin Lodge**
R.W. Arshag Gechjijan
- Satuitt Lodge**
Bro. Lewis Sidney Evans
- Siloam Lodge**
Wor. Harry Alvoid Dow Jr.
Bro. Roderick Colin MacLeod
- Simon W. Robinson Lodge**
Bro. Gordon Bell Allan
- Somerville Lodge**
Bro. Thomas Leon
- Star of Bethlehem Lodge**
Bro. Walter Howell Janes
Bro. Arthur Culbert List
- Starr King Lodge**
Bro. John Lyall McSherry
- The Consolidated Lodge**
Wor. Bertram Robert Martinson
Bro. Ralph Siegel
- The Harvard Lodge**
Wor. William Edward Putnam

60-Year Anniversaries
Brethren Raised in 1951

- Adams Lodge**
Bro. Goodwin Graham
- Amity-Mosaic Lodge**
Bro. Wilbur Scher Cobb
Bro. Harold Dudley Hobson Jr.
Bro. Alton Noyes Jones Jr.
Bro. Reginald Levi Vassar
Bro. Norman Dean Welch
- Ancient York Lodge**
Bro. Leslie Hunter Adams Jr.
Bro. Robert Milo Howe
Bro. Morris Malmad
- Ancon Lodge**
Bro. Herbert Busby
- Aurora Lodge**
Bro. Michael Diamond
Bro. William Henry Fisher
Bro. Frederick William Smith
- Azure Lodge**
Bro. Ashton DeWalt Shoop

- The Meadows Lodge**
Bro. Horton Minor
- The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge**
Bro. Kenneth Wellington Hendy
- Union Lodge (N)**
Bro. Seddon William Legg Jr.
R.W. Francis Warren Pease
- United Brethren Lodge**
Bro. Henry Brigham Adams
Bro. Stephen Bartlett Beaudry
Bro. Robert Hollis Jackman
- Warren Lodge**
Bro. Harry James Southard
- Washington Lodge**
Wor. Frank Russell Peterson Jr.
- West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge**
Bro. J. Harold Cosgro
Bro. John William Holm
- Weymouth United Masonic Lodge**
Bro. Nils Robert Olander
Bro. Hilara Horton Waters
- Wilbraham Masonic Lodge**
Bro. George Page Burns
Bro. Gordon Dana Eldridge
Wor. Ernest Ray Hanford Jr.
- Wilder Lodge**
Wor. Russell Ricker Cook
- William North Lodge**
Bro. Ralph John Hulslander Jr.
Bro. George Raymond Singleton
Bro. George Arthur Smart Jr.
- William Sewall Gardner-Kilwinning Lodge**
Bro. Clifford Ernest Hayes
- William Sutton Lodge**
Bro. Robert Lawrence Courtis
Bro. George Alexander McCarier Jr.
Bro. Lewis Eugene Pare
- Williams Lodge**
Bro. Thomas Edward Burgess
- Wyoming Lodge**
Bro. Warren Harding Shaw

- Baalis Sanford Lodge**
Bro. George Melvin Brown
Bro. Harry Godfrey Pierson Jr.
Bro. David Earle Stevens
- Bay Path Lodge**
Bro. Roger Lyle Thurber
- Bethesda (W) Lodge**
Bro. John Edward Kervin Jr.
- Blue Hill Lodge**
Bro. Howard Andrew Hanson
Bro. William Cole Riggs
Bro. John Benjamin Robinson
- Boylston Lodge**
Bro. Walter Henry Bohn
Bro. Warren Clarke Hyson
Bro. Homer Ellsworth MacNutt Jr.
Bro. Robert John Tashjian
Bro. Donald Prouty Zumpfe
- Brigham Lodge**
Bro. Roy Raymond Richardson



Mt. Olivet Officers Installed on Cambridge Common

RW Red Mitchell, of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, with RW Philip Nowlan reads a proclamation from Gov. Deval Patrick about Americanism Day during the public installation of the officers of Mount Olivet Lodge, held for the first time on Cambridge Common. —Wor. Lee H. Fenn

DeMolay Has New State Master Councilor



Conclave 2011 was a record-breaking event for DeMolay. The total attendance for the weekend was in excess of 360 friends, family members, and Masons. Timothy W. Nogueira was installed as the 2011–2012 State Master Councilor. Nogueira was appointed as state chaplain in 2008, served as state marshal in 2009, and then was elected deputy state master councilor.

