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Harvey J. Waugh**

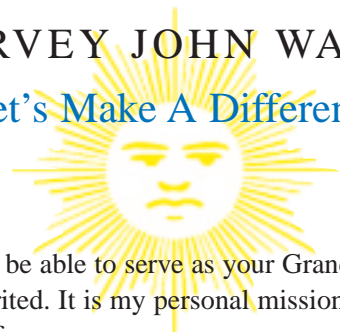
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*From the East of Grand Lodge*

HARVEY JOHN WAUGH

“Let’s Make A Difference.”



Brethren and Friends,

It is an honor and a privilege to be able to serve as your Grand Master. I am humbled by the great responsibility I have inherited. It is my personal mission to make a difference in this fraternity during my term of office.

I feel very strongly that it is our job to make a difference in the Craft. Let me be clear: I am not advocating that we simply do things differently. Rather, we need to do a better job of practicing the values and teachings our institution stands for.

We need to go back to the foundation our fraternity was built on; to seek to proclaim our principles as widely as men will hear them; to share with the world our devotion to the welfare and happiness of mankind. This is the greatness inside all of us that is worthy of outside attention.

One of the great responsibilities we share is the need to care for our members: all of them. The absent Masons; the sideline brothers; the officers; the sick and the infirm; the distressed worthy brethren; even the financially delinquent brothers of our lodges deserve our attention.

Make an effort to contact your brothers regularly. Encourage them to come back to lodge. If you’re regularly attending, find a new way to get involved. As an officer, encourage others to start participating. Continue to educate your members. Not just in the ways of Masonry, but in how the fraternity can be of assistance in times of need.

By staying connected we show each other that we respect the obligations we each have made. This is especially true for obligations of time: the one commodity we cannot replenish. Start events on time, and end them at a reasonable hour.

Financially, we also have an obligation to make responsible decisions for our lodges and our buildings. We all have a role to play. We all are a part of the process. Every lodge needs to set goals and plan for its future. Through proper planning we can address the challenges the Craft is facing.

It will take a lot of hard work to accomplish the goals we set for ourselves. Fortunately, I also know we are all capable of rising to the challenge. Through hard work and dedication, the benefits we will reap know no bounds.

Cordially and fraternally,

Harvey John Waugh  
Grand Master

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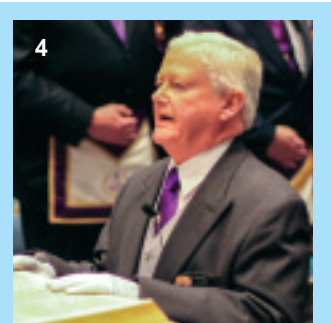
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# CONTINUITY



It is still possible today to see the original street plan of Boston in the little block, adjacent to Faneuil Hall, that is bordered by Marshall, Hanover, Blackstone, North, and Union Streets. The brick building standing at 41 Union Street was occupied before the American Revolution by Capens

Dry Goods Store. During the years 1771 to 1775, the upper floors were rented to a printer named Isaiah Thomas, who produced there *The Massachusetts Spy*. This paper was strongly associated with the Sons of Liberty and soon attracted the attention of the British Military authorities occupying the City of Boston. Thomas, assisted by a few friends, was forced to pack up the printing business and flee to the comparatively safe environs of Worcester, where he continued his seditious output. Isaiah Thomas would go on to become the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts in 1803.

In 1826, a restaurant opened at the Union Street address. This Union Oyster House is now the oldest, continually operated restaurant in the country. It has been made famous by noteworthy patrons such as Daniel Webster, John and Jackie Kennedy, a future king of France, and, no doubt, many Grand Masters and Masons.

Grand Master Harvey J. Waugh chose this location for his TROWEL cover portrait because of its strong connection to Grand Master Isaiah Thomas. I am inclined to view the location choice also as a symbolic representation of continuity. Union Street was laid out in 1636 and has been a topographical landmark for nearly 300 years. It seems quite an appropriate backdrop for the 88th Grand Master in an unbroken chain stretching over our nearly 300 years of history here in Massachusetts.

Fraternally, *John Doherty*

## A New Editor For Trowel

**Trowel Magazine has a new executive editor. Beginning with the summer issue, Wor. Lee H. Fenn will assume editorial responsibilities for the entire magazine. For the past five years, he has served as Lodge News Editor. Wor. Bro. Fenn is a member and the sitting master of Mount Olivet Lodge in Cambridge.**

**During the transition, Lee can be reached at either**

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**Wor. John Doherty will retire from the editor's position after completing this issue of the magazine. Bro. Doherty has served as editor for five years and looks forward to having more time for his lodge activities.**



## Grand Lodge Installs Officers for 2014

The senior officers installed at the Stated Communication of Grand Lodge on December 27: (front) RW Deputy Grand Master Joseph C. DeNicola, MW Grand Master Harvey J. Waugh, RW District Grand Master Gerard A. Dowden. (standing) RW Junior Grand Warden Kenneth W. Pfeiffer, RW Senior Grand Warden Thomas A. Stark, RW Grand Treasurer Mason W. Russell, and MW Grand Secretary Arthur E. Johnson.

## Grand Master Waugh to Continue Florida Visits

M.W. Grand Master Harvey J. Waugh will be visiting Florida this March to bring his warm fraternal greetings to Massachusetts Masons and their widows. He looks forward to sharing with them news of the wonderful things happening with Freemasonry in Massachusetts. Brother Waugh will also be presenting Veteran's Medals to those brothers celebrating 50 years in Freemasonry. Please plan on joining the Grand Master at one of these locations:

**Tampa—Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

A La Carte Event Pavilion, 4050 Dana Shores Drive

**Fort Myers—Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

The Forest Country Club, 6100 Club Boulevard, South West

**Delray Beach—Friday, March 28, 2014, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Avenue

For more information contact the Grand Master's Office at **617-426-6040** or e-mail to [info@massfreemasonry.org](mailto:info@massfreemasonry.org).

## Bridgewater Mason Finds Fellowship in South Korea

During his 10 years as a Mason, Bro. Adam D. Smith from Fellowship Lodge in Bridgewater has had many opportunities to visit lodges all over. Now, teaching English in Yangsan, South Korea, he again found the company of great men: the brothers of Pusan Lodge #1675.

Many of the founding brothers of Pusan Lodge were originally members of Morning Calm Lodge (now defunct) in Daegu; others were active-duty military members stationed at Camp Hialeah. These Masons sought a meeting place closer to home, and in 1973 Pusan Lodge #1675 was chartered under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Meetings were organized at Camp Hialeah until the base's closure in 2006, at which point the lodge was relocated.



*Pusan Lodge members (L to R) back row: Bros. Laurent Goldman, Justin Neth, Johan Francis, Theodore Martinez Jr., Wor. Derek Clark-Mastin, and David Bremer; front row, Wor. CS Lee, Bro. Adam D. Smith, RW. William Michael Alexander, Bro. Kim Kwang Ha, and Bro. Charlie Carrison.*

Since its creation, the lodge has boasted a large Korean representation, and also enjoyed a large concentration of servicemen, some of whom travel from as far away as Jeju island and Seoul to attend meetings.

Pusan Lodge is one of four active lodges in Korea, the others being MacArthur Lodge (continued on page 26)

# The 2013 Stated Communication of The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts

The Stated Communication of Grand Lodge was held on December 27, 2013. Grand Master Richard J. Stewart presided and welcomed nearly 650 members and guests to this, the last meeting of his three-year service as Grand Master. He was pleased to greet visiting Grand Masters, their designates, and other officers from eighteen jurisdictions including, in order of precedence, Georgia, Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, Delaware, Ohio, District of Columbia, Maine, Minnesota, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Quebec, and Republic of Panama.

Before formally retiring, the Grand Master presented the Henry Price Medal to Rt. Wor. Craig S. MacPherson in recognition of his ten years of service to Grand Lodge. Most. Wor. Albert Ames unveiled the Grand Master's portrait that will now occupy the position reserved in Ionic



Hall for the junior Past Grand Master.

## Installation of Officers for 2014

Most. Wor. Harvey John Waugh was installed as the 88th Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. Past Grand Master Stewart administered the oath of office and conducted the installation. The newest Grand Master was welcomed with the tradition procession of Grand Lodge officers who saluted the Grand Master with the due-guard and sign of our degrees during three perambulations around the lodge room. Grand Master Waugh then installed the other elected Grand Lodge officers, the district deputy grand masters, and the new grand marshal, his brother, Rt. Wor. Roger W. Waugh Sr. Newly appointed Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master Joseph DeNicola installed all the remaining appointed Grand Lodge officers before finally adjourning the Stated Communication.

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Above: Most Wor. Harvey Waugh takes his oath as Grand Master. Below, left to right: RW Craig MacPherson receives Henry Price Medal from GM Stewart; PGM Ames unveils the portrait of GM Richard Stewart; GM Waugh installs DDGMs; here for 3rd District, RW James Giragosian; RW Grand Marshal Roger Waugh proclaims the completion of the Installation of officers.



## Feast of Saint John

At 6 p.m., the meeting was reconvened for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of Saint John the Evangelist. So many Masons attended the Feast that it was necessary to employ three dining rooms in order to seat everyone. Grand Master Waugh began the Feast by offering the tradition four toasts to the memory of the holy Saints John, Bro. George Washington, our departed brethren, and the fraternity wherever dispersed.

Attendees enjoyed remarks during the evening from the Grand Master of Maryland, Most Wor. Gerald E. Piepiora, a Massachusetts native from Deerfield, who recalled some of his early experiences with Masonry here and later in Maryland; the Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Most Wor. Owen Walton entertained with a humorous selection of Canadian stories; Rt. Wor. Joseph DeNicola delivered



From left: Maryland Grand Master Gerald E. Piepiora addresses the Feast; Nova Scotia past GM Owen Walton; keynote speaker Wor. Andrew Hammer.

his maiden speech as deputy grand master (see page 8); and the evening was concluded with the keynote speech delivered by Wor. Bro. Andrew Hammer, a Virginia Mason, lecturer, and the author of the Masonic book *Observing the Craft*. ■

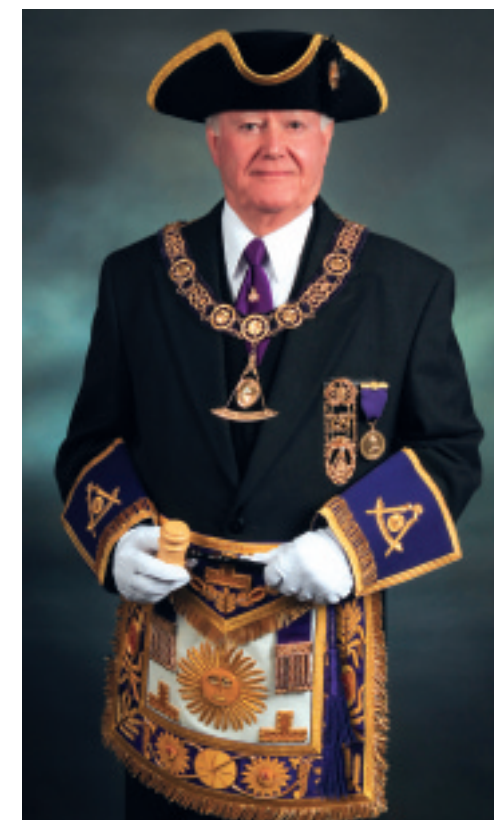
## Most Worshipful Grand Master Harvey J. Waugh

The newly installed Grand Master began his Masonic career in 1968 in Wyoming Lodge in Melrose. He served as master in 1977. He is also a member of Cawnacome Sunshine Lodge in Bourne. Brother Waugh began his service to the Grand Lodge in 1983 when he was appointed grand representative to the Grand Lodge of Spain. In 2005, he was appointed to serve as deputy grand master by Most Wor. Grand Master Jeffrey B. Hodgdon. Grand Master Waugh also received the Henry Price Medal in 2005. In 2008, he was elected to serve on the Grand Lodge's board of directors. He was re-elected to a second three-year term in 2010, which term expired when he was installed as Grand Master.

