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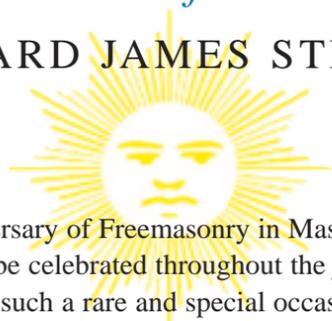
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Raising a Monument



Masonic Anniversaries in 2012

From the East of Grand Lodge
RICHARD JAMES STEWART



Brethren and Friends,

We will mark the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry in Massachusetts in 2033. It will be a historic milestone that should be celebrated throughout the jurisdiction with a magnificent, year-long celebration befitting such a rare and special occasion. Our fraternity's storied history, prestigious members, and significant contributions to our communities, state, and country should be recognized by Masons and non-Masons alike.

Today, however, our fraternity is at a crossroads that will substantially impact what Freemasonry in Massachusetts will look like in 2033. We face very real and serious problems that we must address and solve if we are to prosper in our 300th year and beyond. Finally, we must identify the vision we have for Freemasonry and develop a plan to help realize our fraternity's full greatness.

To plan for the journey ahead, and to understand the challenges we must face and the opportunities we must seize, we need to meet on the level and discuss these issues. We did it last year with our well-received, town-hall-style Listening Tour. And it is why we are doing it again this year for **Massachusetts Freemasonry 2033: Our Fraternity in 20 Years.**

The information we collect during these nine events around Massachusetts will define our fraternity's goals in important areas, such as education, finances, membership, and more. It will also serve as the foundation for our long range plan; so when we gather to celebrate our 300th anniversary we will proudly look back at what we have accomplished, and not reflect on what could have been.

My brothers, I strongly encourage you to take part in one of our Listening Tour events and be part of the solution. We will also be holding focus groups and conducting surveys to include as many voices into the conversation as possible.

A little less than 300 years ago, brothers like Franklin, Washington, and Revere not only helped to build our fraternity, but they built this country. I am confident that the Craft's talent and dedication will rebuild our fraternity to whatever heights we can imagine for ourselves. May God bless each of you and the men and women who are protecting our great country so that we may enjoy the freedom to practice the Masonry that we all love so dearly.

Cordially and fraternally,

Richard James Stewart
Grand Master

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December at Grand Lodge

I think that every Mason should experience Grand Lodge in December at least once. In the month of December, more than any other time of the year, Masonry's traditions are on display. While watching the ceremonies and activities during the month, it is so easy to image the time when our first Grand Master set sail from England, bound for the colony, carrying the charter for the first Grand Lodge in the New World.



Come on the second Wednesday to the Annual Communication and witness the election of officers for the new year. Glimpse what democracy looked like in its infancy. Or come on December 27 to the Stated Communication and see the ceremonies surrounding the installation of Grand Lodge officers and sense that continuity has been preserved for another year. Stay on that day and help celebrate the Anniversary of Saint John the Evangelist. Renewing your enthusiasm is so much easier while sharing a meal with friends from around the jurisdiction—just as our Masonic forbearers did 300 years ago.

Being here in December is a visceral experience of belonging to something bigger than ourselves: a Lodge of lodges whose founding enabled us to be ancient, free, and accepted Masons. Happy Holidays. —John Doherty

Letters to the Editor

Brotherhood

I was involved in a near fatal accident in February. Thankfully, I am now well on the way to recovery. I have had a considerable amount of time for reflection and feel it is important to share some of my thoughts with my Masonic brothers.

My family and I have been blessed with an outpouring of support from many people and in many forms: from those we hold dear to our hearts as well as from unknown and distant sources. During this most difficult time of my life, I experienced some of the most genuine and powerful displays of people helping others. One source that truly stands out is the Masonic Order and my brethren therein.

One of the many things that I came away with from my degree work was just how important the word brother is in Masonry. Having grown up as the seventh child in a family of eight (six of us being boys), I was raised with a strong sense of family and more specifically what to expect from a brother. If you would allow me the latitude to say that this makes me a fair judge of brotherhood, I would then have to say that the ways in which both the brethren and the fraternity have supported me and my family not only stands out, it more than lives up to what it represents.

Merely saying thank you can by no means satisfy the debt that I feel is now owed. I hope that by doing the small gesture of writing down my thoughts here gets me closer to being whole. Most respectfully,

Bro. Brian Edlund, Paul Revere Lodge

Sojourners Lodge Celebrates Centennial



RW John Bamber and members of Sojourners Lodge at their Centennial Degree Communication in August.

On February 7, 2012 Sojourners Lodge became officially 100 years old and held a centennial celebration party with special guests including Rt. Wor. District Grand Master John B. Bamber and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Panama, Most Wor. Manuel Corredera Gamboa.

Masonry in the Canal Zone had its beginnings in 1898 when Sojourners Lodge No. 874 was founded in Colon,

Republic of Panama, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Over a period of years the membership in Sojourners Lodge became predominantly American. The long delays in communications between Scotland and the desire for closer ties with their homeland, led the members to seek a connection with a Grand Lodge in the United States. A formal request was

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Grand Master Will Return to Florida in 2013

Following up on a very popular Florida trip last winter, Grand Master Richard J. Stewart will again visit Florida in 2013.

Bro. Stewart looks forward to seeing members who have relocated to the Sunshine State, as well as "snowbirds" who winter there, and sharing with them all of the news about happenings with Massachusetts Freemasonry. He will also take advantage of this visit to present Veteran's Medals to brothers celebrating 50 years with the fraternity. The widows of Massachusetts Masons are also warmly invited to attend.

The Grand Master will be in the A La Carte Event Pavilion in Tampa on Tuesday February 26, 2013; the Forest Country Club in Fort Myers on Wednesday February 27, 2013; and the Delray Beach Golf Club in Delray Beach on Friday March 1, 2013.

We hope you can join the Grand Master and your fellow Massachusetts brothers!

For more information contact the Grand Master's Office at 617-426-6040, or Info@MassFreemasonry.org. —Rt. Wor. Robert Jolly, Deputy Grand Master



Celebrating the Life of M.W. Bro. Roger Pageau

Masons around the State had two opportunities to participate in a celebration of the life of Past Grand Master Roger W. Pageau. Memorial services were held in Charlton on September 16, and at the Scottish Rite campus in Lexington on September 23.

Services were opened with greetings from Grand Master Richard Stewart and prayers of invocation by Grand Chaplain Rt. Wor. and Rev. John Higgins. Several speakers shared their remembrances of friend and fellow Mason Roger Pageau. First, speaking as a representative of all the brethren was Rt. Wor. Mason W. Russell, an old friend and former deputy for Most. Wor. Bro. Pageau.

Several Past Grand Masters—including Most Wor. Albert T. Ames, Most Wor. Donald G. Hicks Jr., Most Wor. Arthur Johnson, and Most Wor. Jeffrey B. Hodgdon—offered their individual recollections of the times spent with Bro. Pageau on the various paths of Massachusetts Freemasonry.

Grand Master Stewart spoke last of his close friend and immediate prede-

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THE RAISING OF A MONUMENT

Marine Lodge's Gift to Falmouth

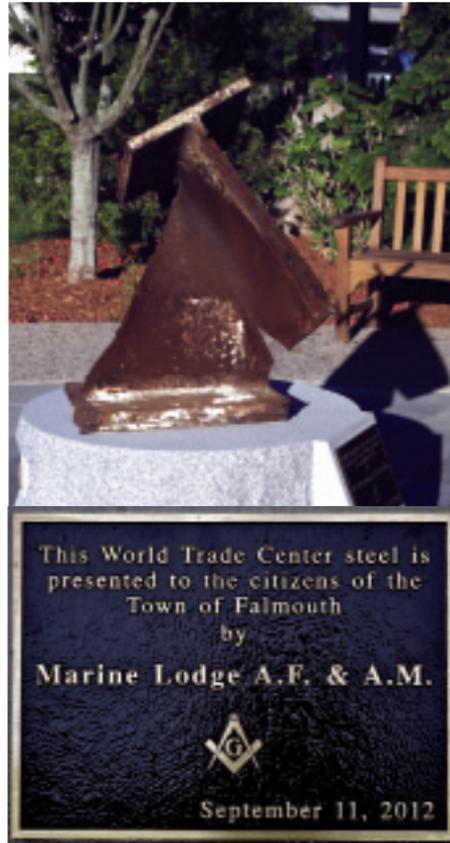
by Rt. Wor. Joel Peterson

The tragic events of the morning of September 11, 2001, should never be forgotten. To honor those who perished and the courage and heroism of those brave first responders, Marine Lodge had a memorial constructed, and then presented it as a gift to the citizens of the town of Falmouth, Massachusetts.

The genesis of this community project came about in September of 2011, when Freeport Lodge No. 23 acquired two steel beams from the ruins of the World Trade Center in New York City, and gifted them as a memorial to the town of Freeport, Maine. The central figure in this effort was Most Wor. Charles E. Ridlon. Inspired by this example, a committee was formed at Marine Lodge to determine the feasibility of erecting a similar memorial in Falmouth. Committee members Rt. Wor. Ralph Sewall, Rt. Wor. James Franklin, and myself met and discussed the prospects over the next several months; all were in favor, but no one was sure how to proceed.

I had a chance encounter with Daniel Altshuler, during a meeting of Massachusetts Consistory in Boston; Bro. Altshuler is a renowned sculptor, and member of The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge of Gloucester. While discussing the idea of the lodge project, Altshuler mentioned that he knew the whereabouts of another large, mangled, steel beam from the World Trade Center that had been part of a remembrance exhibit at the North Shore Arts Association in 2002 and was now in the custody of architect Richard Bernstein. An e-mail introduction was made, and Mr. Bernstein responded by saying that he had been waiting ten years for such a call and felt that a community memorial would be a most appropriate use of this moving artifact. He also said he would be honored to design the memorial and site plan.

The steel secured, the next hurdle was to find a suitable



location in town. Contacts with a town selectman led us to Falmouth Fire Chief Mark D. Sullivan. The chief enthusiastically agreed with the concept and was struck by the fortuitous timing of the request; a member of his department had recently asked his permission to construct such a 9/11 memorial, however the fireman had subsequently learned that the New York Port Authority's steel distribution program had ended.

Chief Sullivan suggested that a redesign of an existing memorial area at the fire and rescue headquarters on Main Street would be an excellent site. The lodge committee quickly agreed. At this point, there was an enthusiastic commitment for the steel coupled with an outstanding location for the memorial park.

Everything was falling nicely into place!

It was felt that, for this to be a Marine Lodge community project, all of the funding should come from the lodge and its members. The lodge committed a significant sum, and fund-raising commenced with two generous challenge gifts from members. Ultimately, almost \$10,000 in cash and in-kind gifts were raised by the lodge.

Inspired by the lodge initiative, the Falmouth firemen decided to raise funds themselves to add a bronze fire helmet and bell, and a new flagpole to the park. To complete their part of the park, the firemen used the steel to assist their successful community fund-raising during the summer. In May, firemen traveled to Gloucester and transported the steel to Falmouth. It was loaded on a trailer, displayed in several locations, and was the subject of much interest. It also became the centerpiece of the Memorial Day parade.

Architect Bernstein designed a comprehensive plan that included moving the existing memorial, the addition of the steel and fire department monuments, and the erection of a



MW Charles E. Ridlon, Past Grand Master of Maine; Bro. Daniel Altshuler of Gloucester; Grand Master Richard Stewart.

flagpole. A base of Barre granite was commissioned as a platform for the steel girder. Bronze lettering and a plaque were also ordered. A local contractor, Grafton Briggs Landscaping, was selected to complete the project and site work commenced in late summer. A large tree was removed to another location in town, the existing monument was repositioned on the site, and a concrete base installed for the granite. Lodge members designed and installed the lighting.

The granite arrived during the remnants of Hurricane Isaac, and with time running short, the drilling of the stone, which was necessary to affix the bronze to the granite base, was carried out under a tarpaulin. Installation work continued for the granite base and steel along with the flagpole and two granite columns. Bluestone was added and enhanced landscaping was completed on time.

On September 11, 2012, seventy-five members of Marine Lodge, led by Worshipful Jayme K. Baker and Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard J. Stewart processed along Main Street from the lodge and joined 150 firemen and citizens already at the site. The fire chief led a program that included a blessing by a local clergyman, a pledge of allegiance led by local Cub Scouts, and the ringing of the last alarm at the time the first plane crashed into the World Trade Center building. Chain of custody of the artifact steel was transferred to the town by the Grand Master and Marine Lodge.

One of the hallmarks of Masonry is networking. This project was truly a cooperative community effort involving



Grand Master Stewart reads the certificate (see text in box) transferring custody to Falmouth; at left is Marine Lodge master, Wor. Jayme K. Baker. Below: Fire Chief Mark D. Sullivan and Grand Master Stewart.



Marine Lodge A.F. & A.M.

The Officers and Members of Marine Lodge, A.F. & A.M., on behalf of Freemasons all over the world, are pleased to transfer the custody of the steel artifact from the World Trade Center, which was initially acquired from the City of New York Office of Emergency Management under OEM Request Number 0063.

Custody is hereby transferred to the citizens and first responders of the

Town of Falmouth, Massachusetts

in commemoration of the heroism and sacrifice of so many.

Presented this 11th day of September, 2012.

Jayme K. Baker
Master

Marine Lodge, members of the Falmouth Fire Department, and other people from Falmouth and beyond.

