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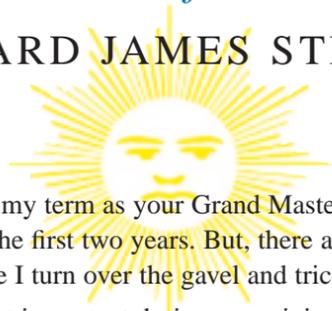
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From the East of Grand Lodge
RICHARD JAMES STEWART



Brethren and Friends,

The year 2013 marks the last in my term as your Grand Master. Looking back, I am proud of what we have accomplished in the first two years. But, there are still many goals to reach and a great deal of work to do before I turn over the gavel and tricorned hat to my successor.

These goals are some of the most important designs remaining on my trestle-board:

- Implement a charitable bequest program that ensures the financial future for Grand Lodge and our constituent lodges.
- Emphasize the importance of attracting family and friends as the primary goal of our membership development program.
- Collect the 1,500 applications needed to produce the Massachusetts Freemasonry special-issue license plate.
- Emphasize the necessity for our lodges and building associations to be good fiscal stewards of what has been left to us, and the need to properly plan for what lies ahead.
- Continue to implement the recommendations of the business process improvement committee aimed at making Grand Lodge more effective and efficient.

This year also begins the countdown to our 300th anniversary in 2033. Although this milestone may seem well beyond today's horizon, I can ensure you from my personal involvement with our 250th and 275th anniversaries, it will arrive more quickly than we might expect. For this reason, I must comment on the important work ahead involving the Grand Lodge Listening Tour and **Massachusetts Freemasonry 2033: Our Fraternity in 20 Years**. Your voice in this conversation will help define our goals and will serve as the foundation for our long-range plan. So when we gather in 20 years we can all be proud of what we have accomplished together on behalf of our great fraternity.

Everything—that we have already done and all that we are yet to do—has an impact on the Massachusetts Freemasonry that we will celebrate at our 300th anniversary. Reflecting on my theme of “Back to the Future,” let us think of our Masonic forefathers’ investment and the pride they took in building our great fraternity. Keeping these values in our minds and hearts, I feel certain that our future will be assured because of our commitment to do the same as they did.

At the end of 2013, when I reflect on my term as your Grand Master, I will do so with the peace of mind that comes with having worked as hard as I could and to the best of my abilities to lead our fraternity.

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 we all love so dearly.

Cordially and fraternally,

Richard James Stewart
Grand Master

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Thirty Years of Trowel

This issue marks the 30th anniversary of TROWEL Magazine.



The names of many editors and staffers have appeared on the masthead over the years. Only one name remains from 1983: Bro. Robert (Bob) W. Williams III. In his reminiscence for the 20-year anniversary issue, Bob recalls his advice to Grand Master Arthur Melanson in 1978: "We have a great institution, but the left hand doesn't know what the right is doing." A Grand Lodge newsletter was inaugurated shortly after Bob gave his communications critique, and information about the fraternity was shared simultaneously with Masons from one end of the state to the other.

Newly elected Grand Master Phil Berquist took a major step forward by committing to a quarterly magazine in the spring of 1983. The first issue had 24 pages and a four-color, glossy cover picturing the Grand Master. This tradition continues today; each new Grand Master appears on one cover during his term—just one!

In a way, the 1980s was the Age of Magazines. Beautiful, glossy-covered weeklies were everywhere and everyone wanted to read them. Things are different today. Often, you need to visit your dentist's office to actually see one of these ink and paper publications!

I am biased I admit. I think we are lucky to have the magazine. All 38,000 of us receive the same information at the same time. Imagine how different our fraternity would be if every lodge was an island. This is what Bob Williams was talking about.

Technology and economics are changing publishing. Information sharing is still the goal, but distribution methods have, and will continue to, change. Reading on an electronic screen has many advantages even for old guys like me: built-in lighting and big typeface for example! Still, there is something nice about holding a glossy magazine. Isn't there?
—John Doherty

TROWEL NEEDS PHOTOS

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

Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Award recipients in 2012 and 2013.

Masons celebrating their 50, 60, 65, 70, and 75-year Masonic anniversaries in 2013.

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Grand Lodge Listening Tour 2013



Rt. Wor. Mason Russell answers questions at the meeting in Centerville.

Grand Master Richard J. Stewart is again meeting Massachusetts Freemasons in town-hall-style meetings around the jurisdiction. The theme for this year's meetings is *Massachusetts Freemasonry 2033: Our Fraternity in 20 Years*.

Grand Lodge—and Freemasonry in the Western Hemisphere—celebrates its 300th anniversary in 2033. The Grand Master feels that, "The work we do today will shape the landscape of the fraternity in the years to come; it is important to discuss the opportunities and challenges we face moving for-

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Grand Lodge Installs Officers for 2013

Installed at the Stated Communication of Grand Lodge on December 27 were: (front) RW James T. Morse, MW Grand Master Richard J. Stewart, RW John B. Bamber, Panama District; (standing) RW Jr. Grand Warden Kenneth R. Blake, RW Sr. Grand Warden Kenneth W. Sprague Jr., MW Grand Treasurer Donald G. Hicks Jr., and MW Grand Secretary Arthur Johnson. (See story beginning on page 10.)

Our Three Chilean Lodges Hold Installations



Since December 2010 the Chilean lodges chartered by Massachusetts have been in the Panama District. Rt. Wor. District Grand Master John

Bamber, Grand Marshal Eduardo Crocama and Grand Chaplain Roberto Rodriguez flew from Panama to Chile for the installations of the three

Chilean lodges: Bethesda in Valparaiso, St. John's in Concepcion, and Huelen in Santiago. Our Chilean lodge officers were joined by representatives from the Grand Lodges of Chile, Scotland and England.

Shown left to right are: Bros. Jorgen Rosendal, Carlos Molina, Alex Jaime, Marcelo Romero, Manuel Contreras, Oscar Neira, Gaston Vega; RW Hiram Vivanco and RW Manuel Segovia from Grand Lodge of Chile; DGM RW John B. Bamber; Wor. Renato Verdugo, master of Huelen Lodge; Wor. Eduardo Crocama, Jorge Cifuentes, Richthofen Carrasco, Washington Ibarra, Marco Araya (PM Lodge Prince of Wales), and George G. Biggs (PM Lodge Britannia).

—Jorge Cifuentes, secretary Huelen Lodge

The Point Within A Circle

by Wor. and Rabbi Irving L. Luchans

As a man goes through the degrees to become a Mason, the symbols of Masonry are presented to him and their meaning explained through lectures and rituals. None of the symbols he will learn about is more ancient, or thought-provoking, or more central to Masonry than the point within the circle. He is told that in every regular and well furnished lodge, there is represented a certain point within the circle embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines representing St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. Upon the top of the circle rests the Book of Holy Scriptures. The point represents an individual brother; the circle, the boundary line of his duty. In going around this circle we necessarily touch on the two parallel lines, as well as on the Book of Holy Scriptures; and while a Mason keeps himself circumscribed within their precepts it is impossible that he should materially err.

This explanation is the plain meaning of the point within the circle. This is excellent moral advice. One can go deeper if one wishes to and derive even greater meaning through speculating on the meaning of the position of the Holy Saints John or comparing the symbol to a lodge room.

There is, however, much more here to speculate and meditate on because this symbol of Masonry is very ancient. Stonehenge in England is constructed as a circle with a point in the center. Ancient temple ruins of sun and fire worshippers were built in circular form with an altar in the center. In ancient India, the ancient flood story relates that the essence of male and female floated together over the flood and came together afterwards to reestablish a new, untainted mankind. Together they are represented by a circle-woman and point-man. In ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics, the symbol of God—Alpha and Omega—is positioned in the center of the circle with a serpent on either side representing power and wisdom. Jewish mystics, the Kabbalists, drew a circle representing the universe with the letter Yod representing God in the center. In Lost River in South America there are hieroglyphic narratives on the high walls of the canyon with periodic glyphs of the point within a circle. The point within a circle is found at Painted Rocks, 250 feet above the plains between Wyoming and Montana.

Evaluating all of these instances and variations of the point within the circle, a pattern begins to emerge.

Primitive peoples throughout the world placed their God in the center of the circle which represented the world and all creation. God in the center determined what happened in their lives, their universe. From this we move to the civilized society of Hindu India where the symbol of the male encircled by the female denotes the world in harmony. The Egyptians then emerged and placed God the Creator in the center of the circle with a serpent on either side. Pharaoh wore this symbol as a pendant around his neck as he, Pharaoh, was God incarnate on earth full of power and wisdom. Then came

Judaism. While its mystics in later centuries placed the Yod in the center of a circle. Ancient Hebrews were already representing God with the Yod. The Yod in the Hebrew alphabet represents the number 10 which itself represented perfection to the ancient Greeks and Romans.

There is one more very important aspect to this point within a circle to be discussed: geometry and operative masonry. The lecture portion in the opening paragraph to this article is about the symbolic meaning of the symbol. Yet the lecture ends with a real-world, operative-mason precept that while a “Mason keeps himself circumscribed within these precepts it is impossible that he should materially err.” This appears out of place until one discovers (or remembers) Thales Theorem. Thales of Miletus (d. 546 BC) said that any angle inscribed in a semicircle is a right angle. To prove this, we simply take our point in a circle, draw a diameter line through the circle; choose any point on the semicircle and draw lines from the point to the ends of the diameter line. We now have a right angle. Knowledge described in Thales Theorem gives the operative mason the ability to prove and repair working tools in the shop or in the field. If the angle is square, the workman cannot “materially err.”

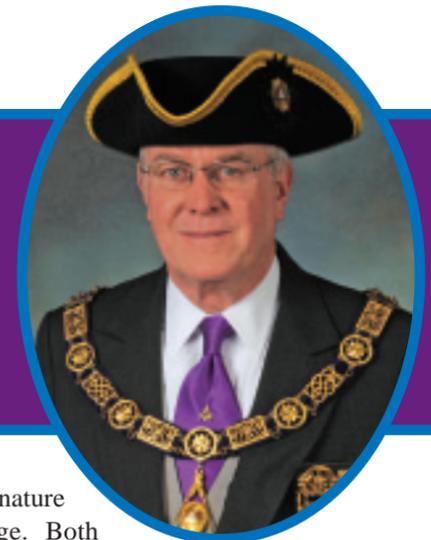
The universality of the point within a circle leads me to speculate that this knowledge of proving squares existed thousands of years before Thales and throughout the world in many civilizations. Masonry and its teachings are truly universal. ■

Wor. and Rabbi Irving L. Luchans was raised in Perfection Lodge in Framingham in 1977; he is a past master of the lodge and currently serves as the lodge’s chaplain. He has served Grand Lodge as a grand chaplain since 2005.



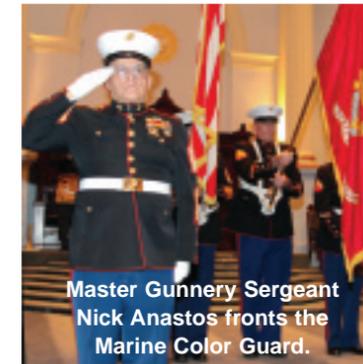
The December 2012 Quarterly Communication

of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



Grand Lodge’s Quarterly Communication was opened by a Marine Corps color guard consisting of members of the Second Marine Division Association; Master Gunnery Sergeant Nick Anastos, Master Sergeant Bill Garvey, Sgts. John Connors and Bob Mansfield, and Cpl. Vin Dolan posted the Colors and led the gathering of several hundred Masons in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before the formal opening of the session, Grand Master Stewart—assisted by the ladies of the grand secretary’s office, Pat Latham and Lisa Hastings—presented the Secretary of the Year Award to Rt. Wor. Ronald E. Jackson of Mount Holyoke Lodge. This award, initiated in 2011, is presented to the lodge secretary whose diligence, attention to detail, and timeliness ensures the effectiveness of the grand secretary’s office. Bro. Jackson, who is a permanent member of Grand Lodge, a past DDGM, and past deputy grand master, has served his lodge as secretary since 1993 in exemplary fashion.