Brother Waugh has been active in several Masonic organizations, most notably with the Aleppo Shriners. He was hired by the Aleppo Shrine Temple to serve as its recorder, a position he held until he retired in 2008. He was responsible for the daily operation of the Aleppo Shrine, including office administration, event planning, record keeping, human resources, and other duties. During his administration, the

Aleppo Shrine Temple moved from their headquarters in Boston to the Auditorium in Wilmington in 1977.

Grand Master Waugh was a member of Melrose Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. He served the chapter as its master councilor and was awarded the Degree of Chevalier, the



highest honor a member can receive for service to the organization. He also received the Legion of Honor, the highest honor that can be conferred by DeMolay International on an adult.

Brother Waugh is also active in the York Rite of Freemasonry. He is a member of Saint Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Melrose Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, Boston Commandery, and Saint Bernard Commandery.

The Grand Master is a member of each of the bodies in Scottish Rite in the Valley of Boston; he was installed as the sovereign prince of Giles F. Yates Council, Princes of Jerusalem in 1989, a position he held until 1992. In 1991, Brother Waugh received his 33° at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

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Born in Winthrop Brother Waugh was raised in Melrose and educated in the Melrose school system. He served in the United States Navy where he received his commission as an ensign in 1964. Grand Master Waugh resides in Lynnfield with his wife, Margaret. They have two daughters, Kimberly and Jennifer. ■

### Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master Joseph C. DeNicola

Brother Joseph Carl DeNicola of Hanover was installed deputy grand master for 2014. The deputy grand master is the second highest ranking officer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and becomes a permanent member of Grand



Lodge on his appointment. He will assist the Grand Master and preside over the Grand Lodge during the Grand Master's absence for the next year. He is also the Grand Master ex officio should the Grand Master not be able to complete his term.

Bro. DeNicola began his Masonic career in 1979 when he joined Old Colony Lodge in Hingham. He served as the master from 2008 until 2010. He also

belongs to Phoenix Lodge in Hanover and Macedonian Lodge in Hingham. He first served the Grand Lodge as junior grand deacon in 2011. He has also served as a trustee of the Masonic Education & Charity Trust and on the audit committee since 2011.

In 2012 and 2013, he served as district deputy grand master of the 18th Masonic District, comprised of Old Colony Lodge, Hingham; Corner Stone Lodge, Duxbury; Plymouth Lodge, Plymouth); Konohassett Lodge, Cohasset, Phoenix Lodge, Hanover; Satuit Lodge, Scituate; Macedonian Lodge, Hingham; and Daniel Webster Lodge, Marshfield.

The Deputy Grand Master is active in several Masonic organizations; he is a 32° Mason in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Boston. He belongs to the York Rite's Saint Stephen's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, and Saint Bernard Commandery. He also belongs to the Aleppo Shrine Temple in Wilmington.

Rt. Wor. Brother DeNicola is a native of Hingham. He graduated from Hingham High School in 1976 and attended Suffolk University, where he

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### Rt. Wor. Senior Grand Warden Thomas A. Stark

Rt. Wor. Thomas Arthur Stark of Northborough was installed senior grand warden for 2014. The senior grand warden is the second highest ranking elected officer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and is a permanent member of Grand Lodge.



He will assist the Grand Master for the coming year. He also serves as Grand Master Pro Tempore in the absence of the Grand Master and deputy grand master.

Brother Stark is a native of Needham. He was educated in the public school system and graduated from Needham High School.

He is also a graduate of Bentley College. Rt. Wor. Bro. Stark served in the United States Air Force between 1969 and 1973, spending three years of his

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### Rt. Wor. Junior Grand Warden Kenneth W. Pfeiffer

Rt. Wor. Kenneth Wayte Pfeiffer of Nashua, New Hampshire, was installed junior grand warden, the third highest ranking elected officer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and a permanent member of Grand Lodge. He will serve for one year. He would also serve as Grand Master pro tempore in the absence of the three senior Grand Lodge officers.



Brother Pfeiffer began his Masonic career in 1978 when he joined Thomas Talbot Lodge in Billerica. He joined Frank W. Thompson

Lodge in Bedford in 1986, and served as the master in 2002. A member of multiple Masonic lodges, Pfeiffer is an honorary member of Caleb Butler

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### INTRODUCING THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS FOR 2014

*First Row, left to right:* Wor. John C. Harris III, Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. Frank B. Gomes, Jr., District 1; R. W. Edgar de Leon, District 2; R. W. James Giragosian, District 3; R. W. Gerard A. Dowden, District Grand Master—Panama; M. W. Harvey J. Waugh, Grand Master; R. W. Joseph C. DeNicola, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. James N. Orgettas, District 4; R. W. Lawrence E. Bethune, District 5; R. W. David J. Laronde, District 6; R. W. Roger W. Waugh, Sr., Grand Marshal.

*Second Row:* R. W. Peter J. MacDonald, District 7; R. W. Timothy S. McGavin, District 8; R. W. Allan J. Martin, District 9; R. W. Raymond E. Ramsdell, District 10; R. W. James Antonopoulos, District 11; R. W. Steven A. Burton, District 12;

R. W. Kevin J. Willis, District 13; R. W. Douglas J. Ellis, District 14; R. W. Edward M. Iacovelli, District 15 South; R. W. Heath L. Ver Burg, District 16; R. W. James M. Hardy, District 17.

*Third Row:* R. W. Deane P. Price, District 18; R. W. Brad C. Brightman, District 19; R. W. Sean E. LeBlanc, District 20; R. W. Andrew C. Walker, District 21; R. W. Clifford P. Bohnet, District 22; R. W. H. Bradford White, Jr., District 23; R. W. David A. Nadreau, District 24; R. W. Leo D. Forget, District 25; R. W. Douglas C. Finn, District 26; R. W. John A. Mathews, District 27; R. W. Michael J. Jarzabek, District 28.

*Fourth Row:* R. W. James R. Cooper, District 29; R. W. Mark E. Feder, District 30; R. W. Kevin G. Foster, District 31.

*Grand Master's formal portrait by RW Phil Nowlan; other portraits and group photos by Atlantic Photography.*

### OTHER ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2014

**District Grand Master**—R.W. Gerard A. Dowden (Panama)

**Grand Treasurer**—R.W. Mason W. Russell

**Grand Secretary**—M.W. Arthur E. Johnson

**Grand Marshal**—R.W. Roger W. Waugh, Sr.

#### Grand Chaplains

R.W. & Rev. John R. S. Higgins

R.W. & Rev. Matthew J. Wissell

Wor. & Rev. Richard E. Haley    Wor. & Rev. Brian S. Dixon

Wor. & Rabbi Irving L. Luchans

R.W. & Rt. Rev. Brian R. Marsh

Wor. & Rev. Keith C. Alderman

#### Grand Lecturers

R.W. Robert F. Doherty

R.W. Robert H. Hartley

R.W. Peter R. Smith    R.W. John K. Andrews

R.W. Eugene B. Nichols    R.W. Steven B. Jackson

R.W. Alexander R. Pope    R.W. F. Carey Miller

Wor. Gordon L. Forsberg, Jr.

R.W. Charles R. Austin    R.W. Francis P. Mitrano

#### Grand Lecturers Emeritus

R.W. Robert Johnston    R.W. Donald B. Scott

**Senior Grand Deacon**—Wor. Charles B. Coombs IV

**Junior Grand Deacon**—Wor. George H. Raymond

#### Grand Stewards

Wor. James H. Birch    Wor. Jeffrey R. Gordon

Wor. John E. Kelley, Jr.    R.W. Donald H. LaLiberte

**Grand Sword Bearer**—Wor. John C. Harris III

**Grand Standard Bearer**—Wor. Stephen W. Foy

#### Grand Pursuivants

R.W. Scott D. Inglis

Wor. J. Grant Pfeiffer

**Grand Organist**—Wor. George A. Wiseman

**Grand Tyler**—Wor. Fred B. Goodwin, Jr.

**Grand Historian**—R.W. Walter H. Hunt

Freemasonry has so many wonderful traditions; some go back to the building of the Temple itself! I am so honored to be part of one of those distinguished traditions here in the premier jurisdiction of Massachusetts: claiming now the mantle once held by Most Worshipful Richard James Stewart, who then passed it to R.W. Robert Jolly—no, not Deputy Grand Master—but the much more awesome title of president of the Grand Lodge Hair Club for Men.

ments and membership development committee, realigned and updated training to best suit our newer brothers. The New Wardens Workshop, Beyond the Third Degree, and an updated Master's Path Program provided insight that would inspire men to seek more light.

Though we saw increased membership numbers and enthusiastic young brothers, it was clear that the business of Freemasonry had not received the attention that it

enhancing the learning experience of our young officers to putting your Grand Lodge on sound financial footing, each Grand Master took the necessary action at their time to move us forward. I have no doubt that our newest Grand Master is up to the challenges that await him, and I have no doubt that we will enjoy great success.

My comments thus far have been limited to that of the accomplishments of those primarily seated at this head table. For this fraternity to continue to endure it is up

to each brother in this room to begin to identify your local challenges; adopt a plan to meet those challenges then measure your own success. Each region, district, and lodge has unique issues that will be best addressed at the local level. Are you properly capitalized? Does your current line of officers have the right stuff? Are we welcoming the best and brightest to join our lodge? Is your building sound and inviting? You certainly would never invite guests into your home if there were cobwebs on the chandeliers or paint peeling from the ceiling; so why would you bring guests into your lodge if it were less than welcoming? The answers to these questions and others cannot be answered here at this head table, but the answers do lay with all of you sitting out in these halls tonight. Our Grand Lodge will continue to provide the working tools for our Craftsmen, but it is up to each of us to employ those tools as efficiently as possible.

### Give the Gift

The gift of Freemasonry, once given, can never be taken back. Should the experience be less than satisfying the recipient of our gift will be less inclined to share what we all love. A poor first impression will be a stain on our organization and leave us with a very unhappy candidate, a rusty brother, or a demit in short order. The new Entered Apprentice is the most important member of the Craft. When our new brother is so impressed with the words and the beauty that surrounds him, he reaches his hand out first, to thank you for initiating him into your lodge. Do not underestimate this brother; the return on the investment you are making in him can be two-fold: first; he spreads his enthusiasm among his friends outside our circle; second (and just as important); his zeal will re-invigorate our lodges and our officers, who will continue to do their great work. Conversely never take the candidate for granted; should our work with him be less than satisfying, he will share that experience with those outside cheating us of potentially wonderful new brothers.

The fraternity, it is said, may continue to get a little bit smaller before it gets better. Should you concur with that



premise, I would simply ask that you emphasize that it will get better. It will be better because of your efforts today and tomorrow. Do your best work all the time and your efforts will pay off handsomely. The good news is that we are getting younger with each newly initiated brother; the demographics are shifting in our favor. Brothers all: go out and plant a new fruit tree for others to enjoy in the years to come. A Grand Master of tomorrow will most probably be raised this year and we haven't even met

him yet. Make his and everyone's first impression of Freemasonry the best it can be and then we will be guaranteed success for years to come.

