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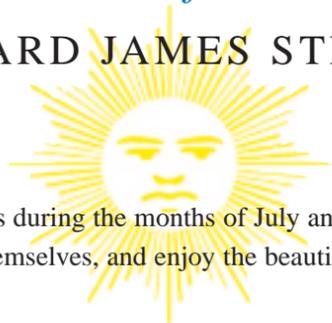
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From the East of Grand Lodge
RICHARD JAMES STEWART



Dear Brethren:

Many of our lodges are in recess during the months of July and August. During this time our brethren can rest, refresh themselves, and enjoy the beautiful summer days with family and friends.

It could be also argued that this time of refreshment is one of the most important periods for a lodge to ensure its future success. Summer allows us to review and reflect upon the designs laid upon the trestle-board as we prepare to be called from refreshment to labor when the work of the Craft begins in earnest.

Even when many of our lodges are at this period of recess, your Grand Lodge is still hard at work planning new programs as well as fine tuning existing ones. Our budget committee will be looking at ways to further trim expenses. The trustees of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust are working extremely hard to maximize the best return on our investment portfolio. The training and education committee will be working on the new and exciting standardized training modules for the lodges of instruction. The membership committee is hard at work fine tuning some of the existing programs as well as developing new programs to help the lodges grow and retain members. The public relations and communications office is working on ways to maximize technology to communicate with our membership.

As I visit other Grand Lodges, I make note of their programs and the way they run their Grand Lodges, always looking for ideas that can improve the operation of our Grand Lodge and our programs. I am very proud to share with them any of our successful programs as well. The new business manager format for running our Grand Lodge has sparked a lot of interest among a number of our sister Grand Lodges; some are taking a serious look at doing the same.

Looking forward to the year 2033, when our Grand Lodge will be 300 years old, we as its stewards must be looking at ways to maintain this great fraternity. We must not let down on what our forefathers had planned, financed, and developed for us to enjoy.

Again, I know I ask much of each of you: to continue on our journey "Back to the Future." 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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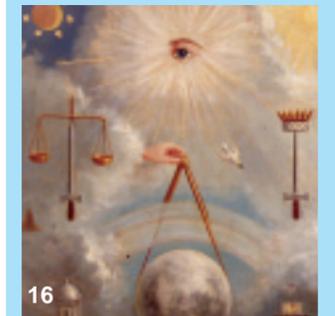
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This is the time of the year when wishes for a happy and restful summer are in order. Unfortunately it is necessary to acknowledge the tragic event that occurred in Boston on Patriots Day and to again recognize the problems caused by the presence of evil in the world. Many people will live the rest of their lives with the physical and emotional damage done that day.



We have a daily choice: Will we be a part of the problem or will we be a part of the solution? The Grand Master offered sound advice in his message issued shortly after the mayhem: "It is completely foreign to the values we hold as Freemasons that someone would premeditate so base a crime. Since we may never fully understand why this occurred, it makes sense for us to focus our attention and energy on doing something positive. We are taught that relieving the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men."

We each had our own particular reasons for choosing to join Freemasonry. More important though we all share one reason for choosing to stay on in Freemasonry year after year: the fraternity is a voice for good in the world.

I do wish you all a pleasant and peaceful summer and I look forward to being with you again in the fall.

Fraternally, *John Doherty*

In Memoriam
KRYSTLE MARIE CAMPBELL
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TROWEL NEEDS PHOTOS
Upcoming issues of Trowel will contain features that recognize individual Masons for their achievements.
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Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Award recipients in 2012 and 2013.
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Masons celebrating their 60, 65, 70, and 75-year Masonic anniversaries in 2013.
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New England Masons Gather in Boston

The 32nd Annual New England Brotherhood Night was held at the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on March 23. This event was the creation of our late brother, Most Wor. J. Philip Berquist, as an idea to bring closer relations with all the brethren of New England. Grand Masters and members from all six states attended.

The annual gathering rotates from one New England state to another. This year the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was host for the meeting which consisted of tours of the Grand Lodge Masonic Building from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. followed by a social period from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and a prime rib dinner. A brief program followed dinner with a speaker provided by next year's host, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. —*Bro. John Doherty*

Sandee Corbett Speaks for MMRL at Grand Masters Conference



The Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory recently hosted a Women and Heart Disease Breakfast at the North American Conference of Grand Masters in Kansas City, Missouri.

Almost 200 ladies were informed of the various risk factors for heart disease and about lifestyle modifications that can lessen the chances of cardiac disease. Many were unaware that heart disease claims more lives than all forms of cancer or that women present symptoms differently than men. The educational presentation also addressed research emanating from MMRL and its direct impact on treatments for the disease as well as future research focused on bioengineering a cloned heart to address individuals suffering from heart failure.

Sandee Corbett, the "first lady" of Massachusetts' Grand Lodge, who traveled with Grand Master Stewart to Kansas City, made closing remarks that were personal and moving as she asked all attendees to take this information to heart. The reaction to her warm and heartfelt comments left no doubt to those in audience that she hit the ball out the park.

—*Rt. Wor. Ron Kamp*

Hicks Named President of George Washington Masonic Memorial

On Thursday, February 22, M.W. Donald G. Hicks, Jr., began his term of office as President of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. M.W. Bro. Hicks will serve one year as President of the Memorial's Executive Committee.

A twenty-one member Board of Directors represents the fifty-two Grand Lodges with only Past Grand Masters being eligible for election. M.W. Bro. Hicks served as the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts from 2002 to 2004.



Most Wor. Donald J. Hicks, Jr., new president of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia

Each Board member serves a three-year term. The Board meets twice a year. The Executive Committee oversees Memorial business when the Board is not in session. The day-to-day operations of the Memorial building and the Association are handled by a paid, professional staff located at the Memorial.

Born in Lowell, Hicks was educated in the Lowell Public Schools. He attended Lowell State College and Lowell Commercial College, receiving a certificate in accounting. In 1959, while still in college, he began his banking career at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lowell.

His career culminated with the position of President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of Reading Co-operative Bank in Reading, from which he has since retired.

M.W. Bro. Hicks and his wife have lived in Leominster, Massachusetts for over thirty years. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Useful Implements, Essential Lessons

by Rt. Wor. and Rev. Brian S. Dixon

The poet Wordsworth has bequeathed to future generations many memorable lines. One short selection is of interest here. In the poem *Tintern Abbey* he speaks of the vital importance of insight:

“While with an eye made quiet by the power
Of harmony, and the deep power of joy,
We see into the life of things.”

To see into the life of things is a special focus of Masons.

It may be that the ruins of Tintern Abbey itself (it had been constructed beginning in the early twelfth century and survived until the dissolution of the monasteries in the sixteenth) as much as nature’s realm, had stirred the poet’s sensibility of the inner life of things.

Masonry, as we know, arises out of the noble craft of building the most material of objects. We may think of structures like Tintern Abbey and the great cathedrals of Europe built during the Middle Ages. Even as they erected those massive and glorious structures—and it must have required much hard toil—operative masons understood that there was more going on than the physical structure that met the eye. It was such understanding, surely, that encouraged seeing beyond surface reality “into the life of things.”

Not only did those early masons perceive there was an innerness to the structures they erected, they came to understand that their working tools also had significance beyond outward appearance and their utility. Thus it is that we as speculative Masons (which is not to suggest that our forbears were un-speculative) make use of the useful implements of the ancient craft in our lodges. Specifically, I refer to those implements to which our attention is called at the regular conclusion of a lodge meeting: the level, the plumb, and the square.

Anyone with a modicum of knowledge of building, whether it be a modest house or a vast monument, can appreciate that these implements are not just useful but that they are essential to the building of an enduring structure. No building that is unlevel, unplumb, and unsquare will long survive the ravages of time. It was

to be the insight of Masonry that being level, plumb, and square applied not only to large structures but, indeed to institutions and individual lives.

By the level we are reminded that we are all of the same human stock. While we may want to think that some, born in greater privilege, or that some through material possessions, or that some with greater knowledge are a cut above the rest of humanity, the truth is otherwise: we all meet on the level. The words of Abraham Lincoln are illustrative of the lesson of the level: “As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master.”



By the plumb we are reminded that we must be straight and upright in all of our relationships and dealings, all of the time. Those of us who have been Masons over several decades may have experienced the sadness that comes when we are informed that someone is being expelled for un-Masonic conduct. Thankfully, those occasions are rare; nonetheless, they do give rise to deep sadness. To neglect the lessons of the plumb truly threatens the structure whether it be a building, an institution, or an individual life.

The square is constituted by the meeting of the level and the plumb, in good relationship. As Masons we are reminded to square our actions; that is, to have them conform to the testing by the level and the plumb. When they do so, we need not fear any danger. When they do so, all is well and all will be well.

How appropriate it is, then, that at the conclusion of a lodge meeting, and immediately prior to departing to engage the life of the world beyond the tyled door, we are reminded of the essential lessons afforded by these useful implements. We are to bear those lessons with us as we go. Indeed we are obligated to practice them in our living. This is the essential meaning of Masonic ethics. ■

Bro. Dixon is a member of Simon W. Robinson Lodge, where he was raised in 1982. He has served as grand chaplain from 1989 to 1998 and again since 2004, and as the grand representative to Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The March 2013 Quarterly Communication

of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



I want to welcome you to the March Quarterly Communication of our most worshipful Grand Lodge. I find it hard to believe this will be the last March Quarterly Communication that I will have the privilege to preside over. With a little over nine months ahead of me as your Grand Master, I still have a number of projects on the drawing board to put into place before my term comes to an end on December 27, 2013.

Visitations

On January 12 the Grand Lodge officers attended the well-organized reception of our new Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. James T. Morse at his home lodge, Oriental-Martha’s Vineyard Lodge in Oak Bluffs. Later in January, the grand standard bearer and I traveled to Panama to visit our lodges in the Republic of Panama. While there, we were warmly received into the Grand Lodge of Panama. In February, we attended the Conference of Grand Masters in North America, which was held in Kansas City, Kansas. We also had the special honor of traveling to the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association in Alexandria, Virginia to attend the installation of our Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Donald Gardiner Hicks Jr., who was installed as its presi-

dent. During the last week of February, Rt. Wor. Robert V. Jolly traveled with me to Florida—home to the second largest population of Massachusetts Masons—for the second year in a row. We attended luncheons with our brothers in Delray Beach, Fort Myers, and Tampa, where I had the honor of presenting 50-year Veterans Medals to a number of brethren.

Grand Lodge Listening Tour

Again this year, we have embarked on town hall meetings as part of our Listening Tour around the Commonwealth. The theme of the meetings this year is Massachusetts Freemasonry 2033: Our Fraternity in 20 Years. Where and what will our fraternity be when we celebrate our 300-year anniversary in just the short span of 20 years? Will we be the fraternity our forefathers envisioned and into which they invested their hearts and souls as well as their hard-earned dollars? We are the stewards of the great fraternity they put in place for us to enjoy, and which they hoped we would grow. The time has come for us to take a hard look at the financial position of our lodges and lodge buildings. We can no longer continue to depend on and to spend what I



Left: RW John Arthur Moore expresses his pleasure at being named grand representative for Monaco.



Right: RW Ralph W. Semb receives the Henry Price Medal from the Grand Master and MW Arthur Johnson.

call the inheritance our forefathers set aside for the fraternity. We, as the stewards of this great fraternity that we all love so dearly, must start to invest in it. Each of our lodges should and must budget to operate at a break-even point. We must not let the expense of running our buildings take the lodges down. We must look at the number of buildings in our districts and ask ourselves: "Do we need to have four to six buildings in a district? Can these lodges work in two or three buildings?" These are the hard questions we must ask ourselves if we plan on being at least as good, if not better, a fraternity when we reach our 300th anniversary in the year 2033.

Masters Instruction Charts

The new Masters Carpets (or Masonic Lecture Charts) are now in stock in the Grand Lodge supply department. As of May 1, 2013, all lodges will be required to use them when doing degree work. The new charts can be used in conjunction with the wall murals in some lodges. Should more

than one lodge meet in the same building, they might consider sharing a set. If lodges feel they need instruction about how to use the new charts effectively during degree work, they can request help from the grand lecturers and their aides. The supply room also has smaller four-inch by six-inch charts to assist individual officers in learning and delivering the ritual work.

Lodges of Instruction

My brethren, going to lodge of instruction once a month is not a punishment for the candidates nor for lodge officers. The sole purpose of attendance is to instruct candidates on the degrees they have recently received and to instruct lodge officers on the "how and why" of running a successful lodge. Effort equals results; no effort equals poor or no results.

We have invested a lot of time and energy into improving lodge of instruction. We are in the process of doing more fine tuning. Here are some of the changes forthcoming in the next Masonic year beginning in September, 2013.



Above left: GM Richard Stewart receives a donation from Wor. Leo Kenen raised through the sale of coins for MMRL. Center: RW James A. Manninen receives the Vine of Life for his contribution to MMRL. (L) RW Edward S. Newsham. (R) RW Ron Kamp. Right: GM Stewart received his Vine of Life for his contribution in memory of Bro. Charles P. Lauman.

ing in the next Masonic year beginning in September, 2013.

- The format will be changed. District deputy grand masters will run the lodge of instruction; they may deputize someone else who they feel is qualified.
- The district deputy grand secretary will become secretary of the lodge of instruction.
- The district deputy grand marshal will become the marshal of the lodge of instruction.
- A chaplain will be appointed.
- There will be no warden positions.
- The instructors for lodge officers will come from the dis-

trict and will be past district deputy grand masters or past masters.

- The Grand Lodge Education and Training Committee will furnish ten standardized modules for officer training.
- A new concept for candidate instruction is being developed and is expected to be ready in September.
- Any lodge officer seeking an elected position in the lodge must attend seven out of the ten lodge of instruction meetings during the preceding Masonic year. Failure to do so will prevent their advancement to the elected position in their lodge.

Thirteen Lodges Receive Grand Master's Award for 2012 Masonic Year

Amicable Lodge, Cambridge, District 2

Master Wor. Christopher R. Duggan
Sr. Warden Bro. David L. Riley
Jr. Warden Bro. Christopher J. Gerber

Daniel Webster Lodge, Marshfield, District 18

Master Wor. Daniel M. J. Corshia
Sr. Warden Bro. Thomas U. Kenney
Jr. Warden Bro. Christopher N. Kelley

Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge, Feeding Hills, District 29

Master Wor. Michael S. Nemeth
Sr. Warden Bro. Robert W. Manseau
Jr. Warden Bro. Marc C. Abbe

Konohassett Lodge, Cohasset, District 18

Master Wor. George L. Marlette III
Sr. Warden Bro. Terence E. Maree
Jr. Warden Wor. Robert W. MacNeill

Marine Lodge, Falmouth, District 20

Master Wor. Stephen S. Goddu
Sr. Warden Bro. Jayme K. Baker
Jr. Warden Bro. Steven R. Silva

Mariners Lodge, Cotuit, District 20

Master Wor. William W. Greer
Sr. Warden Bro. James H. Birch III
Jr. Warden Bro. Christopher J. Olsen



Above: GM Stewart congratulates Bro. Edward L. Kelly, the 19-year-old inside sentinel of Wilder Lodge.



