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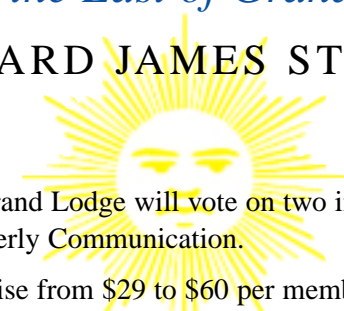
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50-Year Veterans in 2012

The Old Secretary

From the East of Grand Lodge
RICHARD JAMES STEWART



Brethren and Friends,

As you probably know, your Grand Lodge will vote on two important changes to the Grand Constitutions at our June Quarterly Communication.

- Grand Lodge dues would rise from \$29 to \$60 per member for the 2013 Masonic year.
- The minimum initiation fee for a new Mason will go up from \$50 to \$300. This fee stays with the lodge for its own use.

The outline of these changes was presented at our September Quarterly; they were read in December; and they were formally discussed in March. During all this time, a great conversation has been taking place in our fraternity. In lodge rooms, during collation, online, and elsewhere, brothers shared their thoughts and opinions and listened to others. These discussions have been good for Freemasonry in Massachusetts.

Talking brother-to-brother about our challenges is the right thing to do. During the Grand Lodge Listening Tour, we visited nine locations across the jurisdiction. We had a great turnout at all of the events and I was moved to see first-hand how important Freemasonry is to our members. Many brothers traveled great distances to participate, and give of their precious time.

A recurring theme during the tour was the value of Freemasonry. This theme lies at the heart of the proposals. Freemasonry is a great gift that every Mason has received; it has been handed down from one generation to the next for more than 275 years. It is our responsibility to give this gift to our sons and grandsons in a better condition than we received it.

We cannot put a dollar figure on the value of our Masonic experiences: the friendships, the opportunity to serve others, and the life-altering lessons our fraternity teaches. But we can make sure we have the resources to prosper. Our Masonic forefathers understood this value and invested in our fraternity. Now it is our time, and our turn, to pass on this legacy.

My lasting impression from the tour will be the worth of our teachings and traditions. The respect brothers showed for each other—regardless of where they stood on the issues—amply demonstrated the tenet of Brotherly Love. What other institution brings men together, allows them to disagree, and enables them to part as friends and brothers? How much better would our world be if our leaders acted the same? Doesn't this demonstrate the value of guaranteeing that Freemasonry still survives?

My brethren, I know I ask much of you. I need your continued support on our journey "Back to the Future." I ask for your support for these proposals on behalf of the fraternity we hold so dear.

Cordially and fraternally,

Richard James Stewart
Grand Master

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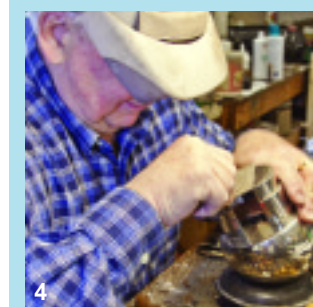
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The State of Masonic Education

It has been an interesting year for Masonic education and training. You may have noticed the increased number of programs offered this year by the Massachusetts Masonic Education and Training Committee. Several new seminars and training sessions have been added to the standard curriculum; the New Wardens Workshop, revamped lodge of instruction formats for candidates and officers, lodge treasurer training, lodge of research sessions, the May Masonic Education Day, and the Masonic Leadership Summit have joined familiar offerings such as the Masonic Leadership Institute and the Master's Path Program.



MMET chairman, Rt. Wor. Ted Morang and his team of program chairmen and staffers believed that there was a latent demand for more Masonic education coming particularly from newer Masons. They were right! These programs have been very well attended—in some cases over-subscribed.

I have had the opportunity to attend three sessions myself; the content is fresh, focused, and well presented. Maximum use is being made of contemporary teaching aids and online resources that combine to make the programs highly accessible to interested Masons all over the jurisdiction. Much effort has been expended to enhance programs by attracting speakers not seen everyday. Chris Hodapp, author of *Freemasons for Dummies*, and motivational speaker Travis Roy among others have contributed to the success of these programs.

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to try one of the MMET programs, have a look at their web page (massmasons.org/educate) and find an offering that interests you for next year. I think you will be pleased.

Fraternally, *John Doherty*

TROWEL NEEDS PHOTOS

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

Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Award recipients in 2011 and 2012.

Masons celebrating their 60, 65, 70, and 75-year Masonic anniversaries in 2012.

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Vernon Lodge PM in Afghanistan



Canada Lodge members in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Wor. Jonathan Ritter is second from the left.

Wor. Jonathan Ritter was master of Vernon Lodge for two years; his term ended this past November. He was one of the youngest masters in Massachusetts at the time. He is now only 26 and is serving at the Kandahar Air Base in Afghanistan. While stationed here, he attends Canada Lodge.

This lodge was created in a unique arrangement made possible by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, which permits Canada Lodge to work under the charter of Trent Lodge #38 in Frankford, Ontario. Members view themselves as belonging to a traveling satellite of Trent Lodge.

"Masons from around the world meet here—England, Canada, Australia, Scotland, and many different lodges from around the United States! Men from many other places also pass through these doors. Even in a war zone brothers still

Republican Lodge Serves Breakfast in Greenfield Cancer Fund-Raiser

Republican Lodge in Greenfield hosted their fourth annual pancake breakfast in conjunction with American Cancer Society's Relay-For-Life charity. Republican Lodge served more than 150 patrons. This is the twelfth year that Republican Lodge has been involved with Relay for Life. Wor. Bro. Vassar, who sponsored the event, has worked tirelessly over the years to build his team into a Gold Level Team by



Wor. Jeff Gordon keeps coffee cups filled.

achieving a high level of fund-raising. Many thanks go out to the officers and brothers who contributed to the success of this event. —*Bro. Mark Hutchinson*

come together under one roof to practice the Craft and what we as Masons stand for," says Wor. Jon Ritter.

The lodge has even started a charity called Boxes of Hope for the local school. These boxes provide school supplies to Afghan children who might not otherwise get a chance to go to school. This lodge brings great morale to the troops. "It takes the feeling of being at war and

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Scottish Rite Distinguished Service Medal Awarded to RW Henry Rand



MW Donald Hicks, medal recipient RW Henry Rand, Grand Master Richard Stewart, and SGC. John William McNaughton.

Sovereign Grand Commander John William McNaughton presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Rt. Wor. Henry Rand during ceremonies at the Worcester Masonic Center.

This award is made at the discretion of the Grand Commander for the Scottish Rite's Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, to a Mason or Scottish Rite brother who has rendered outstanding, distinguished, and exemplary service to the Masonic fraternity.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Rand is the third Massachusetts Mason to receive this important award. He was among the founders of the Children's Dyslexia Center of

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Crafter of Masonic Jewels

Goldsmith Kenneth Westgard

by John Doherty

Masonic historians generally agree that jewels were not worn in the early days of speculative Masonry. After the premier Grand Lodge was formed in London, masters and wardens of lodges were required to wear jewels of their office suspended from white ribbons. Those jewels were in the form of the square, level, and plumb—symbolic tools familiar to all Masons.

Attend any Massachusetts Masonic meeting today, and you will see an array of jewels worn by various lodge, district, and Grand Lodge officers. Particularly eye-catching are the jewels worn by past masters. Many of these jewels are constructed of gold or silver, elaborately engraved with Masonic symbols, and decorated with precious stones. The jewels are a source of great pride for the wearer, who has been rewarded by his brethren for important Masonic achievements and service to the fraternity. The Mason's lodge has gone to great expense to present the wearer a handsome jewel created to meet the lodge's specific design requirements and to match other jewels presented by that same lodge. Lodges usually designate a trusted brother to be responsible for maintaining the lodge's inventory of jewels, for retrieving jewels of deceased members, for having old jewels restored and re-circulated, and for ordering new jewels when the available inventory is depleted. The matter of presenting jewels is a serious business for a lodge and a significant financial investment.

In the jewelry business, a Masonic jewel is just one type of product that falls into a business category referred to—not so glamorously—as a “presentation piece!” This jewelry cate-



Above: Bro. Westgard at his bench.

Below: Individual lodge requirements have been carefully catalogued and photo records created.



gory is a business of significant size that employs workmen possessing jewelry design, smithy, or engraving skills. For some of these men, producing the Masonic jewel is just another project, but for workmen that happen to be Masons, the work can often be a labor of love and a great source of personal pride.

One such workman, a Mason for 48 years and a master craftsman for 53 years, is Brother Kenneth R. Westgard. Many Masons around Massachusetts and beyond are familiar with Bro. Westgard and his handiwork. Born in Norwood in 1942, he learned polishing and finishing skills by watching his father work. The senior Westgard had expected his son to become a Lutheran minister someday. Instead, at the age of eighteen, Ken Westgard went to work for C. H. Wallbank and Co. Inc. and began his career as a jeweler. After seven years there, Westgard and Wor. David Adam, a past master at Old Colony Lodge, formed a partnership and set up shop in Boston at the well-known Jewelers/Washington Building complex. When the 20-year partnership came to an end, Bro. Westgard continued on his own and later moved his business to his home in Westwood where he constructed a purpose-built workshop on the grounds.

Brother Ken Westgard was raised by his father-in-law, Wor. Arnold W. Lawrence, in Constellation Lodge in 1964, and became a member of Celestial Lodge after a merger in 2009. Bro. Westgard expanded his Masonic specialty over the years. His clients today include dozens of Massachusetts lodges, Scottish Rite bodies, York Rite bodies, Eastern Star chapters, and other Masonic-related groups and organizations. He



Left: The Westwood workshop.

Right: Bro. Westgard with Senior Past Grand Master Albert T. Ames, who has been a frequent visitor to Bro. Westgard's workshop over the years.



also does work for other Grand Lodge jurisdictions, particularly in New England, and even some national groups. However, the elaborate jewels we see in Massachusetts are uncommon. Most other jurisdictions reserve such valuable jewels for Past Grand Masters. Past masters and district or Grand Lodge officers are more often presented smaller jewels or rings purchased from catalogues.

Every lodge and Masonic group has its own distinct jewel design, and Bro. Westgard has carefully collected each design in his four-volume catalogue, assembled over the years and accompanied by Polaroid pictures that provide a visual record. “I am not much of a photographer,” says Westgard, “but the photos help with remembering details.” Interestingly, three distinct schools of design evolved in Massachusetts: one out in the western region, one in Boston, and another in Taunton. Westgard can often identify the origin of a particular jewel just by its design characteristics.

Ken Westgard is a goldsmith; he both fabricates and engraves the piece. “Engravers can't make the jewel, and jewelers can't engrave them,” says Westgard. The jewel is usually made with either gold or silver. Depending on the lodge's traditions, engraved nameplates and or monograms are attached on chains. In the case of the Grand Lodge, the design of jewels for each Grand Lodge officer is formally defined in the Grand Constitutions. Years ago, 14 karat



A New Hampshire Grand Master's jewel awaits refurbishing.

gold was used. Today, 10 karat gold is more common. “There is no noticeable difference,” says Westgard. Some older jewels returned to Westgard for refurbishment were made with silver; most are blackened by oxidation over the years. Westgard offers a free lifetime refurbishment service for these silver pieces as a way of distinguishing himself from competitors. Curiously, few people take advantage of this guarantee.

What does the future hold for Masonic presentation jewelry? Engraving is a dying art according to Westgard. Many companies engaged in this business have closed, often for lack of skilled workmen. “Young kids aren't interested in learning the trade—no computers are involved!” The rising cost of metals and the merger of so many lodges have combined to reduce the demand for jewels. Stamping is replacing casting in the fabrication process. Less labor is needed to finish a stamped piece. It was once commonplace to inlay precious or semi-precious jewels. Synthetic jewels are often used today instead.

For nearly 300 years, pocket jewels have been highly-prized symbols of achievement in the fraternity. Is it possible that these works of Masonic art could be produced by computerized machines someday? Possibly. The next time you see a pocket jewel, in addition to reflecting on the wearer's achievement, take a minute to admire the handiwork of a Masonic craftsman.

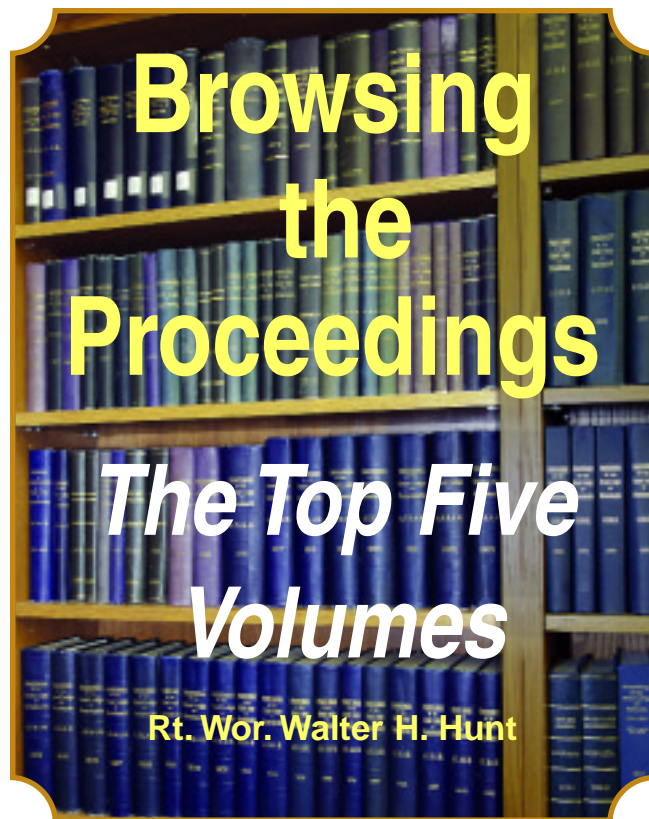
Masonic jewels are sometimes sold to non-Masonic buyers for their intrinsic value. Other jewels are lost to the Craft because arrangements were not made to return the jewels, or families are not aware of the tradition of returning jewels to a man's lodge after he passes.

Wor. Joe Goldstein commented on this subject in his article “Protect Your Masonic Honors” in the fall, 2010 issue of Trowel Magazine. Goldstein said at that time:

“Brethren, when we are called to the Celestial Lodge above, it is a service to our families to have left them clear instruction as to the disposition of our valued items, including tokens of any Masonic recognitions we may have received. A frank dis-

cussion with our loved ones is in order, and our wishes should not be ambiguous. They should also be made in writing, in our wills.

“... But in all cases I have recommended that their past master's jewel, jewels of Grand Lodge offices, and also corresponding aprons be returned to their Blue lodges, as that is from whence these honors came. It is only fitting that these Masonic treasures be used again to bestow honors upon subsequent deserving brothers. Masonic honors are, like the gift of Freemasonry, meant to be passed on. It is heart-wrenching to see the material decorations of our departed brothers sold and bought like any other commodity.”



For the past few years I've been working on a research project which involves a study of those blue-bound books you find on dusty shelves in every Masonic hall: the *Abstracts of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts*. From 1733 to the present they chronicle the work of our Grand Lodge: communications; financial statements; tables of organization for lodges, districts, and officers. Many have photographs and illustrations of events such as cornerstone layings, building dedications, awards and medals, and memorials to prominent brethren.

There are nearly 150 volumes in the complete set. There is no index for the entire collection, but some volumes have an index and most have a table of contents. Two complete sets are maintained at Grand Lodge in Boston. Many lodge halls probably have a set. A few volumes stand out as particularly interesting and no collection should be without these five.

#5: 1875. This was the year that Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis, Jr., died, and the Proceedings devotes more than 250 pages to an exhaustive study of his life. Brother Lewis was a strong advocate for the establishment of a library at Grand Lodge; much of his efforts after his retirement as Grand Master were consumed by the terrible Winthrop House fire of 1864 and his work to rebuild the library. This volume has a long section on the Feast of St. John, including speeches by Grand Master Percival Everett, five Past Grand Masters, and two future ones. Each district deputy grand master wrote an official letter to the Grand Master, all of which are reproduced.