Most Worshipful Brother Waugh: this Feast of St. John no doubt will be the pinnacle of my Masonic journey. I thank you so much for this incredible opportunity and the faith you have shown in me. On behalf of your entire line of officers, we pledge our fidelity to you and our Grand Lodge. May God bless and keep you and strengthen our fraternity around you. ■

### DeNicola *continued from page 6*

received a bachelor's degree in 1980 and his masters of business administration in 1982. He works for Morgan Stanley Wealth Management as first vice president. He previously spent 22 years with Legg, Mason, Wood, Walker, Inc. as a portfolio manager and first vice president. He also serves the Hanover Town Republican Committee as its treasurer. ■

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service stationed in Germany. Today, he serves as the chief financial officer for Crosspoint Associates, Inc., a property management firm in Waltham.

Brother Stark began his Masonic career in 1973 when he joined Norfolk Lodge in Needham. He served as master in 1990. He also belongs to The Master's Lodge in Needham and is an honorary member of Mount Holyoke Lodge in South Hadley Falls. He first served the Grand Lodge as district deputy grand marshal for the 5th Masonic District from 2004 until 2006. He then served as grand pursuivant in 2007. He was appointed grand sword bearer in 2008, a position he held until 2010. In 2011, he was appointed grand marshal and he served Grand Master Richard Stewart for three years.

Brother Stark is a 32° Mason in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Boston. He belongs to the York Rite's Triad Royal Arch Chapter, Boston Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, and Saint Bernard Commandery. ■

## Meeting the Challenges of the Time

*A Speech Given by Deputy Grand Master Joseph C. DeNicola at the Feast of Saint John on December 27, 2013.*

### A Record of Adapting

One important Masonic tradition is maintaining our value structure while adapting to a changing world for our members and prospective members. Our Grand Lodge has led the way in North America by taking the bold step of introducing our Craft to the general public under Most Worshipful Brother Jeffrey Black Hodgdon's watch; he pulled back some of the veils of perceived secrecy and invited good men to join with us though the Square & Compasses Day Program. Fueled by the success of Dan Brown's best sellers and movies like National Treasure, these Square & Compasses Days introduced (or reintroduced) our fraternity to those who felt the patriotic fever of those days when September 11, 2001 was still fresh in everyone's mind. Imitation being the sincerest form of flattery, soon our adjoining jurisdictions followed suit and now the program has been adopted in many more states. This bold initiative reinvigorated our lodges, bringing fine young men to leadership roles in the fraternity. I know for a fact that many of the brothers sitting at this feast came to Freemasonry because of Most Worshipful Brother Hodgdon's program.

Success breeds success; Most Worshipful Roger William Pageau continued to build on the momentum started by his predecessor. Realizing that we were expanding our roles with raw new young officers, Brother Pageau realigned and expanded our education programs to provide guidance and help these brothers develop as great Masons. The new normal progression through a line might mean that a brother could be seated in the Oriental Chair in just a few years! Enhanced opportunities for learning were essential to the Craft's success and Most Worshipful Brother Pageau, through his education and training depart-

ments and membership development committee, realigned and updated training to best suit our newer brothers. The New Wardens Workshop, Beyond the Third Degree, and an updated Master's Path Program provided insight that would inspire men to seek more light. Though we saw increased membership numbers and enthusiastic young brothers, it was clear that the business of Freemasonry had not received the attention that it deserved for some time. Most Worshipful Richard James Stewart moved to take on that daunting task. It has been said many times by many men that we as new Masons—so indebted to our forefathers for all they had given to us—could not and should not continue to live off the fruit from trees that others had planted. All of us here assembled owe it to those who came before; to leave this fraternity better off than we had found it. Brother Stewart charged his team to adapt our fraternity to live within its means and to better serve our constituents. Through his efforts, our fraternity is finally able to stand on its own financially with improvements still to come.

### The Challenge Today

Change comes hard, feelings are hurt at times, and often you won't know if you're right until time itself provides the answer. Though our membership rolls had grown and our new brothers had been given the opportunity for more light, the general demographics of Freemasonry would catch-up with us as our older brothers passed to the Eternal Lodge above at a rate greater than new men were joining. Dan Brown was not penning any new novels; the History Channel was only running shows about Brother George Washington after 10 p.m. and we had almost exhausted the low hanging fruit of men whose interest is piqued in the Craft by hearing a radio spot from Brother Franklin.

From the moment I became junior warden of Old Colony Lodge, and through my tenure as district deputy of the 18th Masonic District, I have had the opportunity to observe Most Worshipful Brother Waugh's three immediate predecessors take on the difficult challenges of this fraternity. From stemming the rapid decline in membership, to

*"The fraternity, it is said, may continue to get a little bit smaller before it gets better. Should you concur with that premise, I would simply ask that you emphasize that it will get better."*

# Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt

1935–1937



Most Wor.

CLAUDE L. ALLEN

“A Different Time”

*With the election of a new Grand Master from Wyoming Lodge, it seemed appropriate to look back at Claude Allen, who served that lodge as master about a century ago, and who was Grand Master from 1935 to 1937. Most Wor. Bro. Waugh knew Past Grand Master Allen when he was growing up in Melrose; we should also get to know this pillar of the fraternity.*

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

At the end of his first year as Grand Master, Most Wor. Claude LeRoy Allen must have felt the weight of the world on his shoulders. The year 1935 had been difficult for the Craft, for Massachusetts, and for the world. The Depression had receded but had not ended; totalitarian regimes in Europe and Asia were on the rise; and there were challenges at every hand. His immediate predecessor, Curtis Chipman, had died suddenly just before the December Quarterly, leaving only four Past Grand Masters in the seats to his right—the smallest number in more than a century.

Claude LeRoy Allen was born in South Thomaston, Maine in 1878. His ancestors had lived there for more than a century. While he was still in school, they moved to Boston, where he finished school and college and graduated from Boston University Law School. He took up residence in Melrose, where he was an active participant in civic affairs: alderman in 1905, city solicitor from 1906 to 1912, and a member of the Massachusetts Senate in 1912 and 1913. He was president of the Melrose Hospital for fifteen years, and served in various capacities for Melrose banks; he served on the Draft Board during the Great War; he also joined the Melrose City Club and the Elks. He was a prominent attorney, a member of the law firm of Allen and Barnes, then the head of the firm Allen and Redding.

His personal philosophy and interest in civic participation drew him to Masonry. He joined Wyoming Lodge in 1904 and was elected master in 1916. Two years later he was appointed district deputy grand master for the Malden Seventh District, followed by a year as Deputy Grand Master for Grand Master Arthur Prince. His attention then turned to the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Boston, where he was extremely active as a degree worker; during his time as Grand Master he would receive the 33°, and was afterward deputy for Massachusetts from 1948 to 1960.

He had been elected to the Grand East in December 1934, a year and a half after the elaborate but somewhat subdued ceremonial that commemorated the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. It was a very different landscape than the one that was present when he had been Arthur Prince's deputy more than a decade earlier. Grand Master Prince had signed more than twenty-five thousand diplomas and granted thirty charters for new lodges. It was a heady time; men coming back from the Great War caused a great upswell of interest in the fraternity. Grand Master Prince's challenge was to try and keep up with the flood of new Masons, new lodges, new halls, and new technology. His two immediate successors enjoyed more of the same; but when America was plunged into the Depression, Grand Masters Herbert Dean and Curtis Chipman had to deal with dues shortages and difficulties with lodge finances. These were now Claude Allen's problems as well.

At the 1935 spring Quarterly, Most Wor. Melvin M. Johnson made a presentation describing the difficult conditions for Masonry in Europe, where totalitarian regimes were on the ascent. “Masonry has been suppressed in Italy,

Germany, and Russia,” he said. “It is impossible for dictatorships to allow Masonry to exist where they rule.” In Portugal it was prohibited; in Spain it was “not favored”, and military officers could not be Masons. France was enduring a schism, and the Craft was threatened in Switzerland. Only in Britain, the Low Countries, and Scandinavia was it thriving. In China, the political instability was troubling, though it had not yet affected the eight lodges under Massachusetts jurisdiction.

Within Massachusetts, Grand Master Allen's greatest challenge was the financial situation. President Roosevelt had undertaken numerous programs to lift the country out of the Depression, but Freemasonry was still suffering its effects. Less than half the number of initiates, who came to the Craft in 1935, came in 1930; numerous lodges had petitioned to reduce their degree fees; the Grand Lodge had handled more than 50,000 service cases, and there was a deficit of more than \$100,000 in unpaid Grand Lodge dues. Yet in his remarks at the Feast of St. John, Most Wor. Allen was steadfast in his belief that Masonry itself had not changed: “As we embark upon a new year of Masonic activity, may we do so in a spirit of thankfulness and appreciation . . . and a firm purpose to exemplify in our daily lives the teachings of our beloved Order. . . We must in our every-day lives and contacts with our fellow men practice what we preach in our Masonic meetings . . . I do not believe that we need either a new philosophy of life or of Masonry, but rather a return to the fundamental philosophies of our forefathers . . . Let us reaffirm our belief in God and our faith in the principles upon which our government was founded, and let us oppose with all the vigor we possess the ‘isms’ which do not adhere to those principles.”

During Grand Master Allen's second year, conditions began to improve. He suggested that lodges consider remitting past dues so that suspended brethren could return; he was convinced that if “the way was made easy” membership might be restored. He was worried that many lodges had offered life membership, which left them with insufficient income; but his greatest concern was gambling, about which he presented a paper at the Conference of Grand Masters. “There can be no doubt that the gambling spirit is rampant in our midst,” he wrote, “and that unfortunately not all of our brethren are immune to its wiles.” Organizations needed funds, but he believed that it “sullied the fair name of our Order” to employ such means. He cited the law on lotteries and gambling games, and asserted that participation in such schemes would bring Masonry into disrepute, and thus constitute a Masonic offense. Other associations might resort to them, but that was irrelevant: “What other organizations may do is of no concern to us as Masons. We have our own landmarks and standards of morality and conduct. Let us not be swayed by what others may do to depart from those high standards and principles.” The position of

the Grand Lodge on gambling was codified a few years later by Brother Allen's successor, Most Wor. Joseph Earl Perry. Allen's paper and strong declarations were clearly the seed of the eventual policy.

Late in 1936 Grand Master Allen traveled abroad to help commemorate the official bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and to visit other jurisdictions. His first stop was in France, where he wore his 33° medal for the first time; after several Masonic activities he and his party took the train to Berlin (where nothing of Masonic interest was seen since Freemasonry had been suppressed there) and then to Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo, and Bergen and ultimately to Edinburgh and London. His descriptions of the ceremonies and personalities is respectful and almost reverent; it is clear that the ceremonies and their celebrants impressed him. With the storm of the Second World War still beyond the horizon, we cannot read this account without some regret—much of what he describes, particularly in France and Scandinavia, was soon swept away and destroyed.

Grand Master Allen's third year was even busier, with continued growth in membership and the introduction of a pre-application statement which continues in use to the present time. The clouds of war grew around the world, threatening Masonry in Europe and particularly in China; by the end of his successor's term, the outbreak of conflict would change everything. Allen saw it all: war and its aftermath, and the enormous growth in the fraternity that accompanied it.

After the death of Melvin Johnson, Bro. Allen became the senior Past Grand Master, an honor he held at the time of his own death during a Caribbean cruise in March 1961.