Middlesex Lodge, Framingham, District 15 North

Master Wor. W. Lee Cleveland, Jr.
Sr. Warden Bro. Samuel J. Newland
Jr. Warden Bro. Aristides P. de Lanes, Jr.

Old Colony Lodge, Hingham, District 18

Master Wor. Ian C. MacKenzie
Sr. Warden Bro. Kenneth R. Morgan
Jr. Warden Bro. David K. Clinton

Phoenix Lodge, Hanover, District 18

Master Wor. John I. Hyland
Sr. Warden Bro. Donald W. Spradlin
Jr. Warden Bro. Douglas A. Knowles

Tahattawan Lodge, Littleton, District 14

Master Wor. David R. James
Sr. Warden Bro. Dennis E. Gibbons
Jr. Warden Bro. Donald S. Stevens

Thomas Talbot Lodge, Billerica, District 12

Master Wor. Kenneth M. Murnane
Sr. Warden Bro. Christopher A. Canada
Jr. Warden Bro. Andrew C. Hachman

Wamesit Lodge, Tewksbury, District 12

Master Wor. Joseph Spinale
Sr. Warden Bro. Robert F. Kinckle, Jr.
Jr. Warden Bro. O. David LaPlante

Wilder Lodge, Leominster, District 22

Master Wor. Craig W. Clafin
Sr. Warden Bro. Robert E. Audlee
Jr. Warden Bro. Gary D. Petit

ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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



The questions and answers in this edition cover the entire time span of Masonry. They touch on our ancient landmarks as well as on some current developments, demonstrating that we are able to make changes while maintaining our principles.

Q What is the advantage to a Lodge in utilizing the "Master's Carpet" during the conferral of a Degree?

A Virtually no Lodge has all the visual aids contained within the Master's Carpet. Use of these charts along with a Lodge's current visual aids will make degree presentations more meaningful to candidates and members alike. All lodges must use the new carpets starting on May 1, 2013.

Q Under what circumstances must a brother wait to be admitted into a lodge?

A Brethren should never enter (or leave) a lodge when it is opening, closing, at prayer, or balloting.

Q Since Monotheism is the only religious test in Masonry, our membership includes a number of individuals whose holy book is not called the Bible. Is there an alternative word or phrase that can be used in place of the term Holy Bible?

A Yes. In cases where a book other than the Bible is used upon the altar, alone or with the Bible, the master may use the term *Volume of the Sacred Law*. This more general term is used in our ancient landmarks. Only these two terms should be used.

Q How many pins may a brother display on the lapel of his formal wear at a Masonic event?

A On a trial basis the Grand Master has authorized the wearing of one pin. The pin must be no larger than a quarter coin and must be a Blue Lodge pin. Collateral body pins are not allowed.

FROM APRONS TO GRAVESTONES

A LOOK AT DIFFERENT MASONIC TRESTLE-BOARDS

by Wor. Andrew Magowan

Masonic scholars have dedicated a great portion of their time trying to decipher what each Masonic symbol means, how it should be interpreted, where it originated, and which symbols are more important.

Masonic symbols have been used as a teaching tool for centuries. Freemasonry arose at a time when most people were illiterate. During the Middle Ages, education was for the wealthy; the average working man did not have the time or resources to learn to read and write. Although not everyone could read, everyone could identify a pictograph and use it to make a connection to the lesson being taught to him. This type of teaching—using symbols and the spoken word—is called monitorial inculcation or mouth-to-ear teaching.

Trestle-board Symbol Borrowed from Operative Masonry

The teaching tool most often used in Freemasonry is the trestle-board (or tracing board). We hear in our ritual that when Hiram Abiff retired to the Sanctum Sanctorum at high-twelve, after offering prayer to Deity, he made his designs on a trestle-board. This tool was a board which could be covered with clay or wax into which designs could be scribed. At the end of the day, the drawings could be cleared and replaced with the next day's designs. Operative masons were also known to draw their designs directly on the earthen floor of the structure they were erecting. When Masonic lodges transitioned from operative to speculative practice, the trestle-board concept continued. At first, when lodges met "on high hills or in deep vales," symbols were drawn on the ground and destroyed when the lesson was completed. Later, as lodges began meeting inside taverns and other buildings, drawing the symbols on the floor in chalk or charcoal became the method of teaching. The newly entered apprentice (along with the stewards) would mop the floor clean to prevent discovery.

This practice could be burdensome and messy! So the master's carpet was born; it displayed the symbols of each of the degrees as it was unrolled section-by-section as

needed. The master's carpet would give birth to the trestle-board as we know it today. Based on Jeremy Cross' True Masonic Chart, each of the symbols for a specific degree is on one chart and was usually pointed out with the senior deacon's rod as the lesson unfolded. Many timeless symbols were used; all of which had and have tremendous meaning.

Aprons as Personal Expressions

Each operative mason had his own trestle-board, on which he drew the designs he saw in his mind's eye. So also, each speculative Mason could have his own private trestle-board, on which he drew the designs for his own moral and Masonic edifice: his "house not made with hands." Our early brethren found a practical way to display their designs: the first trestle-board they would use was their Masonic apron and, later, their gravestone.

Great symbols often have more than one meaning. Think of the Statue of Liberty: to many it is a symbol of freedom and democracy; for others it is a reminder of a great sacrifice given by our armed forces; and to others, it represents the ideals of the American dream. Masonic symbols are no different; often multiple meanings have been associated with them. In discussing the following examples, I will mention what I believe are the most common interpretations by Masons. You can certainly find additional meanings discussed in Masonic writings.

The symbols chosen to adorn an apron were intended to say something about the character of the Mason who wore it. Aprons were highly personal expressions. The first apron seen here belonged to Bro. Alpheus Baylies, a founding member of Solomon's Temple Lodge in Uxbridge. The symbols he chose are a comprehensive representation of Freemasonry. There is the All-seeing Eye, the sun, moon, square, and compasses, and various working tools. The Eye, borrowed from ancient religions, is symbolic of Deity's watchfulness and ever-present care of the universe. Both the Hebrews and Egyptians used human body parts to represent intangible concepts. Often the hand denoted fidelity, the

Apron of Bro. Alpheus Baylies, a founding member of Solomon's Temple Lodge.



foot denoted swiftness. So also, the eye denotes watchfulness, and who is more watchful than God? The Creator is without beginning and without end because He always is and has always been. He is both omnipotent (having unlimited universal power) and omnipresent (the quality of being everywhere at the same time). The Masonic Eye of God watches over each of us.

Several symbols used in the Third Degree are displayed. As we know, the anchor and the ark are emblems of a well-grounded hope and a well-spent life. They are emblematical of that divine ark which safely wafts us over this tempestuous sea of troubles, and that anchor which shall safely moor us in a peaceful harbor "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary shall find rest." The cluster of seven stars is the Pleiades that can be seen in the constellation Taurus every spring. The Romans termed the Pleiades the "virgins of spring" since they marked a time when life would come back to the Earth after a long winter. Masonically, the Pleiades became a symbol which represented a life beyond this one. It was seen as that starry destination to which we all aspire. Our early brethren could see this as a symbol of life being cyclical and not ending at death.

Next is the bee hive. To use the description from the Masonic Monitor, "The bee hive is an emblem of industry, and recommends the practice of that virtue to all created beings, from the highest seraph in the heavens to the lowest reptile of the dust. It teaches us that, as we come into the world endowed as rational and intelligent beings, so we should ever be industrious ones; never sitting down contented while our fellow creatures around us are in want, when it is in our power to relieve them, without inconvenience to ourselves." The hourglass is also represented. The hourglass is mentioned in the Third Degree lecture, where it is explained as an emblem of human life. It symbolizes the eternal passage of time, the sand slipping away until there is no more, and therefore a continual reminder that life is finite, and that therefore we should make the most of it while we can. The trestle-board this early



brother has used to express himself clearly speaks to life.

The second apron belonged to Bro. Luke Prentice, another founding member of Solomon's Temple Lodge. This apron is completely handmade and has been color dyed to make the images stand out so clearly. The artist is unknown. Family members presented the apron to the lodge long after the brother's passing. At first look, this apron seems to show a much different theme than the first apron of Bro. Baylies, but the lesson is still there to be seen. Once again, we can see the sun, moon, and All-seeing Eye. The beehive and hourglass also appear. The pink flowers are acacias

blooming. The acacia flowers and the Pleiades are representations of immortality. We may think this apron is a Masonic lesson of death—especially seeing the broken column and Father Time with the weeping virgin. But by using what we know about the other symbols and putting them together, we can see that this apron is also a celebration of life. Together the chosen symbols express a belief that time, patience, and perseverance will accomplish all things.

Gravestones—Memorial Trestle-boards

Using a gravestone as a trestle-board was a frequent practice of our early brethren. Using an apron to show who you

Above: The apron of Bro. Luke Prentice of Solomon's Temple Lodge. Below: Gravestone in Shrewsbury displaying the sun, moon, All-seeing Eye, and stars of the Pleiades.



are Masonically when you are alive could be a daunting enough challenge, but imagine trying to decide how to show the world who you are long after you are gone. Gravestone symbols needed to be chosen carefully as they were literally, set in stone. With so many images to choose from, it must have been difficult.

The first gravestone is from Mountain View Cemetery in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. It shows the sun, moon, and All-seeing Eye. The Pleiades is also represented around each object and arching across the top. In iconography, a five-pointed star represents the Earth, while a six-pointed star represents the heavens. The Square and Compasses are the focal point with the Book of Holy Scripture in the center of course.

The second photo is also from Mountain View Cemetery. Again,



The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



Second gravestone from Shrewsbury showing the Blazing Star, working tools and reference to John 1:5.

we see the sun, moon and All-seeing Eye. The blazing star is also seen on this gravestone. The noted Masonic ritualist, William Preston, explained the blazing star: “The blazing star, or glory in the center, reminds us of that awful period when the Almighty delivered the two tablets of stone, containing the Ten Commandments, to His faithful servant Moses on Mount Sinai, when the rays of His divine glory shone so bright that none could behold it without fear and trembling. It also reminds us of the omnipresence of the Almighty, overshadowing us with His divine love, and dispensing His blessings amongst us; And by its being placed in the center, it further reminds us, that wherever we may be assembled together, God is in the midst of us, seeing our actions, and observing the secret intents and movements of our hearts.” Along with the working tools, we also see the coffin and the sprig of acacia; next to that is seen the notation “I5.” This is (perhaps) a reference to John 1:5 which reads, “The light shines in darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.”

The last photos are from Millis and Franklin and depict a lodge room setting with the mosaic pavement, columns, and three burning tapers. Once again we can see the sun, moon, and the Pleiades as well as the working tools. The mosaic pavement conveys a philosophical, moral, and ethical view of the world. The late 18th century redactors of our ritual viewed human life as starkly white and black, “checked with good and evil.” It is also thought that the floor of King Solomon’s Temple was covered in the same manner.

Discover Trestle-boards Near You

Has your lodge preserved an apron? What story do grave-stones in your town tell? Of course, there are many more Masonic symbols seen on both aprons and grave-stones. This has only been a sampling of a very few. We can no longer wear adorned aprons in lodges, and most grave-stones we see today show little more than a square and compasses. This story about my own lodge and local cemetery stones shows a bit of the history of our fraternity. Many lodges have aprons that have been handed down to them

over the years. Take the time to look at one in your own lodge and see what kind of lesson the apron teaches. Take a walk through a local cemetery and you will be surprised at the number of square and compasses you will see. Be sure to view some of New England’s older slate stones from the late 1700s and early 1800s and you will be amazed at some of the ornate Masonic carvings.

Both aprons and grave-stones are teaching tools which can still be used today to convey a Masonic lesson: aprons often a celebration of life showing us how to act upon this earth; and grave-stones show us that there is something after death. These old trestle-boards still serve their purpose. ■



Above: An enlarged view of a stone in Millis displaying the checkered pavement. Below: Gravestone found in Franklin depicting a lodge room’s checkered pavement and other symbols.



They were both careful to point out I was celebrating my 63rd birthday. They also pointed out I have been a Mason for 42 years and a Scottish Rite Mason for 34 years. Add to that my journey in DeMolay, and I have been knocking around Masonic halls for 48 years.

I was looking at a calendar the other day and it struck me there is another anniversary looming—the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England on June 24, 1717. That is really, for me, the start date for Masonry as we know it today.

The Grand Lodge of England started out as the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster. There were three London lodges and one Westminster lodge at the initial meeting, which was held at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-House in St. Paul’s Churchyard. There is a plaque on the site, setup by the City of London, commemorating the meeting.

I thought it would be great to be at that spot on June 24, 2017. What a feeling it would be to be there exactly 300 years after our brothers sent modern Freemasonry on its first steps. There is only one problem with my plan: Is that the real date?

At the time the Grand Lodge of England was founded, the entire British Empire, except for Scotland, was using the Julian calendar. The British Empire didn’t change to the current Gregorian calendar until 1752. Scotland didn’t change in 1752; it had changed a few years earlier—152 years to be exact.

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Lately, I have been thinking about anniversaries. First it was the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and its 275th anniversary. Now it is the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and its 200th anniversary.

What got me started on this was some mail I received recently: birthday cards from both the Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite headquarters.

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The change was a bit complicated, but it amounted to advancing the Julian date by 11 days. So, Wednesday, September 2, 1752 (as the day was coming to a close it became September 13) was followed by Thursday, September 14, 1752: an 11 day leap. So, when you are looking at dates prior to 1752 you have to ask if this is the Julian date or has it already been converted to the Gregorian. If the date for founding the Grand Lodge of England has not been converted, the actual anniversary is July 5.

Some time ago I was doing a bit of research on the conversion to the Gregorian calendar and I hit upon an interesting fact. Brother George Washington’s birth date is listed as February 22, 1732. If you look at the church record for that year, you see he is listed as being born on February 11, 1731.

That seemed curious to me since it appears his birthday jumped ahead 376 days—far more than eleven. I found that in addition to changing calendars, the British also changed

New Years Day. Under the Julian calendar, the year began on March 25. It was a week-long celebration concluding on April 1. Even after the change, some people continued to observe March 25 as New Years Day. Those who continued that tradition were called the April Fools—hence April Fools’ Day.

For the British, 1751 was a short year; it ran from March 25 to December 31 (282 days). The next day was January 1, 1752, which was also a short year of 355 days.

So for Brother Washington, he celebrated his 19th birthday on February 11, 1750. His next birthday was on February 22, 1752. So I guess the option was to move the year of his birth or let him grow a bit older a bit faster.

I know that Masons in England are already planning a number of events including an event at the Excel Centre in London, a venue near the Olympic stadium. Information I read said it was one of the few places that had the capacity to handle an event of this magnitude. I hope I will be able to attend this event.

