

# TROWEL

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## The Medals of Masonry

Our 50-Year Veterans • The Brotherhood Fund

*From the East of Grand Lodge*

HARVEY JOHN WAUGH

“Let’s Make A Difference.”

Brethren:

The medals of Freemasonry that we award are an important part of recognizing the contributions of our members to the fraternity. As our DeMolay friends remind us in the Chevalier Investiture, it is “an ancient custom to honor those to whom honors are due.”

As the seasons change, technologies evolve, and hairs gray with the passage of time, the transient nature of our lives becomes readily apparent. New leaders of our fraternity rise while the old fade away. Men pass on, and their medals remain behind as remnants and reminders of times long gone.

Awarding such honors is just one way we demonstrate our appreciation for our brethren. Beyond honors and awards, the single greatest honor any one of us can have during our lives is being there for one another when called upon for acts of charity.

We hear reports on a daily basis about people who are in trouble. One cannot look at a news broadcast without seeing a house fire, car crash, or weather related emergency. The human suffering that is endured in such tragedies is hard to put into words. Government agencies provide emergency assistance as best as they can. Those services are typically reserved for short-term relief, and leave those in need behind in a very vulnerable state. If a tragedy befalls a brother, will we be there to pick up where these agencies left off? Will we be prepared to answer the call for aid?

We’re making the commitment to make a difference as Masons—a difference to our communities, to our lodges, and especially to our fellow brother Masons. This is why Freemasonry as a whole is comprised solely of good men committed to doing good things; acts that make a tangible difference in our world. The Grand Lodge Brotherhood Fund was established to help us better honor our obligation of aiding distressed worthy brother Master Masons, their widows, and orphans.

On July 31st, we formally used that fund to provide necessary relief to a worthy brother. His house was completely destroyed by a fire. His personal effects and professional equipment ruined. He was in trouble, needed help, and didn’t know where to turn.

We were there for him, the very next day, to help him get back on his feet. There was help for the Widow’s Son. No pomp and circumstance, no questions asked. There was an urgent need, and we saw to it that it was met.

This is one of the primary reasons we exist. This is one of the reasons that Freemasonry will continue its good works for many years to come. Freemasonry was there to support a brother in need, as the tie in our obligation commands. I trust each and every one of our members will be ready to play a part in supporting our next brother who needs help.

Fraternally,



Harvey J. Waugh  
Grand Master

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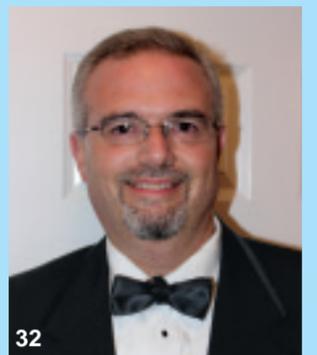
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## MASONIC HONORS

I filled out my application, and then waited. Like waiting to hear back from personnel when I really wanted the job, I waited for the thumbs up or thumbs down sign from my lodge. It wore me down. Then, finally, when I was given a date for my Entered Apprentice Degree, I was thrilled. I thought of Groucho Marx and wondered how great this group could be if they allowed me to be a member. In my heart of hearts, I was honored.



Years later, I was escorted from my lodge so a vote could take place. This vote would determine whether or not I would be Master of my lodge. I had those same butterflies. I attended regularly on the sideline, bought the tuxedo when asked, worked through the line, but somehow this leadership position always seemed distant, even when I was Senior Warden. My fellow officers took great glee in embarrassing me with my new honorific: Worshipful.

In Freemasonry, there is a great deal of honor and honors. The medals of Masonry featured in this issue work to commemorate people or events. If the President of the United States ever honored my lodge with a visit, then I would want something to hold in my hand that said I was there. If a secretary provides great service to the lodge over the course of years, the lodge is right to honor him and thank him. In the lodge room, honors and medals provide recognition to a brother, an expression of thanks, and a remembrance of that moment.

When a medal continues its life cycle, slips from the hand of the Mason to whom it was given, and goes on to a trusted relative, then it becomes a remembrance. It lives in the pocket or drawer of someone who has the Mason in their hearts; the medal becomes a token of that Mason and his short time here.

The final resting place for a Masonic medal is in a collection. The honor that this medal represents has shifted once again. No more are the recipient, the lodge members, the family members, keeping alive the specific honor that the medal represents. They have all joined the Celestial Lodge. But something each medal honored from the beginning remains; it is the enduring point of honor that each of these medals represent.

These medals show the honor of the Craft and the noble calling that it represents. That nobility and honor creates the butterflies in the candidate or new Master; he is striving for a future that is just out of reach. In this issue, we remember the honor of the Craft through its medals and reach for the future they prove is possible.

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*

### DEADLINES FOR WINTER ISSUE

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## Prince Hall Grand Lodge Rededicates Arlington Cemetery



Above: Wor. Philip J. Privitera, Master of Mystic Valley Lodge, spoke to assembled Brethren at the rededication of the Prince Hall cemetery in Arlington. Right: Bro. Privitera, on behalf of Mystic Valley Lodge, presents a plaque to Prince Hall Grand Master, M. Wor. Compton Jones recognizing Prince Hall Grand Lodges' contributions.

On Memorial Day 2014, Mystic Valley Lodge welcomed the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to Arlington. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Prince Hall Cemetery on Gardner Street in East Arlington.

The cemetery is a small plot of land that was sold to the Prince Hall Grand Master William Kendall in 1856. Kendall then deeded the land to the

Prince Hall Grand Lodge in a perpetual trust in 1864, to be used as a Mason's burial ground for those in need of such purpose.

On behalf of Arlington's Mystic Valley Lodge, Wor. Master Philip J. Privitera presented a plaque to the Prince Hall Grand Master, M. Wor. Compton Jones, in appreciation of Prince Hall's selfless contributions to the Prince Hall Cemetery and to the

Arlington Community. At one time in its 150-year history, the cemetery was abandoned; it almost fell prey to developers. Through the dedication of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, in conjunction with the Town of Arlington and the Arlington Historical Society, the cemetery was saved and renovated. Today, the Prince Hall Mystic Arlington Cemetery Association manages the grounds.



Prince Hall members, members of its concordant bodies, and supporters come from all over Massachusetts, as well as the country for this annual celebration. Bro. Dennis Lloyd, for example, whose ancestor was one of the first persons buried in the cemetery, traveled all the way from Atlanta for the rededication. — *Wor. Philip J. Privitera*

## Joseph Webb Lodge Approves Wilson Award

Joseph Webb Lodge recently approved the Wilson Award, designed to honor the memory of Wor. Robert Gardiner Wilson III, a member who had a substantial impact on the Boston-based lodge.

At its May communication, Joseph Webb Lodge voted to create this accolade, which recognizes brothers for distinguished service to the lodge. The vote established an Award Steering Committee, which will provide nominations to the Worshipful Master. To be eligible, brothers will need to be members of Joseph Webb Lodge for at least five years. (continued on page 26)



**First District Outing** Historic Boston Common served as the perfect site for the late summer gathering of officers, members, family, and friends of the First Masonic District Lodges in downtown Boston. A spirited kickball outing organized by First District Ambassador, Bro. Jeffrey Fowler, recruited more than 30 on a warm and sunny afternoon. Rt. Wo. Frank B. Gomes, Jr., DDGM, remarked, as Boston tourists and other spectators looked on, "These are the events that put the brotherhood in our craft" — *Wor. Ronald T. Doucette*

# Share Your Story, Share Freemasonry

by Rt. Wor. Rev. Matt Wissell

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*

1 PETER 3:15

Peter writing to the early Christians admonishes them to have an answer ready when someone questions them about their faith. I think there is a logical message to brothers of the Craft as well. We need to be prepared to share the reasons why we spend so much of our time and resources with the fraternity. It is obviously important to us. You should be ready to tell others why it is so important to you.

I know this is not easy for some of you. You are saying to yourself, "I don't know what to say." "I am not a salesman." "It's just not my thing."

I have to ask you though, have you ever recommended a restaurant to a friend? Have you ever suggested to someone they should see a particular movie? Have you ever shared the story of a great vacation? If you have answered yes, then you can share your passion for Freemasonry.

An excellent place to start is sharing how you became involved with the Lodge. Tell the simple story for how you came to become a Mason. People are interested in hearing your story, not some professionally prepared talking points. Your authentic experience will attract other men to the Craft. Just be honest, and tell them how you came to discover the wonders of Freemasonry.

My story, for example, begins with my grandfather. He was a man of kindness and integrity. Upon his passing, I was given a box which contained a fez from Joppa Shrine, a Masonic Bible, and Scottish Rite booklets from the Valley of Willamsport, Pennsylvania. I knew of the Fraternity through my church and the members who belonged. Knowing my grandfather belonged and that I could share this experience with him convinced me that I would join. On arriving at my first appointment to a local church, a retired pastor handed me a booklet entitled "Freemasonry, A Way of Life." A couple months later, I made application to join Bay Path Lodge.

I enjoyed the ritual of the ceremonies, but more importantly I met friends that I have to this very day. The shared experience of belonging to the Lodge sets the table for many other experiences. I have been able to travel all over the United States and Canada with friends from the Craft. I was blessed to visit the Holy Land with the help of brother Masons. My life is much fuller and richer for being a part of this Brotherhood. The opportunities and encounters I have shared are invaluable. I would not trade them for anything.

You might want to think about what you like about your Lodge. Again, this is your experience of the Brotherhood. What is it that keeps you going back to lodge? What is it that you find there that is worth giving of your precious time? What is so meaningful there that you spend your money on it? These answers will help others discern if the Lodge is a place for them or not. The zeal and the enthusiasm that you bring to your stories will enable others to understand our special bonds of friendship.

Notice I did not say anything about sharing the esoteric or historical aspects of the Fraternity. I honestly do not believe that is necessary. Any of that information he can find with a good search of the web and a later conversation. You do not need to have all the answers to all the questions to tell others what Freemasonry means to you. What you do need to have is a real sense of your experience and be able to articulate it. The same rule applies to sharing any of the appendant bodies as well.

My brothers, be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for your love of the Fraternity. Reflect upon it. Think about it. Write it down if that helps. Practice telling your story either to yourself or other brothers. Our answers will not only help to spread the good name of our fellowship, but it might increase our membership as well. ■

*Rt. Wor. and Rev. Matthew J. Wissell is the current pastor of Eastham United Methodist Church and a Past Master of Bay Path and Mount Lebanon Lodges.*



# The June 2014 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts



by Wor. Lee H. Fenn

At 1:30 on June 6th, preceded by his honored guests and District Deputies, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh, entered Corinthian Hall for the June Quarterly.

The color guard, from the Bay State Court of Chevaliers, consisted of Bros. David W. A. Abbot, Grand Commander, member of Rural Lodge, Vincent D. Pegurri, Commander in the West, member of Weymouth United Lodge, Winston Otis Joseph, Grand Marshal, member of May Flower Lodge, and Wor. Jacob Yanovich, Commander in the South, Master of Rural Lodge.

With the color guard behind him, the Grand Master called to the East Gerald Shkoza and representatives from Guardsmark: Robert Chang, Pablo Latorri, and Richard O'Brien.

On St. Patrick's day of this year, Gerald Shkoza answered some questions at the guard's desk at Grand Lodge. This questioner held a brown paper bag. He exited the building, stood on the steps, then reentered. Upon reentry, the man opened the bag, began dousing the furniture with lighter fluid and attempted to ignite it. Gerald Shkoza tackled him and held him until police arrived.

As a result of his quick and brave action, Gerald Shkoza may receive several national awards from the company, Guardsmark. The Grand Master had lunch with Gerald Shkoza and presented him with a certificate of appreciation in the East prior to opening the Grand Lodge Quarterly.

The Grand Master then opened Grand Lodge. He introduced his honored guests: M. Excellent Alexander J. Marusa, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts; M. Illustrious, Robert C. Corr, M. Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts; Sir Knight Hiram Jamiel, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts and Ill. Peter R. Smith, 33°, Active for Massachusetts, both from Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America; Rt. Wor. and Dad Brian S. Noble, Executive Director, Massachusetts DeMolay and active member of DeMolay International; Bro. Brandon Thorne, State Master Councilor, Massachu-

*Left: Bay State Court of Chevaliers who presented the colors were Bros. Vincent D. Pegurri, Commander in the West, member of Weymouth United Lodge, David W. A. Abbot, Grand Commander, member of Rural Lodge, Wor. Jacob Yanovich, Commander in the South, Master of Rural Lodge, and Bro. Winston Otis Joseph, Grand Marshal, member of May Flower Lodge,*

*Right: The Grand Master presents a certificate of appreciation to Gerald Shkoza for protecting Grand Lodge from an arsonist on St. Patrick's day. Executives from Guardsmark, the security company that employs Gerald Shkoza, were present.*





Rt. Wor. Thomas E. Pulkkinen, Deputy Grand Master of Maine, with the Grand Master as he names Rt. Wor. Richard A Gesualdo (at right) Grand Representative to the state of Maine.

setts DeMolay and member of Wamesit Lodge; Rt. Wor. Gerrard A. Dowden, District Grand Master, the District of Panama; Rt. Wor. Thomas E. Pulkkinen, Deputy Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Maine, and former editor of TROWEL.

The Past Grand Masters in attendance were: M. Wors. Albert Timothy Ames, Edgar William Darling, Arthur Eugene Johnson, Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr., Jeffrey Black Hodgdon, and Richard James Stewart.

The Grand Master completed the usual business of the Quarterly, which included the consolidation of Mount Herman Lodge with Golden Rule of Wakefield, which will operate under the name Golden Rule. The Grand Master also suspended indefinitely two men for un-Masonic conduct.

Past Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Richard A Gesualdo was called to the East where the Grand Master named him as Grand Representative to the state of Maine. Rt. Wor. Thomas E. Pulkkinen, Deputy Grand Master of Maine, was present in the East to greet the new Grand Representative. The Grand Lodge of Maine has a progressive line. This means that the Deputy Grand Master of Maine serves a two year term then becomes Grand Master for a two year term.

The Grand Master then called Rt. Wors. Alfredo J. R. Canhoto and Edward Newsham, PhD, President of the Cardiac Research Institute of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) to the East. There they presented the Vine of Life to Wor. Jeffrey Lewis Stoller and Rt. Wor. Ernie Pearlstein, from the Consolidated Lodge of

Boston for the contributions by Consolidated Lodge to the MMRL and a certificate of appreciation to Bro. Gordon Huggins, MD, for his efforts to support MMRL.

The Grand Master then called to the lodges to present to the East their donations to the MMRL. Some 35 lodges made donations totaling \$17,600.

In his address, The Grand Master recounted several 150th anniversary celebrations, many 50 year veterans medal presentations, third degree raisings, and installations of officers. He found that "The spirit of Masonry and the fraternalism the meetings bring to our brothers, and on occasion to their ladies and families, is ever present in the hall filled with good feelings and brotherly love."

The Grand Master then discussed the travels of his Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Joseph C. DeNicola to Maine and Wisconsin; his Sr. Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Thomas A. Stark's visit to New Brunswick; and his Junior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Kenneth W. Pfeiffer's visit to Rhode Island. It was the pleasure of the Grand Master to visit Grand Lodge meetings in Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York and Nova Scotia. "A lack of growth in membership is a problem shared by all jurisdictions," recounted the Grand Master.