We view Grand Master Allen's time in the fraternity like we would watch a newsreel—black and white, a different period separated from us by a lifetime. He came to Masonry at the turn of the twentieth century and was first involved at Grand Lodge during the rapid growth of the 1920s; he served as Grand Master in a more difficult period, bringing integrity and morality, justice and charity when the Craft was in desperate need of all of these things; he witnessed the world torn asunder by violence and hatred, and reunited in the face of oppression and the threat of nuclear war. When he was called to the Celestial Lodge things had come full circle and we had reached our greatest membership.

If Claude Allen were to observe the Craft today, he might be disappointed to see how it had been diminished by the changes in American society and the difficulties that attend us. But I think he would also be proud of our response to those challenges and our continued commitment to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. Society has changed; the outside world has moved away from the world of the 1930s, but at its core Freemasonry has not. With that, I think Brother Allen would be satisfied, and for that, I think we can be grateful. ■

## Overlook Participates in Quilts of Valor

Theresa Perreault, the Massachusetts regional coordinator for the Quilts of Valor Foundation, visited The Overlook Life Community to educate The Young At Heart Quilters (the residents' quilting club) on her organization's mission of honoring soldiers coming back from active duty by giving them a personally made quilt.

This national organization had its humble beginning in the Delaware sewing room of Catherine Roberts. While worrying about her son during his year long deployment in Iraq, she channeled her anxieties into her passion, something she had control over. She began crafting him a quilt in anticipation of his return home. While she worked, she considered all the other soldiers returning home and thought of the many people she knew who were as passionate as she about quilting. Her vision was zealously embraced by her quilting network; the thought of producing these beautiful offerings of recognition to honor returning warriors was inspirational.

The Young at Heart Quilters will be making 60 quilt blocks from the kits Theresa brought. This endeavor has also sparked increased discussion regarding what else we can do to help those who have done so very much for us.

To date, over 92,000 Quilts of Valor have been presented to active military personnel, veterans, and the wounded. Many remarkable stories can be found on their Web site: [www.QOVF.org](http://www.QOVF.org). If you are, or someone you know is a quilter and would like to get involved, contact Theresa directly at [theresa.perreault@QOVF.org](mailto:theresa.perreault@QOVF.org) ■

Theresa Perreault,  
Massachusetts Regional  
Coordinator,  
Quilts of Valor Foundation



## NEWS FROM OVERLOOK

### CEO Turner Appointed President of MCSA

David Turner, president and chief executive officer of Masonic Health System of Massachusetts, will be appointed to the position of president of Masonic Communities and Services Association (MCSA) at the 2014 MCSA Annual Conference in Boston. The designation of a MCSA president is for a two-year term.



David Turner

“It is an honor to be appointed to the role of president and assume the responsibilities of assisting to lead Masonic Communities and Services Association through an exciting and innovative period,” said Turner. “The collection of talent affiliated with this organization is outstanding. We are on the precipice of major breakthroughs in our ability to work cohesively across the country.”

This marks only the fourth time in the 82-year history of the organization that a representative from Massachusetts has been appointed to the leadership role. (The prior three appointees from Massachusetts were: Mark Ball in 1953; Richard Dowe in 1989 and James Parker in 1991). For many of the early years, the superintendents, as most of the executive officers were referred to at the time, met to share problems about their homes and solicit hopeful solutions from their counterparts. They eventually agreed to form a national association of Masonic-related organizations which would meet periodically to exchange views and be of assistance to one another.

The first meeting was in 1931 in Nashville, Tennessee. At that initial meeting, Lucien Connell of Tennessee was elected as the first president of MCSA. Meetings have continued annually with the exception of two years during World War II. Over time, the scope of the meetings changed from one of largely fraternal fellowship, to a focus on education, which included continuing education credits to help meet administrators' expanding licensing requirements ■

## Physical Therapy Changes Lives

by Rebecca Hubbard, MSPT

I noticed Edmund Wahlstrom leaning near the elevator in our Independent Living section. He was hunched over and appeared to be having trouble standing while waiting for the elevator. We enjoyed some conversation and I suggested Edmund come for an assessment at Overlook Outpatient Physical Therapy (PT) that employs a team of talented therapists, one in particular with certification in the Meeks Method.

The Meeks Method is designed to prevent and/or reverse the natural changes that occur in our posture as we age. It entails exercises to increase the strength of the primary support muscles for the spine and hips as well as stretching, education, postural correction, breathing, relaxation, and bracing techniques.

When Edmund began PT, he reported back-pain that was rated as 5 on our scale of 10, and neck-pain was rated at 6. Standing aggravated his pain.



Left: Mr. Walstrom's initial evaluation.  
Right: Mr. Walstrom at discharge.

According to a low-back questionnaire based on day-to-day activities, Edmund scored a 40% disability in performing daily activities. He had limited range-of-motion in his back and hips, and had decreased leg strength. Most troublesome was the increase in pain he experienced simply when standing.

Edmund came to PT once or twice each week and worked with myself and Denise Pontbriand, who is certified in the Meeks Method. Edmund was taught a home exercise program to help correct his posture and was given training tips on how to improve his posture and reduce his pain with daily activities. After significant progress in these areas, Edmund was fitted for a Spinomed brace.

This device is a back brace that uses your abdominal and back muscles to help promote good posture. These are the muscles needed to support your spine and hips. (continued on page 28)

### McShane Appointed Chairman of MCSA Outreach Committee

Patrick McShane has been appointed the chairman of the Outreach committee for Masonic Communities and Services Association (MCSA). This committee brings together representatives from across the country who are responsible for delivering various home and community based services.



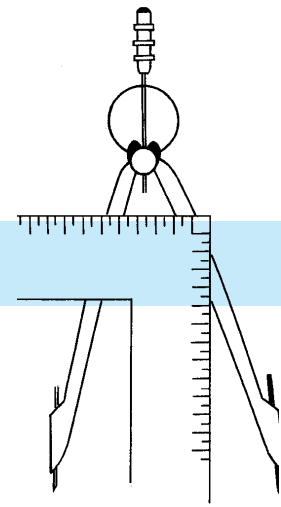
“Large numbers of Masonic organizations across the country are providing innovative outreach methods far beyond the reach of their campuses,” said McShane. “However, great ideas were not getting out beyond state lines because there was no conduit of information. The outreach committee provides an opportunity for Masonic outreach specialists to share best practices.”

The committee meets by conference call on a monthly basis with a representative from each organization being assigned a presenter's role on each call. The primary objective is to educate fellow members on what is, and what is not, working in their respective state and creating a forum for the other participants to help that member overcome their challenges or to help shape what can be provided in their state. The calls are also an excellent way to quickly share regulatory changes throughout the country.

“This is a vibrant committee with membership coming from front-line employees who are facing challenges on a daily basis,” said McShane. “We pulled together a group of impassioned workers that are directly connected to the situations that are being discussed. Too many times, committees such as these are staffed solely from the senior-executive level of their respective organizations. By having front-line employees participate on these calls, the committee's work is less of an academic exercise and more of a real-world, problem-solving, and solution-oriented experience.”

In the first three months of operation, The outreach committee boasts membership from nearly half of all MCSA organizations. ■





## Meet an Active Massachusetts Mason

It's always interesting when brothers are active in more than one lodge. It becomes even more interesting when two of the lodges are separated by almost 75 miles! Such is the case with Wor. Scott M. Sherman of Palmer. He is the current secretary of Wilbraham Masonic Lodge and the immediate past master of the newly reconstituted Boston University Lodge.

Brother Sherman was raised in the former Waltham Lodge in 1981. But his desire to learn about Masonry began during his years at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in the mid 70s. Unfortunately, there was little information to be found about Freemasonry in the UMass library. He did discover that the fraternity he had joined, Zeta Psi, was founded by a Mason at New York University.

While on a summer break in 1978, he worked at Raytheon in a job that his father, one of Raytheon's managers, helped him get. During one of his assignments, he noticed that his supervisor wore a Masonic lapel pin. That supervisor was Wor. William Nordstrom of Thomas Talbot Lodge. They would spend hours talking about Masonry and Bro. Nordstrom gave this young college student many prints of Masonic symbols and the like.

Wor. Bro. Sherman's father, Donald Sherman, was a Mason and part of the Greatest Generation that didn't talk about the Craft much. This senior Brother Sherman was a member of Waltham Lodge, where he joined in 1951. But after his experience at Raytheon, Sherman spoke with his father who seemed delighted that his son was interested in the fraternity. But the younger Sherman decided to wait until after college to do something about it. So after graduating from college in 1981, Scott Sherman continued in the family tradition and joined Waltham Lodge. Since only a master could raise a Mason, the elder Brother Sherman was unable to raise his son. Wor. Bill Nordstrom assembled a degree team from Raytheon and Scott was one of four raised in February, 1981.

The next month was the fraternal visitation (as it was styled back then) and the newly raised Brother Sherman was the only one of the four who was proficient. The

DDGM at the time, Rt. Wor. Lowell Hammett, told him that if his lodge didn't make him an officer, "There were nine other lodges in the district that would be pleased to have him!" Needless to say, Brother Sherman was asked to be in line shortly thereafter.

When he was the junior steward, his lodge building in Waltham was destroyed by fire. At the same time, the lodge secretary became ill and the elder Brother Sherman became secretary. The junior Brother Sherman saw the handwriting on the wall and initiated talks with Monitor Lodge and Isaac Parker Lodge to discuss the possibility of merger. The merger talks progressed smoothly and Waltham Triad Lodge was formed.



Wor. Scott M. Sherman

Wor. Bro. Sherman eventually became master of Waltham Triad Lodge, and raised his two brothers, a brother-in-law, and a nephew. His father-in-law, Wor. Ted Hatch of Mount Hollis Lodge, is also a Mason, and his wife Rebecca is a past worthy advisor to the Rainbow Girls.

While serving as marshal, his employment took him to Washington, D.C. for the better part of five years. But airline fares were relatively cheap and he made it back for many of the lodge meetings.

When he eventually returned to Massachusetts, he found his lodge in some difficulty. Wor. Bro. Sherman returned to the line as junior warden and became master again in 1997. While he had lived in Washington, he saw his lodge notice from a different vantage point, and learned from the experience. During his second term as master he completely revamped the monthly notice, including a section called Brothers and Friends to help other members have a better experience.

In 2004 he relocated to Palmer and there joined Wilbraham Masonic Lodge; he became its secretary in 2009 succeeding Rt. Wor. David Pace. He has also served in a number of district capacities and also served as a grand steward in 1998 under M.W. Fred K. Bauer.

Brother Sherman had earned a master's degree from Boston University and was a member of a small group of academics who were eager to resurrect Boston University Lodge. He says there were not as many obstacles in the re-chartering process as he anticipated. One of the biggest challenges was getting to know, trust, (continued on page 29)



# The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



Each November, in the days leading up to and following Veterans Day, I have the habit of watching war films, especially films that deal with World War II. This may have something to do with the fact that both my parents were veterans of World War II. My father, Wor. John Thompson, was a sergeant in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. My mother, Margaret Holmes, the daughter of Bro. Nelson Holmes of Pentucket Lodge in Lowell, was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

My father, who was in the Army before Pearl Harbor, contracted malaria while at Guadalcanal. He was rotated back to the United States after the Philippines were liberated. My mother, who served at an Army hospital in Greenland, was rotated back to the States at about the same time. They met at an Army hospital in Waltham, Massachusetts.

One of the movies I watched last November was *Ike: Countdown to D-Day*. Tom Selleck played Dwight Eisenhower and the film deals with events leading up to the Normandy Invasion. It's a war film that doesn't show any battles. At the end of the film, in the form of a soliloquy, Eisenhower remarked on how the expected casualties for the paratroopers were far fewer than expected. They expected 70 percent—the reality was 20 percent. Then he commented that if you or someone you love is in the 20 percent, the odds are 100 percent. He added, "They knew that—these great crusaders—but they went anyway. Too many of them are now with God! We may never see their like again. We may never see their like again!"