But in any case, I plan to be in London at St. Paul’s Churchyard on either Saturday, June 24, or Wednesday, July 5, 2017. I’m figuring they must have met at night and the normal supper hour is 8 p.m., so I’ll be there at that time. Now all I have to figure out is if they observed daylight savings time in 1717. ■

Meet an Active Massachusetts Mason

The introduction of the Master Mason Rookie Award Program has inspired many new Master Masons to really dive into their newfound fraternity. Some have gone on to become lodge officers and further contribute to their lodge's visibility and successes. One such recent rookie is Garden City Lodge's Bro. Joseph A. Manzo, Jr.

Bro. Manzo attended an open house in 2010; it took a few months to complete his degrees due to his work schedule. He had researched the fraternity thoroughly and once he chose a lodge, he jumped in with both feet! And once he became a Master Mason, he began the rookie program and completed all the requirements in just a few short months.

He has since become an officer in his lodge and has mentored some new brothers himself. He has also attended the new wardens workshop to learn as much as he can about presiding over the lodge—something he is not taking for granted. He understands he has to work for that honor and is working very hard just in case.

A ten-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, he was stationed aboard submarines as the ship's doctor, a position that he did not take lightly. He was a one-man medical department, dealing with not only routine medical issues, but dental, psychiatric, radiological, food sanitation, and a whole host of other responsibilities. During his military service he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal and a Flag Officer Commendation.

Discharged back in 1992, he eventually realized that he had been missing something: camaraderie. Bro. Manzo says he tried a few other fraternities but unlike Freemasonry, found them either to be lacking or just glorified drinking clubs. He found that the Masonic fraternity offered a sense of belonging, growth opportunities, paths to advancement, and leadership opportunities that help him in his usual vocation.

Bro. Manzo is a self-proclaimed trailblazer in his family; no other male belongs to the fraternity, but he says he's working on some of them. One of the advantages he mentions is the influence other fine Masons have had on him. He says every other Mason he has met has inspired him to be a better Mason, son, father, and an overall better human being. He is very proud to call these people brothers.

Leadership by example was deeply ingrained during his

military training. "This first begins when you become a good follower. As you grow, you learn one, see one, do one, teach one." He continues, "Ideally, nobody gets to be in charge of anything or anyone until they are an experienced, proficient, resident expert."

A product himself of an open house, he sees this program as a huge benefit to the individual lodges. He thinks that lodges need to maintain a visible presence in their communities to be successful. This includes the open houses, MYCHIP programs, blood drives, toy drives, food pantries, and anything that would promote the good work the lodges are doing in their communities. The more visible the lodges are, the more prospective candidates they will attract.



Bro. Joseph A. Manzo, Jr.

When asked if Masonry is on the right track, he says, "Great ideas and efforts should be approved and implemented much more quickly and efficiently. "We need to be keeping up with the times in order to remain relevant and to attract and retain new, young, ambitious men. We need to respond by whatever means possible when they choose to reach out to us, whether by phone, e-mail, text, or social media tools like Facebook or Twitter."

Brother Manzo would like to see floor work seminars or workshops, even though floor work is at the discretion of the master. Some basic hints about what is acceptable and not acceptable, along with some demonstrations would go a long way with the new Masons and younger officers. He says, "This should not start with a list of things you can't do, but instead consist of some interesting and fun things you can do."

Being a lodge officer has made him a better manager of time, a better public speaker, and a better man. Currently, Brother Manzo is senior deacon, a chief instructor, former Blood and CPR Committee chair, a district representative to Masonic Health Services, a representative for the MMRL, and an LOI instructor. He enjoys serving on investigating committees and has mentored new candidates as they progress through the degree process.

In his spare time—he says he does have some—he enjoys a Moxie, a good cigar, and nuclear hot wings with his brothers. It's the camaraderie that makes it all so special.

Bro. Joseph Manzo is an excellent example of how one man can successfully juggle the demands of family, work, and Masonry without sacrificing any one area, but improving all of these areas of life with his Masonic teachings. ■



THE GREATEST MUSEUM

by Bro. J. Graeme Noseworthy

When I was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in November of 2006, I was excited to become connected to something that I could only describe at the time as significant. From the first moment I stepped through the door of Trinity Lodge and shook hands with the men that would later become my brothers, I knew I was delving into an exciting world of history.

It was as if I had just stepped inside a living, breathing museum that contains the pieces of a puzzle I was destined to assemble and—hopefully—understand. It reminded me of what it must have felt like each time the ancients stepped inside the Royal Library of Alexandria and saw things they had never seen before. Legend has it that carved into the wall above the shelves was an inscription that read: The place of the cure of the soul.

That is exactly how I felt.

Even six years later, I still enjoy exploring my lodge to find the precious artifacts that hang upon the wall or remain on display for the new members and visitors to enjoy. I listen to the words being spoken as if I am hearing them for the first time. I admire the regalia being worn throughout the work of the evening as if I am seeing the treasures of a long-lost king who built a temple that would benefit us all.

As I do this, it will often occur to me that I am surrounded by an impressive collection that grows with each meeting and, especially, with each new candidate that we raise. Maybe it's not the kind of collection that would be seen in a high-end gallery in the bustling city, but it has a value that in many ways surpasses what common collectors would be willing to pay. The fact is that many of the



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Masonic relics around us date back centuries. They come from places that no longer exist. They were forged by men who have long since departed. And so, they have been bequeathed to each of us so that the legacy of our organization is kept alive for many, many years to come.

I have had this experience in the lodges I have been fortunate enough to visit across the Commonwealth and beyond. I have found that each building has its own distinctive story to tell with the unique objects and personalities under its roof. From the bulletin boards that hang in the entrance ways to the charters kept safe and sound within our vaults to the minutes read and recorded at each regular communication, we've assembled a remarkable story of our philanthropic endeavors, our philosophical architecture, our public intentions and, most importantly, ourselves. We've simultaneously chronicled the steps that have been taken throughout the evolution of Freemasonry in America.

And what a path it is to behold!

Consider if you will, that the portraits that hang upon the walls of our halls are more than a reminder of our beloved past masters. They are also a visual history of who we are, who we come from, and who now watches us from the Celestial Lodge above. Realize that the words we speak are more than just the memorized ritual of any given degree. They are as meaningful to us, for example, as the great sagas must have been to the Vikings, who reverently passed their stories on from generation to generation. Remember that each one of us is more than a member, officer, or trustee. We are the embodiment of all the fathers and sons who were raised before us.

And so, my brothers, the next time you look around your lodge, I hope you will take a moment to contemplate the fact that we are more than a fraternal organization or a simple gathering of men.

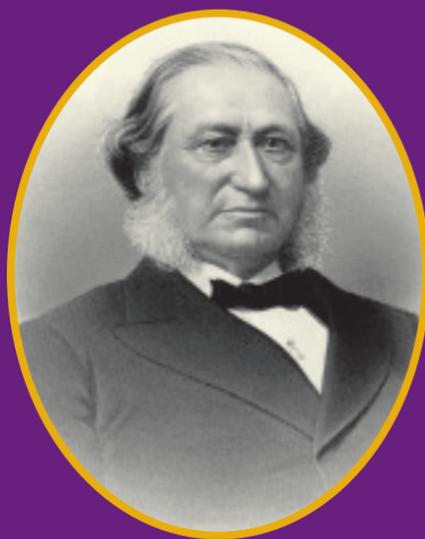
We are writing the latest chapter in the history of the greatest fraternity. ■

Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt

1866–1868

Most Wor. Charles C. Dame



The Fraternity Rebuilds

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

The members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts that gathered on the afternoon of June 8, 1864 were in a somber mood. Instead of holding their quarterly communication at Freemason's Hall in the Winthrop House on the corner of Boylston and Tremont Streets, they were being accommodated at temporary apartments at 10 Summer Street. Their beautiful hall, fitted for Masonic use in 1859 following the sale of the previous temple, had burned to the ground on the night of Wednesday, April 6.

"Not a single article was saved from the flames," Charles W. Moore lamented in the *Freemason's Monthly* in the following month's number. "All was consumed and destroyed. No correct estimate . . . of the value of the property destroyed in this portion of the building can with any certainty be made. A large portion of it cannot be replaced at any cost." Portraits, correspondence, furniture, regalia, charters, books and records—though, remarkably, not the Grand Lodge's records of Proceedings kept in the Grand Secretary's safe—were destroyed forever in the "awful conflagration."

The serious men who held the reins of power at Grand Lodge were determined to rebuild their home, and beginning at that June Quarterly, began to contemplate it. Several plans were proposed at that meeting, after which the Grand Lodge members approved a resolution to build a new temple at the same location, "and to raise all necessary funds therefor, by mortgages of the premises . . . and to purchase any additional land adjoining the said lot that may be necessary."

On Friday, October 14, they gathered at the Winthrop House site to lay a cornerstone for the new building. Several hundred Masons were present for the great event, making a procession that (according to Moore) moved at quick step "rather too much so for comfort." The entire affair was under the supervision of Grand Master William Parkman, then in the second year of his administration. It would take three years to finish the new structure, which would be dedicated by the man who succeeded him in office: Charles C. Dame, his deputy grand master. The building, and the debt that accompanied it, would cast its influence over the Masonic fraternity for a decade and a half; the fraternity would indeed rebuild, and the first steward of that process would be Grand Master Dame.

Charles Chase Dame was born in Kittery Point, Maine in 1819, when Maine was still part of Massachusetts. His father Joseph Dame was a schoolteacher, and he followed that profession early in his adult life, first in New Hampshire and then in Massachusetts. In 1851 he took charge of the English department of Chauncy Hall School, a position he held until 1860 when he resigned to open a law office in Newburyport, where he had made his home. He was active in both the civic and professional spheres: he served in the state senate in 1868, as mayor of Newburyport in 1886, and as collector of internal revenue in his adopted city for nearly twenty years. He was a member of the New England Historical Genealogical Society and the

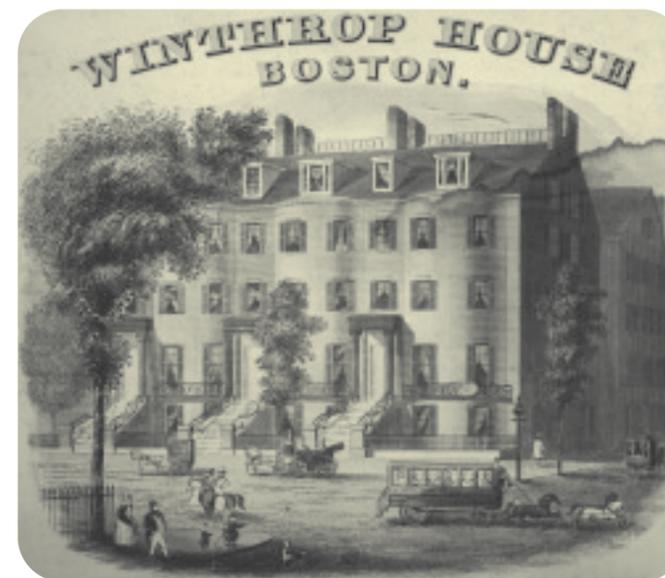
Ancient and Honorable Artillery, where he was commander in 1870.

His rise through the ranks of the fraternity was swift. He was received in Revere Lodge of Boston and raised a Master Mason on December 1, 1857, and became master in 1860; like most men of his stature in that day, he involved himself in all of the York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies, serving as head of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston Commandery, and Hugh de Payens Commandery, and filling the office of grand king of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts in 1862. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Lowell and was awarded the 33° in May 1863, serving as deputy for Massachusetts in the Supreme Council in 1898 and 1899.

After a year as junior grand deacon in 1862, he was chosen by Grand Master William Parkman to become deputy grand master of Masons in Massachusetts. As was often the case at that time, he held that office for the entire three years of Grand Master Parkman's term; he is frequently mentioned in the *Proceedings* and Moore's *Freemason's Monthly*. It was an extraordinarily busy three years: Grand Master Parkman issued twenty-five charters, including sixteen in 1865 alone (notably one bearing his own name). Rt. Wor. Charles Dame was present for, and in some cases presided at, many of the installation and consecration ceremonies. Though only in his mid-forties, he was already regarded highly as a speaker and a ritualist—an outstanding, "bright" Mason in a time when the work of the Craft was transmitted from mouth to ear.

In December of 1865, Charles Chase Dame succeeded to the East of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The session at which he was elected was, according to the report, "the most numerous attended session . . . since the organization of the Body in 1733." There were 114 lodges in attendance, out of a total of 133 in the jurisdiction (not including the 16 lodges under dispensation at the time). The new Grand Master went to work at once; by the end of his first year, he would issue nine new charters; seven were from lodges for which his predecessor had granted dispensation, an eighth (Alfred Baylies Lodge) for which he provided dispensation, and a ninth for a former Paul Revere lodge, Adams of Wellfleet, reconstituted under new organization at the end of 1866.

Grand Master Dame made few rulings during his tenure, but he did issue definitive rulings during his first year regarding the powers of masters of lodges, in response to particular bylaws submitted by new lodges. In one instance, a lodge had offered the rule that masters' appoint-



ments were to be made with the 'advice and consent of the wardens.' He objected strongly to this in the following ruling:

"The worshipful master is the supreme governor of his lodge. He rules and governs it according to his will and pleasures. He is not amenable to his lodge, but to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. There is no appeal to the lodge from his decisions . . . the appointing power cannot be divided between the worshipful master and

any one or two of his officers.

"He must be unrestrained and untrammelled in all his appointments. He must be independent and not controlled. This principle is as old as Masonry itself, so far as we know anything of its history, by tradition or written records."

In a further assertion of the powers of the master, he dismissed a bylaw that would have adopted parliamentary procedure for debate in a lodge.

"Parliamentary rules are unknown in our lodges, except so far as our own rules, for the dispatch of our Masonic business correspond with parliamentary rules. The worshipful master as the head and governor of the lodge is not bound by any such usage as this section contemplates.

"He can stop debate when he considers it proper, and close the lodge at his will and pleasure. He cannot be circumscribed in his power by any such regulation. Our lodges need no code to regulate their discussions for they are not debating, or legislative societies."

Despite his relative youth, Grand Master Dame ruled with a firm and steady hand. His response to the swelling interest in the fraternity was not only the establishment of new lodges—in addition to the nine chartered in 1866, he granted ten more charters in 1867 and seven more in 1868—but also the establishment of new districts in the Commonwealth. The districts had been redrawn in 1835 and 1849, primarily in order to govern the lodges that survived the anti-Masonic storm; but by 1867 it was clear that there was a severe imbalance, due to the many new lodges being created. He increased the number to 16 (a seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth district would be added before Grand Master Lawrence reorganized the state again in 1883), and established districts for Chile and China, as well as Peru (where the Grand Lodge granted a dispensation in the late 1860s). The new deputies were given more formal and specific instructions, and greater responsibilities, which would be enlarged and articulated by his successor, Grand Master Gardner, a few years later.

Brother Dame was an articulate speaker, and much admired and liked by the brethren of Massachusetts. He

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The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in Boston and the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library in Lexington, Massachusetts have partnered to produce *Curiosities of the Craft: Treasures from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Collection*. This book will be available in May 2013.