The new state master councilor's goal for the upcoming year is to strengthen individual chapters. He feels that, 'Strong local chapters make a strong jurisdiction statewide. DeMolay is filled with some of the most capable young men. With only a little encouragement and support, they can do great things. Massachusetts Freemasons can assist. Spend a little time and become an advisor. Be important in a young man's life.' Chapters around the state are in need of talented adult assistance. —Rt. Wor. Peter Randall



Aluminum Tabs for Shriners from the 19th District

Bros. Richard and Matthew Brodeur of George H. Taber Lodge, Fairhaven, collected 1,300 pounds of aluminum can tabs over the last several years. The tabs, collected throughout the 19th District, were hauled away in August for recycling. Proceeds were donated to the Shriners Hospital for Children. Pictured: Bros. Richard Brodeur and Cal Overlook of the Southeastern Shrine Club. trucking away 1300 pounds of can tabs. —Bro. Jim Cochran

60-year Veterans continued from previous page

- Bristol Lodge**
Bro. Milton Leroy Babbitt
Bro. John Douglas White
- Budleigh Lodge**
Bro. George Allen Brackett Jr.
Wor. Elmer William Gamble
Bro. Edgar Emery Libby
Bro. George Angel Makros
- Caleb Butler Lodge**
Bro. Edmund Dix Rogers Jr.
Bro. Hrant Sourenian
- Celestial Lodge**
Bro. W. Edward Burke
- Charles River Lodge**
Bro. Elihu Petnov
- Charles W. Moore Lodge**
Bro. Melvin Myron Cerier
- Chicopee Lodge**
Bro. Donald Spencer Brzezinski
Bro. Benjamin Borom Mathis
- Cincinnatus Lodge**
Bro. Nathan Burton Brickman
Bro. Grayden Benjamin Moulthrop
Bro. John Dwight Sisson
- Cochichewick Lodge**
Bro. John Leon Harris Jr.
Bro. Clarence Weston Noyes
- Converse Lodge**
Bro. Gene Reid Littlefield
Bro. Sumner Allen Marcus
Bro. Albert Bailey Sparks
- Corinthian Lodge**
Bro. Lawrence Odegard Sorli
Bro. Parker Vanderhoof
- Corner Stone Lodge**
Bro. Ralph Babson Chouinard
Wor. Robert Bisbee Delano
- Cosmopolitan Lodge**
Bro. Marshall Alvan Gordon
Bro. Arnold Leo Rubin
Bro. Louis Schlossberg
Bro. Samuel Truaten
- Crescent-Pittsfield Lodge**
Wor. Carl Emerson Mesnig
- Dalhousie Lodge**
Bro. Richard Martin Edman
- DeWitt Clinton Lodge**
Bro. David Whitman Hadley
- Eastern Star Lodge**
Bro. James Henry Ashworth
Bro. Thomas Adam Mason
Bro. Robert Henry Rammel
- Eden Lodge**
Bro. Harry James Andrews
Bro. Milton Storrs Jordan
Bro. Edward Gilman Williams
Wor. Richard Alton Winslow
- Elm-Belcher Lodge**
Bro. Leonard Albert Johnson III
Bro. Donald Edward Meltzer
Bro. Henry Plate
- Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge**
Bro. Murray Aaron Candib
M.W. Edgar William Darling
Wor. Joseph Arthur Harrison
- Essex Lodge**
Bro. Joseph Stuart Solberg