To address the membership issue, the Grand Master announced that there will be a One-Day Class within a year. "One-Day Class provides an opportunity for those good men to become productive members of our Fraternity who may not otherwise consider the longer process," the Grand Master said. Past Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. George R. Biblios will be chairman of the One-Day Class. The Grand Master reminded the Brethren that they should seek "out those good men around us who would be good Masons and Brothers for whichever initiation process is best for them."

The Grand Master noted his pleasure at the budgetary progress that has been made over the past several years and

Rt. Wor. Edward Newsham with the Grand Master as he presents the Vine of Life award from the MMRL to Consolidated Lodge to Rt. Wor. Ernie Pearlstein and Wor. Jeffrey Lewis Stoller. Rt. Wor. Alfredo J. R. Canhoto and certificate of appreciation recipient, Bro. Gordon Huggins, MD.



Lodges lining up to present donations to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory to the Grand Master.

that more attention to cost savings will be paid. "The discussions center around establishing programs to assist constituent Lodges and Building Associations with issues confronting their operations," said the Grand Master in reference to the 133 Masonic buildings in the jurisdiction. Letters have gone out to these building associations. The new Building Association Committee will be chaired Past Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Richard E. Johnson of Northboro, who will work with Rt. Wor. Paul F. Miller,

CPA, of Rockport and Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio of Tewksbury and the Building Associations so that there will be no surprises.

In all, over 150 Brothers serve on committees in Grand Lodge and the Grand Master reminded the Brethren that they deserve our thanks for their volunteer efforts.

After wishing "all Brother Masons within this jurisdiction to enjoy the summer and stay well," the Grand Master closed Grand Lodge in ample form. ■

## ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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



Welcome back from what we hope was a fine and restful summer. This edition deals with some questions fielded in the spring by the Grand Lecturers at the exemplifications and workshops. Please feel free to submit more.

**Q** Since the third degree has an additional sign, is it appropriate for the Master to also give it at the conclusion of the degree work?

**A** Not in the opinion of the Grand Lecturers. It is not intended as a sign of recognition or respect. It has a specific purpose and we feel that, other than for instruction, it should only be given for that purpose.

**Q** Are Lodges required to maintain a selection of different Volumes of the Sacred Law?

**A** There is no such requirement. It is however a good idea to inform applicants (preferably at their pre application meeting) that they will be expected to take obliga-

tions at the altar and make them aware that they may use their own volume if they so choose.

**Q** Do the portions of the degree work written out in English have to be given during an exemplification?

**A** Absolutely. While the reading of the English may be omitted at ritualist's workshops in order to allow more time for questions and floor work review, at Exemplification the entire degree must be done and it must be done by installed officers. It is very important for all Masters, Wardens and Deacons to understand this.

**Q** Can the evergreen be used at a Masonic Memorial Service? I have heard different answers to this question.

**A** This question has indeed come up several times and the answer bears repeating. A Lodge may use the evergreen if the Master so desires. However, if evergreens are used they must be placed with one motion on a nearby table and **not in or on the casket**. The Master may place his evergreen in the casket but he should check with the family first.

# THE BROTHERHOOD FUND

*To help, aid, and assist our Brethren wheresoever dispersed*

*by Wor. Robert Huke IV*

On the morning of Wednesday, July 30th, a six-alarm fire broke out in East Boston destroying two residential buildings and damaging a third. Two firefighters were injured, but no residents were hurt according to a Boston Fire Department spokesman. The local media outlets all covered the story. It was a fire like countless others we have all seen or read about in the news.

Except this time it wasn't.

The following day, Thursday, July 31st, was the trade deadline for Major League Baseball. At 9:49 a.m. a New York Post reporter broke the story that Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester had been dealt to the Oakland A's. Upon hearing this, Wor. Robert Huke and Bro. Christopher Rooney in the Grand Lodge Communications & Development Department—two diehard Red Sox fans—turned to the social media platform Twitter for more information about the trade. They were hoping for news about one Jon; they found much different news about another Jon.

At 9:50 a.m. the advertising agency Mittcom posted the following message from their Twitter account:

@Mittcom: Mittcom's Jon Rizzo lost everything in yesterday's 6 alarm fire but was a hero saving 6 lives Help Jon & his family: <http://www.gofundme.com/-cdiodg>

Mittcom was part of the team that worked on the Massachusetts Freemasons' awareness efforts for several years. This spring they hired Jon Rizzo as their Director of Video Production, which is how Wor. Huke and Bro. Rooney came to know him.

A Boston Herald article "East Boston dad on time to save six from inferno" details Jon's heroic efforts to save his neighbors and family, including two year old daughter Valentina, from the fire. Unfortunately, as a result of the conflagration, the Rizzo family lost all of their possessions, including Jon's professional equipment.

As it turns out, Jon is a Travelling Man, having been raised in Boston's Saint John's Lodge in November 2013. Just two weeks before the fire, Bro. Rizzo received a letter from M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh, Grand Master, informing him that he had successfully completed the requirements to receive the Grand Lodge Rookie Award.

As a result of learning this news, and after a quick conferral with the Grand Lodge Business Manager, Rt. Wor. Robert V. Jolly Jr., the Grand Lodge Service Committee was informed of Bro. Rizzo's loss. At 3:30 that same afternoon, Rt. Wor. Ernest Pearlstein, the Grand Lodge Service Committee Director, and Rt. Wor. Frank B. Gomes, District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District,

**Bro. Jon Rizzo with his family shortly after his home was consumed by fire.**

*Photo by: Angela Rowlings. Used with permission of the Boston Herald.*



gave him a check to help his family start putting the pieces of their lives back together.

This was the type of scenario immediate Past Grand Master M. Wor. Richard J. Stewart envisioned when he created the Brotherhood Fund: a resource to help a brother Master Mason and his family should the need arise. The Brotherhood Fund seeks to practice the vision statement so eloquently penned by the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction:

"We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members."

This is not a new "program." Throughout our history, Massachusetts Freemasons have been caring for our members and their families.

What is new about the Brotherhood Fund is that it ensures dedicated resources are available from the Grand Lodge to help, aid, and assist poor and distressed brother Master Masons, their widows, and orphans. It also gives Master Masons an opportunity to support their fellow brothers by making tax deductible donations to the Brotherhood Fund. Most importantly, our Brethren have an option to receive assistance should they ever find themselves in distress.

The Brotherhood Fund is not an endowment. Every dollar in the fund, as well as the proceeds from the returns of its investments, will be used for the relief of a brother or his family. The Brotherhood Fund will not be used to support Masonic Service Association Disaster Relief Appeals, or similar appeals such as the Boston OneFund.

The Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Service Department and the Business Manager, administers the Brotherhood Fund. It is their goal to investigate and fulfill a verified situation of need as quickly as possible. A brother or his family who have been referred for assistance will remain anonymous, unless they give permission to use their name and/or story to promote the Brotherhood Fund.

## Practicing the Five Points of Fellowship

In Carl H. Claudy's *Introduction to Freemasonry, Volume III*, the author writes, "the Five Points of Fellowship contain the essence of the doctrine of brotherhood." Reflecting on the lessons we learned during the Five Points of Fellowship in the Master Mason degree, the Brotherhood Fund is the realization of Claudy's statement in practice.

The Five Points of Fellowship teaches us:

1. To assist and serve—there is nothing more fundamental to the mission of the Brotherhood Fund than helping a Mason in need;
2. Regard for welfare—when our concern for a brother's wellbeing equals our own, our capacity to help is bound only by the limits of our resources;



3. To keep a secret—why a Mason needs the help of the Brotherhood Fund may be a private and personal matter; the confidentiality of a brother referred for assistance will receive the utmost respect;

4. To assist and save—though a Mason may have stumbled or fallen, the Brotherhood Fund will try to help him get back on to his feet;

5. Counsel—the help available through the Brotherhood Fund is not limited to just financial assistance; other services may be provided as needed.

The Brotherhood Fund is administered through the Grand Lodge, but the responsibility of practicing the Five Points of Fellowship lies with every Master Mason.

Bro. Rizzo and his family did not receive support from the Brotherhood Fund because he had applied for it. As a relatively new Master Mason, he did not know that

option was available to him. When brothers who knew he was a Mason learned of his situation, they contacted the Grand Lodge Service Department on his behalf.

We must also be aware of the brother who knows about the Brotherhood Fund and what it could do, but who is too proud to seek its help. Although he cannot be forced, a brother might be more likely to accept help because another Mason demonstrated concern for him.

Finally, nothing in our obligation states we will only help, aid, and assist a Massachusetts Master Mason living in the jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge Service Department will seek to assist a Massachusetts Freemason living outside of the state, or a non-Massachusetts Mason living here, by coordinating with the respective jurisdiction.

As for Bro. Rizzo and his family, they are doing fine. "At a time when my family had nothing, the Brotherhood Fund helped us take a big step ahead towards a fresh start, he said."

## How can you help?

Do you know of a Master Mason or his family who could be helped by the Brotherhood Fund? Do not hesitate to contact the Grand Lodge Business Manager at 617-426-6040, or [Brotherhood@MassFreemasonry.net](mailto:Brotherhood@MassFreemasonry.net). For a lodge to make a donation in the East at the next quarterly, contact Rt. Wor. Will Currier, [wcurrier@massfreemasonry.org](mailto:wcurrier@massfreemasonry.org).

**All donations to the Brotherhood Fund are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Gifts to support the Brotherhood Fund should be made to: M.E. & C.T.—The Brotherhood Fund, and sent to: The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts A.F. & A.M., 186 Tremont Street, Boston MA 02111.**

# MASONIC MEDALS

## *Honoring the Past, Creating the Future*

by Aimee E. Newell, Ph.D.

In 1880, William Theophilus Rogers Marvin (1832–1913), a printer, numismatist and Massachusetts Freemason, published his four-volume work *The Medals of the Masonic Fraternity Described and Illustrated*. Only 160 copies of this invaluable catalog were initially produced, providing brief descriptions and a selection of illustrations of Masonic medals produced between 1733 and 1879. The project, which includes more than 700 medals, was a labor of love for Marvin who was a collector himself. But, as he commented in the introduction to the book “the work was begun with little anticipation of the labor or magnitude of the task.”

Marvin, who was born in Boston in 1832, graduated from the Boston Latin School in 1850 where he received the Franklin medal, funded by Benjamin Franklin’s will to go to the “best boy” in the school. Marvin graduated from Williams College and began working in his father’s printing business, becoming a part owner in 1856. He was raised a Master Mason in Boston’s Columbian Lodge in 1858, serving the lodge as Master in 1871 and 1872 and, later, as Secretary from 1883 to 1904. Marvin was also active at the Grand Lodge, serving as Senior Grand Steward from 1880 to 1885 and as Senior Grand Warden in 1886. He was a member of the York Rite and the Scottish Rite, as well as of several numismatic societies.

Marvin defined two “classes” of Masonic medals—those made in honor of a member of the fraternity or a Masonic event and those struck by Masonic bodies, including jewels. This second group is often defined as badges today, with medals or other pendants attached to a ribbon and pinned to a man’s jacket. Marvin primarily focused on the first group—medals that were not worn. In the book, he listed some of the largest collections of Masonic medals in the world at the time—Lodge Pythagoras in Brooklyn, New York, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mecklenburg, and the Lodges Apollo and Minerva in Leipzig. Since then, many, many more Masonic medals have been produced, and others from the past have been discovered. The Grand

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Lodge of Massachusetts medal collection, on extended loan to the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, numbers almost one thousand today including many rare examples, as well as some downright unusual ones.

Still recognized as one of the earliest Masonic medals struck is the one known as the “Sackville medal.” The medal was struck in 1733, the year the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was chartered, by Johann Lorenz Natter (1705–1763), a German goldsmith, gem cutter and lapidary. One side of the medal shows a portrait bust of a man. Along the edge is “Carolvs Sackville Magister FI” [Charles Sackville, Master of Florence]. The opposite side shows Harpocrates, the Greek God of silence. He holds a cornucopia in one hand and leans against a broken column. At his feet are a perfect ashlar, Masonic tools and a basket with a serpent. Lettering at the top reads “Ab Origine” [From the Beginning]. This particular medal came to the Grand Lodge collection via Past Grand Master Samuel Crocker Lawrence (1832–1911), who bequeathed his collection to the Grand Lodge.

The medal was made to honor Charles Sackville (1711–1768), the Earl of Middlesex, later the Duke of Dorset. Sackville received his MA from Oxford in 1730 and then traveled in Holland, France and Italy. After an extended stay in Florence, Sackville returned to Britain, becoming a member of Parliament in 1734. In 1744, the Crown appointed him Master of the Horse to the Prince of Wales.

While too young to have been made a Mason in England prior to the medal’s creation in 1733, Sackville seems likely to have taken the degrees in Ireland, where the minimum age was 21, compared to England’s 25. He is included in a list of men who attended a “Grand Meeting” of Freemasons in Dublin on November 22, 1733. For many years, scholars thought the medal signified that Sackville himself brought Freemasonry to Florence. However, evidence shows that a lodge was working in that city by 1732. Instead, the medal seems to commemorate Sackville’s participation in an English lodge in Florence during his extended stay in 1733. In addition to being a member when the medal was struck, Sackville served as Master of this lodge in 1736.

The lodge seems to have been founded largely by British men on grand tours of the Continent during long stays in



**Charles Sackville Medal, ca. 1733, Johann Lorenz Natter (1705–1763), Florence, Italy.**

All items illustrated are from the collection of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

*Photographs by David Bohl.*

Florence. Historian Jason M. Kelly has pointed out that the iconography on the medal owes as much to the grand tour experience as to Masonic symbols. These men sought out archaeological relics and pursued antiquarian activities as they traveled. The depiction of Sackville as a Roman general on the medal was probably inspired by these endeavors.

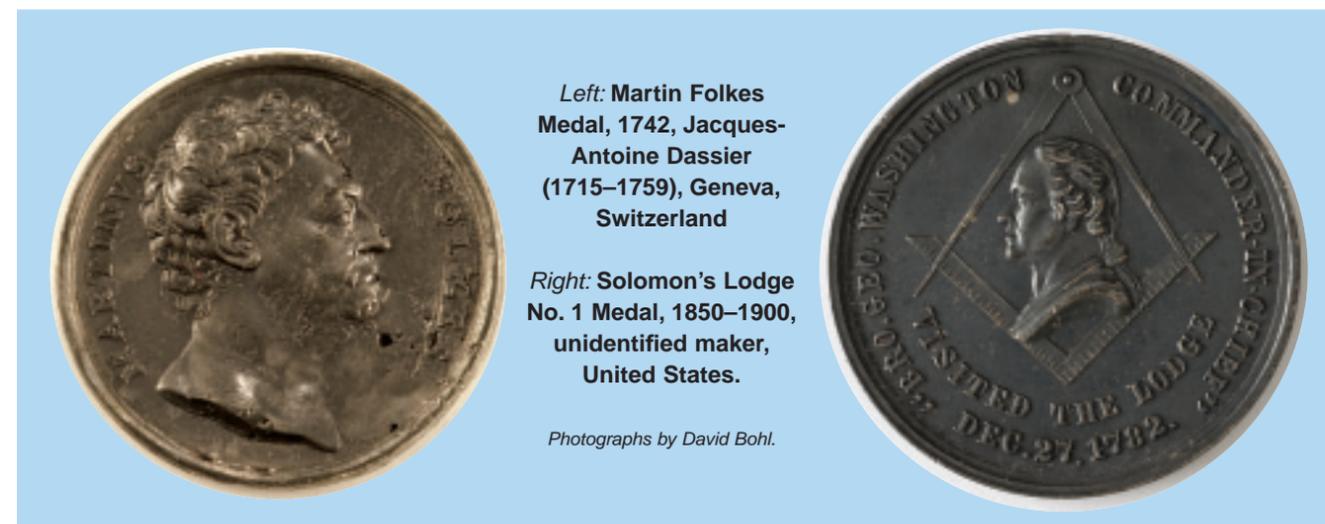
The Grand Lodge collection includes another early Masonic medal, which was made in 1742 to commemorate Martin Folkes (1690–1754). Like Marvin, who included the Folkes medal in his catalog in 1880, Folkes was a numismatist and Freemason. A member of lodges in London and Norwich, Folkes served as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England in 1724 and 1725. Folkes received the degree of Doctor of Laws from Oxford in 1746. He served as President of the Royal Society in 1741 and of the Society of Antiquaries in 1750.