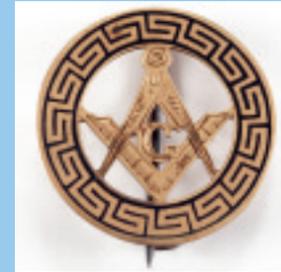
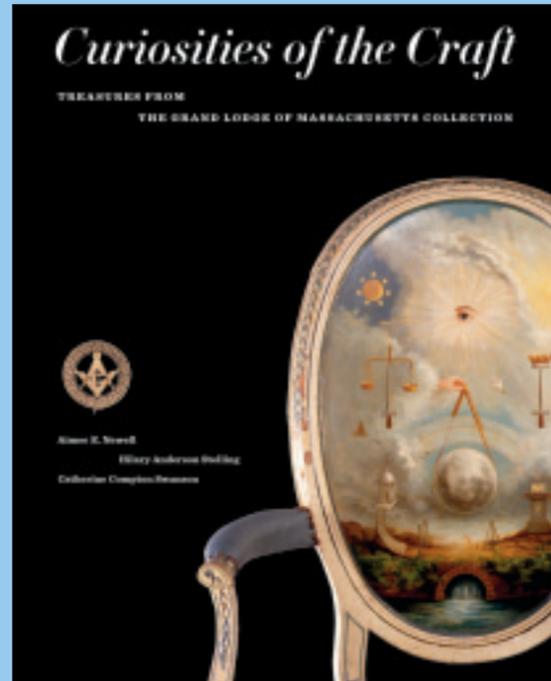
On July 30, 1733, Henry Price (1697–1780), appointed by the Grand Lodge of England, gathered his Masonic brothers at a Boston tavern and formed what would become known as the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. Over the following 280 years, the Grand Lodge withstood wars, anti-Masonic sentiment, and fires. At the same time, the Grand Lodge amassed a collection of Masonic and historic objects, mementos and documents that tell not only its story, but also the story of Boston, New England, and the United States.

Drawing on new research the book includes over 150 highlights from the Grand Lodge collection of more than 10,000 items acquired since 1733. These objects represent the rich heritage of Freemasonry in Massachusetts and tell stories of life in the fraternity, in the state, and around the world. Some items were made or used by Massachusetts Masons, while others have associations with famous American Freemasons, such as George Washington and Paul Revere.

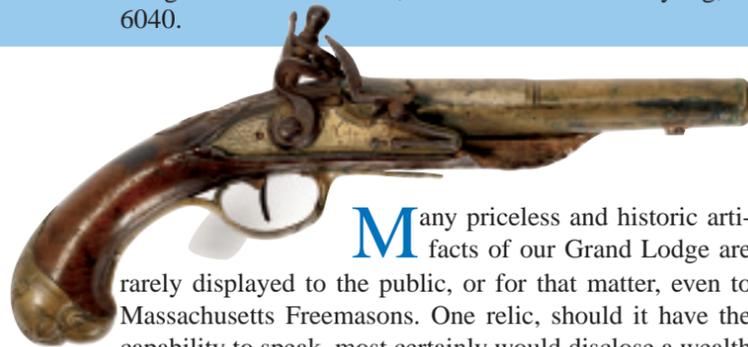
Introduced with a history of the Grand Lodge collection, the catalog treats the themes of Traditions and Roots, Ritual and Ceremony, Gifts and Charity, Brotherhood and Community, and Memory and Commemoration. Through the treasures of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts collection, this publication explores the ordinary men, craftsmen, and extraordinary leaders who built and sustained the Freemasonry in Massachusetts for centuries.

Beginning in 2004, the Grand Lodge collection has been housed at and managed by the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library.

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Above left: Gold Masonic pin, ca. 1862, unidentified maker, United States. Center: Belt plate, 1787, unidentified maker, unknown origin, silver on copper. Right: Pitcher, early 1800s, Wood and Caldwell (1790–1818), Burslem, England; Pearlware printed in black and painted in enamels. Below left: Paul Revere equestrian statuette, ca. 1882, plaster, attributed to Cyrus E. Dallin (1861–1944), Boston. Below right: Slate gravestone, 1780, unidentified maker, Massachusetts. All items from the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts Collection; photographs by David Bohl.



Brother Jones' Pistol

by Rt. Wor. C. William Lakso

and engaged in battle with the British warship *Serapis*.

Through the assistance and generosity of Past Grand Master Samuel Crocker Lawrence, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts acquired this pistol in 1907. Originally owned by famed naval hero John Paul Jones (1747–1792), the pistol was passed down in his family after his death. Jones joined Saint Bernard Lodge No. 122 in Scotland, in 1770, later becoming a member of Lodge of Nine Sisters in Paris. —Aimee E. Newell, *Curiosities of the Craft*, 2013 [see above].

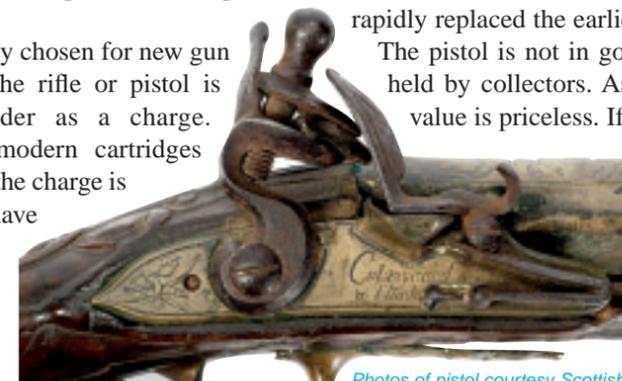
The flintlock pistol was produced by Cassaignard, a maker of swords and sabers in Nantes, France during the period 1774–1812. Walnut stock and brass furniture and a pommel cap shaped as the head of an eagle are combined with a six-inch cast bronze barrel with engraving, to create a genuinely beautiful piece when new. Missing from the pistol is the normally furnished horn-tipped whalebone ramrod used for setting the projectile. Little is known of the

Cassaignard firm, except that they produced marine officers' pistols and sabers of high quality, mostly for the French non-military navy such as privateers or corsairs. How and when did Jones acquire the pistol? In reading his U.S. Naval history we note that on June 14, 1777 he was appointed Captain of the *Ranger* then being built at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He sailed for France November 1 and arrived at Nantes, the home of the Cassaignard firm on December 7, having captured two ships enroute. One might speculate that he purchased the pistol during that visit to Nantes.

In modern times brass is rarely chosen for new gun barrels, and then only when the rifle or pistol is designed to use black powder as a charge. Smokeless powder, used in modern cartridges builds explosive pressure when the charge is ignited, and brass does not have adequate strength to withstand the pressures developed. Black powder burns more slowly when ignited, acting more as a pushing action, rather than an

explosion to move the projectile through the barrel. The Chinese, inventors of gunpowder, are reported to have used bamboo as the first barrels in gunpowder projectile weapons. Early European barrels were made of wrought iron. Brass and bronze were favored by gunsmiths for their ease in casting and machining and to resist the corrosion created by the combustion of gunpowder. Prior to the invention of the flintlock, ignition and firing was accomplished through the use of matchlock or wheel lock mechanisms. The flintlock was introduced about 1610–1630 and rapidly replaced the earlier forms of ignition.

The pistol is not in good condition compared to many held by collectors. As an artifact of Grand Lodge its value is priceless. If ever placed on the market, in all probability it would command a very high price because of its history and the notoriety of its owner, Brother, Captain, but never-to-be Vice Admiral John Paul Jones.



Photos of pistol courtesy Scottish Rite Museum and Library, Lexington, Mass.



Rt. Wor. C. William Lakso was raised in Aurora Lodge, Fitchburg and served as worshipful master in 1965–1966. He was appointed grand pursuivant of Grand Lodge in 1970. He presided over Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection from 1993 to 1996; and became a sovereign grand inspector general, 33° in 1995.

NEWS FROM OVERLOOK

MUSIC & MEMORY PROGRAM

Making an Impact on Overlook Northampton Residents

If you take a walk through the halls of The Overlook at Northampton, you may notice something a little out of the ordinary. Many residents will be listening to their own personal playlists on iPods, something usually associated with a much younger population. The music program offers the opportunity for residents to personalize their playlists with the help of staff, volunteers, and family members. The program is made possible through a grant from Music & Memory and also through funds from the Overlook Make-A-Wish program.

Kim Park, admissions director, agrees that this has been a strong program for residents and says, "Music has such an emotional impact. It brings smiles, and it sometimes brings tears. This music is theirs, their own personal playlist which has meaning for them alone." Kim has seen requests for music from Mozart to Meatloaf. The library of songs is an eclectic mix of genres and time frames representing classical, rock and roll, bebop, and everything in between.

Abundant research shows that moving from age-appropriate music to person-appropriate music can make a significant difference in a resident's quality of life. The Music & Memory Program is designed specifically to allow skilled nursing facilities to introduce the benefits of therapeutic music to their residents. Research also demonstrates that patients who are connected with their favorite music are less agitated and generally have a better overall mood.

In Northampton, dramatic changes have been noted in demeanor, both emotional and physical, in residents when the headphones go on and they hear their favorite music. Kim states, "When residents come to live in our community now, their customized music program will provide an opportunity to be engaged in a very personal and powerful way." ■



Northampton resident Elaine Savage with her iPod.

How Raising Chickens Hatched an Even Bigger Idea



Above left: Chef Stephanie Finnegan, Monica Howe, and Chef Dave DuPuis. At right: A display of local produce and food products.

The Overlook Community's epicureans have presented their first Farm-to-Table Dinner. The dinner showcased the hand-raised poultry of high school student Monica Howe. Monica had the opportunity to go to France, Germany, and Switzerland in April, 2013 with her French class at Quabbin Regional High School. However, the catch was, she had to raise approximately \$3,000 on her own. She got the idea to raise jumbo Cornish-cross chickens and sell them to customers.

The Overlook learned about the project and decided to purchase some of the chickens for one of their epicurean dinners. This sparked an even larger idea to produce and serve a complete farm-to-table dinner using all locally

grown items. Other local products featured during the meal included cheeses from Robinson Farm of Hardwick, and Westfield Farm from Hubbardston. There was also fresh bread and rolls from Five Loaves Bakery in Spencer and a dessert wine from the Hardwick Vineyard.

The dinner was attended by more than thirty people, including Monica and her family. Also in attendance was Mary Jordan who is the director of agricultural promotions for the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture. Going forward, Overlook Dining Service Director Cynthia Nardulli will continue to work with Ms. Jordan on obtaining more locally grown and raised products for the Overlook Community. ■

Masonic Health System Introduces a New Suite of Web Sites

www.mhs-mass.org

In a much anticipated unveiling, Masonic Health System (MHS) recently launched its new suite of Web sites. The new sites provide answers to both product selections and health related questions while offering end users an interactive and enjoyable browsing experience.

The sites were designed to showcase MHS as a cohesive and integrated operation that helps the user understand the



range of capabilities the organization offers to support health related challenges they might be experiencing. Browsers can search through individual business divisions and easily navigate throughout all operations.

One of the main drivers of each site is to encourage individuals to pick up the phone and call an MHS Advisor to help guide them directly to the person who would be best

Hingham OVNA Signs Agreement with South Shore Elder Services

Overlook VNA in Hingham was just chosen by South Shore Elder Services to become a Cluster Provider. A Cluster Provider is a formal partnership between non-certified and certified provider agencies that enables clients to receive a continuity of services between medical and non-medical needs and that creates options for medication management. Cluster Providers are given authorization for bulk service hours and floating hours, in designated geographic areas with a concentration of consumers—ideally with shopping and laundry resources within a set distance. Through this model, a Cluster Provider is able to enhance commitment to service, provide short, frequent visits that respond to the clients changing needs, and form a partnership with the client and community. ■



Clockwise, top to bottom: VNA employees Elaine Stephens, Mary McSweeney, Carol Parese, and Karen Ghelfi.

able to answer their questions. The design goals are to not inundate individuals with information but, rather, provide a sampling of our breadth of service coverage while maintaining personal, friendly and specialized contact.

"The sites bring the user into the conversation, so to speak," said Patrick McShane, Vice President of Corporate Communications for MHS. "The goal was to create a consumer experience that was not intimidating and offered either easy-to-find information or a simple connection to an MHS representative who can answer the user's questions."

A comment heard throughout the development phase was the frequency of use of the phone number. It appears on every page of each Web site and, in some cases, multiple times on each page.

"We put the phone number everywhere so people would always have an easy time to get access to us and the information they need," said McShane.

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Historic Masonic Records Found in Maine

by Rt. Wor. Thomas E. Pulkkinen



Many a good story weaves together people and events from the past, has a happy ending, and teaches an important lesson. Such are the stories told in the three degrees of Freemasonry, and also this short but true tale of Masonic records thought forever to be lost.

A few days before Christmas, I received a call from a friend, a real live Native American chief—Rt. Wor. Walter Vickers, of United Brethren Lodge in Marlborough,

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Some of the features that went into the development of all of Masonic Health System's sites were:

- Short written areas that are easy to quickly browse
- Answers to the consumers frequently asked questions
- Easy to find contact information
- Contemporary look and feel to site but carefully designed to not be confusing or overly intrusive with design elements.
- The Web site helps direct end-users as to what to do next. So many Web sites float information out like a newspaper advertisement but then let the consumer read and digest without helping them through the next steps. Our sites are designed to help the user reach the person who can best assist them with whatever questions or challenges they might currently be facing

Please take a look and feel free to contact Masonic Health System with any comments or questions. ■

Charlton Ladies Enjoy Pampering

Wine, cheese, facials, and fun were on the calendar for a Girls' Night Out for residents in Charlton's Overlook Health Center. Alexis King, a certified nursing assistant who is also a representative with Mary Kay Cosmetics, took the initiative to bring the two worlds she loves together and act as the host for a very special evening for residents. A group of thirteen ladies received facials and makeovers while laughing the night away. Conversation, food and beverages all flowed freely.

The night could not have been such an immense success without the assistance of unit manager, Karen Bergstrom and an assortment of volunteer friends and family members. All who attended had a wonderful night of being pampered with a group of close acquaintances.

The night was such an overwhelming success that additional Girls' Nights are already being planned. ■

Massachusetts, and chief of Nipmuc Nation. Bro. Vickers suggested that I contact his son-in-law, Bro. Rick Cavers of Oxford Lodge No. 18 in Norway, Maine, because his grandson Eric had some old Masonic records.

Within hours, three generations of Cavers, including Eric's son Nolan, were seated with me in the Dunkin Donuts in Gray, Maine looking at the history of Presumpscot Lodge No. 70, in Windham—from its beginnings in 1864 to the mid 1880s—and discussing how these and more recent records were found.