A memorial to the September 11 tragedy—the Pearl Harbor Day of our generation—a day that changed everything, has been dedicated to the citizens and first responders of Falmouth, Massachusetts. All Freemasons, wherever disbursed over the face of the earth, can share in the pride of a job well done. ■

Light Brings More Light

by *Wor. and Rev. Dr. Keith C. Alderman, Grand Chaplain*

Freemasonry is a lot of things. Many years ago when I was a machine-repairman apprentice at General Motors, a teacher said to me, It's OK to listen to what people say, but really watch and pay attention to what they do. That's what they're really all about. True Masonry is what people do.

In late September 1864, a Union captain from Ohio named Bill found himself assigned to the Army of the Shenandoah, whose mission was to cut off the use of the rich stores of the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia from the armies of the Confederacy. He participated in the Third Battle of Winchester, which is regarded as the turning point in the Valley Campaigns; it lasted from May to October of 1864 and shifted the tide of battle in that area toward the Union cause. Sometime after this Third Battle of Winchester, a Union physician decided to go and see some Confederate prisoners of war and Captain Bill decided to go along. It was in this setting that Captain Bill witnessed something which would make a lasting impression on him about the nature and character of Freemasonry. The 21-year-old captain watched the physician walk up to and begin to quietly talk with some of the prisoners. Then something remarkable happened. Bill watched the kindly physician reach into his pocket and give one of the prisoners a bit of money. Then he watched him give some money to another man, and then another until all of his money was gone.

On the way back to camp, Captain Bill asked the doctor if he knew any of the southern men he had been talking with, or had met them before. The physician replied that he did not know them and had not met them prior to their meeting. Captain Bill couldn't really get his mind around what he had just witnessed. Here this physician was giving his money, all of it, to men who had been trying to kill him just days before. He asked the Union physician about his motivation of generosity to strangers, especially prisoners of war, who were, for all intents and purposes, the enemy. At last, the physician told Captain Bill that the men he had given the money to were Masons. Did the physician expect to be repaid? Not really. He went on to tell Bill that if he found a brother Mason in trouble, he would do what he could to try and help him. Captain Bill replied, "If that is Masonry, I will take some of it myself." (Source: Michael A. Halleraan, *The Better Angels of Our Nature*)

Early in our Masonic education we are taught that should we meet a brother whose luck has played out, we are to contribute as generously as we can to the lightening of his burden without harming ourselves. In this season of giving, it is good to remember that in addition to money, two of the most important gifts we can offer are those of time and to give something of ourselves. We might not remember what someone said to us. We will always remember what someone did to us, and how they made us feel. Each of us is a book that others read, whether we know it or not. Each is a photograph of Freemasonry that the rest of the world sees. During the crucible of the Civil War, a Union physician tended to the needs of men who had lost nearly everything. His reaching into his pockets and giving away a few coins and his uttering a few kind words to those who had nothing and who could do nothing for him had a profound and lasting effect on Captain Bill. This simple act of generosity, which took only a few minutes, became a powerful memory for Bill, and stayed with him for the rest of his life. Light shared brings more light.

As Masons, we are like seeds planted in the earth. As we grow in light we discover we are here to share what we were created to share: God's light and brotherly love. This light and love which flows from our hearts and minds can bring forth blessing to both ourselves and to others. This light improves everything that it comes into contact with. The core of our being can be likened to a mighty oak with branches raised to the heavens in an earthly prayer. The goodness that we sow in others can be likened to flowers which are planted and bloom and bring forth the beautiful fragrance of peace.

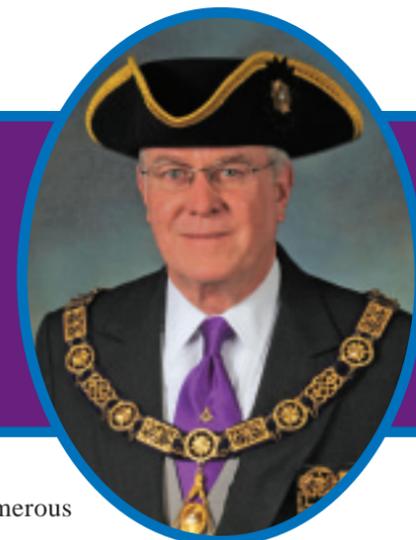
Back to Captain Bill. Captain Bill finished the war as Major William McKinley. Within a year of his experience with the physician and the Confederate prisoners, McKinley took his three Masonic degrees in a lodge comprised of southerners. McKinley eventually became the 25th President of the United States. ■

Wor. and Rev. Dr. Keith C. Alderman is an active member of Columbian Lodge in Boston, and twice served as master of Village Lodge No. 29 in Collinsville, Connecticut. He has been a grand chaplain since 2009. He is the senior pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC in Leominster, and resides in Westminster.



The September 2012 Quarterly Communication

of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



Grand Master Richard J. Stewart welcomed back several hundred Masons to the Grand Lodge on a beautiful September day. The quarterly communication began with a presentation of the Colors by members of The Scouters Lodge: Rt. Wor. Jay Jolicoeur, Wor. Adam Jolicoeur, Wor. Peter Ham, and Wor. Craig Erickson. Attendees were delighted to then hear the recital of a "Flag Speech" composed by Miss Andrea Knott, past worthy advisor of Natick Assembly #28, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. The Grand Master introduced Miss Knott and newly installed Supreme Deputy Susan Torrey, who made brief remarks about her plans for the Grand Assembly of Massachusetts, IORG.

Awards

Rt. Wor. District Deputy Grand Master Joseph DeNicola was presented with both of this year's Lodge of Instruction awards. The 18th District won both the Rt. Wor. Oscar A. Guinn Jr. Trophy for largest district attendance and the Rt. Wor. Terrence Stephens Trophy, which is awarded for highest participation of lodge masters, wardens, and deacons at LOI meetings during the past year.

On behalf of Mount Horeb Lodge in Woburn, the Grand Master presented the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal to Rt. Wor. Ted N. Morang Sr. and thanked him for his devoted service to his lodge and to Grand Lodge where

he has served in numerous positions in recent years.

Edict Requiring Two Signatories on Lodge Checks

As a supplement to the June 2012 edict requiring two signatures on all checks (one being the master) from all lodges in this jurisdiction, the Grand Master is expanding the options to allow for the use of a voucher system, whereby the master, wardens, treasurer, and secretary review and approve all bills and invoices for payment and sign the voucher. When the payment is made by the treasurer (or assistant treasurer) he will place the payment information on the voucher and file the voucher with the invoices retained with the financial history of the lodge. A voucher system has been included in the MORI system that is appropriate for this purpose. Therefore, the Grand Master is amending the previous edict to now state:

"It is my edict that all lodges within this jurisdiction will institute the practice of having two (2) signatures on all checks or other payments written by the lodge treasurer (or assistant treasurer) one of which must be the master of the lodge, unless a voucher system is in place which requires the signed approval of the master, wardens, treasurer (or assistant treasurer), and secretary (or assistant secretary) of the lodge prior to payment."

Left: Past Worthy Advisor Andrea Knott recites her Flag Speech. Middle: RW Ted Morang (L) received the Joseph Warren Medal from Grand Master Stewart. Right: RW Joe DeNicola receives LOI awards for 2012. (L to R) RW Ted Morang, GM Stewart, RW Terry Stevens, RW Joe DeNicola, RW Phil Drouin.





Above: Past masters of Winslow Lewis Lodge (including the Grand Master) receive their gift from MMRL. L to R: RW & Rev. Dean Benedict, RW Bradford Pottle, RW David Holland, Grand Master Stewart, Wor. Alfredo Canhoto, RW Ronald Kamp. Below: Members of Columbian Lodge receive the Tree of Life. Back row, L to R: RW James Manninen, RW Arthur Kinne, Bro. Paul Jackson, RW Mason Russell, RW Ludwig Alban, Wor. Rev. Keith Alderman. Front row, L to R: RW Donald Denning, GM Stewart, RW George Harris, RW Ronald Kamp, Wor. Alfredo Canhoto, RW Michael Sandberg.



Tree of Life Presentations

On behalf of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) Rt. Wor. Ronald Kamp, director of development and communications, and Wor. Alfredo Canhoto, chairman of the Grand Lodge MMRL committee, made several pre-



Above: RW Peter Dorr (C) receives the Tree of Life on behalf of the 17th District. (L to R) RW James Holmes, GM Stewart, RW Peter Dorr, RW Ronald Kamp, Wor. Alfredo Canhoto. Below: DDGM William Yanakakis and masters from the 10th District display their Tree of Life.



sentations of MMRL's traditional "Tree of Life" sculpture, which is awarded to donors who make gifts of \$1,000 or more supporting MMRL's research efforts. The Grand Master was first recognized for his enthusiastic adoption of MMRL as the Grand Lodge signature charity, and then presentations were made recognizing the donations of Winslow Lewis Lodge, Columbian Lodge, the 10th Masonic District, the 17th Masonic District, and Scottish Rite's Valley of Boston. [Ed. note: The list of donors reported for the June Quarterly inadvertently omitted Euclid Lodge, which generously donated proceeds of their Norm Crosby Event to MMRL.]



Above: Officers of the Valley of Boston present their donation to MMRL; (L to R) RW Philip Drouin, RW Richard Austin, Grand Master, RW Roy Leone. Below: Grand Master Stewart and Members of the Panama District; (L to R) Wor. Albert Hopper, Bro. Helge Skjelfjord, Bro Jose Roberto Rodriguez.



In a separate presentation, visiting officers of the Panama District including Wor. Albert Hopper III, district grand junior warden and master of Sojourners Lodge; Bro. Helge Skjelfjord, district grand secretary; and Bro. Jose Robert Rodriguez, district grand tyler were delighted to make a generous gift to MMRL on behalf of The District Grand Lodge, Sojourners Lodge, and Gatun Lodge with a promise of more to come!

Candidates for the Office of Grand Warden

Grand Master Stewart presented to Grand Lodge the candidates for grand warden positions this year. These Masons will stand for election at the December, 2012 Quarterly Communication. They will spend the fall months visiting lodges and district events to introduce themselves around



Above: Candidates for senior grand warden RW Kenneth Sprague (L) and RW James Gilrein (R) Below: Candidates for junior grand warden; RW Kenneth Blake (L) and RW Frank Mitrano (R)



the jurisdiction and to gain a better understanding of the statewide fraternity.

The candidates for senior grand warden are Rt. Wor. James A. Gilrein II and Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Sprague Jr.

Bro. Gilrein was raised in Mount Horeb Lodge in Dennis in 1991. He is also a member of Adams, King Hiram's, Nauset Light, and Universal Lodges. He is past master of Mount Horeb Lodge and past district deputy grand master for the 21st Masonic District. He was awarded the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal in 2009.

Bro. Sprague was raised in Converse Lodge in Malden in 1982 and served as master in 1986. He is also a member of Samuel Crocker Lawrence and The Independent Lodges. Rt. Wor. Bro. Sprague is past district deputy grand master for the 4th Masonic District. He was awarded the Joseph Warren Medal in 2009.

The junior grand warden candidates are Rt. Wor. Francis P. Mitrano and Rt. Wor. Kenneth R. Blake.

Bro. Mitrano was raised in Wyoming Lodge in Melrose in 1977. He was elected master of the lodge in 1988 and served as district deputy grand master of the Melrose 7th Masonic District in 1991. He also is a recipient of the Joseph Warren Medal.

Bro. Blake was raised in Pequossette Lodge, Watertown and served as the lodge's master in 1988. He is also a member of the Masters Lodge where he served as master in 2008. He was district deputy grand master for the Brighton 5th Masonic District in 1993, grand steward in 1999, and is currently a grand lecturer. Bro. Blake was presented the Joseph Warren Medal in 2010.

In Memoriam

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Albert Timothy Ames gave a memorial presentation for Most Wor. Roger William Pageau who passed to the Celestial Lodge on July 28, 2012. The Grand Lodge conducted memorial services for Bro. Pageau on September 16 at the Masonic Health System in Charlton and September 23 at the Scottish Rite Headquarters in Lexington.

The Grand Master's Address

I am pleased to welcome you to the September Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge and I trust that you had a healthy, restful, and enjoyable summer. It is now time to rededicate ourselves to the work of the Craft.

In the three months since our last Quarterly Communication your Grand Master, his officers, and various committees have been extremely busy. Budget Committee Chairman Rt. Wor. Harvey Waugh and his committeemen have worked long and hard to reduce the draw-down from our endowment funds.

Each of our committee chairmen was required to defend his budget request line by line with the Budget Committee. This process, started last year, has enabled the committee to reduce the 2013 budget by some \$500,000. I want to thank the Budget Committee for their hard work and commitment.

Wor. Donald LaLiberte, chairman of the new Business Process Improvement Committee, and his team of dedicated committeemen were challenged to think outside the box—as if our Grand Lodge was starting in business tomorrow. The committee worked long and hard for several months and has developed a new business model that will make Grand Lodge more efficient. This model will be presented to the Grand Lodge Board of Directors in the near future.

Events

The eighteenth annual scholarship awards ceremony was held on June 15. This year we were able to help 142 students further their education by granting \$422,500 in scholarships.

The Grand Master's Fair on June 24 was again well attended by Masons and their families. A hot air balloon was featured this year and your Grand Master had a brief ride! Most Wor. Al Ames and his committee did another outstanding job of planning and running this 35th annual event.

Several Grand Lodge officers were invited to participate in the 237th Annual Lantern Ceremony commemorating the hanging of lanterns in Old North Church in April 1775.