For many years, it was thought that this medal was struck in Rome, but the Roman symbols actually relate to Folkes’s interest in antiquity. This medal was struck in Geneva from dies made in England by Jacques-Antoine

Dassier (1715–1759). Dassier, whose father was a medalist, trained in Paris, and then worked in Italy until he came to London in 1740. In 1745, he returned to Geneva.

While these early examples of Masonic medals were made in Europe and celebrated English Freemasons, it was not long before medals were produced to commemorate American Masons and Masonic events. Not surprisingly, the most popular figure commemorated by American Masonic medals is George Washington (1732–1799). Medals were struck regularly to remember historic and Masonic anniversaries associated with Washington’s life.

One medal in the collection commemorates Washington’s visit to Solomon’s Lodge No. 1 in Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1782. Washington was made a Mason in Virginia’s Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in 1753. When Alexandria Lodge No. 22 was chartered under the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1788, Washington became its Master, serving in 1788 and 1789 and again in 1797 and 1798. According to the lodge minutes for Solomon’s Lodge No. 1, lodge was opened December 26, 1782, for routine matters and then closed until the next morning when “Brother



**Left: Martin Folkes Medal, 1742, Jacques-Antoine Dassier (1715–1759), Geneva, Switzerland**

**Right: Solomon’s Lodge No. 1 Medal, 1850–1900, unidentified maker, United States.**

*Photographs by David Bohl.*

George Washington, Comdr. In Chief, Brothers Wolsey and Graham” were announced as visitors.

A medal from 1797 shows a bust of Washington on one side with lettering, “G. Washington President 1797.” The other side shows an arrangement of Masonic symbols and has lettering that reads “Amor Honor et Justitia G.W.G.G.M.” “Amor Honor et Justitia” translates to “Love Honor and Justice,” a motto used by the Grand Lodge of England. The initials “G.W.G.G.M.” stand for “George Washington, General Grand Master.” Unlike many European countries, the United States has never had a national Grand Lodge or Grand Master. However, the idea was proposed several times after the Revolution. Pennsylvania Freemasons suggested that George Washington head a national Grand Lodge three times in 1779 and 1780. Each time, the idea failed, in part because Washington declined to take the position.



**George Washington Death Centennial Medal, 1899 (reverse; see cover for obverse) unidentified maker, United States.**

*Photographs by David Bohl.*

The maker of this medal seems to be suggesting the idea of George Washington as national Grand Master again. The date on this meda—1797—marks the end of Washington’s second term as president. Perhaps the maker thought he might be more amenable to the national Grand Master position in his retirement. Another version of this coin lists five events associated with Washington’s military and presidential careers on the back.

Many medals have been struck since Washington’s death. One example was struck by “Order of Congress” to commemorate the centennial of his death in 1899. It shows a bust profile portrait of Washington on one side and a Masonic apron on the other (*see cover, and top of this column*). Lettering around the apron notes that Washington was Master of “Alexandria Lodge No. 22” in 1788. The choice by Congress to produce a medal that celebrated Washington’s Masonic membership suggests that there was a large Masonic market for this medal. It also indicates that Washington’s Masonic membership was well known and that his legend was informed by his belief in Masonic values.

At some point this particular medal was personalized. The initials “HTR” are engraved on one side. This kind of marking is not unusual—many medals in the Grand Lodge collection include a personalization by their subsequent owner. The medal was given to the Grand Lodge in 1939 by Burton A. Murray (1877–1954) who worked as a police sergeant in Revere. He was raised in Seaview Lodge in 1918, later serving that lodge as Master in 1937 and 1938. Two years after donating this medal to the Grand Lodge museum, Murray received his own medal in 1941 when he was awarded the Grand Lodge’s Distinguished Service medal.

Massachusetts lodges have produced hundreds of medals over the past 280 years. While medals to celebrate



**George Washington Medal, 1797, unidentified maker, United States.**



**Columbian Lodge Centennial Medal, 1895, unidentified maker, United States.**

*Bottom:*  
**Columbian Lodge Medal for John McClellan, 1855, unidentified maker, probably Boston.**

*Photographs by David Bohl*



an important anniversary are common, many lodges have also designed medals to recognize members who provided special service. Two medals in the Grand Lodge collection from Columbian Lodge serve as examples.

Columbian Lodge was founded in 1795 when Grand Master Paul Revere (1735–1818) signed their charter. As part of the lodge’s celebration of its 100th anniversary in 1895, they produced a medal. One side shows a classical bust profile with the motto “Semper Vbiqve” [Always and Everywhere]. The other side has an acacia wreath with the names of the Master and Wardens in 1795 and in 1895. Lettering along the edge reads “Wisdom hath builded her house Centenary 1895.” A Special Communication was opened by the Grand Lodge on June 8, 1895, at the Second Universalist Church. William T. R. Marvin gave an historical address. The program also included a poem and music.

Another medal from the Grand Lodge collection that is associated with Columbian Lodge is unique—made and presented to a single member in 1855. The shield-shaped medal is engraved:

Presented by / Columbian Lodge / To their Secretary / John McClellan / Boston / Dec. 25th 1846 / In testimony of / Their appreciation of his / Valuable Official Services / And of their Respect for his / Character as a man and / A Mason. / Daniel Baxter / Nahum Ball / Newell A. Thompson Com[mittee]

John McClellan (1813–1878) was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and joined Boston’s Columbian Lodge in 1844. He became Secretary for the lodge in 1846 and served in that position until 1855. The lodge history notes that during these years “he recorded the transactions of one





Drawings and Photos of Masonic Badges and Jewels, 1900–1950, Frederick T. Widmer (1877–1955) and Kenneth R. Park (1908–2008), Boston.

Photograph by David Bohl

hundred and forty-nine meetings, and experienced a constantly increasing accumulation of duties consequent upon the growth of the Lodge, “from seventy-six to two hundred and eight members.” Shortly after stepping down as Columbian Lodge’s secretary, McClellan became a charter member of Boston’s Revere Lodge in 1856. He served in several Grand Offices, culminating in seventeen years as Grand Treasurer, from 1861 until his death in 1878.

The Grand Lodge collection is fortunate to include a number of examples that help to demonstrate the process of designing and making a Masonic medal. In one box is a treasure trove of 200 to 300 drawings and photographs of various Masonic badges, jewels and medals. These were produced by Boston jewelers Frederick T. Widmer (1877–1955) and Kenneth R. Park (1908–2008) during the late 1800s and through the mid-1900s. The illustrations included represent badges and jewels that were made,

as well as others that were never produced, or that show earlier versions of designs that were later made.

The collection also includes metal proofs for the pin and medallion for the Grand Lodge’s Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal. This medal shows a likeness of Revolutionary hero and Boston physician Joseph Warren (1741–1775) who was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill while serving as Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The medal was created in 1930 to be conferred by the Grand Master “upon such Brethren as may have rendered distinguished service to the Lodges of which they are members.”

Tucked into the collection is another example of the production process—the kind of thing that often gets lost or thrown away over time, so it is exciting to be able to learn from this example. A printed “Certificate of Approval,” signed by then-Grand Master Melvin M.

Proof of Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal, 1930, unidentified maker, probably Boston.

Photograph by David Bohl

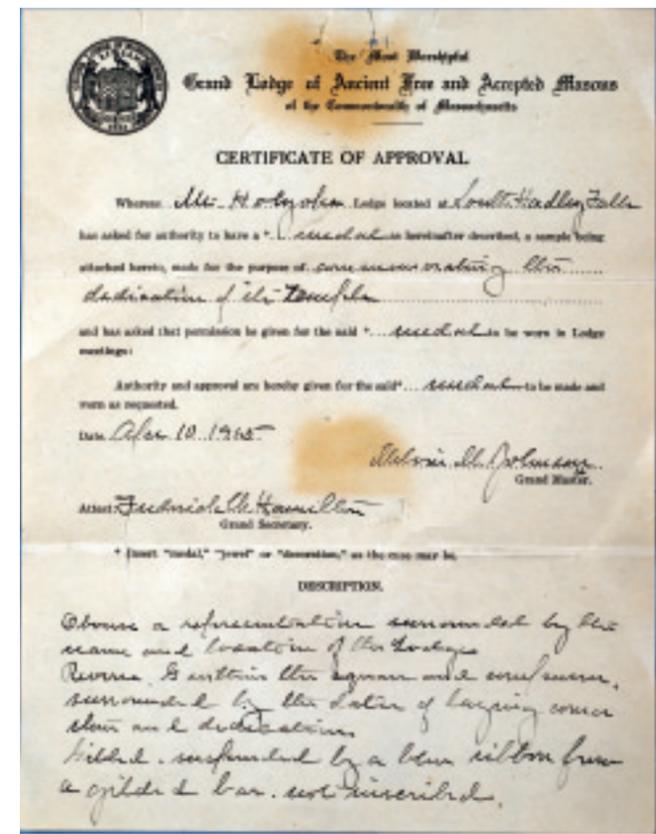


Johnson (1871–1957) in 1915, has all of its blanks filled in. The certificate grants approval to Mt. Holyoke Lodge of South Hadley, for a medal to commemorate the dedication of its temple. Under the signatures of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary is space for a description. On this form, it reads “Obverse a representation surrounded by the name and location of the Lodge. Reverse G within the square and compasses, surrounded by the dates of laying cornerstone and dedication. Gilded, suspended by a blue ribbon from a gilded bar, not inscribed.”

The Grand Lodge collection includes three examples of the badge, which conforms to the description on the “certificate of approval.” The medal and pin are gold-colored and suspended from a blue ribbon. The medal shows the lodge building and reads “Mount Holyoke Lodge A.F. & A.M. South Hadley Falls Mass.” The other side has a square and compasses with G in the middle and lettering reading “Corner Stone Laid Sept. 26, 1914 Dedicated April 10, 1915.”

Certificate of Approval, 1915, unidentified maker, Boston

Photograph by David Bohl



Mount Holyoke Lodge Dedication Badge, 1915, Dieges and Clust, Providence, R.I.

According to the Grand Lodge Proceedings for April 10, 1915, the Grand Lodge officers, including Grand Master Melvin Johnson, who had signed the approval form for the badge, traveled to Holyoke by train. After lunch at the Holyoke Club, the new lodge building was dedicated with a ceremony including music and a historical address.

In addition to helping collectors to identify the Masonic medals they already owned, Marvin’s catalog also provided a wish list of sorts, indicating Masonic medals that exist to be collected. Over the past 280 years, the Grand Lodge has amassed a large collection, mostly from gifts by individual Masons, their family members, lodges and other Masonic bodies. One of the more unique gifts came in 1890 from George F. Ingalls (1851–1915). The medal he donated is a half-dollar coin that has been repurposed as a keepsake

with engraving on both sides. One side reads “A Present from Mrs. Holcombs to Mr & Mrs Phillipps as a token of Friendship 15th March 1808.” The word “from” is flanked by a level and a square and compasses. The other side is engraved with the words of the Lord’s Prayer. In the center is a five-point star with a G in the middle.

Unfortunately, the exact identities of “Mrs. Holcombs” and “Mr & Mrs Phillipps” are unknown. When Ingalls donated the coin to the Grand Lodge in 1890 he explained that he found it in the New York and New England Depot ten years earlier. Ingalls was a baggage master in Boston, who joined the city’s Orient Lodge in 1881. He was also a member of DeMolay Commandery, which probably prompted him to save this medal, engraved with Masonic symbols and the Lord’s Prayer.

While most of the medals in the Grand Lodge collection commemorate a particular person or Masonic event, at

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Half Dollar Coin with the Lord’s Prayer, 1808, unidentified maker, United States

Photograph by David Bohl



## Overlook at Northampton Lillian Dressler Fund for Staff Education

by *Cathy LaRocca*

Compassion and a loving heart—these things are essential to success as a long term care health provider. It is even more important to provide these loving and compassionate professionals with the education and tools to do their job according to the highest and most up-to-date standards. With that goal in mind, brothers Howard and Marshall Lester established the Lillian Dressler Fund for Staff Education in 2013, in honor of their late mother, Lillian Dressler.

When Lillian passed away in the care of the Overlook at Northampton, Howard and Marshall were impressed by the care that she received. Their late stepfather, Joseph Dressler, had also been cared for at the Overlook, and the brothers were compelled to make a meaningful gift in their honor, something that would help to continue the standard of care that their loved ones had received. Together with the Director of Staff Education and the Fund Development Department, the brothers established the Dressler Fund in their mother's honor.

Established in late 2013, the fund has already made an impact: staff members have attended seminars on wound care, pain control in dementia patients and a behavioral program for dementia patients. Teaching models have been purchased and used to teach employees the latest and best practices in care for patients. The models and certifications will have an impact on patient care at the Overlook for years to come, thanks to the memory of someone who was often referred to as “that lovely lady.”

The brothers are pleased that the Fund is making such a lasting impact on patient care. Marshall expressed their delight in a note: “I know my mother would have been

**Lillian and Joseph Dressler  
in the 1950s.**



pleased had she known. She always spoke so highly—and enthusiastically—about the Overlook staff.” The staff members at the Overlook are pleased as well. The Dressler Fund is a memorial tribute that will continue to improve outcomes care for residents and their families. ■

# NEWS FROM OVERLOOK



## Fall Brings a Harvest of Veggies, and a Brunch

by *Sandra O'Shea*

After a successful summer, residents of the Overlook in Charlton are still busy in the community gardens. Bob Hall is just one of many taking great joy in the gardens, bringing in fall harvests of broccoli, kale, carrots and more. The 90-year-old says he spends as much time as he can in the gardens, “sun up to sundown” if possible.

The community gardens were first planted in 2007 and have been a resident favorite ever since. The gardens started small with a few common areas, and soon residents were taking charge of individual 20x20 foot plots. Overlook chefs feature vegetables grown in the gardens on their menus, reflecting the seasonal bounty. Flowers grown on campus grace the entrance and hallways.