#4: 1933. Grand Lodge celebrated its bicentennial under the leadership of Most Wor. Curtis Chipman (an event that carried on for nearly a week in June). This volume of the Proceedings contains many speeches by nearly every living Past Grand Master, as well as prominent Masons from many other jurisdictions. This volume also contains a description and picture of Brother Paul Revere's personal seal, which was presented to Grand Lodge by one of his descendants.

#3: 1873. A number of important events occurred this year, including the establishment of guidelines for lodge bylaws, and the death of Grand Secretary Bro. Charles W. Moore, who was elected honorary Past Grand Master on his deathbed. Setting this volume apart are the extensive biographies of every Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge through 1873, prepared and compiled by Past Grand Master John T. Heard.

#2: 1916. Grand Master Melvin Maynard Johnson's third year featured a huge volume of the Proceedings containing biographies (many with pictures) of more than 40 Past Grand Masters. In some cases, these short essays remain the definitive biographies. This book also contains the complete text of his work *Freemasonry In America Prior to 1750*, and the text of the Masonic Lecture Series presented in March and April 1916 by Past Deputy Grand Master Roscoe Pound and Grand Chaplain R. Perry Bush.

#1: 1871. My favorite volume of the Proceedings was produced in 1871 when William Sewall Gardner was Grand Master. The speeches at the Feast of St. John the Evangelist are outstanding, featuring six Past Grand Masters including the last public speech by Bro. George Randall. The most important component however, is Grand Master Gardner's detailed and extensively documented essay on Henry Price, our first Grand Master, a spirited defense against certain calumnies put forward by some brethren arguing against the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts' claim of antiquity and authenticity.

Honorable mention goes to the books from the 1920s that include many fifty-year anniversaries and lodge histories; Grand Master Perry's detailed essays on membership and Grand Lodge organization from 1938–1940; the term of Samuel Crocker Lawrence (1881–1883); The war years of 1941 and 1942; The two volumes for 1970 and 1971 containing the addresses by Grand Master Herbert Jaynes, who took the first tentative steps toward the fraternal communion we now enjoy with our Prince Hall brethren; finally, the years 1975–1977 have several outstanding speeches by Grand Master Stanley F. Maxwell.

Wherever your study leads you, and whatever your motivation for delving into the collection of Proceedings, the accounts of the work of our forebears should remind us that as they were, we now strive to be. And as we are, they once were. These are our stories, and help bring those past times and those faded portraits back to life once more. ■

The Grand Master's Address

at the March 2012 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



Grand Master Stewart welcomed an overflow crowd of Masons to the March Communication. In addition to distinguished leaders of the various appendant bodies in Massachusetts, the Grand Master was pleased to introduce representatives from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts including Rt. Wor. Raymond Coleman, grand historian; Rt. Wor. Wilbur Evans Sr., grand marshal emeritus; and Rt. Wor. James Whitehead, grand marshal. Out-of-state dignitaries attending were the Past Grand Master of North Carolina, Most Wor. Lewis Ledford accompanied by Grand Secretary Rt. Wor. T Walton Clapp, and Connecticut Grand Master James T. McWain accompanied by Rt. Wor. Senior Grand Warden Simon LaPlace.

Presentations This Day

Rt. Wor. and Rev. Richard E. Haley received the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal for his long service to Essex Lodge, where he was raised in 1976 and has served with distinction for 35 years. Bro. Haley has also served Grand Lodge since 2001 in the office of grand chaplain.

Grand Master Stewart was delighted to receive several donations for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory—the Grand Lodge's premier charity. The Grand Master and several Grand Lodge officers had recently traveled to Utica, New York for additional orientations on the MMRL's programs for cardiac and stem cell research.

The first presentation was made by Wor. Jeffrey Stoller of The Consolidated Lodge, who delivered a \$2,000 donation for MMRL. Next was Wor. Peter Greelish who presented a joint gift of \$150

from Merrimack and Saggahew Lodges in Haverhill. Rt. Wor. Scott Jareo presented a gift of \$500 on behalf of Golden Rule Lodge in Wakefield. Finally, a distinguished group of Masons from Mount Lebanon Lodge joined their master, Wor. Christian Parker, in presenting a \$5,000 donation for MMRL.

Background Checks

In January, the Grand Lodge instituted a new procedure designed to assist lodge investigation committees; all applicants for the degrees are now required to consent to and pay for a background check performed by the private firm, infoCheck USA. Details of the procedure and pertinent forms were distributed to all lodges in January. Grand Master Stewart reported that 186 background checks have been completed to date and six checks have reported prior criminal activity. The Grand Master stressed that these checks do not replace the conscientious work of investigating committees, but are meant to augment lodge efforts to familiarize themselves with applicants. Early results demonstrate the usefulness of the new background check procedure.

Suspensions

Grand Lodge ratified the Grand Master's decision to suspend or expel ten members for un-Masonic conduct. In announcing these actions the Grand Master said:

"As Masons, we expect our members to behave in a civilized, lawful, and neighborly manner at all times. This applies to our behavior in everyday life as well as within the confines of the Craft. We want



Grand Lodge members receive Grand Master Richard Stewart.

our members to be good members of society and useful in the community.

We have a strict code of conduct and we hold our membership to a high standard. However, when the actions of any member are not in accordance with these principles, our disciplinary procedures are firm. If a brother conducts himself in an anti-social or dishonest manner, not only is his behavior unacceptable to society in general, but he also brings disrepute upon Freemasonry.”

Boston University Lodge

Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Jeffrey Gardiner announced that a petition has been received to restore the charter of Boston University Lodge. This lodge was originally chartered in 1925, but suffered from lack of members and the charter was suspended in 1999. Efforts to restore the lodge have



GM Stewart presents the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal to RW and Rev. Richard Haley.

Below: The Consolidated Lodge presents gift to GM Stewart. L to R RW Dave Newcomb, Bro. Anthony Nunziato, Wor. Jeff Stoller, RW Ernie Pearlstein, RW DDGM Ludwig Alban. Center L: RW Scott Jareo presents a gift for MMRL to GM Stewart on behalf of Golden Rule Lodge. Center R: GM Stewart thanks Wor. Peter Greelish for Merrimack Lodge's gift to MMRL. Bottom: DGM Robert Jolly and a group of Mt. Lebanon Lodge members present MMRL gift.



been underway for three years. Plans are being made for Grand Master Stewart to re-dedicate the lodge later this year.

Discussion of Proposed Changes to Constitutions

Time was set aside for a discussion of the changes to the Grand Constitutions that were formally proposed in December, and will be voted upon in June. The discussion was partitioned into two segments: the Grand Lodge

dues increase, and the increase in initiation fees. Three speakers opposed and three speakers in favor of each proposal were invited to speak and were recognized randomly by the Grand Marshal. No one spoke against the increase in Grand Lodge dues.

Speakers opposed to the increase in lodge initiation fees stressed the poor economic climate, difficult recruiting conditions in the rural areas of the State, the potential loss of new members due to the increased cost, and the difficulty potential applicants have in recognizing the value of joining the fraternity. Those speakers in favor of the initiation fee increase mentioned the importance of lodges recovering their real costs of new members, the value of belonging to such an historically important fraternity, and the comparatively low cost of obtaining the privileges of Masonry.

Grand Master's Address

In giving his closing address, Grand Master Stewart reflected on his recent Listening Tour. This series of nine visits ended in Pittsfield. The Grand Master found the meetings to be very helpful in clearing up some misconceptions

Changes to the Grand Constitutions

Proposal changes to two sections of the Grand Constitutions will be voted upon at the June 13, 2012 Quarterly Communication.

Section 330 – Grand Lodge Dues, which contains the formula for calculation of annual dues owed to Grand Lodge, would be changed. This change if approved, would result in a dues amount of \$60 for the fiscal year 2013, which begins in September 2012.

Section 400 – Initiation Fees, which establishes a minimum amount that must be charged by lodges for initiating, crafting, and raising a Mason. This change, if approved, would establish a fee of not less than \$300.

Formal notice of these proposals was sent to masters and secretaries of all lodges and to permanent members of Grand Lodge by the grand secretary in January.

Greater Expectations?

by Rt. Wor. and Rev. Matthew J. Wissell

Many of us belong to a couple of organizations: not within the fraternity, but in addition to the fraternity. Here I am referring to any group within the Masonic family as the fraternity. I am obviously active in the life of the church I serve. I am a Lion. I have been a Rotarian. You might be an Elk or an Eagle. You might belong to the VFW or American Legion. You might serve as a leader for the Scouts or another type of youth activity. I think you get the idea. What I am reflecting upon are the different expectations each organization asks of its membership.

There are some organizations that have very few expectations of its membership. I am thinking about groups like the Sierra Club or the USGA. Their primary purpose is to promote and raise awareness of the issues they care about. You don't even have to attend a meeting or speak to a member of the group to join. You send a small donation and they send you a gift, a member card, and even an emblem for your vehicle proclaiming your membership. They are interested in quantity over quality. The more members they have the greater the impact they can have on their issues.

Another type of group consists of the country club, health club, and similar institutions. The primary purpose of these organizations is to provide services to members. Some of these groups allow you to simply walk in and ask to be a member. Others you will need to be sponsored by a member to gain admission. There may or may not be a trial period where they get to know you if you need to be voted into membership. In most cases you will be required to pay some form of an initiation fee. You then are required to pay some form of dues and sometimes minimum amounts for some of the services whether you partake of them or not. These groups really do not expect you to do anything but pay your dues. As long as you are current in your obligations, you stay a member in good standing.

A third type of group is one where the members share a similar unique characteristic. These groups are

special because not everyone can join them. The SAR, Mayflower Society, or the VFW would fit into this category. You have to have a bloodline connection, military service, or share some other type of bond. You will be required to financially support the organization, but again your level of involvement is your decision.



A fourth type of group is the service club: the Rotary, Lions, etc. You do need a sponsor to join these groups. They sit down with you before you join and explain what is expected of you as a member. Some of them have attendance requirements. Some have minimum expected contributions to their charitable fund-raising events. The expectations are much higher than the previous groups I described.

Where do the Freemasons fit into this picture? Where should we be? We do have some prerequisites to joining. You need to have a sponsor. You need to have an interview. You have to provide references and you are investigated. There is an initiation fee and yearly dues. But after we become members what are the expectations? In general I don't see many at all. Yes, there are some lodges that stress certain things. Overall, however, as long as you have a current dues card, you may call yourself a Freemason.

It is kind of strange when you think about it. We consider ourselves to be brothers. We take a detailed obligation to care for not only one another but our widows and orphans as well. We speak of bonds between ourselves that cannot be broken. And yet, you can walk out of lodge after having received the Master Mason Degree and never participate in anything again.

What would happen if we dared to take seriously the vows we took upon ourselves at that altar? Just think of the impact we would have on the world! Even more than we do now! Maybe it is time we raised the expectations we have of one another. ■

Bro. Wissell is a past master of Bay Path Lodge and Mount Lebanon Lodge, and has served as a grand chaplain since 2001.

about Grand Lodge and the proposed changes to the Grand Constitutions. He also benefited from the many discussions with members from around the state. Feedback has been very positive and additional sessions are being planned for

next year. “We spend the evening discussing—sometimes heatedly—many topics, then we sit together for a collation before parting as friends. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all our democratic institutions worked this peacefully.” ■

The First Masonic Service Fair

by John Doherty



The 2012 Service Fair was held on March 31, and Event Chairman Rt. Wor. David Newcomb was very pleased with attendance. "I believe we created an event that will be talked about for a long time and our next one will not be soon enough." He added, "The room was alive with enthusiasm and positive energy all day long. Smiles were everywhere!"

This first-of-its-kind event was produced by the Grand Loge Service Department as a way to share ideas for service projects and activities in our lodges. More than 80 Masons from around the state came together for four hours of brotherhood and Masonic Service education.

The Service Committee staffed tables with experienced personnel and provided educational literature and equipment displays for the top ten areas of Masonic service as well as for our Grand Lodge's newest charity: the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. Attendees were able to talk with knowledgeable Masons about successful programs. CPR equipment, myCHIP programs, hospital equipment loans, widows programs, blood drives, home and hospital visitation programs, family services, troop support, and the Masonic Healthcare System were among the programs represented.

Service Department Director, Rt. Wor. Ernie Pearlstein



commented, "I'm very proud of the fair committee; it looks like another great year for the Service Department." Grand Master Richard J. Stewart spent the day and spoke briefly about how busy our jurisdiction is with great programs for brothers to get involved with at their own lodges. Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master Robert Jolly also spent the day greeting attendees and showing his interest in Masonic service.

The event was held at the Marlboro Masonic building and United Brethren Lodge members added to the service atmosphere. A volunteer team of brothers washed the car windows of the attendees. "This small effort helped make attendees feel welcome and treated like VIPs." Said Chairman Newcomb, "It showed us all that doing something for our brothers is not only easy but the rewards are great."

There is now some discussion about possibly bringing this Fair event to other locations in the jurisdiction in the future. Brothers seemed eager to bring ideas and information back to their lodges and districts. Visitors left with ideas and information and, thanks to the refreshment team, thoroughly content. Bro. Newcomb summed up the day by saying, "Congratulations to everyone on a great event and thank you to all the coordinators and brothers who staffed the tables for your continued service and support." ■

The New Wardens Workshop by Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer, Chairman

On Saturday, March 24th, approximately 90 Masons from across Massachusetts, representing almost 70 lodges and 26 districts, converged on the Masonic Lodge in Marlborough to attend the New Wardens Workshop, a program designed to pass along important Masonic information to appointed officers as well as Masons who have not yet entered the officer line but are thinking about it.

This year, the program offered presentations on Masonic finances, presented by Rt. Wor. Steven Cohn; investigations, presented by Wor. Peter Ham; Masonry in the 21st century/massmasons.org by Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky; ritual and exemplification by Rt. Wor. Kevin Willis and Masonic protocol by Rt. Wor. Ted Morang.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard J. Stewart opened the program, offered insight to the up-and-coming officers throughout the morning and assisted Rt. Wor. Kevin Willis in unveiling new Master's carpet tracing boards. Be on the lookout for the New Wardens Workshop to return next year with all new presentations. ■



Grand Master Stewart and Rt. Wor. Kevin Willis unveil new Master's carpet tracing boards.



The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



I am coming to the end (I hope) of a rather intense period in my life. But it was also a time when I was reminded about what is the real strength of our fraternity.

My wife Janet and I spent the entire month of December in England. Both of our children were living there at the time. My daughter Shelley is still in Eng-

land but my son, Bro. Jarrod, has moved to Italy. While in England, he met an Italian girl named Anna; they will marry at the end of this month. They decided to live in Italy, at least for some time. Jarrod's Masters Degree is in historic preservation and let's face it, there is a lot of history in Italy.

Although we went to England to spend the holidays with our children, the real attraction was a little girl named Penney. On November 24 our daughter and her husband Brian presented us with our first grandchild.

I developed what I thought was a severe cold during our stay. I was coughing and finding it almost impossible to move any distance without having to stop to catch my breath. To be honest, it was a bit frightening, so frightening that I ended up in a British hospital. We returned to the United States on January 7, and it was on that flight I learned the meaning of the phrase "respiratory distress." Breathing became so difficult I was put on oxygen. In just a few minutes after landing, I was in an ambulance on my way to Massachusetts General Hospital.

It must have been an emergency! Have you ever been on a plane and had to stay seated until someone was helped off? This time I was the one holding everyone up. And I've never gone through customs so fast. An agent met us on the gangway, asked Janet a couple of questions and then said, "You are now officially back in the United States!"

