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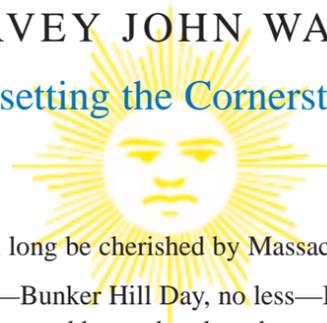


America's
Cornerstone

From the East of Grand Lodge

HARVEY JOHN WAUGH

Resetting the Cornerstone



Brethren:

June 17, 2015 is a day that will long be cherished by Massachusetts Freemasons.

As you may know, on that day—Bunker Hill Day, no less—Brethren from throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and beyond gathered to participate in the rededication of the Massachusetts State House cornerstone, and to redeposit its time capsule. In doing so, we continued our legacy established in 1795, and affirmed in 1855.

It is simply remarkable to consider: approximately 1,300 Masons (and many of their family and friends) took time out of their busy lives to travel to Boston on a Wednesday morning for the opportunity to process with their friends and Brothers and witness our Masonic Cornerstone Ceremony.

The outpouring of enthusiasm and support demonstrated by so many of your Brothers indicates the importance of the symbolism of the State House cornerstone and time capsule. It represents a tangible connection to our past, it allowed us to show the world our continued strength and vitality, and it inspires us to continue honing the rough ashlar as we strive towards the great promise of our future.

Throughout this special issue of TROWEL, space has been devoted to telling the story of the history of the cornerstone, as well as highlighting the events of the day. It is a wonderful commemoration of a remarkable moment that I hope you will enjoy with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity.

Whether you participated in the event or not, you still have an opportunity to experience the event through the short video we produced, “Resetting the Cornerstone.” If you have not viewed the video yet, I encourage you to visit http://bit.ly/Corner_Stone. See for yourself many of the great moments from the day, and hear some of the Brothers who participated reflect on what the event meant to them and to our Fraternity.

As we return from refreshment to labor again, I invite you to use the rededication of the Massachusetts State House cornerstone as an opportunity to rededicate yourself to Freemasonry and to the values of its lessons. And as we use corn, wine, and oil in our Cornerstone Ceremony, I wish you and your family health, peace, and plenty.

Cordially & fraternally,

Harvey J. Waugh
Grand Master

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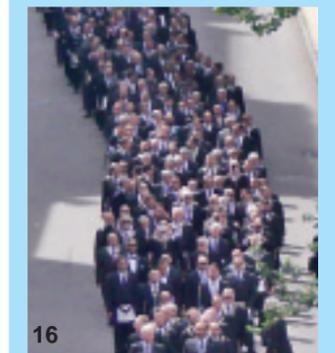
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THE CORNERSTONE

Our Grand Master put it there over 200 years ago. After finding the original, another Grand Master had it modified to the level of science of the day and put it back. Then, it was found again, and the Grand Master with the Freemasons of Massachusetts came together to stand in our place in history.



The contents of the time capsule are amazing: newspapers, coins, and, of course, the silver plaque. When I first heard about the time capsule in the cornerstone of the state house, I hoped for a note saying "Throwing the tea in the harbor was a joy for me and my Brothers," my imagination signed this document Paul Revere. Or "The first shot in Lexington was at a tree, I fired it," signed Sam Adams. Of course, when Grand Lodge with its excellent records described exactly what was in the time capsule, it was no less amazing.

The work of M. Wor. Paul Revere and Governor Samuel Adams on the cornerstone was a moment of permanence for the newly formed United States of America. It was a moment when the country was stable enough that a state house could be built and a cornerstone dedicated in the state where the fight for our country began.

When we, the modern Masons of Massachusetts, turned off our cell phones, assembled in organized disarray at Grand Lodge, and met the horse drawn carriage on our way to the state house, we were not only recognizing our past and our legacy in the founding of our beloved country. We were looking to the future. We were making history for that future.

The principles and ideals of Freemasonry form the cornerstones of our lives. Holding true charity, brotherly love, friendship and our other ideals support our way of living. We lay cornerstones, but we also surround those cornerstones with the fabric of a civil society. It is civil society that preserves the cornerstones in buildings and in hearts.

The cornerstone we set into place, the time capsule we filled with new artifacts, the enclosure built to the science of our day, were a flyer into the future, a piece of permanence. There will be another "discovery." There will be another mysterious time of wondering what is in the box. But there will be Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge will again say, "This is what is in the box." The contents will be the same: the ideals of Freemasonry kept alive by the men who promise to live by those ideals.

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*

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June 30, 2015

M.W. Harvey J. Waugh
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Masons- Massachusetts
186 Tremont Street
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Dear Mr. Waugh,

I am writing to personally thank you for your participation in one of the most historic events to happen at the State House in over 160 years, the re-depositing of the contents from 1795, 1855 and 2015 into the new time capsule that was placed back into the granite cornerstone. For any of the over 3000 plus visitors that attended this ceremony, including over 450 Massachusetts school children that day, June 17, 2015 will be remembered for the rest of their life. The events of that day will be shared with family members for a life time.

Thanks to your efforts Massachusetts history came to life for 90 minutes on June 17, 2015. History that would normally only be read in a classroom was re-enacted just as though it was 1795 with Paul Revere, Grand Master of the Masons; William Scully, Deputy Grand Master of the Masons and Governor Sam Adams coming to life on the steps of the historic Bulfinch State House. Your hard work and dedication helped to make this an epic event.

Over the years since 1795, the State House has been the epicenter of Massachusetts history, steeped in the traditions of strong leadership, hard work, shared values, compromise for the common good, and innovation. In 1858, Oliver Wendell Holmes, described the State House as the "hub of the solar system". As I have said many times the history of the Commonwealth is the history of our Country.

Thank you for making history once again at the State House!

Very truly yours,

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission

WHY I'M STILL A MASON!

by Rt. Wor. Rev. Richard E. Haley

I am the spiritual leader of a faith community and in that position I have discovered that people simply take my identity as a person of faith for granted. I cannot recall any time over the course of thirty-plus years as a pastor anybody ever asking me why I am a person of faith, why I am a Christian. The absence of a similar question is not true in terms of my Masonic identity. Most recently I was challenged by a fellow clergyman regarding my Masonic membership—because of misperceptions and misunderstanding of our fraternity he felt my being a Mason was in conflict with my faith tradition (it's not, but that's for another article!).

If you were to be asked about your Masonic identity, how would you answer? Why are you a Mason? I have heard a number of fellow Masons from Past Grand Masters to newly minted Master Masons answer that question by speaking of the many new friends they have made as members of our fraternity. Others have spoken of the leadership skills and opportunities Freemasonry offers. Still others have mentioned the social occasions or personal connections and networking that are available simply by virtue of being a member of such an international and diverse organization. And a few say, "My father (or grandfather or uncle or friend) wanted me to join so I did." And I value all those reasons particularly if they eventually expand to encompass other reasons as brothers continue their Masonic journeys.

But, if I were to take the question one step further and ask, "Why are you STILL a Mason?" how would you respond? Perhaps you would use one of the above answers or a variation on them or a combination of them. But I have another response.

Being a Mason is more than developing friendships, acquiring leadership skills and experiences, making connections, attending fun activities, or pleasing family members, colleagues, and friends. I

am still a Mason because my "inner self" is fed and strengthened through what we stand for. I take seriously the admonition that we regard no one for their outward appearance but rather for what lies within their hearts. I take seriously our pledges to live lives of integrity, honesty, truth, justice and generosity. I take seriously the idea that we can "love" one another beyond our cultural abuse of that word that pushes love to mean something only romantic or sexual as opposed to something rooted in a comprehensive embrace of people that involves acceptance, empathy, and even a willingness to sacrifice one's life for the other should the occasion call for such a thing.

Every time I either hear and observe our rituals and degrees or take part in them, the philosophical underpinnings of our fraternity are reawakened in me and pushed ever deeper into my identity. So if someone asks me why I am still a Mason, this is my answer:

I am STILL a Mason because I believe in what we stand for—that temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice are more than words but help define a way of living.

I am STILL a Mason because I embrace the requirement of our fraternity to believe in something greater and holier than just me.

I am STILL a Mason because I want to be with people who take the same things seriously.

I am STILL a Mason today so that I can try to live like one tomorrow. ■

Bro. Haley is a Past Master Councilor of Naumkeag Chapter, DeMolay, and a member of Essex Lodge in Salem where he has twice served as Master and is currently the Lodge's organist. He has served Grand Lodge as a Grand Chaplain since 2002 and is also the Grand Representative to Virginia. Rev. Haley is the Senior Pastor of First Calvary-Baptist Church in North Andover.



The June 2015 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



by Wor. Lee H. Fenn

The lodge room was filled when the Grand Master, M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, and other dignitaries had processed into the hall promptly at 1:30.

The color guard entered, the Pledge of Allegiance rang through the hall, then the National Anthem. The color guard consisted of the Massachusetts Past District Deputy Grand Masters' Association members: Rt. Wors. Leslie P. Lohnes, President; James C. Holmes, 1st Vice President; Jeffrey L. Gardiner, 2nd Vice President; James A. Gilrein, II; Demetrios J. Sarantopoulos, Secretary/Treasurer; and Roy J. Leone.

The dignitaries include: M. Excellent Charles R. Austin, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts; M. Illustrious Robert C. Corr, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Roal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts; Sir Knight Richard W. Seychew, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Rt. Wor. and Illustrious Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts and Rt. Wor. and Illustrious Peter R. Smith, 33°, Active for Massachusetts, both of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA; Rt. Wor. and Illustrious David J. Raymond, Illustrious Potentate, Aleppo Temple, Ancient Accepted Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Rt. Wor. Wilbur Evans, Sr., Grand Marshal Emeritus

and M. Wor. Benjamin Locker, Past Grand Master, both of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; and Wor. George K. Haile, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star.

Past Grand Masters in attendance were M. Wors. Albert Timothy Ames, Arthur Eugene Johnson, Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr., (and Active for Massachusetts, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., USA.), and Jeffrey Black Hodgdon. From the District of Panama, Rt. Wor., Gerard A. Dowden, District Grand Master.

Reports from the committees on Charters & By-Laws and Records were read and approved. Rt. Wor. Donald H. LaLiberte read the necrology: eight brothers joined the Celestial Lodge, comprising nearly 440 years of Masonic experience.

Sadly, two brothers conducted themselves in an un-Masonic manner. The Grand Master proposed both be suspended indefinitely, which Grand Lodge approved. One, noted the Grand Master, may have been denied membership

if he applied today, due to background checks. The Grand Master welcomed back Bro. Philip Andrew Dubey, of Major General Henry Knox Lodge, who has been reinstated after a review.

The Grand Master then called to the east Bro. Robert A. McVoy, Jr., of Wyoming Lodge. The Grand Master was informed that Bro. McVoy was off duty from his position with the Melrose Fire Department when he saw flames and smoke rising from the second story of a

The Grand Master, Bro. Robert A. McVoy, Jr., of Wyoming Lodge, and Rt. Wor. James N. Orgettas as Bro. McVoy receives his Good Samaritan award.





Left: Rt. Wor. Edgar de Leon holds two copies of the cipher in Spanish as he laughs about the arduous four years of work on the translation. Right: Brethren in line to make presentations to the Grand Master.

home. Bro. McVoy acted. Someone was inside. A young man and a dog were saved by Bro. McVoy. The Grand Master awarded Bro. McVoy with a well-deserved Good Samaritan award for his service to humanity.

The Grand Master then called Rt. Wor. Edgar de Leon, Wor. Fernando Palomo, Rt. Wor. Gerard A. Dowden, District Grand Master of Panama, and Rt. Wor. Robert Jolly to the east. Rt. Wor. Bro. de Leon presented to the Grand Master the newly authorized translation of the cipher of our ritual into Spanish. This presentation is the culmination of four years' work with the Grand Lecturers. Rt. Wor. Bro. Leon noted that now the Massachusetts ritual is accessible to all Spanish speaking brothers. Rt. Wor. Bro. Dowden thanked Rt. Wor. Bro. de Leon for the hard work and sees the translation as a major step forward.

Several lodges presented the Grand Master with checks for various charities. In addition, the Grand Master received an antique fire fighter's helmet, and a bill from the Philippines which commemorates 100 years of the Grand Lodge of Masons in the Philippines.

The Grand Master began his remarks by noting that this is the half-way point of the usual three years of service. He recognized those "who served in honored posi-

tions of seniority" and hundreds of other brothers who made "enormous contributions of their time and energy in driving Grand Lodge forward."

The Grand Master pointed out the work of Rt. Wors. Robert Jolly and Craig MacPherson. They have kept their attention on the finances with the help of the budget committee, and its chairman, Rt. Wor. George Biblios. The Grand Master informed the brethren that income and expenses are in line with projections.

Since the last quarterly, the Grand Master and other officers have attended in over 30 Masonic events, including Joseph Warren and 50 year veterans' presentations. This included visits to the Grand Lodges of New York, New Jersey, Quebec, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

Visits were made to some of the Masonic affiliated or associated organizations, such as the Colonial Craftsmen, Grand Lodge of Iran, in exile, Shrine Burns Hospital, Boston, Grand Order of Eastern Star, Amranth, and Aleppo Shriners.

In addition, the Grand Master traveled to Florida, attended the Old North Church's Patriots' Day remembrance on April 19th, and sat with Gov. Baker at the annual meeting of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery

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Above: The vintage fire helmet customized for and given to the Grand Master. Below: This 100 peso note, commemorating 100 years of Freemasonry in the Philippines, was a gift to the Grand Master.