- Euclid Lodge**
Bro. Charles Raymond Atlas
Bro. Herbert Lawrence Bloom
Bro. Leo Harold Boruchoff
Bro. Aaron Morris Cetlin
- Evening Star Lodge**
Wor. Donald Bruce Hale
Bro. George Gilbert Hale
- Ezekiel Bates Lodge**
Wor. Robert Eliphlet Baker
- Fellowship Lodge**
Bro. Frank Leonard Barstow Jr.
- Frank W. Thompson Lodge**
Bro. Gerald Henry Qua
- Fraternal Lodge**
Bro. Gordon Kenneth Evans
Bro. Ralph Lee Jones
- Friendship Lodge**
Bro. Philip Frederick Denner Jr.
Wor. Frank Thomas Haynes
- Garden City Lodge**
Bro. Gerald Gordon Budd
Bro. Donald Richard Fisher
Bro. Bertram Arnold Huberman
Bro. Edward Harold Shrier
- Gate of The Temple Lodge**
Bro. Toros Michael Markarian
- Gatun Lodge**
Bro. Dale Harvey Wolfe
- George H. Taber Lodge**
Bro. Bradford Wheeler Luther
Bro. Kenneth Slocum Peirce
Bro. Raymond Harrison Shurtleff
- Globe Unity Lodge**
Wor. Frederick William Davis Jr.
- Golden Fleece Lodge**
Bro. Wallace Roy Allen
Bro. James Andrews
- Golden Rule Lodge**
Wor. Oliver Douglas Messenger
- Good Samaritan Lodge**
Bro. Jack Swearingen Pond
Bro. George Haig Proodian
Bro. Ronald Arthur Winslow
- Guiding Lights Lodge**
Bro. Robert Bates Allen
Bro. Roland Victor Johnson
Bro. Emerson Sherman Jones
Bro. Richard Malm Karsberg
- Hayden Lodge**
Bro. Gordon Clark McMurdo
Bro. Henry Allen Tadjell Jr.
- Hope Lodge**
Bro. Robert Woodward Bliss
Bro. Carl Axel Kuniholm
- Huntington-Federal Lodge**
Bro. James Elbert Pease
- Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge**
Bro. Wayne Elwyn Clark
Bro. Richard Nathan Green
Bro. Robert Marshall Jones
Bro. Menas Toran Kalagian
Bro. Donald Neill
Bro. Theodore William Roukas
Bro. George Sosin



Chelmsford Scholarship Fund-Raiser

Members of William Sewall Gardner-Kilwinning Lodge staffed the Ralph E. House Scholarship Booth at the Chelmsford Fair. The scholarship is named in honor of Wor. Ralph E. House, past master of William Sewall Gardner Lodge, and serves children of Chelmsford High School and Nashoba Valley Technical School. Nearly \$1,000 was raised during the two-day event by selling lobster rolls, hot dogs, sodas, and water.

—Wor. Roger Whitehead



Kilwinning Club Installs Officers at Wilder Lodge

In September, the officers of Wilder Lodge were installed at a public meeting by the Kilwinning Club of Boston. Pictured (L to R) MW Donald Hicks, RW Kenneth Andrews, DDGM—22nd District, Wor. Master Craig Clafin, Wor. Past Master Kenneth Ruel, and RW Alexander Ross Pope, installing master for the Kilwinning Club of Boston.

—Wor. Lee H. Fenn

50-Year Past Master's Certificate at Hayden Lodge



Wor. Francis M. Hart (left), and Rt. Wor. Walter J. Golden Jr. (right) present a 50-year Past Master's Certificate to Wor. Raymond S. Haire at Hayden Lodge.

—Wor. Lee H. Fenn

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Jerusalem Lodge

Bro. Donald Rhoades Affhauser
Bro. Richard Winthrop Finck

Joel H. Prouty Lodge

Bro. Roy Edward Harrison
Bro. Gerald Irving Smith

John Cutler Lodge

Bro. William Albert Morison

John Hancock Lodge

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Jordan Lodge

Bro. Charles Kleros
Bro. Thomas Locke Reid Jr.
Wor. James Charles Stathos

Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge

Bro. Norman Joseph MacLeod Jr.

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Bro. Robert Peter Bunai
Bro. John Burnett Townsend

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Wor. Richard William Boyden
Bro. Fred Ambrose Carmody
R.W. Kendall Fenton Higgins
Bro. William John Yuill

King Hiram's Lodge

Wor. Nathan Samuel Nevins

Lawrence United Lodge

R.W. Stanley Irving Kay
Bro. Arthur James Lidstone

Level Lodge

Bro. Joseph Nathaniel Goff

Liberty Lodge

Bro. Forrest Mouncil Hazelip
Bro. John Charles Petroyanis

Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge

Bro. George Francis Gobin
Bro. Barkev Gulezian
Bro. Richard Henry Thorngren

Major General Henry Knox Lodge

Bro. Myer A Shockett

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Wor. Lester George Strangman

Marine Lodge

Bro. David Francis Casiles

Mariners Lodge

Wor. Warren Elliot Hansen

Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge

Bro. Nicholas Jamoulis
Wor. George Henry Martin Jr.

Matthew John Whittall Lodge

Bro. Charles David Sjolander

Merrimack Lodge

Bro. Walter Swift Bradford
Bro. Clinton Taylor Whiting

Middlesex Lodge

Bro. George William Aptt Jr.

