

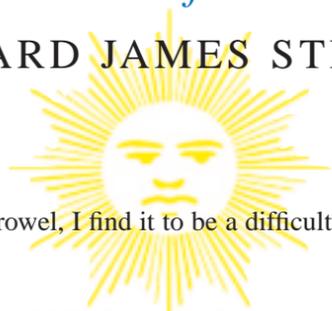
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Masonic Anniversaries
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From the East of Grand Lodge
RICHARD JAMES STEWART



Dear Brethren:

As I write my last message in Trowel, I find it to be a difficult task. I can't help but reflect on how it all began.

It was a Thursday: April 16, 2010. M.W. Roger W. Pageau and I went out for lunch and he informed me that I had been selected by the Past Grand Masters to be the next Grand Master. My reply to him was, "You're kidding me." and my next words were, "I don't feel I have the capabilities to take on this awesome responsibility." With his jovial smile and the gentle nod that he was so well known for, he replied, "Don't worry; you will do just fine." At this point, the rest will be left to history.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Past Grand Masters and every member of our jurisdiction for your support, your participation, and your contribution to the success of the many new programs we have introduced during the last three years; and as well, for building upon the success of programs from so many previous administrations.

My brethren, a leader is only as successful as the workers he is able to surround himself with. Our Grand Lodge is so very fortunate to have the number of outstanding members to serve as chairmen for the numerous committees. They in turn have a great pool of members to select from; members who will staff those important committees that have made our Grand Lodge the success that it is.

We have challenged the notion that maintaining the status quo is acceptable. We have made changes for the sake of improvement and not just for the sake of change. We have adopted a philosophy of continuous improvement in all that we do in our Grand Lodge.

From the late afternoon of Monday, December 27, 2010, I have poured my heart and soul into the position of Grand Master without any regrets—though I do wish that my friend and my brother, M.W. Roger Pageau was still with us to see me complete my term as Grand Master.

Once again from the bottom of my heart, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you. May God bless each of you, and the men and women who are protecting our great country so that we may continue to enjoy the freedom to practice the Masonry that we all love so dearly.

Cordially and fraternally,

Richard James Stewart
Grand Master

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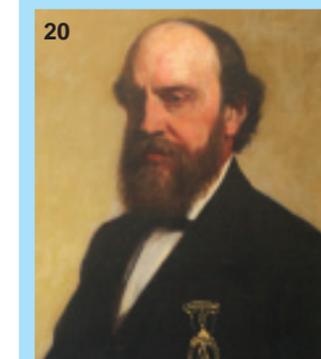
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Before It's Too Late



Masons around Massachusetts joined the members of Rural Lodge in deep disappointment over the loss of the Quincy Masonic Building to fire in September. The building was one of a shrinking number of Masonic structures erected in the Egyptian style and its destruction is a great architectural

loss and a body-blow to Rural Lodge, which has occupied the building since 1926.

Rt. Wor. Graeme Marsden's story on page 24 recounts the event and closes with an admonition that resonated with me: "You should cherish your own building, and ensure it is fully protected and insured. Rural Lodge had initiated a process of scanning and photographing its archives and treasures, and you should seriously think of doing the same. You may not be custodians of valuable historical artifacts, but you are definitely the trustees of irreplaceable Masonic images and social records. If fire strikes, it will be too late!"

My own lodge's building was destroyed in a fire in the 1970s. Our safe crashed through three floors before coming to an abrupt stop in the cellar hole. The fireproof safe was stuffed with the secretary's minutes. They are all we have left. Throughout our 150th anniversary year, we heard excerpts read from these minutes at every one of our monthly meetings.

Were the minutes great history? Local historians may think so. I'm not sure. The detail, captured in beautiful cursive handwriting, was interesting at times and mind-numbing at other times. The minutes do represent a great social record for the lodge however. We enjoyed hearing about the founders' efforts and the early growth of our lodge and we especially enjoyed hearing the surnames of many local families, whose modern-day descendants are members of our lodge today.

The old safe is scheduled to be cut up and disposed of soon. Its contents will, hopefully, be moved offsite to a modern, climate-controlled storage facility.

Fraternally, *John Doherty*

TROWEL DATES

The spring issue of Trowel will contain a listing of donors to the Grand Master's Appeal during 2013. Articles are due by **December, 21 2013**

Lodge news items are due by **January 18, 2014**

Please send articles to johnsdoherty@verizon.net

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Worcester Masonic Center's Cornerstone Laying Re-enacted



On September 7, 2013 the Worcester Masonic Center celebrated the 100th anniversary of the building's original cornerstone laying in 1913. A re-enactment of the original cornerstone ceremony was performed by Grand Master Richard J. Stewart assisted by a suite of Grand Lodge officers and accompanied by about 100 Masons, family members, and friends.

The Worcester Masonic Center's cornerstone was originally dedicated on September 12, 1913 under the direction of Deputy Grand Master Herbert E. Fletcher from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The ceremony was attended that day by Grand Lodge officers, the Worcester County Commandery of Knights Templar, members of the four Masonic lodges that met in Worcester (Athelstan, Morning Star, Montacute, and Quinsigamond Lodges), and the committee of thirty-three men in charge of the construction. A crowd estimated at over 1,000 people witnessed the original cornerstone dedication and more than 600 Masons marched in a parade through the streets of Worcester that day to celebrate the beginning of work on a permanent Masonic temple in the city.

A second service will take place on September 6, 2014 to

observe the 100th anniversary of the building's completion and original dedication by the then Grand Master, Most Worshipful Melvin M. Johnson.

This beautiful and functional Masonic edifice was constructed at a cost of nearly \$200,000, a sum that required a mortgage loan. Several Worcester Masons pledged their homes as collateral for the loan, which was finally paid off in the 1920s.
— *Wor. John Doherty*



Masons March for Medway's 300th

The town of Medway celebrated its 300th anniversary in September. Charles River Lodge joined the celebration and was accompanied by the Grand Master and his suite of participants from Grand Lodge.

The Tercentennial Parade was a two-hour event featuring bands and marching units from all over the region. Budweiser's Clydesdale horses were a particular crowd favorite. Charles River Lodge participated on their float while Grand Master Stewart marched with his suite of officers throughout the one-mile route.
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Washington Bible and Urn Reunited

For perhaps the first time in centuries, the urn containing a lock of George Washington's hair and the bible used during his Masonic degrees were together in the same location. Both artifacts were displayed during the September installation of officers at Mount Lebanon Lodge at Corinthian Hall. At left: GM Stewart and past masters of Mount Lebanon Lodge with the Washington Bible and Urn.

— *Bro. Jeffrey Fowler*

The Benefit of Prayer

by Rt. Wor. and Rev. John Robert Higgins

As a candidate for the degrees in Freemasonry enters a lodge—without revealing anything which some feel might be a secret—one of the first things that happens is he is conducted to the altar where a prayer is offered on his behalf; as he progresses through the degrees, he is given the opportunity to offer prayer on his own behalf. As part of his installation, prayer is offered on behalf of the new master. Prayers are part of the opening and closing of lodge. In the memorial service, prayers are offered for the deceased brother and his loved ones. Our ritual refers to prayer at “any great and important” endeavor.

While a prayer might be extemporaneous, the Trestle-Board offers guidance to the brother serving as chaplain because many lodge chaplains are not members of the clergy. Masonic imagery—the Great Architect of the Universe is but one example—is often part of a prayer but all prayer has common elements. Prayers are conversations with God; they should invoke the presence of God; and while often forgotten, the essence of prayer involves listening for God’s presence. Carl Jung well commented, “. . . invited or not God is always present,” but it does help if we explicitly remind ourselves of this, and it might well be that after offering praise and thanks to God, this is a prime purpose of praying to God.

A part of human nature is to focus on ourselves, and so it is with prayer. A prayer used at the beginning of an Episcopal service starts, “Almighty God fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking . . .” It is virtually inevitable we include our own needs and desires in our prayers, whether appropriate or not (parenthetically, I should note a chaplain is not trained to control the weather nor is it seemly to ask God to crush an opposing sports team). Listening to God is perhaps the most demanding aspect of prayer. For a number of reasons silent prayer may well be a perilous endeavor in lodge, but while prayer in lodge involves words, at the same time there is the challenge of a silent prayer offered in the stillness of our souls.

A vast number of books have been written on prayer, yet its practice remains elusive. Though turned to in times of trouble, it is too often ignored when things are going well, except of course in church and when indicated in Masonic ritual. Yet one of the most eloquent prayers is perhaps the most familiar and simplest source of guidance: the 23rd Psalm. Often associated with

times of death, consider the psalm from a different perspective: a text on how to pray. It opens with an affirmation and celebration of God. “The Lord is my shepherd” continues, not with a listing of our wants, but the clear affirmation: “I shall not want.” Using the imagery of the realm in which it was written, a shepherd is one who protects the vulnerable, those who cannot or will not, look out for themselves. The psalmist continues by affirming the beauty and burdens of life, including being in the valley of the shadow of death. The psalm concludes with a profound affirmation of faith: “I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” The psalm’s words are almost too familiar, yet are a most powerful model of what prayer, and faith, is. In these few words, the essence of prayer is epitomized. We can do far worse than to turn to this and other psalms for guidance on prayer. And it is a profound opportunity.

For use of prayers in Masonic practice the Trestle-Board provides a beginning and offers guidance and direction in particular circumstances while reflecting the multitude of religious practices which brothers bring to the fraternity. It is possible, and even desirable to be flexible in the use of these prayers. This is not without risk; as a Past Grand Master once said to a grand chaplain, “A good prayer; although it was a few words short of a sermon.” The Trestle-Board can offer suitable examples. It is well to remember that kneeling at the altar, a chaplain is not delivering ritual nor reciting words, but words which “bear before the throne of heavenly grace the spiritual needs of the brethren.”

Words do matter, but it is of far greater importance to remember why prayer is a vital part of our Masonic life. Prayer is a path to invite God to be a part of our lives in Masonry. Another psalm proclaims, “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” That joyful noise can, as Elijah discovered, “be the still, small voice of God.” There is a reason why there is an altar at the center of a lodge. The particular tenets of our religious backgrounds govern the form of prayer and our Masonic practices seek to respect these. As we reflect on this, our lives in lodge will be enriched, and our Masonic life can contribute to our faith. ■

Right Worshipful and Reverend John Robert Higgins celebrated 50 years as a Mason and as a member of Dalhousie Lodge in 2013. He has served Grand Lodge as a grand chaplain since 1988. He is a recipient of the Henry Price Medal.



The September 2013 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



Honored Guests

Grand Master Richard J. Stewart welcomed several visitors from other jurisdictions: representing the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts were Most. Wor. Chester R. Isles, Past Grand Master, and Rt. Wor. Wilbur Evans Sr., Grand Marshal Emeritus; Most Wor. Grand Master Stuart Aronson represented the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; Most Wor. Grand Master Simon Laplace travelling from Connecticut with Most Wor. Past Grand Master Gary Arseneau; Most Wor. Past Grand Master Barry Umber from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; and Past Grand Masters Most Wor. Douglas E. Cornell and Most Wor. Leon Knudson from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Masons attending the September 11, 2013, Quarterly Communication were treated to a late-summer scorching with temperatures in Ionic Hall easily exceeding 90 degrees. The dozen or so Panamanian Masons, who accompanied District Grand Master John B. Bamber to Boston, appeared quite comfortable; while other attendees—grateful for the kindness of grand stewards serving water—perhaps thought again of the possibility of contributing to the fund, initiated by Past Grand Master Al Ames, for the installation of air conditioning in the lodge room.

The Colors were presented by the Minuteman Unit from the Aleppo Shrine Temple, dressed in Revolutionary Era uniforms. The Color Guard consisted of Wor. Lester Davis, captain; Wor. Shaun Flanagan and Bro. John Ralston, 1st lieutenants; Bro. Charles Roseman; Bro. William Wayne; and Wor. Christopher Kelley.

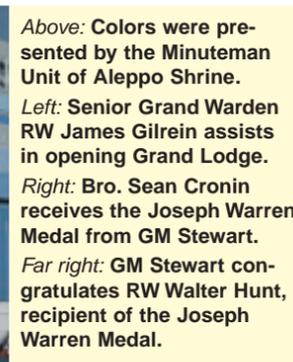


A moment of silence was held in recognition of the victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Two members of DeWitt Clinton Lodge died that day. Bro. Jeffrey Coombs was on board American Airlines Flight #11 that crashed into the World Trade Center, and Bro. Gerald DeConto, a U.S. Navy captain, was killed at the Pentagon.