So, I was in Mass General from January 7 to January 10. I did not have a severe cold. I had a severe case of bronchitis.

Let me give you a bit of background information. I am an eight and one-half year lung cancer survivor. I was diagnosed in the fall of 2003. Two months after the diagnosis, I

had a lung removed. Since that time I have been cancer free. Being cancer free for as long as I have been is a feat in itself. The five-year survival rate for lung cancer is just 15 percent.

Despite the good fortune about surviving lung cancer, it is frightening when I have any form of respiratory problem. And when the problem is severe, the fear that accompanies the illness becomes much more intense. I keep thinking I had better get over this illness fast—I don't have a spare lung any longer.

I wasn't cured when I left the hospital; but I didn't need constant care either. The doctor wanted to get me out of there before I picked up one of those bugs that seem to wander around our hospitals. So I left the hospital with some new friends. For two and one-half months, my constant companions were an oxygen cylinder and a nasal cannula. Wherever I went they were with me.

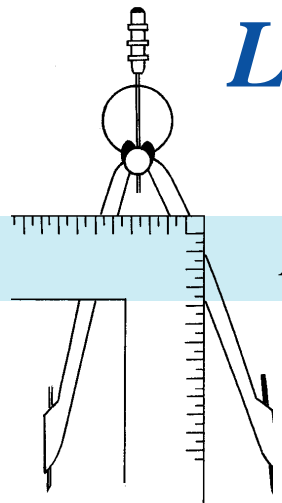
And everywhere I went, be it to a lodge meeting, a Scottish Rite meeting, an Eastern Star chapter or an Amaranth court, those I met greeted me with expressions of what I saw as genuine concern. Everyone I spoke to wanted to know what happened to put me in this fix and if the oxygen was a permanent or temporary addition to my life. I told them the story and assured them it was temporary, even though I wasn't really convinced of that myself. When I reached that point where I carried the oxygen cylinder with me but was not hooked up to it all the time, they were equally overjoyed to see I was progressing. And as I continued to improve, their joy seemed to become greater.

We join the Masonic fraternity for a variety of reasons. As I have said before, I joined because I grew up around it. My father was a Mason. My grandfather was a Mason. Most of the men in my family are Masons.

When I think of this event in my life and others like it, I realize why I have stayed active in our fraternity for more than 40 years. I know I am, and I honestly believe the vast majority of our brethren are, concerned for each other's welfare and try to show it when we can. We are trying to live up to the promises we made at our lodge's altar.

I'm feeling much better now and I'm getting ready for another trip. We are heading to Italy for our son's wedding. It is comforting to know that when I step into that airplane I will have the best wishes and concern of my brethren with me. And I sure hope when I return home I will not be carrying another metal cylinder. ■

Richard Thompson is a past master and a member of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge in North Andover.



Meet an Active Massachusetts Mason

As a young child, Wor. Jeremy L. Gross would travel to Massachusetts to visit his grandmother. His grandfather had passed away before Bro. Gross was born, but many people fondly remembered Dr. Louis Barron. The surgeon was trained at Harvard Medical School and later served in the Army Medical Corps under General George Patton. He returned home after the war and cared for Jewish immigrants in Salem and Lynn. As busy as he was as a surgeon, Dr. Barron always found the time to study the Torah and Talmud every week—a trait which has passed on to Bro. Gross.

Bro. Gross' grandfather was a serious Jewish scholar. His parents on the other hand were entirely secular. When he was ten, Bro. Gross was asked if he wanted Bar Mitzvah lessons or to play ice hockey. He chose ice hockey! He says he had absolutely no idea how to be Jewish. So, he went to a local bookstore and then visited about eight different synagogues. He is now partnered with the rabbi of Temple B'nai Brith of Somerville for study. When Bro. Gross' term in the East of Samuel Crocker Lodge is over, he says he wants to have an adult Bar Mitzvah and will begin that arduous undertaking as a past master in order to do it properly.

Jeremy Gross' grandfather was a Mason and so was his stepfather in Australia. Bro. Gross is proud that his mother is the daughter, wife, and mother of Freemasons! He asked his grandmother many questions about his grandfather's involvement with Masonry. He says his "grandfather embodied all the tenets of the Craft so beautifully, he made me want to be a Mason as well, because maybe by learning the secrets of Freemasonry, I could glean some of what made him such a great man."

After one particular conversation with his grandmother, he noticed a Ben Franklin TV ad. He googled "Masonic Lodge in Somerville" and found two lodges. The King Solomon Lodge secretary gave him a tour of the building and an application and Bro. Gross was on his way. He was raised in June, 2008, in a class of thirteen candidates! He

remembers they were still doing degree work at 1:30 a.m. When he told his stepfather in Australia about becoming a Mason, the response was "I think you'll find they are a lovely bunch of blokes!" Bro. Gross says he was right!

When Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodge was reconstituted in late 2010, he affiliated and became an officer. His work took him to Norway in 2010, and he attended St. Olaus til den hvide leopard Lodge. Founded in 1749, this is the oldest lodge in Norway and meets in the Grand Lodge building, which Bro. Gross says is exquisite, larger and more magnificent than the Parliament building just across the street. Bro. Gross said, after learning more about the history of Masonry in Norway, "If they can bring Masonry back to Norway, then Samuel Crocker Lodge can bring Masonry back to Medford."



Wor. Jeremy L. Gross

Bro. Gross was an English major and is a prolific writer. His parents, both published writers, encouraged him to write down his thoughts from the time he was a small child. In 2010, Brother Gross was published in the Philalethes Society Magazine; his paper on the 47th Problem of Euclid was published in the first Annual Proceedings of the Massachusetts Lodge of Research.

He is currently working on two projects: a Masonic Western novel, and research into Torah studies as they are applied to Freemasonry. He finds similar-

ities between Torah and Kabbalah and many Craft and Scottish Rite degrees. The degrees touch upon many subtle points of the Bible and other books of Hebrew religious literature. He says when he describes these points from a Jewish perspective, he finds he has a large audience among Masons. He is also researching the extent of Freemasonry's contribution to Jewish Enlightenment, or the Haskalah. Freemasonry welcomed Jews into the fraternity before most cities in Europe allowed Jews out of the ghettos. He has found that not long after the beginnings of the Grand Lodge era, Jews were emancipated, could vote, and had civil liberties granted to them. Many of the earliest Jews prominent in Freemasonry were men involved in that Enlightenment. For example, Dr. Meyer Schomberg was a

The Old Secretary

Hello my friends and brothers,

It was one of those days that frequently occur when the calendar indicates late winter or early spring in New England. Patches of snow were interspersed with lakes of mud. The sky was dark gray and the wind blew from the northeast. The temperature hovered slightly above freezing and steady rain was frequently interrupted by periods of big, mushy snowflakes. My dad would say that it was a day not fit for man or beast. Oh yes, and one more thing: tonight was lodge night. Yes, it was lodge night and we had three candidates taking their Third Degree.

As I stood gazing out the living room window I was thinking how nice it would be to just build a fire in the fireplace and settle in with that book I was reading about sailing ships in the West Indies. I could almost smell the rum in the sea air and hear the wind in the rigging. I could just imagine the sailors who had escaped the dark, cold, and rainy days of an English winter to bask in the warm sun of the tropics.

My daydreaming was suddenly shattered by a tap on the shoulder from my wife. "Isn't tonight lodge night? Hadn't you better get changed into your tux?"

Reluctantly, I put aside my tropical adventures and went into the bedroom to change. It was very tempting to stay home and let someone else take the minutes but I really couldn't do that. You see, my duty and responsibility for tonight was to be the secretary of the lodge and I take that duty and responsibility very seriously. When I took my obligation as a secretary, there was no clause about "only when it is convenient" or "only in good weather." I knew that I had an important function to perform in the lodge and I had promised to do my best. For me, that is part of who we are as Masons.

It seems today that some folks never learned that lesson. They want to know: "What's in it for me?" I remember that two weeks after taking my Third Degree, I was to exemplify the Candidates Lecture at the district exemplification. When I awoke that morning, it was snowing and it snowed all day. The lodge where the exemplifica-

tion was to be held was some miles away and the roads were very slippery. I asked an older past master who worked with me if they would call the exemplification off. He said, "No, they won't call the exemplification off and whether you go will depend on the length of your cable-tow."

Now I was faced with a real dilemma. My wife thought that I must be crazy to go out to a lodge meeting on such a stormy night. It would have been so very easy to just stay home but I kept hearing my friend asking, "How long is your cable-tow?" That was many years ago and my old friend has long since gone to the celestial lodge above. He probably soon forgot our conversation, but, for me, that was an important Masonic lesson applied to a real situation. Needless to say, I went to the exemplification that long-ago evening, and I went to lodge on that more recent cold and rainy night. Over the years, I found that my personal cable-tow was usually long enough to enable me to meet my Masonic duties and responsibilities. I am certainly not suggesting that I am the perfect ashlar. I have a lot of rough edges that could be smoother, but I found that "what was in it for me" was the appreciation of my brothers and my own satisfaction and, in the words of the immortal poet, Robert Frost, "That made all the difference."

—The Old Secretary

Editor's Note: This is the third installment in the revived Old Secretary column. This very popular column appeared in Trowel for the first time in the summer of 1991 and continued for 11 years. The last of 42 columns was published in the winter, 2001 issue. The Old Secretary preferred to remain anonymous and so does the new Old Secretary.

Authors that nearly disappeared, like Reverend Oliver and Roscoe Pound, are coming back into favor. He is "delighted that Henry Bromwell's great book—*Restorations of Masonic Geometry and Symbolry*—has been reprinted and brothers are reading it with fresh eyes."

Worshipful Jeremy Gross may be a recent Mason, but he is taking his Masonic education quite seriously. By tying his Masonic background with his newfound religious background, he hopes to become what all Masons profess to be: a better man and a better Mason. ■



What is it that makes men want to be Masons? What's in it for us? An actor portraying Brother Benjamin Franklin poses this question in commercials, "Is there greatness in you?" Well, whether there is greatness in you or not, Freemasonry is available for those who seek it, as well as for those seeking "something else." A wise man once said, "You'll get out of it what you put into it." Freemasonry gives back in excellent proportion, a valuable return to the time invested by its members. Therein lie the wages of a Mason.

The reputation we enjoy as Masons has been earned over 275 years by ongoing works in this country. We take care of each other as brothers should, and we take care of others through the charitable endeavors of our several branches and the variety of interests in which we participate. We are a service organization. Service is simply what we do. Here are some examples of things that benefit from Masonic services: lodges are involved with community projects; support youth programs and organizations such as the Order of DeMolay and the Order of Rainbow; Freemasons support Little League teams, school functions, food pantries, and elderly groups; programs support American troops and their families; hospital equipment programs offer essential equipment to people in need; CPR programs offer instruction to those

who wish to prepare for emergencies; blood donation programs are responsible for a majority of the blood donations to the Northeast region of the American Red Cross.

When the Masonic degrees have concluded, the business of Masonry becomes a way of life: enjoying the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of Man. The rewards are particularly demonstrated to those who earn them. To members who join our fraternity only to sit idle while others invest time and effort, the rewards are not fully realized. But for the workers, surely their rewards are received in abundance. In order to receive the wages of a Mason, simply find your niche and get busy earning your wages.

Carl Claudy (whose books are distributed to every Massachusetts Mason) explains the rewards of membership with historical insight. Claudy recalls that in one of the degrees, we learn of corn, wine, and oil. These were the wages that our ancient brethren received for their labors



THE WAGES OF A MASON

by Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb

during the building of King Solomon's Temple. Back then, corn was considered an emblem of plenty and a sign of wealth. Wine brought joy and gladness and was symbolic of wealth and comfort. Oil was used for food and for lighting and, mixed with perfume, was used for ceremonies of anointment. Basically, these commodities were coins of the realm. In modern times, wages are no longer paid this way. Masonic use of corn, wine, and oil is primarily symbolic.

But, Claudy says: *If the work done in a lodge is paid for only in coin of the heart, such wages are no less real. They may sustain as does the grain, refresh as does the wine, and give joy and gladness as does the oil. How much we receive and what we do with our wages depend entirely on our Masonic work. To receive the Masonic equivalent of the ancient corn, wine, and oil, a brother must labor. He must till the fields of his own heart or build the temple of his own house not made with hands. He must give labor to his neighbor or carry stones for his brother's temple.*

The sense of accomplishment, success, and pride are evident to those who serve others. Masons experience satisfaction and honor by keeping true to their vows and being involved with service. To Masons, it's not about the certificates of merit or medals of recognition. Devotion to service is its own reward.

Brother Benjamin Franklin expressed it with the following: *Masonic Labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another. Sympathy begets sympathy. Kindness begets kindness. Helpfulness begets helpfulness. These are the wages of a Mason.*

My Brothers, are you being paid the wages you deserve?

Have you offered to assist and serve a fallen brother or friend?

Have you called or visited a brother whose age or health is in decline?

Have you offered to assist a Masonic widow with her daily errands or needs?

Have you thought to rake leaves or shovel snow for an older brother or lodge widow or an elderly neighbor?

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THE SYNERGY OF FRATERNALISM Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star

by Rt. Wor. James W. Spurrell, OES Grand Chaplain

Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star work together, synergistically, to promote and strengthen each organization. The Order of the Eastern Star (OES) is the largest fraternal organization to which both men and women belong. Dr. Robert Morris, the poet laureate of Freemasonry, founded the Order of the Eastern Star in 1850, while confined to his home following an accident. Morris wrote the initiatory degrees of the order. He first initiated his wife and daughters and expanded to other neighborhood ladies. The signs and modes of recognition given to them, he freely communicated to Masons so that they would be able to recognize the newly initiated women.

OES Ritual Lessons

Robert McCoy joined in 1860 and wrote the rituals of the Order that are in use today. These degrees center on the lives of five biblical heroines, each one representing one of the five principles of the order—Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith, and Love. The figure of Adah represents fidelity and admonishes to be faithful to our convictions of right and duty. Ruth represents constancy and admonishes that patient industry shall not go unrewarded. Esther represents loyalty and admonishes us to emulate the virtues of the heroic Queen Esther. Martha represents faith and admonishes that the deepest sorrow is relieved by a trustful faith in God. Electa represents love and the virtues of charity and hospitality inculcated by the teachings of the Order.

Membership in OES

Only men who are Masons in good standing are eligible to belong to the order. Wives, or other female relatives of affiliated Master Masons are also eligible. These relationships include daughters, mothers, widows, aunts, sisters, granddaughters, grandmothers, great granddaughters, nieces; or mothers, sisters, or daughters related by marriage. Additionally, members of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or of the International Order of Job's

Daughters, who have attained at least the age of eighteen, are also eligible to join.

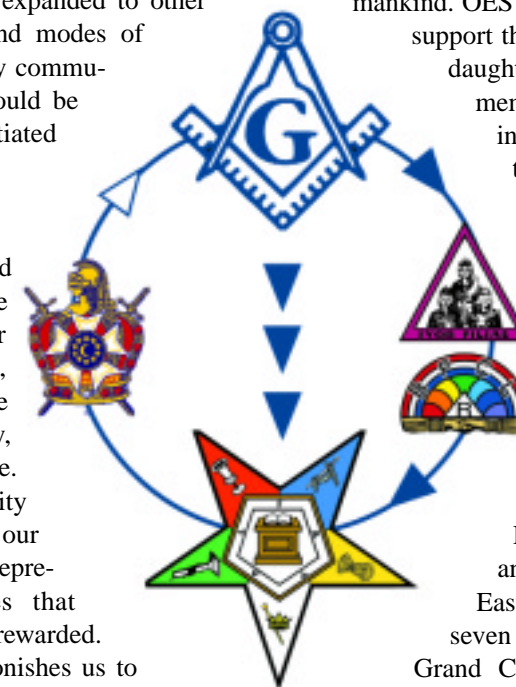
OES Goal and Mission

The Order's goal is to offer an organization where women and men with good moral and social character can reflect the spirit of fraternal love, and the desire to work together in charity, truth, and loving kindness for the benefit of all mankind. OES's particular mission is to help, aid, and support the widows, mothers, sisters, wives, and daughters of Freemasons; to aid and support members in time of need and to give cheer in their happiness and sympathy in their time of sorrow.