Montgomery Lodge

Bro. Howard Alden Cederlund
Bro. Mortimer Russell Dennett
Bro. Herbert Edward Farrer

Morning Star Lodge

Bro. Warren Arthur Johnson
Bro. Robert Clayton Kendall
Bro. Everett Ellis Turner
Bro. Richard Joseph Uppvall

Moses Michael Hays Lodge

Bro. Joel Berg
Bro. Sidney Lester Feinberg
Bro. Burton Greenspan
Wor. Lawrence Kepnes
Bro. Sumner Lavine
Bro. Edward Newman
Bro. Sull Slaine
Bro. Arnold Harry Sloane
Bro. Stanley Erlin Weisman

Mount Carmel Lodge

Bro. Henry Albert
Bro. Manuel David Feldman
Bro. Richard Gerard Hagoort
Bro. Robert Sidney Jacobs
Bro. Wendel Gustave Johnson
Bro. David Roy Richard
Bro. Leonard Shaffer
Bro. John Henry Sverker

Mount Holyoke Lodge

Bro. Donald Davis Ferguson

Mount Hope Lodge

Bro. Joseph Lewis Feinberg

Mount Horeb (W) Lodge

Bro. Robert Lester Hammond
Bro. James Hanlon Ray

Mount Olivet Lodge

Wor. Sydney Randall

Mount Orthodox Lodge

Bro. Kendall Keith Kitson
Bro. Thomas Louis Sophinos

Mount Tabor Lodge

Bro. Robert Jack Cherenson
Bro. Seymour Abner Cherenson
Wor. Benjamin Saul Freeman
Bro. Malcolm Jones
Bro. Samuel Kane
Bro. Robert John Miller
Wor. Warren Danforth Owler Jr.
Bro. Milton David Walkin
Wor. Albert Joseph Zahka
Bro. George Joseph Zahka
Bro. Edward Abraham Zahka

Mount Tom Lodge

Bro. Morton Aaron Haberman
Bro. Kenneth Charles Rubinwitch

Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge

Wor. Edward James Fitzgerald
Bro. Murray Irving Kates
Bro. Stanley Edwin Listernick
Bro. George Chester Vogler

Mumford River Lodge

Bro. Philip Tolif Larsen Jr.

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Bro. Carl Alfred Carlson
Bro. John Albert Christensen Jr.
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Bro. John Edmund Richwagen

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Bro. Francis Hatch Gordon

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Bro. Roy Edward Yoerger
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Bro. Benjamin Kelley Goodspeed

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Bro. Duncan McEwan Cairnie Jr.

Saint Paul Lodge

Bro. Elwin Otis Swicker Jr.

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Bro. Joseph Edward Scherer

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Starr King Lodge

Bro. Richard Martin Aylward
Bro. David Stackpole Gould

Tahattawan Lodge

Bro. Frederick Schill Jr.

The Consolidated Lodge

Bro. Robert Thurman Abrams
Bro. William Philip Cohen
Bro. Louis Saliem Hadaya
Wor. Arthur Gilman Schatz

Wor. Eugene Goyette honors 60-year member Bro. Burton Greenlaw of Rabboni Lodge. At right is RW Bruce Marshall.



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Bro. Marvin Sterman

The Harvard Lodge

Bro. James Kotsilimbas Davis

The Meadows Lodge

R.W. Rollyn Homer Hatch

The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge

Bro. Alan Anderson Alexander
Bro. Richard Edward Arnold
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Bro. Russell DeITorchio
Bro. Richard French Goward
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Bro. Carl Alf Stanley Hedberg
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Bro. Frank Glendon Parly

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Rainbow Installs Grand Worthy Advisor



At the Grand Assembly session held in June, Grand Worthy Advisor Jenna A. Dodson was installed to lead Massachusetts Rainbow for the 2011–2012 year. Jenna has been a member of Cape Cod Assembly No. 66, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, since 2002.

The Grand Officers' theme this year is *Shake, Rattle and Roll*. A program entitled "Books from the Heart" will collect children's books for distribution throughout the State to promote youth literacy.

The newly installed grand worthy advisor said, "I look forward to this year with the new Supreme Deputy Miss Susan A. Torrey and thank Mother Sandra J. Marshall for all her love, dedication, and support for almost thirty years. I hope to see Masons at our Rainbow meetings because it's meaningful to have our sponsoring orders visit and show their support. Please join our advisory boards and help Rainbow continue to grow."