Eric Cavers recently purchased a home near Thompson Lake in Otisfield. A neighbor asked whether he had seen the old bus in the woods on the property. The answer was, "What bus?" It seems a former owner had a bus that he used as an office, as a workplace for his duties as secretary of Presumpscot Lodge. Bro. Ephraim S. Jillson, "Mayor of Otisfield" and a dedicated Mason for nearly 65 years, kept the lodge records in the old bus. No one in his lodge knew it, and when he passed years ago, no one even knew of the bus. That is, no one except Mother Nature. So over many years, the records were subjected to the ravages of the weather and critters. Most of the records in the old bus were destroyed, but others were in pristine condition, including the lodge records from its inception in 1864 through 1884.

Recorded were the dispensation and charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Maine; the formation of a committee to see if the Masonic Hall was safe to use; the retention of Josiah Hayden Drummond to form the lodge corporation, and records of many, many local men becoming Masons ... and so much more.

So the happy ending is that at least some records of the lodge's history are home again where they should be, thanks to two Masons and a man who cared. And the story's lesson for all lodges is that Masonic records should be kept in the lodge, but when they must be removed, the lodge should know where they are and that they will be well protected. ■



Brother Pulkkinen is a past junior grand warden and a permanent member of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He currently lives in East Boothbay, Maine, where he is a past master and the current secretary of Bay View Lodge #196. The former editor of Trowel Magazine now chairs the Grand Lodge of Maine's finance committee and works with Grand Master James Ross on the introduction of leadership and mentoring programs for Masons in Maine.

THE EXCITABLE HEART

Introduction to Cardiac Arrhythmias

Part I of a Five-Part Series

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

Seventy times a minute, 100,000 times each day, it beats effortlessly, tirelessly. Your heart is an organ like none other, charged with moving 4,300 gallons of blood each day through the intricate vascular network of our body. Although displacement of blood is its primary function, each and every beat of this unique muscular pump is initiated and finely regulated by electrical impulses that originate in the heart itself. Electrical currents, not in the form of electrons like those that flow through the wires of our house, but in the form of ions, flow across the membrane of each cell causing voltage surges that set the heart in motion. Sodium ions rush into the cells, to be followed by potassium and chloride ions making a quick exit. The resulting voltage spike or action potential regulates the influx of calcium ions that mediate the sliding motion of filaments within each cell causing their shortening or contraction.

This process, repeated in each adjoining cell of the heart, causes the orderly spread of electrical activity and the synchronous contraction of the myocardium (heart muscle). Like other "excitable" tissues, the cells of the heart are electrically connected through low resistance pathways. These pathways facilitate the spread of the electrical impulse, ensuring efficient activation and pumping motion. Without electrical activity, the heart lies motionless and serves no useful purpose. Disorderly electrical activity also known as arrhythmias may also render the heart inefficient or totally useless as a pump. Extreme disorganization of the electrical activity within the heart can lead to sudden death, the single most prevalent mechanism of death in the United States, taking the lives of over 350,000 Americans each year. Nearly every minute of every day someone in this country dies of sudden cardiac death, very often the result of an arrhythmia known as ventricular fibrillation.

Arrhythmias are not always life-threatening. Some, including extrasystoles or "extra beats" may be quite innocuous. Others like AV nodal tachycardia, although not lethal, may be incapacitating. Still others like atrial fibrillation may be less crippling, but could lead to a stroke.

Through research scientists have identified a number of mechanisms by which cardiac arrhythmias arise. Pre-

vention, diagnosis and treatment have advanced at a steady pace offering a better quality of life for some and a new lease on life for many sufferers of heart disease. Many of these advances are directly attributable to research done at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL), a leading center for the study of cardiac arrhythmias for over 50 years.

The tradition of excellence continues at the MMRL thanks to the generosity of concerned individuals, including Free and Accepted Masons nationwide. It is only through such generous and considerate gifts that our scientists are able to wage a vigorous fight against the diseases that plaque humankind. A better gift to humanity is hard to conceive. The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation founded and sponsored by Freemasonry. Recognized as one of the finest biomedical research centers in the world, the MMRL has contributed importantly to the modern day practice of cardiology.

Over the past five decades MMRL investigators have been credited with either discovering or unraveling the mechanisms of a majority of known cardiac arrhythmias and is currently one of a handful of medical research institutes worldwide capable of studying the genetic causes of the lethal cardiac arrhythmias responsible for sudden death in young adults, children and infants. The MMRL is leading the way in the development of innovative safe and effective pharmacological treatment for atrial fibrillation, one of the greatest unmet medical needs facing our society.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is the Signature Charity of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The institute is also supported by several Masonic grand jurisdictions and concordant bodies, the general public as well as through corporate, foundation, National Institutes of Health and American Heart Association grants. On average, 84 cents of every dollar donated goes to cardiac research. ■



Please visit www.mmrl.edu
or www.massfreemasonry.org
to learn more.

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West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge Rededicated



Grand Lodge officers perform the ancient Carpet Ceremony during the rededication.

West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge celebrated its 100th anniversary with many distinguished guests on April 1, 2013. The side lines, full of brothers, viewed an ancient carpet ceremony rededicating the lodge that was performed by

Grand Lodge members including Grand Master Richard James Stewart.

Four brothers received awards from the Grand Master. Brothers Erick Kainen and Jim Russo were awarded the Master Mason Rookie Award. Brother David Josie became the newest Masonic ambassador and received his diploma. Master of the lodge. Wor. Robert P. Shedd received the fourth Master Builder's Award for the lodge.

The Grand Master was amazed at the number of Rookie and Master Builder Award recipients, and complimented the lodge on how healthy it has become. The event was a night to remember for members of West Roxbury Dorchester Lodge, which has adopted a new motto—Family, Fun & Fellowship—and looks forward to the next 100 years! — **Wor. Robert P. Shedd**



Grand Master Richard Stewart presents the Master Mason Rookie Award to Bro. Erick Kainen (right); Wor Master Robert Shedd is at left.



RW James A. Gilrein II to Act as Senior Grand Warden

Grand Master Richard J. Stewart has appointed Rt. Wor. James A. Gilrein II to act as senior grand warden, filling the vacancy created when Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Sprague, Jr. resigned on April 3. Bro. Sprague resigned as senior grand warden, director of the Grand Lodge, and chairman of the Membership Committee citing personal reasons. The Grand Master named Rt. Wor. Scott T. Jareo chairman of the Membership Committee. A replacement to the board of directors will be made at a later time.

Busy Year for Lexington Masonic Association

The Lexington Masonic Association (LMA) had a busy meeting in April in order to attend to a water-damaged mural, an historical sign facing the Lexington Battle Green, and an encroaching neighbor. While they handle building maintenance issues that any association would handle, the LMA works in coordination with the owning lodge, Simon W. Robinson, and incorporates Masonic principles into its business practices.

"The bylaws are the law," said Wor. Irwin Macoy when questioned why the LMA works so well. "We follow the bylaws of the association."

The building was erected in 1822, but the deed of trust allowing the LMA control is from 1917. "Something must have happened then, but we don't know what," said Wor. Robert Bryan. The building has a storied past: originally the starting place for Framingham State University, it housed the classrooms on the first floor and the dormitory in the attic. Later, it became shops, a church, and there is a rumor of it being a gentlemen's club in the 1800s.



Wors. Matthew S. Gerrish, Marc Reyome, Scott Kourian, Jr., Robert Bryan, and Bro. Larry Carroll in the Lodge room in the Lexington Masonic Hall.

The building has gone through a great deal of work in the past year. "We have re-carpeted, put in new lighting, rebuilt the furnace, new oil tanks—the old one was from WWII and we were lucky it hadn't started leaking—and a tree fell during Superstorm Sandy. We had a big year," said Wor. Marc Reyome.

"Everything we do is by consent of the lodge. We don't have direct access



Morning Star Lodge Holds Past DDGM Night

In February, sixteen past district deputy grand masters and past Grand Lodge officers assembled at Morning Star Lodge in Worcester and performed a Master Mason Degree for Bros. Jaras Azerbay and Patrick John Galvin. This event marked the first time since 1982 that a past district deputy team performed degree work in the 23rd Masonic District.

Bro. Azerbay is joining Morning Star directly from DeMolay. The master for the evening was Rt. Wor. Robert Schremser, the senior warden was Rt. Wor. Wayne Vinton, the junior warden was Rt. Wor. Robert McDuffie, and the Chaplain was Rt. Wor. Dennis Reebel.

All of these Masons are senior DeMolays. Many other members of the degree team are also senior DeMolays.

Rt. Wor. Jay Jolicoeur delivered a stirring charge to the candidates.

Shown in photo above are, front row: RW Stu Glass, Wor. Adam Ferraro, Bros. Patrick Galvin and Jaras Azerbay, RWs Bob McDuffie, Bob Johnson, Jay Jolicoeur, Bro. Bill Nieritz; second row: RWs Robbie Burnett, Wayne Vinton, Walter Golden, Robert Schremser, Doug Freeman, Rob Jessee; back row: RWs John Andrews, David Pace, John Hanson, Dennis Reebel, and Russ Lowe.

— **Rt. Wor. Bob Johnson**

to the funds we use: we work out a plan to cover capital improvements and present it to the lodge for authorization. We respond to issues brought up in the lodge," said treasurer, Wor. Mathew S. Gerrish.

"For example, the dining room had terrible acoustics. If you sat next to a brother in a full dining room, you would have to yell to have a conversation. The lodge asked us to put in a dropped ceiling, which creates all sorts of problems and is expensive. We found a less expensive solution: sound proof paint. We've had no complaints," said Wor. Bro. Reyome.

There are several long-term renters including Washington Lodge founded by Paul Revere, as well as DeMolay, the Rainbow Girls, and recently the Girl Scouts. "The master of Washington Lodge is an associate, just like all members of Simon W. Robinson Lodge," explained Wor. Bro. Reyome.

— **Wor. Lee H. Fenn**

Awards at Harmony Lodge

Two brothers from Harmony Lodge were formally recognized for their dedication to the Craft. During his fraternal visit, Rt. Wor. William H. Paul presented Bro. David Kuklewicz with his Master Builder's Award and Bro. Keith Kapice with his Rookie Award (left to right in photo below).



In addition to fulfilling the requirements of their respective awards, Bros. Kuklewicz and Kapice have been instrumental in actively organizing and participating in multiple community-based, charitable events. These events included the annual children's bicycle safety day with the MyChip Program, the annual Chasin'-A-Mason 5k Run, and the community food pantry. Bro. Kuklewicz is the junior warden of Harmony Lodge and Bro. Kapice is the senior steward. — **Bro. Daniel Morgan**

Membership Efforts Succeed at Joseph Webb Lodge



New member Bro. Robert Gallagher and Wor. Micheal J. Petit at Jos. Webb Lodge.

Joseph Webb Lodge has developed a successful membership development effort; this Boston-based lodge raised 12 new brothers in 2013.

The first four were raised in November 2012, and another eight took this step in April 2013. These new brothers came from a much larger pool of applicants, and an even more sizable group of candidates. As a result of these new additions, Joseph Webb

Lodge currently has 153 members.

In order to ensure that applicants are 100% comfortable before they join, the lodge has outlined a specific process. Interested individuals start by having an introductory conversation with the master. Then they attend one or two lodges of instruction that contain a presentation specifically geared toward them. Next, the prospective candidates come to several dinners. These occur after lodge communications and the guests get a feel for the lodge.

Once these steps have been taken, they begin discussing the application process with the appropriate lodge officers. Those whose ballots are approved are encouraged to become involved in lodge activities as soon as they are raised, and all new members participate in the degree work for the next group of candidates.

— **Bro. Charles Bovard**

Masonic Flash Mob Strikes in Amherst



On February 19, masters and brothers of the 26th District, lead by Rt. Wor. William H. Paul, descended on Pacific Lodge in Amherst in what's being known as the 1st Annual Masonic Flash Mob.

The project was the brainchild of Bro. Chuck Vassar of Republican Lodge in Greenfield. In keeping with the spirit and traditions of Freemasonry, Bro. Vassar wanted to create an event where brethren from his district could gather and spread the fellowship of this great fraternity to other brothers who might not otherwise have the opportunity to gather together. He succeeded! Approximately 45 Masons answered the call for fellowship. Loading up the wagons, the caravan converged on the unsuspecting Pacific Lodge and master, Wor. Kirk Whatley.

One of the goals of a Flash Mob is to be a surprise; this one was! Wor. Bro. Whatley looked out from the East in awe: every available space in his lodge was occupied. Lodge members were filled with pride when they heard the mob recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The night chosen for the visit happened to coincide with Rt. Wor. John Mathews' fraternal visit. He too was awestruck by the very long line of brethren waiting to enter his home lodge.

Present in the flash mob were Rt. Wor. Bro. Paul, all five current masters of the district (Republican, Harmony, North Quabbin, Mountain, and Mt. Sugarloaf), many past masters, past DDGMs, several brothers and one newly passed fellow craft. The night was such a great success that another visit by the mob is in the plans. Any lodge can be similarly surprised. —*Bro. Mark Hutchinson*



Phoenix Lodge Aids Pantry

Phoenix Lodge made a cash donation to the Norwell Food Pantry. The money was raised by the lodge's public breakfasts that are held on the second Sunday of each month.

Shown are Alicia Tedeschi, chairman of the Norwell Food Pantry and Wor. Donald Spradlin, master of Phoenix Lodge. —*Bro. Jon Bond*

Trowel Deadlines

Fall 2013

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Articles: September 21, 2013
Lodge News: October 19, 2013

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Articles: December 21, 2013
Lodge News: January 18, 2014

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Golden Rule Lodge Celebrates 125th Anniversary

On February 14, at the Wakefield Lynnfield Masonic Building, Golden Rule Lodge held the Wor. William D. Deadman Dinner in honor of the first master of Golden Rule Lodge on the occasion of the lodge's 125th anniversary. Approximately 75 attendees including ladies had a wonderful surf-and-turf dinner and enjoyed remarks from Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master James T. Morse, Rt. Wor. Senior Grand Warden Kenneth W. Sprague, Rt. Wor. Grand Historian Walter H. Hunt, Rt. Wor. George J. Bibilos, anniversary committee chairman, and Rt. Wor. Scott T. Jareo, DDGM for the 13th Masonic District.

As it was also Valentine's Day, the ladies were given roses and a box of chocolates for joining the brethren on this celebratory evening, and the Masons sported their red bow ties in recognition of their support for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory charity. —*Rt. Wor. George Bibilos*

Joseph Warren Medal to Amicable's Roach



In March at Amicable Lodge in Cambridge, Rt. Wor. Jerry A. Roach Jr. received a Joseph Warren Medal. It was presented by Rt. Wor. Edgar de León, DDGM for the 2nd District and Wor. David C. Riley, the master of Amicable Lodge. Members were asked to stand up if they were influenced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Roach; the lodge was on its feet. —*Wor. Lee H. Fenn*



Veteran's Medal Recipients in 2013

1963 2013

Alpha Lodge

Bro. Thomas Henry Petze
Wor. Frank True Scales
Bro. Kenneth William Simpson

Amicable Lodge

Bro. Donald Blanchard Banks
Bro. James Efstratiou
Bro. Blaine Alton Tompkins



Bro. James Efstratiou awarded his Veterans medal. L to R: Wor. David L. Riley, Phyllis and Bro. James Efstratiou, and Rt. Wor. Edgar de León, DDGM District 2.