Statewide Focus

Chapters around Massachusetts are organized under the Grand Chapter composed of eighteen officers led by a worthy matron and worthy patron, and including an associate matron, associate patron, secretary, treasurer, conductress, associate conductress, chaplain, marshal, organist, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa, warder, and sentinel. A Master Mason shares the East and West, but is also able to serve in seven other positions. The Massachusetts Grand Chapter participates with the national General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, located in Washington, D.C.

The state Grand Chapter is involved in numerous fraternal, educational, and charitable endeavors. The organization supports local International Order of Rainbow for Girls assemblies and DeMolay chapters. The Grand Chapter awards general education scholarships and also grants scholarships to those pursuing religious education specifically. The Isadore Forbes Benevolent Fund gives financial assistance to members who have had a catastrophic event or illness that has placed them in sudden financial distress. Eastern Star of Massachusetts Charitable Foundation, Inc. provides assistance for the various needs of elder members, such as wheel chairs, eyeglasses hearing aids, home health care, etc. The Worthy (continued on page 19)



France's Highest Honor

On November 29, 2011, eleven veterans from Massachusetts were awarded the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, France's highest honor, for bravery and valor during World War II. One of the recipients was independent living resident Dorothy Barre.

The medal was created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte as France's most distinguished decoration for civil or military conduct. American military members can be eligible for the medal if they fought in at least one of the four major campaigns of liberation of France: Normandy, Provence, Ardennes, or Northern France. The honored men and women served in many capacities: as mechanics, messengers, riflemen, clerks, artillery men, radio operators, and nurses. Only veterans with the most distinguished of records are considered for the honor.

Dorothy signed up for service in July 1943 as a 24-year-old registered nurse. She was sent to Camp Edwards on Cape Cod, then Fort Devens for basic Army training. Dorothy received her medal for nursing wounded soldiers 10 miles behind the lines in Belgium and France. She was in the 16th General Hospital, which consisted of tents. She remembers a lot of buzz bombs and being strafed on Christmas Eve. Dressed in paratrooper boots and fatigues, she and another nurse tended to men, who came to them one hundred at a time, washed them and medicated them. "Those patients were so grateful to be warm and fed and cleaned up," she added.

Christophe Guilhou, Consul General of France, in Boston presented the medals. He stated, "Without these eleven men and women, we would not enjoy the freedom we have today. Their sacrifice and courage liberated our country from the Nazis. The medal they receive is for exemplary bravery and is the highest honor in France. They put their lives at risk and we will not forget their acts of courage. They changed the course of history and stood for values which stand today: justice, tolerance, and freedom".



Dorothy Barre wearing her Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. Bottom: In uniform during WWII.



NEWS FROM OVERLOOK

SMALL WISHES Stories from Northampton

Making the smallest wishes and desires come true is a primary goal of the Overlook Health Center at Northampton. Employees connect with residents on many levels beyond providing health care, meals, therapy and engagement. Employees develop close relationships with residents and their families and those relationships can translate into fulfilling a new wish or helping a resident ease the transition of relocating into a new, unfamiliar, and sometimes scary place. Here are a few stories that reflect how Overlook is not like other nursing homes.

Mrs. Margaret Harvey and her family made the difficult decision to move Mrs. Harvey into Overlook. Although they knew it was the best option, Mrs. Harvey was very anxious about leaving two things: her home and her cat, Eloise. As the time drew closer for her move, Mrs. Harvey was already feeling the loss of her beloved pet. Mrs. Harvey's daughter decided to take a chance and ask if there was any possibility that Eloise could move in with Mrs. Harvey. The request was met with a lot of enthusiasm, but some concern. Questions about the daily care of the cat, how other residents would react, how Eloise would react to other people, and the overall question about how this might work surfaced.

In a short time, employees and other residents came to the decision that Mrs. Harvey and Eloise were a team and this move should not separate them. So, both moved in together and over a year later, both are doing well and spend every day together. They have both met new people and many people, staff and residents alike, enjoy visits with Margaret and Eloise.

In the fall of 2011, Mrs. Janette Branch came into the Overlook for what she believed to be a short term rehabilitation stay. During her stay, her medical condition changed



Mrs. Harvey's Eloise

and she, with the help of her family, made the difficult decision to remain at the Overlook for hospice care. Mrs. Branch and her family became comfortable with the decision but there was one big request that the family was hesitant to bring up to the facility. Was it at all possible for Mrs. Branch's cat, Betsy, to join her? Well this time there was not even a hesitation to consider the request, and within a day Betsy had moved into Mrs. Branch's room and assumed her rightful place at the foot of the bed. During the last week of her life, Janette told her daughter, "I am afraid of dying but excited about what's next." Betsy stayed at Janette's side for the remainder of her days. So many employees came to know Janette, Betsy, and the family. There were many offers from staff to adopt Betsy and she now lives with a nurse from Overlook who reports that she is doing well.

Residents wishes go beyond their pets joining them in the facility to something that many of us may take for granted. Mrs. Virginia Lyman had



Mrs. Lyman and her Snowman

been staying on the rehab unit and having a challenging time reaching her daily goals. As the Christmas holidays approached, she expressed her wish for a white Christmas or at least a dusting on Christmas morning! There was no snow in the forecast for our location in Leeds, Massachusetts. However, it turns out that snow was in the forecast for one of the nearby hill towns and staff member Deb Cleveland woke up to snow on the ground on December 23rd. Deb was aware of Mrs. Lyman's wish so she promptly put on her slippers and went straight out in the snow on her deck to make a snowman. Deb stored her creation in her freezer. Her family decorated the snowman on Christmas Eve with a carrot and a hat that was donated by another staff member. The snowman made it to Overlook and the staff hid it away as a surprise for Mrs. Lyman's Christmas Day breakfast; they presented Mrs. Lyman with "a white Christmas" along with her eggs and bacon! Mrs. Lyman was overwhelmed with the kind gesture of all the employees on the rehab unit. Everyone throughout the facility was invited to see the tiny snowman that gave one resident such a big boost on Christmas.

One goal of the Northampton facility is to ease the stress of moving into a nursing home. Sometimes it can be as challenging as how to accommodate a pet into community living or sometimes it can be as small as creating a tiny man made out of snow.

Person Centered Care

by Jude Rabig

Is it possible to have good quality of care without good quality of life? Yes! Elders may be well cared for in terms of their healthcare, hygiene, nutritional needs, and housekeeping, but be unhappy that they consume food that is unappealing, have to bathe in the morning when they prefer an evening shower, awaken to vacuuming in the middle of the night because that is when there is the least amount of foot traffic, or are lonely for companionship.

Person Centered Care (PCC) positively affects quality of life and quantity of care for elders with the goal of transforming from efficiency based, medical, or paternalistic models of care to consumer directed models that honor elders' life experiences, choices, routines, and

the natural rhythms and spontaneity of daily life. The goal is to promote purpose and meaning and support well-being for individuals in a relationship based, home environment.

This relationship-based culture places value on knowing the individual. The PCC model of care brings balance to all the components of a person: psychological, spiritual, sociological, physical, and medical. What we are trying to establish is rampant normalcy by moving away from an institutionalized approach and progressing toward the routines experienced within the home environment.

This is achieved by getting to really know the person being caring for. What was their pattern of worship? What did they enjoy doing in their spare time? Who did they socialize with? Are those people still available to them? The goal in PCC is to attempt to replicate these patterns to facilitate a home environment tailored to the individual.

What would be an example of restoring patterns a person performed in their home? When the staff asked a resident what she enjoyed to do

PCC Director Judy Rabig



Small House Design

The design of a new home usually includes the input of the owners. The same goes for small house! The Northampton small houses are being designed by the architectural firm Perkins Eastman in part under the direction of the people who will live (and work) in the houses. The process began with an intense planning session where staff, residents, and designers created a vision for the houses and the land to serve as the basis of the design. Next, the internal team went to work over many months with the design team to capture that vision in an actual design. Vice-president George Senert organized the efforts which have resulted in some preliminary drawings. The most important component of

Visiting the small house concept display.



that design—the residents bedroom—exists in mock-up form at the MHS Institute in Northampton. The room is being tested and evaluated by residents, staff, and family members. Training Director Don Rabig, at the Small House Institute, is conducting sessions which provide information about small house and then leads participants through a tour and trial run in the actual room and bathroom. The purpose is to gather data on the user friendliness and acceptability of the spaces.

Approximately 140 residents, family members, and staffers have participated and completed evaluation questionnaires. All seem excited about the new space. Staffers says they believe they will be able to give care more easily and residents unanimously respond to the potential for private space and storage. Families look forward to a private place to visit with their loved ones. The design appeared to promote easy access and maneuverability within the room. ■

Person Centered Care *continued from previous page*

with her time, she replied “I enjoyed playing cards with my bridge club.” The staff learned that the group of friends were still available. In order to restore this socialization pattern, arrangements were made for the friends to come on a regular basis to play bridge. Prior to the card game, the woman prepared a snack to offer her guests. She was thrilled to host her friends in her new home.

Visitors may have seen the dry erase boards located on each nursing unit and wondered what the boards are used for. The purpose of the boards, entitled “Person Centered Initiatives,” is to make every resident, family member, and staff member aware of the patient centered initiatives that are being focused on.

What person centered care initiatives are going on in the centers? The pain initiative has been fully implemented in both the Northampton and Charlton health centers. All nurses and nursing assistants have been educated on pain assessment. Special education on identifying pain in cognitively impaired residents was provided to the whole team (including housekeeping, hairdressers, dining staff, nursing, activities, rehab.) Both sites have identified residents with



chronic pain and are treating it effectively.

A dining initiative is currently underway. The objective of this initiative is to create the patterns of dining experienced at home where people eat when they are hungry, eat what they feel like eating, and consume as much as they want. Nursing has worked with the dietician to develop new policies and to liberalize diets. The health center in Northampton no longer has prescribed diets in place. Charlton has fewer prescribed diets in place and has

food available on the units.

In Northampton, lunch is served family style one or two days per week. In Charlton, the Wake-to-Dine Program is in place on the skilled nursing floor, with plans to expand to the other floors as well. The residents wake and come to breakfast when they want. Each resident’s routine may vary. They have the option of coming to dine in a robe, or after they are dressed. The breakfast buffet is available between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. And residents can choose the foods they want, and serve themselves or ask for assistance.

The next initiative will shift focus from large-group activities to small-group and in-room activities. ■



Outpatient Rehabilitation at Charlton

Overlook’s Outpatient Rehabilitation service offers physical, occupational, and speech therapy to independent living residents and to patients throughout central Massachusetts.

If you have pain, decreased balance, or a sports injury, physical therapy may be able to help. Speech therapy can help someone who has difficulty swallowing or talking or who is experiencing memory problems. Occupational therapy can help you participate in the things you want and need to do through the use of everyday activities. Support is also available for older adults experiencing physical and cognitive changes.

We conduct a thorough 60-minute evaluation and develop an evidence-based, individualized treatment program. Treatment sessions vary from 30 to 60 minutes. You are one-on-one with your therapist, which allows both client and therapist to build a relationship. You will receive an e-mail with your home exercise program and education on self-care techniques, body mechanics, and postural awareness.

Other therapy services available include Graston Technique (an augmented form of soft tissue mobilization to treat scar tissue and tendonitis), gym program design

and modification, guidance on returning to sports activity, shoe-wear recommendations, and fall prevention/assessment. The rehabilitation center also provides education on nutrition, get-back-to-golf clinics, balance assessments, and fitness assessments. In addition, we participate in community events through informational seminars and health fairs and we partner with local retail businesses and physicians to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Outpatient Rehabilitation is located on the Charlton campus in the Davenport / Williams Building. Most major insurances are accepted including Medicare, Blue Cross, Harvard Pilgrim, Cigna, and Fallon. Speak with your doctor and call us for an appointment at (508) 434-2010. ■



Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star *continued from page 15*

Grand Matron’s and Worthy Grand Patron’s charity of choice is also supported during their year of service.

The Grand Chapter maintains an active calendar of social and fraternal events including an annual family and friends cookout to which all fraternal bodies are invited.

They join with the Scottish Rite in their Canobie Lake family event, and participate in the annual Grand Master’s Fair in Charlton. Four balls or dances are sponsored each year and proceeds are used for scholarships or benevolences. A holiday party with dinner and dancing is sponsored annually. The Worthy Grand Patron sponsors two fun trips during the year including a winter trip or cruise to warmer climates! The Grand Chapter also assists the Muscular Dystrophy Association by holding an annual walk around Lake Quinapowett in Wakefield and staffs phones during MDA’s Labor Day Telethon.

Local Chapters

There are 57 chapters, located in 56 towns around the State. Most chapters meet once per month. Visiting other chapters is encouraged. Each chapter has a vision statement, usually involving a commitment to participation in the community in which they exist. And local chapters are actively involved in the community. They participate in

local food banks, contribute to local homeless shelters, ring the bell at Salvation Army kettles, put on dinners for Masonic lodges, participate in myCHIP events and blood drives, hold monthly breakfasts for the community, host family outings and themed table chapters (including a yearly Halloween theme) and sponsor mystery dinner theaters and theme fun nights.

Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star have a lot in common. Both organizations hold similar values, a shared purpose, and want to enjoy their lodges and chapters. The distinguishing feature that appeals to members is that in the Order of the Eastern Star, men may interact with their wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters, thereby helping to strengthen the family and promote the fraternal life. OES invites and welcomes Master Masons and a family member to join the Order of the Eastern Star and participate in the synergy of fraternalism. ■

Contact Grand Secretary Karen Grabau for more information: 617-964-0312 or e-mail at maoessec@verizon.net. The Grand Chapter website, www.oestar.org contains chapter web pages.

Boston University Lodge to be Reconstituted



BU Lodge Members (L to R): Bros. Jehan Hamedi, A. David Brown, Richard Brooks, James Howard, Rt. Wor. Herb Lewis, Bros. Jacob Koshy, Jamie Gorton, Wors. Scott Sherman, Roland Akl, Bros. Ariel Anchondo, Jeffrey Cox, Jonathan Sym, Yotam Mendlinger, Andreas Thanos, Robert Skinnion.

Grand Lodge has approved the petition to reconstitute Boston University Lodge. The ceremony will be held at Grand Lodge at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2012. The event will be open to members of the lodge and their families. Other Masons interested in attending will be able to purchase a ticket. The proceeds will cover the cost of the event's collation, as well as a small donation to the lodge. The organizers expect that attendance will be 150 to 200 people. Register at www.bulodge.org.
—*Wor. James J. Howard III*

50-Year Past Master Recognized at Chicopee Lodge



Wor. Jay Reynolds with Rt. Wor. Robert O'Neill, DDGM 27th District, presented Wor. Willard A. McKinstry (at right in photo) with his 50-year past masters certificate at Chicopee Lodge. Wor. Bro. McKinstry, a pillar in Chicopee Lodge, occupied the master's chair on two occasions, in 1958 and in 1981. He is also a recipient of the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal.
—*Rt. Wor. Robert O'Neill*

Past Master in Afghanistan

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puts it aside. We all may be in uniform ready to fight at a moments notice but inside this building there is a different feeling." Masonic servicemen might sit in lodge with a general, colonel, staff sergeant, airman, sailor, marine, or soldier. "We all are brothers regardless of the rank and all alike inside. This is the true meaning of Masonry. The lodge

even has the ability to perform degree work; we are very active with candidates here!"