The Rainbow Grand Assembly of Massachusetts has been in existence for 87 years. Rainbow has 25 active assemblies in Massachusetts; Newton was recently reopened and preparations are underway to reopen Gardner Assembly as well.

—Rt. Wor. Peter Randall

16th District's Electronic Awareness Officer

District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Gerard Bergeron asked Wor. Louis DeMelo to become district awareness officer in November 2009. Bro. DeMelo had no idea what a district awareness officer did. He had noticed that when members announced events at lodge meetings, very few people took notes. And anyway, he was petrified of speaking to groups; he needed to find a way to communicate information without standing up in front of people.

After asking several people for advice, he was referred to Bro. Kenneth Maddigan, who had served as the 16th District's awareness officer for four years. Bro. Maddigan's method for disseminating information was a typewritten newsletter that described the 16th District's monthly events. So a newsletter became Wor. Bro. DeMelo's first plan. He added photos, graphics, and highlights of past events; the response was outstanding. "I started receiving calls from brothers and lodge secretaries asking when the next issue was coming out, says DeMelo."

Finding content was a challenge. "I asked and begged brothers for information. It came in sporadically and I found myself getting overwhelmed by the constant updating required and was exhausting myself trying to attend all the meetings in the district."

Then he noticed how so many people were using smart phones and PDAs to check e-mail. He began to collect



Wor. Louis DeMelo talking to brothers at the Star in the East Lodge, New Bedford.

e-mail addresses. "I figured that I could send out notices quicker, more often, and cheaper by e-mail. Again, adding photos, graphics, and registration forms, the one-page newsletter turned into an eight-page color booklet complete with a calendar.

Wor. Bro. de Melo now has an active list of 400 e-mail addresses. "As I learned more about e-mails I began experimenting with e-mail marketing programs such as MailChimp.com and ConstantContact.com that create professional looking interactive e-mails. These programs also provide feedback data such as best times for mailing and interest levels among recipients.

This was a turning point for Wor. Bro. de Melo. "I have received a great response about the increase in meeting and event attendance. E-mails are great for broadcasting event information, registration, and even payment for dinner reservations. "Best of all it's all free," he said with a smile.

—*Wors. Louis DeMelo and Lee H. Fenn*

Mass. Lodge of Research is Hosted by United Brethren

The June communication of the Massachusetts Lodge of Research was hosted by United Brethren Lodge, Marlborough. Rt. Wor. Graeme Marsden was elected master, Wor. James Bennette was elected senior warden and Wor. Afredo Canhoto was elected junior warden.

Dr. Aimee Newell of the National Heritage Museum presented a lecture on Masonic Regalia, and Bro. Jeremy Gross presented a lecture on Ben Franklin and Jewish Ethics.

The Lodge of Research is a traveling Lodge and meets quarterly in September, December, March and June. To host the Lodge of Research, e-mail masslodgeofresearch@gmail.com.

—*Wor. John Soderblom*



50-Year Veteran's Medal Presented
Veteran's Medal is presented in South Dennis to Bro. Frederick Arthur LeClaire of Matthew John Whittall Lodge by Rt. Wor. Robert A. Johnson, Jr., DDGM, 23rd District.

Massachusetts Square & Compasses Day



Top: The Lexington Masonic Building houses Simon W. Robinson Lodge and Washington Lodge. Across the street is Lexington's historic Battle Green.

Above: Wor. Master Aris Ochoco of Simon W. Robinson Lodge with Brothers (L to R) Steve Robinson, Rafael Marinho, Mike Daru, and Rob Maglio.

Below: Wor. Steven D. Davis, master of Washington Lodge in Lexington, conducts a tour of the historic building for open house visitors.



Saturday, October 15, 2011

Top: United Brethren Lodge master, Wor. Paul Chamberlain leads a roundtable discussion with lodge brothers and visitors to the Marlborough Lodge.

Top right: Wor. Leonard Anderson and Bro. John Carlson serve as the welcoming committee at Siloam Lodge in Westborough.