Few of us have the opportunity to present our Masonic sponsors with their Veteran's Medal. I was honored to be able to present my sponsor, Wor. Everett Hultquist, with his 50-year medal in Guiding Lights Lodge.

Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt

1843–1845

Most Wor. Augustus Peabody

“A Profound
Thinker
and
Good Man”

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

In December 1845, at the end of three years as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, sixty-six year old Augustus Peabody rose to address his newly installed successor, Simon Wiggin Robinson. His remarks were heartfelt and articulate, and spoke of the course of his time in Grand Lodge’s highest office.

On resigning the oriental chair, I cannot forbear a few remarks to you, and the Grand Lodge over which you now preside. It may be incumbent on me to make a brief allusion to the principal events that have occurred during the last three years . . .

A few years since, our number in this Grand Lodge was small, consisting chiefly of elders—a bold and faithful band, who could neither be allured by bribes, nor driven by menaces of destruction, from the stand on which they had planted themselves around their Masonic altars. Most of the subordinate Lodges were silent in death—or sunk in a paralyzed [sic] sleep resembling death. And perilous and painful were the labors of those who sustained the Order.

Freemasonry has been . . . exposed to assaults under which every thing else that was of human origin has fallen. But Freemasonry still remains—and probably it will endure so long as it shall be transmitted, unchanged, to successive generations. Change would destroy it . . . It has recently risen from one of the severest attacks it ever sustained—and since that period, many slumbering and apparently extinct Lodges have struggled into new being, and many have been added to our number. It is delightful to contrast it since its revival with what it was as long ago as the oldest can remember. Affliction has purified it . . .

The Craft have had many perplexing difficulties and formidable labors to encounter. Every thing appertaining to them had been thrown into confusion. And while for many years few received initiation, all the remaining members, not attached by the strongest bonds of affection, had fallen away, and were no more seen at our assemblies. The few who retained an indomitable faith, labored assiduously and effectually in repairing what was broken, and reanimating what was paralyzed. [sic]

And now, Most Worshipful, you succeed to the direction of an association, whose strength is restored, and whose movement is onward and vigorous. You are sustained by a well-founded hope that your administration will be peaceful—and that you will be charged with less perplexing labors than you have sustained in subordinate stations . . .

It is in your power to do much to render universal a reverence for the principles of the Order, and conformity to its ancient simplicity, which have been so strongly recommended by foreign correspondents and domestic conventions.

For Past Grand Master Peabody, and for the Grand Lodge going forward, the vistas were wide and, after a

period of extreme trial, the future looked very bright. It was an outcome that no one—not even Augustus Peabody, whom Charles W. Moore dubbed “a profound thinker and a good man” in his memorial years later—could have anticipated.

Augustus Peabody was born Asa Peabody in Andover in May 1779, the son of Lieutenant John Peabody Jr., a veteran of the French and Indian War (he was present at the battles of Fort Ticonderoga and Louisburg) and the American Revolution (as the captain of a militia company). His Perley maternal grandmother was General Israel Putnam’s sister. At age four, Asa and his family removed to what is now Bridgton, Maine; he was (as is said) “fitted for school” and attended Dartmouth College and then Harvard Law School. While at Dartmouth he was initiated at Franklin Lodge #6; after graduation, and during the time he was reading law for Timothy Bigelow (later Grand Master of Massachusetts), he became affiliated with Saint Paul Lodge in Groton. As with most young officers in the fraternity, he learned the standard work “mouth to ear”—without the aid of ciphers or other printed documents; in his diary, he reported that in 1804 he attended a ‘Convention’ at the old Trinity Lodge in Lancaster, where he learned the Webb Lectures from Benjamin Gleason, the grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge.

When he opened his law office in Cambridge in 1806, he affiliated with Amicable Lodge, where he served as an officer (though not as master). He was highly regarded by his brethren, and particularly by Most Wor. Brother Bigelow, who appointed him as district deputy grand master of the First Masonic District in 1813; Grand Master Benjamin Russell renewed the appointment in 1814. In 1817 he was elected senior grand warden, serving under Grand Master Francis J. Oliver. In 1815, he legally changed his name from Asa, which he detested, to Augustus, the name he bore as Grand Master.

From this point, Brother Peabody’s story becomes curious. He was high in the standing of the Masons of Massachusetts; indeed, a fellow member of Amicable Lodge, Samuel P. P. Fay, a district deputy at the time Peabody occupied the senior grand warden’s chair, was elected Grand Master in 1820. It would not be surprising for Augustus Peabody to have been chosen in his middle years to the highest office in Massachusetts Masonry.



Instead, it appears that he stepped away from the fraternity. “I retired from the meetings,” he wrote; “and thereafter had little connection with the active duties of the Craft, except that I was for one or two years deputy grand high priest; and excepting, also, that after the anti-Masonic pressure became severe, I met often with the brethren in their meetings for consultation and advice.”

For much of the period between 1830 and his election to the Grand Mastership in December 1842, he was a trustee of the Grand Lodge Charitable Fund, a responsible position that demonstrated the trust that a beleaguered fraternity reposed in him. Occasionally, and usually at the Annual Communication in December, his name appeared in the list of attendees, but he received no committee appointments, made no speeches, and introduced no legislation or proposals in the Grand Lodge.

In 1842, Most Wor. Caleb Butler, who had been forced to delegate much of the active work of the Grand Lodge to his deputy, Simon W. Robinson, “unequivocally declined” reelection for a third year as Grand Master.

Instead of turning to Robinson—a dozen years his junior, and still active in business in Boston—the Grand Lodge chose Augustus Peabody by unanimous vote as their Grand Master, retaining Brother Robinson as the deputy. He inherited a body, and a jurisdiction, in far better shape than it had been for many years; “the time had come,” he said, “for the brethren to return to their halls and their lodge rooms, as the children of Israel went up to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple which their enemies had desecrated and destroyed.”

It was a remarkable three years. During Grand Master Peabody’s first year, a great Convention was held in Baltimore, attended by most of the Grand Lodges in the United States; the result was the creation of a trestle-board, adopted in various forms by the various jurisdictions, enforcing a common mode of work. “I have examined it with care,” he said at his annual address in December of 1843. “It meets with my decided approbation . . . This little book is adapted to the wants of the working Masons. It contains what he needs, and nothing more. Its judicious and tasteful arrangements make it a valuable acquisition.”

During each of his years as Grand Master, Brother Peabody had the pleasure of restoring charters to a number of lodges that had surrendered them during the difficult years of anti-Masonic turbulence. At his final annual address in December 1845 he named eighteen lodges—

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Meet an Active Massachusetts Mason

Masonry is fortunate to have an affiliation with DeMolay, and now with the Boy Scouts. Many of today's DeMolay and Scouts will become Masons and take active roles in their lodges in the future.

We have seen this over the years with so many masters coming from the DeMolay ranks and many more being raised and maintaining their Masonic membership. One such Mason is Brother Robert Knowlton of Braintree's Saint Paul's-Algonquin Lodge.

Brother Knowlton started his Masonic journey 54 years ago when he joined Watertown DeMolay at the age of 18, and by his own admission, hasn't stopped. He is proud to have been invested with the Degree of Chevalier. He joined Victory Lodge in Watertown and was raised in 1962. After serving in the U.S. Army for seven years he returned home and became a dad advisor with the Watertown DeMolay.

When he moved to Boston's south shore he affiliated with Saint Paul's-Algonquin Lodge in Braintree, and has been active ever since working on numerous charitable projects for his lodge, church, and his Boy Scout troop, where he's been an advisor for more than 16 years. He continues to serve as the lodge's lead ambassador and as a trustee.

Many early influencers in his life were Masons. His great uncle who lived in Gardner was a member of six Masonic organizations and a 50-year Mason. His DeMolay dad was Herman Sanderson, who was also his Sunday school teacher. Not having any sons of his own, Herman always considered Brother Knowlton, his twin brother and his other brothers as his sons. Rt. Wor. Franklin Harris was both an operative and speculative Mason. Both of these men were loved and respected by many and were the keys to Bro. Knowlton becoming involved in the Masonic family.

Brother Knowlton has been involved with Cub Scout Pack 56 in Holbrook for more than 16 years and is currently a district trainer. Both of his sons are Eagle Scouts. He and his family started a free-clothing ministry at the Fort Square Presbyterian Church in Quincy for returning Viet Nam veterans. Twenty-four years later they are still helping returning veterans. He is also a training coach at the

senior's computer learning center in Abington, and finds he learns as much as he teaches!

His activities continue in the quarries of the Craft. He is the chaplain in three lodges including The Scouter's Lodge in Holden. He wears many Masonic jewels and awards on his Scouting uniform along with his Eagle badge and the prestigious Daniel Carter Beard Award for Masonic Scouters. He says the 75 miles he travels each way to attend those lodge meetings is well worth the time and effort.

In 1999, he was presented with the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal for his many activities in his lodges, church, and community. Rt. Wor. Lonnie Piper presented him with a District Deputy's Service Award for his extensive activities in the district. Brother Knowlton served as the district awareness officer, and currently serves as the district ambassador for Rt. Wor. Richard Jope.

One of the programs he is most proud of was started by the late Rt. Wor. Ronald Preble. He and Bro. Knowlton annually assembled about 50 holiday care packages for local military troops stationed overseas. The two of them conducted many fund-raisers and solicited corporate contributions to cover the cost of supplies and shipping expenses.



Bro. Robert D. Knowlton

Brother Knowlton now heads up the lodge's widows program with the assistance of Mrs. Joan Preble, Ron's widow. He still keeps up with Ron's program of visits, mailings, and deliveries of flowers grown in his own garden. Four years ago he started a fund-raiser for Myositis, a disease affecting the muscles. He says the work is great but the laborers are few.

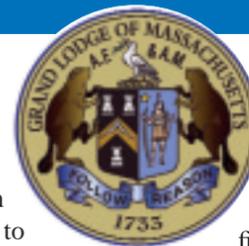
Brother Knowlton likes the current Ben Franklin marketing campaign. He says his lodge has benefitted from this campaign. He sees young men working many more hours

to earn a living and raise a family. We need more of these men to become active and share the load. Massachusetts Masonry has excellent training programs to help.

Brother Bob Knowlton is not just another name on a Masonic roster, but one who makes things happen—often with little fanfare. He credits Carol, his wife of 39 years, with a lot of his successes. He is truly one who enjoys being in the quarries and trying to improve himself and those surrounding him in Masonry. ■

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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



Retention & Engagement Examination

Early this year, the Membership Development Committee established a subcommittee on Retention and Engagement. The panel was asked to study why our members are disengaging from lodge life and to determine possible solutions to change this very disturbing trend.

It soon became clear to the subcommittee that any real change would require us all to take a long and serious look into the mirror. For many years, the entire family of Freemasonry has suffered from a continuous decline in membership. It seems that no matter the action taken, the trend continues.

In the book *Laudable Pursuit: A 21st Century Response to Dwight Smith*, the authors advance the following idea:

We now have some hard choices to make, and a limited time to make them. Our history of dealing with hard choices in this fraternity is a depressing signpost for the future. There is another way than the one we have been following for decades. It will be the lodges and Masonic bodies that adapt and carry a vision forward that will survive. For too long we as leaders and protectors of this noble institution have fled the battlefield. Today is the day we turn and fight.

According to the subcommittee chairman, Rt. Wor. James Dill; "One thing that has become perfectly clear, is that there are far too many members who feel alone or alienated in their own lodge. We must all become crusaders on spreading the word, and practice those lessons we have learned in this fraternity. We all took the same obligation to care for and about each other. That feeling of caring is why we exist, and it is who we are."

The information resulting from the work of the subcommittee is now being shared with the Membership Development Committee. We look to have something in place by the spring that we can share with every lodge and every brother.

Spring Open House

April 6, 2013, will be the date for our Spring Open House. The weather on the first Saturday in April should be a little warmer and may permit lodges to consider activities outside their buildings. This date will give the lodges time to read and ballot on applicants before most of our lodges go dark for the summer. The intent is to have candidates ready for degree work in the fall.

DeMolay Recruitment Project

The DeMolay Recruitment Project is something new. Our committee is working with Brother Chris Rooney, past

state master councilor, to set a plan in place to approach those young men who will be leaving the ranks of DeMolay. We want to develop a marketing plan to educate these men on the benefits of joining the Craft. We want to assist them in taking their degrees before going off to school (if this is their plan), as well as contacting Masonic lodges in the towns where these men will be living and have them invited to attend lodge meetings.

Four Easy Programs to Get Your Members Engaged

Brethren, here are four self-paced programs to get your members involved. All it takes is for these programs to be promoted in your lodge.

1. The Master Mason Rookie Award. If you want to give your candidates something enjoyable to do, have each brother pursue the Rookie Award. It is a great way to get them into the district and meet more members of the Craft, as well as witness how lodge meetings and traditions vary from lodge to lodge.

2. The Master Builder's Award. This program is an offshoot from the Rookie Award. It gives members of our lodges some tasks to perform that we expect they will find enjoyable. If you have been a brother for more than a year, this program is for you.

3. The Masonic Passport Program. Kudos go out to Team Eastward Bound of the Masonic Leadership Institute, that developed this Traveling Man Masonic Passport Program. Get your members to record their visits in this passport and have it signed by the masters and secretaries of the lodges they are visiting. We have had requests for this passport throughout this country, and several have been sent overseas. Do you have your Masonic Passport?