Wor. Bro. Ritter adds, "A great thank you goes out to Trent Lodge #38 and the Grand Lodge of Ontario Canada, who allow this to happen for our servicemen in Freemasonry from around he world."
—*Bro. Keith McHaffie*

St. Martin's Holds Derby

St. Martin's Lodge in Chatham held its first Masonic Derby Challenge in March. The event's entry fee paid for a block of wood, four nails, four wheels, and a meal ticket. Nineteen entrants competed for prizes in three divisions. The prize for overall winner Skip Woods (a relative of Bro. Jeff Woods) was to select the charity that would benefit from the event. He named Women of Fishers Families, an organization that has been raising funds for the Liska family of Chatham.



Wild game appetizers, wild boar ribs, scallops, elk tips, pheasant stew, venison stew, squid, and clams were served before the races and a dinner of shepherd's pie made with wild boar after the races. The event was a great success for the lodge and a successful fund-raiser for the Woman of Fishers Families.
—*Bro. William Benoit*



Rookie Awards at Mount Olivet Lodge

Bros. Nate Blake, Mike DeWitt, and Mike Penta, all from Mount Olivet Lodge, received their Master Mason's Rookie award at the 2nd District's Lodge of Instruction in March. Presenting the awards was Rt. Wor. District Deputy Grand Master Philip Nowlan of the 2nd Masonic District, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Tom O'Shaughnessy, and Bro. Nicolas Betzell, the first 2nd District Rookie Award winner.

The three rookies worked together on their awards and plan to work together on the Master Builder's Award.
—*Wor. Lee H. Fenn*



Minuteman James Brown (Bro. Mike DaRu) stoops to help fellow Mason, Sgt. William Munroe (Bro. John Nichols) on Lexington Green.

Masons at the Battle of Lexington

It's not entirely clear when Masonry first arrived in Lexington. Legend has it that the first Masons met up on the hill behind Munroe Tavern. Hiram Lodge—the town's first—was chartered in 1797. Three of the ten charter members belonged to Captain Parker's militia company: William Munroe, James Brown, and Joseph Smith, Jr. Both Bro. Munroe and Bro. Brown are known to have been on the Green on April 19, 1775, and were participants in the battle.

Bro. Mike DaRu, who is the junior deacon of Simon W. Robinson Lodge in Lexington, reenacts Bro. James Brown, one of a handful of 16-year-olds who had fought that day. "Little was known about him so it became my mission to reconstruct his life to the best of my ability. Ten years later and I've compiled mountains of information on his life, but the work continues. In fact, it wasn't until about two years ago that I found out he had also been a Freemason," recounts Bro. DaRu. "The excitement of learning that he had been a charter member of Lexington's first lodge and the town's first junior warden is something that still brings a smile to

my face. I take tremendous pride in being the living representative of Bro. James Brown, a Freemason and a patriot."

Bro. John Nichols, junior warden of Simon W. Robinson Lodge, reenacts Sgt. William Munroe, a past master of Hiram Lodge. "The first role I took when joining the Lexington Minutemen was Rt. Wor. John Lowell. In doing research into his life and his story I fell upon multiple sources talking about his involvement with the Masons and Grand Lodge. On April 19th, 1775, he joined with Most Wor. Paul Revere to retrieve a trunk of John Hancock's documents left behind at Buckman Tavern. At first I thought they had just met that day by chance. Come to find out, they lived right next door to each other, were both raised in the same lodge, and both attended the Grand Lodge Quarterly just a few months prior." Bro. Nichols concluded by saying, "Masons played such a role in our country's past; one can only hope they will be as significant in its future."

—*Bro. Lee Fenn*

TROWEL DEADLINES

Fall issue: Articles due by June 22
Lodge news items by July 20

Winter issue: Articles due by September 21
Lodge news items by October 19

Spring 2013: Articles due by December 21
Lodge news items by January 18

New Reenactor Regiment Named for Joseph Warren

As first mentioned in the winter, 2011 issue of TROWEL, a new Masonic reenactor regiment was in the process of being formed to honor Masons of the Revolutionary War Era. A name had not yet been chosen for the new regiment.

The new group will be named the Joseph Warren Regiment to commemorate the achievements of Bro. Warren and to honor other Masons who fought in the Revolutionary War.

The regiment is open to all Masons and will be comprised of various units organized in districts from all over Massachusetts. A wide variety of opportunities for participating members will be offered including celebrations of Flag Day, educational presentations, trips to parades in Concord, participation in the Grand Master's Fair, and a possible trip to Williamsburg, Virginia. Musket training may also be available

for interested parties. A tavern trip or two may be organized along the way, knowing how important those tavern meetings were to the early patriots. Contact Bro. Ken Sutcliffe at kensutcliffe@hotmail.com.

—*Bro. Kenneth Sutcliffe*

The Joseph Warren statue at the Bunker Hill Monument.



Celestial Lodge Platelet Donor Honored

Bro. Charles Liftman of Celestial Lodge, shown here with N.E. Patriots Rob Ninkovitz and Kevin Faulk, was recently honored at the Kraft Family Blood Donor Center Recognition Brunch at Gillette Stadium. Bro. Liftman was recognized by the Kraft Family and Dana Farber Cancer Institute for his dedication to the platelet donation program in 2011. Bro. Liftman has made nearly 500 platelet donations over the last 20 years.
—*Bro. Jeff Jarvis*

New William Sutton Lodge Room Dedicated

Grand Master Richard J. Stewart presided over a dedication ceremony in November to consecrate the newly created and beautifully appointed lodge room of William Sutton Lodge in Saugus.

In the course of constructing the new lodge room, members became aware of an existing bust of Rt. Wor. William Sutton (33rd degree conferred in 1862 and Sr. Grand Warden 1866) presented to Grand Lodge in 1875. Sadly, it had been damaged (large hole in rear of head) and become quite tarnished with age. It had been relegated to the basement storage area at Grand Lodge. William Sutton Lodge trustees felt that this would be a most fitting object to add as a capstone to the decor of their new lodge room.



The restored bust of Rt. Wor. William Sutton. Photo courtesy of Rt. Wor. Phil Nowlan.

After considerable negotiations with the board of directors of Grand Lodge and with the assistance of the Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Jeffrey Gardiner, the bust was repaired at the expense of the lodge and is now on permanent loan from Grand Lodge to William Sutton Lodge. This bust of the lodge's benefactor will be an attractive addition for the future proceedings of the lodge in a room that the Grand Master has aptly called "one of the most beautiful lodge rooms in the state."

—Rt. Wor. Amos F. Cutter, Jr

Ballroom Dancing at Guiding Lights Lodge

Guiding Lights lodge in Auburn sponsored the third annual Ballroom Dancing Lesson in February. This is a popular event. The instructor, Helene Hannan, has been giving dance lessons for over 25 years and is a consummate professional, who is also a witty, humorous, and entertaining instructor; she keeps her students on their toes!

Men from five different Masonic lodges and their partners participated

in the 90-minute lesson which focused on the waltz and the fox trot, which are two "go to" dances for couples at weddings and dances. This event will be held again next year in late January or early February. —Bro. Michael Parent

Surprise Medal Presentation at Hampshire Lodge

A Veteran's Medal was presented to Bro. Earl H. Streeter at Hampshire Lodge April 5th. Bro. Streeter (L) was completely surprised, as he actually is

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Central Massachusetts in 2000 and served on the board of governors for ten years, holding the role of chairman from 2007 until 2011. He has also been an active member of the board of management for the YMCA of Central Massachusetts and a prolific fund-raiser for their Strength of the Youth and Capital programs, for which he was named volunteer of the year in 2009.

Bro. Rand began his Masonic involvement when he joined DeMolay in 1944; he has been active ever since in the Scottish Rite, Melha Temple Shrine, Worcester County Shrine Club, and his own lodge. He served as master of Athelstan Lodge in 1968 (merged with Guiding Lights Lodge in 2003) and received the 50-Year Veteran's Medal in 2004. He was presented the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal in 2011. He serves the Grand Lodge as the Grand Representative for Georgia. —John Doherty

60 years a Mason. His younger brother William, 82, (R) who received his Veteran's Medal last year assisted in pinning on his lapel pin and presented him with a 32° Scottish Rite pin.



50 Years Plus

Two 50-year-plus members of lodges in the 23rd Masonic District were visited by the District Deputy Grand Master, who presented them with Veteran's Medals due them from earlier years.



Bro. Richard Emil Strmiste (L) of Boylston Lodge received his 50-year Masonic Veteran's Medal at his home from Rt. Wor. Robert A. Johnson, Jr; DDGM. Bro. Richard W. Lindgren (R), of Matthew John Whittall Lodge, also received his medal at home, presented by Rt. Wor. Bro. Johnson and Wor. H. Bradford White, of Matthew John Whittall Lodge.

Two Warren Medals at Sinim Lodge

On December 20, 2011, Wor. John Clarke and Bro. Kenji Nakano of Sinim Lodge in Tokyo were honored with the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal by Rt. Wor. Brian Norman Watson, District Deputy Grand Master for the China District. Wor. Bro. Clarke has served as Master of Sinim Lodge for three consecutive terms and has been a volunteer for a wide number of Masonic functions. Bro. Nakano has supported the lodge consistently for over 30 years. —Wor. Jack Witt

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Veteran's Medal Recipients in 2012

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Alpha Lodge

Bro. Charles Reginald Van Anden Jr.

Amicable Lodge

Wor. Roy Wesley Jackson
Bro. Richard Alvin Steed
R.W. Charles Henry Taylor

Amity-Mosaic Lodge

Bro. Marshall Russell Bowden
Bro. Robert Henry Marshall Sr.
Bro. John Albert Morley
Bro. John William Newbury
Bro. Edward Leroy Park
Bro. Kendall Willard Parker
R.W. Philip Pergola Jr.
Bro. Douglas Maheu Perkins
Bro. Howard Curtis Remon
Bro. Louis Hyman Shoer
Wor. Robert Sinclair Wall

Ancient York Lodge

Bro. Gilbert Arliss Burns
Bro. Albert Sidney Dodge

Ancon Lodge

Wor. Fredrick Nelson Boalt
Bro. William Brawner
Bro. James Duel Butler
Bro. Wade Huffman
Bro. Roger James Million

Aurora Lodge

Bro. John Sahag Chicknavorian

Azure Lodge

Bro. Mario Albert Boragine Jr.
Bro. Walter Bennett Russell
Bro. Lester Leroy Stewart

Baalis Sanford Lodge

Bro. Carl Frederick Helander
Bro. Charles Louis Kahler
R.W. Carl William Landerholm

Berkshire Lodge

Bro. John Anthony Ashton

Bethesda (W) Lodge

Bro. Ronald Leo Hovsepian
Bro. Peter Jomides
Wor. William Mckinley Tennant

Beth-horon Lodge

Bro. Robert Paul Brody
Bro. Charles Eaton Heitman
Bro. David John Maakestad
R.W. Peter Gordon Richter

Blue Hill Lodge

Bro. Clifford Ludwig Towner

Boylston Lodge

Bro. Loring Stanley Corkum
Bro. Alan Adams Creamer

More than 500 Masons will be eligible to receive their Veteran's Medal this year. This medal is awarded to men who have been Master Masons for 50 years. Anyone raised at any time during 1962 will be recognized in 2012.

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 2012 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. The number of medal recipients this year is only slightly less than the almost 600 awarded in 2011.

Masons are listed in their current lodge, which may or may not be the lodge where they were raised in 1962. If you have any concern about being included in the listing, or any question about your membership status, please contact your lodge secretary, who will consult your membership records for you.

Bro. Richard William Johnson
Bro. Henry John Scott
Bro. Steve Chris Zoulas



DDGM RW Bruce Thornton Marshall congratulates Bro. Roger Talanian of Celestial Lodge on his Veterans Medal.

Brigham Lodge

Bro. Donovan Eugene Cornish
Bro. Herbert Charles Jackowitz

Bristol Lodge

Bro. Richard Allen Breed Jr.
Bro. Lloyd Andrew Jensen Jr.

Budleigh Lodge

Bro. Ralph Hanford Hardy
Bro. Norris Edward Kenyon

R.W. Harry Alzirus Powers
Wor. Robert Henry Sanders

Caleb Butler Lodge

Bro. Hurshel Kent Marshall

Caribbean Naval Lodge

Bro. Uwe Schneider

Cawnacone Sunshine Lodge

Bro. William Giffin Locke

Celestial Lodge

Bro. Jacob Robert Brickman
R.W. Richard Ogilvie
Bro. William Bruce Talanian
Bro. Roger Rupen Talanian

Charity Lodge

Bro. John Angelo Chirbas
Bro. Donald Prescott Dickinson
Wor. William Frank Harnum
Bro. George Ross MacKinnon
R.W. Stewart A. Swinamer Jr.

Charles River Lodge

Bro. George Gillmore Hersey
Bro. Julius Jerry Rosen
Bro. Richard Ernest Wood

Charles W. Moore Lodge

Bro. George Alvin Funnell
Bro. K Stanford Johnson
Wor. Charles Einar Koski
Wor. James Richard Pollock
R.W. Richard Stanley Sleeper

Chicopee Lodge

Bro. Maxim Boshko
Bro. Harvey Stanford Mandel



Bro. Harvey S. Mandel, receives his Veteran's Medal from (L) Wor. Jay Reynolds of Chicopee Lodge, and (C) RW DDGM Robert O'Neill.

Cincinnati Lodge

Wor. Richard Earl Watson

Cochichewick Lodge

Bro. Robert Curren
Bro. Charles Henry Foster Jr.
Bro. Carl Weston Knightly Jr.
Bro. Charles Irwin Leavitt
Bro. Earl Edward Simon

Converse Lodge

Bro. Richard Arthur Berry
Bro. Robert Linwood Clark
Bro. Philip David Fixman
Bro. Ralph Rosewell Fountain
Bro. Marvin H Margolies
Bro. Paul Neal Polshuk
Bro. Robert Norman Siegel
Bro. Edward Irving Swerdlick
Bro. Norton Gilbert Zieff

Corinthian Lodge

Bro. Charles William Barrett
Bro. Donald Truman Fairburn
Bro. Hollis Robert Holden
Bro. Gordon Thomas Irwin
Bro. Thomas John Williamson Jr.



Bro. Thomas John Williamson, Jr. receiving his 50-year medal from Wor. Michael Doherty and RW DDGM Geoffrey Kromer.

Our New 50-Year Brothers 1962–2012 continued

Cosmopolitan Lodge

Bro. Milton Baratz
Bro. Jack Dunkless
Bro. Barry Norton Glass
Bro. Irving Elliott Glick
Bro. Barry Herbert Shanler
Bro. David Stein
Bro. Melvin I Wartel

Crescent-Pittsfield Lodge

Bro. Robert Earl Cooper
Bro. Robert Louis DiOrio

Dalhousie Lodge

Wor. Ruane Desteiguer Crummett
Bro. Julian Roberts
Wor. Robert Boyden Webber

Day Spring Lodge

Bro. Sidney Sutcliffe Letter

Delta Lodge

Bro. Robert William Hanson
Wor. Morris James Harrison
Bro. Wallace Franklin Newcomb
R.W. Robert Davis Parker
Bro. Donald Edward Peterson
Bro. William Henry Stovold
Bro. James P Theodore
Wor. Stewart Francis Webb

DeWitt Clinton Lodge

Bro. George Walter Hull
Wor. Robert Franklin Jones
Bro. Stuart Neil Mitts
Bro. Kenneth Elmore Norton

Eastern Star Lodge

Bro. Carl Stephen Berghman

Elm-Belcher Lodge

Bro. Larry Wade Brown
Wor. Chester Edwin Butler
Bro. William Babe Kenyon Jr.
Bro. Donald George Sansom
Bro. John Robert Sharpe

Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge

Bro. Michael Feiner Bader
Bro. Marvin Bernard Levitt
Bro. Robert Victor Rapisarda
Bro. Jordan Herbert Rosenkrantz

Euclid Lodge

Bro. Herbert Lee Levin

Evening Star Lodge

Wor. Gordon Earle Leeman
Bro. Harold Clifford MacDonald
Bro. Paul Carter Smith

Excelsior Lodge

Bro. John Frank Barnes

Ezekiel Bates Lodge

Bro. Thomas Ramsay Richards
Wor. Steven Clarke Robinson
Bro. Robert James Russell II
Bro. Nabil Najib Saaty

Fellowship Lodge

Bro. Robert Merton Bishop
Bro. Robert Vernon Chisholm
Bro. Thomas Malcolm Chisholm III
Bro. Charles Clinton Leonard

Fidelity Lodge

Bro. David Fisher Hoyle
Bro. Theodore Dwight Stanton

Frank W. Thompson Lodge

Bro. George Leon Hall Jr.

