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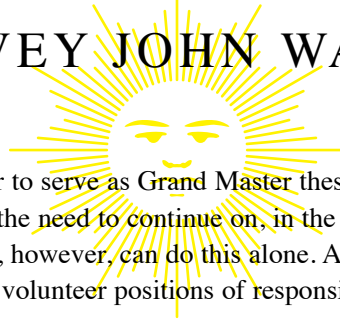
Most Worshipful
**Joseph
Warren**
Dedication



**Masonic
Education**

From the East of Grand Lodge

HARVEY JOHN WAUGH



Brethren,

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as Grand Master these past three years. The authority and responsibility of the position is huge; the need to continue on, in the progressive tradition of Past Grand Masters, is mandatory. No one person, however, can do this alone. A successful year of Masonic progress takes hundreds of brothers, in various volunteer positions of responsibility throughout our jurisdiction.

When a reporter asked Jack Welch, former General Electric Board Chairman and CEO, “What is the most important part of your job?” he said “hiring the right people.” This is what it takes for any enterprise, including fraternal and charitable entities such as ours, to have any hope of succeeding.

The success Grand Lodge has enjoyed over the last three years is not a tribute to any one individual, but rather, the result of the efforts of hundreds of dedicated brother Masons and administrative staff who gladly accepted positions of responsibility and need. Our Board of Directors, Grand Lodge line officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, Committee Chairmen, Committee Members, legal advisors, Lecturers, and building personnel have all contributed significantly to our combined success.

I extend my personal gratitude and thanks to all who have served in an elected or appointed position over the last three years. With your service, you have all “Made a Difference.”

Within the past three years, Grand Lodge has experienced many major events in the lives of lodges around the Commonwealth. These include Lodge mergers or significant milestones and anniversaries. The Grand Lodge line of officers participated in all of these events. They are all happy occasions and portend a bright and successful future.

In addition to lodge celebrations, there are two events which will have an impact for generations. Many of you will remember that glorious day on June 15, 2015, when Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. Roger W. Waugh, Sr. led 1,300 Grand Lodge officers and brother Masons up Tremont Street, in Boston, to the State House steps, where the Secretary of State, William F. Galvin and Governor Charles D. Baker, were waiting. The ceremony that followed featured the internment of a time capsule containing historical items from 1795, 1855 and 2015 into the State House cornerstone.

The second event for the millennium was the dedication of the M. Wor. Joseph Warren statue in Forest Hills Cemetery on October 22, 2016. The impressive ceremony and statue unveiling we conducted included remarks by Rt. Wor. Glenn Kubick, Rt. Wor. Stanley Gaw and Mr. George Wildrick, a descendent of Joseph Warren.

As I prepare to leave the office of Grand Master, I hope my successor will be blessed with the same level of commitment that I have enjoyed over these past three years as he navigates the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead.

Fraternally,

Harvey J. Waugh
Grand Master

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The Black Box

A black box is an educational tool. It allows theorists to work out a problem with some mystery: where there is something unknown, they put in a black box. What is inside the black box is unknown or secret. For example, if there were a black box that converted orange rinds into propane, where would you put the box and how would you store/transfer the propane? This way, the theorist need not think about how to make propane out of orange rinds, the theorist need only think about location and transport.



In Masonry, we could use the black box. Everyone knows we have secrets. We could say that we will tell you our secrets—which are highly valuable—if you join. But Masonry is different: it has its secrets, but, as I have heard said, “If you’re here for the secrets, you’ll miss the benefits.”

Some of those benefits begin with Masonic education. This education begins when talking with Masons. Chatting with men about what Masonry means to them, how they enjoy their time with their Brothers, why they joined, who they’ve met here, started to educate me about what Masonry was.

In lodge, we are educated not only through ritual, but through the management of the lodge. The ritual teaches many things: virtue, honesty, and a host of other things. The management of the lodge shows us the way those virtues are put into practice.

The first Master of my lodge seemed perfect, that he had it all together. Of course, he was perfect in the sense that he was what the lodge needed when he was there. Over time, other Masters come and go and each works on the lodge that they define: they are perfect for their lodge at that time. Eventually, I realized that every man brings something different to the East. Every Master clears out the cobwebs that bother him and as a result lodges shine.

After a lodge communication, at a smoker, when we help a charity project, we are educated by our fellow Masons. Sometimes on “real” issues, like how to fix the compressor on a refrigerator or raise sons. But mostly, on “unreal” things, like how to behave with those whom are close to you and those with whom you have disagreement. To see Brothers of opposed opinions on any point, sit down and enjoy cake and coffee after lodge, teaches as much as any book or website.

My Masonic education has never stopped. It may have started and been peppered with books. But my Masonic education is in every meal, every event, every Masonic moment, if I am there to receive it.

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*

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“Know thyself” with help from Lymen Scientiae

Lymen Scientiae means “light of knowledge” and is a lecture series out of Ezekiel Bates Lodge (eb1870.org) in Attleboro. It started as a book club for esoteric knowledge; as a lecture series it is about ideas lost through time or cultural distance. There have been lectures on Buddhism, the American Hobo, and many other topics in order for those present to gain more light, to understand themselves better. Any Mason can be a member.

Some of topics for Lymen Scientiae can be found in medieval writers. Many of the great medieval and enlightenment period philosophers concerned themselves with various disciplines contained in what has come to be known as the Western Esoteric Tradition. During this period in history, the *continues on page 26*



Father and Son Lewis Awards

On November 3rd, at Occidental Lodge in West Stockbridge, MA, two Lewis Jewel Awards were bestowed on a father and his son. Photographed, Master of Occidental Lodge, Wor. Joshua D. Hall; recipients Bro. Paul G. Moore and his father and fellow recipient Rt. Wor. Paul A. Moore; and Secretary of Occidental Lodge, Wor. William T. Isenhart. *- Wor. William T. Isenhart*



The 11th annual Golden Rule Lodge Cigar Dinner was held on Saturday Oct. 15th. Brethren enjoyed an evening of Brotherly love, steaks, and a fistful of fine cigars.



In addition, there was a fundraising raffle for cigars and accoutrements. Of course, part of any serious cigar smoker's implements, are chicken hats.



While everyone at the Cigar Dinner won, the cigars were fantastic and the meal was absolutely top shelf, some won more than others. Winners of the chicken hats, Rt. Wors. Don LaLiberte, George Bibilos, Mason Russell, and Jay Jolicoeur strike the most serious pose in a night of levity and joy.

- Wor. Lee H. Fenn



“Strong to Save”

A Model Prayer For Uncertain Times



by Rt. Wor. and The Rev. Dr. Keith C. Alderman

Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, said this about his own life – “I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day.”

Sometimes life can be so difficult that we can find ourselves in the same emotional situation as Lincoln – nowhere to go except back to God. Some people pray every day. Others come to God when circumstances of life drive them to it. As Freemasons, we believe in a supreme being – God. It has been said that prayer is the key to the heart of God. The living God has been called many things and has had many names over the ages: The Almighty, Creator, Healer, Provider, Gracious, Holy, Our Refuge, Our Rock, Yahweh, Allah, and many more. A universal truth is that the heart of God is always open to let you in. The prayer of Nehemiah is a prayer contained in the Bible which offers a model for prayer in unsettled times.

Nehemiah is a character in the Hebrew Scriptures. His name can be translated “The Comfort of God.” Nehemiah was the cup bearer, an important aid to the King of Persia. Nehemiah is a person who is very much like many of us. He was a cup bearer, he worked as a public servant, he was a builder and a construction worker, and he was an administrator, a governor. He got things done. When Nehemiah learned that the walls of the city of Jerusalem were still in ruins following the Babylonian conquest many years before, he broke down and wept. After Nehemiah had wept, he prayed to God (Neh. 1:5-11). Have you ever had a period in your life when your life was changing more quickly than you knew how to respond to it? The prayer of Nehemiah can be very instructive to us in our time, for it is a model prayer to be offered at a time when the events and emotions in Nehemiah’s life are swirling around him. The prayer of Nehemiah is not one of blubbing or chit chat or a laundry listing of things that he wants. Eugene Peterson, who wrote a translation of the Bible called *The Message*, has said “Be quick to come to prayer, but slow to pray.” On hearing troubling news, before Nehemiah asked God what to do, he sat down and wept. Have you ever done that before? I have. Before Nehemiah began to strategize on what to do, or what action to take, he went to God and prayed. A job disappears, a marriage crumbles, our daughter moves out, someone close to us dies, you find out your child is addicted, we sometimes get news which turns our world on end. A trusted colleague steals a lot of money, a romance takes a wrong turn into the desert, not only does the promotion go away, but the job goes away with it. Someone says the word “cancer.” We find ourselves at a crossroad we never thought we would come to in our lives.

When anxious times come, however, we don’t have to thrash around in uncertainty. Nehemiah shows us what to do in difficult times. He gets in touch with his emotions. At first, he allows himself time to mourn the news which has come his way. He doesn’t come up with a plan of action before this. Next, he prays to God. His prayer begins by clearly stating who God is, it is who Nehemiah is. It is very important in our lives to remember who we are in the world and who God is. It is very important to not get our place in this life confused. We can look to God when we are debilitated and in trouble, because when we have a good relationship with God, God stands with us. We can be confident that God always provided security and help, even though all around us is in confusion and disorder. We can have peace because God tells us “Be silent, and know that I am God” (Ps. 46, NLT).

The prayer of Nehemiah then moves into an attitude of contrition or repentance. In his own way, he says to God, “Make my heart pure, clear the faults from my heart. Show me where I have fallen short of you, show me where I have sinned.” God loves honesty. It is only when we come to God in complete integrity and openness about ourselves that we set our relationship right with God. King David says to God, “I recognize my shameful deeds, they haunt me day and night ... Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin” (Ps. 51:2-3, NLT). It is only after Nehemiah has recognized who God is in the universe, and been honest with God about his state before god, that Nehemiah can ask God for what he desires. Nehemiah says to God, “O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success now as I go to ask the king for a great favor. Put it into his heart to be kind to me,” (Neh. 1:11, NLT). In his own way, Nehemiah says, “O Lord, you are mighty and just, and I am not. Please, grant me favor today.” The scripture tells us that God was with Nehemiah, and the king granted his request to go to Jerusalem and rebuild the city.