From Antiquity to Us CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES

by Rt. Wor. Donald H. LaLiberte and Bro. Jared H. LaLiberte, Jr.

As Freemasons most of us have witnessed a cornerstone ceremony, whether it is in our local community or on a grand scale like the ceremony that took place on June 17th at the Massachusetts State House. However, the modern cornerstone ceremony is just that, a modern iteration of ancient practices. Ceremonial dedications of buildings are not new; they can be traced throughout the annals of history. Some dedication ceremonies of a newly constructed building have been around since the times of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, and India. Despite the adaptation of specific ritual over time, the core practices can be traced from the ancient Middle East to present-day America.

Throughout history temples were where most ceremonies to dedicate a building were performed. Ancient people had numerous different culturally specific ceremonies regarding the dedication and the laying of the foundation of a building or the cornerstone; some of them are remarkably similar to the modern cornerstone laying ceremonies used by Freemasons. Though many of the writings and recording of these ancient ceremonies have been lost to the lapse of time and the ruthless hand of ignorance, there are still some histories which survive. They with provide us with insight into these ancient practices.

These ancient people would perform their ceremonies at the start of the work to ensure the success of the building by the consecrating of the ground. The ceremonies would also mark the occasion by noting the people who commissioned these temples, the architect whose plans were used, and the workers who built these buildings.

Perhaps the most striking example of a foundation dedication was the Temple of Edfu, the second largest temple in ancient Egypt, which was started in 237 BC. There are reliefs on the inside of the temple walls which depict the dedication ceremony. The scenes depict a procession from the royal palace, an invocation to deity, and the ceremonial pouring of sand, a ceremonial leveling and laying the first brick by a dignitary.

Another recording of a dedication ceremony was produced by the Roman Historian Tacitus. He writes that during the construction of the Temple of Jupiter, there was a procession to the temple and then the site was sprinkled with water. Gold and other metals were placed in the foundation of the temple.

If you look back in the Bible you can also see that the ancient Israelites practiced a form of dedication of new buildings, especially those with religious significance. The

Masons lined up in Boston Common awaiting the arrival of the horse drawn carriage.





Left: The carriage drawn by four Clydesdale horses on the way to the state house. Right: M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh and Rt. Wor. Donald LaLiberte, Deputy Grand Master, walk through Boston Common to the state house.

chronicling of the ritual laying of the foundation for both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem are in the Holy Scriptures. In the book of Ezra, Chapter three, you can read of the ceremonies that took place during the building of the Second Temple:

“When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David King of Israel . . . And all the people gave a great shout of praise

to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.”

Similar practices continued in Europe throughout the Middle Ages as the early Catholic Church would consecrate the foundation stone of the buildings, particularly of churches and the great cathedrals. It is difficult to pinpoint the exact start of this practice by the Catholic Church but there is evidence that some ceremony was practiced by the Church as early as the building of the first church of St. Mark in Venice in 828. From all the accounts of the time

Masons and family gathered on the lawn of the state house to witness history.



Your Cornerstone Ceremony

If you see the opportunity for a cornerstone ceremony, choose an appropriate building of significance to your community. It can be a church, municipal building, or another building of importance. Discuss the ceremony with the municipality, church, and building crew. Once assurance of the acceptability of the ceremony is established, follow standard protocol for inviting the Grand Master. Grand Lodge performs all cornerstone ceremonies and must be requested for the ceremony at least three months prior to the event.

these ceremonies were common place in the religious life of medieval people and were a key part of the duties of bishops.

It is by the time of the High Medieval period that we start to see a more formal and prescribed ceremony takes place, again especially with the building of cathedrals and churches. This consecration was usually performed by the local bishop. From the writing of the period, we know that the bishop would sprinkle holy water and lay the first brick of the building. More detailed ritual can be found in the *Pontificale Romanum*, which called the “De benedictione et impositione Primarii Lapidis pro ecclesia aedificanda,” or “Of the blessing and laying of the Foundation Stone for the building of a church.”

The modern cornerstone ceremonies which we are all familiar with began in the 18th century. It was at this time that Freemasonry started to play an important and more prominent role in these ceremonies. With the construction of high profile buildings in the United States in the decades after the American Revolution, we see the ritual of a cornerstone ceremony being performed. These include laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol Building in 1793 and of the cornerstone of the State House of Massachusetts in 1795.

These important civic buildings were the focus of a new society based on the rule of law and the rights of man. This new society was felt to be the next step in the progress of mankind; it represented to its founders the civic society of democracy which takes the place of societies based on the rule of a single ruling class with certain birth rights or of a religious society based on a hierarchy of a priest class.

It becomes reasonable to expect that these new civic buildings where the laws of a civic society are formulated by democratically elected representatives would become the new “temples” that represent the focus of this new society. Now instead of a priest class performing these ceremonies, we find that the ceremony is being performed by men who are representative of the new society forged in war and based on the rights of mankind.

“I have to say that it was the most impressive ceremony I have witnessed in my 22 years of Masonry. I was honored to be a part of such an historic event that displayed the rich and long history of Freemasonry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and put us in the public’s eye so prominently; the experience was wonderful. Throughout the entire process of registration, assembly, procession, ceremony, and lunch, it was evident that the committee worked hard and planned well and should be very proud of their efforts.”



Rt. Wor. David J. Raymond, Illustrious Potentate, Aleppo Shrine

These ceremonies are often conducted by members of the Fraternity. M. Wor. Paul Revere presided over the laying the cornerstone at the Massachusetts State House on July 4, 1795 and authored the ritual that is used by our Grand Lodge in a cornerstone ceremony even 220 years later.

Freemasons played an important part in many other famous cornerstone ceremonies. These include the laying of the cornerstone at the U.S. Capitol building in 1793 where Bro. and President George (continued on page 23)



Wor. Mark Girardin, Master Joseph Webb Lodge: marching up Tremont Street to the state house with over 1,000 of my Brothers, in front of my wife, then having my friends, family, colleagues—and most importantly, my daughter—being able to see the fraternal organization that I have dedicated so much of my time to this year, performing this once-in-a-lifetime event on TV and the news with such pride and dignity. I am proud to be a Freemason!”

“It was an honor to be present for such a monumental moment at our state house! I never thought that, in this day in time, I would be able to be a part of such an event. This was such a fitting conclusion to the end of my Masonic year as Worshipful Master of Joseph Webb Lodge: marching up Tremont Street to the state house with over 1,000 of my Brothers, in front of my wife, then having my friends, family, colleagues—and most importantly, my daughter—being able to see the fraternal organization that I have dedicated so much of my time to this year, performing this once-in-a-lifetime event on TV and the news with such pride and dignity. I am proud to be a Freemason!”

Cornerstones and Grand Masters

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt, Grand Historian

When the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts rededicated the cornerstone of the Massachusetts State House on June 17, 2015, the ceremony linked three men who served as Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: Paul Revere, who dedicated the original stone in 1795; Winslow Lewis, who performed a ceremony in 1855; and Harvey John Waugh, our current Grand Master, who brought the event into the present.

PAUL REVERE (1734–1818) AND THE 1795 CEREMONY

Grand Master Paul Revere is a well-known Revolutionary figure, who was both a Patriot and a master craftsman in addition to his substantial contributions as a member of the Masonic Fraternity. Born in 1734 to Huguenot émigré parents, he learned his father's trade, and gained renown as an engraver and goldsmith. During the Seven Years' War he served in the artillery at Crown Point and elsewhere; after returning he married and shortly afterward was initiated in the Lodge of St. Andrew. Brother Revere served in various offices in that lodge and in the Massachusetts Provincial (afterwards Independent) Grand Lodge, making the acquaintance of Dr. Joseph Warren, its first Grand Master.



greatest distinctions for a Massachusetts lodge to bear the title of "Paul Revere Lodge."

On July 4th of 1795, Governor Samuel Adams requested the assistance of Grand Master Revere in laying the cornerstone for the new state house.

This public ceremony is described in detail in our Proceedings, and included an Oration, followed by a grand procession from the Old South Meeting House to the site of the new state house; the cornerstone itself was conveyed on a 'truck' drawn by fifteen white horses (representative of the fifteen states in the Union), as well as Brothers from lodges across the jurisdiction including present and past officers of the Grand Lodge, bands of music, 'Independent Fusileers' [sic], reverend clergy, and members of the government of the Commonwealth. The stone was prepared by operative Masons, and Grand Master Revere deposited several coins and a small engraved silver plate bearing the date and names of the participants. This grand event was the most significant public Masonic display of Revere's tenure as Grand Master, and no doubt made a great impression on all that witnessed it. ■

After the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1792, he remained intimately involved with the united Grand Lodge, and was elected in 1794 as its second Grand Master, succeeding John Cutler. During his three years' tenure he chartered many lodges, doubling the number under Massachusetts jurisdiction. Most of those lodges exist in one form or another today, and a number of them celebrated bicentennial anniversaries a few years ago; it is one of the

WINSLOW LEWIS, JR. (1799–1875) AND THE 1855 CEREMONY

Sixty years after the election of Paul Revere to the Oriental Chair of Grand Lodge, Dr. Winslow Lewis, Jr. of Boston was chosen as Grand Master. He was born just a few years after the 1795 ceremony, the son of a prominent man of Boston also of the same name who was a lighthouse-builder and inventor. The younger Lewis was fitted

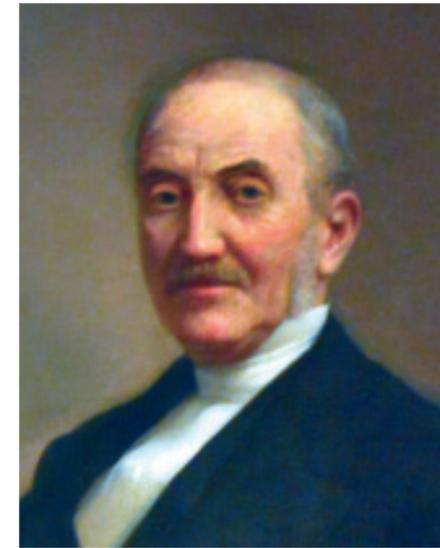
for college and took a medical degree from Harvard in 1822, following which he traveled abroad, gaining new anatomical knowledge and acquiring modern surgical skills. When he returned he became consulting physician at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Originally receiving his degrees in Columbian Lodge of

Boston when Dr. Joshua Flint (later Grand Master) presided, Dr. Lewis was most closely associated with St. John's Lodge. Beginning in the early 1840s served the Grand Lodge in a number of capacities, including Grand Steward, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal and Deputy Grand Master. He was chosen by the Grand Lodge as its presiding officer to succeed Most Wor. and Rev. George Randall, and served two years—1855 and 1856—before withdrawing for health reasons, but returned in 1860 to preside for a third year.

Grand Master Lewis was extremely well spoken and erudite and much beloved of his brethren and professional colleagues outside the Fraternity; a lodge was named for him in 1856 which still meets today, one of 18 he chartered (he also restored the charters of eight others). When he died in 1875 nearly half of the volume of Proceedings was dedicated to letters and accounts of his Masonic and professional life.

In August 1855, workmen making repairs to the state house discovered some of the loose coins that had been



deposited in the cornerstone, and upon further examination uncovered the silver plate and other evidence of the 1795 dedication. After consultation between Governor Henry J. Gardner and Grand Master Lewis, a new cornerstone box was prepared, containing the original deposits as well as a number of additional items including coins and newspapers and other documents of the day, and a newly-engraved inscription on the reverse side of the silver plate. This, too, was extensively documented in our Proceedings, along with a brief account of the ceremony and Grand Master Lewis' remarks on the occasion. Grand Secretary Charles

W. Moore reported that:

The ceremony of replacement, and which was not of a sufficiently interesting and important character to demand a public display, was conducted in a quiet and ostentatious manner, and was witnessed by his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth, the President of the Senate, members of the Executive Council, the heads of the departments of State, and other gentlemen. ■

HARVEY JOHN WAUGH AND THE 2015 CEREMONY

In December 2013, the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts elected its 88th Grand Master, Bro. Harvey John Waugh. Bro. Waugh was made a Mason in Wyoming Lodge of Melrose, chartered shortly after the 1855 ceremony; he served as its Master in 1977, and was appointed Deputy Grand Master in 2005 by Most Wor. Jeffrey Black Hodgdon.

Most Wor. Bro. Waugh followed a distinguished career in the U. S. Navy by serving in an important administrative post as Recorder of Aleppo Shrine, A. A. O. N. M. S., which placed him in charge of all daily operations, event planning, human resources, and other duties; through this charge he has become well-known to many Masons throughout the jurisdiction. He is presently serving the second year of his term, and in June 2015 had the honor and privilege to participate in the rededication of the same cornerstone laid by his predecessors.



Just as the 1855 discovery was a surprise, the recent excavations at the state house in March 2015 came as a surprise to the workmen on site, doing repairs and renovations to the building. However, 2015 differs markedly from 1795 or 1855 in that we now live in an environment of rapid transmission of news; the announcement of the discovery of a "mystery box" was received at Grand Lodge with no surprise, as the information regarding the box, the two previous ceremonies described above, and a full accounting of the contents was recorded in our Proceedings and indexed on masonic-genealogy.com, the Masonic history website administered by the Grand Historian, Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt.