Master Gunnery Sergeant Nick Anastos fronts the Marine Color Guard.

Presentations and Recognitions

Rt. Wor. Arthur P. Fisch and Rt. Wor. Ronald Kamp presented the Vine of Life Award from the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory to Grand Master Stewart for his sup-

port of MMRL as the signature charity of Grand Lodge. Both men also assisted the Grand Master in presenting the Vine of Life Award to representatives of Prospect Lodge, John T. Heard Lodge, Somerville Lodge, and the Scottish Rite’s Valley of Boston. This award statutory is presented to donors who make gifts of \$5,000 or more to MMRL.

In a separate presentation from Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge, the Grand Master received a gift of \$700 on behalf of MMRL and also one of the cigars featured at the lodge’s fund-raising dinner. Wor. Michael Nemeth and Bro. Andrew Tarnowicz, operations manager of Connecticut Valley Tobacconist, made the presentation. Together they developed a special cigar dedicated to Gen. Lewis Armistead who was also known as the “Widow’s Son.”

Grand Master Stewart invited Wor. George Raymond, master of Weymouth United Masonic Lodge, to speak about his lodge’s efforts in organizing relief for victims of Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey. Using social media tools including a Facebook page and Twitter, 1,600 donors were enlisted in 24 hours. Relief supplies were trucked to Caesarea Lodge in Keyport, New Jersey, on November 17 and again on December 13.

Left: Secretary of the Year: (left to right) Lisa Hastings; Grand Master Stewart; Rt. Wor. Ron Jackson, Secretary of the Year; Pat Latham. Right: Representatives of lodges donating \$5,000 or more to MMRL display their Vine of Life Awards.





Above left: Esoteric Gift: Wor. Michael Nemeth (L) and Bro. Andrew Tarnowicz (R) present commemorative cigar to GM Stewart. Right: Wor. Alfredo Canhoto is presented with the Joseph Warren Medal.

Wor. Alfredo Canhoto received the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal from the Grand Master in recognition of his extraordinary service to the fraternity in chairing several programs including the Masonic Leadership Summit, initiating the MMRL Committee's activities, the Bow Tie Benefit, and several other committee assignments.

Grand Lodge Elections

Most Worshipful Richard J. Stewart was elected for a third, one-year term as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. The Grand Master thanked Grand Lodge members for their confidence and support during his first two years of service and promised an active program of initiatives during his final year.

Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Sprague Jr. was elected to the position of senior grand warden. Bro. Sprague is a past district deputy grand master for the Fourth Masonic District in 2010–2011; he has served the membership development committee as a member since 2007 and chairman since 2010.

Committee of Past Grand Masters led by MW Albert T. Ames announce the re-election of GM Richard Stewart.



Rt. Wor. Kenneth R. Blake was elected as junior grand warden. Bro. Blake is a past district deputy grand master for the Brighton 5th Masonic District in 1994–1995; he has served Grand Lodge as a grand lecturer since 2011.

Duties of the grand treasurer and grand secretary have been restructured to allow both positions to focus on fraternal responsibilities. Most Wor. Donald G. Hicks was elected as grand treasurer, and Most Wor. Arthur E. Johnson was elected to serve as grand secretary for the coming year. Following the recommendations of Grand Lodge's Business Process Improvement Committee, a full-time business operations manager will be appointed to focus on business and financial responsibilities. Rt. Wor. Robert Jolly, who serves as deputy grand master in 2012, was appointed to this new position on an interim basis.



Above left: A Committee of past senior grand wardens announce the election results. Right: GM Richard Stewart congratulates newly elected RW Senior Grand Warden Kenneth Sprague. Below left: RW Wayne Vinton leads past junior grand wardens reporting election results to Grand Lodge. Right: Grand Master Stewart presents RW Junior Grand Warden-elect Kenneth Blake.



Grand Master's Address

Grand Master Stewart welcomed Masons back to Grand Lodge and thanked them for their support as he completed his second year as Grand Master; his focus during the coming year will be to begin the process of charting a course for the fraternity for the year 2033 when we will celebrate our 300th anniversary. This process has begun already with this year's listening tour: *Massachusetts Freemasonry 2033: Our Fraternity in 20 Years*. Two sessions were held in 2012 in Centerville and Lowell; seven sessions are planned for 2013.

Grand Lodge Activities

The Grand Master attended several Grand Lodge sessions around the country including Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Hampshire, Ohio, Illinois, Washington D.C., and the Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile. Grand Lodge officers participated in several lodge installations including Hancock, Caleb Butler, Harvard, The Independence, and Wilbraham Masonic. The Grand Master and his suite of officers also attended several special events during the quarter: re-dedication of the Centerville building, Rising Star Lodge, Thomas Talbot Lodge's widows dinner, DeMolay Conclave, Fellowship Lodge, and the 250th Feast of St. Andrew at St. Andrew's Lodge.

Committees and Programs

Rt. Wor. Paul Cataldo is enjoying great success with the organizing efforts for district representatives for the Masonic Health System's Education Committee. This new committee was formed in 2011 to address a perceived lack of understanding about services available from MHS. District representatives are visiting lodges in their districts to talk about available services.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is the Grand Lodge's signature charity. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto, chairman for the MMRL committee has extended incredible efforts to get this program organized and active. Numerous fundraising and informational programs have been conducted already. To date, \$150,000 has been raised from all sources for MMRL's research efforts.

A new effort has been initiated to focus efforts on our widows and veterans. This new committee will be chaired by Rt. Wor. Joseph Curran and Mrs. Kay Bauer and will be asked to identify ways of serving these two groups more effectively.

Other Grand Lodge News

Wearing pins on tuxedos has been prohibited for many years. Grand Master Stewart has now modified this edict; a single pin may now be displayed on tuxedos. The pin must be Blue-lodge related and should not exceed the size of a twenty-five-cent piece.

Changes have been made in the operations of Grand Lodge. For the past seven months the Business Process Improvement Committee has studied ways of modernizing and streamlining business operations. The committee presented their findings to the Grand Master in September, and then to the board of directors in November. Changes include a reduction of four people in the grand treasurer's and building operations staffs; the merger of the treasurer's and secretary's offices; and significantly, the separation of fraternal and business duties in the treasurer and secretary positions. The positions of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary will now be responsible solely for managing the fraternal affairs of the Craft. A new position of business operations manager has been created to concentrate on the business aspects of managing the fraternity's activities. Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master Robert Jolly was appointed to this position in December and will serve on an interim basis. ■

ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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



Hopefully by the time you read this, the cold weather is behind us. Brethren, this is your column. If you have a question don't hesitate to contact any grand lecturer.

Q For whom is exemplification attendance most important?

A While all officers are required to attend, attendance is **most critical** for each lodge's ritualist, master, wardens, deacons, and stewards. All Master Masons are welcome.

Q How should brethren enter or leave a lodge during a meeting?

A All entrances and exits should be through the tyled door.

Also entering and exiting brethren should go to the west side of the altar and give the appropriate means of recognition.

Q Who makes the final determination that a candidate has attained "suitable proficiency" and may progress to the next degree?

A The master of the lodge.

Q Do the master and senior warden bring their implements with them when they leave their stations during degree work?

A While neither required nor forbidden, it frequently becomes awkward for these two officers to bring their implements with them. When this becomes the case, we recommend they leave their implements at their stations.

How Can Massachusetts Masons Get Involved with Our Signature Charity?

by Wor. Alfredo Canhoto

Millions of people have benefited and continue to benefit from discoveries emanating from our Grand Lodge's signature charity, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL).

Research Focus

Founded in 1958, the MMRL has gained international recognition and wide acclaim in the scientific and medical community as a leading cardiac research institute. The hallmark of the institute is its innovative and imaginative approach to fighting heart disease. MMRL's scientific breakthroughs have helped to generate new heart medications and develop diagnostic procedures for the management of cardiac arrhythmias, and have aided in the advancement of life-saving technologies. The MMRL is also one of the top genetic screening centers in the world dedicated to helping families afflicted with Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes.

Support from Massachusetts Masonry

Our Grand Lodge's relationship with the MMRL began in 2011 at the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, where our own Grand Master Richard J. Stewart along with Grand Master James T. McWain of Connecticut attended a presentation by Rt. Wor. Ronald

Kamp, director of development and communications at the MMRL. The universal appeal of fighting heart disease, the potential benefit to all of humanity, as well as the Grand Master's personal knowledge and friendships with those afflicted with cardiac ailments made the MMRL an attractive choice as a charity for Massachusetts Masonry.

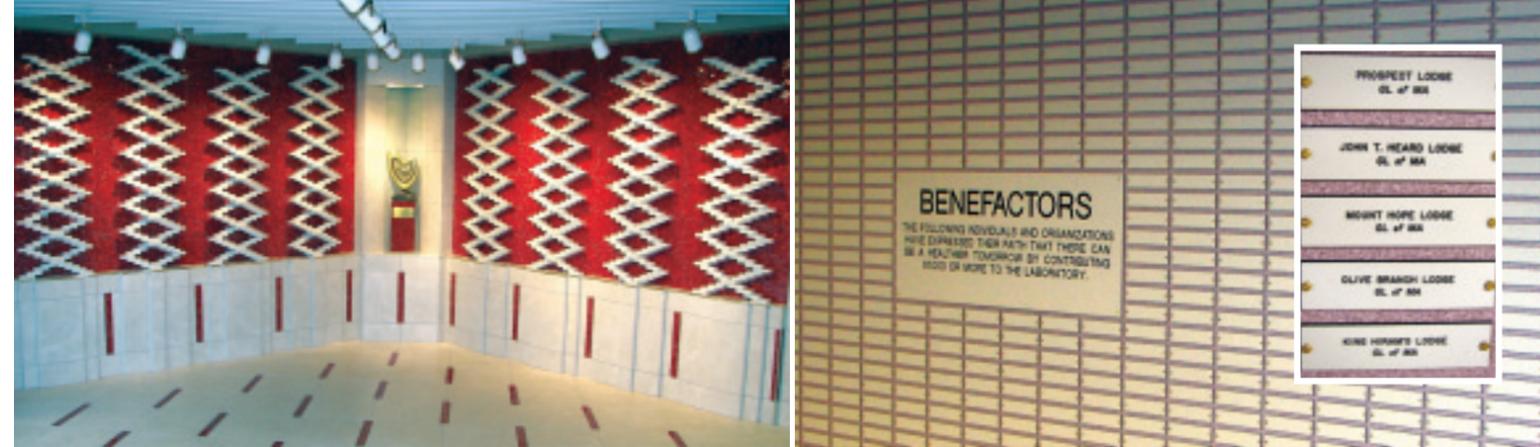
Few laboratories in the world have had as significant an impact on cardiology as the MMRL. Only through a strong and sustained investment in medical research will scientists have the capability to design better and more effective treatments and cures in the 21st century. If you share the belief that the best that science has to offer is still before us, then please help us bring the promise of medical research to fruition. Your tax-deductible gift or bequest, large or small, has the capacity to send ripples of hope that will build into a current that can wipe out heart disease.

Recognition Programs for Donors

MMRL representatives attend our quarterly Grand Lodge communications and often make personal presentations of Vine of Life sculptures for gifts of \$5,000 or more. However, all gifts, no matter the size, are truly appreciated. You may not know that there are other gift-recognition opportunities available for your support of MMRL.

- Individual donors, lodges or other Masonic organiza-

Leaves of recent donations from Massachusetts Masons are located on the Vine of Life in Utica.



Left: The Golden Heart Society walls with Helix arrays of donors. Right: The Benefactor Board containing individual donor plaques. Cover photo courtesy of Bob Montesano of REM Communications.

tions who contribute \$250–\$999 earn the title of Fellow. Each gift is acknowledged by a letter from the MMRL.