### Harvest Brunch

The Overlook community is celebrating the harvest—and the season—with a Harvest Brunch and Open House on Tuesday, November 25th. Residents will host the brunch, telling visitors about the dozens of Overlook clubs and programs. Some will open

**Resident Bob Hall, 90, says the Overlook community gardens are a real source of joy.**

their apartment and cottage homes as well. The brunch takes place in the Acacia Dining Room, which boasts views of the courtyard, the 450 acre campus and many of Overlook's amenities. Visitors are invited to stop by the gardens, as well!

There also will be live music and a delicious seasonal menu prepared by the community's chefs. All are welcome. Visit <http://overlook-mass.org/harvest-brunch> for details and to RSVP. ■



## Overlook Care At Home Has ‘H.O.P.E.’ Helping Others Pursue Excellence

The Overlook home healthcare clinician has a hard job. Out of the regular, predictable, confines of an institution, the clinician must work within the patient's home. Is this sink sufficiently clean? Is it safe to store this material here? Other questions arise, but most important is the interaction with person and family in need.

The clinician's mission in homecare, like that of Overlook in general, is far-reaching and ambitious: to connect with the true purpose of our work as home health care professionals, to clarify and communicate our organization's core values, and to align our day-to-day practices with our values. All this within a context of making lives better.

A clinician must also articulate the emphasis we place on being a values-driven organization, and to illuminate our vision of the future. Not just for Overlook Care At Home, but for the home health care industry as a whole.

Families coping with significant illness or disability need support while caring for a family member. It is our responsibility to provide these families the assistance they need. Despite the many administrative, financial, and regulatory challenges inherent in our industry, we are passionate about our purpose, resolute in our beliefs and stand true to our mission and values.

The demand for home health care services is growing and will continue to grow. Health care services in the United States will continue to return to the home, where most care was delivered a century ago. Sophisticated, high quality health care can now be provided to many patients at home at a financial cost significantly less than the cost of services delivered in hospitals and facilities. Most importantly, people want to be able to stay in the comfort of their own homes whenever possible.

Overlook Care At home aspires to follow the rich humanitarian tradition of generosity of spirit to guide our work. Mother Teresa and Florence Nightingale provide compelling historic examples of compassion and leadership in action. Nurses, home health aides, therapists, and other clinicians chose to enter this profession because it is in their hearts to help other people. Our goal as an organization is to support and honor our healthcare professionals and to create conditions under which our clinicians can provide our clients and their families the compassionate and excellent care they need and deserve.

A patient at home, receiving professional care, is a complex situation. But the Overlook's team of home healthcare professionals meets the challenge. ■

## Navigating the Maze of Healthcare Services InfoSource—Your Solutions Resource

by Jean Greiff

How many times do you or someone you know struggle with getting answers to questions related to healthcare, aging, benefits, and/or housing options? Do you often wonder how to even begin navigating through the many choices you have? In today's day and age of ever changing healthcare policies, rules, and regulations, it is critical to be informed about your choices and the impact these choices will have on you today and in the future. More importantly, the need for accurate and unbiased information is paramount when you are being asked to make rapid decisions in the face of a crisis. Understanding your options now will help you to potentially avoid a crisis down the road (or help you respond confidently to a current crisis). InfoSource can help you understand your options and become more informed about your choices.



Jean Greiff, Geriatric Care Manager, answering a call on the the InfoSource phone, 1-866-657-7000

People typically call InfoSource seeking answers to difficult questions. One daughter noted how overwhelmed her family was when her husband picked up the phone to call. "My Dad was being discharged from the hospital and we needed to make an immediate decision about next steps. We did not know what our options were.

"My husband reached out to InfoSource and we quickly learned about the differences in various levels of care, how to make a selection that fit my father's needs, and what resources were available to help him return home. We were so grateful for this resource."

Here are some common questions callers ask when reaching out to InfoSource:

- I have been told that my mother may be appropriate for an assisted living facility. What is the *(continued on page 22)*

## WARMER WELCOMES AT THE OVERLOOK

by Sandra O'Shea

The Overlook Life Care Community in Charlton is known for friendly hellos from team members and residents. But the community lacked an official Welcome for new visitors interested in the advantages of an active lifestyle, hospitality and independent living.

This fall marked the opening of a brand new Welcome Center at the Overlook. The team used an existing residence, adding colorful displays that tell the community's story. At the same time, they added a "customization center"—a spot where future residents can learn about new options and selections.



The new Welcome Center plays off a marketing campaign introduced in June, showcasing the active Overlook lifestyle.

It's all part of the evolution of the Overlook, says Marketing Director Sandy O'Shea. "Senior living communities are taking cues from other industries, such as retail and hotels, to showcase their strengths."

O'Shea notes that in the past, residents had few choices for personalizing their new homes. Standard finishes were of excellent quality but they were standard. Now, new

residents can select from contemporary options and upgrades such as light fixtures, flooring and paints.

"Now," says O'Shea, "the entrance to our community is as vibrant as the Overlook and its residents." ■

I often hear comments that we do not spend enough time in Freemasonry on education. Many new members come to us with a preconceived notion that this is a large part of who we are. Officers try to educate, but struggle due to the restraints of time and ability. Grand Lodge provides some excellent sources, but this is not their exclusive right or responsibility.

In the 28th District, a few of us decided to do something about it. We started what we like to call the Academy.

We all remember the debt Masonry owes to the Greeks. In around 387 BC, Plato formed the Academy in Athens.

## BE THE REVOLUTION

### The Start of A Masonic Academy

by Rt. Wor. Michael Jarzabek, DDGM for the 28th District

The Academy had no official curriculum or teachers in the traditional sense. Instead, members would solve problems posed by one of the group. Usually, they would do this by employing dialectic reasoning.

As I said earlier, in 2012 several Masons in the 28th District revived this ancient tradition. We gathered in the Brigham Lodge dining room around several round tables. We came prepared to discuss the point within a circle. We chose as our format the literature circle. A literature circle is an educational method where several individuals discuss a common text. Each comes to the circle ready to discuss a different aspect of the text.

In accordance with the agreed format, we divided the research into several approaches. Selected members, in the weeks preceding the event, researched the topic from either a Masonic, historic, graphic, or esoteric point of view. In addition to the researchers, the group chooses a moderator. His duty was to pay close attention to the flow of discussion and, when necessary, to ask questions to reignite it. Before beginning everyone agreed that, in the spirit of discussion, there would be no wrong answers.

The Brothers present willingly discussed the point within a circle for over three hours. Furthermore, the discussion continued in the parking lot. Thomas Lodge recently hosted another of these evenings in a similar format and the results were mostly the same. At this event, we limited the discussion to one hour but, once again, the discussion continued, this time over collation.

This format has proven to be a very effective way to provide educational opportunities in the lodge on a small scale.

The Harvard Lodge employs a similar approach in what they call their Philosophy Meeting. Past topics have

included, "Dark Side of the Craft and Ourselves," and "Precision and Truth in Masonic Ritual." Interestingly, the lodge allows remote participation by either phone or Skype video conferencing. This use of technology keeps Masons, who have moved away or are travelling on business, connected to the lodge. Using video conferencing also provides remote participants a multi-sensory experience.

The Harvard Lodge is an academic lodge. The 28th District is largely blue collar. Still, both groups have many men who would like education to be a part of their

Masonic experience. The two groups could not be more demographically different, but their desire is the same: there is a strong undercurrent of intellectual curiosity within our membership. It is our job to provide opportunities, such as those provided by the Academy and the Harvard Lodge Philosophy Meeting, to our membership.

Another way to provide these opportunities to our Brothers is a technique best illustrated in Cliff Porter's book *A Traditional Observance Lodge*. In Bro. Porter's lodge, they have festive boards. During these events, a moderator will make a statement, which cannot be answered with a simple yes or no.

An example would be, "The progressive line is the best way to select lodge officers." Each brother receives a card either with a plus or minus written on it. These brothers must "argue" their point for or against the statement based on their card rather than by their personal feelings. Plus and minus assignments can also be by table, side of room, or officer roles in larger groups. This method is effective with little to no preparation. For this reason, if you have a few minutes left at the end of a business meeting you might want to consider it.

Many lodges use a traditional lecture approach to education. This method, by its nature, is authoritarian. The methods I described employ a more active or democratic participation. If we truly "meet on the level," which method should we use?

If you are looking to add educational opportunities to your lodge programs please consider one of the above methods. If you have questions or would like help starting out feel free to contact me at 28ddgm@gmail.com.

My Brothers, Be the Revolution. That is what we came here to do. ■

# Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt

1905–1907



## Most Wor. John Albert Blake

*In the terminology communicated to the author by a Past Grand Master, Bro. Blake was a “Four Star General” – the last Grand Master with the distinction of having led Grand Lodge and all three York Rite bodies.*

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

Brother John Albert Blake was born in April 1843 in Danvers, Massachusetts, and belonged to the generation that was called to service during the Civil War. He enlisted in the navy at the outbreak of hostilities and served until 1864; returning unscathed, he went into the shoe business, which would be his profession for the rest of his life.

He came to Freemasonry young, receiving his degrees in the summer of 1866 in Amity Lodge; it was a tremendously busy time for the Craft in Massachusetts, and his mother lodge was only three years old when he was raised. It took some time for him to be appointed as an officer, but he rose rapidly—he was Senior Deacon in 1874, Senior Warden in 1875 and 1876, and Worshipful Master in 1877 and 1878. His interest in Masonic activities brought him into the Royal Arch Chapter, the Cryptic Rite, and the Commandery, as well as the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. In each of the local bodies he rose to positions of leadership.

In the Grand Lodge, he served as a District Deputy in 1889 and 1890 and Junior Grand Warden in 1892, and shortly afterward rose to the stations of Grand High Priest and Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council. He would serve as Grand Commander as well, after his time in the East of Grand Lodge. In the terminology communicated to the author by a Past Grand Master, Bro. Blake was a “Four Star General”—the last Grand Master with the distinction of having led Grand Lodge and all three York Rite bodies. In the York Rite and the Scottish Rite, Bro. Blake was highly esteemed; for the purposes of this article, however, we will concentrate on two significant parts of his Masonic career: his time as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and his advocacy and support of the Massachusetts Masonic Home in Charlton during the first decade of the twentieth century.

### The Masonic Home

In December 1905, at the conclusion of his three years in the Oriental Chair of Grand Lodge, M. Wor. Baalis Sanford passed the reins of power to his successor. At the Feast of St. John, he addressed the Grand Lodge: “I wish to express my opinion in regard to the present Most Worshipful Grand Master, to express my gratification and satisfaction that the duties and responsibilities of Grand Master are entrusted to one whose long and useful and successful services to the Craft have rendered him especially competent to discharge the varied and arduous duties of this very responsible office.” As with the rest of the Brethren, Bro. Sanford was confident that John Albert Blake would be a fine Grand Master.

When he assumed the Oriental Chair in Grand Lodge, M. Wor. Bro. Blake was just short of 63 years old, a successful businessman and very active Freemason. He had already chosen a great task for his time as Grand Master: to establish a Masonic Home for elderly members of the Craft. He had stated this objective at his election, and at the

March 1906 communication he had the first opportunity to begin the planning. Bro. John Clarke, a Freemason from Warren, Rhode Island, had included a clause in his will giving the Grand Lodge two houses in Fall River “for the purpose of founding a home for destitute Masons.” The restrictions on the property were such that the Grand Lodge was forced to decline the offer; Bro. Blake wanted the property to be held without restriction or mortgage, and the terms of the will imposed both.

During the following year, the plan for a Home was laid out for the Brethren, and a Masonic Home Committee was organized to solicit contributions from the constituent Lodges, consisting of the Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Everett C. Benton, and Rt. Wor. Thomas Davis. By December 1908, nearly \$40,000 had been collected from pledges solicited over two years, with an additional \$36,000 pledged. In December Grand Master Blake noted “That the Brethren of this Jurisdiction are determined that Massachusetts shall have a Masonic Home worthy of the name can no longer be questioned.” The Masonic Home Committee’s report at the same communication reported that they had settled on a location: the Hotel Overlook in Charlton; the committee noted “Repeated visits . . . presented the proposition for the purchase of the property in so favorable a light” that it was unanimously recommended that the Grand Lodge move forward in purchasing the buildings and 397 acres of land. The Grand Lodge adopted the resolution, fulfilling Grand Master Blake’s vision – one of the last acts of his Grand Mastership.

### Grand Master

During his three years as Grand Master, Bro. Blake issued only one charter: to Damascus Lodge of Lynn in September 1907. But he dealt with petitions from a group of Masons in the Panama Canal Zone seeking a charter under Massachusetts jurisdiction; this lodge, Isthmus, received a dispensation in March 1907, but was never granted its charter; it would be five years before Sojourners Lodge received the first such charter.



Above: The Charlton Campus as it looked in 1911. Below: The signing of the papers to transfer the Charlton property to the Grand Lodge. In the foreground, facing leftward appears to be Grand Master, M. Wor. John Albert Blake.



Committee is of the opinion that the recognition of God and the use of His name . . . is left to the discretion of the candidate in each case and is not used if objected to . . . the absence of the Book of Holy Scriptures from an essential part of the furniture and business of a Masonic Lodge, the Institution is too far deprived of its principal features and essential characteristics to [permit fraternal relations].” Blake determined that this was an improper body with which to have fraternal relations, and the Grand Lodge agreed. It would be a model for many other such considerations going forward, with Massachusetts maintaining a high bar for recognition.

During his final year as Grand Master, Bro. Blake obtained for the Grand Lodge an act of the legislature that sought to prevent misuse of the Masonic service and trade marks for clandestine purposes: *An Act Relative to the Fraudulent Use of the Names, Titles or Common Designations of Fraternities, Societies and Unions*, enacted in March 1908. By this act, such symbols as the Square and Compasses were protected and reserved to regular Freemasonry.

He also created an office for his retiring Grand Secretary, the senior Past Grand Master Sereno Nickerson: Grand

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difference between this and a nursing home? How are these paid for?

- How can I be proactive in preventing falls in my home as I age?
- What information do I need to consider as I look into purchasing Long Term Care Insurance? When is it too late to purchase this insurance?
- How do I approach my aging parents with my concerns around their safety and increased care needs?
- I need transportation to my Lodge meetings and appointments now that I can no longer drive. What resources are there for me?
- What should I consider when choosing a visiting nurse or home care agency?

## The Young Tyler

by Wor. David Riley

The Young Tiler stood outside the door of the lodge, a sword in his right hand. He heard voices outside the anteroom. Curious, he walked down the short hallway and peered into the room beyond. There stood the District Deputy Grand Master and his Marshal.

“Oh, hello, Right Worshipful Brother,” the young Tiler said, his eyes widening slightly at the unexpected sight. “I had no idea you were planning a visit tonight.”

The District Deputy smiled and walked over to shake the Tiler’s hand, “No one is expecting me except the Worshipful Master, my Brother. You know the District Deputy Grand Marshal, I think.”

Shortly, the door to the lodge room opened and a rather confused Marshal appeared, “Oh, you are here, Right Worshipful.” The two Marshals then went into the lodge room to begin the visit.

When the District Deputy entered the room, the Tiler kept his ear near the door. His skill at listening through the door was far from perfect, but it was a skill he had developed in his post. He could hear the District Deputy talking about the importance of service to the local lodge. The phrase “distinguished and exemplary service” could be heard. And then, the District Deputy asked his Marshal to present the Treasurer to the East.