When the box was carefully opened by archivists and other experts at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the inventory of contents matched the listing from our

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INSIDE THE BOX

From the State House and Back Again

by J. Michael Comeau

Executive Director, Massachusetts Archives & Commonwealth Museum

Some 220 years ago, Massachusetts Governor Samuel Adams, with the assistance of M. Wor. Paul Revere, Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons, laid a cornerstone in the southeasterly corner of property that was once the garden of the late Governor John Hancock. The day was July 4, 1795, and the building was the new Massachusetts State House, a structure Samuel Adams that day hoped would “remain permanent as the everlasting mountains” and be a place where the “principles of our excellent Constitution” would be ably defended. For his part, Grand Master Paul Revere called this “an auspicious day.”

The laying of the cornerstone was an exercise steeped in impressive pomp and ceremony. Adams, with an escort of Fusiliers, departed the Old South Church after an oration and proceeded to the ground laid out for the new edifice. He was attended by Grand Master M. Wor. Paul Revere, Deputy Grand Master Bro. William Scollay, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Masons, who, having first assembled in the Representatives Chamber at the Old State House on State Street, had proceeded in Masonic Order to the Old South Church. The cornerstone itself was drawn from the church to the new building site by fifteen white horses (the number of states in the union) in a carriage decorated with federal emblems, colored ribbons and other insignia. Once at the site, a grand ceremony ensued, with more oration and artillery salutes.

As part of the proceedings, Adams and Revere placed under the stone a deposit consisting of an engraved silver plate, a medal struck in 1794 in honor of George Washington, and a selection of coins of varying denomination. These contents were placed between two lead sheets, the flanges of the bottom sheet turned up to secure the sheet on the top, and covered with stone-mason’s cement. There they would remain until future circumstance would again bring them to public attention.

That circumstance would occur in 1855, when workmen placing new underpinning for the enlargement of the state house unexpectedly found the silver plate and coins deposited in 1795, covered only with a sheet of corroded lead. These artifacts were collected, cleaned and documented. Then, together with new inscription added to the reverse side of the plate and a few new additional items, they were sealed in a specially made brass box and on August 11, 1855 inserted back into the cornerstone by Gov. Henry J. Gardner and Dr. Winslow Lewis, Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge. A few additional coins were pressed into the plaster for good luck. It was noted that this replacement ceremony “was conducted in a quiet and unostentatious manner.”



Conservator's tools and the unopened time capsule.

Photo Courtesy Massachusetts Archives/Jennifer Fauxsmith

These events might have retained their position as little-known blips on the historical record had there not been a recent water infiltration issue at the state house. This required the oversight of the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), which in turn brought in the engineering firm of Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger (SGH). In the summer of 2014, while performing work to address this problem, SGH, having been made aware of historic accounts referring to the cornerstone Time Capsule, confirmed its presence through use of ground-penetrating radar. By the fall, plans were being discussed by SGH, State officials, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston for the capsule’s removal and preservation. It was here that the Massachusetts Archives was brought into the conversation. Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin, acting in his capacity as Chair of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, now assumed a lead position in the Time Capsule project. He in turn tapped me, as Executive Director of the Archives, to assist on his behalf as the effort to remove, document, and conserve the time capsule and its contents began to develop in earnest.

The real fun was to begin on December 11, 2014—the day designated for removal of the capsule from the cornerstone. Pam Hatchfield, Head of Objects Conservation at the MFA, was the specialist tasked with the job of removing the time capsule box from the stone. It turned out to be more of an arduous effort than initially anticipated. The weather, which remain-



At the MFA for the opening of the time capsule.

Photo Courtesy Massachusetts Archives/Jennifer Fauxsmith

ed cold, blustery, and snowy throughout the day, certainly did not cooperate. Releasing the box proved equally troublesome, and for seven long hours Pam, crawling underneath the stone like an auto mechanic, chipped and drilled at the hard plaster securing it into the stone. Finally, with darkness falling, Pam was able to work the box free and raise it triumphantly up before the throng of cheering press who had assembled during the course of the day. After its excavation, the capsule was placed in a specially constructed protective box and carried off to the Archives van, and Pam and I, along with a few other colleagues, were spirited away under State Police escort to the MFA. Here a team of conservators, scientists, and engineers would begin examination of the box and its contents in the MFA’s laboratories.

On the evening of January 6, 2015, former Governor Deval Patrick, Secretary Galvin, and MFA Director Malcolm Rogers, along with a host of dignitaries and media from around the world gathered to watch Pam and I, seated at a table beneath Thomas Sully’s monumental painting *The Passage of the Delaware* (1819), begin the slow task of opening the box and removing the contents. Piece by piece, Pam delicately removed first the top of the box and then the items within. While there were no real surprises as to what we found inside (we did, after all, have a general inventory compiled in 1855 to work from), the condition of these treasures was a mystery, and our relief was palpable as each item was delicately extracted from the box.

Our efforts revealed a yield of five folded newspapers (described as “assorted morning papers of the day” in 1855), 23 coins (including a “Pine Tree Shilling” dated 1652), a George Washington medal, a title page from

Nathaniel Shurtleff’s transcription of the Massachusetts Bay Colony Records, two business cards, and—my favorite artifact—the silver plaque. As an archivist, I can tell you the privilege of holding up the plaque first put in place by Samuel Adams and Paul Revere and reading its inscription aloud to the assembled audience was quite a thrill.

The important next steps involved the physical conservation of the artifacts found within the box coupled with more detailed research on them and their provenance. Preservation activities fell to Pam, who handled objects conservation, and Annette Manick, Head of Paper Conservation at the MFA, who directed treatment of the capsule’s paper materials.

Concurrent to the conservation work, there was also effort to establish greater intellectual understanding and control of the material we had uncovered. Of particular note was the work done by Patrick McMahon, the MFA’s Director of Exhibitions and Design, who compiled an amazing amount of historical detail that truly brought our understanding into greater focus. A particularly important revelation was that the silver plaque was indeed the work of Grand Master, M. Wor. Paul Revere. Though logic seemed to dictate that Revere would have been the artisan responsible, no historical documentation existed to provide immediate proof. Careful examination, however, of Revere artifacts at the MFA and records at the Massachusetts Archives left little doubt that Revere was the plaque’s creator.

Once the media event had been staged, it was decided that the time capsule materials should be put on display for all of the public to see. On Wednesday, March 11, the exhibition opened to the public, and was seen by thousands of visitors before concluding its run on April 22.

The exhibition concluded, the Time Capsule artifacts once again were returned to the conservation labs of the MFA for final analysis and treatment. As these last steps commenced, planning for the ceremony to re-deposit the artifacts into the cornerstone began to take shape.

It had been the expectation throughout the span of the project that the Time

Time capsule exhibit in place at the MFA.

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Capsule and its contents would again be returned to the cornerstone of the state house at the appropriate time. Indeed Governor Patrick had, with concurrence from Secretary Galvin, articulated this as the State's preferred intention the night of the "reveal" at the MFA. Decisions, then, had to be made as to the specifics concerning a re-deposit ceremony; what, if anything, was to be added to the capsule; and how might the artifacts best be encased to ensure their long-term preservation once reinserted into the state house structure. Throughout the length of the project, regular weekly meetings were held by all of the relevant parties.

In 1855, officials made the decision to create a new box in which to re-deposit the 1795 artifacts with selected items of their own. For this they turned to a local brass founder named Andrew Gavett, who fashioned a brass box which would be sealed with screws and lead solder (the lid on which Gavett, we suspect surreptitiously, impressed his own name for posterity). As the size and condition of Gavett's box precluded its continued use as an appropriate container, a new box had to be designed and fabricated. For this we turned to specialists who created for the Archives encasements used for the permanent display of the Commonwealth's foundation documents, Joshua Dittrich and Keith Durand. Josh and Keith now run a company based in Somerville called Startsomething LLC.

Of course the million dollar question remained: what would be added to the time capsule?

I can tell you that we received countless suggestions as to what we might include, many of which were excellent and well-deserving of serious consideration (in truth, we might have had to re-deposit a refrigerator to accommodate for all that was suggested we include). That said, it was determined that in the end historical tradition would carry the day, and the items added would be consistent with those inserted in the past: a selection of contemporary coins and a new silver plaque with inscription commemorating our event.

Planning for that final event



Pamela Hatchfield of the Museum of Fine Arts and J. Michael Comeau of the Massachusetts Archives and Museum hold the new plaque at the MFA.

Photo courtesy Startsomething

On Tuesday, Pam, Annette and I, joined by Josh Dittrich, Keith Durand, and their associate Keith Dittrich, gathered in the MFA conservation lab to seal all of the appointed artifacts in their new stainless steel encasement. For the coins and plaques, Pam had crafted envelopes of corrosion intercept (protective sheeting comprised of copper particles permanently bonded onto a polymer compound), and we inserted each artifact into its own separate enclosure. Likewise, Annette had packaged the paper items in enclosures to ensure their preservation. Once all of the items were carefully placed into the new box, the lid was placed on top and screwed down to provide the necessary seal. That done, the oxygen within the box was purged and replaced with humidified argon gas, and it was ready to go.

It was now showtime. In stark contrast to the day the original capsule was removed, the weather on the 17th was bright and beautiful. Having first assembled once again at the MFA, Pam and I, along with James Stocker of the Archives Facility and Tom Blazej, Graphics Director of the Secretary's Office, made our way, Time Capsule items in tow and under State Police escort, to the state house.

Our first task at hand was to situate Gavett's 1855 brass box into the cornerstone cavity now enlarged to accommodate both it and the new stainless steel box. For preservation reasons, it had been determined that the 1855

progressed also, and a date of Wednesday, June 17, 2015 was set. As preparations for our event took shape, it became clear that the present day ceremony would more closely mimic the approach taken by Adams and Revere. It certainly promised to be quite a show.

As the 17th of June drew near, all of the planning, preparation, and final details came together. On Monday, June 15th, conservation work now completed, the artifacts from 1795 and 1855 were viewed for a final time at the MFA; first by Grand Master M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh, together with delegation from the Grand Lodge, and later that day by Senate President Stanley Rosenberg and a contingent from the Massachusetts Senate.

The new plaque is ready for its new box.

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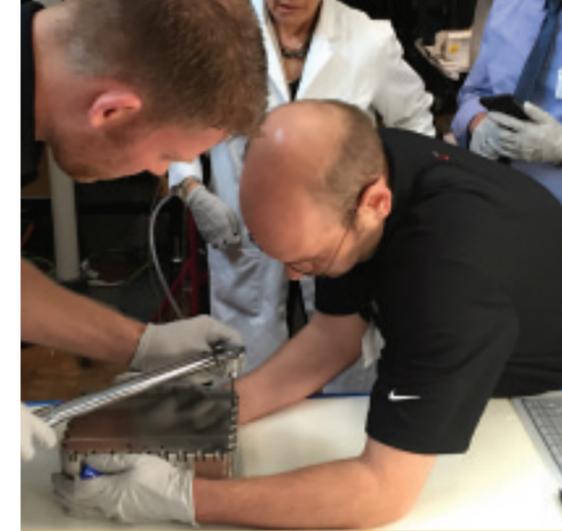
box would remain separate from the new box, and to that end it had been encapsulated in a protective envelope of Reactive Intercept Barrier System (RIBS) foil (a moisture and oxygen barrier film) and placed into the cornerstone before the start of the formal activities.

Much like its predecessor in 1795, our ceremony would play out in grand style. As the primary architect and director of all that was to follow, Assistant Secretary of the Commonwealth Michael Maresco, himself an experienced hand in the planning and staging of large events, had everything ready to be set in motion.

At approximately 9:45am the celebration commenced with a procession of more than 1200 Freemasons led by six mounted National Lancers, along with a Brewers Wagon drawn by four Clydesdales bearing a mock 1795 cornerstone. Together this impressive parade worked its way up Park Street to the state house, where Grand Master M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh, along with a contingent of Masonic officials, then joined Secretary William Galvin, Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, and other dignitaries assembled by the cornerstone.

Secretary Galvin presided over the day's festivities, which included music by the Spirit of America Fife and Drum Band and the Northeast Italian Band, patriotic songs performed by the 215th Army Band Vocal Quartet, the presentation of colors by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Army National Guard, and USS *Constitution* Honor Guards, and a 19-gun artillery salute. Before hundreds of students (all wearing colorful commemorative T-shirts bearing the words "Time to Go Back"), onlookers, and press, Governor Baker, Secretary Galvin, and Grand Master M. Wor. Bro. Waugh delivered remarks that evoked the history and significance of the proceedings.

All of which led to our primary purpose, the re-deposit of the Time Capsule. Just as Samuel Adams and Grand Master M. Wor. Paul Revere had long ago presided over deposit of the original artifacts according to the rites of Masonry, Grand Master M. Wor. Bro. Waugh now directed the Time Capsule's return in a traditional Masonic cornerstone ceremony. With assistance from the Grand Master, and under the watchful eyes of Governor Baker, Secretary Galvin, and Lt. Governor Polito, Pam and I lifted the new stainless steel box, it too now wrapped in a layer of RIBS,



Above: The final torque is applied to the 32 bolts. Below: The new box inside the cornerstone.

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and carefully put it into its designated resting place. Once properly adjusted, a layer of silicon was applied by Jim Guiry of Walsh Brothers Construction to seal the edges of the cavity, and a metal plate was placed on top and screwed down to secure it. Our primary objective achieved and the formal ceremony concluded, all that now remained were the many pictures to be taken by all of those who had played such significant roles in making all of this happen.