Often we face great obstacles which can cripple us and bring us low. When we turn to God with prayer and a right attitude of adoration, confession, and then at last petition, it can change everything, and turn our situation from hopelessness to one of endurance and confidence. ■

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

THE SEPTEMBER 2016 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

The Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Harvey John Waugh, began the opening ceremony of the Fall Quarterly Communication by welcoming flags of our country and our state, carried by the most colorful of Color Guards, the Allepo Shriners.

The assembled proclaimed their Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Star Spangled Banner, after which the Grand Master joked that no one “took a knee.” The Grand Master introduced The Allepo Shriners: Bros. Herbert Stanley Fish, David Arthur Elliott, Raymond Arthur Whipple, James Irving Starratt, Capt. of the Guard, and Wor. Salvatore Stephen Priviteia.

After a song of praise, *God of grace, God of glory*, and a prayer offered for all by Rt. Wor. Rev. Keith Alderman, the Fall Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts was opened in ample form.

The Grand Master introduced to the Brethren assembled the distinguished guests: M. Excel. Charles R. Austin, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts; M. Ill. Robert C. Corr, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts; Sir Knight Andrew C. Maninos, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery,

Knights Templar, and the Appendent Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Rt. Wor. & Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts, Rt. Wor. & Ill. Peter R. Smith, 33°, Active for Massachusetts, Rt. Wor. & Ill. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, Active for Massachusetts, all from Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA; M. Wor. Nicholas Locker, Past Grand Master and Representative to Massachusetts, Prince Hall Grand Lodge; Rt. Wor. Wilbur Evans Sr., Grand Marshal Emeritus, Prince Hall Grand Lodge; Rt. Wor. and Dad Philip A Drouin, Executive Officer, Massachusetts DeMolay; Ill. Theodore Plonsky, Potentate of the Aleppo Shriners, and Wor. Steven Qualey, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth.

The Past Grand Masters of Massachusetts Grand Lodge that were present were M. Wors. Albert Timothy Ames, Arthur Eugene Johnson, and Jeffrey Black Hodgdon.

The Grand Master also introduced Rt. Wor. Gerard Dowden, District Grand Master and Wor. George O’Masta, District Grand Treasurer. The Grand Master recalled his trip to Panama in April and the joy of his awarding the Henry Price medal to Rt. Wor. Bro. Dowden for “his years

Left: The Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Harvey John Waugh enters the hall. **Right:** The Grand Master introduces the colorful Color Guard, the Allepo Shriners, : Bros. David Arthur Elliott, Raymond Arthur Whipple, Herbert Stanley Fish, and Wor. Salvatore Stephen Priviteia.





Left: The Grand Master welcomes the Henry family, Bros. David P. Henry, Peter J. Henry, and Joseph P. Henry. **Rt. Wor. Ronald P. Kamp** awarded the Tree of Life by after a substantial donation Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in honor of **Rt. Wor. Wilbert Henry.** **Right:** The Grand Master thanked and honored the Receivership Committee for their hard work.

of service above and beyond the call of duty.”

The reports of the committees on Charters & By-Laws and Records were read, and accepted. Ten changes to by-laws were accepted and three were partially accepted.

Rt. Wor. David R. Lucas, Deputy Grand Master read the necrology. Seven Brothers passed to the Celestial Lodge above, and we must endure without their 333 years of Masonic experience. Rt. Wor. Rev. Matthew Wissell led those assembled in prayer.

The Grand Master announced that Scimitar Lodge, in Wilmington, had been in operation under dispensation, now was well prepared for receiving their charter.

There were three men who did not live up to the high standards set by the Masonic life and upheld by Grand Lodge. Two of those men were suspended indefinitely and one was expelled with the ascent of those assembled.

The Grand Master called to the East, three members of the generations of the Henry family, and members of the Wyoming Lodge, Bros. David P. Henry, Peter J. Henry, and Joseph P. Henry. They were all there to honor their father, grandfather, and great grandfather, Rt. Wor. Wilbert Henry. Rt. Wor. Bro. W. Henry was Master of Seaview Lodge in 1936, Secretary of Seaview for 25 years, District Deputy for the 3rd Masonic District 1956-1957, received the Joseph Warren in 1986, had the York Cross of Honor, and was a member of Allepo Shrine. The family presented a donation to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in honor of Rt. Wor. Bro. W. Henry. It was a substantial donation that merited Rt. Wor. Ronald P. Kamp’s bestowal of a Tree of Life award for generosity.



Left: Rt. Wor. Sean Edward LeBlanc, candidate for Junior Grand Warden. **Center:** Rt. Wor. Robert Carl Schremser, candidate for Junior Grand Warden. **Right:** Rt. Wor. Roger W. Waugh, Sr., candidate for Senior Grand Warden.

The Grand Master called to the East Rt. Wors. Edgar Rolando se Leon, Allan Jeffery Martin, Howard Bradford White, Jr., Amos Franklin Cutter, Jr., William E. Yanakakis, David Joseph Raymond, Dean Philip Price, Walter Francis Southard, Lawrence Eugene Bethune, and Paul Roland Gaudet, Jr. (Not present was Wor. Garth Parker.) These men form the Receivership Committee. This committee is charged with the difficult task of assisting lodges in trouble. These lodges may face financial difficulty, flagging membership, or leadership hardship. Their work can result in the resurgence of a lodge, its merging, or going dark. The results depend on the information gleaned in the receivership process and the lodge itself.

The good of the lodge and of Massachusetts Freemasonry is ever at the forefront for these Brothers in their efforts. The Grand Master awarded these men Certificates of Commendation for their efforts within this committee.

Three other lodges made donations to the Grand Master:

King David, Mount Lebanon and Mystic Valley.

The Grand Master then placed into the process for election two candidates for Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wors. Sean Edward LeBlanc and Robert Carl Schremser and one candidate for Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Roger W. Waugh, Sr. The Grand Master expressed confidence in all nominated to perform the responsibilities of their respective offices.

M. Wor. Bro. Johnson, Grand Secretary announced a petition for consolidation of two lodges: Fellowship and Santucket. The petition was accepted.

The Grand Master happily began his 11th quarterly address with a statement about his office: “Rt. Wor. James

N. Orgettas, a Past Master of Wyoming and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 4th Masonic District has been appointed to the position of Executive Assistant to the Grand Master.” His duties include assisting the Grand Master and the business office.

The Grand Master recalled the attendance at the annual DeMolay Scholarship Awards Ceremony where 104 scholarships were granted to qualified recipients. “All scholarship winners are related to Massachusetts Masons,” the Grand Master said. Over \$400,000 were granted by Grand Lodge and the Grimshaw-Gudewitz fund. The Grand Master thanked the president, Rt. Wor. Paul Perkins, and Rt. Wor. Brian Noble along with the committee for their “outstanding service in this charitable endeavor.”

The Grand Master discussed the small, but steady, increase in the number of Past Masters who received recognition that they have been Past Masters for 50 years. These Brothers receive recognition from Grand Lodge for the service and longevity in the Craft.

The Grand Master made one such presentation to Rt. Wor. C. William Lakso in June, who served as Master of Aurora Lodge in 1965-1966.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Lakso is known in Masonic circles and he rose through the ranks of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Massachusetts where he became a 33° Mason. He also served as an Active Member of the Supreme Council. “We salute Bill for his longtime service to the Craft and his continued valued involvement with our society,” the Grand Master proclaimed.

The Grand Master updated the assembled on the 186 Tremont Committee. This committee has the responsibility to recommend to the Board of Directors methods for increasing revenue by using the Grand Lodge building. This includes the number one option, “renting a portion of the building to outside entrepreneurs,” the Grand Master said. This would greatly reduce the annual cost of maintaining the facility.

After several meetings, the committee determined that “offering the Paul Revere Room as a rental space was the best option,” the Grand Master recounted. Of the many interested parties, and after due consideration, one restaurateur rose to the top: Big Night Entertainment Group. Mr. Ed Kane, the principal of Big Night, “is contracting with Grand Lodge to lease a portion of the building,” the Grand Master said. He announced that “The Paul Revere Room will be leased, where a restaurant, called ‘Explorateur’ will be located.” There may be other spaces, fine dining space and basement storage, included in the lease. “Access to the basement for the restaurant employees, without using Grand Lodge stairs or elevators will be gained by a circular staircase installed by the renters,” the Grand Master continued, “Restaurant patrons will not enter through the Grand Lodge doors . . . the Grand Lodge lobby will remain as it is. However, the current coat room will become part of the restaurant, as will the first floor restrooms.”

There will be a similar committee *continued on page 32*

The Grand Master received donations from King David Lodge, Mount Lebanon Lodge and Mystic Valley Lodge.





TALKING POINTS

WHAT IS A FREEMASON?

By Bro. Chris Rooney and Wor. Robert Huke IV

“You’re a Freemason? What’s that?”

We have all heard this question in one form or another. How should we answer?

How do we explain why being a Freemason is meaningful to each of us? How do we describe the Fraternity’s benefits? What does brotherhood mean? Why do we serve others? What are our core values?

Most importantly – why does this matter?

Whether we like it or not, Freemasonry is a brand. We did not get to decide whether our Fraternity should be considered a brand. The brand of Freemasonry is whatever the public thinks of us: both the good and the bad.

If you have been asked the question “what is a Freemason?” you are probably familiar with the descriptions commonly associated with the Craft. Some consider us a society of men with integrity, honesty, and good character. Others think we are an organization dedicated to charity and community service. Still others believe we are a secret society filled with devil worshippers who control geopolitical forces and financial markets as part of a new world order.