Center right: Wor. Master Demian Tebaldi (R) and Bro. Phillipe Lefebvre

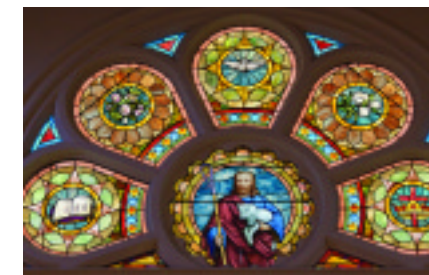


on the steps of John Warren Lodge in Hopkinton.

Below: left: Wor. Dean Strom, master of Charles A. Welch Lodge shows off artifacts to visitor Duane Bell. The Maynard Masonic Building is home to Charles A. Welch Lodge. It sits in front of the Assabet River and the old Assabet Woolen Mill where military uniforms were produced during the Civil War.

Below center: Boylston Lodge, a former Baptist Church, was moved from the old town center and rebuilt on its present site. Wor. Master Todd Hall, an expert on the building's history, offered tours of the former church and explained architectural details including the original stained glass windows.

Bottom right: Wor. Master Michael Doherty talks with guests on the steps of Corinthian Lodge in Concord.



PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

by Bro. Pacifico Tuason, M.D.

Men and cars? How frequently do we care for our precious chariots? Life expectancy and dependability of these wheeled machines are directly related to how we care for them: how often we go for service. Newer cars even send us information on when our next service will be or a warning signal letting us know something is going wrong. Just like these chariots, human bodies need to be checked and screened on a regular basis for them to perform well and extend our life expectancy. My specialty is not in primary care but it had been part of my training and is the forefront of all specialties.

Membership in the Masonic fraternity spans a wide range of ages, so I have listed guidelines on what should be screened and checked for each of several age groups. It is all part of our preventive maintenance. Remember the saying, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”? In this day and age it’s worth even more than just a pound. Your primary care provider (and if you don’t have one I strongly recommend getting one ASAP) can guide you and tailor a schedule to what you need.

Men between the ages of 19 to 39 should begin to pay attention to blood pressure by having it checked every two years if it’s less than 120/80, or every year if it’s between 120–139/80–89. This group should pay attention to immunizations also including Hepatitis B, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Tetanus-Diphtheria. Beginning with this age group, obesity screening (height, weight, body mass) should be done annually. Cholesterol screening should be added once a man reaches age 34, and should be performed every five years, or at an interval directed by your doctor.

Once you reach age 40, prostate health should be checked every five years, and then annually after age 50. Annual flu shots should be received beginning at age 50, or earlier if you are in a high-risk group such as health care workers. Shingles vaccine should be considered at age 60. Men age 45–79 should discuss aspirin regimen with their primary care provider, who can help

Bro. Pacifico Mariano Tuason Jr. was raised in 2007 and is a member of Saint John’s Lodge in Boston. He is a staff member in the Department of Anesthesia, Critical Care, and Pain Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital.

balance the risk of heart attack and the risk of stomach irritation. Colorectal cancer screening (i.e. colonoscopy) should begin at age 45 for African-American and Native-American men. Your doctor will determine the frequency.

Men reaching age 65 should consider adding a few items to their checklist. Pneumococcal immunization should be done. Your doctor can advise you on the need for aneurysm screening if you have smoked more than 100 cigarettes in your lifetime. Objective vision testing should begin for cataracts, glaucoma, etc.

The guidelines were taken from the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI). I find it the most comprehensive and updated source. The website is listed here. Feel free to browse through the extensive information on the site at your leisure. From the ICSI main page (www.icsi.org), go to the tab “Guidelines and More” and then select “Preventive & Health Maintenance Guidelines.” You will find numerous sections dealing with prevention, screening, lifestyles, immunizations, and other topics.

Men of all ages need to be concerned about exercise, nutrition, tobacco use, and alcohol use. The online guidelines provide helpful information on these topics. There is a particularly helpful self-assessment of alcohol use. Non-drinkers earn the minimum score of zero. The maximum score is 40. A score of 8 or more indicates a strong likelihood of hazardous or harmful alcohol consumption. You can find the self assessment by returning to the ICSI Guidelines section and selecting “Healthy Lifestyles.” Look in the PDF document’s Appendix C— Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT).

Please consult with your doctor regarding what you have learned from these health maintenance guidelines. Your primary care physician will be your best guide and advocate for your health. Use these guidelines as your checklist of items you might want to discuss during your next visit. If you feel that you are missing some tests or immunizations don’t hesitate to ask.