Early in the morning of June 18th, a group of workman from Walsh Brothers gathered to reset the four granite blocks they had removed from the corner of the state house back in December. Without fanfare, crowds, or press, they placed the stone bearing the Time Capsule back into position, and with that the story that began on that cold December day ended. Or at least this chapter of the story ended...

I have been asked repeatedly if I think the Time Capsule will one day be removed again. My guess is probably, though I suspect long after we have all made our own mark on history. In his remarks at the re-deposit ceremony, Secretary Galvin said if the box is re-opened at some future point, "the history we made today will be fondly remembered."

I'd like to think so.

"The Masonic Ceremony to return the cornerstone and Time Capsule to the Massachusetts State House was both historic and memorable. The ceremony publicly celebrated all the ideals that we learn and experience when being made Masons within the sacred walls of our own Lodge Temples. It was an honor to showcase these values of our Fraternity and be a part of history that day."



**Wor. Philip Privitera
Mystic Valley Lodge Master
2013-15**



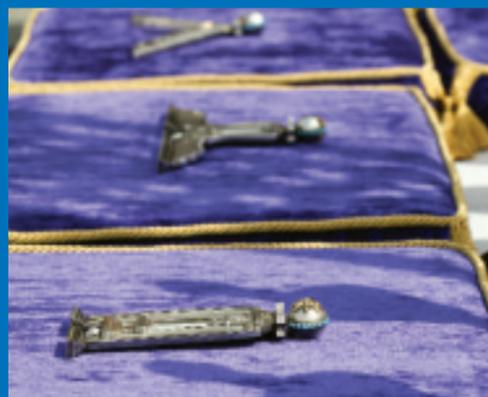
June 17, 2015 Resetting the Cornerstone



Above left: The procession to the state house was led by white horses and a carriage drawn by Clydesdale horses. A winding river of Masons of Massachusetts went through Boston Common and onto the blocked off road.
Top: The cornerstone is in place for the ceremony in front of the state house. *Above: Rt. Wor. Roger W. Waugh, Sr., Grand Marshal, lights the red, white, and blue candles.*

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Below, left to right: Our working tools the plumb, level, and square. These tools proved the cornerstone to be true and prepared the stone for consecration. That consecration is performed with the anointing of the stone with corn, wine, and oil.



Top: M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh, Grand Master, uses a maul to check the soundness of the stone for the task that is set for it. The stone, proving sound, is ready to be consecrated.
Above: Secretary of State, William F. Galvin, Governor, Charlie Baker, Grand Master, M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh, peer into the cavity in the cornerstone where the time capsule will rest; Governor Charlie Baker, Executive Director J. Michael Comeau, Massachusetts Archives & Commonwealth Museum, the Robert P. and Carol T. Henderson Head of Objects Conservation, Pamela Hatchfield, of the Museum of Fine Arts, and Grand Master M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh oversee the final placement of the time capsule.
Left: The time capsule ready to be placed in the cornerstone.

It was cold. Very cold. It was the middle of the snowiest winter in Boston history. She was outside on her back. Above her, held by a rigging done by Casey Williams, an accomplished sailor who works as an Engineer at Simpson, Gumphertz and Heger, was the cornerstone of the Massachusetts State House. On either side of her was dunnage, stacks of timber. If the rigging failed, the wood may save her from being crushed. In her hands were a small hammer and chisel, similar to the tools used when the cornerstone was first hewn in the late 1700s. She wore eye protection; plaster fell on her face, as she gingerly chiseled out “the box.”

MFA Conserves and Displays Cornerstone

by Wor. Lee H. Fenn

Pamela Hatchfield, the Robert P. and Carol T. Henderson Head of Objects Conservation at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, tapped gently on plaster from 1855. There can be no damage to the box. As the plaster fell on her, she noticed an edge in the plaster, a small medal edge, an edge of a coin. The work has just gotten slower: if there were coins in the plaster, then the box is not the only thing to be preserved. She worked for around eight hours.

Pamela Hatchfield usually works on the beautiful objects you see in the MFA in controlled environments. She takes each item, each a gift from the past, preserves it for our present edification and provides it a future. This is slow work. Her usual work is brought to her from all over the world. In this case, she went to the site and did the excavation. And it was worth it.

It started with a convergence of water damage and good record keeping. There was some water seepage in one corner of the state house and the engineering firm of Simpson, Gumpertz, & Heger were called in.

This corner, however, had been marked in the records of the state house. Historic buildings like the Massachusetts State House have conservators. There were some records of there being a placement of artifacts buried in this area. The engineering firm had to find out where it was.

By using ground penetrating radar they found “something metal” in one of the stones at the corner of the state house. They called the MFA for advice: who could be entrusted with the handling the artifacts, and what would be the cost? After careful consideration about

the difficulty of the extraction and the labor involved with the procedure, the MFA provided an estimate. They would gladly participate in the project, and the work would be free. Pamela Hatchfield described the opportunity for the MFA “to work with the Commonwealth and be part of the history of Massachusetts” as too wonderful to pass up.

When she looked up into the broken plaster and saw an edge of the box, then things moved more quickly. In 1855, the cornerstone had been inverted, so the cavity faced down. The box had been placed there so the top of the box faced the top of the golden dome. Then the rest of the cavity was filled with plaster, with coins strewn about. This inversion protected the box from the water seepage. But, retrieving the box with that which was on top remaining on top, put Pamela on her back in the cold.

When she came out, with the box in hand, a man who worked on the rigging provided her favorite moment of the day when he said, “I tell ya what, you’ve earned my respect.”

Time capsule box open, screws and plaster removed: 5 screws in the time capsule box were removed, the sixth was soldered in place.

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For Safe Keeping

The temptation was to open it. Thankfully, Pamela and the MFA recommended transporting the box, made in 1855, and coins to the MFA and placed in a controlled environment so that the contents would be damaged as little as possible.

In 1795, there was no box. The items placed by M. Wor. Bro. Revere were held in place by two pieces of lead wrapped by leather. During the four days M. Wor. Winslow Lewis Jr. had the artifacts in 1855, they had a box made, which they thought to be bronze, accumulated the coins of the day, some newspapers, and a title page of a book. The box was full. Neither Grand Masters had really created a time capsule: a time capsule has a date on which it should be opened. They had interred within the structure of the state house artifacts noting the moment of interment. These items were meant to stay and never be removed.

At the MFA, Pamela found the box to be screwed and soldered. She worked for four hours to loosen the screws and dig out the solder. One of the screws was soldered in place and had to be cut. All the while, she did not open the box: that event was for the public.

In Front of the World

In front of the cameras, in front of the Governor, in front of the world, Pamela Hatchfield and Michael Comeau, Executive Director of the Massachusetts State Archives, sat behind a makeshift conservator’s work table and gingerly opened the box. The first surprise was the name of the box maker on the underside of the lid: Andrew T. Gavett, Brass Founder, No. 12 Hawkins St., Boston Mass 1855. His workshop was likely around the corner from the Union Oyster House in downtown Boston.

The box was well made, the plaster held well, and the inverted cornerstone kept out a great deal of damage that could have occurred. The contents, the coins, the newspapers, the silver plaque, and the few business cards were in very good shape.

In 1855, the coins were dipped in acid for cleaning and then coated with beeswax for preservation. Sadly, the beeswax was also acidic so there was some damage. The newspapers were reasonably intact and, of course, the silver plaque, most likely inscribed by M. Wor. Bro. Revere, was in very good shape. The business cards were damaged by



Bro. George Washington looks on as William Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission introduces J. Michael Comeau, Executive Director, Massachusetts Archives & Commonwealth Museum and Pamela Hatchfield of the MFA.

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the development of salts caused by a reaction with fumes from the lead solder.

During this process, Pamela looked into her family history to find her grandfather was a Mason. She had a small card holder with Masonic symbols and photographed it near the box.

Once in a Lifetime

Nonie Gadsden, the Katharine Lane Weems Senior Curator of American Decorative Arts and Sculpture at the MFA had a time crunch: the box was being returned to the state house on June 17th, Pamela Hatchfield would need time to

The first surprise: the maker of the box put his name and place of business inside the top.

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prepare the materials for re-interment, and she had to make these materials public, if only for a short time.

Fortunately, the Kristin and Roger Servison Gallery for Art of the New Nation at the MFA was perfect: Bro. George Washington stood majestic overlooking the exhibition.

“The coins from 1795 were very carefully chosen,” said Nonie, “They represent important milestones in the country’s history.”

The Pine Tree shilling for example, dated 1652, was the birth of American money and a rebellious act. At the time, only the monarch of England could issue money for the country and that included the colonies. However, Oliver Cromwell had done away with the monarch, dissolved parliament and became Lord Protector. In 1652, therefore, there was no monarch. The little Pine Tree shilling was “legal” in that year, though its production extended well beyond then.

There are two state coins from 1785, Massachusetts and New Jersey. This was a curious time in our nation’s history: the constitution had been written, but not yet ratified. The colonies were not yet bound together by a federal government and created their own currency. The Massachusetts coin was an obvious connection. But why the New Jersey coin?

With the help of Patrick McMahon, the MFA’s Director of Exhibitions and John Kraljevich, a scholar of American coins, Nonie hazarded a best guess, “The New Jersey coin is the first currency bearing the phrase ‘E Pluribus Unum’



The Pine Tree shilling: a first act of gentle rebellion.
Below: The back of the Pine Tree shilling with the questionable, but legal, date of 1652.

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and that may be the reason it was included.”

The other oddity was the medal of Bro. Washington. Not only was it not a coin, but it had been scratched on the edge. The history of this practice is unknown: however, the etchings were initials: I. Hull. It is not known which I. Hull this may be, however, a likely person would be Isaac Hull, who served with Bro. Washington.

After all of the research that time would allow, after all the items have gone through various processes of conservation, after a preliminary opening for Grand Lodge and other dignitaries, the items from our founding fathers and 1855 were displayed to the public. Nonie said, “The response was fascinating.”

The gallery, and the display, was relatively small—everything had been packed into a small brass box. However, the lines were very long. At times there was an hour and a half wait. Additional printed cards outlining the information were handed to people waiting so they could read before seeing the items.

“It was wonderful to be able to show these historic artifacts at the MFA,” said Nonie, “Here, the public was able to view the box and its contents within a larger context, surrounded by art of the same period.”

For the Future

The old box is still there, still in the cornerstone. Just above it, at the cornerstone ceremony performed on June 17, 2015, Bunker Hill Day, by Grand Lodge is a new box containing the artifacts.



Front and back of the George Washington Medal.

Below: The initials “I Hull” carved into the edge of the Washington medal.

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The phrase “E Pluribus Unam” on the New Jersey coin.

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At the MFA, Pat readies some of the artifacts for their new box.

Photograph © Startsomething



The artifacts are prepared to the science of our day: each item is enveloped in a corrosion intercepting material and separated by a pure cellulose sheet. No oxygen is in the box: only slightly humidified argon, an inert gas.

The new box itself is made of corrosion resistant stainless steel. The 1855 box was held together by eight screws, the new one is held together by 32. Instead of solder, this new box has a nickel gasket: when closed, the nickel is crushed and forms an air tight seal. The gasket is a one use item: when the box is found again, it will have to be replaced. Mechanical engineer Josh Dittrich, founder and

CEO of Startsomething, LLC in Somerville, worked with Pamela Hatchfield and Michael Comeau to create the new, high-tech stainless steel box.

“It was an incredible moment in my life,” said Pamela Hatchfield, “I regularly handle the precious artifacts of the world, but to hold these items in my hands, to care for them so that the story they tell us today can be told to the future, to conserve part of the beginning of our country, keeps our history alive. We got to reach across the centuries through our interaction with these objects. I think everyone who saw them felt that connection.”



Wor. Brandon Rosebrugh, Past Master Macedonian Lodge

“My son, Curtis, age 10, and daughter, Brianna, age 8, enjoyed the ceremony immensely. They were amazed at how many Masons they saw in the procession. They were especially shocked to learn that one of the first people to place the time capsule in the cornerstone was someone they learned about in school . . . Paul Revere.”

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Proceedings. For a few weeks in April, these artifacts were placed on public display by the Museum for the public to examine.

In cooperation with Grand Lodge, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Governor, Hon. William Galvin and Hon. Charles Baker, developed a plan for a ceremony to re-enter the cornerstone with Masonic honors. The Grand Lodge registered in excess of 1,300 Brother Masons to march in a parade from the Grand Lodge building at the corner of Boylston and Tremont Streets to the state house on Beacon Hill, where the cornerstone box—bearing all of its previous contents, as well as some contemporary contributions—was solemnly dedicated with Corn, Wine and Oil, representing Nourishment, Refreshment, and Joy, in the presence of thousands of spectators and television cameras.

As Grand Master Waugh said in his remarks, “a significant part of the history of Massachusetts rests upon the history of Massachusetts Masonry.” The ceremony was impressive, the turnout splendid, the weather perfect; surely Massachusetts Freemasonry has demonstrated its vitality and its active interest in the affairs of society, and the positive contributions it can make to it—“a society of friends and brothers . . . who can best work and best agree.”