4. Cable-Tow Brothers Lodge Mentoring Program. Designed as a mentoring program for all new candidates within this jurisdiction, this easy-to-follow program helps to get the new brother comfortable within the lodge, interacting with his appointed lodge mentor, and broadening his experiences as a Mason. We don't believe there is a better way to make a candidate feel welcome than to follow this program.

If there is anything the Membership Development Committee can do to assist your lodge, we would be happy to work with you regarding awareness in your community, working with candidates, retention and engagement, or anything else you may be experiencing. ■



The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



I am what you might call an incessant researcher. Now, I'm not sure if my drive to uncover information led to my decision to go into the news business or if my interest in news gathering gave me this passion for uncovering facts. But in either case, this is what I do and have done for years. And the Internet makes it easier and faster to uncover more and more information.

In the course of doing my research I regularly come across pieces of information on any number of subjects, among them Freemasonry. I have found so many Masonic facts, I am pulling together a talk I can give to lodges. It's a bit of trivia to fill a quiet moment.

For example, one thing I learned is that in 1892, the tallest building in the world was the Masonic Temple at Randolph and State Streets in Chicago. It was 22 stories tall. The building was torn down in 1939 to make way for the State Street subway station. I understand the Chicago Masons were not upset at losing their building. It leaked like a sieve and was never really suited for Masonic needs.

But there was something I came across that I knew I had to learn as much about as I could. Between October 11, 1890, and January 1, 1951, every governor of the state of Wyoming was a Master Mason except one. Across a time span of more than 60 years, 19 Master Masons served as Wyoming's chief executive. That is 19 of the first 20 chief executives of the state.

It is quite obvious why the one exception was not a Master Mason—that governor was Nellie Tayloe Ross, who served from January 5, 1925 to January 3, 1927. While she was not a Mason, she was definitely connected to the fraternity. She was the widow of Bro. William B. Ross, who served as governor of Wyoming from January 1, 1923 until his death on October 2, 1924. Secretary of State Bro. Frank E. Lucas, took over as acting governor until Nellie Ross was elected.

But beyond being the widow of a Master Mason, she had another tie to the Masonic fraternity. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The more I read about Nellie Tayloe Ross, the more impressed I became with her. To begin with, she was the first woman to be elected the governor of a U.S. state. I

would expect Wyoming to be the first state to elect a woman. Women were given the right to vote in 1869, the year after the Territory of Wyoming was formed. In 1890, when Wyoming became a state, a woman's right to vote was carried directly into the state constitution.

In addition to serving as a governor, Nellie Ross gave the seconding speech for Al Smith at the 1928 Democratic National Convention. At that convention, she also received 21 votes from 10 state delegations for nomination as the Democratic candidate for vice president. She later served as the vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and director of the DNC's women's division. In 1933, President and Bro. Franklin Delano Roosevelt appointed Nellie Ross as the director of the U.S. Mint, the first woman to hold that position. She continued on as director of the mint until 1953, when Dwight Eisenhower was inaugurated as president.

It is a wonder what I was able to uncover about this Masonic widow in about a half-hour of research. But while I was finding new things about Nellie Ross, I started thinking about all the Masonic widows whose life stories are not entries in Wikipedia. I was thinking that for many of our brothers Masonry is at the center of both their fraternal and social lives. There are few places we go socially that are not connected to the fraternity in some way. The same is true for our spouses. When we head to the lodge for a social time, our wives are normally with us. After a while, the lodge becomes the center of our wives' social lives as well.

When a brother passes to the Celestial Lodge Above, we miss seeing him at our meetings and activities. We see the seat he normally filled at lodge meetings. We see the place where he normally sat in our banquet hall. At those moments when we are remembering a brother, do we think about his widow? The lodge was probably an important part of her life. She went to the suppers, the parties, the installations, and other events. With her husband and our brother gone, her social life may be gone as well.

I have to admit I have not been too good at meeting the requirements of the part of our Masonic obligation where we promise to watch over a deceased brother's family. I have not stayed in touch with the widows as I believe I should.

I've thought of all the things lodges could do to help the spouses and families of our deceased brothers. We can invite them to our installations and other activities; volunteer to do some yard work; offer to help with some minor repairs. Or maybe we could do the best thing—give them a call and let them know we care. ■

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What's happened to the use of manners? This question has been on the minds of many people. It seems that the lack of manners is becoming the norm. For a lot of us, that is both unwelcome and unaccepted. When manners are used, they are appreciated and respected. When manners are expected but not used, the silence of the moment can be deafening. Let's take a look at this question. After all, manners matter.

What are manners? They are traditional norms of social behavior and conduct established by a group or community. Manners are expressed in the behaviors we exhibit toward others. The simple act of saying "please" or "thank you" is only the beginning. Proper uses of titles, good manners, signs of respect, and more formal old-fashioned language and actions should be more common in our everyday lives.

Manners in Today's World

We are all familiar with the Caller ID function of today's phones and many use this capability to screen calls. Voice-mail messages ask a caller to leave a name and number and promise that their call will be returned at the earliest convenience. How easy it is to return a call and give the caller an answer to his or her question. Good manners dictate that a simple return call should be made. Manners matter.

Invitations are often received that request the courtesy of a reply. Increasingly, these requests are ignored. People choose to board elevators, buses, or trains before other passengers exit. People interrupt conversations without saying, "Excuse me please." Every day, each one of us is deluged with e-mail, texts, tweets, and even snail mail! Each contact provides a chance to say "please" or "thank you." All too often this opportunity to exhibit good manners is missed.

Lodge officers complain about challenges with monthly dinner reservations. A simple phone call or e-mail is required to reserve a meal. Yet members arrive without a reservation and expect to be accommodated. Other members make reservations and do not attend. The result is con-



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fusion, unnecessary expense, and often unfed brothers. Responses and reservations are vital. Again, manners matter.

Perhaps people who ignore manners believe in the philosophy of "me first." If so, they are missing the point. The Good Book has taught us: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." And "We reap what we sow." It takes a minimal effort to use good manners and the rewards are incredibly far reaching. These rules of etiquette for behavior and conduct are the keys to civil society and happy living.

The Place of Manners in Masonry

How does this relate to Freemasonry? Massachusetts maintains a more formal personality than many other jurisdictions and certainly more than in the broader society. Tuxedos, top hats, and white gloves are worn in most lodges. Proper uses of titles, dress codes, posture, communications, and other seemingly outdated behaviors are used. We used written letters for requests for dispensations, invitations, RSVPs, thank-you notes, and other communications. These actions come from an era when manners were very much appreciated. Many brothers who travel elsewhere in the Masonic world admit to missing the formalities of Massachusetts Masonry. These actions are appreciated, rewarding, and educational.

Masons already have reputations for service in the community and service to mankind. Our reputation is well deserved because for almost three hundred years, we have been a service organization. Let's consider how wonderful life might be if Masons were to lead the way in a "Manners Matter" renaissance. The next face of Freemasonry could be a smiling brother, shaking hands with another and saying, "Thank you for your services."

How might this make a difference? The stress involved with arranging meetings would plummet; response rates would soar; phone calls would always be answered; manners would permeate our lodge meetings. Masonic communications, both traditional and electronic, would be enhanced with courteous dialogue and would be models of politeness; our reputation as a service organization would be matched with a reputation for exceptional manners. It wouldn't cost anything. It sure sounds like a Masonic thing to do.

The words of Louis Armstrong's memorable song would certainly be appropriate. "Oh, What a wonderful world." Manners do matter. ■

MANNERS MATTER
by Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb

Masonic Health System of Massachusetts A Focus on Care

by David Turner, President & CEO



Masonic Health System (MHS) has spent over a decade focused on providing quality care and services to the largest possible number of seniors across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Like many providers, we understood that to make the greatest impact on this group, we would need to expand outward from our campuses and

into the communities where people live and work.

MHS aggressively entered the home care business with an acquisition in 2000 that resulted in the creation of Overlook Visiting Nurse Association (Overlook VNA). This new service enabled us to offer certified services, hospice and palliative care services, and private duty services. Since this year 2000 acquisition, we have made tremendous progress both through additional acquisitions and market growth. More recently we have developed disease support programs (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, wound care, and congestive heart failure). These new programs offer essential information and support for people struggling with these diseases. We have also continually looked for ways to expand the use of technology and telemedicine to help our seniors and caregivers. We realized that while we have been successful in expanding our breadth of services, we were not helping seniors navigate the health care industry. We had not addressed or reduced the trauma of care transitions, and most importantly, we were not truly helping seniors to realize their goals as effectively as we could.

The acquisition of our Overlook CARE division (Consultation, Advocacy and Resources for Elders) in early 2009 finally supplied MHS with the connector across all of our business lines and served as our primary outreach. CARE managers provide geriatric case management services to many individuals who may not know where to turn in the confusing maze that is health care. Overlook CARE is a point of entry to MHS programs and services, and is the coordinator of on-going care. Our team of professionals conducts comprehensive assessments, locates and navigates resources and other services, provides crisis intervention, liaisons with other professionals or families that may

NEWS FROM OVERLOOK

The Groves Celebrates Its Second Anniversary

It is hard to believe that July 19 marked the second anniversary of the opening of The Groves in Lincoln. Each anniversary celebration will begin with the planting of an apple tree on The Groves' grounds.

Following the planting the big party kicked off. Residents gathered in Gala Restaurant and were treated to a lavish spread of delicacies created by the Dining Services Department led by Director Michael Spector and Executive Chef Reagan Vetree. Carved tenderloin, vegetable and shrimp lettuce wraps, crab cakes, and shrimp cocktail along with a decadent display of cheese and fruit were enjoyed by over 100 residents and employees.

Reynaldo LeBlanc, marketing coordinator at The Groves in Lincoln, acted as the bartender at the event and commented, "What an amazing celebration. Everyone had so much fun and it was great to see so many new faces of recent move-ins. The Groves is really a wonderful, vibrant community with a remarkable family atmosphere."

Classical background music was provided by the Sivan Etedgee Trio. The group played the keyboard, cello, and violin. Many residents stayed at their dining tables or sat around the band to make requests and enjoy the beautiful music.

As one resident wrote to Executive Director Robert Fallon after the event, "Thanks so very much, Rob, for a most enjoyable party this afternoon. As usual, planning was thorough and everything went clearly, as designed.

live far away, as well as offers a broad range of additional services.

MHS is a service-focused organization whose future is community-based care: helping seniors receive the best care and services when, where, and how they want them. We assist individuals and families to identify their unique goals and develop a comprehensive plan to achieve those goals. Our mission is to empower seniors to maintain their highest level of control and independence whether in their homes, in the community, or on one of our campuses.

Because of these offerings, we are able to provide services directly to individuals in the comfort of their home. MHS can now reach more than 65% of Massachusetts seniors with community-based care and services. We are very proud to say that we assist over 3,000 individuals each and every day. MHS aspires to become the premier provider of health and wellness options in Massachusetts. ■



L to R: Director of Dining Mike Spector, Groves resident Carol Caswell, Executive Director Rob Fallon.

Your staff people were the epitome of gracious service; food and drink was most delightful; the string ensemble was top drawer; and the invited guests were among the nicest in the land. You'll have a tough time matching it again next year." ■

A Day at the Beach Made Possible by Make-A-Wish Fund

The Make-A-Wish Program grants special wishes for Overlook residents in both Charlton and Northampton. In July, a wish came true for five Enhanced Living residents of the Overlook Communities in Charlton. Nancy Dean, Bertha Bonin, Sophie Quinlan, Alice Schroth, and Marie Lopes hit Misquamicut State Beach in Rhode Island, accompanied by Overlook Staff members Stephanie Nikopoulos and Carlene Divoll.

Armed with sunscreen, towels, umbrellas, and a picnic lunch, the ladies sunbathed, splashed in the waves, and had the time of their lives. Bertha Bonin thoroughly enjoyed the day, even though she was knocked over by the "wild" waves. "Did I have fun? Oh my Yes! It was a most pleasant trip with delicious sandwiches, soft drinks, water and melon provided for us."

"All our wishes were granted," said Marie. "Stephanie and Carlene were our angels for the day. They were there for us. I am 81 and a half years old, and I never thought I'd ever return there again; can't wait to go again. The little girl in me had so much fun." Smiling resident Alice Schroth

Masonic Health System at White House Briefing

Executive Vice President Elaine Stephens, who is responsible for home care and hospice at Overlook VNA and former chair of the National Association of Home Care (NAHC); David Turner, president and CEO of Masonic Health Systems; and Jeff Kincheloe, NAHC vice president for government affairs, participated in a White House community leaders briefing on senior issues. Members of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, including NAHC, were invited to the briefing.

The briefing featured senior White House officials in a wide-ranging discussion of seniors issues with a special focus on health care policy concerns. Several seniors were invited to tell their stories about the difference Medicare and Medicaid had made in their lives. Vice President Joe Biden joined the group at the conclusion of the briefing. He pledged to protect Medicare and Medicaid and to oppose elements of the House budget blueprint that he said would undermine these programs.

The meeting was a unique opportunity for grassroots leaders to have a two-way dialogue with the White House about issues affecting their communities. Stephens and Kincheloe raised concerns about pro- (continued on next page)

agreed, "It was the best day I've had in a long time; so nice to go out for the day."

The ladies are already planning their next trip. "I would go back and do it all over again," said Bertha. "And if you're wondering, I'm 89 years young!" ■



Overlook Contributes and Benefits by Training Future Therapists

The Rehabilitation Department in Charlton has developed a program to provide learning and supervision for therapy students performing their clinical affiliations. Two doctoral-level physical therapy students have completed 12-week internships. A 4-week internship is scheduled for an occupational therapy student this winter.