Business Matters

The Grand Lodge voted on and approved the Grand Lodge’s budget. Planned spending for the 2014 year is lower than the previous year—the third year in a row of reduced spending. (See the accompanying sidebar exhibit of the budget on page 8.)

Rt. Wor. Mason Russell led the Grand Lodge in a discussion of the proposed change to life membership dues



Above: Colors were presented by the Minuteman Unit of Aleppo Shrine.
Left: Senior Grand Warden RW James Gilrein assists in opening Grand Lodge.
Right: Bro. Sean Cronin receives the Joseph Warren Medal from GM Stewart.
Far right: GM Stewart congratulates RW Walter Hunt, recipient of the Joseph Warren Medal.



Above: DGM John Bamber and members of all four Panama lodges present GM Stewart with their contribution to MMRL.

Left: DDGM RW William Yanakakis accepts MMRL's Vines of Life for the 10th District and Budleigh Lodge.

Bottom: Grand Master Richard Stewart, RW Ron Kamp, and RW Ed Newsham with the recipients of MMRL's Certificate of Merit: RW Peter D. Dorr, RW A. Ross Pope, RW Peter R. Smith, Wor. Paul F. Ricciardi, RW Ronald Kamp, GM Richard J. Stewart, RW Edward Newsham, RW H. Robert Huke III, Bro. Jeffrey S. Levy, Wor. Donald F. Boas, RW Alfredo J. R. Canhoto.

that had been proposed at the June Quarterly Communication. This amendment to section 331 of the Grand Constitutions will be voted on at the December 11, 2013, Quarterly Communication.

Distinguished Service Medals

The Grand Master had the pleasure of presenting three Distinguished Service Medals. Also know to all as the Joseph Warren Medal, this award "may be conferred by the Grand Master upon such brethren as may have rendered distinguished service to the lodges of which they are members."

The first medal was presented by the Grand Master, with remarks from Bro. Bruce Tarr, to Bro. Sean Cronin of John

T. Heard Lodge for his heroism this past August when he saved two fellow firefighters.

The second Joseph Warren Medal was presented to Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky, in recognition of his dedicated service to Masonry while serving on our Information Technology & Communications Committee. The Grand Master was particularly pleased with the Massmasons.org information site created by Bro. Chikofsky.

Rt. Wor. Walter H. Hunt, who was appointed this year as grand historian, was the recipient of the third Joseph Warren Medal, in recognition of his devotion to preserving histories of our Grand lodge and our local lodges. The Grand Master singled out Bro. Hunt's work in compiling an electronic record of Grand Masters' edicts.



Masonic Medical Research Laboratory

Rt. Wor. Ronald Kamp, director of development & communications for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) and Rt. Wor. Ed Newsham, president were present to award two Vine of Life recognition awards for contributions to the MMRL. Receiving both awards was Rt. Wor. William Yanakakis, the district deputy grand master of the 10th Masonic District; one award for the amount of money his district raised for the MMRL, and one award on behalf of Budleigh Lodge. MMRL's Humanitarian Award was also presented to Quinsigamond Lodge.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Kamp also presented certificates of merit from the MMRL to ten brothers from the Grand Lodge's MMRL Committee for their hard work on behalf of the signature charity of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts during Grand Master Stewart's term of office. Recipients included Bro. Jeffrey Levy, Wor. Robert Huke III, Rt. Wor. Peter Smith, Wor. Michael Jarzabek, Wor. Donald Boas, Rt. Wor.

A. Ross Pope, Wor. Paul Ricciardi, Rt. Wor. Peter Dorr, and Bro. Gordon Huggins. A certificate of special merit was presented to Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto for his service as chairman for the MMRL Committee.

Grand Representatives

Grand Master Stewart announced the confirmation of six brothers who were appointed to serve as Grand Representatives to our Grand Lodge for another Grand jurisdiction. They were:

Rt. Wor. Craig Erickson, Puritan Lodge, grand representative to North Dakota.

Rt. Wor. Donald H. LaLiberte, Norfolk Lodge, grand representative to New York.

Rt. Wor. Alfredo J.R. Canhoto, Middlesex Lodge, grand representative to Florida.

Rt. Wor. Keith C. Alderman, Columbian Lodge, grand representative to Connecticut.

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Below left: The Grand Master congratulates RW Donald LaLiberte (New York) and RW Craig Erickson (North Dakota) on their appointments as grand representatives. Center: GM Stewart appoints RW Alfredo Canhoto as grand representative for Florida. Right: RW & Rev. Keith Alderman will represent Grand Lodge of Connecticut.



PROPOSED CHANGE FOR DUES FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN GRAND LODGE

Current Provision Sec. 331. Any member may prepay all future Grand Lodge dues by remitting direct to the Grand Lodge a sum equal to the product of 34 multiplied by the then Grand Lodge dues, reduced however, by an amount equal to one-half of the then current Grand Lodge dues multiplied by the number of years in excess of twenty-one of the then attained age of such member, and thereafter no further assessments shall be made by the Grand Lodge upon said member or upon any Lodge on account of such member. All moneys so paid to the Grand Lodge shall be used by it for its charitable purposes and support and no refund shall be made on account of the death or demit of the member or for any other purpose. The investment and expenditure of all funds received for such payment of all future Grand Lodge dues shall be under the direction of the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise voted by the Grand Lodge, expenditures from the principal of the funds shall not in any one year exceed a sum equal to the then current Grand Lodge dues for each prepaid member.

Proposed Wording Sec. 331. Any member may prepay all future Grand Lodge dues by remitting direct to the Grand Lodge a sum equal to the product of the then current Grand Lodge dues and the multiplier specified in the Life Membership Schedule adopted by the Board Of Directors and revised from time to time, and thereafter no further assessments shall be made by the Grand Lodge upon said member or upon any Lodge on account of such member. A member shall be entitled to Life Membership commencing September 1 of the ensuing Masonic year upon attaining the age of 90 years. All moneys so paid to the Grand Lodge shall be used by it for its charitable purposes and support and no refund shall be made on account of the death or demit of the member or for any other purpose. The investment and expenditure of all funds received for such payment of all future Grand Lodge dues shall be under the direction of the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise voted by the Grand Lodge, expenditures from the principal of the funds shall not in any one year exceed a sum equal to the then current Grand Lodge dues for each prepaid member.

THE GRAND LODGE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE 2014 MASONIC YEAR

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014	
Estimated Receipts:	
Grand Lodge Operating Income:	
Grand Lodge Dues Receipts	\$ 1,472,000
Initiates Fees	20,000
Rent	226,000
Subtotal:	\$ 1,718,000
Masonic Education & Charity Trust Support:	
Scholarships	\$ 577,000
Contributions and Donations All Other	1,426,000
Subtotal:	2,003,000
Total Estimated Receipts:	\$ 3,721,000
Estimated Disbursements:	
Grand Lodge Operating Expenses:	
Building Expense	\$ 1,048,000
Grand Master Expense	347,000
Administration	994,000
Education Expense	32,000
Grand Lodge Committees	19,000
Public Relations and Development	512,000
Subtotal:	\$ 2,952,000
Grand Lodge Charitable Expenses:	
Grand Lodge Charities	691,000
C.H.I.P.	8,000
Museum and Library	70,000
Subtotal:	769,000
Total Estimated Disbursements:	\$ 3,721,000
Estimated Change in Net Assets:	\$ -

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS (DETAILED) BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014	
Building:	
Employee Expenses	\$ 348,000
Utilities	219,000
Repairs and Maintenance	95,000
Supplies and Other	158,000
Depreciation and Amortization	228,000
Total Building:	\$ 1,048,000

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS (DETAILED) BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014	
Grand Master:	
Office Exp's, Including Employee E	\$ 250,000
Feast of St John	96,000
Other Special Events	(2,000)
Total Grand Master:	\$ 347,000

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS (DETAILED) BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014	
Public Relations and Development:	
Employee Expenses	\$ 115,000
Supplies & Others	97,000
Advertising	300,000.00
Total Public Relations:	\$ 512,000

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS (DETAILED) BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

Administration	
Employee Expenses	744,000
Supply Room & On Line Store	34,000
Electronic Sys. and Communications	75,000
Fraternal Supplies	11,000
Travel Magazine	112,000
Postage Expense	11,000
Printing, Binding, Other	7,000
Total Administration:	\$ 994,000

Grand Lodge Committees:	
Other Committees	2,000
Grand Lectures	2,000
Service Committee	1,000
Youth Committee	8,000
Membership Committee	6,000
Total Committees:	\$ 19,000

Education:	
D.D.G.M. Training	\$ 19,000
Lodge of Instruction	2,000
Masonic Leadership Institute (net of fe)	1,000
Master's Path	9,000
Other	1,000
Total Education Department:	\$ 32,000

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS (DETAILED) BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

Grand Lodge Charitable Expenses:	
Grand Lodge Charities:	
Charitable Acts T.B.D.	\$ 25,000
Masonic Service Association	10,000
DeMolay Donation	12,000
Matching Donation Program	60,000
Scholarships	577,000
Masonic Medical Research Lab	10,000
Other	7,000
Total Grand Lodge Charities:	\$ 691,000

C.H.I.P. Program Support:	
Consumable Supplies, Handouts	5,000
Storage Facilities Rental	2,000
All Other	1,000
Total C.H.I.P.:	\$ 8,000

Library:	
Employee Expenses	37,000
Special Projects and Restoration	30,000
All Other	3,000
Total Library:	\$ 70,000



Above left: RW H. Robert Huke III will represent the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Center: RW Edgar de Leon (center) and RW Richard W. Esancy Jr., (right) grand representatives for Guatemala and Alaska. Right: GM Richard Stewart introduces candidates for grand wardens RW Thomas Stark and RW Kenneth Pfeiffer.

Rt. Wor. H. Robert Huke, III, Rural Lodge, grand representative to Connecticut, Prince Hall.

Rt. Wor. Edgar de Leon, Logia America, grand representative to Guatemala.

Rt. Wor. Richard W. Esancy Jr., grand representative to Alaska.

Nominees for Grand Wardens

At the December Annual Communication, new grand wardens will stand for election. Traditionally, after serving a Grand Master for his three-year term, the grand marshal is nominated for the position of senior grand warden and thus becomes a permanent member of Grand Lodge.

Rt. Wor. Grand Marshal Thomas A. Stark was announced as a candidate for the office of senior grand warden. Bro. Stark was raised in 1973 in Norfolk Lodge in Needham. He served his lodge as master in 1990.

Bro. Stark's service to the Grand Lodge began in 2003,

when he served as the district deputy grand marshal for the 5th Masonic District under Rt. Wor. Jeffrey L. Gardiner for three consecutive years. In 2006, he was appointed to serve as grand pursuivant for Bro. Gardiner's year as senior grand warden. In 2007, he was appointed grand sword bearer by Grand Master Roger W. Pageau. He was appointed to serve as grand marshal by Grand Master Richard J. Stewart in 2010.

Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Pfeiffer was announced as a candidate for the office of junior grand warden. Bro. Pfeiffer was raised in Thomas Talbot Lodge in Billerica in 1978 and served as master of his lodge in 2003.

Bro. Pfeiffer was appointed to serve the Grand Lodge as senior grand deacon in 2007 and as grand piper in 2008. In 2009, he was appointed the district deputy grand master for the 14th Masonic District by Grand Master Roger W. Pageau. In 2010, he was appointed to serve as grand sword bearer by Grand Master Richard J. Stewart.

ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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



As we wrap up 2013, the grand lecturers wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season as well as a lot of snow for the ski resorts.

Q What is the protocol as to members speaking at a lodge business meeting?

A No one speaks without permission of the master. If a brother wishes to speak at a business meeting he should stand up and wait for the master to recognize him. All remarks should only be made to the master unless the master has given permis-

sion for one brother to speak directly to another. If a brother wishes to bring something up at a business meeting, it is very helpful to everyone if he requests permission of the master in advance, preferably in writing.

Q Who can prompt during degree work?

A Only the brother(s) specifically assigned to this task. Prompting by other individuals is seldom productive and frequency leads to more confusion and uncertainty.

Q When is it appropriate to use Masonic titles in addressing envelopes or packages?

A Never—and this includes anything sent to the Grand Master.

Meet an Active Massachusetts Mason

Masonry attracts men from all walks of life and for many different reasons. For some, it's the chance for brotherhood, for others, it's the potential for self-improvement and leadership, and for others it's the community service, just to name a few. For Brother Michael McCormack of Foxboro's Saint Alban's Lodge, it was a combination of all these reasons.