Several years ago, your Grand Lodge recognized the importance of telling our story directly to the public

through radio and television advertising and using a website to support the message. For the first time, we gave the public an idea to associate with our brand.

But, for a brand’s message to fully and effectively resonate, it needs to be communicated consistently by its stakeholders; or, in our case, each of us.

For most of the Craft’s history, we relied on our reputation and our good works to help form our brand in the mind of the public. Our Lodges were well known in our communities

because they donated time, talent, and treasure for the betterment of others. And our members were seen participating in civic activities, attending church, marching in parades, coaching little league, and so on.

While these remain true of our Lodges and Brothers, the changing nature of society and our communities has lessened the impact these traditional activities have on the public’s understanding of who we are and what we do.

Last year we sought to modernize our advertising and the channels we delivered our message through. Working with our agency partner, Small Army, we introduced our “Find More in Masonry” campaign.

“Find More in Masonry” puts forth the idea that

Brotherly Love Relief Truth

Freemasonry is for men who want to be the best possible versions of themselves, and that the Fraternity can help them lead more fulfilling lives.

We confirmed the strategy was having the impact we sought based on our quantitative measurements. Just as important – and even more inspiring – we discovered our audience was not just hearing, but they were listening to what we were saying. When men used phrases like “I want to be the best version of myself” to describe their interest in Freemasonry, we knew we had the right message.

Despite the success our message was having with our primary audience (adult men with the potential for becoming Masons), we recognized there was still more work to do with our secondary audience: each of you.

With this in mind, Small Army helped us devise a set of talking points we can use when speaking with non-Masons. The talking points are broken down into four key themes:

1. Freemasonry is for men who want to be the best possible version of themselves.

WHO WE ARE

We're men, each trying to be the best versions of ourselves possible. We find it's easier to do that when we're with other men who share the same values.

We're there for our brothers no matter what life may bring, and our brothers are there for us.

We help others, not just because it's the right thing to do, but also because it helps us grow.

We value honor and integrity.

We believe there's always more to learn.



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2. We want to share brotherhood with other good men. (Brotherly Love)

3. We believe in helping others. (Relief)

4. We value integrity and honor. (Truth)

To help each of us remember the talking points, we developed the attached pocket card. You can carry it in your wallet or post in a prominent place (e.g. at your desk) as a handy reminder. The card addresses the talking points in the style of an elevator speech in a statement of **Who We Are.**

These values are our brand. We need to internalize them, and then explain to our friends, coworkers, and neighbors how we live these values using our own words and drawing from our own experiences.

When we are all singing from the same hymn book, each of us will be able to describe what it means to be a Freemason in a way that is genuine, natural, and honest. And the brand of Freemasonry will accurately reflect who we are and how we want to be perceived. ■



Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



Most Worshipful Frank Leslie Simpson

1926-1928

“The Hardest Worker”

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

The Grand Lodge has had dynamic speakers, magnetic personalities, stern leaders and businesslike administrators as Grand Masters. In the decades preceding the administration of Most Wor. Frank L. Simpson, men such as Melvin Johnson, Leon Abbott and Arthur Prince – great speakers with compelling personalities – had served in Grand Lodge’s Oriental chair; in the following decade, Joseph Earl Perry, arguably one of our greatest Grand Masters, would come to the East. Frank Simpson did not have the reputation that any of these men possessed, but the contributions he made to Massachusetts Freemasonry impacted not only his time, but decades to come. As Grand Master, as in private society, Brother Simpson was the hardest worker.

Frank Leslie Simpson was born in 1875 in New Hampshire, and matriculated at Boston University, which he graduated in 1898, proceeding to that institution’s law school, which granted him a cum laude degree in 1903. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar the same year.

As an instructor and then professor at Boston University Law School, he was a highly-regarded scholar and author; his works included Bigelow’s Cases on Bills and Notes, Simpson’s Cases On Torts and Massachusetts Law, books that adorned many law students’ bookshelves in the first half of the twentieth century. He was also active in public life, including serving as chairman of the Massachusetts Special Crime Commission established by Governor Joseph B. Ely in 1933 to investigate organized crime during the Depression.

Brother Simpson received Masonic light in Damascus Lodge, the youngest lodge in Lynn, in 1911; he served in the various chairs, becoming Worshipful Master in 1919. His skill in Masonry was recognized at the Grand Lodge level; Grand Master Prince appointed him Junior Grand Deacon in 1921, and he served as Deputy Grand Master under Grand Master Dudley Ferrell in 1924. At the end of the following year, he was elected Grand Master.

During his first year in the East, Grand Master Simpson undertook an extensive reorganization of the business operations of the Grand Lodge. In addition to establishing a department for the Grand Lodge budget, he created or reorganized the Relief, Education and Service Departments. Also during his first year, he issued a number of rulings regarding candidate proficiency and advancement, the status of Brothers suspended in other jurisdictions, the process for a lodge to waive jurisdiction over a rejected applicant, balloting, the right of wardens to preside, withdrawal of applications, and visits by lodges to other jurisdictions. He also granted five charters (of the twelve he would eventually sign): Pagoda Lodge of Mukden in Manchuria, and four new lodges in Boston – Everett C. Benton (named for a recently-deceased Past Grand Master), Hesperia, Major General Henry Knox (constituted on the gun deck of the U. S. S. Constitution), and the third academic lodge in Massachusetts, Boston University, of which he was a charter member. At the constitution of the lodge established at his alma mater, he observed as follows regarding its mission:

“To a degree which hardly permits the consideration of any other element, its success will depend upon the contribution which it shall make to the understanding of Masonry on the part

of its members and to the extent to which they react to the training and the ideals which they shall here receive; for the true function of the Lodge is so to train and inspire its members in the fundamental truths of our Order, that they shall react to them in their contacts with the world."

During his second year as Grand Master, he accomplished three tasks that resonate all the way to the present day. First, he inaugurated the Veterans' Medal, to be presented to those Brethren that had completed fifty or more years of membership in Masonry. Second, he introduced a reorganization of districts in Massachusetts, the first redistricting undertaken since 1911, and which remained essentially intact until 2003 (indeed, for nearly three generations, it was the only district organization any Brother in Massachusetts had ever known). Third, he instituted Lodges of Instruction in the jurisdiction, for the purpose of "conduct[ing] the extra-ritual instruction of the candidates of the Lodges." Lodges of instruction had existed before 1927, but only by special petition to the Grand Master; this directive organized them on a formal basis

"... to place the instruction of candidates, outside the ritual lectures, upon a firmer and more satisfactory foundation than exists at the present time ... there is no purpose to recommend any change in our existing practice of instruction in the lectures on the three degrees; this should remain in charge of the Lodge ... the extra-ritualistic instruction must be undertaken upon some different basis. It is hoped that the Lodge of Instruction will solve what has been a very difficult problem."

During 1927, Grand Master Simpson granted three charters: Watuppa Lodge of Fall River, Brotherhood Lodge of Boston, and Joel H. Prouty of Auburn. Only Joel H. Prouty still holds its charter in 2016. Also in that year, Grand Lodge accepted the transfer of the Juniper Hall property, the former home of Bro. Matthew John Whittall, from his widow; Juniper would become the Massachusetts Masonic Hospital. He made rulings on releases of jurisdiction; on lodge by-laws; on demits and certificates of clearance; and on the duties of the Tyler with respect to visitors.

During his third year as Grand Master, Most Wor. Brother Simpson established one more institution that exists to the present day: the Uniform Receipt for Dues (the "dues card"). Something of the sort had previously existed, but it was standardized in 1928, allowing lodges to identify those who were qualified to visit. He also granted four charters: Nehoiden in Needham, Rose of Sharon in Worcester, William Sewall Gardner in Lowell, and Benjamin F. Arrington in Lynn (named for a recently-deceased Past Deputy Grand Master, who was the first Master of Bro. Simpson's mother lodge, Damascus). All four of these lodges have since merged, though Rose of Sharon

received its charter back when it was re-instituted at our Masonic Home.

Grand Master Simpson's approach to the many problems that confronted him as Grand Master was careful, thoughtful and analytical. In addition to decisions regarding matters within the Commonwealth, he had to deal with issues in our districts abroad; during 1928 he had to address the delicate matter of a petition for a fourth lodge in Shanghai, at a time when Chinese nationalism and the first hints of a civil war in that country made such undertakings potentially perilous. (The petition was ultimately denied by his successor, M. W. Herbert W. Dean, following his 1930 visit to our lodges in China.) Also during his third year and according to his recommendation, Massachusetts entered into the Grand Representative system, establishing "diplomatic" relations with Grand Lodges around the world.

He applied his skills as an experienced attorney, and composed scholarly addresses, many of which are preserved in our Proceedings and in the New England Craftsman, a popular Masonic periodical published in Boston at that time. Here are a few excerpts from his speeches.

"As we dedicate this Temple to the uses of Masonry, we may, then, in trite Masonic spirit, rejoice in the "art which embellishes the structure, the beauty which marks its design, the taste and genius which it displays." In these respects, it stands and will remain as a beautiful monument to the development and perfection of the art of architecture which Masonry in ancient and modern times has done so much to achieve." (At the dedication of the Springfield Masonic Temple, February 1926).

"A Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons exists for service to our fellow men, and it performs that service, if at all, in the degree in which it trains its members, not only to understand the principles upon which our Order is based, but to read to those principles in their daily contacts with the world: for it is by the influence of the trained Mason in his individual capacity, co-operating with every activity for the betterment of civilization, that our Fraternity seeks to exert its benign influence." (At the constitution of Everett C. Benton Lodge, April 1926).