When the Brethren left the meeting, there was a sense of jubilation in the air. The young Tiler caught the eye of the



- I live out of state and am concerned about my parents. Is there anything I can do to be sure they are okay when I am unable to be nearby?

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Senior Warden and asked what had happened. “Oh, the Treasurer received the Joseph Warren medal for his service to our lodge. It was well deserved.”

The young Tiler went over to join the line of Brothers congratulating the Treasurer. When he finally had a chance to shake the hand of his Brother and add his own words of congratulations to the many already said, the Treasurer responded, “Honestly, Freemasonry is the only institution I know that gives you a medal for doing something that you enjoy so much.”

The young Tiler laughed and said, “You can’t possibly mean that you enjoy paying the bills.”

The Treasurer chuckled and said, “Well, perhaps not. But I do enjoy this lodge—and the good men I meet because they become a part of this lodge. And I will gladly serve in whatever way I can if it means I can ensure that this lodge continues into the next generation.” Then, another Brother stepped forward and the young Tiler walked away, considering the words of the Treasurer.

Later that evening, as the Brethren were leaving, the young Tiler told a Past Master what the Treasurer had said.

“He is absolutely right,” the Past Master said. “I often think that Freemasonry gives you degrees, titles and honors and then, later, asks you to earn them. But in the case of medals like the Joseph Warren and, perhaps, too, the Veteran’s Medals, the Fraternity is simply recognizing the love you have for our society and have shown for many years.”

The young Tiler nodded slowly as he considered this and then remembered something from scripture, “Above all, maintain constant love for one another . . .” The Past Master nodded, “What else is service to your lodge but a true expression of your love for your Brothers?” ■



# The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



Like many writers, I am a terrible procrastinator. I take my lead from one of the greatest American authors, Bro. Sam Clemens, better known as Mark Twain. He once wrote, “Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.”

That has become something like a personal motto for me, be it purposeful or accidental. And I am sure this has driven my editors to distraction.

There are times I have been within days of my TROWEL deadline and still have no idea about a topic for my column. There have been times I have been within hours of the deadline and still haven’t written a word.

That was not the case for this edition of TROWEL. For weeks I knew my topic and I even knew how I would write it. This was going to be an easy deadline. Suddenly, everything changed.

On June 1, my mother-in-law, Ethel Penney, the wife of Bro. Frederick S. Penney of Lafayette Bible Lodge No. 41 of Manchester, New Hampshire, died. That slowed me down to a crawl.

My mother died in 1977 and at that time my mother-in-law somewhat stepped into that role. My wife, Janet, would often remark that I was the son and she was just a daughter-in-law.

What stopped me completely was a phone call I received four days later. Bro. Herb Steinberg, a member of The Consolidated Lodge in Boston, died from injuries he received the night before. He was walking out of a convenience store and was hit by a car driven by a 16-year old girl.

For me, the strength of Freemasonry is revealed in the lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree. The Master tells the candidate the Fraternity provides its members

with opportunities to build friendships with men they would otherwise never know. For me, Herb Steinberg was one of those friendships.

Herb lived in Manchester, New Hampshire, and I live in Nashua. While we both affiliated with Rising Sun Lodge No. 39 of Nashua, that is not where we met. We met thanks to the Scottish Rite.

We’re members of New Hampshire Consistory and worked on the degrees. After the Spring Reunion some years ago, New Hampshire Consistory had an appreciation day for the degree workers, a turkey dinner aboard a train at the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad.

My wife and I attended the appreciation day and were sitting at a table for four. Opposite us were Herb and Diann Steinberg. Before the end of that dinner, before the end of that day, we were fast friends.

From that moment on, if there was a dinner before a lodge meeting or Scottish Rite rehearsal, Herb and I would sit together. If I was sitting at the banquet table, everyone knew the open chair across from me was for Herb. If Herb was first to the table, the open chair was mine.

Herb was only a Mason for some seven years. He was a salesman and business owner who joined the Fraternity for the social opportunities. He couldn’t socialize with people from his business, so Masonry filled that gap.

In those seven years, Herb Steinberg touched many lives, mine included. Everyone liked him. His Masonic funeral service was graveside, on a hot June 8 morning. Despite the intense sunlight and heat that goes with it, more than 30 Masons assembled. Each had a personal connection to Herb.

I have no natural brothers. My family was just a mother, father and sister. So Masonry has supplied me with countless brothers. And some are as close to me as natural brothers. Herb was one of them.

I’m sorry he is gone. I will miss him. Masonic dinners will never be the same for me. But I’m sure he has found a place in the Celestial Lodge Above. And I also know if there is a banquet hall at that lodge, Herb has a seat at the table. ■

*Richard Thompson is a past master of Wamesit and Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodges and a past master councilor of Lowell Chapter, Order of DeMolay.*

## Grand Lodge Presents Scholarship Awards



Meghan Fowler, a Past Grand Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Massachusetts, addresses the Grand Master, fellow scholarship recipients and their families in Paul Revere Hall.

The Twentieth Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony and reception was held on June 29, 2014 at Grand Lodge. Continuing an exciting process instituted in 2011, the program once again expanded its reach, this time granting nearly \$600,000 for the education of a record 173 student-recipients.

More than 200 students, parents, scholarship committee members, and Grand Lodge officers partook of hors



Brothers of Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge in Gloucester, including Wor. Wayne Anderton, Wor. William Shofner, and Wor. Eric Bergengren (pictured) placed a wreath at one of the neighborhood memorials, in honor of fallen Brothers, on Memorial Day.

—Bro. Eric Bergengren

d'oeuvres and a hot and cold buffet during the reception in the lobby of Grand Lodge. Students and their families were given tours of the Grand Lodge Building and photographs were taken, after which the program took place in a crowded Paul Revere Room.

In one of the highlights of the afternoon, each recipient present was asked to introduce his or her family members. Rt. Wor. Brian S. Noble, chairman of the scholarship committee, introduced the committee members and commented on the revised program, which continues to allow for the distribution of more money to more students. The committee members, besides Rt. Wor.

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Bro. Noble, are Rt. Wors. Eugene Blake Nichols, Paul R. Perkins, Geoffrey Kromer, Wors. Matthew S. Gerrish, Jeffrey A. Northrup, and Bro. Gordon Huggins, MD.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Harvey John Waugh, emphasized that the education of young people is vital to the future of the nation as well as the Fraternity and that this year's group of recipients is a "wonderful class," for whom "the journey of education is just beginning." He emphasized how proud he and Grand Lodge are to "help our Masonic family."

Two of the recipients, both of whom are involved in Masonic youth groups, briefly addressed the assemblage. Alexander Dyer, who is heavily involved in DeMolay at both the state and local Chapter levels, took a theme from the *Star Trek* TV and movie franchise, saying he is personally "going where no one in my family has gone before" and that the scholarship from Grand Lodge is a major factor in making that possible. Dyer stressed the importance of college, saying that it "provides a road map—a way to see what we can do."

The second student speaker, Meghan Fowler, a Past Grand Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Massachusetts, emphasized that Masonic institutions are more and more valuable as time goes by, through their emphasis on "charity, leadership, and service." As she and her colleagues continue to develop this type of ethic, "we are able to change the world," she said.

The Grand Lodge Scholarship program gives three categories of awards; a general scholarship, a series of named awards, and the Grimshaw-Gudewicz scholarships that are specifically reserved for students who live in Bristol County. Forty-three 2014 scholarships went to Bristol County residents, with the rest awarded in the general and named scholarship categories.

Students go through a strenuous application process, which involves filling out a four-page form and obtaining transcripts and letters of recommendation from teachers, friends, and counselors, as well as essays written by themselves and parents explaining why



## Charles W. Moore Lodge Marches and Honors Again

One Mason, with a unified lodge and an active district behind him, can make a difference. Nearly six months ago, Wor. Paul Mosher, Senior Deacon of Charles W. Moore Lodge in Fitchburg, proposed the idea—re-institute the custom of Masons marching in the Townsend Memorial Day Parade and do a tribute to North America's first Grand Master, Most Worshipful Henry John Price.

On Sunday, May 25, 2014, that idea became a reality. Not only did all but two of the line officers of Charles W. Moore show up; nearly fifty total Freemasons from District 22, and their families, turned out on a day when storm clouds threatened. But the rain did not fall—at least not until the parade and the ceremony were over.

Notables in our group included Rt. Wors. Clifford Bohnet of District 22 and Ernie Pearlstein from Grand Lodge and Aleppo Shrine. Wor. Brian Amburgey of Charles W Moore Lodge was present, as was Wor. Dan Madru from Hope Lodge in Gardner. All were sure to offer a friendly wave, a

*Below: The Brethren of the 22nd District at the start of the Memorial Day Parade in Fitchburg. Top: Brethren from the 22nd District honor M. Wor. Henry Price after marching in the Memorial Day parade in Fitchburg.*



they should receive financial aid. After the applications are received in March, the scholarship committee holds a lengthy series of meetings over nearly two months, reviewing and scoring each application in such areas as need and academic performance. Once each applicant is scored, the committee

meets again to determine the amounts of the individual awards.

In addition to the scholarship committee members, a number of people at Grand Lodge play vital parts in the process, including Rt. Wor. Robert Jolly, Business Manager; Rt. Wor. Mason Russell, Grand Treasurer; Rt.

handshake, and kind words to spectators. There were two stops along the parade route before arriving at the cemetery: at a small bridge on Main Street, where a prayer was said and a salute to the Navy was played and at Townsend Memorial Hall built to memorialize Civil War soldiers. There we paused for a presentation. Shoulder to shoulder, hearts swelling with Masonic pride, we stood strong and honored those who fell in battle to protect this great nation our predecessors built for us.

Turning in unison once again at the close of the ceremony, we marched behind the band and police color guard to Hillside Cemetery, where other brethren who spotted us along the route joined us. By the time we reached the grave, our ranks had swelled significantly. Bro. Sean Blanchard, an Entered Apprentice who was also a Shriner kid at one time, spotted his father in the crowd. I paused to say hello and the man told me he'd never been prouder of his son than he was at that moment. His thoughts echoed all of our own at that moment.

The rain clouds began to rumble at that point, but the dedication ceremony lasted exactly the right length of time. Wor. Bro. Mosher read a history of M. Wor. Henry Price written by Wor. Michael S. Kaulback, a Past Master of Charles W. Moore Lodge. The full transcript of that history can be found at [http://www.masonicworld.com/education/files/artjune01/henry\\_price.htm](http://www.masonicworld.com/education/files/artjune01/henry_price.htm).

A wreath was placed at the gravestone and Rt. Wor. Bro. Bohnet closed with some brief comments before the skies opened and the rain fell at last. The walk back to the staging area was wet, but the precipitation could not dampen our spirits. That special feeling we experienced on this day, made possible because one Mason took up the cause, is one we will all cherish inside as individuals and collectively as brothers whenever we gather together. —Bro. Kevin Flynn

Wor. Craig S. MacPherson, Assistant Grand Treasurer; Ms. Patricia Latham and Ms. Lisa Hastings of the Grand Secretary's Office; Rt. Wor. William R. Currier of the Grand Master's Office; Bro. Christopher D. Rooney, and Rt. Wor. David S. Elsner, photographer.

—Wor. Jeffrey Northrup



Aleppo Shrine team with Bros. John Kenneth DuPont and Sean Gary Blanchard assisted in their raising at Charles W. Moore Lodge in Fitchburg.

## Aleppo Shrine Degree Team Raises Patient

In 2003, a concerned grandmother, an employee at Wachusett Mountain, sought out the assistance of a Shriner she knew. Her grandson was struggling with mobility issues in his right arm and leg, a condition brought about by the Cerebral Palsy he had suffered from since birth.

Could the Shriners possibly help her 17-year-old grandson?

After an application and sponsorship process, this child was accepted for assistance at the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Springfield, Massachusetts. He was operated on in 2005 and today has the mobility necessary to live a happy, full, and productive life. His gratitude is boundless and he wants to give back in some way.

That child, Bro. Sean Gary Blanchard, a beneficiary of Shriner medical assistance eleven short years ago, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Friday, June 13, 2014. He is a Brother in good standing at Charles W. Moore Lodge in Fitchburg.

Bros. John Kenneth DuPont and Blanchard began their night in the usual manner until a dinner break. After dinner, The Aleppo Shrine Degree Team, much to Sean's surprise, performed the second half of the degree: Rt. Wor. Harlan Woods (Master), Rt. Wor. Jay Jolicoeur (Master/Emblems), Rt. Wor. David Raymond (SW), Rt. Wor. Ken Pfeiffer (JW), Wor. Bruce Parker (SD), Rt.

Wor. Ken Sprague (Marshal), Bro. Steven Bracket (Secretary), Wor. Dennis Gibbons (JD), Bro. Ted Polonsky (Chaplain), Bro. Carl Wickstrom (Organist), Bro. Ed Kelly (SS), Rt. Wor. Earl Cole (JS), Rt. Wor. Dennis Reebel, Rt. Wor. Ken Pfeiffer, and Rt. Wor. Jeffrey Arnold.

Sixty-five Masons showed up for this very special third degree. The night was clear and warm, the moon was full. The power, fraternity, and brotherly love of our fellowship were on full display. The entire evening was a reminder for us all of why we do what we do. It was also an impressive entry into Masonry for two young men who will help pave the road to our future.

Gloria Blanchard, Sean's grandmother who sought assistance for him many years ago, unfortunately did not live to see him raised as a Master Mason. There was no doubt in anyone's mind that her spirit was present. She passed less than a year ago, but her actions helped make this evening possible.

Bro. Blanchard has plans to join Aleppo Shrine next year. He understands clearly, due to his grandmother's actions, that "Charity extends beyond the grave, to the boundless realms of eternity." We're all looking forward to seeing what he can offer for those who come after him.

— Wor. Kevin Daniel Flynn

### Wilson Award *continued from page 3*

In addition to creating this accolade, the lodge plans to feature a Wilson Award plaque next to a picture of Wor. Bro. Wilson, currently in Room 703 of the Grand Lodge Building. The plaque will contain the names of brothers who have won this award. Wor. Robert Gardiner Wilson III exemplified the values of brotherly love, relief, truth, tolerance, teamwork and leadership.

Wor. David Shagoury, presiding master when Wor. Robert Gardiner Wilson III passed, spoke to the strong impression made by this particular brother.

"When a person first becomes a Mason, many things seem ambiguous. However, as a young Brother in Joseph Webb Lodge, one thing was clear: Bob Wilson was special," said Wor. Bro. Shagoury. "When I became a member of the board of trustees, Bob was welcoming, supportive and happy to mentor. For Bob it was beyond personal kindness, as his tutelage was a manifestation of his love for his Lodge and his commitment to its future.

"As presiding Master during this heavy loss to our Lodge, great homage was due to Wor. Robert Gardiner Wilson III and his illustrious Masonic career," said Wor. Bro. Shagoury. "I asked Bro. Richard Macintosh to chair a select committee for the purpose of honoring Bob, so that future brothers may know, and present brothers will always remember and be inspired by, the Masonic excellence exemplified by Robert Gardiner Wilson III. He is missed."