Brother McCormack came to Masonry in early 2012. He had proudly served in the United States Air Force on an elite combat control team based in the Philippines and was discharged in 1992.

After getting married and starting a family, he eventually realized there was something missing: the esprit de corps he had when in the service. Now that his family was grown, he found he had more time for himself and after investigating a few organizations, he says he felt Masonry was the appropriate pursuit.

He was raised in March, 2012, and became interested in becoming a line officer; he was recently installed senior steward after serving as inside sentinel. Brother McCormack says he has never found himself in want or in need of additional training as the current and past officers have been more than supportive and have always made themselves available.

One of the things that drew Brother McCormack to the fraternity was his extensive study of American History, specifically the founding fathers, many of whom were Masons. He believes that using Ben Franklin as the spokesman was a good choice since he was the most influential member in the forming of our new Republic. But he says others, such as Paul Revere and John Hancock would make good additions to the campaign.

He was impressed with the recent open houses and likes that they give the public an opportunity to see a taste of what Freemasonry is about. He knows of a number of men who have become members as a result. Despite his relatively short time as a Mason, he feels the fraternity is on the right track and likes that it has remained relatively consistent since its inception.

Despite being a line officer for a only a limited time, it

has given him a greater appreciation for current and past officers. He says, "The preparation time is imposing." Fortunately, his family is very supportive of his endeavors.

Working as an emergency medical technician for Boston EMS has given him a different perspective on life. He says he has transported many Masons and when they find out he too is a Mason, they become much more at ease. His EMS training paid off in lodge when he was taking his degrees. One of his classmates became ill and the degree was immediately halted while Brother McCormack went to his aid. Gratefully, he was at the right place at the right time and the ill brother recovered nicely.

Brother McCormack has been with Boston EMS for almost 20 years, and was at the finish line during the April Marathon bombing. He says as heinous as the attacks were, they were fortunate to already be in "Mass Casualty Incident Mode" with the right resources in the right places. He says the next hours were a blur and he hopes they will always remain so. His first hope was that it was just an accident. Having received

extensive explosives training in the Air Force, he instinctly appreciated the scope of the situation as soon as the second device went off. While he says his initial thought was of a device intended for first responders, he mentally apologized to his children for knowingly putting himself in harm's way, and immediately proceeded to treat the casualties. He treated men and women at both scenes and remembers being very proud of the men and women he works with.

One event that impressed Bro. McCormack during that tragic day occurred at almost midnight, when he was finally able to access his voicemail; there was a message from the master of his lodge; he still has it saved. The master offered any and all assistance in caring for his family, taking care of any transportation of his children, or to have anything brought to him in the city. All Mike had to do was ask. He says that amidst all the turmoil of the day's events, "I think that call was the moment I entered the post-event phase. I'm grateful for that call. It was one of the few positive memories I'll always recall from that awful day."

Medical training notwithstanding, (continued on page 23)



Bro. Michael McCormack

GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR THE 2013 MASONIC YEAR

by Wor. Jeffrey Northrup

The Nineteenth Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony and reception was held at Grand Lodge in June. This year the program once again expanded its reach, granting a record \$577,500 for the education of the 140 student recipients.

More than 200 students, parents, scholarship committee members, and Grand Lodge officers partook of a buffet reception and later, in Corinthian Hall, each recipient introduced his or her family members. Rt. Wor. Brian S. Noble, chairman of the scholarship committee, introduced the other committee members and commented on the revised program, which continues to allow for the distribution of more money to more students. The committee members, include Rt. Wor. Eugene B. Nichols, Rt. Wor. Paul R. Perkins, Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer, Wor. Matthew S. Gerrish, Wor. Jeffrey A. Northrup, Bro. Gordon Huggins, M.D., and Mr. Jay Sparling.

Grand Master Richard James Stewart emphasized that the education of young people is vital to the future of the nation as well as the fraternity and that "is why this scholarship program is so important to us."

First-time Recipients of Grand Lodge Scholarships

This year, as a result of the continued expansion of the scholarship program, there are 36 new recipients of Grand Lodge scholarships, including those receiving named grants.

Benjamin Anderson is the son of Bro. Kevin Anderson and the grandson of Bro. Leonard Anderson. He is attending Hampshire College where he will major in film production.

Hallie Armstrong is the daughter of Bro. Douglas Armstrong and the granddaughter of Bro. Lorrimer Anderson. She is a member of Rainbow and intends to major in education at Dickinson College.

Bro. Jaras Azerbay will major in business at Cornell University. He is a member of the Order of DeMolay.

Chance Campbell is the son of Bro. Jay Campbell. He will attend Bridgewater State University with a major in English literature. He is a member of the Order of DeMolay.

Amanda Curran is the daughter of Bro. Joseph Curran and will be a psychology and education major at St. Michael's College.

Christopher DiRaffaele is the grandson of Bro. B. Scott MacInnis. He will attend Fitchburg State University and plans to major in graphic design.

Laura DiRaffaele is the granddaughter of Bro. B. Scott



RW Brian Noble welcomes students and families to Grand Lodge's Scholarship Awards Ceremony in June.

MacInnis. She will major in psychology at Framingham State University.

Ashleigh Fortin, the daughter of Bro. Arthur Dill and the granddaughter of both Bros. William Vincent and Russell Dill, will pursue a dual major in massage therapy and nursing at Bristol Community College. She is a member of Rainbow.

Megan Fowler is the daughter of Bro. Ronald Fowler and the granddaughter of Bro. Jared Murphy. She will pursue a degree in neuroscience at Northeastern University. She is also the junior past grand worthy advisor of Rainbow in Massachusetts.

Ariel Gaspar is the daughter of Bro. David Gaspar and the granddaughter of Rt. Wor. Dexter Gaspar. She is a criminal justice major at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and is also a member of Rainbow.

Rebecca Greiff is the daughter of Bro. Joseph Greiff. She will attend Hobart and William Smith Colleges with a dual major in environmental studies and anthropology.

Eric Hanson is the son of Bro. Keith Hanson and the grandson of Bro. Harry Hanson. He will attend Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a major in engineering.

Taylor Henry is the child of Bro. David Henry Jr. and the grandchild of Bro. David Henry Sr. and will attend Endicott College to pursue a major in elementary education.



Several first-time recipients of Grand Lodge Scholarships for 2013–2014 with Grand Master Stewart.
Group photos by RW David Elsner

Samuel Irwin, the son of Bro. David Irwin and the grandson of Bro. Walter Irwin, will attend the United States Coast Guard Academy and major in applied mathematics.

Rachel Kaufman is the daughter of Bro. Gary Kaufman and will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst where she will major in Judaic studies and music.

Adam Laassal, the son of Bro. Hichame Laassal and the grandson of Rt. Wor. Edwin Parsons Sr., will study criminal justice at Suffolk University. He is a member of the Order of DeMolay.

Katherine LaBarge is the daughter of Bro. Kevin LaBarge. She is a student at Wellesley College with a dual major in biology and chemistry. She is a member of the Order of Rainbow.

Bro. Daniel Lora is the grandson of Bro. Monserrate Muniz Jr. He will attend Hampshire College with a major in criminal justice and music.

Emma Machado is the daughter of Bro. John G. Machado and the granddaughter of Bro. George Jesse. She plans to major in molecular biology at Assumption College. She is a member of the Order of the Rainbow.

Angelina Massoia is the granddaughter of Bro. Bob Miccoly. She is attending Wesleyan University with a major in biology.

Susan McNeill is the granddaughter of Bro. John Machado. A student at the University of Vermont, she has not yet declared a major. She is a Rainbow girl.

Rebecca Merriman is the granddaughter of Bro. Robert Downing and is attending Boston University where she is majoring in speech and language pathology. She is a member of Rainbow.

Andrew Najjar is the son of Bro. Joseph Najjar and the grandson of Bro. John Anezis. He is attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he is majoring in engineering.

Cathryn Pappas is the daughter of Bro. Nicholas Pappas and the granddaughter of Bro. George Kimball Jr. She is a member of Rainbow and is attending Regis College where she is studying nursing.

Shawna Peete is the daughter of Bro. Michael Peete. She is a student at Fitchburg State University and is majoring in literature. She is a member of Rainbow.

Logan Pratt is the son of Bro. Jeffrey Pratt and the grandson of Bro. Carlton Pratt. He is enrolled at Fairfield University where he is a communications and theater major.

Daniel Reid is the son of the late Bro. Leonard Reid and the grandson of Bro. George Reid. He is a student at Massachusetts Maritime Academy, where he is majoring in marine transportation.

Kelli Richards is the daughter of Bro. Jeffery Richards and the granddaughter of Bro. David Richards. She is a student at Bridgewater State University and is majoring in history and education.

Axis Rutledge is the child of Rt. Wor. J. Charles Rutledge and is a student at Florida State University with a major in marketing.

Bro. Steven Saragian is the grandson of Bro. Edward Wallington and is attending Lesley University with a concentration in design.

Alyssa Schubert is the daughter of Bro. Craig Schubert and the granddaughter of Bro. Robert Schubert. She is attending Bridgewater State University with a dual major in psychology and criminal justice.

Danielle Stair is the daughter of Bro. Robert Stair and the granddaughter of Bro. Dwight Cooley. She is attending Becker College and majoring in nursing.

Bro. Morgan Sweeney-Charlton is the son of Bro. Sean Sweeney and the grandson of Bro. Arland Charlton. Bro. Sweeney is attending Becker College with a major in game design.

Tabitha Walker is the daughter of Bro. Michael Walker and is a member of Rainbow. She is attending Champlain College, with a major in early childhood education.

Christopher Yanakakis is the son of Rt. Wor. William Yanakakis and is a member of DeMolay. He is attending William and Mary University where he has not yet declared a major.

Alexa Zielinski is the daughter of Bro. William Zielinski and is a student at the California State University in Los Angeles where she is majoring in kinesiology.

First-time Recipients of Named Scholarships

Eleven students were first-time recipients of named Grand Lodge scholarship awards.

Bro. Adam Azanow is the son of Bro. David Azanow and will receive the M.W. Fred K. Bauer Scholarship. Adam is the deputy state master councilor of Massachusetts DeMolay and a member of John Eliot Chapter in Natick. He

is attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a major in international maritime business.

Katherine Azanow, Adam's sister (one of triplets) and the daughter of Bro. David Azanow, will receive the Rt. Wor. Philip M. Turner Masonic Home Scholarship. She is attending Villanova University as a biology and pre-med major.

Cassidy Clark, the daughter of Rt. Wor. Peter Alexis and granddaughter of Bro. William Alexis, was awarded one of the Rt. Wor. Philip M. Turner Masonic Home Scholarships. She is attending Brown University where she is a pre-med major.

Luis Cruz-Gonzalez, son of Bro. Pedro Cruz-Gonzalez is the first Panamanian recipient of a Grand Lodge Scholarship. He will receive the St. John's Lodge Scholarship and is enrolled at the Universidad Santa Maria La Antigua with a major in law.

Hayley Grove is the daughter of Bro. Andrew Grove and the granddaughter of Rt. Wor. James Spurrell. She was awarded the Rt. Wor. Graham Atwell Long Scholarship. She is attending Keene State College with a dual major in elementary education and American studies.

Bro. Joshua Kaufman is the son of Bro. Gary Kaufman. He is the recipient of the Rt. Wor. Robert C. Patey Scholarship. He is attending Case Western Reserve University as a dual major in political science and pre-law.

Chloe Leigh is the daughter of Bro. Eric Leigh and the granddaughter of Bro. Harold Leigh. She is the recipient of

Some of the recipients of renewed Grand Lodge Scholarships for 2013–2014 with Grand Master Stewart.



the E. Marilyn Oberle Scholarship. She is attending Pratt Institute as a major in visual arts and education.

Kerri Martin, the daughter of Bro. Gerald Martin and the granddaughter of Bro. Gilbert Martin, is a recipient of the Rt. Wor. Philip M. Turner Masonic Home Scholarship. She is attending Salve Regina University with a major in nursing.

William Musserian, the son of Bro. John R. Musserian and the grandson of Bro. John A. Musserian, was awarded the M.W. Donald W. and Drucille Vose Scholarship. He is a student at Bentley University with a major in business administration.

Elizabeth Reid is the daughter of the late Bro. Leonard Reid and the granddaughter of Bro. George Reid. She is a recipient of the Rt. Wor. Philip M. Turner Masonic Home Scholarship and is attending Rivier University with a major in nursing.

Haley Smith is the daughter of Bro. Christopher Smith and will receive the Edward William and Elsa Oberle Scholarship. She is a student at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts with a major in pre-veterinary studies.