"Masonry seeks to inculcate in its followers a zeal for education, an enthusiasm for justice and equality, and a love for benevolence and charity. It aims to stimulate a reverent attitude toward the Deity and brotherly love toward all mankind. Its teachings are calculated and intended to arouse in its initiates a passion for that which is good and true ... But Masonry adopts no policy and undertakes no program to which every man who believes in a personal God cannot, nay must not subscribe without reservation. More than that. Masonry forbids the introduction of any programs or policies upon which men disagree and condemns any attitude of partisanship or any

***The chief concern
of a Lodge is
with the welfare,
the happiness,
and the Masonic
development
of its members***



The Prodigal Mason

by *Richard Thompson*



Some 30 years ago, researchers at the University of California at Irvine asked a simple but profound question, “Why do school music programs seem to attract a disproportionate number of top performing students?”

After completing their study, they discovered music programs do not attract the top performing students – it creates them. They discovered that the discipline it takes to learn to play an instrument carries over into other parts of life. It makes them better students.

I am reminded about this story from long ago because I have been thinking about Masonic charity. I wonder if the Fraternity attracts charitable men or does it create them. My suspicion is that like music programs, Masonry encourages men who are charitable to make a greater commitment to charity.

When I think of charity, I get the feeling that while I have always believed it is our responsibility to share some of our good fortune with those not so blessed; the Fraternity has encouraged me to do more. I think of the Masonic lesson, “And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” Before, I gave just money. Now, I give money and, more importantly, my time.

For the last few years I have given my time to a Masonic charitable activity that speaks personally to me – the Scottish Rite Children’s Dyslexia Centers. Specifically, I am chairman of the Board of Governors for the center in Nashua, N.H., where I live. (By the time you read this, I will have reached the end of my term as chairman. I will no longer be sitting at the head of the table.)

As I said, the work with dyslexic children speaks to me. My son, Jarrod, is dyslexic and I watched him struggle his way through school. He did not have access to a program like that at the Children’s Dyslexia Centers.

Jarrod was lucky, however. After high school he attend-

ed a community college in Massachusetts where he found a faculty that understood what he was going through. They tailored their program to teach to his strengths. He found the same thing in a four-year university and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Photography degree.

He has since earned a master’s degree and is now working at an arts university. He has gone from a struggling student to a popular teacher.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with the Board of Governors for the Children’s Dyslexia Center Boston North in Woburn. I was invited to meet with the board by Rt. Wor. Archie Campbell, whom I have known for some 20 or more years.

A Dyslexia Center Board of Governors has two main functions. One is to oversee the operation of the center. For the most part, that involves listening to the center director and reviewing any proposed initiatives. The primary function of the board is to see that the center has sufficient funds to carry out its mission. That means fundraising.

While I was at the Boston North meeting, board members were discussing the final details for their first ever golf tournament. Rt. Wor. Bro. Campbell reported the tournament attracted 35 golfers and the center had a modest return. They plan to move it next year and double the size.

Why do we get involved in the Dyslexia Centers? The answers are as varied as are the people involved. I started with the Board of Governors because of my son. I have kept working because I see what the centers do, how they help children succeed. Rt. Wor. Bro. Campbell spent his career helping special needs students. This is a perfect fit for him.

Our reasons for getting involved are varied, but I believe we all keep going because of one thing. We know what can happen to a child who doesn’t get help. We understand that we can help one child succeed and make our world better. Isn’t that what charity is all about – making a change in one person’s life.

So, if you are at a lodge meeting and someone asks you to buy a ticket for a fundraising event for one of the three Children’s Dyslexia Centers in Massachusetts, open your wallet. You will be changing the life of a child. You will be making our world just a little better. ■

Richard Thompson is the secretary of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge and the proud father of a son who beat dyslexia.

ONE SIZE FITS NONE

by Rt. Wor. Michael Jarzabek

Apple iOS is the best operating system. You don't need the freedom to choose. They'll choose for you. Only they know what is best for you.

Android is the best operating system. You need the freedom to choose. You should have complete control over your experience. Only you know what is best for you.

The argument over "free will" most likely started with Aristotle in the fourth century BCE. Since this time philosophers, politicians, and gadget enthusiasts have been debating the multiple facets of this concept. Usually today the argument is not over whether man has free will, it is whether or not he should be trusted to use it.

For two-hundred years Freemasonry has explored this concept and celebrated its merits. Freemasons however, in regards to jurisprudence and practice have often fell victim to more base inclinations.

When I was in school it seemed like all the big questions had been answered. I thought that my school books contained the agreed upon answers to whatever subject they addressed. It was solid logic at that point in my development. How could they grade me on mastery of material that was not universally accepted as the right answer?

I know now that I was victim of a logical fallacy known as appeal to tradition. This fallacy posits that something is true simply because it has always been accepted as true. You have experienced this argument if you ever had a Past Master tell you that, "We've always done it that way." Over twenty years have gone by since I left school. I'm sure that today my thirteen-year-old daughter shares the same misconception.

If you have a teenager in your life, you are familiar with the opposite fallacy known as the appeal to novelty. This fallacy posits that something is true simply because it's new. Those Past Masters that are still reading have likely experienced this argument from a young line officer. Often this argument centers on the use of technology or social media.

Whether a young line officer or a Past Master we must

admit that whether we are more comfortable with tradition or novelty that they are both flawed positions. The truth, to again reference Aristotle, lies in the "golden mean" which is acquired by the application of the cardinal virtue we know as prudence.

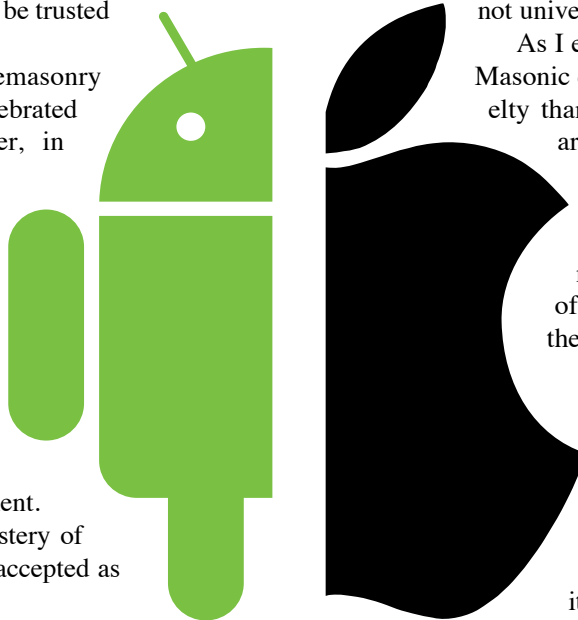
As a new Mason, I fell back on familiar fallacies. It seemed like all the big questions had been answered. I thought that the books I read on Freemasonry contained the agreed upon answers to whatever subject they addressed. It was solid logic at that point in my development. How could something be accepted as mainstream if it was not universally accepted as the right answer?

As I entered the adolescent period of my Masonic development, I relied more on novelty than tradition. It seemed logical. The argument was that Freemasonry was broken. We had always done things the same way. That way was no longer working. We needed a new way. Ironically, many of us felt that new way was to embrace the old way.

This sentiment has precedence in history. It is just this sentiment that led to a fracture in the craft which was marked by the formation of the "Antient" Grand Lodge in 1751. While there were many reasons for this rift some say it simply came down to the preference of the use of chalk over tape when laying out the form of the lodge.

Last year I was asked by M. Wor. Bro. Waugh if I would serve as Chairman of the Lodges of Instruction. On accepting I considered well my situation. I was intimately familiar with the novel approach, having had a fairly experimental approach to LOI as a District Deputy. I immediately researched the Constitutions and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge so that I could learn the traditional structure. I talked to everyone I could to get their opinions about what was wrong. I learned one thing from all of my research. There is no easy answer or off-the-shelf solution to educating the craft.

It is my feeling that the best approach to Lodge of Instruction is one of engagement. As you have seen so far, I prefer hands-on instruction to lectures and power points.





LODGE BUILDING IN FOCUS: GLOBE UNITY LODGE

In 1994, architect and builder Jack A. Sobon, who would eventually become a Master of Unity Lodge, was contracted to design an addition to the back of a former residence at 45 North street creating a new home for Unity lodge. The design of the lodge room, measuring 37-1/2 feet by 50 feet, was based on the 3-4-5 proportion. Such a proportion was common in buildings since the time of Pythagoras.

Though the exterior envelope is conventionally framed with 2x6 walls and 2x12 roof rafters, the core support is provided by a Medieval inspired timber frame with mortise and tenoned joints secured by wooden pins.

The timbers were hewn or sawn from native species including White Pine, Red Pine, Northern Red Oak, Black Cherry, Black Birch, Black Walnut, and Sassafras.

Rt. Wor. Dennis Reebel drives in the final pin.



From left to right: Rt. Wor. Craig A. Pedercini, District Deputy Grand Master for the 30th Masonic District; Wor. John A. Sobon, Past Master a builder of the Lodge Room at Globe Unity Lodge; Rt. Wor. Dennis Reebel, Junior Grand Warden and Rt. Wor. Robert James Ciempa, Master of Globe Unity Lodge stand for a historic photo of the final pin to be set in place at Globe Unity Lodge.

Unusually, some of the timber was cut from trees standing where the building now stands. The two largest members, the naturally arched tie beams supporting the kingposts, were hand hewn from the builder's woodlot. The timber frame was cut by Mr. Sobon and his crew, using only traditional hand tools and techniques.

On August 29th, 1994, the timber frame was "raised" by traditional hand methods. ■

BUILDING THE TIMBER FRAME



The timbers from the Unity site were sawed with a portable band-saw mill.



The two largest beams were hand hewn with a broad axe right in the forest.



Here, Jack Sobon is cutting out mortises on a purlin plate using a 150 year old "boring machine". Note the octagonal "gunstock" posts in the background.



The 50 foot purlin plates and ridge beam are made of two shorter timbers "scarfed" together. This scarf utilizes two mortise and tenon joints and four pins.