I have seen this film a number of times, but as I reflected on this showing, I realized the fraternity I joined and the fraternity I am now a part of is the fraternity these brothers have left to us. These men, who journalist Tom Brokaw labelled The Greatest Generation, grew up in the Great Depression and when they reached the years of manhood, they fought World War II.

My father was master of St. Paul Lodge. When he was master, in 1959, the lodge was in Ayer. I understand the lodge is now in Gardner. My sister was three years younger

*Richard Thompson is a past master of Wamesit and Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodges and the proud son of two World War II veterans and members of The Greatest Generation.*

than me, so my mother stayed home with her when families were invited to lodge events. So I would accompany my father to installations and other things. In a way, my Masonic journey began in the 1950s, when my age had just one digit.

Not only can I vividly remember accompanying my father to these installations and other events, I can also remember the men I met at these events. I was meeting members of The Greatest Generation. As a young Mason, I listened as my elders told their World War II stories. They told us of all the good times they had. They told us about the pranks they played. They told us how they felt when they learned the war was over. However, they never spoke of the horrors they witnessed.

These men and women came of age during the Great Depression. They suffered as children so they earned the right to be selfish as adults. Instead, they enlisted to fight a war. Yes, we were attacked, but they fought to do more than protect their country; they fought that war to liberate a world gone mad.

When they came home, many joined Masonic lodges. They participated quite heavily in the fraternity's charitable work. In their youth, they did without. As adults, they did all they could to help those who most needed help.

When World War II ended, 16.1 million veterans came home. Today, there are a bit more than 1 million remaining. We are losing these veterans at the rate of between 600 and 800 every day. We are watching them step into history—both the history of the world and the history of the Masonic fraternity.

There is so much I want to say to them, but there are not enough words to express my feelings. All I can say is thank you; thank you for your service to the world! Thank you for your service to our nation! Thank you for your service to our fraternity! These words are not adequate, but they come from my heart.

When you meet up with a World War II veteran, especially one who is a brother, take him by the hand and say, "Thanks for all you have done!" It won't be adequate, but it will say enough.

I don't really know if they are the greatest generation ever. I do know they are the greatest generation I have seen, probably the greatest generation I will ever see, probably the greatest generation any of us will ever see. And, "We may never see their like again. We may never see their like again!"

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Harvey J. Waugh  
Grand Master

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**GRAND MASTER'S APPEAL RECEPTION**

On November 9, 2013, M.W. Richard J. Stewart hosted a reception in the Boston Masonic Building to recognize and thank the most generous donors to the Grand Master's Appeal during his three-year term. The support of these donors helps ensure Massachusetts Freemasons continue our 281-year tradition of adhering to the tenet of Relief. During the evening, the donors learned more about the

impact their contributions are making in our communities and for humankind. Guests were treated to hors d'oeuvres, music from a Berklee College string quartet, and tours of the building.

The event was sponsored by Family Crest Catering, ARTCO – Fine Printing and Direct Mail, DSE Photography, and Marcus Griep Photography.

# The Monumental Men

by Rt. Wor. and Rev. Dr. Keith C. Alderman

Recently I've been reading the book by Robert M. Edsel called *The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History*. These soldiers—men from thirteen countries and with an average age of 40—were curators, artists, educators, architects, and scholars who volunteered for the task of saving the five million works of art and cultural objects that had been plundered by the Nazis as they steamrolled across Europe during World War II. These brave men volunteered so that they could save priceless cultural works of art from the ravages of barbarism, and war, and the ruthless hand of ignorance. They were willing to fight and, if necessary, die for what they believed.

As I read this remarkable story, I recalled some of those who I call The Monumental Men in my life. Most were or are Freemasons. All who have a love for our fraternity have known The Monumental Men—men who took the time to teach not just the ritual of our Craft, but who gave of themselves unsparingly to help each of us to be better than we otherwise would have been.

Media headlines are filled with stories of greed, corruption, reckless ambition, willful ignorance, hatred, envy, and strife. The world needs better, higher standards and better examples of how to live. The world needs more of what we teach and more of the best of who we profess to be.

My wife needed an explanation of something when we moved back to New England in 2004: The Curse. The Red Sox hadn't won the World Series for 86 years. No one knew exactly why; perhaps it was because they traded Babe Ruth; perhaps someone washed a lucky shirt or pair of socks. All of that changed in 2004, when The Curse was lifted. Something had changed for the better.

For Freemasons, it is time that the curse is broken, that we untie the good news about being a Mason. It is time to share our love and enthusiasm with others. For a long time, we've had a rough time bringing good men into our fraternity and keeping them. Those who remained have known those whom I call The Monumental Men, who showed those who are new to our Craft true brotherly love and affection. In my own case, the men who taught me their love of the fraternity handed down and showed me the benefits of a vivid relationship with God and the joy of being a part of a



lodge you love, and truly caring for the people who came there. They freely spent their most valuable asset, time, caring for newcomers as individual people who mattered. These were men who shared, with both new and old, loving and caring relationships. They lived the love of God, the love of the Craft, and the love of others. They knew that the person who sows the seeds of kindness will have a perpetual harvest.

What might it take to be a Monumental Man? Most of us first learn the beauty of the Craft from other people. As Masons, we believe in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and the immortality of the soul. As people of faith, we can and should individually pray for our new brothers in our quiet and reflective moments. If our new brothers don't feel welcomed, they will not stay. They ought to feel loved, accepted, and made to feel comfortable. If they do not, they will not stay with us. Real relationships carry into the rest of their lives. Do we feel love for our brothers, even when it is not easy to do so? Are our lodges places of peace and kindness and goodness? Do we show gentleness, and self-control? All good questions. All necessary if we want to be Monumental Men.

The Monuments Men saved and preserved priceless treasures of Western Culture from the forces of barbarism and destruction. It was hard and difficult work. The Mona Lisa had to be moved six times in order to save it. Freemasonry has within its teachings the wisdom and the power to make men better than they otherwise could and would be. The Monumental Men are those for whom life had been changed for the better by Freemasonry and tell newcomers about it. We are an apprentice craft; an apprentice learns both how and why they do something. They learn how to think: erase the disappointments of yesterday; look for the good in every situation; take the high road. In this way all can be transformed from a rough stone into a smooth one. The Monumental Men are those who pass on the true values of our Craft. In this way each of us can change the world for the better, one person at a time. ■

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# The December 2013 Quarterly Communication

of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



by Wor. Lee Fenn

The Massachusetts brethren assembled on a cool December 11, 2013, rose to applaud the announcement, "The Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Richard J. Stewart." But the Grand Master hesitated. As the applause continued through the hall, a mood shifted across the faces of those assembled; in that pause, the knowledge that this would be the Grand Master's last Quarterly as Grand Master began to sink in.

The color guard was from the Richard A. Ruether American Legion Post #152 and consisted of Wor. George D. Sylvester, the deputy grand marshal from the 13th District and also a Lt. Colonel (retired) United State Marine Corp.; and Wor. Ronald F. James, United States Army (Retired): both past masters of Williams Lodge.

Prior to opening Grand Lodge, Ms. Pat Latham and Ms. Lisa Hastings were escorted into the hall in order to present the Secretary of the Year Awards. With a nod from the Grand Master, Ms. Latham addressed the marshal, "Brother Marshal, would you please present to the East, Wor. William Dias of Wyoming Lodge and Wor. Daniel Morgan of Harmony Lodge." The Grand Master, both ladies, and the brethren chuckled as the marshal went to retrieve the Secretaries of the Year.

## Honored Guests

The distinguished guests included Most Wor. Grand Master Simon LaPlace and Most Wor. Past Grand Master James T.

McWain from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut; Most Wor. Douglas Connell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations; Most Excellent Grand High Priest Alexander J. Marusa, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts; Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert C. Corr, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts; Sir Knight Rt. Eminent Grand Commander Hiram A. Jamiel, of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. From the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America: Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, deputy for Massachusetts; Ill. C. William Lakso, 33°, active emeritus for Massachusetts; and Ill. Ralph I. Sewall, 33°, active emeritus for Massachusetts. Rt. Wor. Illustrious Potentate Dennis E. Reebel, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Rt. Wor. David C. Turner, C.E.O. Masonic Health System.

## Business Matters

The primary business of the quarterly was the election of a new Grand Master and grand wardens. Ballots were given to those eligible before the opening of Grand Lodge. The balloting, though all candidates were unopposed, adhered



The Color Guard enters the Ionic Hall. Far right: L to R Lisa Hastings, GM Stewart, Wor. William Dias Secretary of the Year, Pat Latham. Wor. Daniel Morgan, of Harmony Lodge, also received the award, but was not in attendance.





Left: GM Stewart greets the Grand Master-elect, RW Harvey J. Waugh. Center: The Grand Master and Senior Warden-elect, RW Thomas A. Stark. Right: GM Stewart and Junior Grand Warden-elect, RW Kenneth W. Pfeiffer.

### Grand Master's Edict

to the Grand Constitutions that state, "The Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary shall be elected by ballot ..."

While the ballots were being counted for the election of a new Grand Master, Grand Master Stewart mentioned that Brethren should feel able to give the new candidate the keys to their home and car, to trust them with transporting their wife and daughter, or to take their family out for a dinner. The criterion for becoming a member of the fraternity is that high, said the Grand Master.

The committee of Past Grand Masters returned with a unanimous decision: Rt. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh would become the next Grand Master.

By unanimous vote, Rt. Wor. Thomas A. Stark was elected senior grand warden and Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Pfeiffer was elected junior grand warden.

The amendment to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge regarding Section 331, which addresses life membership, was voted on and adopted. The approved wording of Section 331 follows.

**Sec. 331.** Any member may prepay all future Grand Lodge dues by remitting direct to the Grand Lodge a sum equal to the product of the then current Grand Lodge dues and the multiplier specified in the Life Membership Schedule adopted by the Board Of Directors and revised from time to time, and thereafter no further assessments shall be made by the Grand Lodge upon said member or upon any Lodge on account of such member. A member shall be entitled to Life Membership commencing September 1 of the ensuing Masonic year upon attaining the age of 90 years. All moneys so paid to the Grand Lodge shall be used by it for its charitable purposes and support and no refund shall be made on account of the death or demit of the member or for any other purpose. The investment and expenditure of all funds received for such payment of all future Grand Lodge dues shall be under the direction of the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise voted by the Grand Lodge, expenditures from the principal of the funds shall not in any one year exceed a sum equal to the then current Grand Lodge Dues for each prepaid member.

The Grand Master announced his edict regarding the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association. The Grand Master declared, that no member of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts be a member of any chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association. Failure to comply with this edict shall subject the offending member to the disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. In response to this, Rt. Wor. Robert Johnston requested the Grand Master's permission to show support for this edict, after which the hall erupted in cheers and applause. Here is the full text of the Grand Master's letter.

December 12, 2013

At the December Quarterly Communication, I issued an edict on the floor of the Grand Lodge in reference to the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association.

The full text of my edict can be found as follows: It is the Grand Master's responsibility to protect and uphold the principles and prerogatives of the fraternity. Any club, association, or group that requires membership in the fraternity as a prerequisite falls under the authority of the Grand Lodge.