Fraternal Lodge

Bro. Ralph Manfred Krau

Friendship Lodge

Bro. Vernon Lloyd Randell
Bro. George James Webber Jr.
R.W. Willis Browning Whalen

Garden City Lodge

Bro. Joel Corman
Bro. Sumner Darman
Bro. Kenneth George Elkins
Bro. Paul Greenstein
Bro. Stanley Alan Schwartz

Gatun Lodge

Bro. Peter Shea Lang
Bro. Samuel Harvey Rowley Jr.

George H. Taber Lodge

Bro. Elmer Dean Durst

Globe Unity Lodge

Wor. Vernon LeRoy Campbell

Golden Fleece Lodge

Bro. Michael Joseph Ahern III
Bro. Joseph Paul Kavanagh
Bro. Richard Herbert Unsworth

Golden Rule Lodge

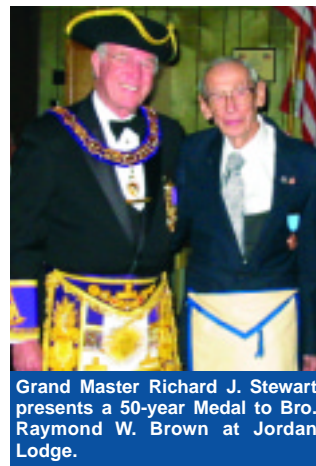
Bro. Arthur Alton Anderson
Bro. Henry Chester Burgess
Bro. Warren Thomas Kearns
Bro. Donald Edward MacCuish
Bro. Leonard Gordon Whitford

Good Samaritan Lodge

Bro. Robert Charles Cutter
Bro. Paul Richard Marlin
Bro. Frederick Payne

Guiding Lights Lodge

Bro. Paul John Andonian
Bro. Arthur Hugo Forsell
Wor. Everett Aaron Hultquist
Bro. Thomas Francis Jones
Bro. Samuel Mayer Laipson



Grand Master Richard J. Stewart presents a 50-year Medal to Bro. Raymond W. Brown at Jordan Lodge.

Bro. Viljo Olavi Numminen
Bro. Robert Henry Richards

Hampshire Lodge

Bro. Robert Earl Starr

Harmony Lodge

Bro. Donald Richard Loveland

Hayden Lodge

Bro. George Clarence Howland Jr.

Bro. George Clarence Howland Jr. receives his Veteran's Medal at Hayden Lodge. L to R: RW DDGM Walter J. Golden Jr., son Bro. James Howland, Bro. Howland, son-in-law Wor. Francis Hart.



Hope Lodge

Bro. Franklin Eugene Gwynn
Bro. Avery Eliot Newton

Howard Lodge

Bro. Arthur Martin Bernstein
Bro. Peter Warrington Rice

Huntington-Federal Lodge

Bro. Richard John Trusty

Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge

Bro. Richard Emerson Averill
Bro. Charles Daniel Brown
Bro. Henry Bruce Crossman Jr.
Bro. George Thomas Goehlert
Bro. Leslie Joseph Hood Jr.
Bro. Joseph Peter Latif
Wor. James Richard Leete
Wor. Ralph James Marra
Bro. Leo Tarpinian

Joel H. Prouty Lodge

Bro. Raymond Stanley Odgren
Bro. Andrew Robert Petro

John Cutler Lodge

Bro. Lloyd Errett French

John Hancock Lodge

Bro. Robert Alton Andrew
Bro. Edward Warren Hays
Bro. John Wentworth Lewis Jr.
Bro. Albert William White

John T. Heard Lodge

Bro. Stanley Neill Baker
Bro. George Duncan Erickson
Bro. Nicholas George
Bro. Robert Arthur Harrington
Bro. Arthur Sleight Heard
Bro. Joseph Ralph Pugia Sr.

John Warren Lodge

Bro. Arnold Robert McLean

Jordan Lodge

Bro. Raymond William Brown
Bro. Walter Steven Goldstein
Bro. Angelo Metaxatos



Joseph Warren - Soley Lodge: Wor. John Crockett, medal recipient Bro. Paul Wesley Tyler, RW DDGM Geoffrey Kromer.

Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge

Bro. William Burwell Crosby Jr.
Bro. Charles William Hill
Bro. Paul Wesley Tyler

Joseph Webb Lodge

Bro. Robert James Cook
Wor. Richard Elwin Monroe
Bro. William Irving Monroe III

King David Lodge

Wor. Ronald Milton Brown
Bro. John Thomas George
Bro. Charles Herbert Rose

King Philip Lodge

Bro. Bruce Erwin Hutchinson

Lafayette-Greylock Lodge

Wor. Edward John Konopka Jr.

Lawrence United Lodge

Bro. James Aloysius Kerr
Bro. Robert Thomas Uttley



Bro. James A. Kerr receives his Veteran's Medal from RW DDGM Thomas O'Shaughnessy at Lawrence United Lodge.

Level Lodge

Bro. Frederick Chafitz
Bro. Conrad William Fisher Esq.
Bro. Edward Malcolm Glick
Bro. Harvey Allan Jacobson
Bro. Michael Kyritsis
Bro. Melvin Irwin Porter
Bro. Leon Asher Resnick
Wor. Bernard Philip Schultz
Bro. Edward Alan Siff

Liberty Lodge

Bro. Murray Wendell Obeare
Bro. James Ernest Osborne

Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge

Bro. Perley Goodick Burrill

Macedonian Lodge

Bro. Robert Edward Blair

Major General Henry Knox Lodge

Bro. Fredley Berman
Bro. Johnny Wyatt Hunt
Bro. Bertram Gilbert Sallen
Bro. Richard Pemberton Spurr

Manchester Lodge

Bro. David Leslie Crane
Wor. Edward Roper Parsons



Wor. Edward R. Parsons was raised in 1962 by Wor. Lloyd E. Wilson, Manchester Lodge.

Matthew John Whittall Lodge

Bro. Thomas David Renaldo

Meridian Lodge

Wor. Wade Roger Chavious
Wor. Raymond Elton Higgins
Wor. Robert Atherton Howatt

Merrimack Lodge

Bro. Richard Charles Glead
Bro. Stuart Edison Jeans

Middlesex Lodge

Wor. Leonard Albert Wilson

Milton Lodge

Bro. Christos Peter Alex
Bro. James Alex
Bro. George Couper Harrison
Bro. James Tsakalas

Morning Star Lodge

Bro. Richard Mahlert Davis
Bro. John George Fashjian
Wor. Wayne Allan Granat
Bro. Sam Henry Hokkanen
Bro. James John Lukes
Bro. John Helge Nordquist
Bro. Stephen Westerman

Moses Michael Hays Lodge

Bro. Melvin Irving Alman
Bro. Shepard Milton Arkin
Bro. Marshall Joseph Arkin
Bro. Abraham Baron
Bro. David Harvey Berman
Bro. Eliot Conviser
Bro. Lawrence William Gorin
Bro. Robert Charles Gorin
Bro. Bennett Miller Heffron
Bro. Wallace Harold Heller

Bro. Gary Simson Jacobson
Wor. Robert David Kaplan
Bro. Aaron Samuel Prelak
Bro. Irwin Jules Rosenston
Bro. Burton Alvin Sage
Bro. Joseph Alan Zimmerman

Mount Carmel Lodge

R.W. Dean Edwin Benedict
Bro. Donald Kenneth Fine

Bro. Jimmy Hunter Rogers
Bro. Robert Ernest Westcott

Mount Hermon Lodge

Wor. Colin Odell Ward

Mount Hollis Lodge

Wor. Gilbert Leo Schofield

Mount Holyoke Lodge

Bro. Elmer Stuart Bailly
Bro. Joseph Donald Desjeunes
Bro. Raymond Joseph Miner

Mount Horeb (D) Lodge

Bro. Lothrop Smith

Mount Horeb (W) Lodge

Bro. John Albert Nelson

Mount Lebanon Lodge

Bro. Sidney Aylaian
Bro. Donald Moffat

Mount Moriah Lodge

Bro. Donald Ernest Clowes
Bro. Dexter Edwin Farnham Jr.
Bro. Maurice Edson Nelson
Bro. Roger Allen Nelson
Bro. Roger Sterling Oltsch

Mount Orthodox Lodge

Bro. Donald Franklin Gaunt
Bro. Albert Joseph Kopinsky
Bro. Bruce Fox Perkins

Mount Tabor Lodge

Bro. Robert Sumner Fishman
Bro. Bernard Lechtor
Bro. James George Peters
Bro. Richard Arthur Waugh

Mount Tom Lodge

Bro. George Alan Parsons

Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge

Bro. Robert Augustus Maltais
Bro. Gordon Raymond Parsons
Bro. Wilton Nevan Thunell

Mountain Lodge

Bro. David James Black
Bro. Robert Frank Rodovich

Mystic Valley Lodge

Bro. Kerney Winter Bolton
Bro. William Henry Charles Bolton
Bro. James Alfred Carlan Jr.
Bro. Charles Haig Chudigian
Bro. Robert Lawrence Sullivan

Noquochoke Lodge

Bro. Siegfried Fritz Stiegler

Norfolk Lodge

Wor. James Lewis Bond
Bro. Robert Melvin Colman
Bro. Lawrence Delano Osborne Jr.
Bro. Philip Stone Rand

Norfolk Union Lodge

Wor. Harry Lane

North Quabbin Lodge

Bro. Richard Vernon Minns
Bro. William Lyall Robertson

North Reading Lodge

Bro. John Avarid Greene
Bro. Philip Allan Keane
Wor. Edson Mitchell Larkin
Bro. Thomas Alan Naegeli
Bro. Peter Richard Olsen Jr.

Beard Scouting Award at Hayden Lodge

In March, Rt. Wor. District Deputy Grand Master Walter J. Golden, Jr. (25th Masonic District) awarded Wor. Francis Hart of Hayden Lodge the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award for his many years of dedicated service to the Boy Scouts of America and his dedication to the fraternity. This award exemplifies the ideals of Masonry and Scouting.



Elm-Belcher Lodge Hosts Cancer Benefit Dinner

Elm-Belcher Lodge hosted a benefit dinner for the American Cancer Society in April. Two thousand dollars were raised for the fight against cancer. Shown above: Wor. John Fedier (at right), chairman of the building association, presents check to Wor. Dennis Cote, chairman for the dinner event.

—Bro. William Bessette

Three Generations at Mumford River Lodge

In January at Mumford River Lodge in Douglas, Bro. Attila Benjamin Kara (at center in photo below) was raised by his father Wor. Attila Kara (left) and his grandfather Rt. Wor. Stuart Glass (right). Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master Robert V. Jolly Jr. represented the Grand Master and was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Senior Grand Warden Richard A. Gesualdo, Rt. Wor. Junior Grand Warden James C. Holmes, and other members of Grand Lodge.



Our New 50-Year Brothers 1962–2012 *continued*

Norumbega Fraternity Lodge

Wor. Fred William Fogg Jr.
Wor. Christopher Jordan Kohler
Wor. Richard Luther Linden
Bro. David Lewis Murray
Bro. Clay Frederick Stevenson
Wor. Malcolm Alexander Stone

Occidental Lodge

Wor. Robert Charles Etman

Olive Branch Lodge

Wor. John Walter Davidson
Bro. Robert Gustaf Elbe
Bro. Jack Harold Gunnarson
Bro. Raymond Robert Hanson

Orient Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Bibby
Bro. Loftin Eugene Elvey
Bro. Walter Willis Whitney
Bro. Edward Campbell Williamson



Orient Lodge: above, Bro. Kenneth Bibby was presented his Veterans Medal by RW Bruce T. Marshall; below, Bro. Edward Campbell Williamson and his family during the presentation of his Veterans Medal.



Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge

Bro. Herbert Paul Golub
Wor. Ronald Howard Tolin

Oxford Lodge

Bro. Donald Trefry Dunham
Bro. Richard Thomas Harrington
Bro. Clifford Frederick Larsson
Bro. Alvin Ellsworth Stone

Palestine Lodge

Bro. Paul Richard Burkart

Paul Revere Lodge

Bro. John Simpson Jr.
Bro. David Acton Williams

Pentucket Lodge

Bro. Donald Irving Edwards

Pequossette Lodge

R.W. Robert Mallory Blake
Bro. William John Green

Perfection Lodge

Bro. Melvin Bloomstein
Bro. Leonard James Gordon
Bro. Norman Wolf Resnic

Philanthropic Lodge

Wor. Jonas Howard Chaves
Bro. Donald Stacey Glass
Bro. Paul Donald Johnston
Bro. Howard Mason Knight
Bro. Sidney Kenneth Quint
Bro. Arnold Spector

Phoenix Lodge

Bro. David Corson
Bro. Roger Alvin Leslie
Bro. Charles Ronald Mesheau
Bro. Horace Emrold Upham



Bro. Roger Leslie was presented his Veteran's Medal at Phoenix Masonic Lodge. (L to R) Wor. John Hyland, son-in-law Bro. Bob Terman, Bro. Leslie, son Bro. Chip Leslie, DDGM RW Joseph DeNicola.

Pilgrim Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Warren O'Brien

Prospect Lodge

Bro. Robert Edward Nordgren
Bro. Socrates Vratots

Puritan Lodge

Bro. Richard Allen Davis

Pythagorean Lodge

Bro. Weston Warren Eames

Quaboag Lodge

Bro. John Drury Hathaway
Bro. Dean Thomas Toepfer

Quinebaug Lodge

Bro. Horatio Sharpe Ridout

Quinsigamond Lodge

Bro. Ara Paul Heroian

Republican Lodge

Bro. Roy Philip Hothan

Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge

Wor. Charles Henry Briggs Jr.
Bro. Reed Campbell Fulton
Bro. Melvin Leo Stone

Rising Star Lodge

Bro. Harry Burtman

Rufus Putnam Lodge

Bro. Paul Franklyn Adams
Bro. Edward Averant Berube Jr.
Bro. Carl Eugene Besse
Bro. Amasa Gerald Condon
Bro. Russell Paul Swanson

Rural Lodge

Bro. Richard Earl Benton
Bro. Robert Arvid Bjelf
Bro. George Keches
Bro. Robert Allan Mastico
Wor. Jon Silver-Feather
Wor. William Wallace White

Saggahew Lodge

Bro. Jacques Daniel Aquillon
Wor. James Edward Bradley
R.W. James Henry Hastings
Bro. Gordon Lewis Stone



Wor. James E. Bradley, DDGM RW Thomas O'Shaughnessy and RW James H. Hastings at Saggahew Lodge.

Saint John's (N) Lodge

Wor. Donald Patoel Lippoldt

Saint Mark's Lodge

Bro. Peter Brigham DeMaranville
Wor. James Francis Harvey
Bro. Fred Caswell Hunt



RW DDGM Thomas O'Shaughnessy presents Bro. Peter B. DeMaranville his Veteran's Medal at St. Mark's Lodge.

Saint Martin's Lodge

Bro. David Elmer Howes
Bro. Robert Ernest Starkweather Jr.