- A contribution of \$1,000–\$2,499 will earn the donor the title of Benefactor. The donor receives a letter of acknowledgment and name recognition on MMRL's Benefactor Board located in Utica, N.Y. The board consists of 792 nameplates that are suitable for inscriptions of gifts made in honor or memory of an individual or in the name of a donor.

- The Golden Heart Society (GHS) provides special recognition to friends of the laboratory who contribute \$2,500 or more. Donors at this level are designated as Humanitarians and receive a letter of acknowledgment as well as a special certificate from the MMRL. The donor has the option of having the certificate formally presented to them by a Grand Lodge representative or by a MMRL representative at a tyled meeting or public function. The Golden Heart Society recognition vehicle consists of two walls within the main lobby of the Royal Arch Mason Wing at MMRL's headquarters facility. Each wall consists of eight helixes composed of 125 plates each that are suitable for inscriptions of gifts made in honor or memory of an individual by a donor or in the name of a donor.

- The rank of Philanthropist is accorded to donors of \$5,000 or more. Philanthropists will have a leaf inscribed in recognition of their gift on the Vine of Life located in the lobby of the molecular genetics wing at the MMRL. The Vine of Life is over 30 feet high and 20 feet wide and presently consists of over 850 leaves suitable for engraving. Each donor receives an exquisite vine replica created by the sculptor as a unique and special recognition for their gift to the laboratory. Presentation of the sculpture to the donor may be arranged at a tyled meeting or open function at the discretion of the donor.

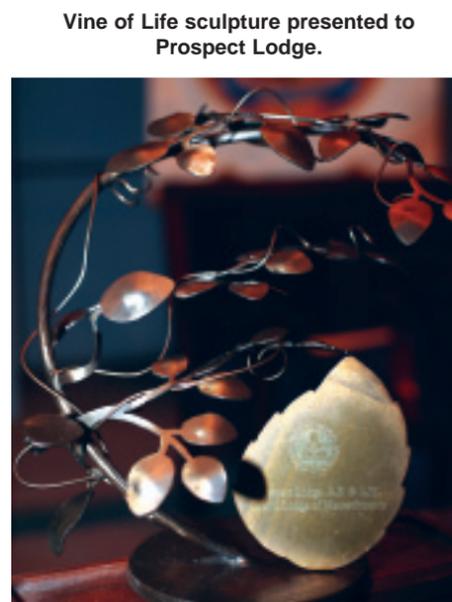
Every gift will be acknowledged in

writing by the MMRL Committee of our Grand Lodge; but more importantly each donation level provides you the ability to create an invaluable and lasting legacy that will benefit your loved ones, brethren, friends, and generations to come. By making a charitable gift to the MMRL you are demonstrating to others your commitment that medical research is of paramount importance and expressing your belief in MMRL's trademark: Every Heartbeat Counts.

The Grand Lodge's MMRL Committee has organized itself with one or two representatives in each district. Each district MMRL representative has been trained on the MMRL's activities and mission and is available to attend your lodge or group meetings to detail for you the tremendous work being done at the laboratory in Utica, New York. The district MMRL representatives can also provide you with merchandise of our signature charity in return for a donation to the MMRL. Don't get caught without your red MMRL bracelets, pins, and bow ties! The bow ties were originally distributed at the Bow Tie Benefit for the MMRL event, which raised over \$10,000 for the laboratory, and are now available to Massachusetts Masons. Grand Master Richard J. Stewart has issued a dispensation allowing red MMRL bow ties to be worn by any lodge officer or member until December 27, 2013. These limited edition bow ties come with your very own dispensation card!

Grand Lodge intends that the net proceeds of the Masonic License Plate Program and the upcoming Masonic Leadership Summit on May 18, 2013 will also benefit the MMRL.

If you would like additional information about the signature charity of Massachusetts Masonry, a presentation on the MMRL, or help making a donation, please contact your district MMRL representative, or e-mail MMRL@MassFreemasonry.net or call (617) 299-MMRL (6675), and Wor. Alfredo Canhoto and the MMRL Committee will be happy to help you. ■



Vine of Life sculpture presented to Prospect Lodge.

The 2012 Stated Communication of The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts

The Constitutions of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge require that a Stated Communication be held on December 27 each year. The purpose of the Stated Communication is to install Grand Lodge officers and also to celebrate the anniversary of Saint John the Evangelist, one of the two eminent Christian patrons to whom all of our lodges are dedicated.

At this third installation of Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard J. Stewart, an impressively long list of out-of-state guests were introduced to begin the formal meeting. On the evening before the formal meeting, the Grand Master welcomed these same visitors at a reception and dinner held at the Newton Marriot Hotel.

Grand Master Stewart introduced the Grand Masters or their representatives from twenty-three Grand Lodges in the order of their precedence: Pennsylvania (1761), New York (1781), New Jersey (1786), Maryland (1787), New Hampshire (1789), Connecticut (1789), Rhode Island (1791), Vermont (1794), Delaware (1806), Ohio (1808), District of Columbia (1811), Maine (1820), Illinois (1840), Michigan (1844), Minnesota (1853), Ontario (1855), Nevada (1865), West Virginia (1865), Nova Scotia (1866), New Brunswick (1867), Quebec (1869), Panama (1916), and Iran-in-Exile (1969).

Above: The Grand Master is obligated for his third year. Below left: RW Robert Jolly, Deputy Grand Master, carries the Garfield urn. Center: RW Marvin Eatough plays for the last time in his 25-year career as grand organist. Right: Mrs. Nancy Ames was presented a certificate for her many years of service to Grand Lodge. L to R: MW Al Ames, GM Stewart, Mrs. Ames, Ms. Pat Latham, RW Richard Ames.



Installation

The installation portion of the Stated Communication began, of course, with the installation of the Grand Master for his third and final year. Past Grand Master Albert T. Ames installed the Grand Master and presented the symbols of his office including the distinctive tricorne. Members of Grand Lodge processed three times around



Ionic Hall. Passing the East on each circuit, they saluted the Grand Master with one of the due-guards and signs of our three degrees. This tradition is accompanied by much pomp including music, candle bearers, bearers of the Book of Constitutions, square, level, plumb, and the golden urn holding the lock of hair of Brother and President James Garfield.

Grand Master Stewart installed his elected officers, his deputy, his district grand master Rt. Wor. John B. Bamber from Panama, and his thirty-two district deputy grand masters as our Grand Constitutions request. Newly elected this year are Senior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Sprague Jr. and Junior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Kenneth R. Blake. Rt. Wor. James T. Morse is the newly appointed deputy grand master. Masonic resumes of each new officer appear on the following pages. The remaining appointed officers were installed by Deputy Grand Master James Morse as permitted by the Constitutions.

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Feast of St. John

Following his own installation as well as the installation of the other Grand Lodge officers, Most Wor. Richard J. Stewart offered brief remarks; the Grand Master thanked Grand Lodge members for their confidence and support during his first two years of service and promised an active program of initiatives during his final year.

The Stated Communication of 2012 adjourned to the dining halls where, at 6 p.m., Masons from around Massachusetts joined the Grand Master and his guests in a celebration of the Anniversary of Saint John the Evangelist. The Grand Master acknowledged our ties with those Masons who could not be present on this evening by making the four traditional toasts: "To the memory of the Holy Saints John. May their saintly qualities inspire each of us to live a life of more exalted usefulness;" To the memory of our illustrious Brother George Washington. May his integrity of character, his dedicated service to his country, and his devotion to our beloved Craft ever be the criterion of our own aspirations;" To the memory of our departed brethren. May their contribution to our brotherhood inspire us more earnestly to dedicate our lives to the service of our fellow man;" and finally, "To the Fraternity wheresoever dispersed upon the face of the earth. May Masons of all nations be united under the mantle of universal friendship and brotherhood for the benefit of all mankind."

The long-experienced waitstaff served a five-course meal to a capacity group of 683 Masons in three dining rooms. Following the meal, attendees heard brief and entertaining remarks from a number of the Grand Master's guests.

Grand Master Garry Dowling led the speakers with warm thanks to Grand Master Stewart for his support and friendship; M.W. Manuel Corredera, Grand Master of Panama gave a brief report on implementation of the treaty signed with Massachusetts Masons in 2010; Rt. Wor. Emil

Joseph, grand secretary for the Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile spoke briefly of the warm regard of his Grand Lodge for the support received from Massachusetts Masons; Rt. Wor. Grand Master Jay Smith of Pennsylvania acknowledged the respect and regard for Grand Master Stewart around the country; and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia Owen Walton regaled attendees with another selection of stories from his home province.

Each newly appointed deputy grand master is asked to address the Feast of Saint John as one of his first duties for the fraternity. Bro. Morse's remarks are reproduced on the following pages.

The final speech of the evening was delivered by Past Grand Master of Michigan M.W. Robert P. Conley. Bro. Conley currently serves as director of membership services for the Michigan Grand Lodge; he is a member of the board of directors for the George Washington Masonic Memorial, and a member of the steering committee of the Masonic Service Association. After some 52 years of declining membership Michigan has recently enjoyed an increase.

Bro. Conley attributed this success to a willingness to change and to dare to dream. As Harriet Tubman said: "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." Bro. Conley is convinced that young men today come searching for fellowship. Freemasonry's product is Brotherhood! "We have each other and we have the power to make things better!"

Past Grand Master Conley paid tribute to our departed Grand Master Roger Pageau, by referencing an excerpt from his address given in 2010: "I believe we must honor our past and have confidence in our future. While I believe we have a past of which we can be very proud, our best days are still ahead of us."

Below, left to right: RW Emil Joseph, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile; MW Owen Walton, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia; MW Manuel Corredera, Grand Master of Panama; MW Robert Conley, Past Grand Master of Michigan.



**Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master
James T. Morse**

The newly appointed deputy was installed at the Stated Communication on December 27. The deputy grand master is the second highest ranking officer of the Grand Lodge. He will assist the Grand Master and preside during the Grand Master's absence. He is also the Grand Master *ex officio* should the Grand Master not be able to complete his term.

Brother Morse began his Masonic career in 2001 when he joined Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge and served as master in 2006 and 2007. He is also a member of Marine Lodge in Falmouth and King Hiram's Lodge in Provincetown.

In 2010 and 2011, Rt. Wor. Bro. Morse was the district deputy grand master for the 20th Masonic District. He first served Grand Lodge as grand steward in 2009; he is a Masonic Leadership Institute graduate and past advisor. Bro. Morse is a member of Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Aleppo Shrine.

Rt. Wor. James Morse resides in Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard, where he has been a police officer for 18 years; he also maintains a law practice in Falmouth. Bro. Morse is active in several community organizations as volunteer fireman/EMT, past president and secretary of the Oak Bluffs Fireman's Civic Association, secretary of the Oak Bluffs Fireman's Relief Association, and director for the Fred H. Daniels Foundation. He attends the West Tisbury Congregational Church.

**Rt. Wor. Senior Grand Warden
Kenneth William Sprague Jr.**

Bro. Sprague was also installed on December 27, 2012. He had been elected to the position of senior grand warden at the December quarterly communication. The senior grand warden ranks as the second highest elected Mason in the state. He will serve for one year.

Brother Sprague began his Masonic career when he joined Converse Lodge in Malden in 1982. He served as master in 1987 and 1989; he has been the secretary of Converse Lodge since 2006. He is also a member of Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodge and an honorary member of The Independence Lodge.

The newly elected grand warden began his service to Grand Lodge in 2007 when he joined the membership devel-

opment committee; he has served as chairman since 2010. Rt. Wor. Bro. Sprague was the district deputy grand master of the 4th Masonic District for 2010–2011. Bro. Sprague joined the Grand Lodge board of directors in 2012 and in that same year he was appointed to the Overlook Health Community's board of directors.

He is a 2008 graduate of the Masonic Leadership Institute's M.W. Fred K. Bauer Class. He has served as lecturer, instructor, or presenter for several programs including LOI, Master's Path, and Beyond the Third Degree. Bro. Sprague received the Joseph Warren Medal for distinguished service in 2009.