Amity-Mosaic Lodge

Bro. Reginald Vincent Berry
Bro. Peter Arthur Johnson
Bro. Warren James Merriam
Bro. Mellin Grant Nelson
Bro. Robert Leonard Otovic
Wor. Warren Elliott Porter
Bro. Ernest Edward Sheltry
Bro. Donald Kenneth Willey

Ancient York Lodge

Bro. Lawrence Herbert Miller

Ancon Lodge

Bro. Edwin Ruphen Malin

Artisan Lodge

Bro. Leo Richard Martin

Aurora Lodge

Bro. Oscar Richard Kesti

Azure Lodge

Bro. John Albert Forbes
R.W. James Allen Manninen
R.W. Ronald Frederick Spicer

Baalis Sanford Lodge

Bro. Dwight Anderson Holton
Bro. Fred Walter Swanson

Bay Path Lodge

Wor. David Edward Whittemore

Berkshire Lodge

Bro. Thomas Frank Peckham Jr.

Bethesda (W) Lodge

Bro. Charles Allan Lindquist

Beth-horon Lodge

Bro. Donald Edgar Drews

Blue Hill Lodge

Bro. David Jay Perry

The following Master Masons will be eligible to receive their Veteran's Medal this year. This medal is awarded to men who have been Masons for 50 years. Anyone raised at any time during 1963 will be recognized in 2013.

Whenever possible, the award is conferred in lodge by district deputy grand masters. Sometimes it is more convenient for the Mason to receive his medal at home; men living out of state receive it by mail. This listing includes a number of photographs depicting presentations made so far in 2013 and generously sent on to TROWEL Magazine. Thank you to all the masters, district deputies, and their photographers for taking the time to share these pictures.

The high point of membership numbers was reached in Massachusetts in the years 1961 and 1962, when the fraternity had over 133,000 members throughout the state. The number of medal recipients this year is only slightly less than the 513 recipients recognized in 2012.

Masons are listed in their current lodge, which may or may not be the lodge where they were raised in 1963. If you have any concern about being included in the listing, or any question about your membership status, please contact your lodge secretary, who will consult your membership records for you.

Boylston Lodge

Bro. George Haig Kazarian

Brigham Lodge

Bro. Robert MacGregor Jr.

Bristol Lodge

R.W. John Edward Grant
Bro. Kenneth Edgar Nelson

Caleb Butler Lodge

Bro. Nathaniel Alderman Jr.
Bro. Benjamin Payton Chatham
Bro. Darrell Rudolph Large
Bro. John Alfred Mosser
Bro. Franklin Spencer Parker Jr.
Bro. Charles Edson Wentzel

Cawnacone Sunshine Lodge

Wor. Douglas Brian Muttart

Bro. David J. Perry received his Veteran's Medal at Blue Hill Lodge. L To R: RW Stanley Gaw, Wor. Cameron MacNeill, Bro. Perry.



Celestial Lodge

Bro. Edwin Walter Annett
Wor. James Harold Gray
Bro. Robert Klaus Heimann
Wor. Gordon Leslie MacKay Jr.
Bro. Robert Hagy Segersten

Charity Lodge

Bro. Ioannis Fenerlis

Charles River Lodge

Bro. David Albert Doane
Bro. Stephen Robert Herman
Wor. Keith Albert Krewson
Bro. Lloyd Wayne Lipsett
Bro. Karl Otto Schwartz

Charles W. Moore Lodge

Bro. Wesley Scott Demont Jr.

Chicopee Lodge

Bro. Harvey Roy Greenbaum
Bro. Michael Paul Weiner
Wor. Joseph Zajac

Cincinnatus Lodge

Bro. Walter Borsody
Wor. Duke Lawrence Donsbough

Cochichewick Lodge

Bro. David Jackson Morse
Bro. Harry Kuhnert Thomas

Converse Lodge

Bro. Donald Laurence Bornstein
Bro. Lawrence Ginsberg
Bro. Irwin Goodman

Bro. Robert Judah Gross
Wor. George Albert Morey Jr.
Wor. Stephen Howard Peterson
Bro. Melvin Seymour Shapiro
Bro. Lester James Zieff

Corinthian Lodge

Bro. William Charles Robinson



Bro. William Robinson (center) of Corinthian Lodge receives his Veterans Medal from RW Douglas Ellis (left) and Wor. Peter Gilman.

Corner Stone Lodge

Bro. Robert Cranton Kemper
Wor. Robert Charles Melvin

Cosmopolitan Lodge

Bro. Stanley Eli Betterman
Bro. Peter Leslie Zimmerman

Crescent-Pittsfield Lodge

Bro. John Bordleman Cline
Bro. James Theodore Russell Jr.

Dalhousie Lodge

Bro. Hong Eng
R.W. John Robert Stewart Higgins
Bro. John D Lee
Bro. Arthur Harold MacNeill
Wor. Lewis Logan Ogilvie
Bro. Andrew Chu Non Seto
Bro. Philip Saunders Shepperson

Day Spring Lodge

Bro. Norman Blair Hatch
Bro. James Alfred Wehr

Delta Lodge

Wor. Donald Ross Blunt
Bro. William Richard Bradford
Bro. Richard Frank Diaute
Wor. William Bryant Parker
Bro. Robert Donald Schaffer

DeWitt Clinton Lodge

Bro. Robert Douglas Brackett
Bro. John Clark Hodges
Bro. George Frank Lagodimos
Bro. Sanford Gerson Stern
Bro. Raymond Donald Tinnin

Eastern Star Lodge

Bro. George Dwire Goff

Elm-Belcher Lodge

Wor. John Joseph Fedier
Bro. William Henry Spring

Our New 50-Year Brothers 1963–2013 continued

Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge

Bro. Sherman Edward Fein
Bro. Leon Saul Herman
Bro. Sanford Searleman
Wor. Stuart Easau Simonoff

Essex Lodge

Bro. Willard Stafford Foust

Euclid Lodge

Bro. Joel Edward Schwalb

Evening Star Lodge

Bro. Thomas Walling Van Alstyne

Excelsior Lodge

Wor. Harvey Edward Baskin
Bro. Robert Lincoln Rockwood
Bro. Peter Norman Schorer

Ezekiel Bates Lodge

Bro. Richard Orin Benson

Fellowship Lodge

Bro. Peter Lino Merzi
Bro. Harold Gillie Peters

Fidelity Lodge

Bro. Wilbur Edward Boynton

Frank W. Thompson Lodge

Bro. Robert Marshall Weiss

Franklin Lodge

Wor. Allan Homer Ojerholm

Fraternal Lodge

Wor. Jack Roy Bell
Wor. Alan Burt Copithorne
Bro. Gerald Holland Pass

Friendship Lodge

Bro. Earl Raymond Allen
Wor. Ralph Edward Tarricone
Bro. Edgar William Torell

Garden City Lodge

Bro. Jack Lester Lapuck

Gatun Lodge

Bro. Donald Herman Buchholz
Wor. David Earl Stocker
Bro. Lindy G Stone

George H. Taber Lodge

Bro. Donald Everett Burrows II
Bro. Robert Russell Chase
Bro. James Allen Sumner

Globe Unity Lodge

Wor. Christopher Irving Drake

Golden Fleece Lodge

Bro. Leo Diantgikis
Bro. Sidney Dean Knowlton

Golden Rule Lodge

Bro. Lawrence Henderson Hynd
Bro. Walter Clifton Pratt
Wor. Larry Walter Sherman

Good Samaritan Lodge

Bro. Russell Harrison Adams
Bro. Thomas Collins Carmichael
Bro. Wendell Jackson Greene
Wor. William Aborn Spinney Jr.
Bro. Lawrence Joseph Stiles
Bro. Robert Bradstreet Wright

Guiding Lights Lodge

Bro. Karl Nelson Bjork
Wor. Ronald George Degon
Bro. Gerald Ira Kheboian
Bro. Francis Arthur Najarian
Bro. Robert Kaneb Samia
Bro. Martin Marderos Surabian

Hampshire Lodge

Wor. Joseph Anthony Cybulski

Harmony Lodge

Bro. James Clayton Allen
Bro. Woodrow Leroy Cutler
Wor. John Harold Thayer

Hayden Lodge

Bro. Howard Dayton Forte
Bro. Oren Hartley Howard
Wor. Roy Paul Preston
Bro. Francis Robert Smith Jr.



Hayden Lodge 50-Year Veterans: Wor. Oren H. Howard (center) with RW Leo Forget and Wor. Michael D. Kalil. Below: Bro. Francis R. Smith (second from left), with RW Leo Forget, Wor. Michael Kalil, and Bro. Paul S. Jackson Sr.



Hope Lodge

Bro. Jalmar William Helman
Bro. Onnie Amos Herk Jr.
Bro. Lester Earl Lockhart
Bro. Richard Odus Reno
Bro. Gunnar Alexander Robinson

Howard Lodge

Bro. John Henry Clemence
Bro. Edward Eliot Smith
Wor. Walter Lew Walker Jr.

Huntington-Federal Lodge

Bro. Grant Mayo Knapp
Bro. Marvin Sandler

Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge

Bro. David Ellsworth Carpenter Jr.
Wor. Leonard David Hickey
Bro. Donald Malcolm Hosmer
Bro. Ernest Edward Noyes Jr.
Bro. Edward William Shore Jr.
Bro. Samuel Charles Sotiropoulos
Bro. Bruce Robert Stewart

Jerusalem Lodge

Bro. Edward John Kozash Jr.
Bro. Donald Frederick Samms

John Cutler Lodge

Bro. David Thomas Fryer

John Hancock Lodge

Bro. Richard Edward Aziz
Bro. Alfred Charles Moore
Bro. Russell Alfred Peate

John T. Heard Lodge

Bro. Albert Dunlap Coonrod
Bro. Gordon Miles Densmore
Bro. Robert Harold MacRae
Bro. Robert Arthur McRae
Bro. Arthur Burton Weagle
Bro. David Corey Williams

John Warren Lodge

Bro. Richard George Furbish

Jordan Lodge

Bro. Nicholas Constantin Darzenta
Bro. Sotiros Polemenakos
Bro. Achilles Christos Xerras
Bro. Socrates Christos Xerras

Joseph Webb Lodge

Wor. Richard Fraser Conlan
Wor. William Alfred Conlan

King Solomon's Lodge

Bro. Arthur Linwood Benson
Bro. Robert Amat Ventura

Konohassett Lodge

Bro. James Arthur Clark

Lafayette-Dover Lodge

Bro. William Dunker Draper
Wor. William Hughes

Lafayette-Greylock Lodge

Wor. Edward Anthony Cancro
Bro. Arthur Paul Willey

Lawrence United Lodge

Bro. John Demetre Gakis
Bro. Jon Allyn Sanders

Level Lodge

Bro. Morris Hyman Chafetz
Bro. Frederick Clifford Cohen
Wor. Gerald Finkle

Liberty Lodge

Bro. George Allen Jacobson

Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge

Bro. George Lee Payzant
Bro. Arthur David Rodham

Macedonian Lodge

Bro. Richard Francis Lishman

Major General Henry Knox Lodge

Bro. Wayne Thomas Adams
M.W. Robert Vernley Damon

R.W. Robert Romaine Landry
Bro. Lee Edward Rogers

Manchester Lodge

Bro. Christos Gust Nahatis
Wor. Harry Towers Parsons
Bro. Leonard Austin Woodman



At Manchester Lodge: (L to R) Wor. George Haile, Veterans Bros. Leonard Woodman and Christos Nahatis, RW William Yanakakis.

Marine Lodge

Bro. Ernest Raymond Oberg
Bro. John Bradford Spencer

Mariners Lodge

Bro. Benny Neil Edwards

Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge

Bro. Gil Mello Dias
Wor. Merle Farrington

Matthew John Whittall Lodge

Bro. Gene Elton Buddenhagen
Bro. Robert Franklin Schulze
Bro. Douglas Oren Brown Spooner

May Flower Lodge

Bro. John Low Evers
Bro. George Edney Morland Jr.

Meridian Lodge

Wor. Kenneth Weaver Dunbar
Bro. John Michael Mano
Bro. Robert Stephen Wells

Merrimack Lodge

Wor. Peter John Woodcock

Middlesex Lodge

Bro. Constantine Pete Caravasos

Milton Lodge

Wor. John Thompson Crosby

Morning Star Lodge

Bro. David Adishian
Bro. Robert Caughie Burnett
Bro. Knollin Moore Spencer

Moses Michael Hays Lodge

Bro. David Hersch Block
Bro. Barry Morris Bronstein
Bro. Sheldon Cohen
Wor. William Sherwin Epstein
Wor. David Harris Jacobs
Bro. Alan Stephen Jacobs
Bro. Frederick Neal Lerner
Bro. Philip Minsky
Bro. Robert Rosenberg
Bro. Howard David Rothstein
Bro. Jerome George Rubin
Bro. Harvey Hyman Sandberg
Bro. Herschel Harry Tovsky
Bro. Harold Marvin Trager

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FIFTY-YEAR PAST MASTERS

The following Masons served their lodges as master in 1963.

Their names are in alphabetical order and the names of the lodges served are also shown. In many cases the lodge indicated is not the lodge of which the Mason is a current member. These past masters are recognized in 2013 with certificates of service from the Grand Master.