Each student is paired with a staff therapist, who acts as their clinical instructor. The instructor shares their skills with the therapy student, while providing real experience in a supervised framework. The student actually experiences patient care and is given the opportunity to study a patient's problems, form conclusions, and create treatment plans. This critical learning experience provides the student with hands-on learning and non-judgmental feedback about student behavior that increases self-awareness. The clinical instructor communicates and documents objectives for the students in accordance with the standards of practice established by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). The instructor and academic coordinator from the student's college or university collaborate so that the student meets all the criteria of the academic curriculum.

"Lisa, my clinical instructor, had been my grandfather's physical therapist several years ago," said Stephanie Kerber, a student in the Doctoral program at American International College. "After his heart attack, he went to



Doctoral student Stephanie Kerber and Instructor Lisa Ritze.

Overlook for rehab for several months. I went to visit him often. Watching the therapists work their magic on my Gramps made me want to become a physical therapist. When it came time to select my second internship location, I knew immediately that I wanted to go to Overlook."

A capstone project is required to complete a doctoral program. The clinical instructor guides the student through a patient scenario-identification process. The resulting case report is used to provide data and information to the physical therapy profession. Both of Overlook's students performed their capstone projects on

cases they experienced during their time at Overlook. One student focused on complete decongestive therapy/lymphedema therapy. The second student reported on the use of virtual reality to treat unilateral spatial neglect (left-sided neglect). Each project provided in-depth information about new, dynamic, and exciting therapeutic interventions.

Many Overlook residents request to work with the students because they enjoy being part of the learning and teaching process. The family of one such resident shared their thoughts on the program: "Having Stephanie work with us has been fantastic! She's going to be a great physical therapist! She has such great ideas and has helped us so much!"

This internship setting provides students with a dynamic learning experience and demonstrates the benefits of a resident-centered care approach. The students provide the therapy staff with a fresh outlook on current trends in health care education and keep the focus on research-based, measurable, functional outcomes. Mentoring a student involves dynamic, hands-on education, and spurs on seasoned professionals to expand their own knowledge and skills. Therapist Lisa Ritze has found the instructor experience extremely rewarding. "Students are a great reminder of the reason we all entered the health care field. They bring great energy, fresh ideas, and new approaches. We all have room to grow, and having students around inspires us all to do our best. It's also fun to pass on your hard-earned experience and see the changes in a student from the beginning to the end of their clinical."

Students are encouraged to actively contribute to the enhancement of the clinical facility with an expansive view of physical and occupational therapy (continued on next page)

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posals to impose co-payments on Medicare home health. They stressed how co-pays would restrict access to home health care and result in big increases in expensive hospital and nursing home care. They encouraged the White House to support the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act that would allow nurse practitioners to sign home health plans of care. ■

The Heartbeat of Freemasonry

by Bro. J. Graeme Noseworthy

People often ask me what I like about being a Freemason. I usually come back with an enthusiastic yet textbook response about our beloved fraternity making good men better and deepening my connection to my community, my country and myself.

That's all true. There's no doubt about it.

But sometimes I talk about the little things. I'll mention those calm moments we enjoy just before a meeting gets started. Or perhaps I'll say that a Masonic lodge is one of the last gathering places where there are no telephones, no computers, no interruptions, and none of the constant distractions of our fast paced modern-day lives. Instead, there is only peace and quiet, brotherly love, and fraternal harmony—and, quite frankly, a man guarding the door with a sword.

I often tell people that there is no other place like it in the world.

These days, we hear a lot about the value of Freemasonry. That's an important discussion we all need to engage in but we should also be considering the heartbeat of Freemasonry. This concept goes beyond the charities we support and the dues we pay. It goes past the work of a lodge master and his line of officers. It goes beyond the words we memorize and the rituals we cherish.

The heartbeat of Freemasonry lies in the actions that we all participate in but rarely ever discuss.

It's the men pressing their suits and tuxedos and preparing their regalia. It's the brethren welcoming each other as they gather in lodges around the globe. It's the well-qualified candidate wondering if his vote will be favorable. It's the officers studying their cipher and rehearsing their lines while driving to and from work. It's the proud Masons assembling to march in a parade. It's the various committees meeting on their own time to discuss how they can improve their lodge, its members and their community at large. It's you. It's me. It's all of us.

It's the fact that right now as you read these words the heartbeat of Freemasonry echoes far and wide.



Bro. J. Graeme Noseworthy is a member of Trinity Lodge in Clinton and a member of the Leominster Royal Arch Chapter in Leominster.



Close your eyes for a moment and you can hear it. You can hear the raps upon the door of a thousand distant lodges. You can hear the whispers of men reciting words to themselves that they have labored so long to learn. You can hear the hearty laughs of brothers getting to know each other. You can hear the taps of footsteps working their way towards the sanctity of their historical temples. Most importantly, you can hear the eager voice of a man as he finally realizes that to be one, you must ask one.

The heartbeat of Freemasonry never stops. It never dies. It never fades. It never weakens.

When I go to my lodge, I make it a point each and every time to just stop, look, listen, and ponder what it took for me to be in that place at that time. I'll stand for a moment in the glare of the setting sun upon the front steps or sit back during dinner and look around at the portraits of our past masters that watch over us in the dining room. I'll consider the thousands of brothers and hundreds of years leading up to that moment, in that place, at that time. I'll consider that without taking that first step, I would never have been lucky enough to know these great men. I wouldn't get to hear these ancient words or share these unique memories.

I wouldn't have become connected to a history that is much greater than any one man, one lodge, one moment, one time, one place.

So maybe the next time someone asks me what I like about being a Freemason; I'll just wink, smile and make the sound of a beating heart. ■

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practice. Integrating computer technology into therapy was Stephanie's focus this summer. She became an expert on utilizing the iN2L (it's never too late) computer for therapeutic intervention with patients, and worked closely with industry representatives and therapy staff to optimize therapeutic outcomes.

"I learned a lot from my internship at Overlook, especially from my patients and Lisa, my clinical instructor," said Stephanie. "Most of the things I learned this summer can't be taught in classes—they only come from experience. I will always be grateful for my experience and to Lisa for taking the time to teach me. I will miss everyone, patients and staff alike, but I had a wonderful experience and will cherish the memories of my internship forever!" ■

Touches and Tastes of Home for the Troops



A couple of years after Lisa Braccio began sending care packages to troops overseas, her husband Matt was raised in Middlesex Lodge and Lisa had a fresh source of volunteers for the E4 Richard LaFleur Care Package Drive. Lisa and Matt remembered their uncles talking about returning from Viet Nam. Both Braccios resolved that veterans would never be treated like that again.

Lisa's crafted her project to provide servicemen and servicewomen with "a little bit of sunshine" from home. E-mails from our troops are collected and, twice a year, boxes are assembled and mailed by Metrowest volunteers. Packages prepared during this October's drive contained regional candy favorites, drawings by school children, fall maple leaves, reading material, always-popular socks, and foodstuffs craved by service people. Even box lids are used to carry hand-written messages from the volunteers from local churches, high schools, and Masons from Middlesex and other Metrowest lodges.

In addition to food items donated by Stop & Shop, cash donations are received from AT&T and individuals that show up at the Southboro collection site with checks—some as large as \$500. The 800 boxes shipped in October required nearly \$10,000 of postage. Lisa never worries about having enough money. Richard LaFleur's American Legion Post 132 in Marlboro will see to it that no box ever goes unshipped.

The event in October was Lisa's

16th care package drive. Cumulatively, 8,000 boxes containing 175,000 pounds of touches and tastes of home have been enjoyed by our men and women serving overseas. (In photo: Lisa Braccio and Richard LaFleur.)

—John Doherty

Rusty Brother Returns



Rusty brothers may have the hardest time in Freemasonry: they are "here," they desire betterment, long for brotherhood, yet they have a hard time crossing the lodge room threshold. Wor. Don Davidson, from Webster Lodge tried to make that step back into lodge easier.

In his letter, Wor. Bro. Davidson just wanted to catch up. He wrote, "I am hoping you will return a quick note updating us on what is going on in your life. We have become a very active lodge with many new faces and wish to know if there is anything we can do for you." This was written in 2009.

Bro. Ted Theodore wrote back in 2012 saying Wor. Bro. Davidson's letter was the right thing at the right time.

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Piper Kenneth Pfeiffer concludes memorial services for Bro. Pageau in Charlton.

cessor. The services were concluded after a benediction by a beautiful rendition of "Flowers of the Forest" by Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Pfeiffer.

Most Wor. Roger W. Pageau passed to the Celestial Lodge on July 28, 2012, at age 67. He was a Mason for 36 years, having been raised in John Warren Lodge in 1976. He served the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts as the 86th elected Grand Master from 2008 to 2010. He lived respected and died regretted. —John Doherty

Left: Bro. Ted Theodore in his father's seat in Webster Lodge.

"The first thing I did after receiving your letter was dig out and re-read my three little Claudy books. I was 'tutored' and 'examined' by a couple of very knowledgeable brothers; bought a new cipher and learned to read most of it; visited 7 of the 14 Cape Cod lodges in the 20th and 21st Districts; observed many degree rituals, and met many local brother Masons."

At Wor. Bro. Davidson's installation this year, Bro. Theodore made his return to Webster, his mother lodge. He sat in the south, where his father liked to sit. "I enjoyed gazing at the spot just west of the altar where Wor. John P. Trull raised me on October 21, 1957. These renewed memories, and the gratitude that I feel to Webster Lodge will remain with me forever."

Bro. Theodore is now affiliated with Mariner's Lodge of Cotuit and Fraternal Lodge of Centerville. He is working with his Cape Cod brethren in the role of ambassador.

—Wor. Don Davidson



At the U.S. Presidential Museum: RW Ernie Pearlstein, Francis R. Carroll, Wor. Norm Crosby, GM Richard Stewart.

Benefit Reception in Worcester

"A Night of Music and Comedy" was held in Worcester on October 13 for the benefit of the St. John's Food for the Poor facility. Wor. Norm Crosby, one of the headliners for this event, joined Grand Master Richard Stewart in hosting a pre-show reception at the nearby United States Presidential Museum.

This museum was founded by Francis R. Carroll and contains an impressive collection of letters, documents, images and artifacts of U.S. presidents, vice presidents, founding fathers and other historical figures.

Co-performers Virgil Gibson of the Platters, and John McDermott, founder of The Irish Tenors, joined Norm Crosby in welcoming guests to the museum for private tours and refreshments.

—John Doherty

Corrections

Rookie Award—The picture caption on page 28 of the fall TROWEL was incorrect. Bro. Edward Sandell is a member of West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge.

The Quiet Medal—The listing of Joseph Warren Medal recipients in the fall TROWEL omitted, of all people, Wor. Earl Dickey.

Bro. Dickey was presented with the Joseph Warren Medal in December, 2010 in recognition of his long and faithful service to Middlesex Lodge in Framingham. He has been their role model for beautiful ritual for 56 years. This holder of the Bronze Star for bravery in Korea was the first volunteer for every mission. He was one of three unmarried men in the unit. It seemed to him the right thing to do.



Middlesex Lodge Supports Vets in Warrior Thunder Ride



Middlesex Lodge supported the Third Annual Warrior Thunder Motorcycle Ride in September. The Warrior Thunder Foundation, a federally recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is chartered exclusively to raise public awareness and charitable donations for the needs of veterans—particularly injured servicemen and servicewomen and their families.

The Third Annual Ride started and finished at the Millis AMVETS post. The event was a fifty-mile, police-escorted ride that ended with a cookout, live music, and prizes. This year, all proceeds went to The Fisher House of Boston and Homes for Our Troops. For more information about the foundation, visit www.warriorthunderfoundation.com.

—Wor Samuel J. Newland

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sent to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The request was approved and a special communication was convened by Grand Master Benton where he constituted Sojourners Lodge in January, 1913 in Christobal, Panama.

Sojourners Lodge now resides in Panama City. Membership and attendance is back to where it was in the early 80s. The Lodge continues to grow and looks forward to the next 100 years.

—Wor. Albert Curie Hopper III

Sojourners Lodge Centennial Degree . RW John Bamber, Bro. Paul G. Kay (father of candidate), candidate Paul A. Kay, Sojourner Lodge Master Wor. Albert C. Hopper.



Harmony Lodge in Chasin-A-Mason Run for Charity



Wor. Zach Billings with Chasin-A-Mason co-founder and mother Cathy Coutu.

Some of the charities that benefit from the event include the lodge's community food pantry, summer camp scholarships for students with disabilities, the medical equipment loan program, a widows and orphans fund and the ever so important MYCHIPS program. —*Bro. Mark Hutchinson*

Harmony Lodge in Montague held the 4th Annual Chasin-A-Mason 5K Run/Walk in October. Participants were able to choose either a running or walking route. Both routes followed the scenic Turners Falls bike path.

Wor. Zach Billings started the event four years ago, when the lodge was seeking new fund-raising ideas to support its charity work. With the assistance of the brethren, and a little spark from his runner Mom, Cathy Coutu, the idea of the Chasin-a-Mason event was born. There were forty participants in the first year; the following year there was a surge to about one hundred forty runners. This year's total surpassed all previous years. Among the noteworthy participants were members of the Turners Falls varsity and junior varsity cross-country teams.

Grand Rep. Pelagian Visits Grand Lodge of Armenia



Grand Master of Armenia Armen Simonian, RW Bogos W. Pelagian and Past Grand Master, M. Wor. Armen Garabedian in Yerevan, Armenia.