In 1931, at the March Quarterly Communication, M.W. Herbert W. Dean put it best when he said "the attitude of this Grand Lodge towards [clubs] has... been one of neutrality, as long as their [actions do] not intrude upon [the principles and] prerogatives [of our] Fraternity, or [that] their conduct in any way bring discredit to [the Fraternity.]"

The time has now come when it is necessary to protect our fraternity's principles and prerogatives. Recent activities in connection with the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association have underscored a divergence between the practices of their association and the principles and prerogatives of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

By its own rules, the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association permits no Chapter to be formed in a Masonic jurisdiction without the consent of its local Grand Lodge. The Widows Sons Massachusetts Grand Chapter never requested or received the permission of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts to operate in this jurisdiction.

Therefore, it is my edict that no member of the Grand Lodge of

Masons in Massachusetts be a member of any Chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association. Failure to comply with this edict shall subject the offending member to the disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion.

No one has been suspended as a result of this edict.

This was not an easy decision to make. This course of action was taken because it is in the best interest of Massachusetts Freemasonry.

Please direct any inquiries or comments to the business office of Grand Lodge. They can be reached via email at [BusinessOffice@MassFreemasonry.net](mailto:BusinessOffice@MassFreemasonry.net).

Fraternally,

### Presentations

Past Grand Master Most Wor. Donald G. Hicks, Jr., presented the Grand Master with a plaque of appreciation from the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Past Grand Master Most Wor. Arthur E. Johnson presented the Grand Master a plaque of appreciation from the Masonic Service Association. The Grand Master received gifts for his Grand Master's Appeal from many lodges including Oxford, Rising Star, Caribbean Naval, Siloam, Mount Holyoke, and Excelsior Lodges.

The Grand Master's signature charity, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, received donations from

several lodges including Franklin and Consolidated Lodges. In addition, Wor. Leo M. Kenen presented a donation based on the earnings from the coins he made to raise money for MMRL.

The Grand Master, with the help of Rt. Wor. Ronald Kemp of the MMRL and Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto, presented Vines of Life to Rt. Wor. Robert Johnston of Somerville Lodge, Wor. Leo M. Kenen of Frank W. Thompson Lodge, and Wor. David M. Kieser of Philanthropic Lodge. Finally, Grand Master Stewart was presented a special award of appreciation from the MMRL for his support throughout his time as Grand Master.

### Joseph Warren and Henry Price Medals Awarded

Grand Master Stewart, with the help of Rt. Wor. William Yanakakis, awarded Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medals to Rt. Wor. James A. Moller and Wor. Senior Grand Deacon James H. Boudreau. The Grand Master also awarded Henry Price Medals to Rt. Wor. Senior Grand Warden James Gilrein, and with the agreement of the Grand Master-elect, to Rt. Wor. Senior Grand Warden-elect Thomas A. Stark and Rt. Wor. Junior Grand Warden-elect Kenneth W. Pfeiffer.



Above left: Past Grand Master Donald G. Hicks, Jr., presented a plaque from the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Center: Past Grand Master Arthur E. Johnson presented plaque of appreciation from the Masonic Service Association. Right: RW James Gilrein receives the Henry Price Medal.

Below left: Grand Master's Appeal donors from Oxford, Rising Star, Caribbean Naval, Siloam, Mount Holyoke, and Excelsior Lodges with the Grand Master and Past Grand Master Al Ames. Right: The Grand Master has a laugh with Wor. John Carlson, a donor to the Grand Master's Appeal.





Above left: Wor. Leo M. Kenen presents a donation for the MMRL. Center: Members of Franklin and Consolidated Lodges present donations to MMRL. Right: GM Stewart presents the Vine of Life Award to RW Robert Johnston.

### Closing and Goodbye

Before closing, Grand Master Stewart reminded the brethren to keep in their hearts and prayers the servicemen and women who pay for our freedom with their lives and

said goodbye from the East for the last time. After the white gavel came down in Most Worshipful Richard J. Stewart's hand, the pall that came over the brethren at the pause which opened Grand Lodge, returned. The brethren lined up to say their goodbyes to their Grand Master. ■

## ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

by Rt. Wor. Robert F. Doherty  
Chairman of the Grand Lecturers



As you no doubt know, exemplifications this year will be on the Third Degree. In anticipation of that, two of the following questions are specifically directed to that degree.

**Q** With an increasing number of candidates taking obligations on a Volume of the Sacred Law of their own choosing, when should

these books be placed on the altar and opened?

**A** They should all be placed on the altar prior to the lodge being opened and then opened as part of the opening ceremony. It is extremely important that these candidates have their hands on their own book when taking their obligation. Multiple candidates may use the same Volume of the Sacred Law but it needs to be positioned so that they are all touching that book during the obligation. All books should be closed in the closing ceremony.

**Q** Can any brother call the Grand Lecturers with a question?

**A** Certainly. We are always willing to help. Hopefully by the time this issue is published, grand lecturer information will be on the Educate Masons web site. In any case

your district deputy will have the contact information for the grand lecturer conducting your exemplification. It is important to remember that questions and answers concerning ritual should never be sent over e-mail or through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.

**Q** Is the Grand Master's Third Degree edict still in effect?

**A** Absolutely. All edicts remain in effect until and unless they are rescinded by the Grand Master. Thus everyone needs to follow the edict's directives both because it is an edict and because even without the edict it is the right thing to do.

**Q** In a prior issue you recommended that the master and senior warden leave their implements at their station when doing floor work. Does this also apply to the senior deacon in the first part of the second section of the Third Degree?

**A** Not only does it apply, it is our strongest possible recommendation that during this sub-section the senior deacon leave his rod at his station. We feel that carrying his rod at that point in the degree adds nothing and creates the real possibility of interfering with his very important responsibilities.

# THE EXCITABLE HEART

## Detecting Cardiac Arrhythmias

Part III of a Five-Part Series

by Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director, Masonic Medical Research Laboratory

Like a metronome, our heart maintains a steady beat helping us to keep time with the musical interludes of life. But that faithful pace can be interrupted, slowed or accelerated disrupting the harmony of our lives. As discussed in part II of this series, cardiac arrhythmias can take many forms ranging from single extra beats sensed as occasional palpitations to totally uncoordinated contractions known as fibrillation. Fibrillation of the upper chambers of the heart (atria) usually leads to a fast somewhat irregular heart rate, accompanied by fatigue, chest discomfort and, in people with coronary disease, anginal pain. Fibrillation of the main pumping chambers (ventricles) is a bit more serious in that it leads to death unless reversed in a timely manner. Between these two extremes exist a wide variety of irregular rhythms that impact on the quality of our lives and in some cases are life-threatening.

Detection of an arrhythmia, the most important first step in dealing with the problem, is at times easier said than done. Physicians have a number of tools in their armamentarium to tackle this problem. The most important is the electrocardiogram or ECG. This wonderful device records the electrical activity generated by the heart at the body surface. You may recall from our discussion in Part I of this series, that although the heart is a muscular pump, each of its beats is initiated and finely regulated by electrical activity generated by the flow of ions across the cardiac cell. The humps and bumps recorded by the ECG provide your doctor a wealth of information about the condition of your heart. It can tell him whether your heart is functioning normally or whether your heart is beating too fast, too slow or unevenly, or whether it is deprived of oxygen or enlarged. If it is beating too slow, the ECG will reveal whether this is due to a problem with your primary pacemaker, the sinus node, or the "gatekeeper" that controls the flow of impulses from the atria to the ventricle known as the atrioventricular (AV) node. If it is beating too fast, the ECG will indicate whether this is due to rapid generation of electrical impulses in the atria or ventricles and provide the physician some clue as to the mechanism of the tachycardia (fast rate), flutter (very fast rate) or fibrillation (ultrafast rate due to disorganization of the electrical impulse leading to uncoordinated contrac-

tions). The ECG will also reveal whether a patient may have suffered a heart attack recently or at some time in the past and whether a congenital heart defect should be suspected. Electrocardiograms can even predict whether a drug like erythromycin, a widely prescribed antibiotic, may be life-threatening to some people. Although medical science and ECG interpretation have advanced considerably in recent years, our understanding of the ECG remains incomplete and is one of the areas of study at the MMRL.

One of the principal difficulties in dealing with arrhythmias is the ability to catch up with them, for they are often elusive, appearing for short periods of time and then subsiding for hours, days, weeks or even months. Although infrequent, they may be troublesome causing occasional dizzy spells as in the case of paroxysmal tachycardia and may even be deadly as in the case of ventricular fibrillation (sudden death) or Torsade de Pointes. The physician has additional tools at his disposal to detect these isolated events and when necessary to provoke them. The first of these is non-invasive and involves the attachment of several stick-on electrodes to the chest wall

which are then connected to a Holter monitor. This device is a miniaturized portable ECG recorder generally worn for a period of 24 or 48 hours. Data are recorded on small cassette tapes which are analyzed at the doctor's office or clinic. Holter monitors detect arrhythmias that are intermittent but frequent, but are unlikely to detect those that appear once a week or once a month. This limitation is circumvented by devices called event recorders which are miniaturized ECG recorders worn for much longer periods and activated by the patient when symptoms occur. These units not only record the ECG but are capable of transmitting it to the physician over the telephone. Another device that has proved extremely helpful in uncovering intermittent events is the implantable loop ECG recorder. The implantable loop recorder is a small device that is inserted under the skin below the collar bone, usually on the left side, in a simple procedure. Following injection of local anesthetic, a small incision is made and device is inserted. The skin is then sutured closed. The device records a continuous ECG for up to 2 years. If the patient experiences an episode of dizziness or fainting the

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## Philanthropic Lodge Sends Care Packages to Our Troops



Philanthropic Lodge recently took part in a holiday care package assembly and shipment effort organized and led by a local Marblehead organization called Calling All Patriots Troop Support (C.A.P.T.S.). This organization began by sending care packages to their sons, daughters, and neighbors deployed overseas. They started with four names and sent these packages to say thank you for your service and to let service people know that they are not forgotten. The goal is to make the packages personal and have that special feeling of home. To date, C.A.P.T.S. has shipped over 1750 boxes totaling \$1,225,000.

The members of Philanthropic Lodge and the team from C.A.P.T.S. assembled 78 care packages totaling \$42,000 in donated materials. Philanthropic donated the shipping costs for these packages, which were received by the men and women of a military hospital just in time for the holidays. A heartfelt thank you was received from the commander of the base, emphasizing just how important it was to these troops to receive a package from home. *Photo: Bro. Mark Brings, owner of C.A.P.T.S., organizes volunteers.*

— Bro. Mark Sedgwick



## Phoenix Lodge Beautifies Hanover

It's been over 20 years since an American flag has flown on the flagpole at Hanover Four Corners. Phoenix Lodge owns the lot and recently made some landscaping improvements. The pole had been there since 1964 when it was given to the Lodge by the Hanover Garden Club. *Shown raising the new flag are Bros. Jonah McCall, Don Spradlinis, and Wor. Doug Knowles.*



**Elm-Belcher Lodge's Angel Fund** sponsored 40 children at the lodge's annual Christmas party. Wor. Master Maximilan Rubacha entertained 70 children and Wor. Dennis Cote portrayed Santa. The angel fund works with Agawam School counselors to identify students most in need of a Christmas lift. — Wor. Robert Tremblay

## Celestial and Knox Lodges Help Vets



Celestial Lodge in Westwood and Major General Henry Knox Lodge in Boston, together with several other organizations sponsored the 22nd Annual Holiday Party for former service men and women who are currently residing at the New England Center for Homeless Veterans.