Wor. Michael J Petit also chimed in, sharing some fond memories of Wor. Robert Gardiner Wilson III, and speaking to the potential impact of the Wilson Award. "Brother Wilson had a tremendous influence on Joseph Webb Lodge. He mentored many young officers while tirelessly safeguarding our financial future as a trustee," he said. "The creation of this award is a fitting tribute to Brother Wilson. It sets a high standard that will inspire Masons for generations to come."

— Bro. Charles L. Bovaird II

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# Veteran's Medal Recipients in 2014

## 1964 2014

The following Master Masons will be eligible to receive their Veteran's Medal this year. This medal is awarded to men who have been Masons for 50 years. Anyone raised at any time during 1964 will be recognized in 2014.

Whenever possible, the award is conferred in lodge by district deputy grand masters. Sometimes it is more convenient for the Mason to receive his medal at home; men living out of state receive it by mail. This listing includes a number of photographs depicting presentations made so far in 2014 and generously sent on to TROWEL Magazine. Thank you to all the masters, district deputies, and their photographers for taking the time to share these pictures.

The high point of membership numbers was reached in Massachusetts in the years 1961 and 1962, when the fraternity had over 133,000 members throughout the state. June 8, 1964 was our biggest day: across the state 17 of our current 50-year veterans were raised that day.

Masons are listed in their current lodge, which may or may not be the lodge where they were raised in 1964. If you have any concern about being included in the listing, or any question about your membership status, please contact your lodge secretary, who will consult your membership records for you.

### Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Lodge Wor. Robert Keddy Gardner Jr

#### Adams Lodge

Bro. Louis Theodore Dinger

#### Alpha Lodge

Bro. Carlo George DeMarco  
Bro. Kenneth Allen Jollimore  
Bro. George Richard Karibian  
R.W. Robert Sargent Phillips  
Bro. Richard Arthur Sullivan

#### Amicable Lodge

Bro. Peter Argyros Coras

#### Amity-Mosaic Lodge

Bro. Ronald James Baser  
Bro. Larry Leroy Brewington  
Bro. Clement Harold Ford Jr  
Bro. Raymond Fulton Harmony  
Bro. Robert Norman Kimball  
Bro. Matthew James Lovelace  
R.W. James Arthur Moller  
Bro. Robert George Snyder

#### Ancient York Lodge

Bro. Earl William Barnett  
Bro. Donald Ralph Bergholm  
Bro. George James Skrekas

#### Ancon Lodge

Wor. James Franklin Amason  
Bro. Wesley Lorenzo Currier  
Bro. George Frederick Dew Jr  
Bro. Lowell Wayne Elbertson  
Bro. Carroll Neuville Miller  
Bro. Willy Wolfgang Nowotny  
Bro. Frederick Leedon Walton Jr  
Bro. Richard Alexander Zirkman



Rt. Wor. Paul A. Lund (center) was presented a 50-year medal at Frank W. Thompson Lodge by Rt. Wor. Douglas J. Ellis, DDGM 14th District (right), with many representatives present from lodges where Bro. Lund is active. He served the lodge as master in 1970. He now serves Simon W. Robinson and Joseph Warren-Soley Lodges as chaplain, and is a member of Azure Lodge. At left: Wor. Robert DiCesare, Master of Frank W. Thompson Lodge.

#### Artisan Lodge

Bro. Duncan Hutchinson Burns Jr

#### Aurora Lodge

Bro. Albert Henry Anthony LeMieur  
Bro. Robert Leino Lystila  
Bro. George Barsom Thomas

#### Azure Lodge

Bro. Alan Paul Danovitch  
R.W. Paul Albert Lund  
Bro. George Fuller Nickerson  
Bro. Robert Frasier Rodowsky  
Bro. Peter Kent Samsury

#### Baalis Sanford Lodge

Bro. Anthony George Eonas  
Bro. Robert Edward MacNevin

#### Bay Path Lodge

Bro. James Frank Baird

#### Berkshire Lodge

Bro. Robert Albert Carlson  
Bro. Wilmer Otis Pennington

#### Bethesda (C) Lodge

Bro. Warren Louis Hebert

#### Beth-horon Lodge

Bro. Joel Henry Lebow  
Bro. Robert Allan Young

#### Blue Hill Lodge

R.W. Edward Thorsen Johnston

#### Boylston Lodge

Bro. Ronald Kenneth Bart  
Bro. Joseph Weare Lunt Jr

Bro. Frederick McKim Yardley

#### Brigham Lodge

Bro. William Arthur Keith Ball  
Bro. George Russell Berry  
Bro. Charles Alexander Fields Jr  
Bro. Billy Gene Hamilton  
Bro. Robert Heartz Hickey  
Bro. Charles Francis Roake  
Bro. Leroy Rout  
Bro. James Robert Spear Jr  
Wor. Emmett Elias Thomas

#### Bristol Lodge

Bro. Robert Raymond Hall

#### Budleigh Lodge

Bro. Robert William Atherton  
Bro. David Everett Trask  
Bro. Albert St.Clair Van Knowe

#### Caleb Butler Lodge

Bro. Charles William Curtis  
Bro. Leon Robert Overton  
Bro. Robert Stephen Wood

#### Celestial Lodge

Bro. William Richard Gooley  
Bro. Donald Robert Jacobs  
Bro. Donald Robert Jones  
Bro. Frank Robert Sibley  
Bro. Kenneth Robert Westgard

#### Charles C. Dame Lodge

Bro. Richard Raymond Arakelian  
Bro. Zaven Joseph Arakelian  
Bro. Roger Carl Clay Jr

Bro. Harold Elmer Harriman  
Bro. Robert Allen Shaw  
Bro. Richard Theoharis

#### Charles River Lodge

Bro. John William Cooper III  
Bro. Frederick Mclarnon Dudley  
Bro. Kenneth Elliott Hodge

#### Charles W. Moore Lodge

Bro. Henry George Condon  
Bro. Ernest George Tolos

#### Chicopee Lodge

Bro. Joseph Wilfred Renaud

#### Cincinnatus Lodge

Bro. Stephen Woodin Agar  
Bro. Courtney Steven Brickman

#### Cochichewick Lodge

Bro. Bailey Lauritsen Allen  
Bro. Hollis Alwyn Curtis Jr  
Bro. Edward Joseph Laycock  
Bro. Walter Chester Thyng

#### Columbian Lodge

Bro. Maurice Britain Rothrock

#### Converse Lodge

Bro. Benjamin Sumner Averbrook  
Bro. Marshall Howard Epstein  
Bro. Harvey Charles Felton  
Bro. Thomas Mark Foxon  
Bro. Robert Kesselman  
Bro. Harold Swartz

#### Corinthian Lodge

Bro. James Allen Isenberg  
Bro. Arthur Edgar Mills Jr  
Bro. Robert Gordon Robinson  
Bro. Richard Eli Wilson

#### Cosmopolitan Lodge

Bro. Simon Bachner  
Bro. Nathan Barry  
Bro. Samuel Berger  
Bro. Herbert Joseph Geller  
Bro. Melvin Kline  
Bro. Norman Levin  
Bro. Leonard Pazol  
Bro. Arnold Herbert Rosenberg  
Bro. Joel Sable

Bro. Richard Leonard Seafar  
Bro. Sidney Jacob Wartel

#### Dalhousie Lodge

Bro. Stephen Hunter Bishop Jr  
Wor. George Carlton Lind  
Bro. Victor Wallace Jr

#### Day Spring Lodge

Bro. Peter Joseph Fimognari  
Bro. Frederick Bolin Kibbe  
Bro. Ronald Frederick LeMay  
Bro. Laurier Joseph Letendre Jr  
Bro. Nelson Way Long  
Bro. Robert Mesheau

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## Our New 50-Year Brothers 1964–2014 continued

### Delta Lodge

Bro. Walter Eugene Baker  
Bro. Clinton Irving Bates Jr  
Bro. Karl Erik Berggren  
Wor. Ronald Thomas Brake  
Bro. Kenneth Edward Carpenter  
Bro. John Alger Christianson  
Bro. Roscoe Morse Hathon  
Bro. Fred Leonard Hoffstein  
Bro. Allan Edward Marcou  
Bro. Richard John Menslage  
R.W. Wayne Gilbert Parlee

### DeWitt Clinton Lodge

Bro. William Edward Dingley  
Wor. Richard Bruce Farrar  
Bro. Hugh Edsel Harris  
Bro. Stanley George Rosenblad  
Bro. Bernard LaRue Taylor

### Eastern Star Lodge

Bro. Thurston DeForest Grant  
Bro. Richard Peter Hegeman  
Bro. Edmond Emile Tessier

### Elm-Belcher Lodge

Bro. Lawrence Lee Coil  
Bro. Frederick George Holland  
Bro. Kenneth Wilmont Messenger

### Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge

Bro. Alan Sherman Canter  
Bro. Sidney Ralph Colby  
Bro. Sarkis Gennetian  
Bro. Edward Jack Gladstone  
Bro. Marvin Berton Krasner  
Bro. Steven William Maslowski  
Bro. Orville Charles Rowley Jr  
R.W. Allen Gerald Zippin

### Essex Lodge

Bro. Henry Charles MacNeill  
Bro. Walter Norman Nickerson

### Euclid Lodge

Bro. Daniel Rubin

### Excelsior Lodge

Bro. Milton Russell Webber Jr

### Ezekiel Bates Lodge

Bro. Donald Roland Hanson  
Bro. Douglas Barry Weilding

### Fidelity Lodge

Bro. John Charles Brown  
Bro. Robert Gordon Knight  
Wor. Robert Moulton Nichols

### Franklin Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Louis Latimore  
Wor. Wayne Richard Modig

### Fraternal Lodge

Bro. Daniel Everett James  
Bro. Gerald Norton Linton

### Friendship Lodge

Wor. Harry Nishan Atamian  
Bro. Donald Laurence Robbins

### Garden City Lodge

Bro. Bennett Kupferman  
Bro. Robert Michael Rosenberg  
Bro. Sidney Joseph Tankel

### Gatun Lodge

Bro. Jack Francis Adams  
Bro. Jerry W Anderson  
Bro. David Lee Bradley  
Bro. Charles Henry Carr  
Bro. Craig Charles Diamond  
Bro. Howard Markland Gabbert II  
Bro. Robert Earl Hicks  
Bro. Edward Holmes Jr  
Wor. Olav Bernard Holte Jr  
Wor. Ivan Lloyd Jenkins  
Bro. David Dessler Kelley Jr  
Bro. Thomas Alexander Miller  
Bro. Robert Lee Nelson  
Bro. Marcus Allen Osborn  
Bro. Robert Larry Saxon  
Bro. John Francis Torr  
Bro. Edward Ernest Travis  
Bro. Paul Albert VanDerLippe

### George H. Taber Lodge

Bro. Arthur Ryle Jr

### Globe Unity Lodge

Bro. Basil Thatcher Jelly  
R.W. Kenneth Eugene Trostle

### Golden Fleece Lodge

Wor. Paul Arnold Howard  
Bro. Warren Ralph Poor Jr  
Bro. Arthur Poulos  
Bro. Eugene Francis Quinn

### Golden Rule

Bro. Donald William Cameron  
Bro. William Locklin Moran  
Bro. Richard Burnham Pratt

### Good Samaritan

Bro. David Lewis Bray  
R.W. Robert Chase Crockett  
Bro. Reginald Marvin Edwards  
Bro. Donald Stewart Holden  
Bro. Richard Roy Mansur  
Bro. Sumner Harold Weston

### Guiding Lights Lodge

Bro. Robert Coven  
Bro. Howard William Edison  
Bro. Paul Joseph Harper  
Bro. Arthur Robert Longwell  
R.W. Robert Eugene McDuffie  
Bro. George Migridichian  
Bro. Kenneth Carl Olson  
Bro. Lloyd Wilbur Olson  
Bro. James Evans Roy Jr  
Bro. Gordon Stewart  
Bro. Frank Pearson Woodard

### Hampshire Lodge

Bro. Charles Ira Dunning

### Harmony Lodge

Bro. Sanford Charles Gunn  
Bro. Walter S Hutkowski III  
Bro. William Jarvis  
Bro. Daniel Roger Morrison  
R.W. Archie Robin Nahman

### Hayden Lodge

Bro. James William Allen

### Hope Lodge

Bro. Brian Leigh Bjurling  
Wor. Norman Wallace Hicks  
Bro. John Douglas Mercer Jr  
Bro. Eino Nestor Salo  
Bro. Kenneth Luther Stewart

### Howard Lodge

Bro. John Gorham Sears III  
Bro. Carl Otto Wenberg

### Huntington-Federal Lodge

Wor. William Lester Fors  
Wor. Peter Halton McCready  
Wor. Richard James Nobbe

### Jerusalem Lodge

Bro. Paul John Walker

### Joel H. Prouty Lodge

Bro. Carl Algot Anderson  
Bro. Laurence Francis Canning  
Bro. Charles Edward MacMillan

### John Cutler Lodge

Bro. Martin Whitney Dolan  
Bro. Henry Francis Peters Jr

### John Hancock Lodge

Bro. William Patrick Broderick  
Bro. Bruce Dearden  
Bro. Anthony Espinola  
Bro. James Nicholas Karos  
Bro. John Kyriages  
Bro. Charles Walter Smith Jr  
Bro. John Edgar Wilson

### John T. Heard Lodge

Bro. Charles Lambros  
Bro. James William Tweed Miller

### John Warren Lodge

Bro. William Richard Ainey  
Bro. Charles Wilson Jodrey

### Jordan Lodge

Bro. Warren Evan Dunkelberger  
Bro. Richard Gershon Herman  
Bro. Bernie Sidney Vigor

### Joseph Webb Lodge

Bro. Marvin Rich Teel

### King David Lodge

Bro. Bruce Shepard Beutell  
Bro. Kenneth Lawrence Bradshaw Jr  
Bro. Sumner William Kesselman  
Bro. Isadore Osheroff  
Bro. Belcher William Stanley Jr  
Bro. Van Peter Weingarten

### King Philip Lodge

Bro. Henry Marsden Hodgson Jr  
Bro. Frank Noble  
Bro. John Mercer Sweeney

### King Solomon's Lodge

Bro. Elmer Lee Evans

### Konohassett Lodge

Bro. Orin Ellsworth Huston

### Lafayette-Dover Lodge

Bro. Wallace Francis White

### Lafayette-Greylock Lodge

R.W. Charles Neil Cahoon  
Bro. Morton Freedman

### Lawrence United Lodge

Bro. Robert Henry Bowes  
Bro. Frederick Rudolph Kuehn  
Bro. Edwin Eugene Minsky

### Level Lodge

Bro. Alan Chasen  
Bro. Steven Rotman

### Liberty Lodge

Bro. George Philip Gilbert  
Bro. Robert Arnold Lewis

### Macedonian Lodge

Bro. Michael Frederick David  
Bro. Raymond Charles DeYoung

### Major General Henry Knox Lodge

Bro. Russell William Watson

### Manchester Lodge

Wor. Rodney Clark Burgess  
Bro. Joseph Hyman Paone

### Marine Lodge

Bro. John Milton Cook  
Bro. Roland Soren Lindberg  
Bro. Ahmed Ali Mustafa

### Mariners Lodge

Bro. Barry Russell Ogren  
Wor. Marcel Robert Perry

### Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge

Bro. Gilbert Read Ayer

### Matthew John Whittall Lodge

Wor. Donald Edgar Benson  
Bro. Kenneth Orrin Hodgson  
Wor. William Lowe  
Bro. Milton Hedley Steen