On July 5, 2012, Rt. Wor. Bogos Pelagian visited the Grand Lodge of Armenia. It was the tenth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Armenia and the

20th anniversary of the independence of Armenia.

Upon his arrival at Yerevan, Bro. Pelagian was met by five well-dressed Grand Lodge officers sent to accompany him to the Marriot Hotel where he would be staying with Masons from other countries. All the visiting brethren were taken on guided tours around the capital's historic sites. Grand Master Armen Simonian accompanied the visitors to many lodge meetings including Massis Lodge No. 1, where Bro. Pelagian was nominated an honorary member. At Grand Lodge, Rt. Wor. Bro. Pelagian was presented a jewel representing the Grand Lodge of Armenia in the United States.

—*Bro. Michael D. Grim*

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Wor. Stephen (Pat) Emery, Grand Master Stewart, and Bro. Gerald Sjögren.

Siloam Lodge Honors Bro. Gerald Sjögren

In June, a special meeting was held at Siloam Lodge in Westborough at the request of Grand Master Richard J. Stewart, who presented a surprised Bro. Gerald Sjögren with the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal.

In the fourteen years since Bro. Sjögren was raised, he has made many contributions to his lodge, his community and to Masonry. At Siloam he has been a constant leader of the building association and a driving force behind the many successful renovations to Siloam's building.

Bro. Sjögren has been an active leader in the Boy Scouts and was instrumental in the resurrection of the alliance between Freemasonry and the Eagle Scout, Court of Honor. This alliance had been forged long ago but had been forgotten. Its renewal began a few years ago when Siloam Lodge benefited from an Eagle Scout's project arranged by Bro. Sjögren, who was Scout Master of the Grafton Troop.

The scout did a fantastic job repairing the lodge building, and Bro. Sjögren went in search of a bagpiper to play for the Court of Honor ceremony; he contacted the then Grand Marshal, now Grand Master Stewart, for help. Not only did he get the piper but also the attendance of an impressive suite of Grand Lodge officers for the presentation of awards to the Eagle Scout. Those who were present that day still comment on the dignity and grace these Masons added to the day.

2012 MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Masonry in the United States experienced its greatest growth during the years of World War II and the Korean Conflict. Many of the 641 Masons celebrating anniversaries in 2012 are 100 years old. The first group of six Masons are our longest living members; four are 100 or more years old. Long live Masons! The men listed below under the names of their current lodges are enjoying their 60th, 65th, 70th, or 75th years in

Freemasonry. Anniversaries are based on the date raised to the Degree of Master Mason regardless of your current lodge.

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

Our Longest-Serving Masons Brethren Raised Prior to 1937

1925 87 years Bro. Harry Paul Kimball *Mount Orthodox Lodge*

1934 78 years

Bro. Harold Reder *Mystic Lodge* • Bro. Richard James Towne *Orient Lodge*

1935 77 years Bro. George Maurice Franklin *Major General Henry Knox Lodge*

1936 76 years

Bro. H. Edward Bascom *Weymouth United Masonic Lodge* • R.W. Frank Lindsey Wellcome *Williams Lodge*

75-Year Anniversaries Brethren Raised in 1937

Azure Lodge Wor. Kenneth Walcott Powers
Charles C. Dame Lodge Wor. Lewis Asa Pingree
Chicopee Lodge Bro. Ralph Henry Kuhnert
Mount Tabor Lodge Wor. James Lewis Acheson

Rabboni Lodge Bro. Thomas Harrison Lockhart
Saint John's (B) Lodge
Bro. Vaughn Kenneth O'Neill
Wamesit Lodge Wor. Henry Louis Farmer

70-Year Anniversaries Brethren Raised in 1942

Adams Lodge

Bro. Allan Ray Putnam

Ancient York Lodge

Wor. Philip Eugene Colburn

Bay Path Lodge

Wor. Everett Sumner Allen

Charles C. Dame Lodge

Bro. Albert Victor Lindquist Jr.

Bro. Albert Lindquist Jr. of Charles C. Dame Lodge, (with daughter and son-in-law) receiving his 70-year pin from RW Thomas O'Shaughnessy and Wor. Stephen Ringuette.



Elm-Belcher Lodge

Bro. William Francis Nutter

Gatun Lodge

Bro. Fred Ethan Wells

Globe Unity Lodge

Bro. Werner Otto Bachli

Guiding Lights Lodge

Bro. Frank Kenwood Jones

Bro. Clayton Fairfield Jones

Harmony Lodge

Wor. George Chandler Clapp

Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge

Wor. Philip Arthur Christensen Sr.

Bro. Warren Calvin Christensen

King David Lodge

Wor. Donald Hartley Campbell

Liberty Lodge

Bro. Sherman Theodore Pike

Moses Michael Hays Lodge

Bro. Jacob Donath

Mount Moriah Lodge

Bro. Walter Whitelock Morgan

Mystic Lodge

Bro. Charles Ronald Fyfe

North Quabbin Lodge

Bro. Donald Gorton Engel

Puritan Lodge

Wor. Adam Lamb Murray

Sojourners Lodge

Bro. Edward James Sullivan

The Consolidated Lodge

Bro. Robert Norman Snider

The Meadows Lodge

Bro. Horace George Haunton

Waltham Triad Lodge

Bro. Christopher Peter Morris

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65-Year Anniversaries Brethren Raised in 1947

Adams Lodge

Bro. Alfred Laurie Hill

Amicable Lodge

Wor. George Warren Jackson
Bro. Edward Walton Young

Amity-Mosaic Lodge

Bro. Carl Raymond Hanson
R.W. Chester Russell Harris

Ancon Lodge

Bro. John Harley Ruth

Aurora Lodge

Bro. Amos Roland Forrest

Beth-horon Lodge

Bro. George Stephen George
Bro. David Phillip Lupprian

Brigham Lodge

Bro. Norman Wilson Martin

Bristol Lodge

Bro. Herbert Eugene Thompson

Caleb Butler Lodge

Bro. Charles Irving Poole

Celestial Lodge

Bro. Darrell George Miller

Charity Lodge

Bro. George Philip Makris
Bro. Woodrow Pershing Quimby

Charles A. Welch Lodge

Bro. William Gordon Batsford

Charles C. Dame Lodge

Bro. Irving Norman Blatt

Charles River Lodge

Bro. William Francis Nourse
Bro. Allen Sherman Richardson

Chicopee Lodge

Bro. Robert Lawrence Kantor
Bro. Robert Sheldon Solin

Columbian Lodge

Bro. John Caldwell Osgood

Converse Lodge

Bro. Mathews Kotzen
Bro. Robert Charles Kramer
Wor. Martin Weiner

Corinthian Lodge

Bro. Arthur Warren Berry
Bro. Howard Joseph Soberg

Corner Stone Lodge

Bro. Paul Cole Barber

Dalhousie Lodge

Bro. James Reid MacLean

Delta Lodge

Bro. Robert Albert Hueneke
Wor. Robert William Lawrence
Bro. Richard Bryant Smith

DeWitt Clinton Lodge

Bro. Lee Calvin Davis

Eastern Star Lodge

Bro. John Warren Davenport
Bro. Harry Thomas Johnson
Wor. Philip George Pomeroy

Eden Lodge

Bro. Henry Joseph Macuga

Elm-Belcher Lodge

Bro. Warren Brindley Baker
Bro. Paul Edward Bishopric
Bro. Allen Frederick Kelley
R.W. Roland Iverson Outhouse
Wor. Harold Walter Whitaker

Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge

Bro. Siegfried Ludwig Mayr
Bro. Merrill Wasserman

Essex Lodge

Bro. Donald William Broome

Ezekiel Bates Lodge

Bro. Russell Albert Allen
Bro. Victor Jerome Green
Wor. John Kean Mackill
Bro. Newton Canfield Woodworth

Fellowship Lodge

Bro. Faeltan Crownshield Perkins Jr.

Franklin Lodge

Bro. Bernard Samuel Champion

Friendship Lodge

Bro. Louis Anthony Tarricone

Gate of the Temple Lodge

Bro. Edward Howland Ward Jr.

Gatun Lodge

Bro. Elmer Guy Huldquist
Bro. William Lee

Globe Unity Lodge

Wor. Ralph Thornton Simmons

Golden Fleece Lodge

Bro. Eugene Leigh Nodwell

Golden Rule Lodge

Bro. Howard Carl Jappe

Good Samaritan Lodge

Bro. Joseph Levi Pendergast Jr.
Bro. Warren Haisy Torres-Toro
Bro. John Raymond Weston

Guiding Lights Lodge

Bro. William Garfield Hjerpe
Bro. Arnold Roy Jones
Bro. Peter George Leasca

Howard Lodge

R.W. Joseph Galen Curtis

Huntington-Federal Lodge

Bro. Leonard Russell Alexander
Bro. Wesley Newell Stickel

Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge

Bro. Christo William Kantany
Bro. Francis Raymond Kimball
Bro. Jean Romeo LaCroix

John Cutler Lodge

Bro. Robert Louis Duvon
Bro. Gustave Henry Spurr

John Hancock Lodge

Bro. John Henry Freeman

King David Lodge

Bro. Robert Gifford Northwood
Bro. Carroll Coggeshall Stevens

Konohassett Lodge

Wor. Milton Leeds Kerr Jr.

Lafayette-Greylock Lodge

Bro. Harold Edward Hubbard



Tenth District Holds Family Day Fund-raiser for MMRL

The 10th District and John T. Heard Lodge held a Family Day event in July to raise funds for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. Over 50 items were offered during a silent auction and approximately \$5,000 was raised.

More than 200 attendees were treated to lobsters, steamers, steaks, burgers, hot dogs and all the fixings. The children were entertained by Shrine clowns, a dunk tank, a bouncy house, a face painter and field games. Grand Lodge was represented by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Wor. Alfredo Canhoto, chairman of the MMRL committee.

Rt. Wor. William Yanakakis thanked the many helpful hands who made the event possible: "We'll do it again next year and double the donation."

In photo above: RW Alexander Pope, Function manager Mrs. Janet Ramsdell GM Richard Stewart, and RW William Yanakakis at the Family Day fund-raiser in Ipswich.

—Rt. Wor. Alexander Pope

New IORG Supreme Deputy Sees Bright Future for Mass. Rainbow



Susan A. Torrey is the newly installed supreme deputy of Massachusetts for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Following Mother Sandra J. Marshall's tenure will be a challenge that Susan Torrey, majority member from Concord Assembly, "will optimistically and enthusiastically accept!" Miss Torrey has a vision for the growth and prosperity of Massachusetts Rainbow; she believes that increased membership in both Rainbow and DeMolay will help to restore civility and respect in our citizenship, one member at a time.

Her 5-year strategy is being designed to increase membership through improved community awareness and active community service participation, increasing participation on advisory boards, encouraging majority members to become

active supporters, and strengthening leadership development programs.

Miss Torrey asks Masons to, "please consider mentoring a Rainbow assembly in your district. There is no greater reward than seeing today's youth develop self-esteem, public speaking skills, poise, leadership, and community service. Please visit a Rainbow meeting, installation, grand officer night, or reception to see how Rainbow is shaping the future of each member. Masons are welcome at all of our functions."

There are currently 26 Rainbow assemblies throughout the bay state. Rainbow accepts girls between the ages of 11 and 20 and has a pledge group for ages 9 and 10.

Megan Fowler is Rainbow's New GWA



Megan Fowler is the newest grand worthy advisor in Massachusetts Rainbow. Megan, seventeen, is a past worthy advisor of Billerica Assembly No. 61, and a student at Westford Academy where she is an officer in the National Honor Society, a peer counselor and a co-president of Westford Academy Writing Assistance. She will be occupying her time this year traveling across the state, and the country, to visit as many assemblies and events as possible.

This year's state theme is Under the Big Top. Says GWA Fowler, "We want to encourage not only our active members but all girls and prospects to step right up and join the fun! This year's service project is the collection of can tabs and requested items to donate to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

"It is my honor to serve as grand worthy advisor this year; it would not be possible without the support and dedication of the Masons, Eastern Star, Amaranth, and all of our other sponsoring bodies. We appreciate all of the time and assistance these organizations dedicate to Rainbow especially in our local assemblies."

Rookie Award at Orient Lodge

Rt. Wor. Bruce Marshall, DDGM for the 6th District, presented the Master Mason Rookie Award to Bro. Robert Disario in October. Bro. Disario was raised in Orient Lodge in May, 2011.



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Liberty Lodge

Bro. Stuart Stanley Corning Jr.
Bro. Robert Henry Lindgren

Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge

Bro. Rolf Hansen Owens

Major General Henry Knox Lodge

Bro. William Joseph Nichols
Bro. Philip Arnold Rubin
Bro. Arnold Siegle
Bro. Nelson Stone
Bro. William Lawrence Stone

Marine Lodge

Bro. Lawrence Lumbert Harlow
Bro. Leo James Limberakis
Bro. Niles Allen Peterson Jr.

Matthew John Whittall Lodge

Bro. Robert Willis Russell
Bro. Donald Sieurin

Meridian Lodge

Bro. Wendell Farrar Bennett

Merrimack Lodge

Bro. John Katsaros

Montgomery Lodge

Bro. John Minasian
Bro. Robert Constantin Permane

Morning Star Lodge

Bro. Joel Goldberg
Wor. Toga Harry Janson
Bro. John Anton Jessen Jr.