**Items Being Deposited
in State House Time Capsule
June 17, 2015**

July 4, 1795 foundation deposit between two sheets of lead, placed by Governor Samuel Adams, Grand Master Paul Revere, and Deputy Grand Master William Scollay:

Pine Tree Shilling (silver, circa 1667–1682); George II (Copper, ca. 1729–39); Massachusetts Cent (copper, 1787); Massachusetts Cent (copper, 1788); Massachusetts Half Cent (copper, 1788); Massachusetts Half Cent (copper, 1788); New Jersey Cent (copper, 1787); U.S. Cent (copper, 1793); U.S. Cent (copper, 1794); U.S. Half (silver, 1795); U.S. Dime (silver, 1795); George Washington Medal (copper, ca. 1795); Engraved Plaque (silver, 1795).

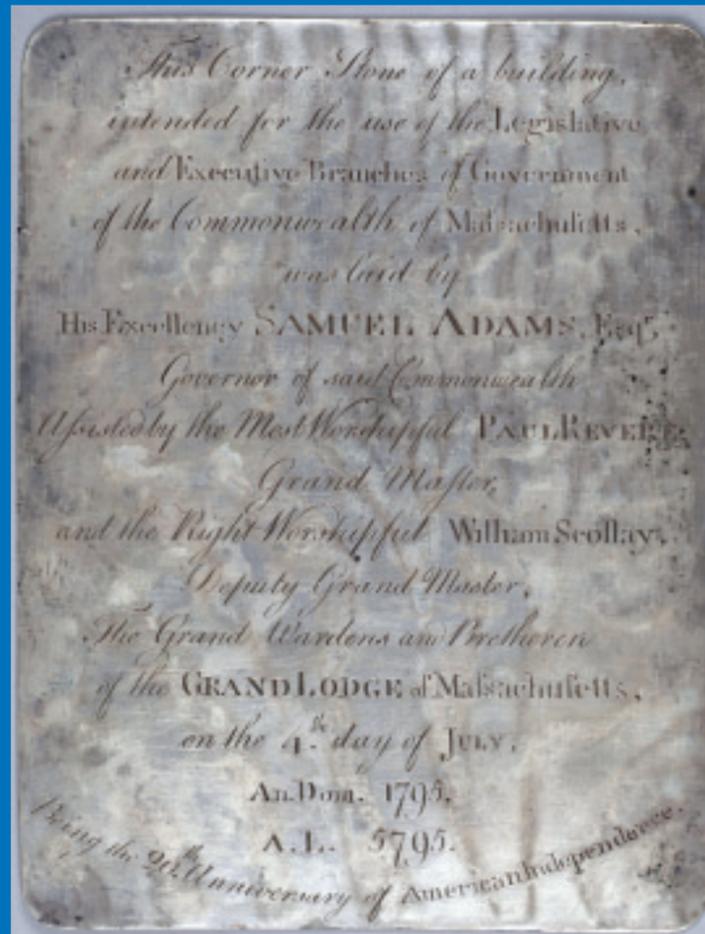
August 11, 1855 lidded brass box, crafted by Boston brass founder Andrew J. Gavett, and deposited by Governor Henry J. Gardner and Grand Master Winslow Lewis:

U.S. Half Dollar (silver, 1855); U.S. Quarter Dollar (silver, 1855); U.S. Dime (silver, 1855); U.S. Half Dime (silver, 1855); U.S. Three-Cent Piece or "Trime" (silver, 1855); U.S. Cent (copper, 1852); U.S. Cent (copper, 1853); U.S. Cent (copper, 1854); U.S. Cent (copper, 1855); U.S. Half Cent (copper, 1851); U.S. Half Cent (copper, 1853); U.S. Half Cent (copper, 1854); New inscription added to the reverse side of the silver plaque; Boston Daily Advertiser (August 11, 1855); Boston Daily Bee (August 11, 1855); Boston Post (August 11, 1855); Boston Evening Traveller (August 10, 1855); Boston Daily Courier (August 11, 1855); Paper impression of the Commonwealth Seal (1855); Title Page of "The Records of the Governor and Company of Mass. Bay in New England" (1853); Business Card of J.F. Gridley, Architect; Business Card of Joseph R. Richard, Architect.

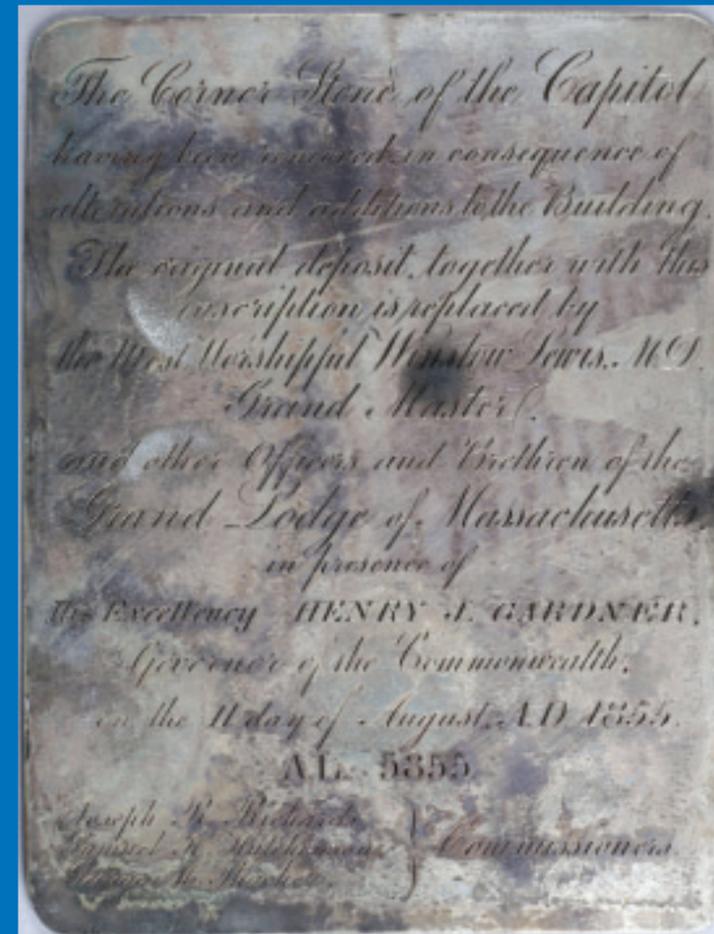
June 17, 2015 deposited by Governor Charles D. Baker, Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin, and Grand Master Harvey J. Waugh:

2015 Mint Set of U.S. Coins: Penny, Nickel, Dime, 5 Quarters (Homestead National Monument of America, Nebraska; Kisatchie National Forrest, Louisiana; Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina; Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, Delaware; Saratoga National Historic Park, New York), Half Dollar, 5 Dollars (Sacagawea and her Infant Son; Harry S. Truman; Dwight D. Eisenhower; John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson); 2000 Massachusetts Quarter; A new silver plaque crafted by silversmith Steve Smithers of Ashfield engraved by master hand engraver Paul Piquette of Murduffs Goldsmiths and Engravers in Florence.

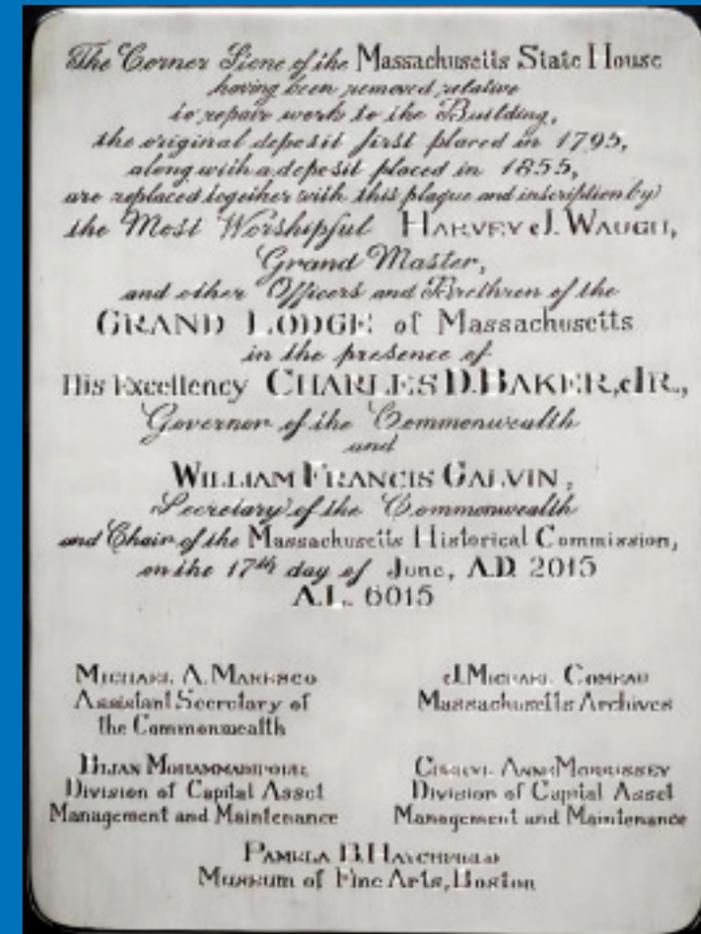
THE THREE ENGRAVINGS



1795



1855



2015

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Company of Boston, the oldest military organization in the country.

The Grand Master mentioned the progress by Bro. Sen. Bruce Tarr and Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio regarding the square and compasses license plate. If by year's end, 3,000 brothers secure a Masonic plate by submitting the application to Grand Lodge, then the plate will be a reality. The \$40.00 application fee has been waived. One only needs to submit the application. Upon pick up of their plate, \$20 will be required to transfer the registration to the new plate. Upon renewal (every two years) brethren would pay

\$100.00 as opposed to a standard renewal of \$60.00. The difference (\$40.00 which is tax deductible charitable contribution) will be returned to the Grand Lodge for the Brotherhood Fund and other Grand Lodge Charities.

With the suspension of someone who may not have been able to become a Mason, the Grand Master reminded the brethren of "guarding the West Gate" through background checks and thorough investigation of his character, home life, and reputation.

Lastly, the Grand Master looked forward with joy and excitement to the time capsule ceremony coming next week. Over 1,000 Masons, over 200 ladies and family members, and the officers of Grand Lodge were expected

by the Grand Master. After a standing ovation, the Grand Master closed Grand Lodge in ample form.

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Washington was present. And Bro. and President Theodore Roosevelt was at the laying of the cornerstone of the Pilgrim Monument in Provincetown in 1907.

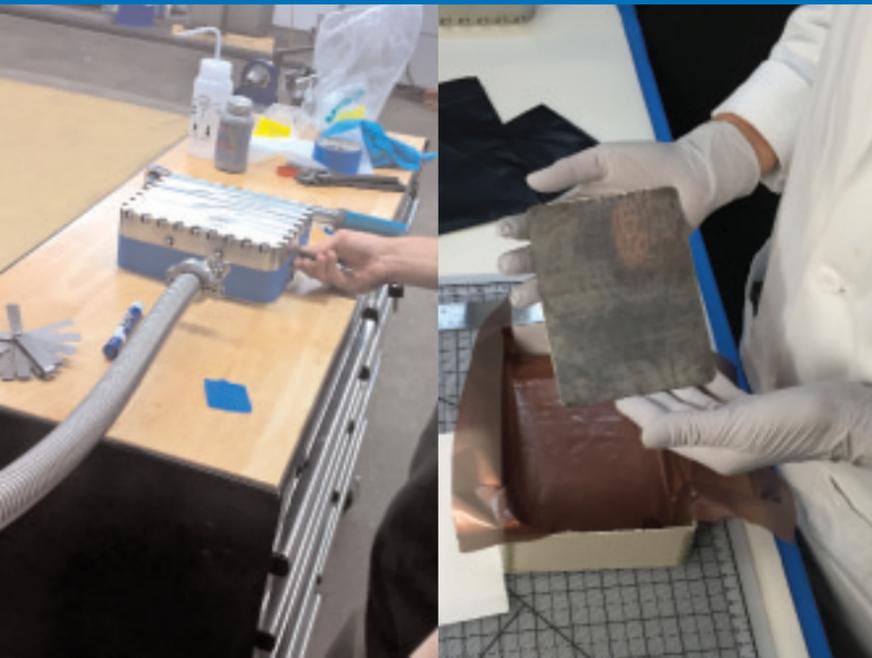
However, these Masonic ceremonies are not just limited to the United States, on January 12th 1865 the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Munster, performed a very similar ceremony at the dedication of St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, the seat of the Church of Ireland in Cork. From

the records of the proceedings of that day we learned that he applied a ceremonial square and level to the cornerstone, and made his report to the bishop.

As we all stood on the grounds of the Massachusetts State House this past June, we can take pride of partaking of a ceremony that stretches from the Temple of Solomon and the lands of Egypt and Mesopotamia. Our ritual spans over millenniums to the beginning of the 21st century. It ties us modern Freemasons to the builders of the temples of antiquity and to the great cathedrals of the Medieval Age. Our cornerstone ritual unites us in a single bond that with our ancient Brethren: it shows great scope of the work that we are engaged in.