Through their efforts, these veterans were treated to a festive evening which included live entertainment, homemade desserts, and a visit from Santa. In addition, each of the 250 residents of the Center was presented a gift. It's a wonderful event which brings a little joy to those who have served their country faithfully but have temporarily fallen on hard times. *Photo: Bro. Charles Liftman presents a warm coat to a veteran.* — Wor. Jeff Jarvis

**Korea** continued from page 3

No. 183 and Lodge Han Yang #1048 in Seoul, and Lodge Harry S. Truman #1727 in Pyeongtaek. Han Yang was the first Scottish Lodge on the peninsula, chartered in 1908. Harry S. Truman followed in 1979, also with a Scottish charter. MacArthur Lodge, which is under the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, was chartered in 1964. Unlike American grand lodge jurisdictions, there are no exclusive districts in Korea. There are also Prince Hall lodges chartered under the Grand Lodges of Texas, Oklahoma, and Washington.

Bro. Smith's sincere hope is that we will all reflect on the exemplary merit and determination exhibited by the Masons in Korea and in Pusan Lodge, and take heart knowing that we have friends and brothers the world over.

## Exemplification Outside the Lodge



In January, eight brothers from St. John's Lodge, two friends, and one brother's daughter traveled to the Cradles to Crayons headquarters in Brighton to help in providing the essentials for childhood. The task at hand: filling an 18-wheeler with bags of clothing and pallets of running shoes. The task was arduous; Brothers Tyler Stowell, Allan

## Plymouth Lodge Open House

Plymouth's Selectmen and town manager visited Plymouth Lodge's Open House in October. Selectwoman Belinda Brewster, a former Rainbow Girl, joined in singing the Rainbow Song with the girls who participated in the open house and provided a cookout lunch, popcorn, and cotton candy. The Selectmen thanked the lodge for raising a substantial amount of money for the Fourth of July Parade, and congratulated the lodge for its first-place finish in the non-profit float category. — Bro. Douglas O'Roak

(L to R) Selectman Kenneth Tavares, Bro. Ken Howe, Bro. Vic Moulton, Town Manager Melissa Arrighi, Chairman Mathew Muratore, Selectwoman Belinda Brewster, RW Arnie Johnson, Bro. Thomas Martin, Wor. John Izzo, Bro. Doug O'Roak, Selectman Tony Provenzano, Bro. Matt Hall, and Rainbow Advisor Maureen Dunham with some of the girls of Plymouth Assembly #86.



Sinclair, Jon Rizzo, Paul Holleran, Bruce Smith, Alex Augst, Juan Jose Beneke and Jeff Fowler, with Tyler's daughter Sophia, and friends Donnie Couldron and Phil Latch worked hard and laughed hard until the truck doors were closed. Over 700 children in need would soon have new shoes.

Being a Mason means much more than working your way through the line of officers. Charitable work is our companion to the rituals of the lodge. Charity is one of the many blocks we lay in the building of a better man and brother and what's more, it is a great way to keep people involved and active in any stage of their Masonic journey. We can encourage membership by showing men what our fellowship looks like in the world and in action. — Bro. Jonathan Rizzo



## Aleppo Shriners Brass Band is Active and Recruiting

No parade is complete without the sound of a brass band—a critical component that sets the pace for other marching units. The Aleppo Shriners Brass Band has been providing stirring march music for the last 99 years! Originally established in 1915 as the Aleppo Temple Fife and Drum Corps, the band today appears as both a riding band in parades on a bright red canopied trailer, and as a concert ensemble with an extensive library of classical, popular, and contemporary music for Shrine ceremonials and other functions. The Brass Band rehearses regularly each month at the Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington. They are actively recruiting new members; visit [www.alepposhriners.com/units](http://www.alepposhriners.com/units).

— Bro. Richard Fardy

## Fifth-Generation Mason at Hayden Lodge

Bro. Jody J. Madden (L) helped raise fifth-generation Mason, Bro. Justin A. Hart (C), his father Wor. Francis M. Hart (R). All five generations were raised in Hayden Lodge or Meridian Sun Lodge which merged in 2003.





## Second District Honors Veterans

Eleven brothers of the 2nd Masonic District visited graves at Cambridge Cemetery to honor and remember the veterans of the Civil War, Spanish American War, and World War I.

The Brethren observed the time honored tradition of placing a coin on each grave marker—meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited the grave. Leaving a penny means simply that you visited; a nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained together; a dime means you served together. By leaving a quarter, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when he was killed.

According to tradition, the money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veteran's cemeteries is collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

*Shown in photo: Bro. Michael Chaplain, Wors. Keith Mackinnon, Ronald Higgins, Lee Fenn and sons, Ali Taqiroglu, Fred Santosuosso, Bros. T. Michael DeWitt, and Louis M. Ciano.*  
— *Wor. Robert F. Stanley*

## Physical Therapy *continued from page 13*

The brace is worn when someone is standing upright to help decrease back pain and provide additional support to allow them to do what they want to do, such as making meals, cleaning house, or taking a walk. It is only worn for one or two hours per day and is not intended for long term use.

With the exercises and the Spinomed brace, Edmund was able to stand longer and more comfortably. He reported that his pain was less and he actually felt younger! When Edmund was discharged from Overlook Outpatient, he had zero neck pain—None!—and his back pain had improved to 4 out of 10 at worst, and those instances of worst pain happened less frequently than before. In addition, he gained three-quarters of an inch in height! When we repeated the same low-back questionnaire done at the beginning of therapy, the results showed that he was now at only a 20% disability. His back and hip flexibility

## Pfeiffer *continued from page 6*

Lodge in Ayer, Washington Lodge in Lexington, and Sojourners Lodge. He first served the Grand Lodge as senior grand deacon in 2008. He then served as grand piper in 2009. He was also appointed Grand Sword Bearer in 2011, a position he held until his installation as junior grand warden.

In 2010, he served as the district deputy grand master of the 14th Masonic District, comprised of Washington Lodge, Lexington; Corinthian Lodge, Concord; Caleb Butler Lodge, Ayer; Simon W. Robinson Lodge, Lexington; Tahattawan Lodge, Littleton; Simonds Lodge, Burlington; Frank W. Thompson Lodge, Bedford; and Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge, Lincoln.

Brother Pfeiffer is currently a trustee of Massachusetts DeMolay and was master counselor of Battle Green Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Lexington in 1974. He was awarded the Degree of Chevalier and is an active Legion of Honor recipient.

Active in several Masonic organizations, Pfeiffer is a 32° Mason in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Boston. He belongs to the York Rite's Houghton-Walden Royal Arch Chapter, Adoniram Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, and Saint Bernard Commandery in Boston.

Rt. Wor. Kenneth Pfeiffer is a native of Bedford. He was educated in their public school system, and graduated from Bedford High School. He is also a graduate of Boston College. He now works as a financial analyst with Raytheon Company in Billerica. ■

## TROWEL NEEDS PHOTOS

Upcoming issues of Trowel will contain features that recognize individual Masons for their achievements.

Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Award recipients in 2013 and 2014.

Masons celebrating their 60, 65, 70, and 75-year Masonic anniversaries in 2014.

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improved by 50% and his leg strength also improved. Most importantly, Edmund found he could stand pain-free for up to 30 minutes.

If you or someone you know is struggling with back pain, please consider seeing one of our experts at Overlook Outpatient to reap the benefits and create your own success story! ■

## Masons Celebrate Veteran's Day at the Springfield Armory

Brother George Washington chose Springfield to be the site of our national arsenal. This arsenal grew into the Springfield Armory, which served, as the primary manufacturer of US military firearms until 1968. Today, Springfield Armory National Historic Site serves as a museum of historic American firearms.

The MMRL Committee celebrated Veteran's Day at the Museum. Historian Richard Colton give a presentation on Freemasonry's connection to the Springfield Armory.

Bro. and Colonel Roswell Lee was responsible for making many innovations in manufacturing including interchangeable parts, the assembly line



*RW Alfredo Canhoto, Richard Colton, RW Arthur Fisch and, Wor. Michael Jarzabek at the Springfield Armory.*

and the hourly wage. Bro. Thomas Blanchard was the inventor of a repeating lathe that could produce irregular parts.

To commemorate the event, Rt. Wor. Les Lohnes presented Richard Colton

## Trowel Deadlines

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## Living Freemasonry *continued from page 14*

and like each other as the founding group rebuilt this lodge. But they had the support of many from Grand Lodge and it just all came together smoothly.

He never had the desire to become master yet again. All he wanted to do was see the lodge successful. But at one meeting of the re-chartering committee, certain conditions were laid out for qualifications of the first master of the lodge. Brother Sherman found himself as the only one with his hand up. He says he appreciated the thought, but strongly urged the committee to consider someone else for the position as he lived quite a distance away. He asked that they consider another brother at the next meeting and he would certainly support him.

When the next meeting arrived, the committee told Brother Sherman that he really did not understand. They wanted him to be the lodge's first re-chartered master. He says he was choked up and had to call his wife, whom he was sure would say no to the time commitment and distances involved. But, she surprised him by telling him about the honor and the opportunity afforded him, and that he should go for it. So he said yes—and is so happy he did.

Brother Sherman says the current Ben Franklin advertising campaign has been helpful by “putting us in the public eye at a time when it seems the message was needed.” He says, “Our society has become so transient that the old way of everyone in the community knowing who the Masons were and knowing to ask if you wanted to join no longer worked.” He also says he is proud our Grand Lodge led the way. Being optimistic by nature, he says he hopes we can keep the momentum going. He says he is “particularly enjoying the hunger of the younger Masons for deeper and more esoteric information than I have ever before been requested to provide.”

Brother Sherman is also active in a number of appendant Masonic organizations and has also served as president of the Masonic Secretary's Association of Massachusetts. Besides Masonry, Brother Sherman has twice served on the Palmer town manager search committee, and is active in the Palmer Jewish community and the Palmer Rotary.

He says, “Many of our active Masons forget how to say no to opportunities and run the risk of being spread too thin.” He also says he has been blessed with having a wonderful wife who has taught him to find more balance.

Worshipful Scott Sherman is a very active brother and one who continues to serve his fraternity with all the zeal he is able to muster, regardless of the distances involved. His lodges are very fortunate to have him in their midst. ■

## Tour Guide Training

An orientation and training session for brothers interested in serving as volunteer tour guides for the Boston Masonic Building will be held on Friday, March 28. A light dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. The training should go no later than 8:00 p.m. Parking vouchers will be provided for those who use the Millennium Parking Garage directly behind our building. Tours are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Guides typically serve a two hour shift one or two times per month.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Bro. Christopher D. Rooney at [crooney@massfreemasonry.org](mailto:crooney@massfreemasonry.org) or at 617-426-6040, ext. 4214.



device is activated to save the recording before, during, and after the episode. The recordings can then be evaluated by a physician to help determine the cause of the event.

When these methodologies fail to detect suspected arrhythmias, the physician may resort to an electrophysiological (EP) study. This procedure is usually recommended for patients who have previously experienced life-threatening events. An EP study involves the insertion of a cathode electrode into the heart through either an artery or vein in the groin, arm or neck. Electrical impulses are introduced through the electrode to stimulate the heart and provoke the arrhythmia. Recordings of local activity within the heart may be obtained with the same or different electrode to localize the region of troublesome activity. Drugs may be tested during the EP study to assess their ability to prevent the induction of the arrhythmia. Alternatively, a special catheter may be introduced into the heart to destroy the tissue that is giving rise to the erratic electrical activity by using radiofrequency energy to heat the tip of the electrode. Known as catheter ablation, this procedure has gained considerable popularity as the procedure of choice in the treatment of a variety of arrhythmias, including AV nodal tachycardia and the Wolf-Parkinson-White syndrome.