The diagonal braces are matching pairs cut from naturally curved logs. They are placed so that the grain pattern of one brace is a mirror image of the opposing brace.



Each end of the tie beam has on its underside, a mortise for the post tenon and a dovetail where it laps over the purlin plate. Most of the joinery is concealed when assembled.

The timber frame components were hoisted up into place using an ancient device, a "gin pole". (Gin is the root of engine) A long pole is held nearly vertical by three guy lines



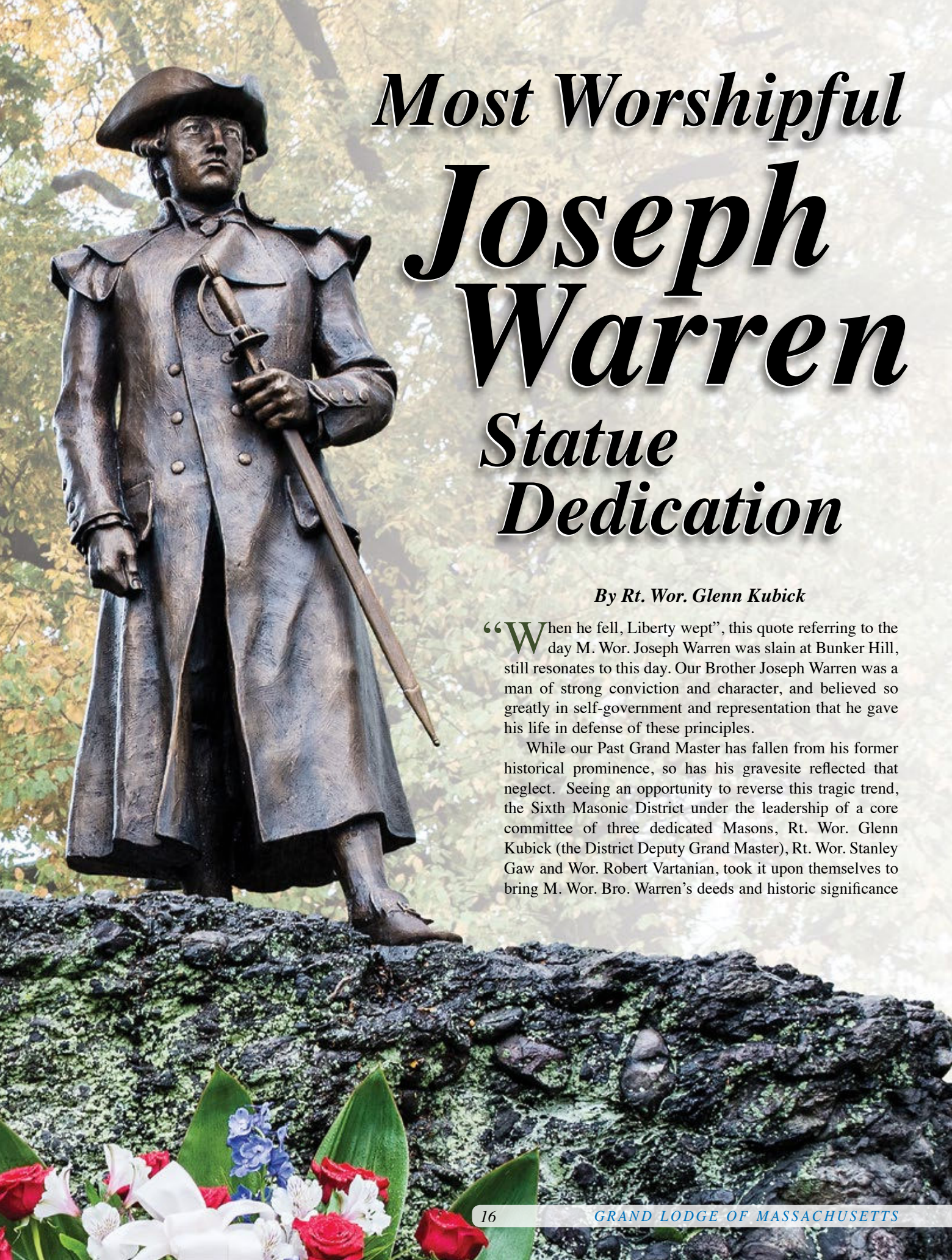
Here a section of the purlin plate has been set on the post tenons and is being "persuaded" home by Dave Bowman wielding a large wooden mallet called a persuader, beetle, or commander.



One of the big tie beams is being raised by six lodge brethren. The six-part block and tackle multiplies their force by six times. Note the pulley at the base of the gin pole that changes the direction of pull to horizontal.



At the end of the day, the walls are buttoned up by the general contractors (Emerson Brothers). The 50' ridge beam will be supported at its ends by the gable stud walls. Note the gin pole on the truck roof at left.



Most Worshipful Joseph Warren Statue Dedication

By Rt. Wor. Glenn Kubick

“**W**hen he fell, Liberty wept”, this quote referring to the day M. Wor. Joseph Warren was slain at Bunker Hill, still resonates to this day. Our Brother Joseph Warren was a man of strong conviction and character, and believed so greatly in self-government and representation that he gave his life in defense of these principles.

While our Past Grand Master has fallen from his former historical prominence, so has his gravesite reflected that neglect. Seeing an opportunity to reverse this tragic trend, the Sixth Masonic District under the leadership of a core committee of three dedicated Masons, Rt. Wor. Glenn Kubick (the District Deputy Grand Master), Rt. Wor. Stanley Gaw and Wor. Robert Vartanian, took it upon themselves to bring M. Wor. Bro. Warren’s deeds and historic significance



Top Left: Members of the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1 Dedham, show their respect for our flag and country. **Top Right:** Grand Master, M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh, salutes the flag prior to the ceremony. **Lower Left:** The procession of Masons in line for the ceremony. **Lower Right:** A lone trumpeter plays Taps, to honor the fallen M. Wor. Joseph Warren.

back to a new generation of Masons and citizens.

Through the efforts of the Lodges and Brethren of the Sixth Masonic District as well as those of several other Districts and appendant bodies, what started as a simple cleanup of his gravesite culminated in the commissioning of a six foot bronze statue of General Joseph Warren.

The statue, created by Mr. Robert Shure of Skylight Studios of Woburn, is now prominently placed upon the puddingstone at his grave and a dedication ceremony and statue unveiling was led by our Grand Master M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh at the Forest Hills Cemetery on Saturday October 22, 2016.

The ceremony included a carpet ceremony as well as the participation of the 1-182 Nation Guard (a unit which fought at Lexington and Concord as well as at Bunker Hill), the Kilwinning Club of Boston, Mr. Bud Hanson (Chairman of the Board of Trustees Forest Hills Cemetery), Mr. George Wildrick (a direct descendent of Joseph Warren), Dr. Samuel Forman (author of "Dr. Joseph Warren"), Rt. Wor. Glenn Kubick District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District and M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh our Grand Master.

Following the Carpet Ceremony by our Grand Lodge Officers and several remarks, a procession was formed to



Left: Members of Gardner's Regiment. The members of this regiment re-enact the battle of Bunker Hill. This being the battle in which M. Wor. Bro. Warren died, they were in attendance for the dedication.

walk to the gravesite. Prior to reaching M. Wor. Bro. Warren's gravesite, our Grand Master laid a wreath at the grave of Brother William Dawes who rode with M. Wor. Paul Revere to warn that the Redcoats were coming. The unveiling of the statue was performed by our Grand Master who was assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Kubick, Rt. Wor. Bro. Gaw and Mr. George Wildrick.

The Sixth Masonic District wishes to thank M. Wor. Bro. Waugh, as well as the many Lodges and Brethren that made this statue and dedication possible. 275 years following his birth, M. Wor. Joseph Warren's presence is still felt in 2016, and we were grateful for the opportunity to have linked our names with his, albeit for even the briefest moment in time. ■



Above: Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. Roger Waugh, Sr., sets the final blue candle on the carpet which will be used for the dedication. Right: Rt. Wor. Thomas A. Rorrie performs part of the dedication ritual. This ancient ritual entails the pouring of wine, oil, and corn on the carpet.





***Inset above:** The Grand Master with Rt. Wor. Glenn Kubick, Rt. Wor. Stanley Gaw, and a direct descendant of M. Wor. Bro. Warren, Mr. George Wildrick, unveiled the six foot bronze statue. **Above:** The procession from the gate of Forest Lawn cemetery approaches the grave of M. Wor. Joseph Warren. **Left:** Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Dennis E. Reebel in a solemn moment during the ceremony. **Right:** The dedication under M. Wor. Joseph Warren's statue.*



A Chaplain's View

by Bro. Rev. Dr. Peter-Michael Preble
Delta Lodge, Braintree

I have just completed my tenth year as a Mason. It was June of 2006 when I was raised, during a one day class at Grand Lodge, by my late uncle Rt. Wor. Ronald O. Preble. As a brand new member of the Craft, I was eager to be involved in my local lodge. I was installed as Chaplain, seems a fitting role for a member of the clergy, and began the work. Unfortunately, life got in the way, and I slowly withdrew from active participation, but after a move this past year I re-engaged in another lodge and was recently installed as Chaplain.

The role of the Chaplain is not something that is new to me. Alongside my ministry as a local church pastor, I have served as a fire department Chaplain, military Chaplain, and a hospice Chaplain. Each Chaplain role brings its own set of challenges as well as a set of blessings, and the role of lodge Chaplain is no different.

The position of Chaplain has existed since the early days of Freemasonry. Operative Masons built cathedrals and would often engage with the clergy for their daily devotions, and the clergy was often present during the building process. They were, after all, building a building that would be dedicated to God, so some sense of the divine and holy was necessary.

The position of Chaplain in the lodge is the one position that has the most potential to extend beyond the walls of the lodge. The Chaplain sits as the bridge between the things of this earth and the things that are divine, and the Chaplain is the visible reminder of that connection. If the Chaplain is open and available to his brothers, this can be an enjoyable and fulfilling role not only for the Chaplain but his brothers and their families.