Saint Matthew's Lodge

Bro. Shirley Ralph Belloir
Bro. Donald Vernon Downes
Bro. Kenneth Brooks Holmes
Wor. James Floyd Johnson

Saint Paul Lodge

Bro. Ralph Alfred Straitiff

Saint Paul's-Algonquin Lodge

Bro. Fred Victor Alexander
Bro. William Elliot Winsloe

Satucket Lodge

Bro. Robert Waldemar Holton



Wor. Charles Francis Jr., Satucket Lodge, Bro. Robert W. Holton, and DDGM RW Peter D. Dorr
Photo Wor. Robert C. Farrell

Satuit Lodge

Bro. Norman Scott MacEwen
Wor. Roger Clark Trueblood
Bro. Irl Huntley Von Iderstein



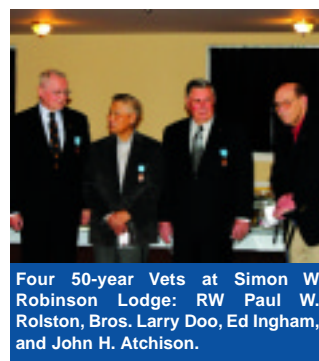
In back: DDGM Joseph C. DeNicola, 18th District, and Wor. Jack Richardson, master of Satuit Lodge, with 50-year members (in front) Wor. Roger Trueblood, Bro. Irl Von Iderstein, and Bro. Scott MacEwen.

Siloam Lodge

Wor. William Spaulding Brower Jr.

Simon W. Robinson Lodge

Bro. John Howard Atchison
Bro. Robert Clayton Bradshaw
Bro. Larry Fon Jin Doo
Bro. Roy Chesley Greenland
Bro. Paul Edwin Hirtle
Bro. William Dale Hood
Bro. Edward Rudge Ingham Jr.
Wor. Arthur Holder Post Jr.
Bro. John Loring Ramsey
R.W. Paul William Rolston
Bro. Jack Whitezell
Bro. Robert Ernest Wilson



Four 50-year Vets at Simon W. Robinson Lodge: RW Paul W. Rolston, Bros. Larry Doo, Ed Ingham, and John H. Atchison.

Simonds Lodge

Bro. Frederick Robert Graham
Bro. David Arthur Hutchinson
Bro. Robert Brandau Richardson
Bro. Richard Noel Sheppard
Bro. Richard Marvin Wing Sr.



At Simonds Lodge: Wor. Douglas Dodge, Bro. Richard M. Wing, Sr., Bro. David Arthur Hutchinson, and RW DDGM Geoffrey Kromer.

Sinim Lodge

Bro. Donald Preston Maury

Sojourners Lodge

Bro. Charles Robinson Miller

Somerville Lodge

Bro. James Arthur Hines
Bro. Anthony Arthur Nasson

Star In The East Lodge

Bro. Ralph Albion Brown
Bro. Charles Willis Gunning Jr.
Bro. Robert George Sherman

Star of Bethlehem Lodge

Wor. William Alexander Farquhar
Bro. Edward Albert Hunt
Bro. George William Lingos
Bro. Paul Henry Podlesny

Starr King Lodge

Wor. Richard Elliott Currier

Tahattawan Lodge

Bro. Bruce Morse Campbell
Bro. Charles Henry Elwood Jr.

The Consolidated Lodge

Bro. Marvin Edelstein
Bro. Lionel Klinow
Bro. Richard Myron Ober
Bro. Robert Parthow Rubin
Bro. Harvey Harris Shore



Wor. William R. Morrison, Jr., The Harvard Lodge, received his Veteran's Medal from Grand Master Stewart while in Florida.

The Harvard Lodge

Wor. William Reid Morrison Jr.

The Meadows Lodge

Bro. Arthur Andrew Booth Jr.
Bro. Donald Edward Haraty

Wor. Gilbert Hunter
Bro. Charles Raymond Melville Jr.

The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge

Bro. Earle Francis Greenwood
Bro. Ronald Michael Lacey
Bro. Clifford Henry Lane III
Bro. George Bennett Nichols

Thomas Lodge

Bro. William R Faulkner Jr.

Thomas Talbot Lodge

Bro. Paul Donet Allard
Wor. Robert George Parsons
Bro. Lewis Burpee Sponagle Jr.

Trinity Lodge

R.W. Frank Oren Collins
Bro. Frank Malvin Morris
Wor. George Wayne Stoddard



RW Robert A. Johnson awards Veteran's Medals to Wor. G. Wayne Stoddard and RW Frank O. Collins at Trinity Lodge.

Union Lodge (N)

Bro. Lawrence Joseph Brackett
Bro. Clifford Joseph Taylor

United Brethren Lodge

Bro. Robert Earle Grote
Bro. James Darwyn Wicker

Universal Lodge

Bro. George Friedrich Handel

Vernon Lodge

R.W. Kenneth Willard Rhodes



RW Kenneth W. Rhodes, Vernon Lodge, received his Veteran's medal with his wife Dorothy with RW DDGM Robert O'Neill.

Waltham Triad Lodge

Bro. Vahan Leon Barmakian
Bro. George Ellis Colgate
Bro. Warren Sigvard Edwardson
Bro. Clifton George Falconer
Bro. Joseph Graziosi
Bro. Vartkes Karoghlanian
Bro. Robert Douglas Knowlton

ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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



As many of you know Rt. Wor. Robert Johnston has retired as chairman of the grand lecturers after 28 years of outstanding service. He has left us a set of shoes which are impossible to fill. Enjoy your retirement, Bob, and we will do our best to follow your example.

Q May a ritualist use a cipher during degrees for prompting purposes?

A No. A cipher may not be consulted in any lodge of exemplification while in session nor by any candidate for the degrees. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Q What is the proper sitting position for lodge officers?

A The proper position is upright with both feet placed flatly on the floor. Hands should be on the arms of the chair or on the top of the legs. Crossing of legs, ankles, or arms, leaning on one's elbow, or slouching is not appropriate while serving in station.

Q When is applause appropriate during degree work?

A If the lodge officers have done a good job, it is appropriate to give them a round of applause at the conclusion of the degree. A standing ovation is unnecessary. It is never appropriate to interrupt the degree work with any applause.

Q When is the use of a gavel appropriate in a public ceremony?

A Only in conjunction with the lodge marshal proclaiming the lodge officers regularly and duly installed. If necessary, the presiding officer may indicate a desired action by using his hands or by giving verbal instructions.



MW Donald Hicks was given his 50 year pin by his grandson, Bro. E. A. Brandon Thorne, with MW Richard Stewart looking on.

Wamesit Lodge

Bro. Roger Allen Currier
Bro. Thomas Winder Davies
M.W. Donald Gardner Hicks Jr.

Wampatuck Lodge

Bro. Raymond Augustus Reid
Bro. Donald Richard Smith

Webster Lodge

Bro. James Nicholas

Wellesley Lodge

Bro. Wayne Alvah Cunningham
Bro. Robert Jack Ricci

West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge

Bro. Charles Samuel Anderson

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FIFTY-YEAR PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

RT. WOR. SCOTT LOUIS ALLEN *Brookfield 21st Masonic District 1962–1963*

FIFTY-YEAR PAST MASTERS

The following Masons served their lodges as master in 1962.

Their names are in alphabetical order and the names of the lodges served are also shown. In many cases the lodge indicated is not the lodge in which the Mason is a current member. These past masters are recognized in 2012 with certificates of service from the Grand Master.

WOR. GREGORY HARRY ADAMIAN <i>Past Master of Putnam Lodge</i>	WOR. CLAYTON RICHARD FOOTE <i>Past Master of William Sutton Lodge</i>	R.W. PAUL ARLON MOORE <i>Past Master of Occidental Lodge</i>
WOR. RAYNOR GRAY ADAMS <i>Past Master of The Tyrian Lodge</i>	WOR. ELMER WILLIAM GAMBLE <i>Past Master of Budleigh Lodge</i>	WOR. HEWITT MORGAN, JR. <i>Past Master of The Harvard Lodge</i>
WOR. ROBERT LOUIS ALLEN <i>Past Master of Netop Lodge</i>	WOR. NEILSON COPELAND GASS <i>Past Master of John Warren Lodge</i>	WOR. HERBERT CARLETON NICKLESS <i>Past Master 1961 and 1962 Thomas Talbot Lodge</i>
R.W. WILLIAM ANTONOPOULOS <i>Past Master of Rabboni Lodge</i>	R.W. FREDERICK LEE GILCHRIST <i>Past Master of Simonds Lodge</i>	WOR. CLARENCE ELMER NORCROSS <i>Past Master of Mount Horeb Lodge in Dennis</i>
R.W. STEPHEN BAKER, JR. <i>Past Master of Dorchester Lodge</i>	WOR. HAROLD ADDISON HAM, JR. <i>Past Master of Winthrop Lodge</i>	WOR. WALTER LEONARD RICHTER <i>Past Master of Roswell Lee Lodge</i>
WOR. ROBERT EDWARD BEAN <i>Past Master of Paul Revere Lodge</i>	WOR. WILLIAM HANNA <i>Past Master of Oriental Lodge</i>	WOR. EDWARD WILLIAM RICKETTS <i>Past Master of Oxford Lodge</i>
R.W. MALCOLM FREDERICK BORDEN <i>Past Master of Alfred Baylies Lodge</i>	R.W. JOHN HENRY HART <i>Past Master of Corinthian Lodge</i>	WOR. GORDON JOSEPH SMITH <i>Past Master of Mount Moriah Lodge</i>
WOR. BENJAMIN MALLORY BREWER <i>Past Master of Paskamansett Lodge</i>	R.W. ROY EDWIN JOHNSON <i>Past Master of Wollaston Lodge</i>	R.W. ALVA CHARLES STACY <i>Past Master of Morning Sun Lodge</i>
WOR. WILLIAM GAITHER CARPENTER <i>Past Master of Faith Lodge</i>	WOR. GERALD DANIEL KAPLAN <i>Past Master of Wamsutta Lodge</i>	WOR. BUD MANNING TALPEY <i>Past Master of Puritan Lodge</i>
R.W. DAVID ERNEST CHAFFEE <i>Past Master of Fellowship Lodge</i>	WOR. KENNETH CROSSMAN KNIGHT <i>Past Master of John T. Heard Lodge</i>	WOR. BURTON LINWOOD TIBBETTS, JR. <i>Past Master of Saint George Lodge</i>
WOR. WILLIS ALFRED CLARK, JR. <i>Past Master of Pentucket Lodge</i>	WOR. BEATIE CRUME LAMB <i>Past Master 1961 and 1962, Martha's Vineyard Lodge</i>	WOR. CLIFTON J. TOOTHAKER, JR. <i>Past Master of Warren Lodge</i>
R.W. RALPH SOBELMAN COHEN <i>Past Master of Noddle's Island Lodge</i>	WOR. PETER PHILIP LANE <i>Past Master of Baalbec Lodge</i>	WOR. LAURENCE ALBERT WESCOTT <i>Past Master of Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Lodge</i>
WOR. NORMAN LAWRENCE CROSBY <i>Past Master of Euclid Lodge</i>	WOR. WILLIAM ETSSELL LARSEN <i>Past Master of Waltham Lodge</i>	WOR. ARNOLD BURTON WILSON <i>Past Master of Henry Price Lodge</i>
WOR. EDWARD NORTON DECKER, JR. <i>Past Master of Evening Star Lodge</i>	R.W. MAX LUDWIG, JR. <i>Past Master of Kilwinning Lodge</i>	WOR. LLOYD EUGENE WILSON <i>Past Master of Manchester Lodge</i>
WOR. DONALD FRANCIS ELDREDGE <i>Past Master of Saint Martin's Lodge</i>	WOR. EARL MACPHERSON <i>Past Master of Nehoiden Lodge</i>	WOR. WENDELL STRATTON YOUNG <i>Past Master of Saint Alban's Lodge</i>
WOR. EDWARD JAMES FITZGERALD <i>Past Master of Galilean Lodge</i>	WOR. MELVIN ROSS MCLEOD <i>Past Master of Sagamore Lodge</i>	
	R.W. MELVIN BERNARD MILLER <i>Past Master of Shawmut Lodge</i>	

Freemasonry's Rebirth

by James Tresner

I sometimes wonder what it would have been like to be a Mason in the late 1500s in Scotland, when the rebirth of Masonry as a Speculative Craft from the Operative Craft was happening.

The Scots, to their credit, are known as very conservative of fundamental values. What must a craggy old warden of a Lodge thought when he saw men joining the Lodge who had never set one stone atop another in their entire lives; men who worked with pen and parchment, not their hands; and spent their time talking about ideas and theory. It must have offended his practical soul.

Yes, it must have been hard on that Operative Masonic Warden. It must have seemed to him that the whole world was turning upside down. How could a man call himself a Mason and not work stone? How could he claim to be a member of a Lodge and not live in a Lodge? "I dinna ken what it is," he might have said, "but it's nay the Masonry."

And yet, of course, it was. It was Masonry about to emerge with renewed strength and life; speculative Masonry about to change the emotional and cultural world as surely

as operative Masonry had changed and shaped the physical world by building cathedrals, fortifications, and castles. The operative Masons had dreamed dreams of faith and security and safety, and worked with skill and sweat to bring those dreams to reality. The Speculative Masons would dream dreams of humanity, liberty, fairness, and intellectual liberty, and they would labor with skill, and often with sweat and blood and tears to bring those dreams to reality.

The operative Mason had only a little ritual—enough to define the few officers of the Lodge, set basic rules of conduct, and instruct in the practical work-place rules which kept people from getting hurt. The Speculative Masons seized upon ritual as a means of instruction and thought, and expanded it to meet their needs.

In some ways, the two Masonrys were very different—but in all the important ways, they were the same. They were the means by which dream-driven men could accomplish those dreams.

As those dreams have changed over the centuries, Masonry has changed. Freemasonry has always been a living, breathing, dynamic thing. The Light Masonry celebrates the light that shines in the eyes of dedicated and thoughtful men, engaged with life; not the chilled glint of light reflected from the dusty glass of a museum display case. *(continued on following page)*



Pancakes Support Pacific's Angel Fund

Pacific Lodge held a pancake breakfast in March as a fundraiser for their angel fund. The angel fund has been the lodge's special project for some years and they have been very successful. This year's breakfast had a significant meaning because photographers and representatives from the Discovery Channel were present and recorded the breakfast activities. Later in the day the Discovery reporters and film crew interviewed Wor. Kirk Whatley for a future Discovery Channel program on Masonry.

(Front row, L. to R) RW Robert O'Neill, Bro. Rob Ferris, Wor. Ray Frenkel, and Bro. Seth Grey; (Second row, L to R) Bros. Bill Just, Ron Archer, Chase Whatley, Jimmy Burgoff, and Wor. John Mathews; (Back row, L to R) Bro. Wayne Shaw, Wor. Kirk Whatley, Wor. David Hentz, and Bro. Avo Shahverdian. Not pictured: Bro. Father Randy Calvo.

—Rt. Wor. Robert O'Neill, DDGM 27th Dist.

Eagle Scout and DeMolay is Honored



Members of the Massachusetts Masonic Eagle Scouts Association and The Scouters Lodge presented a certificate from Grand Master Richard Stewart to Eagle Scout Michael Gregory Bowe. Michael is a member of John Elliot DeMolay Chapter, and serves Massachusetts DeMolay as a state representative.