MAKING A PERMANENT NEW BOX

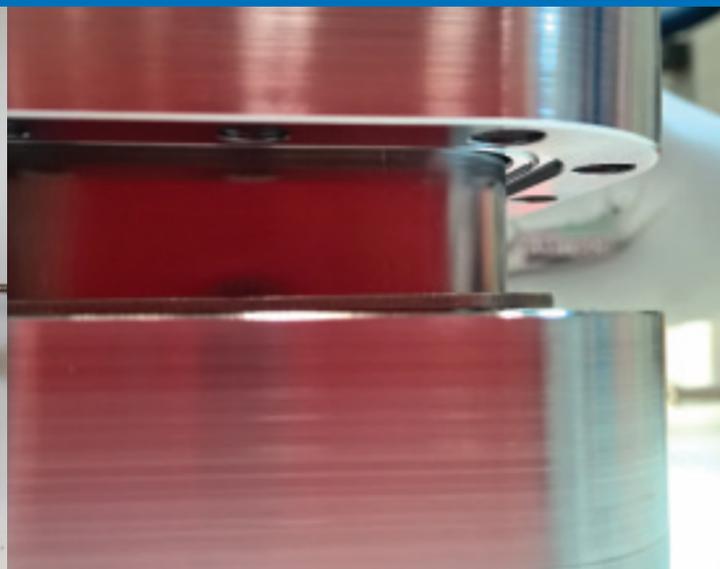
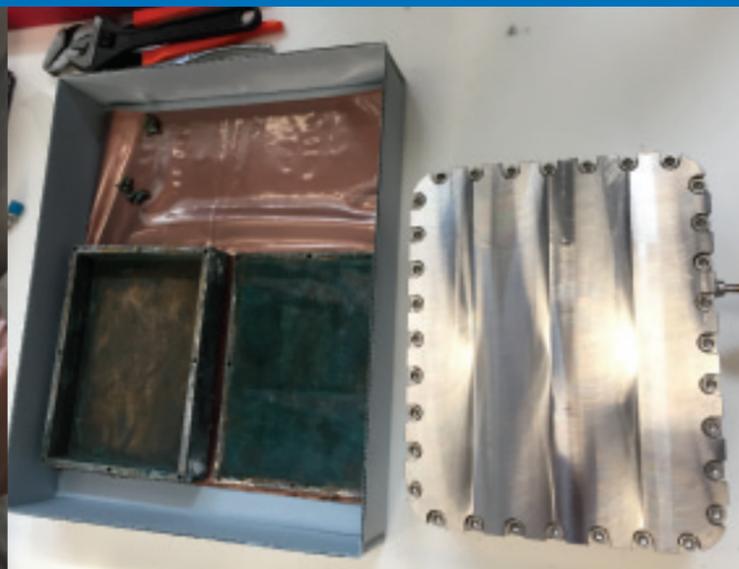
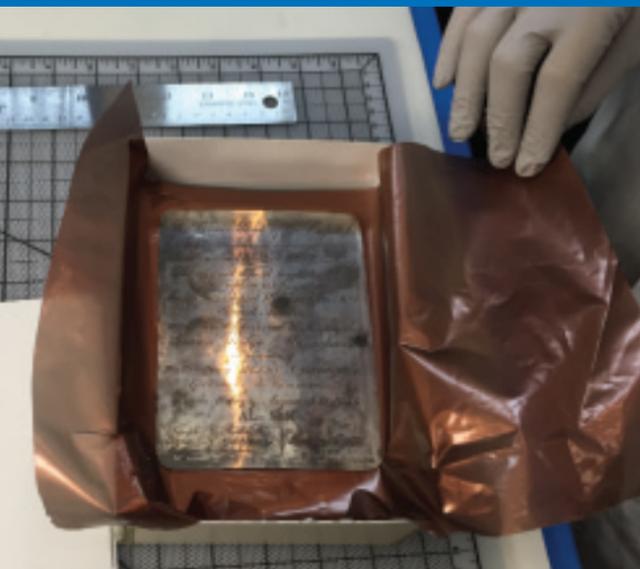
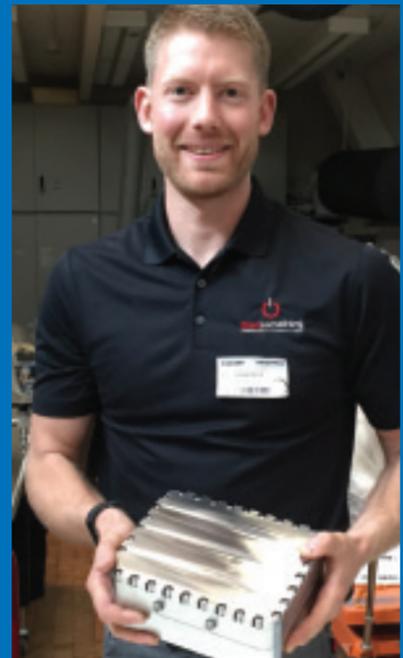


Top, L to R: Capsule lower flange during CNC machining, roughing process completed. This is where the bulk of the material was removed from the starting blank. In total, over 20lbs of material was removed per each section of the case. The case is constructed of 17-4PH Stainless Steel. All machining operations were conducted locally in Somerville, and raw materials were of USA origin. The newly machined top and bottom of the new box before being drilled 32 times for bolts. Capsule lower part during machining process; the green liquid trapped in the part is coolant used to keep cutting tools cool, as well as evacuate swarf, fine chips or filings, from the cutting area. Capsule lower section loaded with historical artifacts, upper section and gasket prepared for final sealing procedure.

Far left: Testing the seal of the nickel gasket. Pamela Hatchfield holds up the 1795 plaque before placing it in the new box.

Bottom, L to R: The 1855 engraving. A side by side comparison of the 1855 capsule vs the 2015 capsule: the new box, fashioned of highly corrosion resistant stainless steel and sealed with a nickel crush gasket forms a hermetic seal that will provide a stable degradation free environment for future generations to discover. Lining up the top and the bottom of the new box, filled with the old and new contents. Seating of upper section atop the loaded lower section and nickel gasket; the 32 bolts were then installed and tightened using a very stringent torquing procedure, eventually clamping the two sections together with over 25 tons of force; (left to right) Keith Durand, Michael Comeau (Executive Director, Massachusetts State Archives), Josh Dittrich (Founder and CEO of Startsomething LLC), Pamela Hatchfield, (Head of Objects Conservation at Museum of Fine Arts).

Left: The untarnished new 2015 plaque. Right: Startsomething founder and CEO Josh Dittrich holding the sealed capsule. After seating and clamping the sections together, the case was purged for an extended period of time using humidified argon. A custom built rig was developed for this purpose, and connected to the capsule by way of the two fittings shown.



Introducing Fieldstone at The Overlook

A new Memory Care Neighborhood from The Overlook

The number of people age 65 and older with Alzheimer's in Massachusetts is expected to increase 25% in the next decade, from 120,000 to 150,000, according to the Alzheimer's Association. To serve the growing number of people with dementia, The Overlook in Charlton, operated by the Masonic Health System of Massachusetts, is introducing a new memory care neighborhood called Fieldstone at The Overlook.

"The need for memory care services grows every day and we are so excited about this new resource to serve Charlton area residents and our Masonic brothers and their families," said Tameryn Campbell, President & CEO of Masonic Health System, Inc., Charlton, Massachusetts. "Fieldstone not only provides care and support to those with dementia and Alzheimer's disease, but peace of mind for their families and loved ones as well."

Located on The Overlook's campus at 88 Masonic Home Road, Fieldstone opened in June and offers assisted living memory care in 14 private suites specifically for individuals with memory-related impairments. The focus and intimate setting will ensure the safety, comfort and well-being of residents. Individual support plans focused on maximizing each person's independence will be coupled with enrichment programs that engage residents in activities meaningful to them.

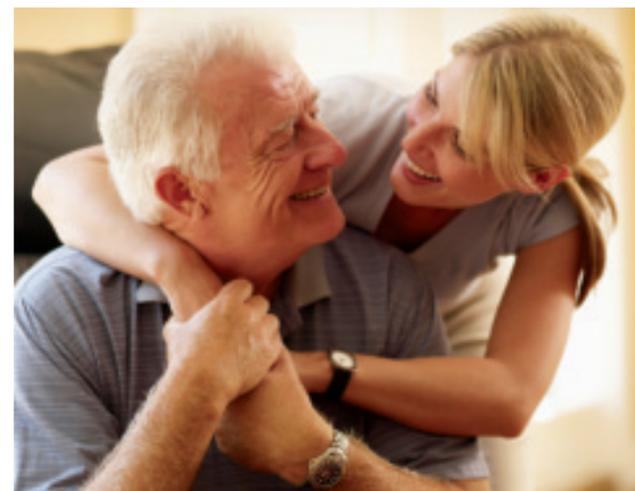
"We never forget that each person brings us a lifetime of memories, experiences and preferences, and we have designed our care and services to reflect those unique qualities," says Rob Whitten, Administrator of the Health Center at The Overlook. "Fieldstone features an exceptional care environment, activities and services for the enjoyment and support of residents and peace of mind for their families. The neighborhood also helps meet the growing need for memory care as those numbers continue to grow."

Seven-days-a-week programming at Fieldstone provides social, recreational, therapeutic and spiritual engagement to meet residents' interests and needs, including a non-

denominational chapel. There is also an enclosed courtyard to provide a safe outdoor environment to bring a sense of independence.

Prior to arrival, each resident is given a pre-move-in assessment by a registered nurse to determine the appropriate level of care and activities programs. Each resident receives a personalized care plan. A range of choices for each meal and assistance as needed, to ensure proper nutrition is also provided. Wide hallways, laundry room, daily housekeeping and a state-of-the-art security system are among the features and services at Fieldstone.

"We are significantly expanding The Overlook's care and service with the opening of Fieldstone," Whitten says.



NEWS FROM OVERLOOK



"It is an integral part of The Overlook's commitment to provide a continuum of care to best serve the needs and wants of residents and their families."

The Overlook is a non-profit organization offering independent living, enhanced and assisted living, memory care, post-acute rehabilitation, nursing care and hospice. The Overlook is operated by the Masonic Health System of Massachusetts. Visit the website at: www.overlook-mass.org for more information. ■

Lights, Cameras, Action!

Residents and staff of The Overlook got a taste of show business in June, appearing on live television to talk about the community's contributions to the town and region. It happened when Fox 25 came to Charlton for one of its Zip Trips, which are periodic broadcasts from areas of Massachusetts and New Hampshire spotlighting the people, businesses and organizations that make them special.

About two dozen participants from the Overlook traveled in the community bus to the live shot location on the green in Charlton's town center. When the time came for the Overlook's several-minute appearance, they held up a banner with a panoramic portrait of the community. It served as the backdrop for Dick Ziegler, president of the

resident council, and Maureen O'Toole, executive director, during their interviews on behalf of the Overlook

Ziegler spoke about the dedication of Overlook residents to the greater community, such as their fundraising and collection of goods for Charlton's Chip-In Food Pantry and support of the Angel Fund to assist schoolchildren in need.

When the interviewer commented that he looked relaxed, Ziegler agreed that he was. He credited it to the peace of mind he receives from the Overlook's maintenance-free lifestyle, range of services and amenities, from the putting green and tennis court to the gardens.

O'Toole told viewers that the Overlook is one of the largest and longest-serving employers in Charlton and that Masonic Health System's commitment to the public has included donating land for the police station. She also explained the community offers the continuum of care, including independent living, enhanced and assisted living, long-term care, short-term rehabilitation, hospice, and now assisted living memory care for those with memory related impairments with the opening of Fieldstone at The Overlook.

The broadcast was shown live in the Overlook's performing arts center so residents and staff back at the community could watch the action. Coffee and donuts were on offer there, in honor of National Donut Day.

"This segment was a wonderful opportunity for people throughout the region to learn what the Overlook is all about and to see how connected we are to the town and people of Charlton," O'Toole said after the broadcast. ■



Veteran's Medal Recipients in 2015

1965 2015

Alpha Lodge

Wor. William Gene Otenti
Bro. Peter Derek Ten Broeck

Amicable Lodge

Bro. John Elymore Grant
Wor. Frank Anthony Tavanese

Amity-Mosaic Lodge

Bro. John Alden Goodwin
Bro. Bernard Greenbaum
Bro. Robert Dalton Hall
Bro. Nicholas Evans Hurlin
Bro. George Papamechail
Bro. George Wallace Robinson
Bro. Richard Carl Wallace

Artisan Lodge

Rt. Wor. Ottmar Rau
Bro. Kendall Davis Rice, Sr.

Aurora Lodge

Wor. Stanley Burton
MacPhadden

Baalis Sanford Lodge

Bro. Wayne Douglas Arms
Bro. Terry Lee Edwards
Bro. Arthur Liatsos

Bethany Lodge

Bro. Bernard Leroy Guilford, Jr.



Rt. Wor. Fred A. Dobson, Jr., presenting a 50 yr. veteran medal to Bro. Bernard Leroy Guilford, Jr. in his home.

Bethesda (W) Lodge

Bro. Charles John Karalekas
Bro. Jirayer Tekeian

Boylston Lodge

Bro. Dennis Vasil Christo
Bro. Jeffrey Bradford Drown
Bro. Stanley Ransome Holden
Wor. Donald Frank MacKenzie

Brigham Lodge

Bro. Harry Robert Bennett
Bro. Charles Arthur Christensen
Wor. Paul Everett Contois
Bro. William Robert Cooke, Jr.

The following Master Masons will be eligible to receive their Veteran's Medal this year. This medal is awarded to men who have been Masons for 50 years. Anyone raised at any time during 1965 will be recognized in 2015.

Whenever possible, the award is conferred in lodge by district deputy grand masters. Sometimes it is more convenient for the Mason to receive his medal at home; men living out of state receive it by mail. This listing includes a number of photographs depicting presentations made so far in 2015 and generously sent on to TROWEL Magazine. Thank you to all the masters, district deputies, and their photographers for taking the time to share these pictures.