Moses Michael Hays Lodge

Bro. Lewis Richard Aronin
Bro. George Mark Barr

Bro. Herbert Elkind

Bro. Joseph Finer
Bro. Bernard Norton Gehr
Bro. Herbert Arthur Goldberg

Bro. Edward Lawrence Housman

Bro. George Harold Millman
Bro. Carl Rosenberg
Wor. Alfred Mason Simon

Wor. Allen Irving Singer

Bro. Bernard Visnick

Mount Carmel Lodge

Bro. Philip Richard Pearson
Bro. Milton Douglas Shearer

Mount Hermon Lodge

Bro. Sewell Alvin Frank

Mount Hollis Lodge

Wor. Herbert Gordon Weston Jr.

Mount Holyoke Lodge

Bro. Gordon James Davey
Bro. Edward Kermit Holly Jr.

Bro. Woolsey Lyttle

Mount Horeb (D) Lodge

Bro. Robert Chase Lonsdale

Mount Moriah Lodge

Bro. John Filo
Bro. Douglas Charles Taylor

Mount Olivet Lodge

Bro. Mason Thomas Charak
Bro. Harry Herbert Hiltz

Mount Tabor Lodge

R.W. Ralph Kaplan

Mount Tom Lodge

Bro. Milton Robert Berman

Wor. Joseph Daniel Kalicka

Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge

Bro. Alan James Fleming

Mount Zion Lodge

Bro. Roger Howard Vaughan

Mystic Lodge

Bro. Oscar Frederick Sodergren
Bro. James Lewis Washburn

Mystic Valley Lodge

Bro. George Harry Albrecht
Bro. Krikor Gulezian
Bro. Robert Hilton Marsh
Bro. Robert Emil Nelson

Norfolk Lodge

Bro. Irving Barton Ruggles

North Quabbin Lodge

Bro. Donald Howard Higgins
Bro. John Raymond MacDonald

Norumbega Fraternity Lodge

Bro. John Sidney Day

Old Colony Lodge

Wor. Philip Arnold Stoddard
Bro. Thomas Burr Studley

Olive Branch Lodge

Bro. Christie Ligor Pojani

Orient Lodge

Bro. Arthur James Early

Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge

Bro. Hans Peter Stibolt

Oxford Lodge

Bro. Eugene Charles Schofield

Paul Revere Lodge

Bro. George Brander Bailey
Bro. Charles Hutchison Wallace

Pentucket Lodge

Bro. Fred Alvin Choate

Pequossette Lodge

Bro. Warren Arthur Waite

Perfection Lodge

Bro. Joseph Kopelman

Philanthropic Lodge

Bro. Wallace Ronald Alexander
Bro. Richard Devereux Hill

Bro. Stanley Sumner Sacks

Pioneer Lodge

Bro. Robert Coddling Chadwick
Bro. Lloyd Wendell Lockhart

Puritan Lodge

Bro. Robert William Milbery

Quinebaug Lodge

Bro. Robert Lewis Butterworth

Quinsigamond Lodge

Wor. Rupert Henry Robinson

Quittacus Lodge

Bro. George Bowman Hacking
Bro. Edward Jasinto Oliveira

Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge

Bro. Arthur Wong Jr.

Rising Star Lodge

Bro. Charles Willis Snowdale

Rural Lodge

Bro. Paul Lamont Dube
Bro. James Walter Peddie

Sagahew Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Norman LeRoy

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Saint Alban's Lodge
Bro. Gordon Morrison Barker
Bro. Alan Lester Ferestien
Bro. Witmore Irving Turner Jr.

Saint George Lodge
Bro. John Helmer Bystrom

Saint John's (B) Lodge
Bro. Marshall Sumner Wilkins

Saint John's (N) Lodge
Bro. Willard Stone Little Jr.
Bro. Frank Ellsworth Miller
Bro. Paul Franklin Wells

Saint Mark's Lodge
Bro. Oscar Charles Knight Jr.
Bro. Alexios Nicholas Terzis

Saint Matthew's Lodge
Bro. Arthur Bryant Glines
Bro. Douglas Neilson Howe Sr.
Bro. Frederick Nichols Nowell Jr.

Saint Paul's-Algonquin Lodge
Bro. George Quimby Dugan

Satucket Lodge
Bro. Robert Bradford Alexander

Simon W. Robinson Lodge
Wor. Walter Russell Abbott
Bro. Robert Nelson Cann Sr.
Wor. Frank August Engel Jr.
Bro. Frederick Daniel Hatfield Jr.
Bro. Ernest Chester Noyes
Bro. Lincoln Robert Shedd
Bro. Paul Raeburn Winters

Social Harmony Lodge
Bro. Donald Eldridge Bullock

Solomon's Temple Lodge
Bro. Edwin Jarl Erickson

Star In the East Lodge
Bro. Richard Frederick Bailey Sr.
Bro. Linwood Charles Lewis

Star of Bethlehem Lodge
Bro. Frank William Meharg

Starr King Lodge
Bro. Donald Lyman Kingston
Bro. George Freeman Manahan

The Consolidated Lodge
Bro. Sumner Lee Feldberg
Bro. George Abraham Goodman
Bro. Herbert Kotzen
Wor. Alfred Louis Novick
Bro. Christopher Charles Skambis

The Meadows Lodge
Bro. Harry James Courmotes
Wor. Robert Martin Tippett

The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge
Bro. Herbert Alfred Anstess
Bro. Robert Elwell Arnold

Trinity Lodge
Bro. Richard Leslie Bullard
Bro. George William Stone

Union Lodge (D)
Bro. Robert Edward Sutherland

Union Lodge (N)
Bro. Franklin Bartlett

United Brethren Lodge
Wor. Arthur Keith Piper
Bro. William Charles Wingler

Vernon Lodge
Wor. Donald Edward Geer

Webster Lodge
Bro. H Lincoln Easterbrooks
Bro. Warren Edmund Lorenz

West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge
Wor. James Kingston Beith

Weymouth United Masonic Lodge
Bro. John Thomas Leslie Collins
Bro. George Gordon Cumming

Wilbraham Masonic Lodge
Bro. Willard Harry Vaughn Jr.

William North Lodge
Bro. Walter Raymond Hedlund Jr.
Bro. Charles Hondras
Bro. Everett Joseph Smith

William Parkman Lodge
Bro. Harry Boodakian
Bro. Charles Frederick Buckingham

William Sutton Lodge
Bro. David Russell Allen
Bro. Harry Waldron Crooker II
Bro. Percy Raymond Leather



Veteran's Medal for Bro. Donald Sansom Rt. Wor. Scott Rogers of the 29th Masonic District and Wor. Robert Tremblay of Elm-Belcher Lodge traveled to Easthampton in October to present Bro. Donald Sansom his 50-Year Veteran's Medal. Bro. Sansom was not able to travel to the lodge in Agawam so his medal was brought to him.

60-Year Anniversaries Brethren Raised in 1952

Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Lodge
Wor. Laurence Albert Wescott

Alpha Lodge
R.W. Wallace Jack Bennett
Bro. Robert Ellsworth McBride
Bro. Albert Frederick Werner

Amicable Lodge
Bro. Stephen Polychrones

Amity-Mosaic Lodge
Bro. Harold Stanley Corkum
Bro. Bruce Porter Eaton

Ancient York Lodge
Bro. Earle Frederick McQuaide
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MYCHIP Event Held on the Cape

Brothers from Mariners and Fraternal Lodges conducted a CHIP event at Cape Cod Mall during the Cape & Islands Family Fest on September 15. Bro. Christopher Olsen, Wor. Bro. James Birch, and Bro. Theodore Theodores work the tables. The event was coordinated by Bro. Peter Bertling

— Wor. Israel Callahan

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Bro. Alexander Tulloch
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ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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



In response to a number of questions, we decided to devote this column to the basics of the Masonic Memorial Service. While we frequently call it a funeral service, what we do in a funeral home is really a memorial service. Regardless of the name used, the following applies.

The service may be requested by either the brother or his family and this request should NEVER be refused. It is recommended that everyone wear dark suits and white aprons at the service. However the master, wardens, chaplain, and marshal may wear the

apron and collar of their office, and under some circumstances, these officers may also wear tuxedos.

Pocket jewels, medals, past masters aprons, and Grand Lodge aprons are never worn. Most times the master and senior warden will stand at the head of the casket while the chaplain and junior warden are at the foot. However, any alignment that does not block the view of the family is correct. Any alignment that does block their view is wrong. Only the master places the sprig in the casket. All others are to place sprigs on a nearby table or bowl.

The Masonic Memorial Service will be discussed in detail at this year's exemplifications. There will be 31 exemplifications throughout the state and all Master Masons are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

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Bro. Russell Earl Rounds

Travels

Once again there are three academic lodges in Boston. Grand Lodge had the honor of reconstituting Boston University Lodge and installing the lodge's officers in June. We also assisted in the celebration of the 50th anniversary and the rededication of Tahattawan Lodge's building in Littleton. At the end of June, I attended Olive Branch Lodge's annual widows and veterans luncheon, and later that afternoon Grand Lodge officers joined me in Rutland to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rufus Putnam Lodge.

Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Robert Jolly and Rt. Wor. Grand Secretary Jeffrey Gardiner accompanied me to the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters in New York City. The grand secretary and I also attended the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Masonic License Plates

Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio and Rt. Wor. Kenneth Sprague have been working hard to promote the Massachusetts Masonic License Plate Program. The state requires us to pre-sell 1,500 plates before the plates can be produced. It is our hope that we will be able to accomplish this task by the end of December. Remember, proceeds go to our signature charity, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. ■

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Quittacus Lodge

Bro. Henry Bromberg
 Bro. James Malick
 Bro. Henry Joseph Vien Jr.

Rabboni Lodge

Bro. James Nicholas Apostle

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Bro. Charles Albert Doverspike

Bro. John Marsh received his 60 year veterans metal at Phoenix Lodge from Wor. John Hyland.



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Rainbow Sponsors Hiram Cup Kart Race



Grand Master Richard Stewart awarded John Keegan of John Cutler Lodge the first Hiram Cup trophy at the Boston F1 Race Track in Braintree. The event was sponsored by Middleboro Rainbow Assembly as a fund-raiser. It took \$250 minimum to sponsor a driver, and the driver with the highest amount raised was guaranteed first position in the final race.

Ten drivers competed in this indoor kart race. Some drivers practiced many times prior to the actual race to help get acquainted with the track. Everyone enjoyed the competition and looked forward to an annual event.

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 Bro. Bernard Goldberg
 Bro. William Goldberg
 Bro. Melvin Leonard Gordon
 Bro. Benjamin Goulston
 Bro. Alfred Klugman
 Wor. Herbert Dan Lewis
 Bro. Harold David Millen
 Bro. Haskell Shapiro
 Wor. Arnold Burton Wilson
 Bro. Perry Wong

The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge

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 Bro. Alan Gerard Hill Jr.
 Bro. Robert Stimpson Speck
 R.W. Carroll Walen Wonson

Thomas Lodge

Bro. Phillip Berman
 Bro. Charles Groff Boynton

Thomas Talbot Lodge

Bro. Michael Charles Clery Sr.

Winner Bro. John Keegan said, "It was the most fun I ever had raising money. Thank you for the experience!"

The next race is tentatively planned for March 23, 2013. Email middleboro58@gmail.com to reserve your spot. In photo at left: M. Wor. Richard Stewart presents the Hiram Cup to Bro. John Keegan. — Susan Nichols



Red Cross Recognizes Celestial Lodge

Bro. Jeffrey Jarvis (left) accepts a plaque from Guanah Davis, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross-Massachusetts Region, in appreciation of the efforts of Celestial Lodge and Westwood Masons in coordinating five blood drives at their Masonic Building. —Rt. Wor. Alexander Pope

Celestial Lodge Fetes 33° Recipient



Bro. Kenneth Shaw, RW Graham Atwell Long, MW Richard J. Stewart.

Grand Master Richard James Stewart presented a George Washington Gavel to Rt. Wor. Graham Atwell Long of Celestial Lodge of Westwood at a dinner honoring Bro. Graham for receiving an Honorary 33° Degree in the Scottish Rite.

The George Washington Gavel is a replica of the gavel used by President Washington at the laying of the cornerstone of the U. S. Capitol Building in 1793. —Bro. Jeff Jarvis

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 Bro. William Wallace Watkins

William North Lodge

Bro. Nicholas Vasilios Basinas
 Bro. Harold Latham Entwistle

William Parkman Lodge

Bro. Ralph Davis Joslin Jr.

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Bro. William Henry Sipprelle

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 Wor. Clayton Richard Foote
 Bro. Leonard Arnold Nadeau
 Bro. Robert Winslow White

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 R.W. Robert Walter Murdock

RW DDGM Kevin Hamel, RW Robert Murdock, 60-year celebrant at Williams Lodge, Wor. Craig Pedercini



Memorizing the Middle Chamber Lecture

by Wor. Randall S. Wright

Excellent ritual work is the foundation of the lodge. Outstanding ritual conveys not just the meaning of the lectures, but also sets a pleasant and confident tone for the meeting. We should feel obliged to do our best to maintain the high standards of our Masonic fraternity whenever we do ritual in our lodge.

I personally believe that the Middle Chamber Lecture contained in the Second Degree is one of the most interesting lectures you will hear and learn in our fraternity. The lecture provides a kind of liberal arts education. When you learn this lecture and internalize it, I believe you will return to it, again and again, because of the overview to learning and philosophy it presents. Learning and internalizing this lecture is a great thing, I believe, and something you will carry with you for the rest of your life.