(L to R) Bro. Matthew Niedermeier, Wor. Thadeus Owoc, Eagle Scout Michael G. Bowe, and Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer

—Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer

New 50-Year Brothers *continued*

Weymouth United Masonic Lodge

Bro. Frederick Arthur Alexander Jr.
Wor. George William Glazer
Bro. Keith Roderick MacLeod Sr.
Wor. Renaldo William Mauritsen
Bro. Patrick Joseph McCue
Bro. Bruce Bell Orcutt

Wilbraham Masonic Lodge

Bro. Donald Madison Safford

Wilder Lodge

Bro. Marshal Alvin Press
Bro. Richard George Smith

William North Lodge

Bro. Roger Hackett Conant
Wor. Ernest Frederick Mackness Sr.
Bro. William David Michaels

William Parkman Lodge

Bro. Andrew Crawford

William Sewall Gardner-Kilwinning Lodge

Bro. Spiros Peter Flomp
Bro. Arthur Leo Provencal Jr.
Bro. Nicholas John Rabias
Bro. Henry George Sykes
Bro. Peter Tay Wetherbee

William Sutton Lodge

Wor. Bruce Albert Carter
Bro. Kemon Amos Dukas
Wor. Ronald Clark Sawyer

Williams Lodge

Bro. David Gere Damon
Bro. Burritt Royce Larson
Bro. Ronald Allen Moon

Wisdom Lodge

Bro. David Arthur Reynolds

Wyoming Lodge

Bro. David Sheffield Gilson
Bro. Leon N Heaton
Wor. Keith Wishart Lidback

Freemasonry's Rebirth *continued*

And so Masonry changed again, after the battles and revolutions which reshaped society. It became, essentially, a charity. We found new philan-

thropic causes, and devoted time and energy to them. We solved problems for the society and the culture. Philosophy became less important, and ritual became more so. Masons, per-

haps, became less distinguished by what they thought than by how they thought. It was very comfortable, and very rewarding. And we hardly noticed that the comfort was that of a well-made coffin. That is the Masonry into which I was initiated, passed and raised.

And so I have a certain fellow-feeling with that old Scots operative Warden, because Masonry is changing again. I rejoice in that—because I know the alternative is death, and I love Masonry too much to watch it die, or to know that it will die shortly after I do. And I know that any organization which does not reflect the needs of its living members is not long with us. When was the last convention of the National Association of Buggy Whip Makers?

We have been given a second chance at life, and only the profoundly ungrateful would turn their backs on it. Social and cultural changes have resulted in young men looking for a source of spiritual and ethical values in venues other than religion.

The age of candidates seeking admission into Masonry is growing lower and lower. Only a few years ago, the typical candidate was in his mid-forties. Now he is in his early 30s.

He comes having researched Masonry on the Internet. Often he comes after having read the rituals. He comes knowing much about what he is doing, and he often comes with many questions. And he comes expecting answers.

As some of our Lodges have discovered, statements such as “you don’t need to worry about that,” “don’t ask questions until you have learned the lectures,” “the ritual has everything you need to know,” don’t fall on deaf ears—they are heard and treated with the contempt they deserve.

It’s important to understand that these Masons do not come looking for a fight—that’s the last thing they want. They want brotherhood. They want intellectual stimulation. They want to have someone at their back in the battles of life. They want to be with men dedicated to making a difference. They want to be with those who have >



Five Eagle Scouts Recognized by Grand Lodge

Five Eagle Scouts from Troop 47 of the Boy Scouts of America were presented certificates of merit from the Grand Lodge of Masons during their joint Court of Honor held Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Sandwich Town Hall. Troop 47 in Sandwich is sponsored by DeWitt Clinton Lodge

Shown above are (L to R): Bro. and Scoutmaster Ritchey Guild, Wor. Allen P. Hoyt, Matthew Paul Johnson, Spencer Pietryka, Harrington (Max) Drake, Paul David Gannet, Jr., Justin Pannell, and fellow Eagle Scout Rt. Wor. DDGM David W. Catten.

—Bro. David Catten



Prince Hall Memorial Gifted to Cambridge

In April, M. Wor. Hon. Frederick B. Summers, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, made remarks in front of the Cambridge City Hall on the occasion of turning over the deed to the Prince Hall Memorial to the City of Cambridge.

The monument was installed on the Cambridge Common on May 15, 2010. Handing over the deed was a culmination of fund-raising, designing and building the Memorial. Along with the deed, Prince Hall Masons supplied a sum of money for the upkeep and maintenance of the monument in the future and the memorial becomes city property.

This ceremony was attended by Mayor Henrietta Davis, Vice Mayor E. Denise Simmons, former Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves, and City Manager Robert W. Healy representing the city. Most. Wor. Bro. Summers was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Red Mitchel, Chairman Education Committee, Grand Historian Rt. Wor. Raymond T. Coleman, and Cambridge Masonic Hall Curator Wor. Keith MacKinnon.

In addition, representatives from the Cambridge lodges and Prince Hall lodges from Arizona to Florida were present.

—Bro. Lee Fenn

Norfolk & Norumbega Fraternity Lodges Honor Members at Joint Table Lodge



The annual joint table lodge between Norumbega Fraternity and Norfolk Lodges was held in March in Needham with over 60 brothers in attendance. The tradition of breaking bread between the two lodges started almost ten years ago after the masters and wardens had spent the winter traveling together on official visits with the district deputy grand master. Since both lodges meet on the second Monday of the month they would miss the opportunity to visit each other’s lodges. From this was conceived the idea of a joint table lodge between the two lodges, promoting friendship, harmony and brotherly love.

Lodge honorees are selected each year. This year’s honorees were Bro. Robert C. Davenport of Norumbega Fraternity and Rt. Wor. Herbert G. Dunphy of Norfolk Lodge. Bro. Davenport, known as General Davenport, was attired in his dress blues, cap, white gloves, and saber. Bro. Davenport led the response to the toast in honor of those who have served in the armed forces by brandishing his

saber for the “right hand to arms” portion of the toast, with no failure of his weapon this time (several years ago his saber snapped) as he placed it at rest. R.W. Dunphy, who served as grand steward in 1970, and has been a grand representative since 1980, thanked those in attendance for the honor and expressed how much he has enjoyed the joint table lodge over the past decade and that he looked forward to attending many more.

—Wor. Ethan W. Gilson



The Wages of a Mason *cont'd from page 14*

Have you offered to serve on a lodge committee or assist on a lodge or community project?

Have you visited another lodge or a neighbor in your community and enjoyed their company?

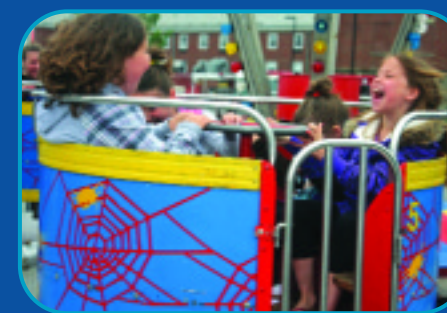
Let’s put our focus on service. Remember the lessons of our degrees and persist in our serviceable purposes. Doing so will benefit our fraternity with renewed interest and participation, create stronger ties among the lodges and districts, and serve our communities and our fellow man. That’s the way it was in the beginning. That’s the way it should be. ■

35TH ANNUAL GRAND MASTER'S FAIR

At The Overlook Life Care Community ♦ 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton
Save the Date! ♦ Sunday, June 24, 2012 ♦ Rain or Shine! ♦ Free Admission!

7:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast Begins • 9:00 a.m. Booths and Rides Open • 10:30 a.m. Grand Master's Parade

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Magician • Clowns • Music • Dunk Tank

4H Display • Alpacas • Tag & Craft Sales



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Freemasonry's Rebirth *continued*
subdued the ego and focus on that which is real and not on “petty piques and quarrels.” They want to be in an association with older men who have promised to mentor and to share wisdom and experience.

In other words, and rather embarrassingly, they come looking for exactly what we have been telling the world we have to offer. In some ways, Brothers, we are in the position of an automobile dealership which advertised luxury cars for sale because we

used to have them, and now have buyers on the sales floor wanting to purchase—and some Lodges are having to say, “wouldn’t you rather have a nice golf cart instead.” Monty Python fans may be reminded of the cheese shop sketch. *(continued on following page)*

The Young Tyler

Bro. David Riley

The young tyler sat on a bench in the lodge room, his cipher book open in his lap and his lips moving silently as he stared into the middle distance. Occasionally, he would pause and look down, checking a word or two before moving on. A past master entered and smiled warmly at the young officer. “Good evening, brother. How goes the work?” he asked.

The young tyler looked up, his eyes slightly glazed. “Just working on memorizing, Worshipful,” he said, standing and extending his hand.

“Better to start now than to wait until the night before you have to do the part,” the past master said with a laugh. “The more you get down now, the easier your life will be when you get there,” he continued, cocking a thumb at the chair in the East.

“It would be easier if we could just read it,” the young tyler said, slapping his cipher book against his palm, “I mean, we have these books”



“Easier, perhaps, but not as good. First, memorization is the tradition of this Grand Lodge. Secondly, it makes a great impression on candidates when they realize that men have taken so much time and care to memorize their parts. And lastly, it’s good for you,” the past master said, taking a seat on the bench and leaning back.

“Good for me?” the young tyler asked, “You mean because I learn to memorize things faster?”

“Well, maybe. But that’s not what I meant,” the past master said as he leaned forward. “By memorizing the lectures, you absorb the lessons of the fraternity. They will return to you again and again at appropriate moments of your life and will slowly become the standard against which you judge yourself.”

“I have noticed that I remind myself to subdue my passions in traffic,” the young tyler admitted.

“That’s a beginning. But slowly, you’ll build your lodge in here,” the past master said, tapping his head, “with each item in its place and the officers in their stations. And the various lessons of the fraternity will reside in that interior lodge. And when you listen to the lessons of that lodge, you cannot help but begin to be a better man.”

The young tyler looked at his cipher book and then at the past master, “I best get back to work.” ■

Freemasonry’s Rebirth *continued*

There is no question that Masonry is supposed to be all the things they are looking for. Our ritual says it. Our Masonic heroes have written about it. We have all knelt at the altar and promised to make it real. So we can hardly blame them for expecting to find it.

They are willing to cut us quite a bit of slack. They understand that no one knows everything. I have not yet found one who became angry when I said, “I don’t know the answer, but I’ll find out.” or even better, “I don’t know the answer, but let’s find out together.”

What they don’t like is “Go away kid, ya bother me!” And what happens, far too often, is that they do go away. And they tell their friends, “don’t take the trouble to look at Masonry, it doesn’t have what we want.”

Really, they are not asking for much. They are only asking for what we should be able to give in civility, let alone fraternity. “Don’t ignore me, share with me, treat my questions and concerns as important, help me learn,

let me help with the Lodge.” And, perhaps most important, “Understand that I am dream-driven, too. And my dreams are important just as yours are.”

And it is true. Just as the old operative Masons were driven by dreams, as the first speculative Masons were driven by dreams, as the Masons who created the great charities were driven by dreams, as we are driven by dreams, so are the young Masons. And they are dreams, not the nightmares they may seem to those of us who are long in the Masonic tooth. And they are our future.

For years, in speaking to Masonic groups, I told the audience that I was certain Masonry would survive—that something that “right” and that ancient simply could not die.

I can admit to myself, now, that I was whistling past the graveyard. I wanted it to be true, I thought that if I told myself often and strongly enough, it would come true.

And I know it IS true. Dream-driven organizations can never die . . . unless they kill the dream.

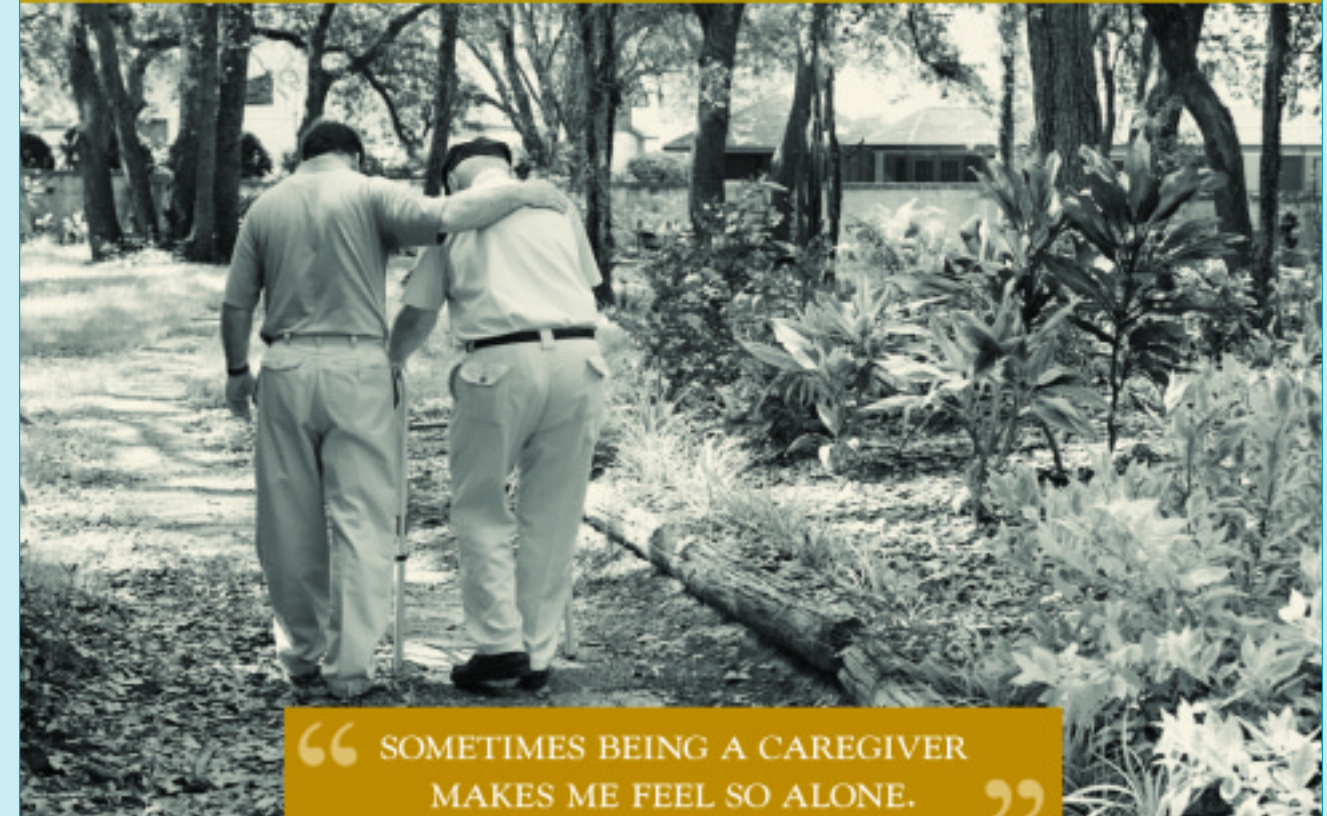
You see, my Brothers, in the life of every organization there comes a point of choice—a point at which circumstances, fate, even the dreams themselves culminate in a moment of decision. When that point is reached each person must make a choice. It isn’t possible to avoid it; for not choosing is a choice. One choice leads on to new growth, strength, vigor, power and relevancy, with all of the effort and even pain that growth always entails. The other choice leads to the ease of death and the comfortable warmth of decay.

The fraternity is at that point, and each of us must choose!

You may choose life; or you may choose death; but you must choose! ■

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Thursday, June 14, 2012
An Evening at Grand Lodge
Honoring Wor. Norm Crosby

Sponsored by Euclid Lodge

Boston native and internationally known comedian, entertainer, and humanitarian, Norm Crosby "The Master of Malaprop," will be feted on the occasion of his 50-year anniversary as Past Master of Euclid Lodge. Net proceeds of the event will be donated to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.



6:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner of
Tenderloin Steak and
Baked Sea Scallops

Entertainment by
Bill Sbrogna and the
Solid Gold Singers

8:30 p.m.
Presentation
Ceremonies

Dress for the ladies is evening wear; for the men, black tie or dark suit.

Cost is \$50 per person and includes free parking at Millennium Garage

Seating is limited • Tables of 8 are available • Reservations are needed and may be made up to June 13 at the Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication.

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