WOR. JOHN R. ANDREWS III
*Past Master of
Solomon's Temple Lodge*

WOR. ROBERT E. BEAN
Past Master of Paul Revere Lodge

WOR. NORMAN H. BENNETT
Past Master of Siloam Lodge

R.W. MALCOLM F. BORDEN
Past Master of Alfred Baylies Lodge

WOR. EDWIN W. CAMERON
Past Master of Nehoiden Lodge

WOR. ARNOLD R. CARLSON
*Past Master of
Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodge*

WOR. VASIL V. CONDOS
Past Master of Webster Lodge

R.W. DAVID E. CHAFFEE
Past Master of Fellowship Lodge

WOR. CLIFTON P. ELLIOTT
Past Master of New Meadows Lodge

WOR. JOHN T. FARRINGTON
Past Master of Mount Hope Lodge

WOR. ROBERT J. GAULT
Past Master of Plymouth Lodge

WOR. SAM A. GILMAN
Past Master of DeWitt Clinton Lodge

WOR. WILLIAM G. HARRISON
Past Master of Esoteric Lodge

WOR. ROBERT J. HOLDEN, JR.
Past Master of The Lodge of Stirling

WOR. RICHARD F. HUMBER
Past Master of Bethesda Lodge

R.W. IRVING E. JOHANSEN
Past Master of King Solomon's Lodge

WOR. LEONARD JOHNSON
Past Master of Victory Lodge

WOR. MICHAEL P. JOHNSON
*Past Master of
Matthew John Whittall Lodge*

WOR. ROBERT W. JOHNSON
Past Master of Norfolk Union Lodge

WOR. NORMAN W. KING
Past Master of Robert Lash Lodge

WOR. WILLIAM T. LADOU LIS
Past Master of Loyalty Lodge

WOR. JASON LONG
Past Master of Zerubbabel Lodge

WOR. JAMES F. MORRISON
Past Master of Somerville Lodge

WOR. NICHOLAS PROKOWICH
Past Master of Mechanics Lodge

WOR. EUGENE A. ROBERTS
Past Master of The Tyrian Lodge

WOR. PAUL C. ROSS
Past Master Old Colony Lodge

WOR. CLIFFORD M. RUTTER
Past Master of Quaboag Lodge

WOR. HERBERT SHAPIRO
Past Master of Garden City

WOR. BERNARD B. SHAW.
Past Master of Mount Tom Lodge

WOR. PERCIVAL E. SHERMAN
Past Master of Berkshire Lodge

WOR. HARRY TAKVORIAN
Past Master of Mizpah Lodge

R.W. WESLEY C. TUCKER
Past Master of Acacia Lodge

WOR. RALPH K. WEBSTER
*Past Master of
Saint Matthew's Lodge*

WOR. LAURENCE A. WESCOTT
Past Master of Sagamore Lodge

WOR. RALPH E. WHITING
Isaiah Thomas Lodge

WOR. CARL W. WOOD
Past Master of Galilean Lodge

WOR. ALBERT J. ZAHKA
Past Master of Mount Tabor Lodge

Ladies Night in Newtonville

On Valentine's Day, Garden City Lodge and West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge celebrated Ladies Night in honor of their widows and departed brethren. This event, held at the Newtonville Masonic Lodge building, included a beautiful ceremony performed by the Newton and Wollaston Rainbow girls; a red rose was given to each lady to signify the love and commitment that their Mason has for them. A white rose was given to each widow in remembrance of the service their Mason gave to the fraternity. Following the Rose Ceremony masters of Garden City and West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodges expressed their gratitude and appreciation to ladies and widows with brief remarks.

Honors were given to Cynthia K. Bethune—secretary for Newton's mayor and wife of the district deputy—Susan Hamblin, supreme deputy of Grand Assembly of Massachusetts Rainbow Girls and several widows. A Garden City



Wors. Christopher Kelley of Garden City Lodge and Robert P. Shedd of West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge head the table during Ladies Night at Newtonville.

Lodge affiliation diploma was posthumously presented to Most Wor. Fred Kirby Bauer who passed away prior to receiving it. His wife, Kay Bauer, accepted the diploma on his behalf.

—Wor. Lee Fenn

Our New 50-Year Brothers 1963–2013 continued

Mount Carmel Lodge

Bro. William Henry Eddy
Bro. Loring Paul Fluke
Bro. Peter Ronald Lerner
Bro. Frederick Nathaniel Poore
Bro. Richard Jay Sorkin
Bro. Philip Edward Thomas

Mount Hermon Lodge

Wor. Leonard Eugene Neil

Mount Hollis Lodge

Bro. Richard Leon Tompkins

Mount Holyoke Lodge

Bro. Joseph Bruce Cleasby
Bro. John Henry MacLean
Wor. Richard Boardman Scott
Bro. Peter Robert Sudyka

Mount Hope Lodge

Bro. Robert Singleton Sharples
Bro. Edwin Shivell

Mount Horeb (D) Lodge

Wor. Kenneth Roy Mills
Bro. Douglas Anton Sederquist

Mount Horeb (W) Lodge

Bro. G. George Balog
Bro. John Judson Beaton

Mount Lebanon Lodge

Bro. William Robert Castle
Bro. James Mack Smith

Mount Moriah Lodge

Bro. Edward Stroud McLemore
Bro. Lewis Cook Parker III

Mount Olivet Lodge

Bro. John Barrington Meyer



Bro. John Barrington Meyer (center) received his Veteran's Medal from RW Edgar Rolando de León (right); at left is Wor. Lee H. Fenn, master of Mount Olivet Lodge.

Mount Tabor Lodge

Bro. Norman Benjamin Freedman
Bro. Allen Lionel Gabriel
Bro. Abraham Gerald Goldstein
Bro. Joseph Aaron Lappen
Bro. George Simon Rosen

Mount Tom Lodge

Bro. John Tyler Gafford
Bro. Ira Dale Good
Wor. Norman Robert Gray

Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge

R.W. Hagop Vahan Demirdjian
Bro. William Frederick Kelloway
Wor. Lance Peter Powers

Mountain Lodge

Bro. Paul Kendrick Mead III
Bro. Donald Aubrey Rice

Mumford River Lodge

Bro. Raymond Wilbur McCallum

Mystic Lodge

Bro. Paul Lewis Liebenow
Bro. Donald Lewis Retallick Jr.

Mystic Valley Lodge

Bro. William Earl Brown
Wor. Arthur Ernest Clare Jr.
Bro. David Morton Hill
Wor. Alden Stewart Jack
Bro. Carl Samuel Keselman
Bro. William Walter Rudolph
Wor. George Tsakirgis

Norfolk Lodge

Bro. Robert Ellsworth Johnson
Bro. David William Lombard
Bro. Dionisios Andrew Theokas
Bro. Richard Brooks Young

Norfolk Union Lodge

Bro. Leonard Haskell Lit

North Quabbin Lodge

Bro. Douglas Norman MacKenzie
Bro. Richard Clifford Stone
Bro. George William Whitehouse

North Reading Lodge

Bro. William Raymond Marshall

North Star Lodge

Wor. Jeffrey Thomas Powers

Old Colony Lodge

Bro. David Lincoln Delano

Olive Branch Lodge

Bro. Ronald Howard Stake

Orient Lodge

Bro. Richard Copp Anderson
Wor. David Sherman Bassett
Bro. Paul William Dorey
Bro. William Gordon Haley
Bro. David Randal Morin
Bro. Alan Richard Wanson

Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge

Bro. Douglas Farrar Siple

Oxford Lodge

Bro. Philip Kenneth Spinney
Wor. William Austin Stevens
Bro. Donald Keith Strader
Bro. Donald Raymond Tremblay

Pacific Lodge

Bro. Clayton Thomas Shaw

Palestine Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Marshall Goodman

Paul Revere Lodge

Bro. Melvin Clifford Hammond

Pequossette Lodge

Bro. Gregory Harry Arabian
Bro. Thomas Gordon Flett
Bro. Klaus Wilhelm Schneider
Bro. Robert Allen Seaward

Perfection Lodge

Wor. Ronald Herbert Bellin

Philanthropic Lodge

Bro. Ralph Lee Church
Bro. Theodore Courtland Johanson
Bro. Harvey Phillips Newcomb Jr.
Bro. Barry Francis Weed

Phoenix Lodge

Bro. Lorine Elphage Bergeron
Bro. Frederick Lindsey Briggs
Wor. Daniel Hamilton
Bro. Lawrence Newcomb Lambert
Bro. David Charles Lunetta

Pilgrim Lodge

Bro. Bruce Edward Jussila
Bro. Eugene William Munn

Pioneer Lodge

Bro. Richard Dana Cox
Bro. Henry Michael DeMarco
Wor. George Luther Gesner
Bro. Richard Kenneth Gunther
Bro. Charles Henry Ormsbee

Plymouth Lodge

Bro. John Peter Hanson
Bro. Joseph Copeland Morse III
Bro. Bernard Dexter Wrightington

Prospect Lodge

Bro. Donald Frank MacKinnon
Bro. Douglas Cushman Ryder
Bro. William Alfred Walter

Puritan Lodge

Bro. Gordon Wilson Babcock
Bro. John Joseph Costello
Bro. Edward Tenney Leadbetter Jr.
Bro. Charles Delaney Lucas

Pythagorean Lodge

Wor. Maurice Merritt Gifford
Bro. Henry Andrew Hartley

Quinebaug Lodge

Bro. Dimitri Rapo

Quittacus Lodge

Bro. Kenneth William Allen
Bro. George Frederick Clark
Wor. David George Hughes



Rt. Wor. Daniel C. Barston (at right) presents 50 year veteran medals to Bro Donald Strader, Bro Philip Spinney, and Wor. William Stevens. At left is Wor. James Robbins, master of Oxford Lodge.

Rabboni Lodge

Bro. Bruce Warren Schraft
Bro. Harold Zogas

Republican Lodge

Bro. Edward Lora Daisey

Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge

Bro. Lester Allen Ellegood
Wor. Michael Alan Kornitzky

Rising Star Lodge

Wor. Edward George Cluett
Bro. Allen Leroy Peeler II
R.W. Frank Russell Porter

Rufus Putnam Lodge

Bro. Charles Harrison Campbell
Bro. Donald Francis Dillman
Bro. Marshall Walter Heath
Bro. Philip Frederick Helle

Rural Lodge

Bro. Carl Edgar Avery
Bro. Roger William Hayes
Bro. Robert Linna Hedlund
Bro. Robert Bruce Souden

Saggahew Lodge

Bro. Hartley Roy Cranton
Bro. Donald Kimball Laing

Saint Andrew, The Lodge of

Bro. Robert Brayton Almy Jr.

Saint James Lodge

Wor. Gordon Paul Ennis
Bro. Walter Richard Gilbert
Bro. Francis Joseph Kuhn

Saint John's (B) Lodge

Bro. Michael Patrick Cole
Bro. Christopher Dexter Hall
Bro. Paul John Rich III

Saint John's (N) Lodge

Bro. Eugene Blake Hughes
Wor. Duncan Allen MacBurnie
Wor. Robert William MacBurnie
Bro. Wilbur James Poole

Saint Mark's Lodge

Bro. Robert Marion Fullford
Bro. Robert Frederick Tindle

Saint Martin's Lodge

Bro. Allan Kent Brier
Bro. William Crowell Ryder

Saint Matthew's Lodge

Bro. Richard Henderson Moody
Bro. Robert Joseph Norton
Bro. Robert Charles Ramsdell

Saint Paul's-Algonquin Lodge

Bro. Russell Francis Peck

Satucket Lodge

Wor. Melville Richard Wight

Simon W. Robinson Lodge

Bro. Philip C. Cole
Bro. Paul Henry Fredericks
Bro. Edward Davies Snelson

Simonds Lodge

Bro. Richard Burgess Brown
Bro. William Edgar Fairweather
Bro. Sidney St. Clair Jones
Bro. Robert Russell Pelletier
Bro. Norman Eugene Winslow
Bro. Robert Newton Wood

Social Harmony Lodge

Bro. Ralph Raymond Ballario
Wor. Richard DeBoer Jr.
Bro. Philip Leroy Locke

Sojourners Lodge

Bro. Michael Leroy Layton
Bro. Marvin Ernest Lyells

Solomon's Temple Lodge

Wor. Oscar Albert Buma

Somerville Lodge

Bro. William Michael Tryphonas

Starr King Lodge

Bro. Ronald Bruce Harrison

Tahattawan Lodge

Bro. Lowell Duncan Pahl
Wor. Norman Richard Robertson

The Consolidated Lodge

Bro. Saul Charles Adamsky
Bro. Richard Samson Adler

Bro. Jay Bikofsky
Bro. Martin Harold Reiss
Bro. Alan Harvey Sherman
Bro. Stanley Alexander Stopper
Bro. Edward Burton Walk
Wor. Daniel Weiner

The Meadows Lodge

Bro. Roland Andrew Holmes

The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge

Bro. George Eben Garland
Bro. Arthur Wright Kelly Jr.
Bro. Philip Camille Lambert
Bro. John Wolcott Thompson II
Wor. William Walter Walima

Thomas Lodge

Wor. Robert Emerson Geer
Bro. William McKee
Bro. Robert Victor Morrison
Bro. William K Morrison Jr.
Bro. Charles William Smith



DDGM Rt. Wor. Doug Ellis presents Veterans Medal to Wor. Norman Robertson, Tahattawan treasurer for 41 years.



More Awards at Oxford Lodge In addition to three 50 year veterans (see facing page), Oxford Lodge also honored Brother James Walker, 65-year veteran, and Brother James Guinee for 25 years. Both brothers have been very active their entire tenure as Masons. We are extremely proud of them. Above, left to right: Wor. Jim Robbins, Bro. Jimmy Walker, Brother Jim Guinee and Rt Wor. Dan Barston.

Thomas Talbot Lodge

Bro. Arthur Martin Johansen
Wor. William Arnold Nordstrom
Bro. Harry Leonard Norman
Bro. Walter John Paige
Bro. Robert Hatfield Price

Union Lodge (D)

Bro. Charles Evans Abbott
Bro. Warren Bridges Jr.

Union Lodge (N)

Bro. Douglas Kent Burch
Bro. Samuel Nickolas Limperis

United Brethren Lodge

Bro. Ira Phillip Berkman
Bro. Carl William Hays
Wor. Gordon Creston Lovell
Bro. Kenneth Richard Moody
Bro. Donald Howard Parker

Universal Lodge

Bro. James Albert Barrio Jr.

Upton Lodge

Bro. James Robert Bryce

Waltham Triad Lodge

Bro. Avedis Boyadjian
Bro. Arthur Frank Green Jr.
Bro. Albert Grant Halterman Jr.
Bro. Simeon Leo Horvitz
Bro. Nikolaos Michael Kanis
Bro. Paul John Kingston
Wor. Richard Ernest Martin
Bro. William Herbert Penney
Bro. Pete Gust Peters
Wor. Norman Henry Poirier
Wor. James Alden Wentworth II
Bro. Frank Bartlett Yeadon Jr.

Wamesit Lodge

Bro. Edward Francis Clark Jr.

Warren Lodge

Bro. John Rizzo

Washington Lodge

Bro. Otto Walfred Anderson

Webster Lodge

Bro. David Sargent Bayer
Bro. Theodore George Farrow

Wellesley Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Earl Haley

West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge

Bro. David Lee Spitz

Weymouth United Masonic Lodge

Bro. Lawrence Robert Abbott
Wor. Ronald Allan McKee
Bro. Gerald Littlefield Thomas
Bro. Gordon Donald Tomilson

Wilbraham Masonic Lodge

Bro. Robert William Schieding
Bro. Charles Earl Warner

Wilder Lodge

Bro. Charles Dexter Conner
Bro. Richard Hayden Pierce
Bro. Wayne Leonard Schofield
Bro. Richard Charles Westphal
Bro. Carlton Clifford Whitney

William North Lodge

Bro. Charles Sarkisian

William Sewall Gardner-Kilwinning Lodge

Bro. John Gilbert Aldinger Jr.
Bro. Robert Arthur Bennett
Bro. Rolvin Reinhold Risska

Williams Lodge

Bro. Norman Perdey Barber
Bro. Robert Harry Gaskill
Bro. Newman Joseph Roberts

Wyoming Lodge

Bro. Grant Allen Gray
Bro. Donald Bruce MacLachlan
Wor. Roger William Waugh Sr.

Ipswich Holds "Best Open House"

"April 6, was possibly the best open house I've ever attended," said Rt. Wor. William Yanakakis. A variety of trucks and vehicles were on display for kids of all ages in front of the Ipswich Masonic Lodge building.