I hope that this will serve as an educational tool for all the brethren towards a healthy life. Please feel free to e-mail me at picmd@aol.com for any questions. ■

Here’s How YOU Can Help OUR Youth Today!



As a Mason you know the positive effect that Freemasonry has had on your life by building lasting friendships and helping you to be a better man.

Our youth organizations provide similar results. The values that young people learn in DeMolay and Rainbow have never been as necessary as they are in today’s world to prepare them for their future.

You can provide them with this precious opportunity by simply taking a moment to let us know about three young people whom you feel would benefit through

the DeMolay or Rainbow experience.

We all know that maintaining and growing membership is critical to the survival of every organization. That’s why we need your help today.

We’re asking you to help us contact three young men or women—sons or daughters, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, and even friends and neighbors—with whom you can share this great gift.

Simply write their names and contact information on the form below and mail it to the address

below. The same form can be filled out on line (see #2 below), or you can also e-mail us, but please remember to include all of the information.

If you want to tell us about more than three young people, just add them to a blank sheet of paper and enclose it along with the form.

We will send them information about DeMolay or Rainbow and invite them to meet with the members of a local Chapter or Assembly. The experience will change their lives. It’s *that* important!

THREE EASY WAYS TO RESPOND:

1. Tear out or photocopy this form and mail it to:
Masonic Youth Committee, Grand Lodge of Masons, 186 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111
2. Go to www.massmasons.org, register, then click on the Masonic Youth Committee “stamp” and fill in the online form.
3. E-mail this information to: youth@massmasons.org. Please include all information.

Sending us this form might be the most important thing you can do for the young men and women in your life. Please do it today!

Your name: _____ Your Lodge: _____ Your telephone: _____

Name of young person you are recommending: _____ Age: _____ DeMolay Rainbow

Parent’s full name: _____

Mailing address: _____

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Please respond today. Thanks for your help!

DeMOLAY and RAINBOW Massachusetts Masonic Youth Organizations that need your help and support

DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility, and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members. DeMolay was started by Frank S. Land in 1919 in Kansas City, Missouri. DeMolay has grown since 1919 to over 1,000 chapters spread throughout 16 countries around the world.



The order derives its name from the last grand master of the Knights Templar, Jacques DeMolay. DeMolay has seven precepts which DeMolays are taught to live by: filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness, and patriotism. These precepts are taught in the degrees a candidate takes to become a DeMolay.

DeMolay members partake in community projects, fund-raising, athletic tournaments and ritual tournaments. DeMolay sets aside certain times for obligatory days, which are; Parents Day, Devotional Days, Patriots Day, My Government Day, Frank S. Land Memorial Day, Day of Comfort, and Educational Day. During the observance of each obligatory day the members of a local DeMolay chapter must perform certain tasks. For example, during the Day of Comfort chapters may conduct a number of activities ranging from helping out at food kitchens to donating money and food.

DeMolay is an organization based on fellowship and giving back to the community. ■



The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls believes that through helping others, we truly help ourselves. The benefits a young girl can gain from performing acts of kindness are endless: pride from volunteering for a community clean-up project, the joy of playing checkers with a senior citizen, and the accomplishment of raising funds to support another charitable organization. These are all ways that Rainbow guides young women toward becoming responsible caring adults.