Bro. Sprague was awarded the Scottish Rite's Masonic service medal in 2011. He belongs to the York Rite and is also an Aleppo Shriner.

Rt. Wor. Kenneth Sprague was raised in Malden and attended Northwood University. He owns Ken Sprague Realty Group in Malden; he and his wife, Kathy, have two adult sons.

**Rt. Wor. Junior Grand Warden
Kenneth Ralph Blake**

The junior grand warden is the third-highest elected Mason in the state. He will serve for one year.



Brother Blake joined Pequotsette Lodge in 1978. He served as the master in 1988 and 1989; he has been the lodge's treasurer since 2008. He is also a member of The Master's Lodge and served as master in 2009 and treasurer since 2010. Bro. Blake received the Joseph Warren Medal for distinguished service in 2010.

In 1994 and 1995, Rt. Wor. Brother Blake was the district deputy grand master of the Brighton 5th Masonic District. In 1999 he was appointed a grand steward, and served as a grand lecturer since 2011; he is a member of the LOI committee and a past member of the future leaders identification committee and the long range planning committees. He is a 1997 graduate of the Masonic Leadership Institute's Pioneer Class.

Brother Blake received the Scottish Rite's 33° in 2010. He was most wise master for the Chapter of Rose Croix. He belongs to the York Rite in Boston and is a senior DeMolay in the Watertown Chapter.

Bro. Blake was raised in Watertown, attended Bentley College, and completed his graduate studies at Suffolk University. He is retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Rt. Wor. Bro. Blake and his wife, Wanda, have an adult daughter. They belong to Myrtle Baptist Church, Newton.

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INTRODUCING THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS FOR 2013

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OTHER ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2013

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Building on a Solid Foundation

*Excerpts from Deputy Grand Master James T. Morse's Speech
at the Feast of Saint John*

I am humbled to be standing here this evening addressing you as deputy grand master, an honor I hope to prove myself worthy of every day. I do however realize that I am one of the few things standing between your desert, your dismissal, and imbibing in a libation; in Masonry that is a precarious position for any speaker. So I will endeavor to follow the example of Henry VIII who said to Catherine of Aragon, his first of eight wives: "Don't worry, I will not keep you long."

Grand Lodge will celebrate its 300th anniversary in 2033. In preparation the Grand Master has begun a series of listening tours around the jurisdiction to discuss with the brethren what we want our fraternity to look like in twenty years.

A Solid Foundation To Build On

So how will our fraternity ready itself for its fourth century of existence in the Western Hemisphere? How will we adapt to what seems an ever-changing world? If we wish to be successful for another 100 years we need to engage in meaningful self-reflection, admit our prior failures or shortcomings, put aside our egos, swallow our pride, and accept some constructive criticism. Only then will we be able to implement necessary change.

Change is a frightening prospect; Institutions and individuals are often resistant. We long for the familiar because it is comforting, easier to accept, and far easier than altering our habitual conduct. It is undeniable that the face of America is changing. Because we are a membership organization, we must change just as our cities, towns, and nation changes. This population flux has been a constant since our Grand Lodge was chartered. We may be apprehensive about this constant change, however we should take comfort in knowing that it is really only a superficial occurrence. The best things about both our nation and fraternity—its heart and soul—remain the same.

Our fraternity's core values of good citizenship, honesty, fair dealing, service to others, and universal friendship—regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, religious dogma, or political beliefs—are unchanged. They are timeless. So solid are they that any generation can and still does identify with them. They are the foundation that our fraternity is built upon and the reasons that we continue on while other fraternal orders have faltered.



It is not core values that need to change; it is our marketing strategy. We have cloaked our benevolent and charitable activities in obscurity, fearful of being labeled as shameful self-promoters. Fixing the strategy is easy; we need to be open and accessible; exemplars for others. We have already begun working on this in recent years.

We have been too slow to adopt to the changes in generational demographics. As the stewards of Masonry, we need to develop an understanding of how younger generations think, how they process information, and what they are looking for in organizations. We need to employ every opportunity at our disposal to spread the light of Freemasonry. We have nothing to fear. Generation X, Generation Y, or the Millennial Generation are fast-paced, but they are also service-oriented. With the right approach, there is no reason why they should not be joining the Craft. Identifying the right approach takes planning, and planning is something that we have not been very good at.

Designs On The Trestle-Board

If we fail to plan, we plan to fail. The time has come for us all to be proactive in charting a course of success. Far too many of our lodges operate on a year-to-year, or worse, a month-to-month basis. Too few lodges have any long-range planning process; lodges struggle to carry on doing what they always do, forgetful of a basic principle of organizational behavior: if you always do what you have always done you will get the same result with diminished returns. These lodges have no plan.

Our ancient brethren knew the danger of not having a plan. Think back to the Hiram legend; workmen were so horrified that no designs were drawn on the trestle-board that they caused a disturbance in the Temple that even reached the master.

We should not plan for our mere survival, or to sustain the status quo. Our plans should be for resounding success, for creating a second fraternal renaissance in this nation. So lofty should our goals be that even if we fall short, our achievements will still be viewed as resounding successes.

We have Already Begun

Our Grand Lodge has begun to chart a new course. It has made changes designed to get financial affairs in order.

Grand Lodge is supplying lodges with tools and programs that promote success and a superb return on investment: Masonic Leadership Institute, Masonic Rookie Award, Master Builder Award, Duties and Responsibilities of Lodge Officers, the Blue Pages, Service & Education Departments, and Massfreemasonry.org.

It is incumbent on us to start to pick up and utilize the tools and materials available to us, to open up and better communicate with each other, to understand our lodges' total needs over the short- and long-term, to set quantifiable benchmarks, to get active, to get moving. We have talked too much. It is time to walk the walk.

There is nothing to say we can't have a lot of fun while doing all this. Planning works! During my term as DDGM I had a simple plan; get 100% of the lodges in the district to compete for the Grand Masters Award. In two years, the 20th District had the highest participation in Massachusetts. Five of eight lodges completed the Grand Masters Award. Lodges held more social and charity events; candidates were constantly being worked; neglected buildings suddenly were being repaired; sideline attendance was strong; Masons were being Masons; even in the lodges that did not seek the award there was a new energy that had not been seen in some time. That was just two years and if it were continued on a state level, I have every confidence that the successes would be much greater.

Set The Craft At Work

Brethren, it is time to set the Craft to work.

We need to address what I will call our Masonic unemployment problem. The single greatest failure of our fraternity has been our inability to retain our own members. We know that for every 10 members raised 8 will eventually stop attending. There are jokes about this issue, about the lodge master who ends the mouse infestation in his lodge building by raising the mice to the sublime degree of Master Mason; after which he never sees them again.

This is not a problem that is limited to Massachusetts; it is endemic in the entire fraternity and has been so for over a century. Why is this? I believe it is due to two reasons: first, we have not prepared new members with sufficient education about Freemasonry; second, we have not held the attention of our members long enough for bonds of friendship to develop.

Massachusetts has begun education work. Since the reintroduction of Carl Claudy's books, I have seen exciting things—new brothers talking about the meaning and symbolism of our degrees. Our new members are getting it. They are developing a much better understanding of what

being a member of the Craft is all about. They are longing to contribute.

So how do we bond them to the lodge and develop those indissoluble chains of affection faster? We need to make sure that every new brother has a mentor. I was very fortunate; I had two; I am grateful for both. We have a sacred obligation to each other to guide our newest brothers through their Masonic infancy until they have become comfortable and have developed an understanding of how and why things work. Finding the right mentor requires knowledge of our membership.

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If you have ever looked at a stone wall or fieldstone foundation you will see that there are no two stones alike, just like our membership. The skilled operative mason's attentive eye can pair and match those different stones. As speculative Masons we must take the time to get to know our membership better. When we understand the personalities

and interests of our brethren—new and old—and we add a good measure of brotherly love and affection, the edifice that is our lodge unites into a larger, stronger mass. We begin to forge those indissoluble bonds of affection.

Something Bigger than Ourselves

As I gaze around this room I see so many wonderful friends that I would never have met without Freemasonry. It has enriched my life to a degree that is not quantifiable. We can no longer afford to keep this experience the last great secret of Masonry. Is there any doubt among anyone here that if that 80% who have left us were to experience even a fraction of the friendship that we have all experienced that our lodges would not be packed to capacity every month.

I will leave you with one final thought. It is the nature of man to seek to be part of something bigger than himself. We all desire to feel needed, appreciated, to have our counsel sought after and respected; to contribute to the greater good; we all came to the door of Masonry for one reason or another. The beauty of our institution is that there is something here for everyone. Every member has the opportunity to contribute in some manner. We need only to find the right tool or project for our workmen. If we can do this, if we make every member feel welcome and affirm that they have something to contribute, we can rest assured that they will all receive the benefit of being paid their Masonic wages, will improve themselves in Masonry, and discover the greatness that is inside all of us.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for the opportunity to serve our Grand Lodge this coming year. Brethren I look forward to visiting and getting to meet many more of you. I wish you all a safe trip home this evening and resounding success in your endeavors. ■

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David L. Delano	Jack E. Hood	William S. Montgomery	Forrest N. Smead Jr.
Walter Demoorjian	Robert C. Hopkins	Ted N. Morang Sr	Lloyd E. Smith
David J. Demos	Frederick C. Houghton	Robert N. Morley	Ernest C. Sofis
Joshua A. Desai	Anton I. Hristov	Mark P. Murray	Michael T. Stanton
Mark W. Dickinson	Hylie W. Hutchens	Neil H. Murray	Eric C. Starble
Lincoln E. Dietz	Alfred G. Irish	Zaven H. Nalbandian	Elias Stavropoulos
Neal E. Dobson	Arthur W. Iworsley	Bernard P. Nally	Bruce G. Stephens
Kendall M. Dolbeare	Ronald E. Jackson	Giuseppe S. Napoli	John J. Sullivan III
Gordon R. Dompier	M H. Jacobson	Robert E. Nelson	Donald E. Surgens
Robert J. Downing	Sergio C. Jaramillo	John A. Nerud	Peter J. Suszanski
David P. Driskill	Donald D. Jepson	Wayne O. Newton	Jonathan F.
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Herbert G. Dunphy Jr.	Robert F. Jones	John E. Noe	Reginald E. Tatro
Howard M. Ecker M.D.	Richard F. Jope	James A. Noyes	John T. Thomson
Leonard A. Ellis	Malcolm B. Judson	Roger S. Oltsch	Hayden B. Tibbetts Jr
Ronald G. Elz	Michael H. Kalajian Jr.	Clyde A. Painter	Alexander B. Trakimas
Linwood M. Erskine Jr.	Ralph Kaplan	Frederick Pais	Donald G. Tripp
Derek J. Espinola	Earle B. Kaufman	Timothy T. Palmer	John A. Truesdale
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Robert L. Evans	Charles M. Kazemekas	Clive C. Papineau	Parker Vanderhoof
Prescott D. Farris	Allen F. Kelley	William W. Park	John E. VanKuilenburg
Ernest E. Fay	Donald W. Kent	John R. Parker	Wayne M. Vinton
Peter C. Ferguson	Earl R. Kittredge	George A. Parsons	Richard M. Wagner
Stanley M. Finkelstein	Ralph M. Krau	Irving R. Parsons	Edward A. Walker
Robert E. Flower	Keith A. Krewson	Richard R. Pastore	Walter L. Walker Jr.
Donald A. Foss	James M. LaBraico	John L. Patten	George E. Wall
Joseph G. Fournier Jr.	F. Gilbert Lafaver	Malcolm H. Pearson	Michael Ward
Frederick C. Froebel	William E. Lagergren	Donald L. Peterson	Roger W. Waugh Sr.
Robert C. Fuller	C. W. Lakso	E. Joel Peterson	Russell H. Webster
Reed C. Fulton	Roger H. Larsen	Albert A. Petrusis	David L. Weil
James H. Funston	Kenneth C. Latham	David M. Petto	Bernard Weinstein
Alan S. Gardner	Charles A. Laughton	Keith R. Pierce	Frank L. Wellcome
Donald P. Garrido	James G. Lawrence	Alexander R. Pope	William W. Welliver
Anthony George	Kenneth H. Ledbury	Robert R. Priest Sr.	Richard N. Wells
Richard A. Gesualdo	Richard E. Lee	A. Paul Prifti	John F. Wentzell
John Gianakouras	William Lee	Christopher A. Qubeck	Wilbur W. Wheeler
James A. Gilrein II	Charles C. Leonard	Willis F. Quimby Jr.	Raymond A. Whipple
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Francis H. Gordon	John M. Leslie	James H. Ray	Ralph L. Williams
Benjamin Goulston	Jason J. Lipner	Gerald Riccio	Robert E. Williams
Richard F. Goward	Maurice Liverman	Armand J. Richards	Samuel Winiker
Gregory A. Goyette	Edwin R. Lofgren	David B. Richardson	Perry Wong
Alfred C. Graichen	Paulo J. Loureiro	W. Warren Richardson Jr.	Winston K. Wong
	Thomas S. Lowe	Jason M. Robertson	



The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



There are times in my Masonic life when I feel old. This happens, for example, when I'm sitting in a lodge and the secretary reads an application for degrees and I realize that when the applicant was born I was already a past master.