These diagnostic procedures and therapeutic modalities are available today because of many years of painstaking research conducted at medical research laboratories world-

wide. Among the laboratories that have contributed fundamentally to our present day knowledge of cardiac electrophysiology and arrhythmias is the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. For over fifty years, scientists at the MMRL have worked to define the function of the heart in both health and disease. On-going research continues to focus on the mechanisms of arrhythmias, how they can be prevented and controlled; how drugs like erythromycin can produce them and what the various waves in the ECG are trying to tell us. In coming segments of this series, I hope to expand on specific arrhythmias, their causes, treatments and, in some cases, cures.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation founded and sponsored by Freemasonry. Recognized as one of the finest biomedical research centers in the world, the MMRL has contributed importantly to the modern day practice of cardiology. Over the past five decades MMRL investigators have been credited with either discovering or unraveling the mechanisms of a majority of known cardiac arrhythmias and is currently one of a handful of medical research institutes worldwide capable of studying the genetic causes of the lethal cardiac arrhythmias responsible for sudden death in young adults, children and infants.

The MMRL is leading the way in the development of innovative safe and effective pharmacological treatment for atrial fibrillation, one of the greatest unmet medical needs facing our society. ■

## CREATE A NEW MASONIC TRADITION!



Tradition is an important part of Masonry. This Masonic Challenge coin is a simple and effective way to promote Freemasonry, encourage camaraderie in lodge, and support the Grand Lodge signature charity, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

The basic tradition is similar to that of a military challenge coin, which, when presented to servicemen, is expected to be carried at all times. The first impression made by the coin is the prestige of the presentation itself, from a particular place of service or from an officer. Thereafter, the coin becomes a symbol of personal pride in the organization or of the honor bestowed by the officer who issued the coin.



When presented to a Mason, more particularly a new member, the coin will gain the prestige of the Masonic organization or individual brother who presented it. It will thereafter become a symbol of pride to both the individual and the Fraternity.

Started as a Masonic Leadership Institute project in 2008, the coin originally had the words "275th ANNIVERSARY." Now, years later these original coins are collector items. The current coin now has the words that every Mason knows, "Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth," the tenets of our profession.

### Support the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory

We Masons can support the charity by challenging our brethren, who have a coin, to display it; if they cannot, to make a small (e.g., \$1) contribution to the MMRL.

*Thank you for your support. This is a Masonic Leadership Institute project. This design and project was approved by the Grand Master.*

### Create Your Own Lodge Tradition

The coin may also be used to encourage camaraderie by creating new traditions. When the coin is presented as a challenge, a request is made. The request is directed to anyone without their coin, or to the original presenter if all present have theirs. These challenges could be used to determine who washes the dishes after collation; who buys the coffee. Stewards could use it to see who sets up the regalia, etc. These Masonic challenge coin traditions support our charities and provide a source of fun and fellowship, which show our communities that Masons are champions of spirit and fun!

### The coins are only \$10.00 each!

Contact Brother Leo Kenen at 508-878-4601 or e-mail [masonic.coin@fwthompson.org](mailto:masonic.coin@fwthompson.org)

# THE RUSTY NAIL DEGREE

**I**n response to numerous inquiries about the "Rusty Nail" night, the Masonic Service Association of the United States solicited responses from readers and from those responses, assembled **Short Talk Bulletin 1994 No. 3: "Rusty Nail Degree."** The bulletin contained two examples of work, one from Missouri and one from Maine. MSA has granted permission for TROWEL to reprint the contents of the Short Talk. TROWEL has made slight changes to reflect our Massachusetts ritual and TROWEL Magazine is solely responsible for any errors or omissions in this transcription.

## Introduction

The Order of the Rusty Nail is a short program for use in a tiled lodge. It is designed to refresh the memories of brethren holding a valid dues card who are not regular in their lodge attendance.

The Order of the Rusty Nail refreshes the memory regarding the passwords and signs of the three Blue Lodge degrees. It touches on lodge customs and reviews the mysteries and legends of Freemasonry as taught in the ritual. The Order of the Rusty Nail can be effectively used as a tool to encourage increased regular attendance at lodge meetings and for bringing a non-attending brother into the lodge and making him feel at ease with what may be forgotten ritual.

The lodge may put on the Order of the Rusty Nail on a regularly scheduled basis or only on special occasions. It is recommended the lodge select candidates carefully and insure the success of the Order of the Rusty Nail by personal contact with the brethren receiving the Order both before and afterward.

Lodges should consider developing a packet of information for presentation to the candidate. This could include a copy of lodge customs and other appropriate Masonic publications. Be sure to include a blank petition and encourage the candidate to encourage a worthy friend to become a member. Consider a Rusty Nail lapel pin for inclusion in the packet

## The Missouri Example The Order of the Rusty Nail

W.M.—Bro. S.W.\*

S.W.—W.M.

W.M.—Have you anything for the further action of this lodge of M.M.?

S.W.—Bro.(s) — M.M.s are in waiting and desire to receive the Order of the Rusty Nail.

W.M.—Bro. S.D. you will retire with the stewards and see to the preparation of the candidate(s) and if duly qualified, admit him (them) in due form.

S.D.—(Introduces himself & stewards.)

S.D.—(At the corner of the line of travel). Bro.(s) — : Welcome to the Order of the Rusty Nail. Its purpose is to remind you of what you may have forgotten about the degrees of Masonry and to make you feel at home in your lodge or in a lodge which you may visit. (Conducts Bro.(s) to altar).

W.M.—\*\*\* Brothers: Early in your Masonic career you were taught never to engage in any great or important undertaking without first invoking the aid and blessing of Deity. I shall therefore call upon Bro. — to lead us in prayer.

Chap. (Prayer) Most holy and glorious Lord God, the great architect of the universe, we beseech thee to look down upon and bless the brethren here assembled. May the connections formed here be linked together with ever increasing ties of brotherly love and fellowship until time shall be no more. Amen.\*

S.D.—(Conducts him to the J.W.). S.D.—Bro. J.W.: It gives me pleasure to present Bro.(s) \_\_\_ M.M.s who desire(s) the Order of the Rusty Nail.

J.W.—Welcome Bro.(s) to \_\_\_Lodge and the Order of the Rusty Nail. On your first admission into a lodge of Freemasons you were received upon the P.O.A.S.I. etc.

(At this point the ritual used at the candidate's entrance into the lodge is given. Then the steps, due-guard, sign, working tools, grip, and word are communicated)

J.W. (continues) You will now be conducted to the S.W. for instructions on the Second Degree.

S.D.—Bro. S.W.: It gives me pleasure to present Bro.(s) \_\_\_M.M.s who desire(s) the Order of the Rusty Nail.

S.W.—Welcome to \_\_\_lodge and the Order of the Rusty Nail.

On your first admission into a lodge of Fellow Crafts you were received upon the A.O.A.S. etc.

(At this point the ritual used to receive the candidate on the Second Degree is given. Then the steps, due-guard, sign, the working tools, grip, and word are communicated. Then the origin of the password, "it originated in consequence of a quarrel between, etc." is given).

S.W.—(continues) You will now be conducted to the W.M. for instructions on the Third Degree.

S.D.—W.M., it gives me pleasure to present Bro.(s) \_\_\_M.M.s who desire the Order of the Rusty Nail.

W.M.—Welcome Bro.(s)to \_\_\_Lodge and the Order of the Rusty Nail. On your first admission into a lodge of M.M.s you were received upon B.P.O.T.C. etc.

(at this point the ritual used to receive the candidate on the Third Degree is given. Then the steps, due-guard, sign, the working tools, grip, and word are communicated. Also the

ritual relating to the “Grand Hailing Sign” is given).

W.M.—Concludes with: Bro. S.D. you will provide the brethren with chairs.

The following “Charge” is now given:

Bro.(s)—In the First Degree you were given a brief explanation of Masonry as follows: Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morals, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. Its tenets are brotherly love, relief, and truth. Its cardinal virtues are temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. Its religion, if religion it may be called, is an unfeigned belief in the one living and true God.

The 2nd section of the Third Degree in which you, each one, were caused to represent our G.M.H.A., is a most solemn and impressive portion of our ritualistic work. In it we are taught the ultimate lesson of victory over death and the immortality of the soul.

The great moral lesson designed to be inculcated is contained in our ritual: “Bu wh we lo fo, th Sp of Ac fo bl at th he of hi gr re us of tht fa be an im pa wh su th gr, it be th in of tht Di whm we ad, an be th ne re to tht Su In wh pe al na, an wh ca ne, ne, ne di.

Sis of th de, Br.\*

If you wish to visit a lodge and no one there can vouch for you, they may ask you to repeat the Tyler’s Obligation and ask you a few questions. Be sure you have a current dues card with you.

W.M.—Bro. S.D. you will conduct the Bro.(s) to the altar.

W.M.—Brethren, I congratulate you upon your successful completion of the Order of the Rusty Nail. I hope that the redefining of these principles will stimulate your renewed interest in Freemasonry and that you will once again attend lodge meetings and activities.

(We have prepared a packet of information for you which contains a petition and other pamphlets which you may read at your leisure. Your worshipful master will now invest you with the lapel pin emblematic of the Order of the Rusty Nail. Wear it, prize it, and tell all who may ask about the Order of the Rusty Nail how they may receive it. You will now be seated among the brethren.)

### The Maine Example

#### Rusty Nail Night (Particularly for sojourners in Maine)

The purpose of this evening is to help you to review the lessons learned in each of the degrees as you progressed “seeking light, and to improve yourself in Masonry.”

This review should enable you, with a current paid dues card from your home lodge, to gain admittance as a visitor in any lodge in Maine, and probably anywhere in the country. There are some slight differences in lodges of the English Constitution and Scottish Constitution, if one would travel in foreign countries. If you travel to Florida or other southern jurisdictions in winter, you will find them most hospitable.

1 Whence came you?

2 What came you here to do?

3 How do I know you to be a Mason?

4 What are Signs?

5 What are tokens?

6 Can you show the due-guard and signs of the EA, of the FC, of the MM Degrees?

7 What is the significance of each due-guard?

8 Of each sign?

9 When are they given?

10 What are the “great lights”?

11 How are they arranged for each degree?

12 To what part of the Bible are they opened for each degree? (see *Maine cipher*, page 184)

13 What are the “lesser lights” and to what do they pertain?

14 Which colors nearest the East? the West? the South?

15 In arranging the “great lights” which way does the Bible face? The S & C’s?

16 What is a grip? Can you show the grip of an EA? It’s name? -

17 The PASS grip of a FC? It’s name?

18 The REAL grip of a FC? It’s name?

19 The PASS grip of a MM? It’s name?

20 The REAL grip of a MM? How given and what is its name?

21 What are the 5 points of fellowship and how used?

22 What is the Masonic sign of distress, how and when given?

23 What is a common form of challenging a “presumed” brother?

24 If you are challenged in this manner, what would be your reply?

25 In Maine, what is the common salutation used with a known brother?

26 If you are in another jurisdiction, how can you identify your lodge as “regular”?

27 If you wish to be examined, and no brother present can vouch for you, whom do you ask?

28 Do you know the “Test Oath” and how given? (See *Maine cipher*, page 184) (A Massachusetts Mason traveling in another jurisdiction may be asked to recite from memory or read the cipher for the Tyler’s Obligation. Do you know the Tyler’s Obligation?)

29 If you plan to travel in a foreign country, particularly England and Scotland, do you know the proper procedure to attend a lodge?

REMEMBER—in your OWN LODGE—you NEVER have to work your way in! All you need is your dues card! ■

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