Renewed Grand Lodge Scholarships

David W. A. Abbott, Bridgewater State University; Erica Anderson, Bay Path College; Nicholas P. Atcheson, Westfield State University; Daniel Bacon, University of Massachusetts; Meredith Carr, College of the Holy Cross; Robert Cole, University of Connecticut; Rebecca Corshia, Gordon College; Emily Grove, Salem State University; Thomas Hamilton, University of Rhode Island; Nicole Henry, George Mason University; Andrea Knott, Bridgewater State University; Nathaniel Matthews Rochester Institute of Technology; Patrick Nowlan, University of Massachusetts Lowell; Halie Olszowy University of New Hampshire; Caitlin O'Shaughnessy, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth; Eric Parsons, Bridgewater State University; Christopher Podymaitis University of Massachusetts Amherst; Jessica Robbins, Quinsigamond Community College; Alexandra Rockwell, Manhattanville College; Benjamin Studt, Fitchburg State University; Courtney Walker, Emmanuel College; Courtney White, Fitchburg State University; Noelle Young, Fitchburg State University.

R.W. Philip M. Turner/Masonic Home Scholarships: Catherine Burnett, Wellesley College; Maria Dare, Framingham State University; Matthew Johnson, University of Massachusetts Amherst; John-Hanson Machado, The George Washington University; Maryanna Owoc, Worcester State University; Michael Pace, Capital Community College; **M.W. David W. Lovering Scholarship:** Abigail Blake, Quinnipiac University; **Donald S. and Dorothy Cunningham Scholarship:** Janet Chikofsky, Stanford University; **M.W. Jeffrey B. Hodgdon Scholarship:** Chelsea Davis, Plymouth State University; **M.W. Roger W. Pageau Scholarship:** Elizabeth Drouin, Marymount University; **M.W. Richard J. Stewart Scholarship:** Erik Dyrness, University of New Hampshire; **M.W. Edgar W. Darling Scholarship:** Kelly E. Moran, Boston University; **Neponset Valley RAC Scholarship:** Emily Nichols, University of Rhode Island; **M.W. Albert T. Ames Scholarship:** Vincent Pegurri, Bentley University; **M.W. Arthur E. Johnson Scholarship:** Amanda Perkins, University of New Hampshire; **Rt. Wor. James A. Menninen Scholarship:** Amy Randall, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth; **Rt. Wor. Oscar A. Gunn Jr. Scholarship:** Kelly M. Robbins, Western New England University; **Wor. Allen Charles Weissinger Scholarship:**



Recipients of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarships with Trustee Andrew Shabshelowitz and Grand Master Stewart.

Zachary Schwartz, Boston University; *M.W. Donald G. Hicks Scholarship*: Brandon Thorne, University of Massachusetts Lowell.

New Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarships

The third category of funding for scholarships awarded through our Grand Lodge is due to the generosity of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation. This foundation was established by Brother George E. Grimshaw and his longtime companion Irene Gudewicz. He was a member of Star in the East-Paskamansett Lodge in New Bedford.

The foundation has again this year provided our scholarship program with funds in order to help our Masonic youth in their educational pursuits. Scholarships given in the name of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Foundation are for children or grandchildren of Massachusetts Masons who graduate from New Bedford High School as the first priority, and secondly to students who live in Bristol County. This year, we renew 28 scholarships and give 23 new scholarships through the foundation. The following students are first-time recipients of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarships:

Nicole Berube is the granddaughter of Bro. Allen Tabor and will attend Johnson and Wales University with a major in the culinary arts.

Kacey Cordeiro is the daughter of Bro. James Cordeiro and is a student at Salem State University with a major in photography.

Meghan Cupp is attending McGill University with a dual major in biochemistry and nutrition. She is the granddaughter of Bro. James Cupp.

Emmanuel Fernandes is the son of Bro. Emmanuel Fernandes and is attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a major in computer science.

Robert Haines III, the grandson of Bro. Ralph Brown, is a student at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, where he is pursuing a dual major in business and engineering.

Cassandra Hume is the granddaughter of Bro. Allan Cox. She is attending Regis College where she is majoring in diagnostic imaging.

Anthony Kennedy, the grandson of Bro. Harry Hagopian, is attending the University of Rhode Island, where he is pursuing a course of studies in ocean engineering.

Zachary LaClair is the grandson of Bro. James Cupp. He is a student at Cornell University and is majoring in accounting.

Isaiah Manley is the son of Bro. Allen Manley Jr., and is a student at Stonehill College, where he is majoring in criminal justice.

Bro. Ross Nanopoulos is a student at Case Western Reserve University. He is majoring in computer science.

Deanna Pacheco is the daughter of Bro. Lewis Pacheco. She is attending Bentley University with a major in marketing.

Frank Parella is the son of Bro. Frank Parella. He is a student of criminal justice at Roger Williams University.

Meghan Parella is the daughter of Bro. Frank Parella and she is currently attending Salve Regina University, with a major in nursing.

Bro. Kurt Pearson is the son of Bro. Kevin Foley. He is a student at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth where he is majoring in economics.

Colin Pilkington is the grandson of Bro. Richard Pilkington. He is enrolled at Bridgewater State University and is pursuing a dual major in history and education.

Christopher Reed is he grandson of Bro. Stanley Reed Sr. He is attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a major in marine engineering.

Abigail Reid is the granddaughter of Bro. William Reid. She is enrolled at Brown University where she is studying international relations.

David Ruggiero is the son of Bro. Dennis Ruggiero and is attending Suffolk University where he is majoring in architecture.

Bro. Edward Rupkus is a student at Fisher College and is majoring in both psychology and health science.

Jennessa Seaman is the daughter of Bro. Donald Seaman Jr. and the granddaughter of Bro. Ralph Staples. She is attending Bridgewater State University where she is pursuing a double major in elementary education and special education.

Michaela Seaman is the daughter of Bro. Donald Seaman Jr. and the granddaughter of Bro. Ralph Staples. She is a student at Unity College, where her dual major is biology and animal science.

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The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



I was at a Scottish Rite leadership weekend a few years ago and heard remarks from the Sovereign Grand Commander, John William McNaughton. Part of what he said stayed with me and in a way changed my thinking. McNaughton spoke about attending a Scottish Rite meeting where he posed this question: “Who is the most important person in the room?” He said he watched as those attending the meeting looked around the room trying to determine who was there, who had the most or biggest titles.

But McNaughton’s answer to the question he posed was both simple and profound. The most important person in the room is “the brother sitting next to you.”

As I said, this comment has stayed with me. It stayed with me to the point where I can take you to the place where he said it, to the seat where I was sitting. And I remember just who was the brother sitting next to me. I was at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, in the auditorium, and the brother sitting next to me was George Holden.

I didn’t know George Holden before that weekend. We were members of the same valley, Nashua, but our paths never crossed. He was a relatively new Scottish Rite member and I had transferred my membership to Nashua, where I live, about a year before I attended the seminar. The first time I met George was when he pulled into my driveway to drive me to the leadership weekend.

George, who was retired from the U.S. Navy, passed away last year. After that weekend I saw him maybe a half-dozen times. One of those times was at a meeting of the Board of Governors for the Children’s Dyslexia Center of Nashua, where I serve as chairman. When I attended that leadership weekend I was a brand new chairman and George was the first person I recruited. I recruited him while we were sitting in the museum auditorium waiting for the day’s program to commence.

McNaughton’s comments that weekend helped me change my thinking about our fraternity. Before that weekend, I thought helping society at large was the most important thing we do. Now, my first concern is that brother sitting next to me.

How well do we know the brothers who sit next to us at lodge meetings? Have we shown those brothers we are friends as well as fraternal brothers? Have we shown those

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brothers we are concerned about their welfare and they can talk to us about their troubles?

I have sat in Masonic meetings and heard someone tell the members if they are having problems and cannot pay their dues, contact the master. As a master I said those words. As a secretary, I have printed those words in a notice or as part of a dues bill. But as I say, hear, or write these words, have I considered how difficult it is for a brother to call the master, the secretary, or another member to say he is having a hard time and cannot pay his dues? Have I considered how hard it is for a brother to say he needs help or he may lose his lights, his car, his home?

In the early years of Freemasonry, the members most likely knew if a brother was having a problem. In an era when the fastest form of transportation was a horse, members lived close to the lodge. Members most likely saw each other from time to time. If there was a problem, the lodge knew about it. Today it is different. The automobile has allowed us to live a distance from the lodge. We may not see a brother between meetings and in the two or three hours we are together, knowing what is happening to a brother in his private life may not be readily evident. So, what can we do? What can I do?

One thing I can do is widen my circle. When I go to a lodge meeting, I try to greet and shake hands with everyone who comes through the door. But I confine my conversations to a select group of members. What I should do is enlarge my circle and let others into that select group.

When I sit down to lunch (I belong to a daylight lodge – we have lunch after the meeting instead of dinner before) I can sit with other members instead of those I’m usually with. I can learn a bit more from a different group of Masons.

When I was in the workaday world of the newspaper business, I often told reporters everyone has a story. It’s a reporter’s job to find that story and print it. The same is true in our lodges. Every Mason has a story. I remember one time I was talking to a brother who told me he was a Navy veteran from World War II. He said he was stationed aboard a decoy ship, a naval ship that looked like a merchant. It was designed to lure submarines into a trap set with a number of destroyers. He told me he never found out what he did to deserve that assignment.

I don’t know if widening my circle will help with members who are experiencing difficult times. But I know I will benefit from getting to know more of our members. Besides, I can use a few new stories and everyone has at least one. ■

NEWS FROM OVERLOOK

MHS Management at Briarwood in Worcester

August marked the one-year anniversary of Masonic Health System (MHS) entering into a three-year management agreement with Salem Community Corporation, the parent company of Briarwood Continuing Care Retirement Community, located in Worcester, Massachusetts. MHS provides Briarwood with a full-time CEO, full financial oversight (the equivalent of a CFO) and support to Briarwood's managers on a department-by-department basis.

Briarwood opened in 1984 as a not-for-profit retirement community of sixty cottages. It was the result of a collaboration between the First Baptist and Salem Covenant Churches of Worcester. The intent of the two churches was to provide retirement housing for middle income seniors in the Greater Worcester region, many of whom were church members. Over the years as the needs of older adults evolved so too did the services provided, including assisted living and skilled nursing.

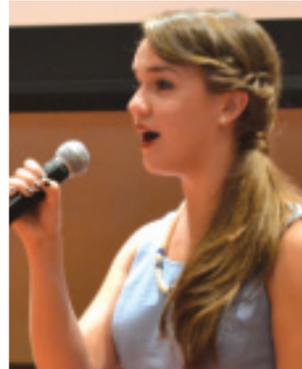
Discussions began when Briarwood's CEO decided to relocate to a different part of the country. At the time, Briarwood was engaged in several repositioning and strategic planning efforts that required the leadership help. Paul Bowler, now MHS vice president of operations, had been Briarwood's CEO; for nine-years leading it through a refinancing and major expansion. Members of Salem's board asked Paul for a recommendation on finding new leadership. CEO David Turner saw an opportunity that could benefit both MHS and Salem Community Corporation. The idea of a management relationship was born.

Briarwood's community of 193 homes and a skilled

August 11th was Spirit of '45 Day at Overlook

In August, the first Spirit of '45 Day was held at the Overlook Life Care Community in Charlton. The event, sponsored by Overlook Hospice Services, commemorates the end of World War II, and is a day set aside nationally to remember and honor veterans of all wars.

After a welcome by Overlook resident Keith Krewson, a WWII veteran, a color guard presented the flag, followed by the National Anthem, played by Peggy Krewson and sung by Sarah Kawalek, daughter of Overlook Hospice staff member Mary Beth Kawalek. A ceremony followed including the



Sarah Kawalek

nursing center faced the same challenges of many stand-alone communities; namely, significantly high overhead costs for information technology, finance, human resources, and strategic planning. Larger communities and multi-campus communities allocate these expenses over more units whereas stand-alone communities suffer from a lack of scale. By working with MHS, Briarwood buys as much service as it needs. By combining purchasing requirements with MHS, more discounts are available. ■

Pledge of Allegiance, an invocation, and the presentation of the military hymns for each branch of service.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of the film *Honor Flight*, the story of a program which brings World War II veterans to Washington to view the World War II Memorial. Both Keith Krewson and committee member Robert Knight were recipients of Honor Flights, which they describe as an unequalled thrill. "As we entered the airport," says Keith, "I saw all these police cars with their lights flashing and thought something terrible had happened. It was an honor guard for us." Adds Bob, "When we entered the airport, everyone was cheering and applauding and shaking our hands. I will never forget it."