I was sitting in Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge as Rt. Wor. Alan Zecchini, then serving as the lodge's installing officer, presented the master's jewel to Wor. William Joseph Medugno. I felt old because I once was a DeMolay advisor and Bill was one of my boys. I felt proud because I was once a DeMolay advisor and Bill was one of my boys.

Now, Bill is not the first of my boys installed as the master of a lodge. The first, I believe, was Wor. Bruce William Kling, who served as master of Pacific Lodge in Amherst in 1987. Wor. Bro. Kling now lives in Alaska where he is the potentate for Al Aska Shrine. He's given me a few moments when I can be proud of one of my boys. But for Wor. Bro. Medugno, it was the first time I was sitting in the room as one of my boys ascended into the East.

This is not the first time Wor. Bill Medugno served as master of a lodge. Before stepping into the East of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge, he served as master of North Reading Lodge. I was not able to attend that installation, so I am pleased I could be at this one.

In my DeMolay years, I was the chapter advisor for Wamesit Chapter in Tewksbury, meaning I was the advisor who worked most closely with the members. What makes our new relationship most interesting is that I am now the secretary for Daylight Lodge, meaning I am the officer who works most closely with the master. It appears Bill and I have gone full circle.

If you really want to feel old, try walking down a street one day and have a man in his 40s yell out, "Hey Dad!" I have to admit, however, that once I get past that initial shock, it is great to see one of the boys. It's great to hear how they are doing and to realize you may have had a small impact on their lives.

DeMolay has always been an important part of my Masonic life. My Masonic journey began in 1965 when I

joined Lowell Chapter. Actually, I could say my Masonic life started in the mid 1950s when I accompanied my father, Wor. John R. Thompson, to the installations of St. Paul Lodge. But it was not until 1965 that I switched from observer to participant.

When I think back to those years as an active DeMolay, it isn't long before my thoughts wander from the members to the advisors who worked with us. The first advisor I think of is always Dad Frank Gentle. He was the chapter advisor throughout my years as an active member. He was the chapter advisor throughout the active years for many members of Lowell Chapter. Dad Gentle taught me how to lead without dictating. He also taught me when to step in and when to just watch the train wreck. He knew we learn best from our mistakes.

The second advisor I think of is usually Bro.-Dad-Wor. Bill Roberts. He and I share an interesting history. Bill, about six years older than me, attended the same church I did—Calvary Baptist in the Lowell Highlands. He was master councilor when I joined Lowell Chapter. He gave me my first Masonic obligation, so I guess he started this whole thing. When he reached his majority, Bill joined the Lowell Chapter's advisory council and became my ritual advisor.

Bill is a member of Pentucket Lodge in Lowell; I joined Wamesit Lodge in Tewksbury. Pentucket Lodge had two-year terms and Wamesit Lodge had one-year terms. Because of this, for a few months Bill and I were masters together. And one time, as part of a district deputy's suite, we walked into a lodge side-by-side.

And it was Bill, as master councilor, who assigned me to work on The Templer, Lowell Chapter's newsletter. That was the first spark in what led to a career in journalism and ultimately, to writing this column.

There were a number of men, all Masons, who as advisors had great impacts on my life. I hope I had an equal impact when it was my turn to be an advisor. I wish all Masons could share in my experience as either a DeMolay or Rainbow advisor. I wish that, but know it is not reasonable to expect that.

But there are things every Mason can do. If you know a young person who would be a great addition to a DeMolay chapter or Rainbow assembly, talk to him or her and to your local chapter or assembly. If a DeMolay or Rainbow member asks you to buy a ticket for some fund-raiser, buy it. Attend their meetings and installations and if you can give

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MEDICATIONS

The Paradox of Modern Health Care

by Judy Rabig,
Person Centered Care Director

“Medications are probably the single most important healthcare technology in preventing injury, disability, and death in the geriatric population.”

Avorn, J.: Medication use and the elderly: current status & opportunities, Health Aff. 1995.



So, are medications good for older adults or are they a problem? That depends! Polypharmacy means many drugs. Older adults comprise 12% of the U.S. population, but use 35% of the prescription medications and 50 percent of the over-the-counter medications. The older adult uses more drugs because illness is more common as aging occurs. This can result in polypharmacy, and polypharmacy can result in a gradual accumulation of side effects or adverse drug reactions, which negatively effects health and well-being.

Adverse Drug Reactions—ADRs The average medication usage for persons over 65 living in the community is 2 to 6 prescription drugs, plus 1 to 4 over-the-counter medicines; usage for those living in nursing homes and assisted living is even higher. The average American senior spends \$670 annually for pharmaceuticals. This intense use of medication places older adults at risk for adverse drug reactions (ADRs), which are unwanted, negative consequences associated with the use of medications and can include peptic ulcers, anemia, decreased white blood cell production that increases infection risk, liver or kidney damage, and confusion or drowsiness that can lead to falls and subsequent injuries. Over 100,000 deaths a year are attributed to ADRs, making them the fourth-leading cause of death in the U.S. About 3 to 7% of all hospital admissions in the United States are for treatment of ADRs. Even without adverse responses, the common side effects of medications place individuals at risk for a poor quality of life. Common side effects include, tiredness, sleepiness, or decreased alertness, constipation, diarrhea, incontinence, loss of appetite, confusion, falls, depression or lack of interest in usual activities, weakness, tremors, visual or



Overlook Quilters Enjoy Shop Hop by Paula Moore

The journey began early on a Friday morning in a driving rain. A collection of Overlook residents, friends, and employees ventured out on the Overlook’s bus to visit quilt shops in Western Massachusetts. This was the third consecutive year this group of faithful quilters participated in this Shop Hop day of fun.

The idea is to visit all eight participating shops in three days and get their validation on your Hop Passport in order to be eligible for a prize drawing. Each shop selected a different country as their theme, and gave each Hopper a free pattern for their country’s specially designed quilt. The shops all looked great, with plenty of quilts on display, lots of specials, and munchies.

auditory hallucinations, anxiety or excitability, dizziness, decreased sexual behavior. The most consistent risk factor for adverse drug reactions and side effects is the number of drugs being taken.

What to do? *“Any symptom in an elderly patient should be considered a drug side effect until proved otherwise.” Gurwitz et al. Long-term Care Quality Letter. Brown University.*

If you are managing your own medications you can help to avoid adverse drug response by following these easy steps:

- Make a list of every medication you are taking, including supplements, homeopathic remedies, vitamins, and

Our Hoppers had Saturday and Sunday to get to the three local shops. We were the first Hoppers to arrive at Quilts and Treasures in East Longmeadow, right when they opened at 9:00 a.m. And then we rushed on to Chicopee and Lee. After lunch in Pittsfield we were off to shops in Shelburne Falls and Southampton, finally arriving home at 7:30 p.m.

There was much laughing on the bus and in the shops as quilters helped each other find the perfect fabric to complete their project. It’s so much fun when we pile back on the bus and a spontaneous “show and tell” erupts as quilters share their special finds. Our long day was indeed a masterpiece!

over-the-counter drugs. Update it after every doctors visit.

- Carry your medication list with you everywhere. Bring it and your pill bottles along when you see the doctor.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist to check your list for possible interactions.
- If you have more than one doctor, make sure each one knows what the other is prescribing.
- Ask your primary doctor if you need to take all the medications on the list, or if you can reduce the dosages.
- Always read labels. They may help you avoid a possible drug interaction.
- Over the counter medications including cold pills, vitamins, and herbs count! Always ask the pharmacist to check

Celebrating 100 Years

by Gwen Breede

Louis Van Dernoot celebrated his 100th birthday on November 19. The celebration involved all of the Overlook Life Care Community because Louis is the first resident of Independent Living to reach this very special milestone.

When asked how it felt to reach age 100, Louis said he didn’t feel any different. He said he is fortunate to have lived this long, still to be able to drive, and to visit his doctor once a year—sometimes! When asked for his words of advice for a long, happy life, Louis simply said, “Be kind to people and try not aggravate anyone.”

Louis grew up in Malden, and after graduating from high school he went to work for his uncle who had a dental lab in Malden Square. He earned \$5.00 a week. He said, “It was tough then because of the depression, and my uncle, who owned the business, probably made about \$20.00 a week.”

He met a young lady named Ruth, (continued on next page)



if the over the counter medication you have selected is safe to take with your current prescription medications.

- Always get your prescriptions filled at the same pharmacy.
- Learn the names of your medications and why you take them.
- Avoid combination products like cold remedies. Ask for help buying only the specific medication that treats the symptoms you are experiencing.
- Never take a new drug without discussing side effects and interactions with your doctor, your pharmacist, or both.
- Remember, if you feel that you are taking too many

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Making Changes One Step at a Time at Northampton

What happens when you don't fit into those designated time frames created in an institutional setting, like a nursing home? Perhaps you slept late in the morning because your job ended at 11 p.m. and you didn't get to sleep until 2–3 a.m.? Would you be ready for breakfast bright and early at 8 o'clock?

On June 6 the Overlook at Northampton embarked on a new way of serving breakfast for one of their long-term nursing wings. Promptly at 7 o'clock, the dining team laid out a buffet that included hot cereal, platters of donuts and danish, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, and pancakes. The aromas permeated the parlor and the into the hallway of the West Wing. Residents found their way to breakfast one by one; The excitement over the variety of choices was evident on their faces. Residents enjoyed breakfast at their leisure; there were no mandatory hours; residents slept until awakening on their own and were offered options for the morning routines of washing and dressing. Would you like to be washed and dressed prior to breakfast or would you like to eat in your pajamas? Would you like breakfast now or would you like a cup of coffee first while sitting in bed?

These open breakfast hours allowed residents to sleep to the time they desired. It also allowed the nursing staff to

break away from the institutional sequence of events for any given day. By embracing this non-structured model a natural flow is born, one that does not rely on the meal-times.

It is very easy to forget that we all have our own routine. That was the crux of what this small step was about. Being more person-centered means looking at all of our current institutionalized practices and evaluating them on how this could or would be better with the expertise of those we serve: the residents.

The irony of this project was the staff expected this change would create chaos. The reality is much different; the peace and quiet on the West Wing was a surprising contrast to the hustle and bustle of the other units during meal times. The old method of serving breakfast to start the resident's day is questionable.

Today's picture is now very different. Small groups of residents sitting around a country-kitchen table with food of their choosing in the amounts they want; residents enjoy conversation with one another and with staff; refills of food and beverages are easy; residents linger in the parlor for more dining and engagement. Amazing how one change could affect the whole environment! It's one small step in the right direction! ■

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and they wanted to get married, but they couldn't live on \$5.00 a week. He worked for his uncle for 5 more years and learned enough to open his own dental lab in Southbridge—a salesman for dental products suggested that Southbridge would be a good location for a lab.