Some may be concerned that presenting this lecture in lodge is an anxiety-ridden experience. Forget about that thought right now. The plain truth is that giving the Middle Chamber Lecture is one of the most enjoyable experiences you will ever have in lodge. When you have done a good job, you will know it—nobody will have to tell you. But, expect a lot of compliments and respect from your brothers and fellow officers. Also be ready for the heartfelt appreciation from the candidates you take through the degree. They will be among the most appreciative. Believe me when I tell you that delivering this lecture is one of the highlights of being an officer in our great fraternity.

While it may seem like a formidable task, being able to present an excellent Middle Chamber Lecture is, I believe, within the grasp of almost

everyone. The reason people have difficulty is that they try to cram at the last moment. In my experience, memorization is something that cannot be crammed.

The Big Secret about Learning Ritual

This is my “big secret” in memorizing ritual; I don’t memorize it—I read it. That’s right, I read it exactly the same way I read a story aloud. Here is what I mean. When I recite a lecture or a piece of ritual in lodge, I can mentally see the page of the cipher book I am reading from. Now, I do not see it exactly word for word—it is a little too blurry for that. But, I do see the pages, and some of the key words. I know exactly where I am at any time because I can flip forward or backward any number of pages.

Because I am seeing the cipher book in my mind’s eye, I can add emphasis to words just like I would if I were reading a story from a printed page. Here is a way to think about it. Have you ever had to read something aloud from a book, but it is something you know so well, you only have to glance at the pages infrequently, really only to keep your place? I think that’s what you want to be able to do when you memorize the lecture. Also, think about what happens when you do read a story. Not only do you see the words, but your mind is also forming mental pictures of what you are reading. If my experience is applicable to you, then you will not only see the words in your mind, but you will also be forming, at the same time, a mental picture or image of what you are reading about.

Some Practical Advice

So how do you get started? There is

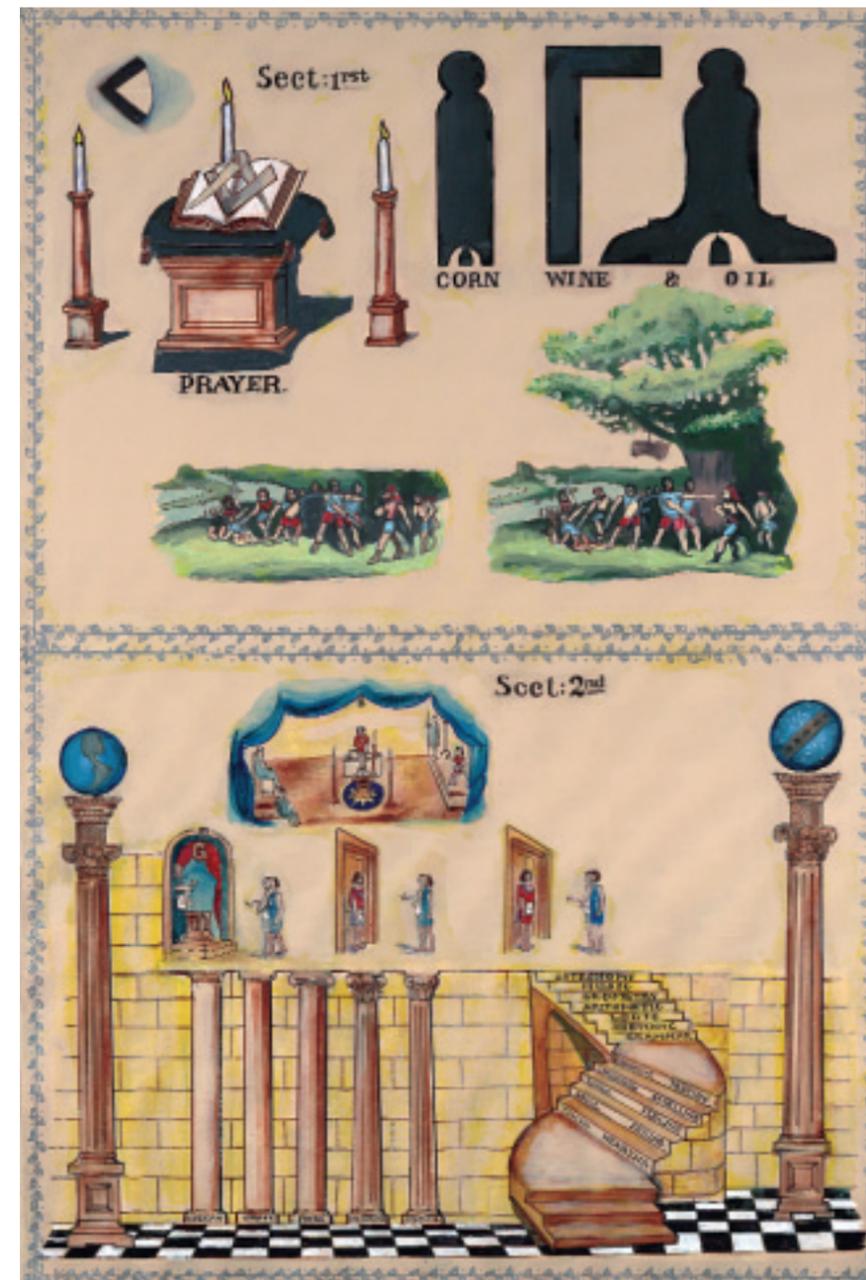
not an easy way. My advice is to begin by learning to recite from memory, sequentially, paragraph by paragraph. Don’t move on to the next paragraph until you can recite from memory letter-perfect the current paragraph. Then, keep adding to what you can recite, one paragraph at a time. When you do this, I believe that you will find yourself forming a mental image of the page from which you are memorizing the words.

The Second Big Secret

There is another big secret to memorization besides forming a mental picture of the pages. That secret is to forget what you are memorizing. That’s right, I said forget what you are trying to memorize. In my experience, your mind needs time for your subconscious to assimilate what you are trying to memorize. Your mind does this when you are not thinking about what you are trying to memorize. So, I would recommend that you work on memorization on one day, forget about the lecture entirely the next day, and then go back to memorizing the following day. The point is this—give your mind the opportunity to store and assimilate what you are trying to remember by periodically not thinking about what you are memorizing.

Another Secret

Here is another secret. When you are confident enough, try to recite the lecture while you are watching television. In other words, see if you can multi-task—reciting letter perfect from memory while actually watching and comprehending the program you are watching. While this may sound like a silly task, it has a useful purpose. When you are conducting the degree,



you will probably find that you are mentally very far ahead of what is actually happening. You will be looking to where to next conduct the can-

Second Degree lecture chart created by artist Jack Morefield and donated to Mount Horeb (W) Lodge by Rt. Wor. Kevin Willis.

didate, watching to see if your fellow officers are in place, etc. So, by being able to recite the lecture from memory without consciously having to think about it, you will be making it much easier for yourself to present the lecture in lodge.

The Big Goal

The big goal should be to give the lecture letter-perfect, with understanding and meaning. Just think what this lecture would be like if a great actor, Christian Bale or Philip Seymour Hoffman, delivered it? I would bet it would be unforgettable. Keep in mind the goal of delivering this lecture with meaning and purpose. My advice is that you present it in keeping with your own personality and thoughts. Don’t try to imitate others—make it your lecture. Tell the candidate what the lecture means to you through the emphasis you give to the words.

This is a powerful lecture comprised of the best wisdom. It tells us what it means to be an educated man and a brother who is able to contribute to the betterment of humankind. It has inspired some of the greatest minds for at least three centuries. Know and understand what it is saying and put meaning and conviction into your words. That way, both you and your candidates will have a meaningful and unforgettable experience—one to keep for the rest of your lives. ■

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS . . .

Cell phone cameras are a lot of fun and great for sharing snapshots online; they are backlit and can show low-resolution photos well. But reproduce those photos on a printing press (like the one that produces TROWEL Magazine) and the images often are really poor.

The magazine is receiving more and more photos. This is great news! An increasing number of photos submitted are produced with cell phones. This is bad news! I’m worried.

There are three reasons:

1. Cell phones are held at arms length while the shutter is pressed. The camera shakes!

2. Most of these cameras use passive auto-focus. They

don’t really focus; they calculate a zone that is “acceptably unsharp.”

3. Few have a flash. In dim lodge rooms the camera uses excessive speed settings.

All I want for Christmas is that every lodge appoints a photographer-Mason who owns a real camera that:

- has a viewfinder that is held against the photographer’s face so he can steady the camera.

- can focus on a person’s face.

- has a flash that allows picture taking in a dim lodge.

Merry Christmas to everyone—and to me, I hope!

—John Doherty



Wor. Randall S. Wright is a member and past master of Saint John’s Lodge, Boston and also a member of Columbian Lodge.

The Young Tyler

by Wor. David Riley

Having arrived before anyone else, the young tyler set up the lodge for the monthly rehearsal. When he finished, he glanced around the room, double checking that everything was in its place and nothing forgotten. Stepping up to the East, his eyes swept the room and finally he was satisfied. Pulling out his cipher book, he sat in the master's chair and began to study while he waited for his brothers. The master discovered him there when he arrived a few minutes later.

"Trying out my chair?" the master asked with a laugh.

"Oh, just seeing if the view from here is really that much better," the young tyler replied, getting up to greet his friend and brother. "I got here early, so I set up for rehearsal. But when I was done, I needed a good chair to sit in while I studied. Yours seemed the most comfortable." The young tyler gestured to the master's chair, which like many of its type was large, ornate, and well-padded.

The master chuckled, "Oh, it's comfortable enough. Until you actually have to sit in it."

"Oh, come on," the young tyler said, laughing and shaking his head. "You know you love being master. You do good work and you are having a great year. I think this is going to be one of the best years we've had since I joined the lodge."

The master smiled and nodded, "We have an excellent



group of officers. And for the first time in some time the committees of the lodge are actually fully staffed by men who intend to do the work they are assigned—and then some. It is exciting."

The master picked up the gavel and turned to face the young tyler, his face suddenly serious, "But the truth is that being master of a lodge comes with responsibilities that are hard to articulate. When you sit in the East, you are, in the end, responsible for ensuring that your lodge is delivered to the next master stronger and better than you received it. You are responsible for the harmony among your brothers and for setting them to their work." The master continued, "And you know every past master, living and passed, is watching you and wondering if you are really up to the task. So, you have to do all of this while trying not to think about that. You are responsible to the past for the future. And, of course, responsible to the future for every act in the present."

A moment of silence passed while the young tyler considered the words of the master. "I didn't think of it quite like that. I knew you had a lot of memorization to do and that you provided direction for the officers and committees of the lodge." The young tyler's eyes fell to the gavel as he said, "But with all the officers and other members helping, it didn't seem like an overwhelming job."

"It isn't the labor that makes the master," the master replied. "It is the responsibility."

The young tyler gave a small nod. "I hadn't thought of it quite like that. I think I'll let you keep your chair for the time being."

The master regarded the young tyler for a moment, a hint of evaluation in his eyes. Then he nodded and said, "For the time being." ■

East Boston that would be consecrated by his successor.

Grand Master Augustus Peabody was known for his fine legal mind, his fine speaking voice and his interest and devotion to the fraternity. Unlike many in Grand Lodge and in society at large in that era, he was not inclined to personal vanity; he was not particularly attentive to his personal appearance. Nonetheless, he ranked high in the esteem of his brethren. When he passed away in 1850, the Grand Lodge offered the following resolution in his memory:

Resolved. That this Grand Lodge owes a lasting debt of gratitude to the memory of our late R. W. P. G. Master Peabody for the important and permanent benefits which he has rendered to the Masonic Institution, not only by the discharge of the duties of the several offices, which he has holden, but by the wisdom of his council, and the firmness and consistency of his course, at a period when the Institution was threatened with dangers from without and from within. ■

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some of which claimed precedence from before the Union of the Grand Lodges in 1792—that he had restored to operation, and as he said, they had "re-organized, are in healthy operation, and give good examples of their works of charity." This was not without complexity; he established precedents for the status of lodges and their members when the charter had been surrendered or lapsed. He applied a fine legal mind to Masonic Law; the propriety of the institution, the presentation and reception of candidates, and the relationship between the Craft and those who did not meet its entrance requirements all received his attention through rulings from the Oriental Chair.

When he departed the Chair, he had indeed left the institution "better than he had found it." In addition to restoring charters, he granted a new one for Star of Bethlehem Lodge in Chelsea, the first new lodge in Massachusetts since 1828; and the dispensation for another, Mount Tabor in

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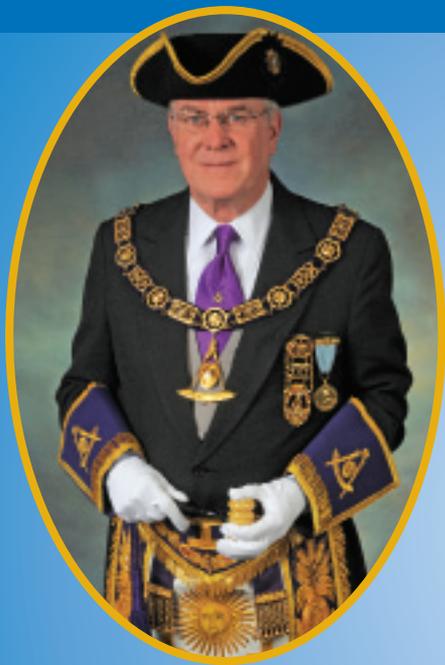
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Lavish hors d'oeuvres, fun surprises & more!

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\$150 per couple

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