Following the film, Karen Spiewak, representative of Sen. Stephen Brewer and Rep. Peter Durant read a proclamation of Spirit of '45 Day from the State House. Each veteran was then recognized with the presentation of a special pin. In addition to Keith and Peggy, Robert Knight, and Sarah Kawalek, Overlook Hospice extends special thanks to Overlook Communities resident Robert Thorpe, Charlton Veteran's Agent Todd Girard, and Overlook employee Doug LaRoche. ■



Keith Krewson

SPIRIT OF LIFE Walk & Run Event

Fifty walkers joined thirteen runners on a beautiful September Saturday for the fifth annual Spirit of Life 5K Walk/Run. This intergenerational event raised more than \$3,900 for the Make-a-Wish Fund, which grants special wishes for Overlook skilled nursing and enhanced living residents. Past grants have included beach trips, family

Mt. Holyoke Lodge members Wor. Karl Ferguson, RW Ron Jackson, Bro. Jens Michaelson, RW Paul Cataldo.

reunions, special dinners, movies, special furniture, decorations, clothing, and food. This program also enables residents to offer needed assistance to local charities and organizations.

In a tradition begun in the first year, a resident from each of Overlook's four programs cut the ribbon to begin the event. After a prayer offered by committee member and Independent Living resident Bob Thorp, each resident was asked to relate the secret of life. Representing long term care was Hermes Boyatis. Grahame Williams from Enhanced Living cut the ribbon. Mary Hicks represented the post-acute unit, accompanied by her family. Independent Living resident Jay Pownall cut the final ribbon. Jay shared his secret to successful living—stay active and stay healthy.

The 5K Run/Walk takes place entirely on the Overlook grounds in Charlton, with a race timed by Central Mass Striders followed by a walk. Many residents of Overlook walked, ran or were pushed in wheelchairs, while many more came out to cheer on the runners and walkers. Overlook employees and their families came out to participate as well. Local businesses provided prizes for both walkers and runners who either placed in the race or had their names pulled from a drawing. Winners took away great items such as gift certificates, athletic and golf shirts, oil changes, and other great items.

Four members of Mt. Holyoke Lodge participated in the race. One of them, Jens Michaelson, won the race as first overall male runner. Other members of Mt. Holyoke Lodge who participated were: Paul Cataldo, Ron Jackson, and Karl Ferguson. Said Paul, "Masonry is more than doing ritual and meeting once a month. One day in our future we may really appreciate this kind of event if it helps us or someone that we love."

The motto of the Spirit of Life is "dignity at every age and fun at every stage." Both were in evidence at this year's event, which celebrated residents, families, employees, and the community at large. Many thanks to all who came and continued this great tradition.

If you would like to make a gift to the Resident Make-a-Wish Fund, please contact Cathy LaRocca at 508-434-2401. ■



Overlook Care at Home Awarded Grant

by Patrick McShane

Overlook Care at Home (OCAH) has been selected by the Massachusetts eHealth Institute at the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to receive a Mass HIway Implementation Grant that will help the commonwealth reach the goal of connecting health care providers to the state's Health Information Exchange (HIE), the Mass HIway.

The \$65,000 grant will provide OCAH with resources to support connecting to the statewide Health Information Exchange, helping improve patient care and reduce costs.

Patrick McShane, MHS; Cathy LaRocca, MHS; Congressman Joseph Kennedy III; State Senator Richard T. Moore; Lauren Josie, Harrington Healthcare; State Representative Peter Durant.



OCAH will partner with Harrington Hospital to use the HIway to streamline discharges from the hospital to home care, replacing the old paper system with a seamless electronic transfer of information. The plan for both organizations is to complete the process and have a discharged patient admitted to home care within a 24-hour period after arriving home from the hospital. The speed and ease of admission should improve patient outcomes and reduce costly and difficult re-hospitalization.

"The participation of health care organizations throughout Massachusetts is key to the success of the Mass HIway and realizing the goals of health care reform," said Laurance Stuntz, Director of the Massachusetts eHealth Institute at MassTech. "These projects will help take steps toward improving care and addressing costs through health technology."

CIO Harry Lemieux, commented: "Harrington Hospital has a longstanding relationship with Overlook Care at Home and we are excited at the prospect of leveraging the Mass HIway."

Greg Abrams, vice president at MHS, agrees. "We are thrilled to be selected for this grant and to partner with Harrington Hospital." ■

member felt for the benefits that MHS could provide to the fraternity, their families, and friends. After an introductory welcome by CEO Turner, the meeting evolved into an interactive exchange of ideas, questions, answers, and takeaways about how to best educate the fraternity on the vast array of services at their fingertips.

One challenge addressed was the lack of consumer understanding about how much they can influence the care they receive by simply speaking with their doctors or discharge planners regarding options for services. Why are people so quick to accept recommendations about health?

Many follow advice without question because they feel the doctor or discharge planner is educated in these situa-



Grand Master Richard Stewart and RW Paul Cataldo

tions and has their best interests at heart. While that sentiment is probably correct on the technical aspects, the fact is, no one is more educated and knowledgeable about you than you. Our goal at MHS is to be more than providers; we will be successful when we are educators. When we are able to supply people with all the relevant information that they require to make a sound and informed decision, we will then have empowered the consumer to be the decision maker.

MHS has aligned the InfoSource referral network, teams of providers and caregivers, and the geriatric care management division to assist older adults in managing the health care network.

Through the dedicated efforts of the Education Committee, MHS' outreach and ability to help will continue to grow. ■

The Young Tyler

by Wor. David Riley

The young tyler watched carefully as the district deputy grand marshal placed the members of the suite into good order. When the marshal was satisfied, the district deputy grand master went to each man, expressed his thanks, and said a few personal words; clearly, he knew every man and he was genuinely appreciative of their attendance. The young tyler was slightly surprised when the district deputy approached him too.

"And Brother Tyler, thank you for your service to your lodge tonight," the district deputy said as he extended his right hand. The young tyler fumbled with his sword for a moment, trying to arrange matters so he could shake hands.

"My pleasure," the young tyler replied with a smile. "I hope your visit goes well."

The district deputy smiled and replied, "I know it will. Your lodge has a good master, a strong line of officers, and many, many truly committed members. It is always a pleasure to visit a strong and active lodge."

The young tyler was happy that his own perceptions of his lodge were shared by the district deputy. He started to say something in reply when the district deputy suddenly said, "Oh, I better take my place. Excuse me." Then the door to the lodge room opened and the visit began.

Later that evening, the young tyler found occasion to

speaking to the senior deacon: "He said that ours was a strong and active lodge, and he said it in front of the entire suite."

The senior deacon wasn't surprised. "He's a pretty sharp guy. I'm sure he could list off some of the things we need to work on. But he also knows we're aware of those weaknesses and working to correct them. But, overall, he's right. We're growing. Our members attend lodge and participate in events. We've got a full calendar. And we pay Grand Lodge's bills on time—which never hurts the opinion of your DD."

"I didn't think he'd even say anything to me. I mean, I wasn't on his suite."

"Like I said, he's a sharp guy. He knows a thing or two about Masonic leadership," the senior deacon replied. "Like that we are all brothers and that every brother deserves to be treated with courtesy and respect. He also knows that the work of local officers is essential to promoting the welfare of the fraternity."

The young tyler considered this for a moment. "With all the time he devotes to Freemasonry—I mean, the visits to other lodges, the Grand Lodge quarterlies, the lodge of instruction, and the rest of it—it really meant something that he took a minute to speak with me. Especially since I wouldn't even be in the room during his visit."

The senior deacon nodded, "And that, my brother, is a lesson you'd do well to remember. Every man appreciates a kind word and recognition for the service he performs, especially when it comes from someone for whom he has respect. Now, do you suppose that there is anything left for us at collation?"

The young tyler chuckled. "I think they'll have saved us something," he replied. ■



The Masonic Health System Education Committee

by Patrick McShane

In 2011, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts made a substantial modification in the way the fraternity learns about the Masonic Health System (MHS). By forming the MHS Education Committee—comprised of a representative from each Masonic District in the Commonwealth—the Grand Lodge provided a regional touch point that could assist lodge members, their families, and friends with information about how best to access their health system.

In the past, fraternal outreach was provided by individual representatives from each lodge. The role became much more difficult due to increased complexity in the industry, and the vast growth of products and services MHS was able

to offer. By moving towards a smaller number of representatives, MHS was able to have far more in-depth training and educational opportunities for each individual representative.

One such gathering of representatives took place over the summer at the corporate offices of MHS in Charlton. MHS Education Committee members gathered with Most Wor. Richard Stewart, Grand Master of Massachusetts; Right Wor. David Turner, the president and chief executive officer of MHS; and Right Wor. Paul Cataldo, chairman of the MHS Educational Committee.

The meeting showcased the passion each committee

Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt

1872–1874



Most Wor.

SERENO D. NICKERSON

*Si Monumentum
Requiris, Circumspice*

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

In December 2012, Grand Master Richard J. Stewart appointed me as grand historian of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and in this capacity I am often called upon to speak and to answer questions about Masonic history here in Massachusetts. One of the most frequent questions is, “Are you the first to hold this office?” The answer is no; there was one other grand historian. After he declined election to the office of recording grand secretary, Past Grand Master Sereno Nickerson received an appointment in March 1908 from Grand Master John Albert Blake, to carry out a resolution of the Grand Lodge “to cause to be prepared, as completely as possible . . . [Massachusetts] Masonic history from Colonial days to the present time.” He would be a committee of one, receiving the title *Historian of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts*.

Sereno D. Nickerson, the senior Past Grand Master of Massachusetts at that time, never completed that history; he died in the fall of 1909 at age 86, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of loyalty, integrity, and service to the Craft. No brother was appointed to replace him for more than a century.

For the Massachusetts Masonic community in the last quarter of the nineteenth century, there was no more recognizable figure than Sereno Dwight Nickerson. He was born in 1823, descended from Pilgrim ancestors who had settled on Cape Cod in the 1630s. He claimed Elder William Brewster and Stephen Hopkins as Mayflower ancestors, and also had family connections with Plymouth Colony’s governor Thomas Prence and Reverend John Mayo, the first minister of Boston’s Second Church. His father, Captain Ebenezer Nickerson, was a Boston merchant, with offices on Long Wharf. An accomplished scholar, he attended Chauncy Hall and Phillips Academy in Andover; afterward he earned high honors at Yale and a law degree at Harvard, passing the Suffolk Bar in 1846 following an examination in open court.

He gave up the active practice of law in deference to his father’s wishes, entering business with him in 1849. Captain Nickerson was “a man of high character and absolute integrity in his dealings,” attributes that his son inculcated from the beginning of his professional life. Brother Nickerson also developed a cultivated taste in art and literature, partially due to personal and professional travel abroad.

Brother Nickerson first received light in Masonry in Winslow Lewis Lodge in April 1856. This lodge was then under dispensation; he was the twelfth candidate received. He became a member in March 1857, and rapidly ascended the officer ranks; he served as master for three years from 1860 to 1862. He attempted to enlist as a soldier in 1861, which would have shortened his term, but was rejected due to poor eyesight.

In 1864 Grand Master William Parkman appointed him as a district deputy grand master for Boston; Grand Master Charles C. Dame elevated him to deputy grand master in 1866. He served as a director of the Grand Lodge from

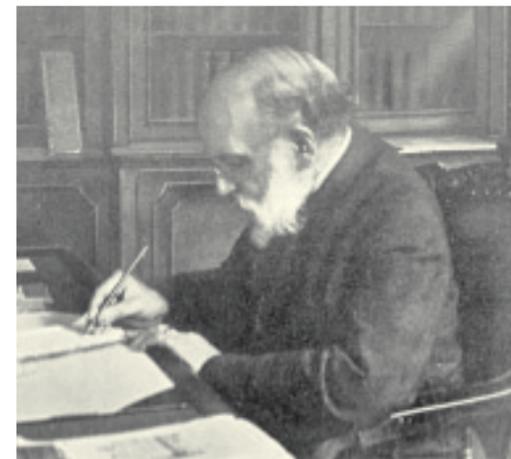
1864 onward, and was extremely active in the finance and library committee and as a trial commissioner. When Grand Lodge suffered the devastation of the Winthrop House fire in April 1864, Brother Nickerson as chairman of the finance committee supervised the arrangements for building the new Temple. He personally guaranteed at least \$200,000 in loans, without which the Grand Lodge could not have borrowed money. According to the memorial biography from the 1909 Proceedings: “The beauty of this noble work is that he was always too modest to speak of the great and important part which he thus played in making the building of that Temple possible.”