He lived in Southbridge for 70 years, enjoyed his career and was sorry when he no longer was able to continue working. Louis was very involved with the town of Southbridge, serving on the school, finance, recreation, and building committees. He enjoyed traveling. His second wife, Queenie, who was born in England, owned LP Corporation in Southbridge and the two of them often traveled to England to visit her family.

After falling at home in 2006, Louis went for rehabilitation at the Overlook Masonic Health Center. There he learned more about Overlook and moved here in 2006.

Louis continues the routine he has enjoyed for many years; he heads into Southbridge every morning to have breakfast at Pete's with the friends he has known for years. In the afternoons he enjoys coming back home to Overlook, watching television (a lot of sports), and reading the newspapers in the library with all of his new friends from the Community. ■

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drugs or if you are confused about the number or quantity you are taking, talk to your doctor.

Polypharmacy doesn't need to happen. There are many ways that you and your doctors can work together to reduce or avoid the risks of taking multiple medications.

In Our Health Centers In the Overlook Health Center and Overlook Northampton we have begun a program to assure that the medications our residents are receiving are the right number and that they are being administered on a schedule that is compatible with quality of life. Each resident's medication regime is being reviewed by a pharmacist. The goal is for the pharmacist to make recommendations to the prescribing physician to eliminate any medications that are unnecessary. The pharmacists will also work with the nursing staff to schedule the medication administration so that the resident will have fewer times per day for medication administration. The goal will be to reduce the medication to twice a day, and at times that consider the resident's schedule. No more waking up for morning medications or pills during meals! The medication administration review program is part of the ongoing Person Centered Initiative that is underway in both nursing homes. ■

Bow Tie Benefit Raises over \$10,000 for MMRL

by Wor. Lee Fenn

The Bow Tie Benefit for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory was held on December 15 at the Grand Lodge building in Boston. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto and his event committee (which included Bros. Jeff Levy, Joe Turner, Gordon Huggins, and many others) led the preparations for the fund-raising banquet and silent auction which attracted over 200 people and raised over \$10,000.

Bro. Mike Scribner, Wor. Don Boas, Kendra Boas, Tabitha Scribner, Veronica and Rt. Wor. Paul Gaudet tour the Chamber of Reflection.



Prior to dinner, Masons and their ladies enjoyed self-guided tours of the Grand Lodge and previewed more than 50 auction items including 25 bow ties from notables such as current and past Grand Masters, sovereign grand commanders and a number of celebrities. Autographed baseballs, rough and perfect ashlar bookends, exquisite wine, ladies fashion accessories, MMRL gold cuff links, and Red Sox 2004 World Series Championship gold baseball cards rounded out the offerings.

"It is wonderful to spend a night out with my wife," said Rt. Wor. Paul Gaudet. "We also get to support a great cause. The MMRL is so important: every adult in the world benefits from what they do." ■

Scientists who are Freemasons can accomplish great feats and transform medicine, science—and by extension—society. Brother Joseph Lister, one of the fathers of modern surgery, and Brother Edward Jenner, the father of immunology are two such men. Both men are rightly credited with saving thousands if not millions of lives. A common thread connecting these Masons is a great strength of character and dedication to improving the lives of distressed people everywhere.

As I researched the linkage between Freemasonry, science, and medicine I stumbled on a speculative allusion that I would like to share with you concerning Freemasonry in medicine and science.

My story begins with a tailor, 36 years old, traveling on a sailing ship bound for Boston. This simple tailor was not

FOLLOW REASON

by Bro. Gordon Huggins

Adapted from a speech given at Grand Lodge on December 15, 2012, during the Bow Tie Benefit event for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

an accomplished scientist or doctor; he published no manuscript and there is no record of his having saved a life; I could find no record of his graduating from any university. In

fact, I found few records online describing the life of this tailor. By today's standards he is not all that famous, for while he is Google-worthy—which is to say if you Google his name you can find a web page about him—he is not Wiki-worthy, which is to say that Wikipedia does not have a page dedicated to this man.

Our tailor took his Masonic degrees at age 22 just 2 years after Grand Lodge Freemasonry was first publicly recognized in England. Four years later our tailor traveled to the foreign land of Boston where he worked as a tailor in an established shop. Why he left England is not known—perhaps it was the lure of adventure or the desire to realize his own destiny. Our tailor was successful and six or seven years after arriving in Boston he opened his own shop just a few blocks from the current Massachusetts Grand Lodge Building on what is now Washington Street.

Ten years after arriving in Boston our tailor returned to England for undocumented reasons. Perhaps he sought to promote his business, pick up raw materials and drop off finished goods, perhaps to reconnect with family. What we know is that while in England our tailor petitioned the Grand Master of England, Lord Viscount of Montague, for



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a warrant to organize Freemasonry in Boston. This event is remarkable because at the time our tailor had practiced Masonry for only three years in England before moving to Boston, likely never serving as master of a lodge.

So, by now you probably reason that the year is 1733 and our tailor is Henry Price traveling back to Boston in possession of the warrant to organize Freemasonry. Henry Price's mind must have been throbbing with excitement. I can only imagine that he thought: "How will I set the Craft to work? What 'necessary instruction' should I provide? It is my belief that the answer to those questions is contained on the Massachusetts Grand Lodge seal, whose form today was defended by Past Grand Master John T. Heard in the Grand Lodge Proceedings of March 13, 1878, and resembles that originally constructed by Henry Price and the first Masons of Massachusetts.

To put the Massachusetts Grand Lodge seal in context I made a survey of all U.S. Grand Lodge seals. The Massachusetts Grand Lodge seal is unique because it has just two words written in the form of an imperative state-



ment; which is to say it is two words that give instruction how we are strictly in charge ever to walk and act as such in our dealings with mankind.

Henry Price, through the Grand Lodge seal, instructs us to "Follow Reason." Those two words have as much gravity and power today as the day Henry Price got off that ship, organized his lodge and told the Craft as a guiding principle, above all else: You Will Follow Reason. That necessary instruction brought the light of reason to the Western Hemisphere in the form of Masonry. Only now can we appreciate how those two words sit at the core of how Freemasonry has revolutionized our society.

Reason is the foundation of medicine, and the root of science.

Henry Price planted the flag of Masonry in America almost 300 years ago and in the process revolutionized our world through the application of reason. That same spirit is alive today and empowers the work of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in all of their endeavors.

Thank you for your support of the MMRL and thank you for your support of the Craft. ■

*Excerpts of remarks of Ronald P. Kamp,
Director of Development and Communications,
Masonic Medical Research Laboratory
at the Bow Tie event.*

My wife Barbara and I have traveled from Utica to be with you this evening to say thank you on behalf of our board of directors as well as the scientific and administrative staff of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

Words cannot adequately convey our deep gratitude to Grand Master Stewart for designating the MMRL as the signature charity of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. We also wish to thank you all for joining our growing family of friends who support our life-saving cardiac research. Your presence tonight is most heartwarming to us. A sincere and special thank you to Brother Gordon Huggins for his kind words and to the Bow Tie Event Committee and Signature Charity Committee members for organized this most wonderful evening of fellowship.



RW Ronald P Kamp

Over the past 54 years, millions have benefited from discoveries emanating from our institute. Many of



you, like Kathy Jessee, are in the audience tonight. It is equally important to note that 84 cents of every dollar received goes to support our life-saving cardiac research. We are proud to say that few not-for-profit corporations can make that claim. Our research has earned the MMRL a new and higher h-index rating of 80, placing us in the top echelon of laboratories for our size in the world. MMRL's heart research is cited by our peers more often than most in advancing their studies and discoveries.

Our research provides hope to the millions of individuals afflicted with heart disease. We provide the answers necessary to develop the cures and treatments of tomorrow. We do it to save lives and improve the quality of life for those who have heart disease and we do it in the name of Freemasonry. As partners in our research, your investment has the potential to yield the greatest dividend—the gift of life. The life saved may be that of someone you will never meet, a loved one, a friend, or perhaps even your own. On behalf of those beneficiaries all over the world, thank you for your most generous support. May God bless you all. ■

Grand Marshal ... to Grand Master

by Rt. Wor. Walter H. Hunt

The marshal of the lodge waits at the tyled door; he offers a slight bow to another man, with a marshal's collar like his own, but his apron is purple, and the baton he carries and the collar he wears is gold. He escorts his guest to the west of the altar and stands back as the other man says, "Worshipful Master: the Grand Master is in the outer apartments for the purpose of making a fraternal visit to your lodge—and he will now be received." A few polite words are spoken and the man with the gold baton and collar and purple Grand Lodge apron returns to the door. Soon he will enter the lodge room to applause and say, "The Most Worshipful . . . the Grand Master."

He is the grand marshal of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and any master and any lodge receiving the Grand Master will get to know him quite well.

I was in the Grand Lodge library at a recent Quarterly Communication, and a Grand Lodge permanent member, who was incidentally a past grand marshal, asked me an interesting question. "How many grand marshals have been elected Grand Master?" He named a few recent ones. "Three or four, right?"

I named a few more, and a quick perusal of my resources turned up others. The actual answer is twelve; of the 87 Grand Masters to serve our Grand Lodge, twelve of them have served as grand marshal, arranging processions and announcing the Grand Master and making sure the protocol is followed and the seating is correct. No Grand Master can do without his grand marshal. In recent times—at least for the last century—the grand marshal is rewarded with election to the post of senior grand warden, making him a permanent member of our Grand Lodge. Our current Grand Master, a past deputy grand master, did not receive this award; instead, he was elevated to his present status.

Here are the men who have moved from the baton to the tricorne.

Benjamin Russell. The man who defined the grand marshal's role, he was first appointed grand marshal by Most Worshipful Paul Revere in 1795, and served in that capacity for fifteen years during the terms of Grand Masters Revere, Bartlett, Dunn, Thomas and Bigelow. He was



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elected junior and senior grand warden before becoming Grand Master in 1814–1816.

Edward A. Raymond. He was grand marshal during an extremely difficult period in Massachusetts Masonic history, the early 1830s. He served in this capacity for Grand Master Elijah Crane, his successor John Abbot, and during the first year of the term of Joshua Flint. He was elected Grand Master in 1849 and served three years.

Winslow Lewis, Jr. Dr. Lewis served in many capacities in Grand Lodge, and spent a year as grand marshal for Grand Master Augustus Peabody in 1845. Lewis was elected Grand Master for 1855 and 1856, declining a third term due to ill health, but returned to serve in the Oriental Chair in 1860.

John T. Heard. Colonel Heard was appointed grand marshal in 1851 by Edward Raymond, and again in 1852 by George Randall. Heard was only in his early forties at that time, and soon afterward became Grand Master; he was the superintendent of the Craft after, and before, Winslow Lewis—1857–1859.

William T. Coolidge. He was Winslow Lewis' grand marshal in 1856. He was elected Grand Master in 1861 and served two years, but was defeated in open election in December 1862 by William Parkman.

William Sewall Gardner. Judge Gardner served as grand marshal for John T. Heard from 1857 to 1859, when he was only in his early thirties; he was one of the first prominent figures from the Lowell area (other than John Abbot, whose Masonic career largely predates the establishment of that city). Gardner became Grand Master in 1869, and during his term made significant improvements in the organization of the Grand Lodge, including publication of the Proceedings from 1733 onward.

Melvin Maynard Johnson. Melvin Johnson was an active participant in Grand Lodge activities from an early age, and was appointed by Grand Master John Albert Blake as his grand marshal from 1906 to 1908. He became Grand Master in 1914 at age 43, and during and after his own term made an enormous impact on Massachusetts Freemasonry. He was a great speaker, a brilliant lawyer and a prominent Masonic scholar.