### May Flower Lodge

Bro. Donald Paul Lambert  
Bro. Richard Weston Thayer

### Meridian Lodge

Bro. Nathan Otis Beale  
Bro. Ernest Roosevelt Borden Jr  
Bro. Richard David Galeucia  
Wor. Joseph Eve Harbuck Jr  
Bro. Paul Gabriel Lawler  
Bro. Stephen Brooks Trautner  
Wor. Frederick Whitney Welch

### Merrimack Lodge

Bro. Eric McGregor Summerton  
Bro. Donald Stewart Wills

### Milton Lodge

Bro. Derek Gordon Winds Jones  
Bro. Raymond Roderick MacNeil

### Montgomery Lodge

Wor. Alfred Leo Gaulin  
Bro. Warren Tekian Jr

### Morning Star Lodge

Bro. John Ambler  
Bro. Gregory Charles Andonian  
Bro. Robert Bruce Barthelme  
Bro. George Amador Boggs Jr  
Bro. Alan Paul Engstrand  
Bro. Richard William Forrester  
R.W. Samuel Robert McClure Jr  
Bro. Paul Irving Mongeon  
Wor. Donald Robert Werme

### Moses Michael Hays Lodge

Wor. Merrill Jacob Adler  
Bro. Leon Aronson  
Bro. Samuel Baker  
Bro. Joseph Ira Banks  
Bro. Milton Mark Becker  
Bro. Stephen Howard Beckman  
Bro. Joel Gerald Berman  
Bro. Burton Cohen  
Wor. Stanley Mark Finkelstein  
Bro. Maier Finn Freedman  
Bro. Richard Leonard Freedman  
Wor. Joseph Ganz  
Bro. Joseph Burton Garb  
Bro. Ralph Garber  
Bro. Robert Goldsmith  
Bro. Irving Gerald Gordon  
Bro. Benjamin Matthew Gottlieb  
Bro. Fred Horenstein  
Bro. Norman Kaplan  
Bro. Sidney Allen Katz  
Bro. Irving Katzman  
Bro. Arnold Melvin Kublin  
Bro. Robert Alan Levin  
Bro. Sydney Meyer Liner  
Bro. Howard Ira Mirkin  
Bro. Louis Nelson  
Bro. Uziel Ponn  
Bro. Howard Arthur Winer

### Mount Carmel Lodge

Bro. George Harold Bane  
Bro. Harold Reynolds Fall Jr  
Wor. Robert Leroy Gove  
Bro. Nicholas Kontoules  
Bro. George Herbert Marcus  
Bro. Oscar Papanastasiou  
Bro. John Michael Theodor  
Bro. Chesley Llewellyn Tilley

### Mount Hermon Lodge

Bro. Karlo Ashchian

### Mount Hollis Lodge

Bro. Lester Wallace Carkin Jr  
R.W. Edward Alton Condon Jr  
Bro. Edward Eugene Ikerd  
Bro. Harold Edward Thistle

### Mount Holyoke Lodge

Bro. Stanley Axland Hanson

### Mount Hope Lodge

Bro. Robert Cumbledge Adams  
Bro. Alexander Banky Jr  
Bro. John Robert Hives

### Mount Horeb (D) Lodge

R.W. Whitney Bradford Morse

### Mount Horeb (W) Lodge

Bro. Eric Walter Cooper  
Bro. David Leroy Harvey  
Wor. William Andrew Irving  
Bro. George Earl McDonald  
Bro. Peter Revett Wedlock

### Mount Lebanon Lodge

Bro. Alan David Mundie

### Mount Moriah Lodge

Bro. Kenneth Leslie Atwood  
Bro. John Manos  
Bro. Carl Edward Mills

### Mount Orthodox Lodge

Bro. Richard Orville Allen  
Bro. Reginald Albert Dallaire  
Bro. Grant Logan Mitchell  
Bro. Robert Leroy Wheeler

### Mount Tabor Lodge

Wor. Calvin Koppel Barnes  
Bro. Sumner Sheldon Feinstein  
Bro. Robert Herman  
Bro. Leonard Hillman  
Bro. Lawrence Lempert

### Mount Tom Lodge

Bro. George Warren Breen  
Bro. James Mitchell McDermott  
Bro. William John Mesheau

### Mount Vernon-Galilean Lodge

Bro. Robert Stanley Johnston  
Bro. Archibald Gerrard MacKinnon  
Bro. David Hewitt McCall  
Bro. John Ernest Noel  
Bro. Thomas Verrengia  
Bro. Henry Franklin Wright Jr

### Mount Zion Lodge

Wor. Ronald William Rich Sr

### Mountain Lodge

Bro. Theodore Houghton Jr  
Wor. John Henry Shippee Jr  
Bro. James Dennis Wholey

### Mumford River Lodge

Bro. George Lewis King

### Mystic Lodge

Bro. Warren Alfred Larson  
Bro. Fuhman Junior Lindenmuth

### Mystic Valley Lodge

Bro. Robert Curtis Holbrook  
Bro. Constantinos Leandros Philips  
Bro. David Gossler Taggart  
Bro. Robert Lewis Wagner  
Bro. Winfred Lawrence Waite  
Bro. Earle Carroll Young

### Norfolk Lodge

Bro. David Thomas Aitchison  
Wor. Roger Harvey Ambuter  
Bro. Richard Allen Cyr  
Bro. Franklin Ernest Farrar  
R.W. Carl Arthur Gordon  
Bro. Barry Ellis Nickerson  
R.W. Ralph Irving Sewall  
Bro. Ralph Leon Wye  
Bro. Robert George Wye



On June 10, 2014, Wor. Phil Privitera was installed for a second year as Master of **Mystic Valley Lodge** in Arlington. His daughter approached the East and "invested her father with a Sombrero." This investiture was done with the accompaniment of a Mariachi Band. —Wor. Lee H. Fenn

### Norfolk Union Lodge

Wor. Carl Victor Dahlgren  
Bro. Harry Payne Driscoll  
Wor. John Douglas Hadfield  
Bro. Roland Joseph Mercure  
Bro. Philip Taft Morton  
Wor. Vincent Arnold Moulton  
Bro. Christos Nastopoulos

### North Quabbin Lodge

Wor. Donald Gilbert Gray

### North Reading Lodge

Wor. Wendell Anderson Berry Jr  
Bro. Alden Bruce Colby

### Norumbega Fraternity Lodge

Bro. Alan Richard Chandler  
Bro. George Cuker  
Bro. Albert Mark Fortier Jr  
Bro. Roger Edward Kelly  
Bro. Francis Wells Williams Jr  
Bro. Arthur Nicholas Poly

### Old Colony Lodge

Bro. Ira Silverleib  
Bro. James Bruce Tiffin

### Olive Branch Lodge

Bro. Harold Lennard Grahm  
Wor. John William Stake

### Orient Lodge

Bro. Russell Forrest Coombs  
Bro. Donald Bennett Glaser  
Bro. Thomas William Heidke  
Bro. Walter Herbert Mark  
Bro. Norman Edward Rickard



Rt. Wor. Carl A. Gordon, Rt. Wor. Ralph I. Sewall and Wor. Roger H. Ambuter, all Past Masters of Norfolk Lodge, were recognized for 50 years of service to the fraternity by Grand Master Harvey J. Waugh (center) and RW Lawrence Bethune, DDGM 5th District (left).

### Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge

Wor. Peter Osborn Bettencourt  
Bro. William Frederick Cumming  
Bro. Peter Worden Look

### Oxford Lodge

Bro. Wilbur Alvin Johnson  
Bro. Otis Edward Schofield

### Pacific Lodge

Bro. Robert Lee Byrne Jr

### Palestine Lodge

Bro. Ali Suliman Ali  
Wor. John Nels Olsen  
Bro. John Raymond Yetman

### Paul Revere Lodge

Wor. Alan Stuart MacEachern  
Bro. Walter Lawrence McMaster  
Bro. Warren Robert Mills  
Bro. Francis Wells Williams Jr

### Pentucket Lodge

Bro. Raymond Walter Judge  
Bro. Joseph Camille Lessard  
Bro. Charles Peter Sarantos  
Bro. William Stephen Wadsworth Jr

### Pequosette Lodge

Bro. Robert Paul Juliano  
Wor. David Wendell Smith

### Perfection Lodge

Bro. Alan Bronstein  
Bro. Merrill Stanley Cohen  
Bro. John Jacobson  
Bro. Donald Sanford Kulkin  
Bro. Marshall Harold Rakusin  
Bro. Richard Jacob Specter

### Philanthropic Lodge

Bro. Donald Dalziell Affeldt  
Wor. Harold Rowe Austin Jr  
Bro. Edward Stuart Bell  
Bro. Charles Graham Burton III  
Bro. William Edward Conly  
Bro. Allen Maurice Crowell  
Bro. Frederick Abbott Deroo  
Bro. Charles William Dyer  
Bro. Bradford Nichols Freeman Jr  
Bro. Emery George Glass  
Bro. Warren Wesley Perry  
Bro. Donald Edwin Risteen Jr  
Bro. John Warren Standish  
Bro. Rufus Leonard Titus  
Bro. Russell Morrison Veale  
Bro. H Jack Willis

The Grand Master presented four 50-year veteran's medals in Tampa, Florida. The recipients were: Bro. Ronald Bart of Boylston Lodge, Bro. Leo Sarakinis of Phoenix Lodge, Wors. Donald Coleman of Simonds Lodge, and Wor. Glenn Banks of St. George Lodge.



## Our New 50-Year Brothers 1964–2014 continued

### Phoenix Lodge

Bro. Leo Thomas Sarakinis

### Pilgrim Lodge

Bro. Paul Alfred Fischer

### Pioneer Lodge

Bro. William Earle Baldwin  
Bro. Howard Joel Sonion  
Bro. Donald Frederick Whicher

### Plymouth Lodge

Bro. Jay Arrow  
Bro. Donald William Heath

### Prospect Lodge

Wor. Bruce Arnold Berry  
Wor. David Gordon Berry  
Bro. Richard Leonard Fakkell  
R.W. Richard Robert Ray

### Puritan Lodge

Bro. Stuart Gurney Sheldon

### Quinebaug Lodge

Bro. Franklin James Engelhardt  
Wor. Wayne Richard Sentance

### Quinsigamond Lodge

Bro. Gregory Alan Apkarian  
Wor. Kelton Dexter Johnson  
Bro. Richard Earle Smith  
Bro. Herbert Warren Watson

### Quittacus Lodge

Bro. Raymond Robert Boyer  
Bro. Robert Leonard Castino  
Bro. Harold Ralph Hershberger  
Bro. Sydney Jacobs  
Bro. Raymond Joseph St.Don

### Republican Lodge

Bro. Carroll Daniel Bowen

### Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge

Bro. William Martin Johnson  
Wor. Clifford Leslie Tucker

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least one is somewhat more whimsical. Marked that it is “Dedicated to Collectors of Masonic Medals,” the silver-tone medal shows a grid of numbers on one side marked “The Magic Power of Numbers.” The other side includes Masonic symbols and a bust profile portrait of coin dealer Edouard Frossard (1837–1899) of New York. Frossard began collecting in 1872 and was a Freemason, suggesting the inspiration for this medal. Although the side with “The Magic Power of Numbers” grid is marked “1860,” it seems more likely that this medal was produced in 1881, around the time Frossard issued a card for his store with a similar design.

### Collectors of Masonic Medals Medal, 1881, George H. Lovett, United States

Photograph by David Bohl



Back in 1880, Marvin noted “Masonic medals have attracted but little attention from American numismatists, and comparatively few collectors have interested themselves in their study.” Thanks in part to William T.R. Marvin, a Massachusetts Mason, this has changed over the past 130 years. These little pieces of history, which tell a story about people, places, and events help us to remember the past and inspire us for the future. ■

### Rising Star Lodge

Bro. William James Brown III  
Bro. Richard Peter Randlov  
Wor. Sarkis Minas Sarkisian

### Robert Lash Lodge

Bro. Liobnick Cancellieri

### Rufus Putnam Lodge

Bro. Malcolm Brian Chandler  
Bro. Roderick Leo Lavallee Jr  
Bro. Frederick Chester Martin  
Bro. Marshall Herbert Mason  
Bro. Thomas James Morton  
Bro. Robert Leroy Stewart

### Rural Lodge

Bro. Harry Roland Fuller  
Bro. William Leo Jutila  
Wor. Robert Donald Parry  
Bro. George Dewey Robbins  
Bro. Richard Alvaro

### Saggahew Lodge

Bro. Benjamin Robert Chase  
Bro. George Chopas  
Bro. James Howard Currier  
Bro. James Basilios Giannatsis  
Bro. Raymond Packer Kittredge  
Bro. Malcolm George Norwood  
Bro. Robert Marston Toshach

### Saint Alban's Lodge

Bro. George Edward Luttrell  
Bro. Bruce Bond Roberts Sr  
Bro. Chandler Hutchins Wells Jr

### Saint Andrew, The Lodge of

Wor. Preston Howard Saunders

### Saint George Lodge

Wor. Glenn Gower Banks  
Bro. Kenneth Francis Holmes

### Saint James Lodge

Bro. Wallace Kay Bartlett

### Saint John's (B) Lodge

Bro. Phillip Richard Kumph Sr  
Bro. Chesley Vail Jr

### Saint John's (N) Lodge

Bro. Alan Gregory Chase  
Bro. Daniel Anton Graf  
Bro. Gardner Fremont Lattime  
Bro. Gary N Lattime  
Bro. Richard Carleton MacIntosh  
Bro. Norman Page Smith Jr  
Bro. Isaac Raymond Webster Jr  
Bro. Arthur William Woods

### Saint Matthew's Lodge

Bro. William Donald Alexander

### Saint Paul Lodge

Bro. Paul Robbins Henry  
Bro. Richard Edward

### Satucket Lodge

Bro. Robert Walter Doherty  
Wor. Francis Everett Foster Jr  
Bro. Fred Howarth  
Bro. James Allen Luce  
Bro. Richard Graeme MacDonald

### Satuitt Lodge

Bro. Harry Jacobson  
Bro. Arnold Leroy Mills Jr  
Bro. Opal Daniel Overturf

### Siloam Lodge

Bro. Richard Adams Rogers  
Bro. Ludwig John Stepanian  
Bro. Harvey Alexander Thomasian



Members of both Simon W. Robinson and Frank W. Thompson Lodges accompanied Rt. Wor. Douglas J. Ellis (right) on a visit to present Bro. Bob Magovern with his 50-year Veteran's Medal.