At the end of 1871, Sereno Dwight Nickerson was elected Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. He had a very active term of duty; he issued a series of edicts and rulings on the conduct of Masonic trials (building on the extensive work done by his predecessor, Grand Master Gardner), and he granted fourteen lodge charters—five in 1872, six in 1873, and three in 1874. Other than the last, Anchor Lodge of Wales, they are all still meeting either on their own or as part of a merged body. Grand Master Nickerson continued the work of Brother Gardner and, like the three Grand Masters that followed him, focused considerable energy while in office to retiring the debt of Grand Lodge through the imposition of a capitation tax on all Masons in Massachusetts. At the time of his retirement from the Grand Oriental Chair however, much of it remained unpaid.

For several years after his Grand Mastership, Nickerson served Grand Lodge as a director and as part of committees; it is apparent from the written account that he encountered financial difficulties during this time, in part due to his commitments on behalf of Masonry; the details are obscure, except that it is clear that he acted with complete propriety, paying money “for which he was in no way personally or legally responsible, but which he felt morally bound to make good because of the actions of others connected with him.” As a result, his considerable fortune was substantially reduced.

Also during this period, he picked up the great work of

Rt. Wor. Charles W. Moore, who had been grand secretary of the Grand Lodge from the 1830s until his death in 1873. *Moore’s Freemason’s Monthly*, a periodical renowned for its scholarship, news, information, and timely advice on Masonic matters, was succeeded by Nickerson’s own *New England Freemason*. After two years of publication, it too ceased publication; these volumes, available as a complete set at our Grand Lodge, are an invaluable resource and insight into this historical period.



In December 1881, during the dedication of Masonic apartments in North Easton, the corresponding grand secretary, Rt. Wor. Tracy P. Cheever, suffered a fatal stroke; at the request of Grand Master Samuel C. Lawrence, Past Grand Master Nickerson assumed the office, which he filled ably for nearly three decades. In that capacity, he became a much-consulted authority on Masonic history; he regularized and organized membership lists, helped prepare the *Proceedings*, which became much more authoritative and informative, and conducted research and gave speeches on everything from early Freemasonry in Boston to the great figures of the past and present. In the later part of his career as corresponding grand secretary (and during his brief term as grand historian) his lectures and essays are prominent in the *Proceedings* as well as in other Masonic publications.

His death in 1909 at an advanced age, after a lengthy illness, was the cause of mourning across and beyond the jurisdiction of Massachusetts. He had become the senior Past Grand Master in 1901 at the death of Charles C. Dame; the northeast corner of Grand Lodge must have been an extraordinary gallery of famous men while he was there, and his death came in the midst of a tragic thinning of the ranks of men from that era (Percival Everett and Charles A. Welch passed in 1908; Baalis Sanford died the same year as Nickerson in 1909; Samuel Crocker Lawrence in 1911; Henry Endicott in 1913.) As this generation passed, the Craft endured a sea change as well, with new directions, new locations (such as Panama), and new concerns that the twentieth century brought with it.

Brother Nickerson’s extended memorial in the 1909 Proceedings, presented by a committee consisting of Past Grand Masters Lawrence and Gallagher and Wor. William T. Coppins, master of Winslow Lewis Lodge, offered a detailed encomium of support for the great figure that had passed from the scene. Of his talents as an officer, a scholar, a financial manager, and an upright Mason it was unqualified in its praise. It speaks from the outset of his legacy, using the words inscribed on Saint Paul’s Cathedral in London, in dedication to Sir Christopher Wren, that edifice’s architect: *Si Monumentum Requiris, Circumspice* – If

Thou Seekest His Monument, Look About Thee.

A Grand Master from 140 years ago, and a grand historian from a century ago, could receive no higher tribute than to be remembered thus; indeed, the records that we possess, the history that we know, even the structure that holds our Grand Lodge—dedicated in 1867 after a terrible fire, renovated in 1902 following another—are monuments to the work and the exemplary career of Most Wor. Sereno Dwight Nickerson. ■

THE ACACIA KIT

Help Your Loved Ones Carry Out Your Wishes

by Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb

Many active Masons belong to one or more lodges and to other Masonic organizations as well. It is common for various medals, jewels, certificates, and items of apparel to be acquired over the years. Some of these items are the personal property of the member.

However, some jewels and other items are actually the property of the lodge and should be returned after the passing of the member. Examples would include a past master's jewel, a district deputy grand master's jewel, etc. These jewels are worn with pride by the members who have earned them. However, when that member no longer has need for them, they should be returned to the rightful owner—the lodge which issued them.

One of the ways that a Mason is best remembered is by returning his jewel to the lodge. The lodge often has the jewel refurbished and engraved with the name of the next

brother to receive it. The previous wearers of the jewel are still identified on the jewel, with the new bearer's name and title prominently placed thereon. Newly refurbished, this jewel and the brother's name both live on with the new recipient.

The Acacia Kit (or card) is designed for a member to express his preference for the disposition of these items as well as his intention regarding a Masonic Memorial Service. It is a useful tool for the member and his family, summarizing personal wishes and giving the location of his Masonic apron. Masons should keep these records updated and shared with the members of his family. This Acacia Kit should be kept with important personal documents. ■

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TO MY FAMILY: Brother _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

My Masonic Lodge is _____

I am also affiliated with the following Masonic lodge(s): _____

The Masonic Apron is the lambskin which was presented to me on the night I received my First Degree in Freemasonry. The lambskin is usually put in a safe place where it remains until my memorial. For the benefit of my family, the lambskin apron may be found in this location: _____

The Masonic Memorial Service is an important and solemn affirmation of our tradition of brotherly love. It is performed by a lodge at the request of a brother's family. After my passing, with the permission of my family, it would be my preference to have a Masonic Memorial Service performed by the officers of: _____ Masonic Lodge.

The following are items presented to me during my Masonic career and are the property of the lodge. Please return them to the lodge secretary for their future use. _____

The following items were acquired by me during my Masonic career. They are my personal property. My wish for these items is for them to be distributed as specified here. _____

In the event these items are not accepted, I suggest the items should be offered to _____ Lodge. These items may be of interest to members or have historical significance for the lodge.

A Story About Forgetting a Brother

by Bro. Scott H. Bornstein

A young man walked into a lodge. It wasn't his first time there, but he was still nervous. This, after all, was the day he would begin a journey to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. While he'd been in the lodge many times as a member of DeMolay, this was the day he'd begin his life as a Mason. The attire was formal, the ritual, perfect, and the solemn, meaningful words that he would be allowed to hear, to share, to consume, would become a part of his life.

There were friends on the sidelines, most of them friends of his father, but being familiar with so many made the evening more comfortable and allowed him to focus on the events taking place around him rather than being overwhelmed by so many eyes upon him. He was there to learn, and there were many teachers: some friends, some family, and soon, all brothers.

He was soon raised by his grand uncle in a perfect example of ritual, and he became more familiar and involved with his lodge. He would only fill a couple of lower offices, choosing not to go through the line so early in his Masonic career. Family had to come first, and free time was at a premium. But he was always there, often finding ways to support and share within the lodge.

Ten years into his Masonic life, he moved far away from his home, and his brothers. Quickly he learned what his meaning and impact to his lodge were. His experience, I imagine, is not unlike that of many brothers who are far from home and their lodge. Quickly he found himself as a potential source of revenue for the lodge, and nothing more. At least that's how he felt. He would get his annual bill from the lodge, and a pre-signed birthday card. Communications would come via e-mail and he would see his Masonic years increasing as time passed. Lodges were not the same where he was located, and he often missed his brothers. He'd never join another lodge.

As time passed, he realized he'd never heard from anyone in the lodge. Not once, except for an annual bill. No one cared what happened to him enough to ask, call, e-mail. There were old friends who would ask his dad how he was, but nobody tried to contact him directly. The few times he

reached out to the lodge, usually by e-mail, the messages went unanswered. E-mails from a brother, sent to officers, treated like SPAM.

Why write this? The lodges and Grand Lodge work so hard to increase membership, yet we sometimes forget the brethren who are still, or were, right around us. Maybe there should be more attention on retention; maybe lodges could seek dislocated members from other parts of the country; maybe that would increase membership. Maybe the brother who is far from home would want to share in the brotherly traditions that make him feel like he's still a part—a welcome part—of his lodge and the Craft.

The story is my own. I miss being involved in the Craft. I miss the brethren who shared my journey, those who preceded me, and those who followed. I may never be able to get there to view my lodge room, its portraits and images, its ritual and fellowship, but I encourage those in line and on the sidelines to pick up a phone, or place pen to paper, or find another way to reach out to the brother who once sat beside you. Not for me. The story is not for my gain or feeling of loss. It's for other brothers all over the globe who just might feel the same way. If this writing makes you feel, makes you think, and most importantly, makes you act, then at least this brother can feel he's done something philanthropic to aid another brother lost to time and distance. ■

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he says, “The Masons proclaim to ‘make good men better.’ I believe my short time with the Masons has made me more introspective and, therefore, a better man.” He says he's come to peace with the events of Marathon Day by spending more time with his friends that were there. “Four of the nine people assigned to my specific ambulance were all shoulder-to-shoulder at the actual bomb site. We'll always have that bond.” he also says the lessons he learned, and the support he received from his lodge only made it easier for him to move on.

Brother Mike McCormack is one Mason who has been tested in battle, literally and figuratively. He says he can humbly attest that a proud Mason was near the finish line of the Boston Marathon bombing. He ran toward the explosion and governed himself accordingly. One could not ask for a better man and brother. ■

Bro. Scott H. Bornstein was raised in 1993. He now lives in Lakeland, Florida.

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Quincy Lodge Building Destroyed

Quincy Masonic Building is a large and impressive edifice on Quincy's main street. Its elegant stone-faced neo-classical frontage has a colonnade approached by a broad flight of steps rising majestically from the street. Although many people pass by it, they don't always realize that it's a Masonic building. Our lodge open house always brings in some curious locals, and we were ever happy to show some of them the impressive interior.

Sadly the consummate craftsmanship of the interior is no more. It was destroyed by a raging fire that started around noon September 30, 2013. Smoke and black cinders rained down on the gathering crowd, many of them Masons, who stood silently and ruefully observed their fond memories being consumed by the blaze.

Rural Lodge A.F.&A.M. was founded in 1801, and occupied the building since it was purpose-built. The cornerstone is incised with the date 1926. It was built in the heyday of the King Tut discoveries made by Howard Carter, and the architecture reflected the Egyptian style, inside and out. The

lobby was a glorious combination of colored stone, displaying sphinxes, and decorated with gold and crimson papyrus fronds. Doorways and windows were sloped in the Egyptian style. The inside main lodge room was as large as those in Grand Lodge, but with a vaulted 40-foot high ceiling replete with twinkling stars and a contemporary lighting system that could illuminate the lodge from rosy-fingered dawn, to noonday, to a somber twilight. The painted wooden furniture continued the architectural motif—all the unique creation of the architects, J Williams Beal & Co.

After the conflagration, the walls remained standing, roofless, although a serious vertical crack developed in an outer brick wall, indicating that the walls at the rear are likely to need demolition. The Indiana limestone façade that fronts Hancock Street, remains, as does the ornate foyer and lodge offices, although inevitably damaged by smoke and streams of water. A full assessment is yet to be made. Access to the building is at present hazardous and necessarily restricted.

Items like lodge regalia were probably destroyed, but we hope the records in the offices may be salvageable.

News of the inferno spread among the Masonic world and hundreds of offers of help poured in, from offering regalia, bibles, use of Masonic premises, to even sending in a Masonic wrecking crew! We have yet to figure out our future, but there is a ray of consolation. The building committee maintained full insurance on the premises. The master of Rural Lodge, Wor. Jacob T. Yanovich, and the members of the lodge express their unbounded gratitude to all who have offered help, but there is not much that individuals or lodges can do at this juncture.

The Lodge lives on, and will be meeting in nearby Weymouth, by the courtesy of Weymouth United Masonic Lodge.

Much of our beautiful structure has gone. You should cherish your own building, and ensure it is fully protected and insured. Rural Lodge had initiated a process of scanning and photographing its archives and treasures before the fire struck. You should seriously think of doing the same. You may not be custodians of valuable historical artifacts, but you are definitely the trustees of irreplaceable Masonic images and social records. If fire strikes, it will be too late!