Herbert H. Jaynes. Grand Master Thomas Roy appointed Jaynes as his grand marshal from 1951 to 1953. He was elected Grand Master in 1969 and served three busy years in the East; the Proceedings for his terms are extensive, due to the large number of anniversaries and celebrations taking place throughout the jurisdiction—his grand marshal was quite busy!

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Norfolk Lodge Holds Widows Holiday Program

For over twenty years Norfolk Lodge has played host to their widows during the holiday season. This year the festivities were arranged by the lodge secretary, Wor. Roger Ambuter. Over 70 brothers and guests joined 14 widows at a festive holiday meal catered by Jacob Wirth's of Boston along with entertainment, gift giving, and much time reminiscing and renewing old friendships. — *Rt. Wor. Dave Newcomb*

DDGM Raises Son at Saggahew Lodge

Rt. Wor. James Antonopolous, DDGM for the 11th District, and the Hellenic Square and Compass Club degree team raised his son Nicholas Antonopolous in January at Saggahew Lodge. Bro. Nicholas got a call from his wife Luisa moments prior to beginning the ceremony, informing him that she was in labor. The Rt. Wor. grandfather enjoyed a rare night that included raising a son and welcoming a new grandchild. Below: Wor. Ed Felker, RW James Antonopolous, and Bro. Nicholas Antonopolous. — *Rt. Wor. Dana A. Wildes*



Santa Visits Elm-Belcher

Elm-Belcher Lodge held their annual Christmas party on December 16 and hosted 57 children this year. Approximately 26 of the children were sponsored by the lodge's angel fund.

The local school guidance counselors were instrumental in identifying children from their schools that were most in need of a Christmas lift and the angel fund provided that lift in the form of a gift matched to the child's preference. Wor. Dennis Cote participated as the jolly old elf and listened to the dreams and wishes of the children.

— *Wor. Bob Tremblay*



Grand Master Stewart Returns to Fellowship Lodge

In 1982, then Wor. Richard Stewart, serving as junior grand deacon, signed Fellowship Lodge's bible as a witness to the fraternal visit of Grand Master J. Philip Berquist on November 26 of that year. Exactly 30 years later—to the day—Bro. Stewart was the next Grand Master to sign the bible.

Brethren rendered grand honors to the Grand Master, who was seated in the Paul Revere chair once used by Most Wor. Paul Revere and given to the lodge in 1931 by his great grandson and namesake, Paul Revere of Bridgewater. — *Wor. William Renny*



Mount Holyoke Assists Widow

Members of Mount Holyoke Lodge recently assisted Mrs. Jean Stewart in getting her yard ready for winter. Mrs. Stewart is the widow of Wor. Allan W. Stewart, lodge master in 1964. Above: Wor. Tyler Seavey, Rt. Wor. Ronald E. Jackson, Bro. Jorge Colon-Robles, Bro. Charles Ferguson, and (in front) Andrew Ferguson, son of Wor. Karl Ferguson, the photographer.

— *Rt. Wor. Ronald E. Jackson*

“We Need Everything...but They Need It More”



Volunteers for Sandy Relief at Weymouth United Lodge

Hurricane Sandy caused major damage. Wor. George Raymond of Weymouth United Lodge reached out to Durand Lodge #179 in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, and e-mails were exchanged; “We need everything,” was the reply from lodge secretary Rt. Wor. Roger Goodman, “But just up the road in Keyport, they need it more.”

That response motivated Bro. Raymond; he posted on the lodge's Facebook page. Within a few hours, family, friends, officers, district leaders, community leaders, and school children responded. The posting reached 1,600 people within 24 hours; clothing, supplies, and cash came in from everywhere. “Support and enthusiasm was overwhelming; just amazing,” said Wor. Bro. Raymond.

So much was received that a big truck was needed. Back to Facebook. Boston's Columbian Lodge answered the next morning, donating funds for a truck and driver. Wor. Ronald T. Doucette of Columbian Lodge said, “It's what Freemasonry is all about and we are happy to do it.”

More than 40 volunteers loaded the truck on November 17 and Bro. Raymond, his wife, Erin and Bro. Keith Spain trav-

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ward. We can only begin to plan for what we want our fraternity to look like in 2033 by opening the floor for discussion with the membership. Discussions today will propel our fraternity forward to its fourth century.”

Four meetings have already been held in Lowell, Centerville, Worcester, and Ipswich. The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and have run for about 2 to 2 1/2 hours followed by a collation and informal discussions.

Each meeting is kicked off with a brief presentation by Wor. Jim Boudreau designed to introduce broad discussion topics that include (1) Mem-

bership and Lodges, (2) History and Tradition, (3) Education and Training, (4) Charity and Service, (5) Social Change, and (6) Finances.

Attendees have expanded on this list of subjects and expressed opinions on topics such as retention, building consolidation, capital budgeting help from Grand Lodge, Masonic Apps, adapting to changing social conditions, and the important role played by our ritual in binding us together.

There is no consensus on particular solutions or priorities. However, it is obvious from the well-attended sessions that there is a good deal of interest in finding solutions to the chal-

elled to Caesarea Lodge #64 in Keyport, New Jersey. Volunteers unloading the truck cried tears of joy. “You don't know how much the little things mean until you don't have them anymore. This has been a humbling experience,” said Wor. George Raymond.

A second trip—Sandy Relief II—was organized on Facebook later in November. New Jersey's Durand and Caesarea Lodges are planning a visit to Boston later this year. Weymouth United has a light on and the welcome mat out. “Just like they did for us,” said Bro. Raymond.

— *John Doherty*

District GM's Adventures in Chile

District Grand Master John B. Bamber, again this year installed the masters of all three Chilean lodges on separate evenings. This year's visit was again very pleasant, arriving in the Spring season in Chile. There were two bits of unpleasantness that will guarantee that this year's trip is remembered for quite some time.

Because of student demonstrations in Santiago, Rt. Wor. Brother Bamber and Wor. District Grand Marshal Eduardo



Crocamo were compelled to abandon their taxi and instead walk about ten blocks in evening dress to Huelen Lodge. The district grand marshal was forced to hand carry all of the regalia and a box containing gift cups for the members of Huelen Lodge. The District Grand Master asserted that he himself was carrying most of the material and only switched roles long

enough to take this photo of the Wor. Bearer of Burden Eduardo Crocamo. The second unpleasantness came in the form of a magnitude 5.6 earthquake during lunch. All in all a memorable visit to our Massachusetts lodges in Chile: St. John's Lodge in Concepcion, Bethesda Lodge in Valparaiso, and Huelen Lodge in Santiago. Bethesda Lodge will celebrate their 160th anniversary next year. This lodge is actually twelve years older than the Grand Lodge of Chile! — *John Doherty*

enges we face. Topics raised by the greatest number of speakers thus far include communicating effectively with prospective and existing members, need for financial training, and the efforts needed to preserve our lodge buildings.

The dates and cities for the remaining Listening Tour stops are: Pittsfield on Wednesday, March 27; East Longmeadow on Wednesday, April 24; New Bedford on Tuesday, April 30; Boston on Saturday, May 11; and Brockton on Wednesday, May 29.

Visit MassMasons.org to register and find driving directions for each meeting location. — *Bro. John Doherty*

Reebel Installed 2013 Aleppo Potentate

Rt. Wor. Dennis Reebel was installed Potentate of Aleppo Shriners International on January 26. The new potentate has been a member of United Brethren Lodge in Marlborough since 1990 and served as master in 1995 and again in 2000. He is a past district deputy grand master of the Marlboro 24th District and also PDDGM in District 23.



Bro. Reebel served Grand Lodge as senior grand deacon in 2000. He was a participant in Grand Lodge's pioneer class of the MLI and assisted with several subsequent classes in various capacities. He holds the Joseph Warren Medal and the Grand Cross of Color and is an honorary recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Looking forward to activities in 2013, the Potentate says, "Membership growth is a big issue for Aleppo, but we also have some exciting new programs for our members such as the Shriners Hockey Classic; Aleppo has teamed up with the Massachusetts Hockey Coaches Association and the AHL's Worcester Sharks and will present the best in Massachusetts boys and girls high school hockey on March 30 at the DCU Center in Worcester." —*John Doherty*



Tree of Remembrance at Taber Lodge

George H. Taber Lodge held its first Tree of Remembrance Ceremony in December. Initiated by Bro. James Perry, it was a time for remembering brothers, family, and friends who have passed. A small tree with lights was fitted with pre-made tags for names of departed loved ones.

After the lighting ceremony, those present shared stories and enjoyed the fellowship. A bountiful collation was available after the short ceremony. Taber Lodge intends to hold the Tree of Remembrance Celebration annually.

In photo: Rt. Wor. Lynwood Harriman, Bro. Jeffrey Wotton, Ann Cochran, Bro. Arthur Ryle, Bro. Richard Brodeur, Bro. James Perry, Bro. Matthew Brodeur, Bro. Michael Silvia. —*Wor. James A. Cochran*

The New Wardens Workshop for 2013

Once again, the Masonic Education and Training Committee will be offering The New Wardens Workshop to appointed officers of our lodges. This will be the third year the program has been offered, and will expand to two locations. The first session will be offered on March 23 at the Masonic Apartments in Wakefield. The second session will be held on the western side of the Jurisdiction in East Longmeadow on April 13. Both sessions will be held in the mornings, allowing all participants to have their afternoons free.

The program is designed to provide information for appointed officers as they progress towards the positions of warden and ultimately master. The official job description of warden is located in the Trestle-board booklet and also in the Duties and Responsibilities of Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen Manual available from the Grand Lodge. The workshop is designed to supplement those descriptions, providing real-life information about situations that are important for young officers to be aware of as they progress through the line.

This year there will be several traditional topics including lodge finances, The Grand Masters Award, protocol, and investigation committees as well as some new topics. The Grand Master has spoken at these programs in the past and is expected to again this year.

Appointed officers who wish to attend can register at massmasons.org. Questions can be directed to Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer, at masonicgeoff@gmail.com.

—*Rt. Wor. Geoff Kromer, Chairman*



Celestial Lodge Exchanges Visits with Mass. Prince Hall's John J. Smith Lodge

Celestial Lodge welcomed a delegation from John J. Smith Lodge, #14 (Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts) including Past Grand Master Nicholas Locker, Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master Reuben Mead, and ten past masters. During this second visit in recent years, the distinguished visitors witnessed the raising of Bro. C. William Hoilman. Members of Celestial Lodge attended John J. Smith Lodge's installation last September. —*Bro. Jeff Jarvis*



Father and Son Raise Two at United Brethren

At a special meeting in December, new master, Wor. Tyler A. B. Jessee raised his first two Master Masons: Bros. Justin L. Cameron and Francis A. McManus. For the master's father, Rt. Wor. Rob Jessee, who assisted in the degree work, it was the last raising during his term as district deputy grand master. (L to R) Rt. Wor. Rob Jessee, Bro. Francis McManus, Wor. Tyler Jessee, Bro. Justin Cameron.

Empty Chair Ceremony at John Warren Lodge

John Warren Lodge in Hopkinton was the home lodge of the late Most Wor. Roger William Pageau. The lodge paid tribute to his memory with an historic Empty Chair ceremony in October.



This ceremony dates back to 1875, a decade after the close of the American Civil War, when it was used in Masonic lodges, especially in the northern plains and in the original Dakota Territory, to pay tribute to those who did not return from that war. Since then, it has been adapted to remember past masters, lodge officers, or other lodge members.

John Warren Lodge further adapted this semi-private ceremony to fittingly and movingly remember one of its own with his wife Thelma, other Pageau family members, and district lodge members in attendance. The Past Grand Master's nephews, Wor. Paul Chouinard and his son, Bro. John Paul (JP) Chouinard performed prominent roles in the ceremony. —*Wor. Joseph Catalanotti*

N. E. Rainbow will Host 2016 Supreme Assembly

The five New England States will host the International Supreme Session during July 2016 in Providence, Rhode Island.