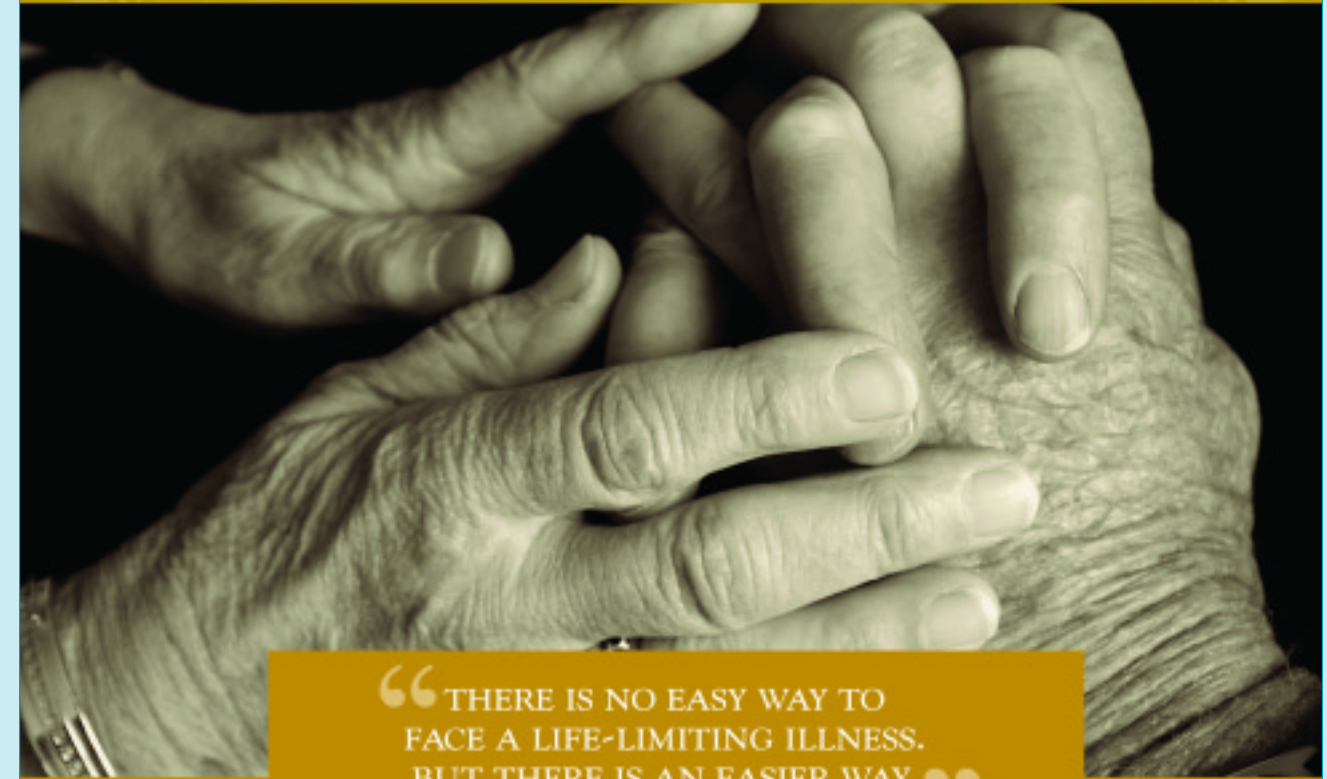


Many Rainbow jurisdictions support a different charity each year, such as the Shrine Hospitals, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the American Cancer Society. Local assemblies plan and organize service projects on an ongoing basis.

The values espoused by the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls are similar to Freemasonry's: fellowship, charity, education, and leadership. This might be expected since Rainbow's ritual was penned almost a century ago by an outstanding Mason, the Rev. Mark Sexson. What makes them unique for Rainbow girls is that these tenets are being introduced at an age when a girl's character is being formed. Influenced by Masonic advisors and guided by Rainbow principles, girls have a foundation for positive growth and development in a loving environment. For some girls, this may be their only introduction to love, fidelity, faith, and hope. For all Rainbow girls it is an extraordinary opportunity to learn charity. In addition, Rainbow assemblies allow girls to learn leadership and presentation skills that give them tools to succeed in adult life. Organizing a charitable fund-raiser isn't terribly different from organizing a seminar; delivering ritual isn't so different from pitching your company's business plan or briefing the President of the United States. Rainbow values enable Rainbow girls to be virtuous and faithful girls and to become good, strong, and caring women. ■

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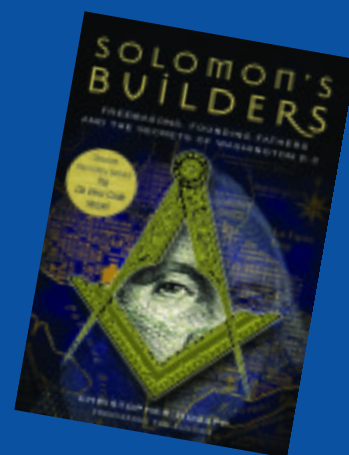
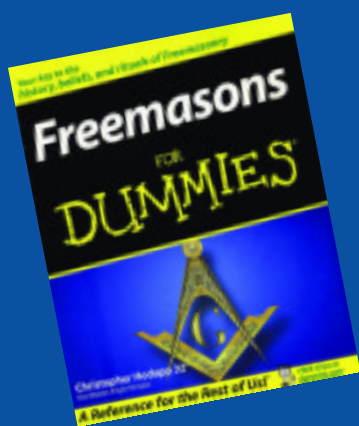


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