Sitting in the center and the very heart of every lodge room is the Book of Faith, this can be the Holy Bible, The Torah, the Bhagavad Gita and the Vedas of the Hindu religion, The Qur'an of the Muslim faith, or the Zhuangzi of Daoism, and this book is the first of the great lights of Free Masonry. The spiritual journey of a Free Mason is a per-

sonal journey, and there is no official book of beliefs for one to follow but rather the book that speaks to your own personal spirituality becomes your first great light.

The Book of Faith is the first of the great lights as it brings spiritual illumination and takes the man from darkness into light. This journey is a personal, spiritual journey, but it can also apply to our everyday life and our encounters with others in our lives. So great is this illumination that the first words the candidate hears upon crossing the threshold of the Lodge come from the Chaplain who appeals directly to the Great Architect of the Universe on his behalf. The Chaplain is the one who proclaims, from the altar, the first words read from the Book of Faith and he is often the one who explains to the new brother the vital role of the written word of God in their lives.

But the role of the Chaplain can and should be greater than proclaiming memorized verse during the degree work, although, as I mentioned, this is important work. The Chaplain sits in the East to the left of the Worshipful Master, and together they represent earthly leadership and the divine. Leadership and Spirituality sit side by side during the work of the lodge as a constant reminder that the one who leads and the one who hopes to do great things needs to lean on the spiritual for strength and guidance. The Chaplain sits close to the Worshipful Master to whisper words of encouragement into his ear at times when the Master needs these words of strength and also stand with the Master at the funeral service of a departed brother.

Seating the Chaplain front and center in the lodge also emphasizes the availability of the Chaplain to all of the brothers in the lodge. As a military Chaplain, I was the subject matter expert for the commander on all issues regarding religion, but I was also available to the soldiers even if their religious belief and practices did not agree with my own, the Chaplain is the Chaplain to all not to just the members of his faith group. Whether he is visiting a sick brother or with a brother's widow after a funeral, the

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2016 MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the more than 600 Massachusetts Masons who were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons who, being blessed with long life and great lodges, have achieved the important milestones listed below. The celebrants are grouped by the number of years since being raised—80, 75, 70, 65, and 60—and under their current lodge regardless of where they were raised. These anniversaries are based on the date a Mason was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Please contact your lodge secretary if you have any concerns about your seniority or status. It is possible that some recent demits, or recent deaths have not been reflected in the listings.

80 YEAR ANNIVERSARY A BROTHER RAISED IN 1936

Rt. Wor. Frank Lindsey Wellcome
WILLIAMS LODGE

75 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES BRETHREN RAISED IN 1941

Bro. Sewall Philip Bronstein GARDEN CITY LODGE
Bro. Edward Justin Alexander KING SOLOMON'S LODGE
Bro. Norman Roland Ekholm MORNING STAR LODGE
Bro. Joseph Lawrence Lord PEQUOSSETTE LODGE
Bro. Nelson Kellogg Ward SAINT JOHN'S (N) LODGE
Bro. Robert Morrill Robbins THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE
Bro. Willis Wilburt Leveille Jr THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE

70 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES BRETHREN RAISED IN 1946

ALPHA LODGE Bro. Mark Josiah Brown Jr	DALHOUSIE LODGE Bro. George William Bentley Jr	INTERNATIONAL LODGE Bro. Charles Conrad Jensen	MOUNT CARMEL LODGE Bro. Alfred Joseph Decareau Jr
AURORA LODGE Bro. Walter Herman Schrader	EASTERN STAR LODGE Bro. George Hall Sutcliffe	KING SOLOMON'S LODGE Rt. Wor. Irving Elmer Johansen	Bro. John DerBogossian
BETH-HORON LODGE Bro. William Neil Lyons	EZEKIEL BATES LODGE Bro. Howard Irving Peach	Bro. Joseph John Mirakian	MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE Bro. Charles Edward Allard
BETHESDA (W) LODGE Bro. Edward Boyajian	FELLOWSHIP LODGE Bro. Edward Albert Rudis	LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE Bro. Franklin George Estes	Bro. Lloyd George Askew
BLUE HILL LODGE Bro. Andrew Theodore Johnson	FRANKLIN LODGE Bro. John MacDougall	Bro. Ernest Donald Pead	MOUNT HOPE LODGE Bro. Abraham Ehrenhaus
BRIGHAM LODGE Bro. Gabriel Harris Kitchener	GATUN LODGE Bro. Clare Harrison Comins	LYNNFIELD-ZETLAND LODGE Bro. Royce Carleton Kahler	Bro. Nicholas Evriviades Gavrelis
BUDLEIGH LODGE Bro. Herbert Alan Rouisse	Bro. Louis Gould	Bro. Earl Louis Richard	Bro. Grant Cecil Wonn
CHARITY LODGE Bro. Arthur Richard Albrecht	GEORGE H TABER LODGE Wor. Lindsey Shephard Gifford	MAJOR GENERAL HENRY KNOX LODGE Bro. Oliver Kelley Hulsey	NORUMBEGA FRATERNITY LODGE Bro. David Linton McElroy
CHARLES A WELCH LODGE Wor. Wentworth Prentiss	GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE Bro. Robert William Grieve	MAY FLOWER LODGE Bro. Harold Ashlee Atkins	ORIENT LODGE Bro. Harry Morse Payne
CHARLES C DAME LODGE Bro. Harry James Southard	Bro. James Arthur Shuttleworth	MORNING STAR LODGE Bro. Wesley Theodore Holm	PACIFIC LODGE Bro. William Harry Richters
Bro. Gregory Walter Stark	GUIDING LIGHTS LODGE Bro. Robert Merton Siff	MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE Bro. Ralph Becker	PAUL REVERE LODGE Bro. Harry Nathaniel Gustafson Jr
CINCINNATUS LODGE Bro. William Francis Dempsey	HOWARD LODGE Bro. William Gordon Minty	Bro. Albert Brown	PHOENIX LODGE Bro. Kenneth John Bradeen
		Bro. Edwin Glasberg	PILGRIM LODGE Wor. Emulous Edward Hall Jr
		Bro. Melvin Paul Stavis	

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QUITTACUS LODGE

Bro. Charles Habicht Jackson

REPUBLICAN LODGE

Bro. Allan Cameron Carpenter

RICHARD C MACLAURIN LODGE

Bro. Albert Joseph Bacchieri

RURAL LODGE

Bro. Peter Dewey Post

SAINT JAMES LODGE

Wor. Standish King Allen

SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE

Bro. William Edward Brooks Jr

Bro. Herbert Freeman Sawyer

SILOAM LODGE

Bro. Roderick Colin MacLeod

THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE

Wor. Bertram Robert Martinson

THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE

Bro. Kenneth Wellington Hendy

UNION LODGE (N)

Bro. Seddon William Legg Jr

Rt. Wor. Francis Warren Pease

UNITED BROTHERS LODGE

Bro. Stephen Bartlett Beaudry

Bro. Robert Hollis Jackman

WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER-KILWINNING LODGE

Bro. Clifford Ernest Hayes

WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE

Bro. George Alexander McCarrier Jr

Bro. Lewis Eugene Pare

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YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

BROTHERS RAISED IN 1951

AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE

Bro. Wilbur Scher Cobb

Bro. Alton Noyes Jones Jr

Bro. Reginald Levi Vassar

Bro. Norman Dean Welch

ANCIENT YORK LODGE

Bro. Morris Malmad

AURORA LODGE

Bro. William Henry Fisher

Bro. Frederick William Smith

AZURE LODGE

Bro. Ashton DeWalt Shoop

BAALIS SANFORD LODGE

Bro. George Melvin Brown

Bro. Harry Godfrey Pierson Jr

Bro. David Earle Stevens

BAY PATH LODGE

Bro. Roger Lyle Thurber

BETHESDA (W) LODGE

Bro. John Edward Kervin Jr

BLUE HILL LODGE

Bro. Howard Andrew Hanson

Bro. William Cole Riggs

Bro. John Benjamin Robinson

BOSTON UNIVERSITY LODGE

Wor. Hubert Ira Yorra

BOYLSTON LODGE

Bro. Warren Clarke Hyson

Bro. Donald Prouty Zumpfe

BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. Wayne Elwyn Clark

Bro. Richard Nathan Green

Bro. Robert Marshall Jones

Bro. Menas Toran Kalagian

Bro. Roy Raymond Richardson

BRISTOL LODGE

Bro. John Douglas White

BUDLEIGH LODGE

Bro. Edgar Emery Libby

Bro. George Angel Makros

CELESTIAL LODGE

Bro. W. Edward Burke

CHARLES C DAME LODGE

Bro. Russell Coleman Tilton

CHARLES RIVER LODGE

Bro. Elihu Petnov

CINCINNATUS LODGE

Bro. John Dwight Sisson

COCHICHEWICK LODGE

Bro. John Leon Harris Jr

CONVERSE LODGE

Bro. Albert Bailey Sparks

CORINTHIAN LODGE

Bro. Parker Vanderhoof

CORNER STONE LODGE

Bro. Ralph Babson Chouinard

Wor. Robert Bisbee Delano

DELTA LODGE

Wor. Haig Garo Gechjian

DEWITT CLINTON LODGE

Bro. David Whitman Hadley

EASTERN STAR LODGE

Bro. James Henry Ashworth

ELEN LODGE

Bro. Harry James Andrews

Bro. Milton Storrs Jordan

Bro. Edward Gilman Williams

ELM-BELCHER LODGE

Bro. Leonard Albert Johnson III

Bro. James Elbert Pease

Bro. Henry Plate

ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE

M. Wor. Edgar William Darling

EUCLID LODGE

Bro. Leo Harold Boruchoff

EVENING STAR LODGE

Wor. Donald Bruce Hale

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WHAT WE CAME TO DO

by Rt. Wor. Heath L. VerBurg

What came you here to do? We are all asked this question in the course of our Masonic journey and we all give the same response: to improve ourselves through Masonry. But what constitutes improvement in Masonry?