An estimated 250 people came out to get a close-up look at the dozen or so vehicles on display during the day. Approximately 20 men inquired about becoming Freemasons.

— Bro. Jim Uzdarwin



Melha Shrine Clowns Make Dreams Come True

Ben Monkaba loves clowns—not just any clowns: Ben loves Shrine Clowns. Ben got the opportunity of his young life in February, when he greased up and performed with the Melha Shrine Clowns as they appeared at their perennial gig at the Springfield Camping and Outdoor Show.



Ben, who is 27 years old, was born with Williams Syndrome—a genetic disorder present at birth. There are approximately 20,000 individuals with Williams Syndrome in the United States. Medical and developmental problems (including cardiovascular disease and learning disabilities) often occur side-by-side with extraordinary abilities (including advanced verbal skills, highly sociable personalities, and a passion for music).

When Ben was born, his Mom, Terry, was a corporate photographer at a major aerospace and defense firm in the Detroit area. Ben underwent his first of five heart surgeries on the day Terry was to go back to work following her maternity leave. Terry never went back to work. When Ben was 4, and doing better, she volunteered to be a regional representative to the Williams Syndrome Association (WSA), and became the executive director of WSA in 1996.

Ben Monkaba's love of clowns began the first time he attended a circus at age three. His special education class attended the Shrine Circus in Detroit and he was immediately drawn to the clowns. Ben was not yet walking, and Terry was holding him up on the wall that surrounds the arena. He waved and called to the clowns during their pre-show walk-around; many came over and greeted him personally. That type of greeting is often all it takes to establish a lifelong friendship for a child.

Ben rarely misses a circus, but the Shrine Circus, in particular, the Shrine Clowns, have always been his favorite. Perhaps because Ben has spent more than his share of time in the hospital, he knows that Shriners help kids. This is his mantra and he wants to do the same.

Terry and other Williams Syndrome parents were concerned that there was no appropriate next step for their children after high school. The parents had a dream about a place where their children might not only learn academics and essential life skills, but also have an opportunity to be surrounded by the music they loved. This dream resulted in the founding of the Berkshire Hills Music Academy in South Hadley. Ben joined the academy three years ago, and it has become his second home. He has found a community of peers that he loves and he says that he is gaining the skill he needs to be an independent young man.

Now for a bit of Masonic serendipity. Jon Shipp sits on the board of trustees of the academy; he with Terry began the task of making Ben's dream of clowning with the Shrine Clowns come true. Through a series of personnel network

connections, including Wor. Ernie Margeson, of Eliot Lodge, Rt. Wor. Bruce Marshall and Wor. Jeffrey Jarvis of Celestial Lodge, and Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb, a 24-year Aleppo Shrine clown, the two finally made contact with Melha's first assistant chief clown, Jonathan (Dimples) George. And the rest, as they say, is history!

On a cold Sunday in February, Ben Big Red Monkaba made his debut at the camping show. He began the show with a rousing version of "Put On A Happy Face." Everyone who saw him did just that. He entertained show-goers late into the afternoon. What did clowning with the

Shrine Clowns mean to him? Terry reports "In a word, everything!" Ben told his mother: "They have changed my life, Mom."

—Bro. Craig Kazin, *Melha Shrine Clowns*

Newburyport Dedicates Flag Pole

Brethren from St. John's, St. Mark's and Bethany Lodges, and all of the other Masonic bodies that meet in the Newburyport Masonic Temple including King Cyrus Chapter, King Solomon's Council, Newburyport Commandery #3, and the sisters from Friendship Chapter OES gathered together at noon at the Masonic Open House on April 6 to dedicate a beautiful new flag pole and memorial stone. Our nation's flag and our Masonic flag will be waving proudly in front of the Newburyport Masonic Temple for years to come thanks to the generous donation by Bro. Richard Banks. The ceremony was superbly led by Bro. and former mayor Alan P. Lavender, and Rt. Wor. DDGM James Antonopoulos.

Front row left to right: Bros. Bill McAvoy, Ed Powers, Dan Morrill, Al Lavender, RW Jim Antonopoulos, Brian Richard, Manny Fonseca, Michael Rowan. Second row left to right: Bros. Nik Steil, Mark Hogan, Larry Bograd, and Richard Banks.

—Wor. Michael Rowan



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received the honor of having a new lodge named for him during his second year in office: Charles C. Dame Lodge of Georgetown, which is still active and prosperous. On the day following the constitution of Acacia Lodge in Gloucester in July of 1866, the party of Grand Lodge and Acacia Lodge notables cast off for a trip around Cape Ann; during the voyage, the captain announced to the assembly that the vessel bore no name—and that it was to be christened with the name Charles C. Dame. These two items confirm the high regard in which Grand Master Dame was held.

The greatest event of Grand Master Dame's term of office occurred in June 1867, when the newly rebuilt Masonic temple was dedicated in Boston. It had taken three years to build, at a cost of nearly \$300,000—an enormous sum at that time. In addition to the Grand Lodge officers and members, more than 12,000 Masons were in attendance, with more than 200 lodges and dozens of other Masonic organizations represented in the procession and in the audience. The distinguished visitors included Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, the first President to be in attendance at the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. An account of the day, represented in the Proceedings, contains the following description:

"The sight that attracted hundreds of thousands of people to our principal thoroughfares on Monday was one that is possible only in the United States, and one which no patriot, whatever his opinions of Freemasonry might be, would look upon without pride. Between close-packed lines of spectators . . . marched almost ten thousand men, representing all ranks of life, and all bearing the unmistakable stamp of good government . . .

" . . . as a demonstration of the numbers and powers of the Masonic fraternity it must be reckoned a complete success. Few people outside of the mystic brotherhood have been aware of the recent rapid growth of this organization . . . The display of Monday has enlightened the public as to the appearance if not as to the doings of the Masons. If good looks go for anything . . . the popular verdict on our recent visitors must be unqualifiedly favorable."

It was a far cry from the public perception just a few decades earlier, when the public watched as the Grand Lodge dedicated its new temple, either treating the Craft with stony silence or with oaths of 'murderer' and 'criminal.' By 1867, with the Civil War behind and interest in the fraternity blossoming, the attitude was completely different, and would carry forward for years to come. The new, magnificent temple would be a lasting legacy. Unfortunately, so would the debt incurred in its construction.

In the spring of 1867 the Grand Lodge considered ways to retire the burden. Various plans were considered, and after some consideration a plan was approved to adopt a capitation tax on each member of the fraternity, to be paid over a period of years. It was an equitable, egalitarian, and reasonable plan—and from the time of its presentation it

was met with objections and opposition. Reports during the rest of 1867 and 1868 show that despite the pride in the new temple, despite the affection and respect for Grand Master Dame, and despite the increase in lodges and membership many of the Masons in Massachusetts were hesitant to contribute. When Charles C. Dame left the East the debt for the new temple remained largely in place. It would be up to his successors, particularly Grand Master Samuel Crocker Lawrence, to successfully retire it.

After his retirement from the Grand Mastership, Dame remained extremely active both in Grand Lodge as a member of the board of directors, and throughout the jurisdiction where he often acted in an official capacity at installations, dedications, and anniversaries. He remained in the ranks of the Past Grand Masters, becoming the senior member of that group in 1893 at the death of William Parkman. He maintained a close connection with his mother lodge, Revere (which would produce three more Grand Masters during his lifetime: Richard Briggs, Otis Weld, and Edwin Holmes) and with the lodge that bore his name, serving at many installations of each.

He lived until 1901 and died peacefully in Newburyport. His funeral was to that time the largest ever seen in that town, and he was memorialized in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge and the New England Genealogical Historical Society. His legacy of service to the Craft in Massachusetts became part of the background against which the fraternity moved into the twentieth century. ■

JWS Lodge Hosts Local Charities



Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge in Lincoln held its Charitable Giving Day during the spring open house. It is a tradition of the lodge to hold the event as a means of giving back to the community. The lodge selects charities from a list created by the brethren and votes on which to support in any year. The selected charities are invited to the lodge to receive donations and a for an opportunity to discuss their programs.

This year the charities selected to receive funds were Reach Beyond Domestic Violence, Lincoln and Sudbury Police DARE programs, Lincoln Scholarship Fund and School Foundation, Lincoln Garden Club, The Food Project, Cotting School, Shriners Hospital, JWS Masonic Angel Fund, Lincoln Minutemen, ARC-Waltham, Wayland Public Schools Foundation, Assabet River National Wildlife Foundation, and Lovelane Special Needs Horseback Riding Program.

—Bro. John C. Toto

Norfolk Lodge's Master Raises Son



On the evening of January 14, Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard James Stewart was present for a fraternal visit to Norfolk Lodge that was a special evening for two newly raised brothers.

Grand Master Stewart raised Bro. Brian J.B. Shea to the Sublime Degree. After Bro. Shea's raising, Norfolk Lodge master, Wor. Donald H. LaLiberte, raised his son, Bro. Jared H. LaLiberte.

Wor. James L. Bond, Bro. Shea's sponsor, was raised to the sublime degree by the Grand Master of Minnesota 50 years ago, which makes this event unique: a sponsor and new brother both raised by a Grand Master. Over 80 brothers were present in the room for this special evening; one that these two new Massachusetts brothers will not forget.

In photo: (left to right) Wor. Donald H. LaLiberte, Bro. Jared H. LaLiberte, MW Richard J. Stewart, Bro. Brian J.B. Shea, Wor. James L. Bond. —Wor. Don LaLiberte

The Young Tyler

by Bro. David Riley

The young tyler arrived at the lodge a few minutes before the other brothers and was carefully packing the required regalia into a case used for occasions such as this. A few moments later, the junior warden arrived with a small bag filled with evergreen clippings.

"Don't forget the marshal's baton," the junior warden said quietly as he added the evergreen to the case.

The young tyler added the baton and double checked the contents of the case to ensure nothing had been overlooked. "I didn't know our brother and I'll admit that I feel a little odd about attending his funeral."

"Well, for several years he took care of his wife who was very ill," the junior warden explained. "Then, after she passed, he moved into an assisted living center. He really wasn't very mobile. But there was a time when he was very much a part of the daily life of our lodge."

The young tyler smiled and nodded, "I've heard some of the stories. And I know that the master and district deputy visited him to present his Veteran's Medal. That was last year, wasn't it?"

"It was," the junior warden replied. "I went as well. He told us that it was a moment he would never forget. It turned out that he and the district deputy's father had been officers in chapter together. He told some pretty good stories that I suspect the district deputy had never heard before." The junior warden chuckled at the memory and



then observed, "He may have been in a wheelchair, but his mind was still sharp and his memory was amazing. Do you know that he could still recite the entire Middle Chamber lecture?"

"I'm sorry I never got to know him," the young tyler said.

"He was your brother," the junior warden said firmly, "and I can tell you that he would have considered you family the moment he knew you were a Mason. And when he found out you were a member of this lodge, he would have practically adopted you." The junior warden shook his head slightly, "The Craft has really lost one of its best workmen."

The two officers could now hear the voices of several other members of the lodge who had agreed to meet to travel to the funeral service together.

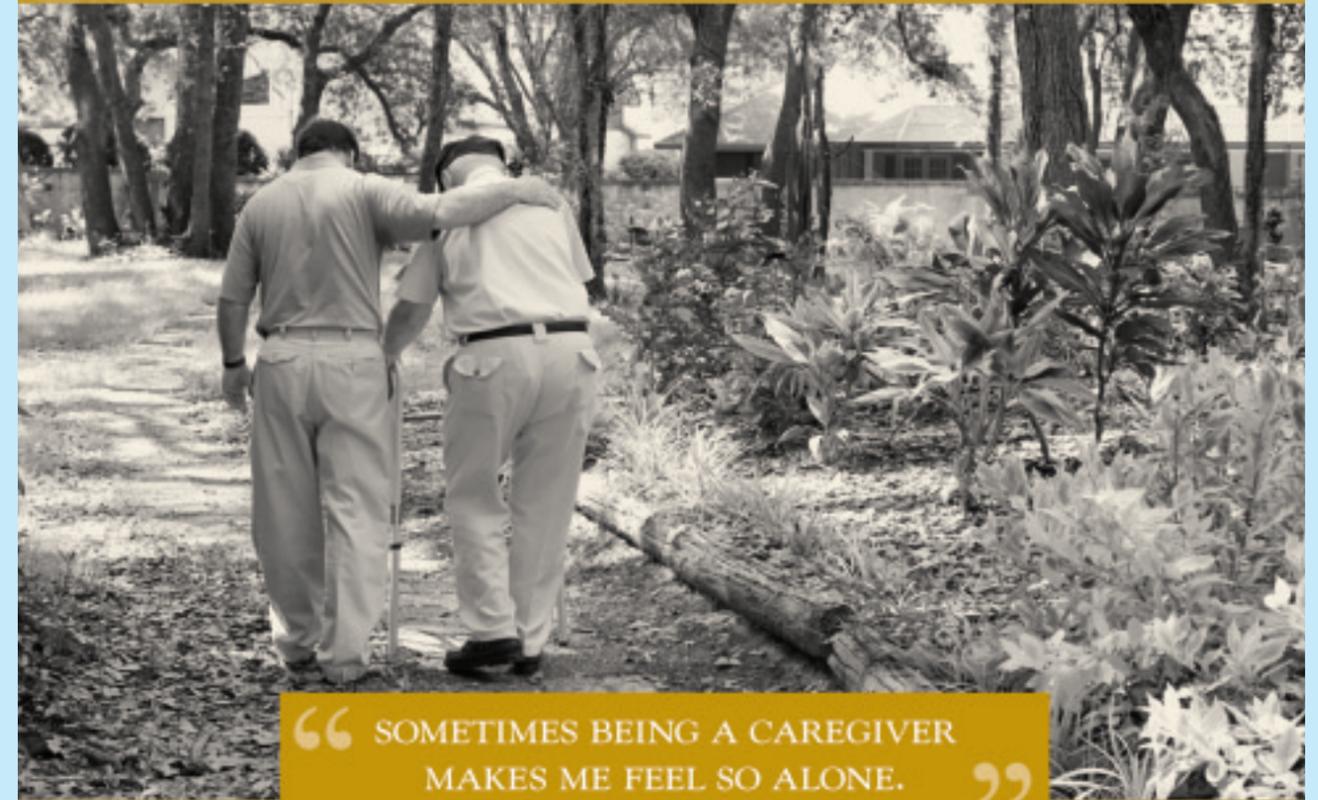
"I think we have everything," the young tyler said. "Still, going to the funeral of a man I never met seems an odd way to spend the day."

"I believe," the junior warden said, "that we are providing a genuine service for our brother and his family. If you live a long life, like our brother did, then when your time comes, your friends might already be gone. The family often feels very alone in their grief. When we come and show our affection and respect for our brother, suddenly they see tangible proof that their loved one was respected, loved and admired by others. It may be the one real comfort we can offer them."

The young tyler considered these words for a moment and then picked up the case with a determined expression. "Comfort and the knowledge that our brother now resides in the Celestial Lodge Above."

"So mote it be," the junior warden said as the two moved to join the others. ■

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