In January, all five states participated in a weekend to begin work across state borders to host this Supreme Session. The Massachusetts Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Grand Court of Amaranth in Massachusetts each wrote letters in support of the successful bid. The last Supreme session to be hosted in the East was in Boston in 1936.

—*Susan Torrey*

Trowel Deadlines

Summer 2013

Articles: March 22, 2013
Lodge News: April 19, 2013

Fall 2013

Articles: June 21, 2013
Lodge News: July 19, 2013

Winter 2013

Articles: September 20, 2013
Lodge News: October 18, 2013

Spring 2014

Articles: December 20, 2013
Lodge News: January 17, 2014

Please send Articles to johnsdoherty@verizon.net

Lodge News items to trowelodgegenews@gmail.com

Toys for Salvation Army

Seventy brothers of Phoenix Lodge gathered for dinner and continued a tradition of donating toys for Christmas to the Salvation Army. Wor. Donald Spradlin, presents the gifts to Commanding Officers Jeffrey and Rebecca Kirk from the Army's Brockton facility. —*Bro. Jon Bond*



Joseph Warren Regiment Event in Plymouth

Parting Ways is an historic site and cemetery in Plymouth dedicated to preserving the memory of African American involvement in the Revolutionary War.

The Doctor Joseph Warren Regiment (a reenactor group composed entirely of Masons), Wor. Craig A. Erickson, Bro. Richard Baker, brothers from Fellowship Lodge, and the Robert Treat Paine Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution gathered at Parting Ways recently to remember and honor the American patriots buried there with a musket firing and bell-tolling ceremony.

At top: Commander and Bro. Kenneth Sutcliffe and Wor. Craig A. Erickson. —*Bro. Kenneth Sutcliffe*



Celestial Lodge Aids Food Bank

Bro. David Kimball of Celestial Lodge delivering food items to Trish Tucke, Coordinator for Westwood Food Pantry, which assists families and seniors. The Lodge maintains a donation center in the lobby of the Westwood Masonic Building where brothers drop off much needed supplies. —*Bro. Jeff Jarvis*



Grand Lodge Dinner Recognizes Awards to Rookies, Master Builders

Nearly 120 Masons joined Grand Master Richard Stewart for dinner on January 25 at Grand Lodge in an event that combined Rookie Award and Master Builder Award recipients. Above left: Rookies Bro. Emmanuel Fernandes, Grand Master Stewart, Bros. Matthew Bove and Joseph DeVito. Above right: Master Builders Bros. Emmanuel Fernandes, Robert Khouri, Grand Master Stewart, Bro. Michael Cananaugh, Rt. Wor. Ken Sprague.

Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal Presentations

Rt. Wor. Stephen A. Corthell (right) presented the Joseph Warren Medal to Wor. Roger Whitehead (center), secretary of William Sewall Gardner-Kilwinning Lodge for thirteen years. At left is Wor. John Papeacos. —Wor. Lee Fenn



Wor. Robert N. Parron (center) received the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal at Thomas Lodge from Rt. Wor. DDGM Robert W. Allard (left) and his father Bro. Robert N. Parron. —Bro. John D. Lane

After being escorted to the East of Paul Revere Lodge to do the work of the evening, Wor. Douglas G. Massey (center) was surprised to be presented a Joseph Warren Medal by Rt. Wor. Peter D. Dorr (right); at left is Wor. Thomas J. Burke, Sr. —Wor. Robert C. Farrell



Wor. John F. Belanger of Philanthropic Lodge received the Joseph Warren Medal for his many efforts to promote and preserve Masonry. Assisting in the presentation were (left to right) Wor. Jonathan Morley, Mrs. Linda Belanger, Wor. John Belanger, Rt. Wor. DGM Robert Jolly, and Rt. Wor. DDGM Michael A. Sandberg, 9th Masonic District. —Bro. Gordon Lothrop



DDGM Rt. Wor. Scott T. Jareo, 13th District, congratulates Wor. Henry M. Tanner (left) who received the Warren Medal at Golden Rule Lodge in Wakefield. Bro. Tanner has been an active member for 44 years and was master in 2004–2005. —Rt. Wor. George Bibilos



Wor. Harold H. Sargent, Jr (left) received the Joseph Warren Medal for distinguished service to Frank W. Thompson Lodge from District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer, 14th Masonic District, in December.

14th District Supports Masonic Team Freedom

For the fifth time, the 14th District has collected items to send to our troops overseas through Masonic Team Freedom. As in the past, the Eastern Star and Rainbow Girls actively participated in the program, helping to bring in another record amount of supplies. This year's donation also included the participation of the residents at our newest Masonic Health System facility at the Groves of Lincoln.



In photo above: Rt. Wor. Ken Pfeiffer, Heather Bean, worthy patron of Ida McKinley Chapter, O.E.S.; Debbie Kenny, mother advisor and Alison LaBarge, worthy advisor of Concord Assembly No. 53, IORG; and DDGM Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer. —Rt. Wor. Geoff Kromer

Colonial Craftsmen Visit Rider Tavern



Front row L to R: RW Raymond King, RW H. Richard Cornwell, RW David Newcomb, Bro. Paul Jackson, RW W. Jack Bennett; Back row: Bro. Robert Adam, RW Jack Mulhall, Wor. Ted Hatch, Bro. Charles Roseman, RW Charles Katsanos, Wor. Scott Sullivan, Wor. John Nelson, Wor. Douglas Ellis.

On a cool crisp October evening, 25 Master Masons attended an event sponsored by Rose of Sharon Lodge in which they stepped back 238 years and entered the historic Rider Tavern in Charlton. A team of fourteen members of the Colonial Craftsmen of Colonial Massachusetts—all in eighteenth century clothing—performed the Third Degree with the ritual of 1775 as a fund-raiser for the Children's Dyslexic Center of Central Massachusetts.

The evening began with all being served wooden bowls of a delicious Rider Tavern beef stew over noodles. Each attendee received a souvenir Rider Tavern Mug with the



The Hanover High School Jazz Ensemble entertained at the fall Open House at Phoenix Lodge. The band and their director, Paul Ketchen, are welcomed by Wor. Don Spradlin (at right, above), master of Phoenix Lodge. —Bro. Jon Bond

Left: Old Colony Lodge's Bro. Wilfried Mehring (L) attended the initiation of his nephew Bro. Juergen Mehring (C), accompanied by his father, Wor. Walter-Christian Mehring (R) at "Zum Goldenen Rade," Osnabrueck, Germany.

apple cider served during dinner and also put to good use later in the degree, and after dinner all were given a souvenir paper apron and climbed the stairs to the Old Tavern's candle-lit (now electrified) ballroom where they participated along with the Craftsmen in the degree work.

The Colonial Craftsmen raised over \$2,000 for the Learning Center. —Rt. Wor. Richard Cornwell



Awards at West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge

Left: Rt. Wor. Bruce Thornton Marshall presents the Master Builder Award to Wor. Robert Vartanian of West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge. Wor. Bro. Vartanian is the first Mason in the 6th District to achieve this recognition. Right: Rt. Wor. Bruce Marshall made a special commemorative presentation of the Grand Master's lapel pin to Wor. Thomas A. Holmberg, who was raised in Dorchester Lodge in 1955 and served as master in 1965. —Bro. Jeff Jarvis

Mount Vernon-Galilean's Story of Three Friends, Brothers, Masons, and Masters



Wor. Bros. Michael Armistead, Joseph Palma, and Stephen Palma.

In 2006 Michael Armistead, Joseph Palma, and Stephen Palma were raised in a one-day class at Grand Lodge. Stephen and Joseph are twins; Michael and Joseph are brothers-in-law; the three are all close friends.

The three brothers immediately joined the line of officers at Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge in Malden; they advanced through the stations and reached the Oriental Chair in consecutive years: 2009, 2010, and 2011. In 2009, Stephen was installed as master, Michael as senior warden and Joseph as junior warden. This was quite an accomplishment for three busy young men—all under 35—with growing families, full time jobs, and encountering serious illness. Stephen was diagnosed with cancer shortly after his installation. However the strength and support provided by his family and brethren was a constant inspiration. He became a ritualist and lecturer while fulfilling all of his duties as master. He not only fought and won his battle with cancer but he never missed a lodge meeting.

Michael took over the reins as master in 2010. He is also an outstanding ritualist and had the pleasure of raising his father. Michael has become the ritualist of his lodge, is a past master of the lodge of instruction for the 4th Masonic District, senior warden at Joseph T. Heard Lodge in Ipswich, and master of the newly re-chartered Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodge in Medford.

In 2011 Joseph's tenure as master began; he managed to fulfill his duties while also working full time, caring for his 7-year old daughter and his expectant wife. He raised 15

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just an hour a year, I know chapters and assemblies would love to have that donation.

There's something special about working with our Masonic youth. You get the feeling you are doing something that can change the life of a young person. And you may find, as I have found, they will change your life as well. They change it because they are with you wherever you go. They are with you no matter what you do. And to be honest, I never really lose the warm feeling I get when I hear the words, "Hey, Dad!" ■

candidates in his year as master—the most the lodge had seen in recent memory.

When the three brothers joined the Craft, their lodge was struggling to have large turnouts on the side lines. Their leadership helped improve attendance and also had a positive impact on recruitment; the lodge has grown at a steady rate with a significant increase of younger members. The lodge also expanded community support by organizing donations to the Bread of Life of Malden, increased the frequency of MYCHIP programs, and volunteered for the 4th Masonic District Hospital Equipment Loan Program.

Celestial Lodge Provides Laptops to Angel Fund Kids



Bro. Gordon MacKay delivers a laptop computer to Beverly Lowery for her granddaughter. Celestial Lodge with the Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc. refurbishes laptops and distributes them to needy children in the Westwood and Dedham communities. —Bro. Jeff Jarvis

Grand Marshal to Grand Master cont'd from page 25

Whitfield Whittemore Johnson, Esq. Whitfield Johnson was appointed grand marshal by Arthur Coolidge in 1944; Grand Master Coolidge declined further election to serve as president of the Massachusetts Senate. His successor, Grand Master Samuel H. Wragg, appointed Johnson as his grand marshal for each of his three years in the East. Johnson became Grand Master in 1954, and during his three years made significant changes and improvements in the Grand Lodge's legal code.

Laurence E. Eaton. Laurence Eaton was Whitfield Johnson's grand marshal for three years from 1954–1956, and was elected Grand Master in his own right in 1960. As Grand Master, he made a number of clarifications and rulings regarding protocol and decorum, as well as lodge organization.

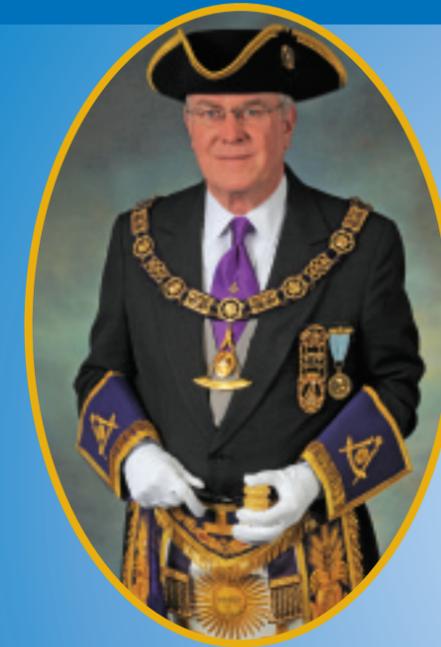
Albert T. Ames. Albert Ames served as grand marshal for Grand Master Arthur H. Melanson from 1978 to 1980, and remained extremely active in Grand Lodge as senior grand warden and in other capacities. He was Grand Master from 1987–1989, and is presently the senior Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge.

Richard James Stewart. Grand marshal for the late Grand Master Roger Pageau, Most Worshipful Brother Stewart was elected Grand Master beginning in 2011.

Our Grand Lodge has a few past grand marshals wearing the gold collar and carrying the gold baton. Will any of them join this distinguished group? Only time will tell. ■

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