- Is it memorizing the ritual and delivering it perfectly?

- It is learning to live the ritual, successfully smoothing your rough edges and becoming that perfect ashlar we all strive to achieve?
- Is it studying the protocol manual, or learning the duties and responsibilities of the lodge officers?
- Is it faithfully attending the Lodge of Instruction, even beyond the requirements set forth for candidates and lodge officers?
- Is it delving into our history; whether that is related to our origins, to our role in various historical events, or to know who came before you and in whose footsteps you now walk?
- Is it devotion to uncovering the secrets and deeper meanings of our degrees and symbols, pursuing the esoteric knowledge of the ages?

I would argue that it is all of these things, but those serious about their quest for improvement must take an active role in their education. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts offers a number of programs and resources that will assist with some of the items noted above, but what do you do when there's no formal program

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M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh while in Florida recognized the following Masonic anniversaries:

55 YEARS

Bro. Joel Wolfson, Moses Michael Hays Lodge
Wor. Roger E. Nicoll, Mystic Valley Lodge

60 YEARS

Bro. Arnold Greenhouse, Ancient York Lodge
Bro. Reynolds P. Cushing, Corner Stone Lodge
Bro. Bernhard A. Kainer, Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge
Bro. Frederick J. Carnes, Waltham Triad Lodge
Rt. Wor. Robert C. Lavin, Wellesley Lodge

**Bro. Richard E. Laneau (pictured),
Weymouth United Masonic Lodge**

65 YEARS

Wor. Elias N. Ede, West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge

available, such as with studying our history or gaining esoteric knowledge?

In *The Master's Book*, Wor. Carl H. Claudy directs the Master to "give them good and wholesome instruction" (p. 67, Temple Publishers, 2011). He's referring to the use of short talks by the Master at each lodge meeting, but it doesn't have to be the Master delivering the talk. A member or invited guest could easily speak on a topic of interest to themselves or the lodge, bringing light to the Brethren. If your lodge isn't providing such instruction, take the initiative to speak with the Master about running such a program, or find one in your area. Lvmen Scientiae and The Setting Maul Study Circle are two such groups that provide educational opportunities to the Masons in southern Massachusetts. You could also consider joining the Massachusetts Lodge of Research, which meets quarterly at locations across the jurisdiction, hosting speakers on a broad range of topics. There are opportunities out there, but there is nothing stopping a motivated Mason from creating opportunities for others.

That brings me to our new ad campaign from Small

Army, which talks about "who we are". A few points jump out at me as relevant to the question posed above. First, that we are each trying to be the best versions of ourselves possible; second, that we find it easier to do that when with others who share the same values; and third, that we believe there is always more to learn.

Self-improvement is a personal competition. We must each strive to be a better person than we were yesterday. We can help each other along the way by being a mentor, setting a good example, or giving light to others who are in darkness. We can lead when others are lost or struggling, or may be in need guidance or gentle counsel. Any veteran can and will tell you that each Masonic journey is different, unique, driven by the life experiences, desires, and interests of the member.

I challenge you to be the light in someone else's journey. Become a candidate instructor at your Lodge of Instruction or volunteer to be a facilitator for the officer & member instruction. Become a mentor for your Brothers, young and old. Inspire your Brothers to be better, do better, and find more. ■

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Master's Path Treatise

by Rt. Wor. Paul Gleason

The Grand Lodge Department of Education has cognizance over a wide variety of educational initiatives: Lodges of Instruction, the District Deputy Resource Team, the Masonic Leadership Institute, the Massachusetts Lodge of Research, and the Master's Path. It is one of the largest departments in the Grand Lodge organization and one of great impact for the growth of all our brethren.

The Master's Path in one form or another has been in existence now for several decades. It is designed specifically for lodge officers on their path towards becoming master but any officer – or member – may attend the sessions. The value of this program is reflected in a Grand Master's edict that every Mason installed as Master of a Massachusetts Lodge after 2005 must participate in the Master's Path program some time during the 30 months prior to his installation. In addition, qualification for the Grand Master's Award requires the completion of the program by the master as well as both wardens.

Operation

Master's Path sessions are held at least twice a year in venues balanced between the eastern and western areas of the state, currently Brockton, Wakefield, and East Longmeadow. The timing of these sessions is squeezed between the end of blizzard season and the start of summer. Each weekend session is approximately six hours in duration and includes a light lunch – seemingly a requirement for a happy audience. There is no fee charged the attendees. Presenters are chosen from a pool of experienced Past Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters, most of whom have given their particular subject several times. There is always an opportunity for questions – hopefully followed by relevant answers!

Recognizing that weekend obligations can make attendance at these regularly scheduled sessions difficult, a remedial session is usually scheduled for the evening of the first Thursday in August of each year.

“Breakouts”, special presentations customized for lodge secretaries and – often – treasurers, complement each session. Secretarial breakouts have customarily been conducted by R.W. Stephen Cohn, author of the Handbook for Lodge Secretaries.

The Grand Master is always invited to each session and accorded a time slot convenient to his schedule. The opportunity to speak to an audience of Masons who have been

selected to govern their lodges is a rare opportunity for a Grand Master and thus frequently utilized.

Content

The central and recurring theme of each session is **planning**. For this reason, Senior Deacons often benefit the most from their attendance since they have more time available to devise and solidify plans for their year in the East. In presenting the need for planning, instructors suggest that attendees plan to pursue the Grand Master's Award. Not only is this award a desirable goal for any lodge, the steps necessary for its achievement constitute a plan in their own right! To this end, a copy of the requirements for achieving the award is included in each student's handout.

Other items in the handout include:

- The Ancient Charges of a Master of a Lodge – a Master-elect is not going to remember these as he is being installed so he receives this copy ahead of time.
- M.W. Richard Stewart's edict cautioning proper conduct during the second section of the third degree
- Two pages of things to think about and plan before one's installation (e.g. learn the traditions of your lodge, clean your tux and shine your shoes)
- The accepted definition of “Minimal Proficiency” for each degree
- Time required to complete each section of each degree – again, to aid the master in his planning!
- And, perhaps best of all, the reference guide *The Master's Agenda* – a compilation of standards for lodge planning, administration, and conduct. (This guide is available separately from the Grand Lodge supply room.)

The topics presented by each of the instructors are subjected to annual review and frequently modified to respond to new developments. The latest agenda includes:

- Public Relations
- Dealing with the Grand Master's office
- Improving the lodge experience
- Grand Lodge committees that can be utilized to help govern a lodge
- The Grand Constitutions and your lodge By-Laws
- Planning for Success
- The Business of Masonry
- Communications and Meetings
- Public Speaking and Protocol

FRATERNITY News & Events

Quaboag Lodge of Warren, MA with assistance from neighboring Bay Path Lodge of West Brookfield, has been a participant in the Commonwealth of Mass DOT "Roadside Cleanup" Program for many years. On the 3rd Sunday of the spring, summer and fall months, a crew of Lodge members pickup roadside trash along a section of Rt. 67 that winds through the community of Warren.

Shown on the last pickup get-together of 2016 are (L to R): Bro. Brian Huard, Bro. John Marty and Wor. Bill Anderson of Bay Path Lodge, and Bro. Michael Kelleher from Quaboag Lodge. Not shown is Wor. Paul Charbonneau of Quaboag Lodge and Wor. Ed Savage of Bay Path Lodge. - Wor. Eddie Savage



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implicit purpose of esoterica was for man to discover his own nature, to "know thyself", to perfect himself and raise his consciousness level in order to become the best man he could possibly be. The eternal quest for more light, more knowledge, was intrinsically linked to the practices within the occulted ancient art of alchemy. In alchemy, the eternal quest for the "philosopher's stone" is widely regarded as allegorical in nature, a veiled attempt at preserving both the secret that this mythical stone symbolically represented man's purest human consciousness and the means of its attainment.

It is little wonder then, that alchemy and other mystery schools of ancient times would find themselves interwoven in the rituals and practices of speculative Masonry. With a common tacit goal—that of attaining the perfection of man—it would seem that a fraternal order dedicated to brotherhood and self-awareness—and the ancient practices concerned with the same—would find them married forever on the tiled lodge floor.

Over the past hundred years or so, however, it has come to pass that these esoteric arts have fallen out of favor within Blue Lodge. For reasons

unknown, these practices of self-discovery have been rendered synonymous with cheap parlor tricks, black magic and other various hokum not only in Masonry, but in society at large. These now discredited techniques have lost their prominence in the Craft and the pursuit of man's perfection at lodge has been greatly diminished as a result.

It is in this spirit that the Brothers of Ezekiel Bates lodge have opened their hall to the lecture series "Lvmen Scientiae". The lead officers are President, Bro. Matt MacMahon, Bristol Lodge; Vice President Bro. Aaron Joseph Chauncey, Ezekiel Bates Lodge; and Secretary Bro. Bryan Simmons, Ezekiel Bates Lodge. They tirelessly seek out new material and speakers.

The meetings are informal and occur monthly, at minimum. The lectures focus on varying topics presented by speakers that come to share their knowledge of various world religions, esoteric practices, or Masonry at large. Some of the lectures we have had are The Vedanta Society on Hinduism, Atlantis, Thoth and the emerald tablets, Alchemy and symbolism, and the Knights Templar.

The only requirement we expect of our attendees is to show proper respect for our speakers and to keep an open mind. It cannot be overstated, the

importance of our being able to process talks such as these, and be able to accept conclusions of the lecturer as his or her own, without having to necessarily agree with those conclusions or adopt them for ourselves. This very process can be cathartic, for the discernment of good data from bad allows us to apply our knowledge of logic, grammar and rhetoric, the classical trivium, of which we learn in our degree work. This very process raises one's consciousness, and prepares us for further light.