The high point of membership numbers was reached in Massachusetts in the years 1961 and 1962, when the fraternity had over 133,000 members throughout the state. In 1965, if you are a new Mason and your first name is Robert, John, William or James then you would be in good company. About 25% of the of your new Brother Masons raised in 1965 had your same first name.

Masons are listed in their current lodge, which may or may not be the lodge where they were raised in 1965. If you have any concern about being included in the listing, or any question about your membership status, please contact your lodge secretary, who will consult your membership records for you.

NB: Bro. Edward Greenspan of Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge and Bro. Harrison Kenyon Cook of Siloam Lodge, were erroneously left off of last year's list.

Bro. Francis George Curry
Wor. Wallace Webber Henderson, Jr.
Bro. James Walter Kocot, Jr.
Bro. Robert Henry Phoenix, Jr.
Bro. Frank Delbert Watson
Bro. Robert Wiley Winter

Bristol Lodge

Bro. Robert Russell Bears
Wor. Mowry Edward Tennant

Budleigh Lodge

Wor. Carleton Eugene Porter

Caleb Butler Lodge

Bro. Walter Naparstek
Bro. Ernest Nathan Parker

Celestial Lodge

Wor. Charles MacCall Myers
Bro. Robert Leonard Shrager

Charity Lodge

Bro. John Winthrop Alden, Jr.
Bro. John Paul Ward

Charles A Welch Lodge

Bro. Lester Leon Fanning
Bro. Harry Wilson Manuel, Jr.



Rt. Wor. Fred A. Dobson, Jr., at Charles C. Dame Lodge, presents Bro. James Randall MacDonald with his 50 year medal, his wife Jean, and the Master of Charles C. Dame, Rt. Wor. W Thomas M. O'Shaughnessy (PDDGM).

Charles C Dame Lodge

Bro. James Randall MacDonald
Bro. Albert Raymond Reed, Jr.

Charles River Lodge

Wor. James Robert Matthews
Bro. Donald Falconer Wilson

Charles W Moore Lodge

Bro. Philip Norton Burgess
Bro. Franklin Leland Gooley, Jr.

Cincinnatus Lodge

Bro. Harold Joseph Beckwith

Cochichewick Lodge

Bro. Richard Patrick Bove
Bro. Robert Reed Deacon
Bro. Richard Louis Heider, Jr.

Columbian Lodge

Bro. Donald Warren Vose

Converse Lodge

Bro. Marvin Falthzik
Bro. Stephen Robert Karp
Rt. Wor. Andrew Christos Maninos
Bro. Allan Jairus Rubin
Bro. Chester Edward Sparks
Wor. James Harris Stewart

Crescent-Pittsfield Lodge

Wor. Alfred Joseph Campagna
Bro. James Samuel Ditello
Bro. Jason Allan Reeder

Daniel Webster Lodge

Wor. David Fredette Riley

Delta Lodge

Wor. Frederick Goodwin Christensen
Bro. Charles Henry Joy, Jr.
Rt. Wor. Robert Ainslie MacDougall
Bro. John Murphy, Jr.
Bro. Karl Harold Polson, Jr.
Bro. Guy Stephen Venuti
DeWitt Clinton Lodge
Bro. James Oscar Delaughter
Bro. Michael Anthony Washko

Eastern Star Lodge

Bro. Albert Everett Sheldon

Eden Lodge

Rt. Wor. Robert Granger Goodfield
Wor. Charles Leslie Lowell

Elm-Belcher Lodge

Bro. Robert Edgar Colson
Bro. David Allen McFadden

Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge

Wor. John Ernst Noe

Essex Lodge

Bro. Everett Hilding Holmgren, Jr.
Bro. Gerald Fay Schultz

Euclid Lodge

Bro. Leonard Melvin Burg
Bro. Ernest Neil Sochin

Evening Star Lodge

Wor. Harold Edward Soules
Bro. Donald Murray Stevenson

Excelsior Lodge

Bro. Neal Douglas McElwee
Wor. Alan Hale Woodrow

Fellowship Lodge

Bro. David Aaron Gill

Fidelity Lodge

Bro. Donald Frank Sibley
Bro. William Robert Whitney

Frank W Thompson Lodge

Wor. Raymond Ehrenbeck

Franklin Lodge

Bro. Richard Alan Brandt
Bro. Thomas Yaylaian

Harmony Lodge

Wor. Roy Allan LaClaire
Wor. Robert Henry Lord

Hayden Lodge

Wor. Kenneth Lawrence Gates

Hope Lodge

Bro. Cornelis Johannes Bakker

Howard Lodge

Bro. George Anastas
Bro. Earl Terrance Grue

Huntington-Federal Lodge

Bro. Earl Herbert Cooley
Bro. Kenneth Paul Smith



On April 2, Wor. Richard Howarth, Master of Franklin Lodge, honored 50 yr. vets Bros. Richard A. Brandt and Thomas Yaylaian with a presentation of medals by Rt. Wor. Gregory L. Stahl. Their wives were present for this evening marked by the presentation of the Grand Master's award and the passing of two Entered Apprentices to the Fellow Craft degree.

Fraternal Lodge

Bro. Jason Harris

Friendship Lodge

Bro. James Thayer Hastings
Bro. Lionel Reid Jackson

Garden City Lodge

Bro. Harvey Edward Morse
Bro. Raymond Kump Woo

Gatun Lodge

Bro. Candido Manuel Berrios-Perez
Bro. Glynn Preston Lambert
Bro. Allan Edward Rickard

Golden Fleece Lodge

Bro. Bertram Wayne Stone

Golden Rule Lodge

Bro. Norman Ernest Campbell
Bro. Ralph William Chalmers
Bro. Donald Steven Greene, Jr.
Bro. Lonja Nachmann
Bro. George Arthur Snow
Bro. Bruce Willard Whittemore

Good Samaritan Lodge

Bro. George Warren Cochrane III
Bro. Wallace Aubrey King
Wor. Robert Gowing Taber

Guiding Lights Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Werner Fleming
Bro. John Greenhalgh, Jr.
Bro. Albert George Hutchinson
Bro. David Harry Johnson
Bro. Donald Davis McPherson, Jr.
Wor. David Henry Moberg



Wor. Thomas DeFeudis, the Master of Level Lodge, with 50 vet Wor. Gerald Teran, holding his certificate and medal presented by Rt. Wor. Gregory L. Stahl.

Level Lodge

Bro. Edward Marshall Morin DMD
Wor. Joel Robbins
Bro. Barry Elliott Solomon
Wor. Gerald Teran

Macedonian Lodge

M. Wor. Arthur Eugene Johnson
Bro. James Russo

Major General Henry Knox Lodge

Bro. Paul Arthur Adams
Bro. Henry Richard Carey

Manchester Lodge

Bro. Wilfrid Edmond Goudreault
Bro. Bruce Alan MacDonald

Marine Lodge

Bro. Richard Calvert Harmon
Bro. Joseph Edward Seabury

Mariners Lodge

Bro. Max Benet Dalrymple

Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge

Rt. Wor. Walter Lawrence Gosciminski
Bro. David Bradley Higginbottom
Bro. James Leigh Higginbottom

Matthew John Whittall Lodge

Bro. Roger Carl Nelson
Bro. Henry James Sargent, Jr.
Bro. John Aspinall Watson

Meridian Lodge

Bro. Bertram Eugene Ketchen
Bro. Richard Frederick Lipman

Merrimack Lodge

Bro. Robert Theodore Hammond

Middlesex Lodge

Bro. Daniel Grant Webster

Montgomery Lodge

Bro. Robert Thompson Draper
Bro. Peter Saunders Ellis

Morning Star Lodge

Bro. Philip Fritz Johnson
Bro. Charles Robert Laforme
Bro. Robert Lewis Parlin
Bro. Thomas Ralph Thulin

Moses Michael Hays Lodge

Wor. Bertram Robert Alkon
Bro. Joel Barry Chase
Bro. Ronald Grossman
Bro. Samuel Hurvitz
Bro. David Jacob Kline
Bro. Robert George Leavitt
Bro. Barry Albert Park
Bro. George Michael Tichnor

Mount Carmel Lodge

Bro. Joseph Paul Allara
Bro. John David Allen, Jr.
Bro. Loren Spencer Caswell
Bro. Edward Michael Hymanson
Bro. Bobby Joe Long
Bro. Vincent Linden Merchant
Bro. Carl Leeland Smiledge

Mount Holyoke Lodge

Bro. Lionel Edward Forbert
Bro. Charles Eugene Wheeler
Wor. Kenneth Smith Wilson

Mount Horeb (W) Lodge

Bro. Harry Albert Carlson
Bro. Robert Daniel Davis
Bro. Kenneth Lawrence Fuller
Bro. David Elliott Nelson
Bro. Ralph Wilbert Wooldridge

Mount Lebanon Lodge

Bro. George Francis Conlin
Wor. David Judson Gray

Mount Moriah Lodge

Bro. William Charles Chandler
Bro. Jack Elwyn Karlstrom
Bro. Robert Jay Sawyer

The Macedonian Lodge head table where M. Wor. Arthur Eugene Johnson received his 50 year veteran medal, M. Wors. Harvey J. Waugh, Albert T. Ames, Donald G. Hicks Jr., and many Grand Lodge officers were in attendance.



Our New 50-Year Brothers 1965–2015 *continued*

Mount Orthodox Lodge

Bro. Jason Providakis

Mount Tabor Lodge

Bro. Ronald Daniel Goodman
Bro. Stephen Charles Krupp

Mount Tom Lodge

Bro. Charles Walter Bloom, Jr.
Wor. Maurice Jason Cotton
Bro. Karl Kenneth Kuenzel
Bro. Martin Lebowitz
Bro. Nicholas Daniel Lyndon
Bro. Warren William Merritt

Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge

Bro. Paul Carlton Frederick
Bro. Peter Wayne Herbert

Mount Zion Lodge

Wor. William Robert Bentley II

Mountain Lodge

Bro. John Everett Record

Mumford River Lodge

Bro. Enoch Malkasian

Mystic Lodge

Bro. Ralph Warren Lake

Mystic Valley Lodge

Bro. Dale Irvin Brendemuehl
Wor. Edwin Albert Burns, Jr.
Bro. Edward Charles Fonseca
Wor. Arthur Sidney Lord
Bro. Edward Charles Simonian
Bro. Richard Francis Twombly

Noquochoke Lodge

Bro. Ronald Kevin Waite

Norfolk Lodge

Bro. John Gordon Heald
Bro. Frederick Lincoln Sewall
Bro. Lawrence Lee Trecartin

Norfolk Union Lodge

Bro. Richard Russell Chapman
Bro. Gustaf Seth Dahlgren
Bro. Robert Alexander Finch
Wor. Robert Edward Lovett
Bro. Donald Allen Mara

North Quabbin Lodge

Bro. Louis Walter Anson

North Reading Lodge

Bro. Joseph Glenn Jesso
Bro. Nicholas Marinakis

Norumbega Fraternity Lodge

Wor. Alfred Munro Flaxington

Old Colony Lodge

Wor. Rodney Ellsworth Andrews
Bro. Edward Gardner Jones
Bro. Larry Leroy Malone

Olive Branch Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Wayne Hultgren
Bro. Richard Paul Johnson
Wor. Louis James Lucas
Wor. Robert Allen Sargent
Bro. Russell Fredrick Swenson

Orient Lodge

Bro. Richard Creagh Heydecker

Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge

Bro. Marshall Emmett Carroll, Jr.

Oxford Lodge

Bro. Milton Robert Ellis

Paul Revere Lodge

Wor. Robert Winslow Canfield
Bro. Clifford Stanley Davis, Jr.
Bro. David Nelson Erving
Wor. Jerome Herbert Fletcher
Wor. Carl Dean Johannesen

Pentucket Lodge

Bro. John Charles Anton
Bro. John James Manikas
Bro. George Simonian

Pequosette Lodge

Bro. Peter Bobby Klesaris
Bro. Robert Alexander Semonian

Perfection Lodge

Bro. Wayne Marvin Berman
Bro. Harvey Grove

Philanthropic Lodge

Bro. Donald Cecil Bryant
Bro. Guilford Ware Full
Bro. Everett Chapman Goodwin
Bro. Richard Walfred Larson
Bro. Ezekiel Russell Peach, Jr.
Bro. Calvin Roundy Powers
Bro. James Andrew Robinson, Jr.

Pilgrim Lodge

Wor. Gordon Everett Thayer
Bro. John Elbert Warren

Pioneer Lodge

Rt. Wor. William Sherman
Hathaway, Jr.

Prospect Lodge

Bro. Vahid Shafeek Jacob
Bro. Walther Alfred Lucas
Bro. Howard Arthur Thayer
Bro. Henry Pack Willimon, Jr.

Puritan Lodge

Bro. Garabed Tavitian

Pythagorean Lodge

Bro. Robert Maxwell Sherman
Bro. Clifton Leander Vaughan

Quaboag Lodge

Bro. Lester Richard Holden
Wor. Harold Jarvis Odiome, Jr.



50 year vet. Bro. Isham Peugh, of Simon W. Robinson Lodge, with his companion, Diane Boyle, at the medal presentation by Rt. Wor. Donald Stevens.