— Rt. Wor. Graeme Marsden

Trowel Deadlines

Spring 2014

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

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Articles: March 21, 2014
Lodge News: April 18, 2014

Fall 2014

Articles: June 20, 2014
Lodge News: July 18, 2014

Winter 2014

Articles: September 20, 2014
Lodge News: October 18, 2014

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Grand Lodge Rededicates Saint Mary's Cornerstone

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church in Newton Lower Falls observed its bicentennial anniversary on September 29, 2013. The Masons were there to help just as they were 200 years ago. Most. Wor. Albert T. Ames was there just as he was 25 years ago and as he was 50 years ago!

On September 29, 1813, Grand Lodge laid the original cornerstone with the assistance of Meridian Lodge. Since 1813, Saint Mary's has asked the Freemasons to perform the cornerstone ceremony every 25 years. It happened that 25 years ago, Bro. Ames was the



witness the traditional carpet ceremony and to hear the Grand Master's dedication of the replica cornerstone donated to the church by Grand Lodge.

— Wor. John Doherty



Grand Master, and officiated at the cornerstone rededication of 1988. (He had become a member of St. Mary's in the early 1980s.) Fifty years ago, while master of Meridian Lodge, Wor. Bro. Ames read the scriptures for the 150th anniversary at Saint Mary's. Now, 50 years later, to the day and date, Most Wor. Bro. Ames participated in the bicentennial ceremony while master of Meridian Lodge for the second time, and as a Past Grand Master.

Bro. Ames worked with Pastor George Stevens all year to plan this year's ceremony which was performed by Grand Master Richard Stewart and a suite of Grand Lodge officers. The congregation assembled on the lawn to

Time Capsule Sealed in 18th District

Lodges throughout the 18th Masonic District filled a time capsule with letters, trinkets, and Little Scottish Solders for our brothers to open in 2092. Masters and members represented Old Colony, Daniel Webster, Phoenix, Satuit, Corner Stone, Macedonian Lodges as well as St. Stephens Royal Arch Chapter, Dorothy Bradford OES, South Coastal Chapter Order of DeMolay and Plymouth Assembly Rainbow for girls.

Old Colony has been remodeling their lodge over the past seven years; the time capsule project came out of a plan to rebuild the walkway leading to their front doors. The crypt will be opened on the 300th anniversary of Old Colony which was the first lodge chartered in Massachusetts by our Grand Lodge.

— Rt. Wor. Joseph DeNicola



Macedonian Lodge "East" is Preserved

Last year the members of Macedonian Lodge moved to the Hingham Masonic Building due to the pending changes in

Quincy. As part of their move they were able to transfer the 'East' of their lodge with its beautiful stained glass emblems, columns, letter 'G', and portico to Hingham. It was nearly a perfect fit and very well received in the 18th Masonic District. Originally built for the old Masonic Temple in Milton Lower Falls, it was moved to Quincy when Milton was shuttered. Thankfully, we have this beautiful reminder of two great buildings that are now unfortunately lost to us forever.

— Rt. Wor. Joseph DeNicola





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The Medway Community Church was the backdrop for the parade step-off. This beautiful example of New England church architecture was first dedicated in 1814. The original structure, designed by Malachi Bullard lost its steeple in the notorious Hurricane of 1938. The second steeple was lost to fire in 2009. A third steeple with a blind belfry now adorns the church building.

Curious Masons might be interested in knowing that retired fire chief and long-time Medway resident, Rt. Wor. Wayne Vinton was married in this very church.

— *Wor. John Doherty*



Fellowship Lodge Service Project

Bro. Stanley Ralph Siegel of Fellowship Lodge, who is a disabled veteran, was further disabled when he suffered a heart attack and stroke. Bro. Siegel's wife Velma, who works nights and cares for Stan during the day, was challenged when getting him down the stairs for medical appointments.

This situation came to the attention

Below, from left: Builder Robert Ladd, Bro. Bob Woodbury, Bro. Pete Falcon, Bro. Stan Siegel, and Velma Siegel.



of the lodge service director, Bro. Pete Falcone, who brought it to the attention of the lodge. Robert Ladd, a builder from Bridgewater, provided estimated construction cost for a handicap platform and ramp. An e-mail went out to the brethren of Fellowship Lodge for funding. Within a day the project was funded and construction began the following week. Bro. Siegel is blessed to have an angel like Velma in his corner. This Widow's Son is in good hands.

— *Wor. William P. Renny*



24th District Gets Acacias

At LOI in September, Bro. Michael Sgariglia of Quinebaug Lodge presented each of the lodges of the 24th District with an acacia tree which he had grown over the last three years from seeds. *Pictured above: Bro. Sgariglia and Rt. Wor. Daniel C. Barston.*

— *Bro. James Gonyea*

Mariners Lodge Secures Prouty Traveling Gavel

On September 16, four members of Mariners Lodge, in Cotuit, made the two-hour drive to Webster Lodge, in the 24th District, to attend their fall opening meeting and official visit by Rt. Wor. District Deputy Grand Master Daniel C. Barston and his suite.

To commemorate this visit, the Mariners Lodge visitors were rewarded with the coveted Joel H. Prouty Lodge Traveling Gavel, which is given to the visiting lodge that travels the longest distance. The traveling gavel will be secured in Cotuit until appropriately retrieved by members of Prouty Lodge, or any other lodge that may want to compete for its temporary possession.

Shown in photo below: Wors. James H. Birch, Christopher J. Olsen, Donald Davidson, Thomas W. Hadley, and Bro. Theodore P. Theodores.

— *Bro. Ted Theodores*



2013 MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the more than 600 Massachusetts Masons who achieved important milestones in 2013. The first grouping of Masons are our longest-living members; Many of the men listed below are 100 years old. Celebrants are grouped by 60th, 65th, 70th, and 75th anniversaries, and the men are listed under the name of their current lodge regardless of where they

were raised. Masonic anniversaries are based on the date a Mason was raised to the Master Mason Degree.

Please contact your lodge secretary if you have any concerns about your seniority or status. It is possible that some recent demits, or recent deaths have not been reflected in the listings. Thank you to all the contributors who submitted photos of lodge presentations.

Our Longest-Serving Masons: 75 Years and More

1936 77 years

R.W. Frank Lindsey Wellcome *Williams Lodge*

1937 76 years

Wor. Lewis Asa Pingree *Charles C. Dame Lodge* • Bro. Ralph Henry Kuhnert *Chicopee Lodge*
Wor. James Leuis Acheson *Mount Tabor Lodge* • Bro. Thomas Harrison Lockhart *Rabboni Lodge*
Bro. Vaughn Kenneth O'Neill *Saint John's (B) Lodge*

1938 75 years

Bro. John Jacobson *Level Lodge*

70-Year Anniversaries Brethren Raised in 1943

Ancient York Lodge

Bro. William Warren Taylor

Ancon Lodge

Bro. Francis Scott Key

Boylston Lodge

Bro. John Holger Carlson

Caleb Butler Lodge

Bro. Herbert Leslie Kinney

Converse Lodge

Bro. Louis Rudolph

DeWitt Clinton Lodge

Bro. Clarence Leonard Mitchell

Eden Lodge

Bro. Leonard Robert Campbell

Elm-Belcher Lodge

Bro. William Joseph Raschi

Franklin Lodge

Bro. Alfred Dodge Riggs Jr.

Golden Fleece Lodge

Bro. Robert Burnhardt Johnson Jr.

Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge

Bro. Elwin Charles Taylor

King David Lodge

Bro. George Frederick Riley Jr.

Lawrence United Lodge

Bro. Charles Maxwell Goller

Liberty Lodge

Bro. Derick Vanderheyden Willson

May Flower Lodge

Bro. Raymond William Jarvio

Meridian Lodge

Bro. Chester Wilson Mahon

Morning Star Lodge

Bro. Roland Theodore Nelson

Mount Hollis Lodge

Bro. Robert Edward Ball

Mount Holyoke Lodge

Bro. William Frank Jubinville

Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge

Bro. Elliot Silverman

Saint Martin's Lodge

Bro. Donald Edward Welch

Sojourners Lodge

Bro. George Reider

Somerville Lodge

Bro. Delfar Davis Grant

Star of Bethlehem Lodge

Bro. William Graham Collins

Starr King Lodge

Bro. Charles Elmer Thomas Jr.

Tahattawan Lodge

Bro. Gordon Abbott Bowker

The Consolidated Lodge

Bro. Warren Philip Goodman

Webster Lodge

Bro. Sherwood Baldwin Young

West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge

Bro. Erling Carleton Nord

William North Lodge

Bro. Ralph Richard Abbott

65-Year Anniversaries Brethren Raised in 1948

Alpha Lodge

Bro. Ernest Linwood Prouty

Amity-Mosaic Lodge

Bro. Alden Wilkins Rider

Ancient York Lodge

Bro. Dickran Babigian

Bro. Donald Setrak Depoian

Ancon Lodge

Bro. Harry Robert Oakley

Baalis Sanford Lodge

Bro. Robert Weston Moore

Bay Path Lodge

Bro. Lindsey Edmund Smith Jr.

Blue Hill Lodge

Bro. William John Carmichael

Bro. Robert Walter Morgan

Bro. Willard Arthur Rhodes

Boylston Lodge

Bro. Alden Howard Gates

Bristol Lodge

Bro. Howard Ballou Bigelow

Bro. Arthur Colin Falla

Bro. Ralph Moir Quilty

Bro. Austin Ryder

Caleb Butler Lodge

Bro. Richard Leonard Levine

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- Celestial Lodge**
Bro. Edward Carl Anders
Bro. Harrison Bernard Siegle
- Charity Lodge**
Bro. Elliot Comenitz
- Charles River Lodge**
Bro. Maurice Jack Sloane
- Cochichewick Lodge**
Bro. Herbert Edward Barwell
- Columbian Lodge**
Bro. Alfred Edwin McKenney
Bro. Peter Andrew Seiler
- Converse Lodge**
Bro. Saul Cutler
Bro. Ellwood Tenney Perin Jr.
- Corner Stone Lodge**
Bro. Robert Norman Maglathlin
- Crescent-Pittsfield Lodge**
Bro. Perry Graham Whitman
- Dalhousie Lodge**
Bro. Warren August Berglund
- Delta Lodge**
Bro. Robert Dwinell Ladd
Wor. Earl Joseph Sweeney
- DeWitt Clinton Lodge**
Bro. John Albert Prouty
- Eastern Star Lodge**
Bro. John Emil Ginter
Bro. Kenneth Benjamin Viall
- Evening Star Lodge**
Bro. James Leonard Strayer
- Fellowship Lodge**
Bro. Allen Bela Morse
- Friendship Lodge**
Wor. William Irving Coffin Jr.
Bro. John Albert White Jr.
- Gatun Lodge**
Wor. George Lee Cooper
Bro. Bernard Lowell Martinsen
- Golden Fleece Lodge**
Bro. David Martin Goodhue
- Golden Rule Lodge**
Wor. Kendall Mason Dolbear
- Good Samaritan Lodge**
Bro. Joseph Kopcho Langdell
Bro. Robert Laughlin MacKay
Bro. Herbert Gardner Perry
- Guiding Lights Lodge**
Bro. Herbert Laforest Dodge Jr.
Bro. Raymond Eugene Tibbetts
- Indian Orchard Masonic Lodge**
Bro. Richard Washburn Hire
Bro. Samuel Ervine Johnston
Bro. Philip Herman O'Shan
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- John T. Heard Lodge**
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Bro. Ivar Milton Olson
- Merrimack Lodge**
Bro. Linwood Roland Clay
Bro. Emery Tyler Stokes
- Milton Lodge**
Bro. Carleton Roy Woodward
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Bro. Marshall Milton Sloane
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Bro. Donald Wallace Fessenden
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- Mystic Lodge**
Bro. Ralph Irving McCormick



Columbian Lodge Rededicates Mt. Auburn Cemetery Grave Site

In August, Columbian Lodge held a rededication service of the lodge monument and grave site located in Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. Approximately 75 Masons, family, and friends were joined by Grand Master Richard J. Stewart and his Grand Lodge suite; Led by a piper, the procession passed down Perella Path to the quiet, hillside site of the 120-year-old monument and the graves of 11 brethren.

The master of Columbian Lodge, Wor. Ronald T. Doucette, opened the service with the pledge of allegiance, and recalled the first dedication of the site by Wor. E. Bentley Young. Following the master's remarks, Senior Warden Bro. Daniel R. Madore, provided a history of the acquisition and original consecration of the burial plot in 1892.

Brother Robert L. Swander read a necrology of all departed brethren who were interred in the burial plot, followed by a prayer by Rt. Wor. Keith C. Alderman, the Hebrew Mourner's Kaddish by Rt. Wor. Michael A. Sandberg, and finally by taps played Bro. Frank Miodowski from Washington Lodge #70 in Windsor, Connecticut.