### Simon W. Robinson Lodge

Bro. Robert MacBeath Adam  
Bro. Frank Elliot Bateman II  
Bro. Windsor Ebenezer Bruce  
Wor. Kent Larson  
Bro. Robert John Magovern  
Bro. Leonard Edward Muller  
Bro. Charles Bix Shoemaker  
Bro. George Duncan Sinclair  
Bro. Arthur William Stead  
Bro. Melville Walter Webb Jr  
Wor. George Ballard Wilson Jr

### Simonds Lodge

Bro. Ronald Walter Clayfield  
Wor. Donald Albert Coleman  
Bro. Merrill Robert Fisher  
Bro. James Roger Walker

### Social Harmony Lodge

Bro. Robert Arlon Braman  
Bro. William Floyd Hawthorne  
Bro. Linwood Alsus Hurd Jr  
Bro. James Arthur Jacobson  
Bro. Morton Kobrin

### Sojourners Lodge

Bro. Leonard Ray Barnett  
Bro. Dean Keith Bruch  
Bro. Clyde Raymond Campbell  
Bro. Jesse Walter Chambers  
Bro. Johnnie Louis Smith

### Solomon's Temple Lodge

Bro. Ralph Elmer Helstrom  
Bro. John Samuel Hogarth  
Bro. Ralph Emerson Pendleton  
Bro. Emerson Freeman White  
Bro. Herbert Stoddard Wood II  
Bro. Walter Yanski Jr

### Somerville Lodge

Bro. Henri Theodore Butler  
Bro. Albert Elmar Hayes  
Bro. Bruce Edward Price

### Star In the East Lodge

Bro. Alan Lewis Katz  
Bro. John Richard Kilfoyle  
Bro. Frank Silva Mello Jr  
Bro. William Barry Morse

### Star of Bethlehem Lodge

Bro. Eric Theodore Bjorkman Jr  
Wor. James Anastos Carabineris  
Bro. Hugh Walter Emerson  
Bro. John Woodman Slade  
Bro. Robert Loring Sterling  
R.W. Donald Francis Tabbut  
Bro. Harold Willis Woodbury

### Starr King Lodge

Bro. William Webster MacCulloch  
Bro. George Harrison Villett



Bro. Fletcher MacDonald (right) of Tahattawan Lodge in Littleton received his 50-Year Veterans Medal from RW Douglas J. Ellis, DDGM of the 14th District, at Bro. MacDonald's home in Dunstable.

### Tahattawan Lodge

Bro. James Cleveland Beard  
Bro. Donald Fletcher MacDonald  
Bro. George Peter Macheras

### The Consolidated Lodge

Bro. Louis Aronstein  
Wor. Burt Jagolinzer  
Bro. Paul Henry Katz  
Bro. Jonathan Alan Levant  
Bro. Frank Lyons  
Bro. Peter Alan Schwartz  
Bro. Richard Merrill Shifman

### The Harvard Lodge

Bro. Gordon Mackay Morrison Jr

### The Massachusetts Lodge

Bro. John Tuttle Miller

### The Meadows Lodge

Bro. Robert William Allan  
Bro. Alton Hugh Livingstone Jr  
Bro. John Frederick Stevens  
Bro. Earl Hamilton Westcott

### Thomas Lodge

Wor. Richard Wilbur Sisco

### Thomas Talbot Lodge

Bro. John Ridgway Comley III  
Bro. Clarence Victor Cormier  
Bro. William David Houseman  
Bro. George Alfred Merrill  
Bro. Cecil Edmund Wentworth

### Trinity Lodge

Bro. Martin Dennis Meilinger  
Bro. Clark Harris Stuart

### Union Lodge (N)

Bro. Richard Charles Curry  
Bro. William C Long Jr  
Bro. Sidney William Small

### United Brethren Lodge

Bro. Robert Wayne Bradbury  
Bro. Thomas Hugh Ferris Jr  
Bro. Victor Albert Hoyt Jr  
Bro. Herbert Dwight Huntley  
Bro. William Edward Nierintz

### Universal Lodge

Bro. Charles Louis Horton  
Bro. Wayne Francis Richardson

### Upton Lodge

Wor. Ronald Benjamin Kupiec

### Vernon Lodge

Bro. Lawrence Pendleton Bowser Jr  
Bro. Charles Robert Keisor

### Waltham Triad Lodge

Bro. William Sinclair Anderson  
Bro. George Martin Avakian

Bro. Gennaro Bibbo  
Bro. John Douglas Davies  
Bro. Stanley Winston Goldberg  
Bro. Jordan McDonald Jenks  
Bro. Harry Kachagian  
Bro. Arsin Hanna Kozelian  
Bro. Leslie Vernon Lowden Sr  
Bro. Stanley MacPherson  
Bro. Richard Peter Madanjian  
Bro. Peter Mackay Perrin  
Bro. Donald Earle Richardson  
Bro. Peter Soukias Talanian

### Wamesit Lodge

Bro. Noel Ralph Metcalf

### Wampatuck Lodge

Wor. Roy Richard Compton Sr  
Bro. John Duffy Jr

### Warren Lodge

Bro. Clarence Russell Souther Jr  
Bro. Charles Leroy Wright Jr

### Watuppa Lodge

Bro. Robert Lipson

### Webster Lodge

Bro. Skender Ali

### West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge

Bro. Arnold Courtney Briggs

### Weymouth United Masonic Lodge

Bro. David Edward Ericson Sr  
Bro. Rudolph Morris Rogers  
Bro. William Henry Scott  
Bro. George Allen Tasker  
Bro. James Stanley Vosmus  
Bro. Samuel Funston Williams Jr

### Wilbraham Masonic Lodge

Bro. Robert Arthur Baldwin III  
Bro. John NMI Dakers Jr  
Bro. David Alan Trites

### Wilder Lodge

Bro. Allan Dennis Crossman

### William North Lodge

Bro. Paul Leroy Davies Jr  
Bro. Edward Kenneth Dick

### William Sewall Gardner-Kilwinning Lodge

Bro. George Abodeely  
Bro. Paul Edward Ash  
Bro. Gilbert Sidney Butler Jr  
Bro. George Chouprakos  
Bro. Robert Elliot Donaldson  
Bro. Thomas Allen MacQuarrie  
R.W. Herbert Warren Mitchell  
Bro. Charles Theokas



United Brethren Lodge's long-time organist Bro. William Nierinz (center) received his 50-year Veteran's Medal from DDGM RW Paul Gaudet (right) and RW John Doherty, Master of the lodge.

### William Sutton Lodge

Bro. James Edward Carter  
Bro. Russell Dean

Bro. John William Harnden  
Bro. David Leslie Larkin  
Wor. Alan Douglas McLellan  
Bro. Ronald Donald Muir  
Bro. Robert Gordon Specht  
Bro. George Lowther Thompson III  
Bro. Lester Wright Young Jr

### William Whiting Lodge

Bro. Richard Frederick Buchter  
Bro. Alfred Carl Cato Jr  
Bro. Malcolm Peter Hynd  
Bro. Calvin Bruce Jacobson  
Bro. Jack Kerrick

Bro. Charles Robert Madden  
Bro. John Pawluk Jr  
Bro. David Clifton Pease

### Wisdom Lodge

Bro. John William Whitehead III

### Wyoming Lodge

Bro. Robert William Barry  
Wor. Theodore Kirkland Cathcart Jr  
Bro. William Roland Currie Jr  
Bro. Richard Harwood Dodge  
Bro. Everett Leander Hume  
Bro. Herbert Georg Helmut Schurian  
Bro. Samuel Alexander Waugh Jr



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Historian, which Bro. Nickerson would hold until his death in 1909. The office would not be revived for more than a century.

### Past Grand Master

Following his term, Past Grand Master Blake was assigned by acclamation to the business of building and developing the new Masonic Home in Charlton. From 1909 until his final illness, he served as a Relief Commissioner for the Grand Lodge. The Proceedings feature regular reports as the former Overlook Hotel was transformed into the magnificent home for indigent, dependent or elderly Masons that became the pride of the jurisdiction and a model for such homes in many others across North America.

John Albert Blake was a physically large man. As his memorial states, however, “he had an equally large heart and radiated the warmth of Fraternal affection characteristic of Masonry in its highest development.” He became an institutional figure in Massachusetts, occupying a place within the pantheon of Past Grand Masters for nearly two decades; his wise counsel and keen insight was frequently called upon by his successors. But he was also modest and self-effacing, with—as stated above—strong opinions on propriety; in 1914, when a group of Masons in Chester petitioned for a lodge with his name, he strongly and forcefully protested; after due consultation, these brethren chose the name Federal Lodge instead.

Bro. Blake and his wife Abbie grew old together. They had married in December 1868, when he had just come to the Fraternity and was just entering business; they had two sons and a daughter. He had a short illness in November 1926 and passed away quietly; his wife predeceased him in 1920. At his death, the memorial committee wrote: “His was a singularly strong and sunny nature, always calm, always tolerant. He saw his objectives clearly and attained them unerringly, not by force or indirection, but by gentle and effective persuasion. The loss which his death brings to us is not merely the loss of a faithful and trusted official; it is the loss of a loved and valued friend. Those of us who knew him will ever hold his memory in' our hearts. To future generations the great charities of the Grand Lodge will be his monument.” Though gone from their midst, the Masonic Home was—and is—his lasting legacy. ■

# What came you here to do?



**Bro. Brian D. Medeiros**  
Bristol Lodge (D)  
*"The recent insurance premium spike has changed my goals drastically. Now, my goal is to find a way that Bristol and our neighboring lodges can stay viable for years to come."*

## SENIOR WARDENS GOING TO THE EAST FOR THE FIRST TIME



**Bro. Russell Dumas**  
Phoenix Lodge  
*"My goal is to rebuild the membership after the lodge moved from the Quincy lodge to Old Colony Lodge building in Hingham."*



**Bro. Donald F. Sacco Sr.**  
The Meadows Lodge  
*"I want to help make the lodge more, 'member friendly,' so to speak, to help us in both finding new members and cutting down on the high percentage of 'Rusty Brothers.'"*



**Bro. Michael B. Sgariglia**  
Quinebaug Lodge  
*"My goals are to engage our Rusty Brothers, to be more visible in the community, and to help make a difference in our lodge and our community."*



**Bro. Lou Ciano III**  
Mount Olivet Lodge  
*"I come to bring honor to the chair, and to build on the foundation of faith, hope, and charity, in which our fraternity has laid the cornerstone."*



**Bro. Matthew Arthur Allen**  
Social Harmony Lodge  
*"I came to the East to, (with the support of my brothers), increase enthusiasm for the Fraternity among the brethren and help make our lodge more vibrant."*



**Bro. Robert Taupier**  
Matthew John Whittall Lodge  
*"My main goal is to reinvigorate our lodge membership and increase involvement in fraternal service, and charitable activities by improving education, awareness, and creating better opportunities for the Brethren to interact with each other and the community."*



**Bro. Thomas J. Foster Jr.**  
Thomas Talbot Lodge  
*"It is my sincere hope to re-engage and re-energize the Brethren that have lost some of the zeal in their journey within the Fraternity for whatever the reasons, to once again let them know they are special to one another and the valuable treasure and resource they represent to the Fraternity as a whole."*

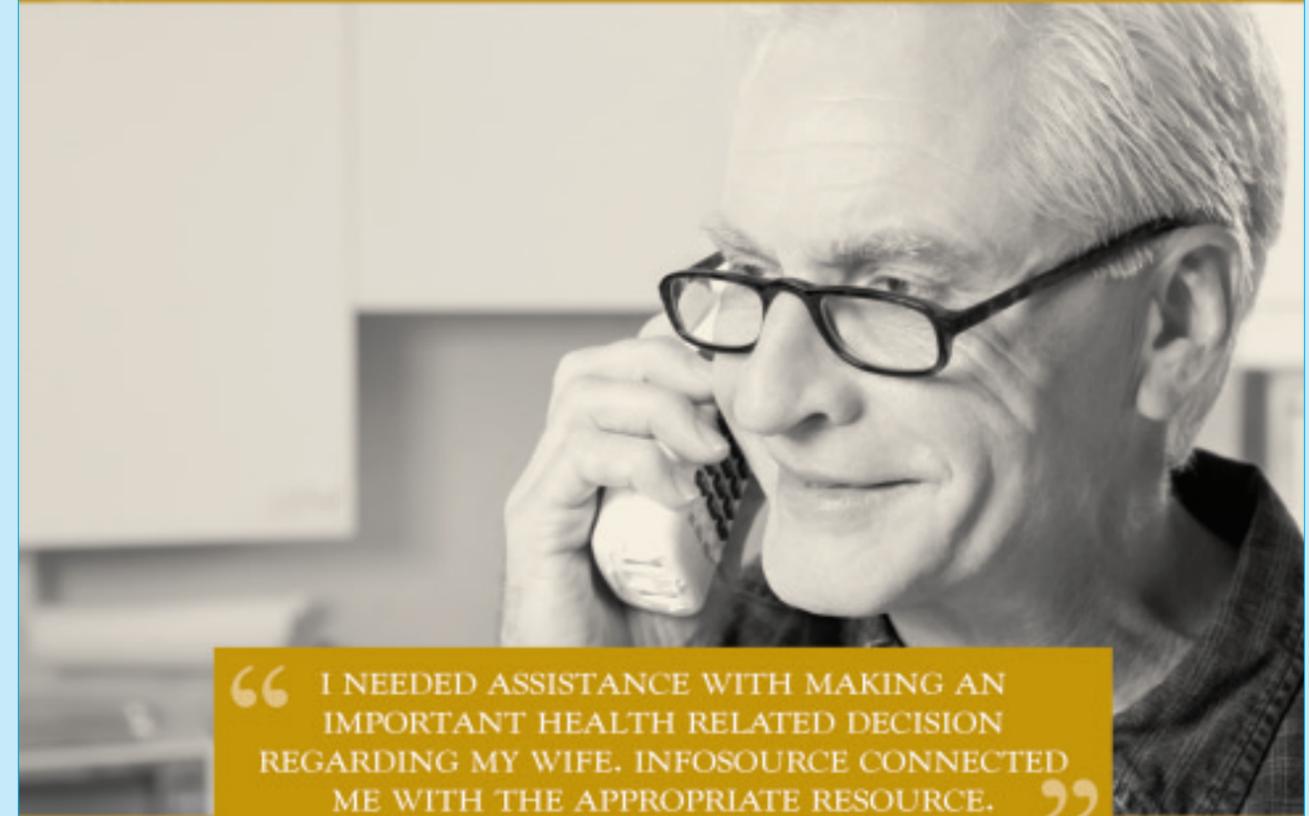


**Bro. Gordon Gravelese**  
Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge  
*"I came to the East to help preserve the history of the Fraternity, and to extend it just a little bit further into the future."*



**Bro. John Ferrante III**  
Union Lodge (D)  
*"To promote brotherhood, support, and charity in my lodge and greater community."*

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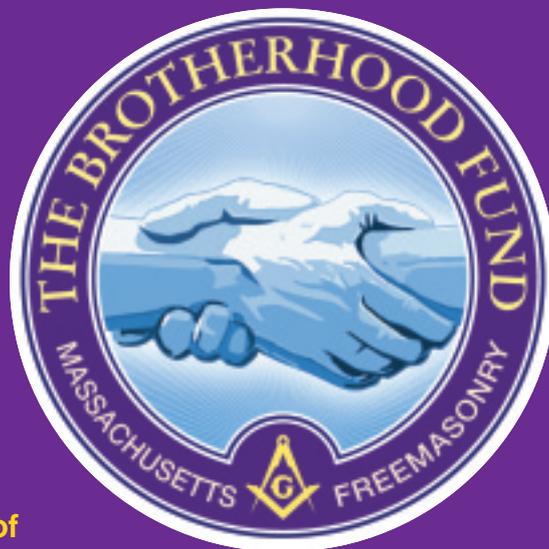
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