Rabboni Lodge

Bro. Edward Lewis Nasson

Republican Lodge

Bro. David Edward Lewis
Bro. Bernard Francis Prescott

Rising Star Lodge

Wor. George Robert Bezreh
Bro. Harold Leslie Parsons

Rose of Sharon Lodge

Bro. Bruce Alan Sandberg

Rufus Putnam Lodge

Bro. Edison Benjamin Campbell
Bro. Howard Henry Mann
Bro. Cecil Carlton McCauley
Bro. Clarence Francis Stewart

Rural Lodge

Bro. William Arthur Abbott
Bro. Rick Brave-lion
Bro. Vesa Martti Kuosmanen
Rt. Wor. Craig Stephen MacPherson

Saggahew Lodge

Bro. Robert James Bell

Saint Alban's Lodge

Wor. Harvey Lawrence Hansen
Bro. Robert David Ritz

Saint Andrew The Lodge of

Rt. Wor. James Hale Lowell II

Saint George Lodge

Rt. Wor. Demetrios John
Sarantopoulos

Saint James Lodge

Bro. Robert Elliot Gove
Bro. Clyde Allen Madan

Saint John's (B) Lodge

Bro. Harry Paine Folger III
Bro. Lloyd Wright Howard
Bro. Richard William Peters
Bro. Arthur Elmer Tibbetts

Saint John's (N) Lodge

Bro. John Edward Grundstrom
Bro. Harold Edmund Pingree

Saint Mark's Lodge

Wor. Paul Woodbury Stanwood
Bro. Wayne Spofford Tatro
Bro. Carl Michael Youngman

Saint Matthew's Lodge

Bro. Charles Wesley Barrett, Jr.
Wor. Robert Stanley Bean, Jr.
Bro. Raymond Walter Bruce
Bro. David Almon Daniels
Bro. Brian Barrie Ford
Bro. Cecil James Moulton, Jr.
Wor. John Lawson David Wright

Satuit Lodge

Bro. Charles Dewey Arnold
Wor. Walter Carl Pihl
Bro. LeRoy Merritt Whittaker

< Simon W Robinson Lodge >

Rt. Wor. Donald Francis Albertine
Bro. Paul Toros Boghosian
Bro. Leon Arthur Burke, Jr.
Bro. Frederick Henry Dexter, Jr.
Bro. Carl Stafford Erickson
Bro. Cleveland Ofus Honeycutt, Jr.
Wor. Laurence Albert Larssen
Wor. Laurence Paul Macdonald
Bro. Isham Peugh
Bro. Gordon Frederick Pike



Wor. Douglas Dodge, Master of Simonds Lodge, 50 yr. vet Bro. Grant Whiteway, who subsequently passed to the Celestial Lodge, and Rt. Wor. Donald Stevens.

Simonds Lodge

Bro. Grant Huntley Whiteway

Sojourners Lodge

Wor. James Edward Bredenkamp
Wor. Christopher Leslie Glasscock



Wor. Christopher Leslie Glasscock was invested with his 50 year medal by Rt Wor. John B. Bamber and Rt. Wor. Gerald A. Dowden – District Grand Master.

Solomon's Temple Lodge

Bro. Daniel Nelson Barnes
Bro. Lewis Warren Smith

Somerville Lodge

Wor. Frederick Lawrence Tibbetts

Star In the East Lodge

Wor. George Michael Panagakos



Mrs. Elaine Honeycutt (his wife of 63 years), 50 year vet Bro. Cleveland Ofus Honeycutt Jr., of Simon W. Robinson Lodge, and Rt. Wor. Donald S. Stevens at the Four Seasons hotel. The surprise presentation was made at the post wedding brunch after Bro. Honeycutt's grandson's wedding.



Rt. Wor. Kevin Willis presents Wor. Frederick W. Hagman with his 50 yr. vets medal.

Star of Bethlehem Lodge

Bro. John William Botchie
Wor. Frederick William Hagman



Wor. Kenneth L. Brown, Master of Waltham Triad Lodge; Joan, wife of Bro. Bruce Harder Morris; Bro. Morris; Bro. Harold Isaac Binder; Sybil, wife of Bro. Binder; Rt. Wor. Joseph Goldstein.

Tahattawan Lodge

Bro. John Benjamin Dixon
Bro. David Harris Lawson
Bro. Raymond Peter Rice

The Consolidated Lodge

Bro. Arthur Max Bromfield
Bro. Joel Haskell Forman
Bro. Charles Sidney Gerson
Bro. Manuel Lyons Goldberg
Wor. Steven Michael Goldberg
Bro. Frank Goldman
Bro. Herbert Irwin Rothfarb
Wor. Edward Daniel Trachtenberg

The Meadows Lodge

Bro. Arthur David Burbank
Bro. Jack LeRoy DuMond
Bro. Wayne Allen Freeman
Bro. William Richard Meara, Jr.

The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge

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Bro. Clarence Elroy Rudolph

Thomas Talbot Lodge

Bro. Robert Bridgman McHenry
Bro. Robert Francis Smith

Trinity Lodge

Wor. Richard Earl Dalton

Union Lodge (D)

Bro. Robert Edwin Stetson

Union Lodge (N)

Bro. Harold Richard Dammann

United Brethren Lodge

Bro. William Alexander Arnold III
Bro. Charles Everett Learned
Bro. Steven Charles Weston

Universal Lodge

Wor. William Bryant Parish

Vernon Lodge

Bro. David Benjamin Lawson



Rt. Wor. Charles N. Cahoon, Wor. Daniel B. Bergeron, Master of Lafayette-Greylock Lodge, Bro. James Connell Nicol, Rt. Wor. Mark Feder, DDGM for the 30th District, and Rt. Wor. Lawrence D. Tonini, PDDGM, in front of Bro. Nicol's home in celebration of his 100th birthday

100th Birthday at Lafayette-Greylock Lodge

On May 12, 2015, Rt. Wors. Mark Feder, DDGM for the 30th District, Lawrence D. Tonini, PDDGM, Nicholas J. Mantello, Grand Lecturer, Charles N. Cahoon, PDDGM/Bagpiper, and Wor. Daniel B. Bergeron, Master of Lafayette-Greylock Lodge, presented Bro. James Connell Nicol a Centenarian Certificate on behalf of the Grand Master.

The presentation was made at Bro. Nicol's home where he resides with his son. Rt. Wor. Bro. Feder made arrangements for our presentation and provided a birthday cake for the occasion, along with enlisting the services of Rt. Wor. Bro. Cahoon, who piped our arrival. As Bro. Nicol is a native Scotsman who immigrated to the U.S. with his parents as a young man, we felt it only appropriate to recognize his Scottish heritage as well.

Bro. Nicol wished us to express his appreciation to M. Wor. Bro. Waugh for his kind remembrances on the occasion of his 100th birthday and expressed his delight at looking forward to his 200th. —Rt. Wor. Lawrence D. Tonini

Bro. Gerard Alfred Neault

Bro. Peter Clark Picken
Bro. Joel Richard Shyavitz
Bro. Philip Joseph Zeller

William Parkman Lodge

Bro. Richard Bruce Thompson
Bro. Robert Grandy Thompson

William Sewall Gardner-Kilwinning Lodge

Bro. John Leon Good III
Bro. Edward Walter Hanson
Bro. Richard William Lewis
Bro. Alexander John Newlands
Wor. Chandler James Robinson
Bro. William A Theokas

William Sutton Lodge

Bro. Warren Edward Manter
Bro. Robert William Moore
Rt. Wor. William Allen St. Clair

Williams Lodge

Bro. Alfred Arthur Austin

Wisdom Lodge

Bro. Robert Charles Roots

Wyoming Lodge

Bro. Milton Eugene Henderson, MD
Bro. Frederick Herbert Humphreys
Wor. Richard Eugene Pitts



FIFTY-YEAR PAST MASTERS

The following Masons served their lodges as master in 1965. Listed in alphabetical order by name of the lodge served, which in many cases is not the lodge of which the honoree is now a member. These past masters are recognized in 2015 with certificates of service from the Grand Master.

WOR. WARREN F. DYER <i>Adams Lodge, Wellfleet</i>	WOR. BRUCE G. ATWOOD <i>May Flower Lodge, Middleboro</i>	WOR. DONALD M. JOHNSON <i>Quinsigamond Lodge, Worcester</i>
WOR. JOHN J. GARGALIANOS <i>Amity Lodge, Danvers</i>	WOR. ROY F. WEBLER <i>Mechanic's Lodge, Turners Falls</i>	WOR. EUGENE J. KRENMAYER <i>Quittacus Lodge, New Bedford</i>
WOR. FRANK R. LADEAU <i>Artisan Lodge, Winchendon</i>	WOR. BRUCE J. MCKEE <i>Mount Horeb Lodge, Woburn</i>	WOR. RUSSELL P. COOK <i>Rabboni Lodge, Dorchester</i>
WOR. LOUIS H. WHIPPLE <i>Athol Lodge, Athol</i>	WOR. GORDON E. MERON <i>Mount Orthodox Lodge, West Springfield</i>	WOR. DAVID P. MASON <i>Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge, Cambridge</i>
WOR. DONALD R. WEBER <i>Atlantic Lodge, Quincy</i>	WOR. MALCOLM SIDDELL <i>Mount Sugar Loaf Lodge, South Deerfield</i>	WOR. CHARLES D. HOMER <i>Rising Star Lodge, Stoughton</i>
WOR. IRA L. ENMAN <i>Bethesda Lodge, Brighton</i>	WOR. GEORGE J. SAIDEH, SR. <i>Mount Tabor Lodge, Boston</i>	WOR. ROBERT T. WILSON <i>Saggaheew Lodge, Haverhill</i>
WOR. ROBERT E. RANSLOW <i>Blackstone River Lodge, Blackstone</i>	WOR. JAMES C. FRANCIS <i>Mystic Lodge, Pittsfield</i>	WOR. ROY E. COOMBS, JR. <i>Saint Matthew's Lodge, Andover</i>
WOR. ELDON M. STRICKLAND, JR. <i>Caleb Butler, Ayer</i>	WOR. JEROME A. PACKER <i>Noddle's Island Lodge, Boston</i>	RT. WOR. PAUL E. GEROLSTEIN <i>Seaview Lodge, Revere</i>
WOR. ROBERT F. WADE <i>Doric Lodge, Hudson</i>	WOR. WILLIAM L. TREGONING <i>Norfolk Union Lodge, Randolph</i>	WOR. ROBERT B. BREMNER <i>Star Lodge, Athol</i>
WOR. EARL N. GOFF, JR. <i>Eastern Star Lodge, Rehoboth</i>	RT. WOR. PAUL A. MOORE <i>Occidental Lodge, Stockbridge</i>	WOR. STANLEY S. CLAYSON <i>Star in the East Lodge, New Bedford</i>
WOR. WILLIAM H. JENSEN <i>Friendship Lodge, Wilmington</i>	WOR. CHARLES E. WILDERMAN <i>Palestine Lodge, Everett</i>	WOR. GERALD H. LEPLER <i>Temple Lodge, Boston</i>
WOR. RUSSELL M. WARNER <i>Globe Lodge, Hinsdale</i>	RT. WOR. DAVID T. CARLETON <i>Paul Revere Lodge, Brockton</i>	WOR. HARRY T. BYORKMAN <i>Theodore Roosevelt Lodge, Quincy</i>
WOR. FREDERICK M. TOBMAN <i>Hammatt Lodge, Boston</i>	WOR. KENTON W. GREENE <i>Phoenix Lodge, Hanover</i>	WOR. LAWRENCE K. MILLER <i>Union Lodge, Nantucket</i>
WOR. DONALD N. CHEETHAM <i>Indian Orchard Lodge, Indian Orchard</i>	RT. WOR. ARA MANOOGIAN <i>Puritan Lodge, Whitman</i>	WOR. KENNETH W. DAVIS <i>Webster Lodge, Webster</i>
WOR. HARRIS B. WESTON <i>Ionic Lodge, Taunton</i>	RT. WOR. ROBERT I. WING <i>Pythagorean Lodge, Marion</i>	WOR. VIRGIL D. D'ONFRO <i>Wilder Lodge, Leominster</i>



Wor. Carlton Nickerson Goff is surrounded by a number of past masters of Old Colony Lodge, Wor. Ian C. Mackenzie, Wor. Ronald E. Lincoln, Wor. Robert J. Olsson, Rt. Wor. David J. Damstra, Rt. Wor. H. Lee Potter and in the front are Rt. Wor. Joseph C. DeNicola, Wor. Bro. Goff, and Wor. Phillip S. Garrett

Centenarian is 70 Years a Past Master

On the occasion of his 100th birthday, Rt. Wor. Joseph C. DeNicola, then Deputy Grand Master, presented Wor. Carlton Nickerson Goff with a Certificate of Appreciation from Grand Lodge on Wor. Bro. Goff's 100th birthday.

Nick, as all his friends and brothers call him, has been a Mason for over 75 years. In addition to birthday wishes, Rt. Wor. Bro. DeNicola also presented Wor. Goff his 70-year Past Masters Certificate. It is believed that Nick is the most senior Past Master in Massachusetts. It was 1944, during the years when the membership left the line to fight, that Nick assumed the East of Old Colony Lodge.

Nick came to Hingham in 1939 with his young bride and settled into a house in Hingham Centre where he resided for 68 years. He now lives at Linden Ponds, where he spends many days playing Bridge and enjoying the company of his friends. Nick only retired at the age of 85, taking the "T" into Boston every day! Rt. Wor. Bro. DeNicola assures us that he will be back in five years to present Wor. Bro. Goff his 75-year Past Masters Certificate.

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