The Grand Master and his suite conducted the traditional ceremony of corn, wine, and oil, and the service was concluded with remarks by District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Frank B. Gomes Jr. and Grand Master Stewart.

— *Bros. Daniel R. Madore and Charles L. Bouvaïrd III*

- Mystic Valley Lodge**
Bro. William Wellington Bartell
Wor. Kenneth Eugene Gott
- Noquochoke Lodge**
Wor. Gilbert Gaylord Stiles
- Norfolk Lodge**
Bro. Oliver Ben Redden
- Norfolk Union Lodge**
Wor. John Harold Sherman Jr.
- North Quabbin Lodge**
Bro. Howard Clinton Adams
Bro. Donald Lloyd Ainsworth
- Norumbega Fraternity Lodge**
Bro. Philip Richmond Jacobs
Bro. Parker Hall Vaughan
- Occidental Lodge**
R.W. Paul Arlon Moore
- Oxford Lodge**
Wor. Everett Henry Carey

- Bro. James Henry Walker
- Pacific Lodge**
Bro. Bruce Grafton Brown
Bro. William Midgley Potter
- Paul Revere Lodge**
Bro. Loucas Stathis Dimou
Bro. William Theodore Kidd
- Pequossette Lodge**
Bro. Stephen Harry Barmakian
Bro. Malcolm Stetson Cate Jr.
Bro. Spencer Miller Wallace Jr.
- Philanthropic Lodge**
Bro. Calvin Leroy Beede II
Bro. Joseph Davis Cornelius
Bro. Dana Ronald Dillon
Bro. Lawrence Rodgers Hardwick
Bro. D. Mason Wells
- Phoenix Lodge**
Bro. Fred William Leach

- Pilgrim Lodge**
Bro. George Ronald Armbruster
- Pioneer Lodge**
Bro. Warren Hays Seward
Bro. Milton Russell Walker
Bro. Kenneth Everett Whitney
- Puritan Lodge**
Bro. Carl Frederick Peterson Jr.
- Rabboni Lodge**
Bro. John Irwin Congdon
- Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge**
Bro. Albert Quon Yau Tom
- Rose of Sharon Lodge**
Bro. Charles Wesley Williams
- Rufus Putnam Lodge**
Bro. Kenneth Allen Starbard
- Saggahew Lodge**
Bro. Edward James Caswell
Bro. James Allen Etter
- Saint Alban's Lodge**
Wor. Wendell Stratton Young
- Saint George Lodge**
Bro. Robert Leroy Peterson
Bro. Edward Alexander Walker
- Saint James Lodge**
Bro. Donald Lang Huston
- Saint John's (B) Lodge**
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Bro. Robert Eugene Desautels
Bro. Raymond Emery Desautels
Wor. Harry Philip Edwards
Bro. Robert Leroy Kauserud

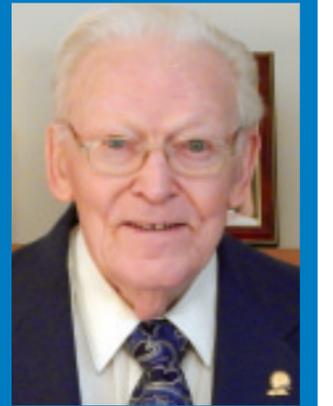


Wor. Harry Edwards celebrated his 97th birthday last spring. He moved to Overlook when he was a mere 90!

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- Saint Martin's Lodge**
Wor. Frederick Holmes Bearse
- Saint Paul's-Algonquin Lodge**
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Bro. Anthony Joseph Pierangelo
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- Star of Bethlehem Lodge**
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Bro. Maurice Epstein
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Bro. Stuart Weston Manter
- Union Lodge (N)**
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Bro. Robert Lawrence Wilbur
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Bro. Clifford Arthur White
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Bro. Thomas Raphael
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- Wisdom Lodge**
R.W. Robert Earl Hamm
- Wyoming Lodge**
Bro. Charles Hamilton Fellowes
Bro. Lowell Franklin Wentworth

Bro. Charles Conrad Jensen, 67-year member of International Lodge in Peking, China, joined the U.S. Marines in 1938 and was at Pearl Harbor during the attack of 1941. He joined International Lodge in 1946 in Peking while on duty with the Marines. He served the Marines until his retirement in 1958. He and his family moved more than 20 times over the years and Bro. Jensen never joined another lodge, but faithfully paid his dues to International lodge until 1995 when he earned life membership. He is the last surviving member of International Lodge. Bro. Jensen now lives in Salem, Missouri.



60-Year Anniversaries Brethren Raised in 1953

- Alpha Lodge**
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Wor. Benjamin Tappan Wright
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Bro. Arthur Ward Carr
Bro. Edison Gardner Forbes
Bro. Richard Bruce Salmonsens
Bro. John Edward Sayer
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Bro. Anthony Kiskey
- Ancon Lodge**
Bro. Walter Jaworski
Bro. James Arthur Nye
Bro. Kit Carson Price
- Azure Lodge**
Bro. Gordon Hamilton Landess
- Baalis Sanford Lodge**
Bro. Robert Louis Jeppson
Bro. Russell Leonard Jeppson
- Bay Path Lodge**
Bro. Walter Eugene Hazen
- Bethesda (W) Lodge**
Bro. Iver Robert Bailey
- Beth-horon Lodge**
Bro. Robert Alexander Morrison
Bro. Leonard Howland Russell Jr.
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Bro. Richard Thomas Witt
- Boylston Lodge**
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Bro. William Robert Johnson
Bro. Robert Andrew Larson
- Brigham Lodge**
R.W. Basil Allen Crandell
Bro. Jack Arnold Goldberg
Bro. Edward Louis Goldstein
- Bro. Jack Glenn McGinnis
Wor. John Astwood Thomas
- Bristol Lodge**
Bro. William Forsyth Witschi
- Caleb Butler Lodge**
Bro. Frank Carter Harmon Jr.
- Cawnacone Sunshine Lodge**
Wor. Charles Fred Moulton II
- Celestial Lodge**
Bro. Henry Harry Aroian
Bro. Vincent Carl Edwin Peterson
Bro. Daniel Frederick Woodworth Sr.
- Charity Lodge**
Bro. Judson Webster Hoyt
Wor. Stanley Norman Roach
R.W. Norman Harold Shaw Jr.
Bro. Nicholas John Stavropoulos
- Charles A. Welch Lodge**
Bro. Craig Elliott Lundberg
- Charles C. Dame Lodge**
Bro. Roy Clarence Carlson Jr.
Bro. Harry Takesian
- Charles W. Moore Lodge**
Bro. Nicholas John Lavnikovich
- Chicopee Lodge**
Wor. Alfred Willard McKinstry
Bro. Nicholas Preston
R.W. Sidney Weiner
- Cincinnati Lodge**
Bro. Charles Weston Dolby
Bro. Edward Terry Durant
Bro. Wayne Bruce Palmer
- Cochichewick Lodge**
Bro. Raymond Broadhead
Wor. James Haigh Dewhirst
Bro. James Malcolm Smith
- Columbian Lodge**
Bro. Robert Edward Bardsley

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Bro. Shahan Armand Adrian
Bro. George Boyajian
Wor. Harold Cohen
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Bro. John Richard MacKinnon
Bro. Stanley Justin Patkin
Bro. Marvin Harold Siegel
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Bro. Arnold Sidney Wolf

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Bro. Charles Elliott Bennett
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Bro. Robert Perkins Balch
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Bro. William Royal Gennert

Gatun Lodge

Bro. James Gordon MacKeen
Bro. John Edwards Taylor

George H. Taber Lodge

Bro. Raul Anthony Cardoza

Globe Unity Lodge

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Wor. Richard Alexander Lattizzori
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Bro. Apolos Odissefs Kalogeros
Bro. B. William Walker

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Bro. Albert Der Parseghian

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John Cutler Lodge

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Bro. Richard Marion Spencer Jr.



Bro. Russell Skinner, 60-year member of Fellowship Lodge

Colonial Craftsmen Visit MMRL

In October, the Colonial Craftsmen Club of Massachusetts traveled to Utica, NY to present *On the Square:1775* at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

The Colonial Craftsmen's Club was founded in 1973 by Massachusetts Masons interested in the Revolutionary era and colonial Masonry. They produced a play, *On the Square:1775*, depicting a lodge meeting in a tavern. Craftsmen assume the roles of innkeeper, lodge officers, members, and others. During the meeting, one member depicts a candidate who is raised to the Sublime Degree in a fashion accurate for the time.

The Distaff Side consists of ladies associated with club members who are interested in the colonial styles and times. While the brethren are assembled in a tyled lodge room, the Ladies of the Distaff Side perform a fashion show for the women in attendance. In the men's program, no ladies are allowed. Likewise, no men are allowed into the ladies program. The ladies have their secrets as well.

Each group dresses in appropriate attire, wearing authentic clothing and carrying materials which accentuate their occupations and status in society in the colonial era.

Several Massachusetts MMRL representatives traveled to support the Craftmen as did Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto and Rt. Wor. Harvey Waugh and his wife Margaret. Club president Rt. Wor. Charles Katsanos presented a donation to the MMRL, mentioning that over the past 20 years, the Craftsmen have donated over \$20,000 to the MMRL. Ed News-ham, president of MMRL, rewarded the club with a leaf on the Vine of Life donor recognition wall.

— Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb

Colonial Craftsmen and Distaff Side. Kneeling: Bro. Fred Maitland. First row: Beth Maitland, Betty Adam, Bro. Jack Philbrick, Diane Newcomb. Second row: Shirley Cornwell, RW Richard Cornwell, Carole Maconi, Diana Hatch, Wor. Ted Hatch, RW Charles Katsanos. Third Row: Wor. Charles Davis, Bro. Charles Roseman, Bro. Bob Adam. Fourth Row: Lisa Hunt, RW Walter Hunt, Debbie Nelson, Wor. John Nelson. Fifth Row: RW John Mulhall, Pat Mulhall, RW David Newcomb, RW Gerard Bergeron, Wor. Louis Lasker.



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The Masonic Edifice Project The Elegance of Good Floor Work

The Masonic Edifice Project is a series of symposium sessions intended to teach the background of our Masonic degrees and techniques for presenting them more effectively in our lodges.

The second of three sessions was held at the Worcester Masonic Center in October and focused on good floor work and presentation. Wor. James Boudreau (*at left above*) led a team consisting of two grand lecturers: Rt. Wor. John Andrews (*center*), and Wor. Gordon Forsberg. Wor. Bro. Boudreau feels, "We have great education programs for the fraternity, but we have nothing that adds up to beautiful degree work. The edifice project attempts to do this by combining in a single forum, floor work, oral ritual, tradition, and customs."

The final session in this pilot series is planned for early December and will focus on presenting the Master Mason Degree. The \$25 registration fee for each symposium session includes lunch and any program materials. Any surplus funds will be donated to the Brotherhood Fund.

— Wor. John Doherty

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Bros. Raymond Orloff and Harry Jenkins receive 60-year pins at Philanthropic Lodge.

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Alec Turner is the son of Bro. Steven Turner and the grandson of Bro. Linwood Turner. He is attending Saint John's University and is majoring in journalism.

Hollie Zumalt is the daughter of Bro. Steven Zumalt and the granddaughter of Bro. Willard MacDonald. She is attending the New England Institute of Technology as a nursing major.

Renewed Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarships

Those receiving continuing scholarships from the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Foundation are:

Alison Bettencourt, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Leia Brunette, Cairn University; Andrew Calvario, Cornell University; Danielle Darling, Ithaca College; Alexander DeMello, Fitchburg State University; Brittney Durocher, New England School of Art and Design; Jillian Flett, Fordham University; Thomas Flett, Stonehill College; Andrew Foster, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth; Brian Franklin, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Chris Fredrickson, University of Rochester; Jesse Fredrickson, Boston University; Alyson Haworth, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Kevin Haworth, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Mary L. Hedberg, Brown University; Zoe LaClair, Bryant University; Mason Machado, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Lydia M. Mozzone, Skidmore College; Ian Nussman, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth; Hillery J. Perry, Curry College; Marissa Perry, Bridgewater State University; Keegan Remy-Miller, Brandeis University; Lilith S. Remy-Miller, Case Western Reserve University; Victoria Saber, Simmons College; Jennifer W. Samson, Southern New Hampshire University; Casey R. Tidwell, Framingham State University; Timothy J. Walters, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Darwin B. Werthessen, Bridgewater State University. ■



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