The popularity of the group is ever increasing. On February 4th, the author of the fictional work Echoes of Atlantis: Crones, Templars and the Lost Continent is scheduled to speak and there are two lecturers scheduled for April 29th during Masonic Con at Ezekiel Bates Lodge in Attleboro, Angel Millar and Richard Cassaro. Both have written several books on Esoteric Freemasonry. As the quality of content continues to rise, so does the attendance.

If you are interested, Lvmen Scientiae is on Facebook or contact Ezekiel Bates Lodge (eb1870.org) directly to learn about upcoming meetings or leave a comment. If you have a speaker or topic you could recommend, please let us know.

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 Bro. David Andrew Haslam

ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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



With the theme of this issue being education, let us take a look at some resources available in preparation for the Third Degree Exemplifications to be held this coming spring.

One resource is the Ritualist Workshops which each Grand Lecturer will be conducting for their assigned districts. These are open to all Master Masons and all line Officers are strongly encouraged to attend. These will afford every Officer with Ritual and floor work preparation as well as giving those of you who might be considering going in line an idea of what will be expected. If you cannot make the one for your District please try and make one of the others.

Another resource is your Grand Lecturers who are more than willing to answer any questions you may have regarding the Exemplifications, the ritual (verbally of course—ritual is never discussed over any form of electronic media), and/or the floor work. We would be happy to work with any of you on a District, Lodge or individual basis

Finally, in preparation for your Exemplification we ask you to undertake a voluntary “homework” assignment. Masters, if you have not already done so, please have you

and your Officers do the entire Third Degree either in Lodge or at a rehearsal. It will make your Exemplification much more educational and informative for everyone.

And now a couple of questions:

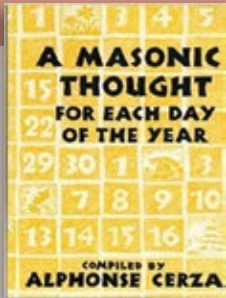
Q How many Grand Masters do we have?

A One. And only One. We do have several Past Grand Masters. We have a District Grand Master, as well as Past District Grand Masters. And, every three years we have, for a brief period, a Grand Master Elect. But at all times there is only one Grand Master. Incidentally, along those lines, all rulings and edicts issued by the Grand Master (whoever he may be) remain in force until they are amended or rescinded by the Grand Master (whoever he may be).

Q Can a Lodge dedicate or rededicate a building or a cornerstone or is that only done by the Grand Master?

A It is only done by the Grand Master. The dedication ritual is very clear on this point. Our Grand Lodge does a very impressive ceremony and they are always willing to come out and perform the ceremony. Any Lodge interested in having this ceremony performed should contact the Grand Master’s office. ■

Some Favorite Masonic Books



The first, and most influential, book I read regularly was *A Masonic Thought for Each Day of the Year* by Alphonse Cerza with The Missouri Lodge of Research. This was published in 1972 and supplies a short reading for every day of the year. Many of the readings are by Masons, but many are also not.

Each reading, however, helps focus the reader on a frame of mind in accordance with Masonic teaching and growth. Little by little, day by day, this book helped this young Mason by moving my thoughts toward a more Masonic way of life. Some samples:

APRIL 7

I died adoring God, loving my friends, not hating my enemies, and detesting superstition.

VOLTAIRE

(*Voltaire was initiated into Freemasonry on this day in 1778 . . . he was escorted into the lodge by Benjamin Franklin . . .*)

JUNE 12

Many persons have a wrong idea about what constitutes happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.

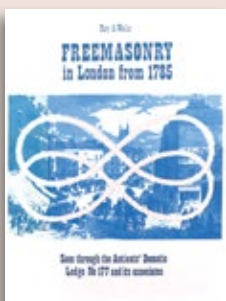
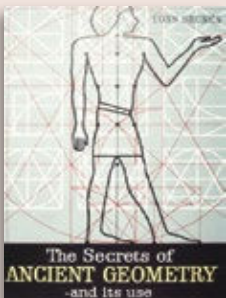
HELEN KELLER

The second and incredibly interesting book is *The Secrets of Ancient Geometry—and its uses* by Tons Brunés (Author), Charles M. Napier (Translator). The thesis of this book is that geome-

try preceded mathematics and explores its theoretical discovery process. Most of this is theoretical, this book does not prove how geometry was discovered, nor does it provide the hard facts that any reader would want. However, by voiding the mind of what the author would consider subsequent mathematics, this book outlines a possible, and rationally probable, series of thoughts that could create a non-mathematical geometry. Very fun to read, if not definitive.

The third, *Freemasonry in London from 1785* by Roy A. Wells, is profoundly dull, but also very interesting. It chronicles, though communication minutes, the goings on in Freemasonry in 1785 London. It illuminates the world of Freemasonry during the Antients/Moderns division. In the readings, different Masons’ comings and goings from different lodges are described within the context of the quiet matter of fact minutes. For example, the arrival of a certain Mason at a certain lodge on a certain night may be a reaction to a curious difficulty at a different lodge on a previous night. It is all rather oblique: the difficulty is not described, nor is the rationale for the Mason’s attending a different lodge outlined. It wouldn’t be described in the minutes, so there is only speculation as to reasons in this book. All in all, however, it turns into a very interesting read.

- Wor. Lee H. Fenn





TIME FOR BUDGETS ONCE AGAIN

by Bro. Yotam Mendlinger

The office of the Treasurer is to keep a just and true account. The entire financial wellbeing and health of the lodge sit on his shoulders. It's a hard job, little reward and considered the cushier job than being the Secretary, while both are required to balance and guide the lodge. Most Treasurers tend to stay in the position for a long time and as such the knowledge and insight they hold about the running of the lodge are truly valuable.

When I first talked about budgets in a past issue I focused on the need for the Master to have a well prepared thought up budget for his time in the east. By now the lodge has started the year, the budget has been done and the work of the lodge is moving full force. At this point the Treasurer has one main job and that's to receive the bills and pay them with lodge consent. Some lodges shorten this part by voting upfront for a yearly budget for monthly bills and as long as you don't go over the dollar amount. This way there is no need to bring up the budget and the lodge can save a few minutes in every business meeting.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has required that all of the organizations have an Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Explaining the Secretary's need is simple and easy; without him the lodge won't function. So what should the Assistant Treasurer do? Other than be a second pair of eyes and a backup signature, two aspects that are fundamentally important for the financial and long term stability. But what other things can he do?

One thing is to keep an eye on the proposed budget vs. the actual expenses. Follow the proposed budget and see where things change and where they do not. Over the year the divergence between the proposed budget and the actual expenses will change. Meal costs, candidate, rentals and other activities cost money and the more we know the better our foundation will be. This doesn't require much work. A couple minutes talking to the Treasurers about the costs and finances of the lodge, on track or not, as well as a few minutes of homework updating the spread sheet between the proposed budget and the actual spending is all that is needed on a regular basis.

Another job that the Assistant

Treasurers can do is reconcile between the bank account and the books. For most lodges this is almost done simultaneously since we work on cash accounting and use excel or basic accounting software. This is something that the Treasurers currently should be doing. Giving this to the Assistant will ease the Treasurer's work and get that second eyes looking at the budget on a monthly basis.

The third and most important thing is the knowledge that the Assistant will have regarding the lodge's cash needs and cash flows. When next year comes, and the new cycle starts the Senior Warden will want to plan his year in the east. The knowledge of where the lodge spent extra and where saved. How much was it off course will be a valuable tool for creating the next Master's budget. Additionally, when the trustees meet and talk about investment income and the lodge's long term financial needs having a true and tested account of the budget will allow a more efficient determination of the lodge's investment risk profile. With this knowledge, the trustees will have better tools to make choices for the long-term wellbeing of the lodge. ■

One Size Fits None *continued from page 13*

This is not surprising considering my education in a vocational high school. That being said, I feel an effective educational program should have a prudential mix of means and methods. It should prefer neither the traditional or novel approach. It should prefer the "golden mean" of the two which will likely be different for each district.

I don't have all of the answers. I don't even have all of the questions. What I have is a trust in the men who make up this Fraternity.

Under my care, the Lodges of Instruction will trust in the student as much as the teacher. The individual Lodges of Instruction will have opportunity to work with the District Deputy to self-determine their syllabus as well as their method of delivery. They will together determine which questions to prioritize as well as which methods will be most effective to answer them.

In an uncertain world there is one thing for certain. One size fits none. ■

A Chaplain's View *continued from page 20*

Chaplain is the bridge between brothers and the one who brings the divine. It is the job of the Chaplain to make the brothers feel that he is approachable and that he is interested in them and sincerely wishes to help them in times of distress or of need. Sometimes all that is needed is a brother who will be available listen, and that is the role the Chaplain should be willing to fill for his brothers.

The basic tenets of Free Masonry are spiritual and are central to the living out of Free Masonry, and the Chaplain has the task of not only reminding the brothers of this but of actually living it out in his life as an example. The Chaplain stands ready for offer a caring and supportive role to all the brothers and their families, to visit the sick, and to provide help to all those in distress.

The lodge Chaplain can be of great service not only to the Worshipful Master but all of the brothers of the lodge. I hope that a brother who takes on this role approaches it with the dignity and reverence that the position deserves. ■

NEWS FROM OVERLOOK

Exercising Body and Mind

Bro. William Lewis Ayers, 'Lew', is a member since March 12, 1949 of Hayden Lodge in Brookfield and a Past Master. Born in West Boylston in 1921, Lew moved to Brookfield when he married his wife Phyllis in 1946. Married for 53 years, they raised four sons in an old house that Lew and his father, who was a carpenter and cabinet-maker, rebuilt to accommodate the growing family. Three sons still live locally in Brookfield and West Warren, the fourth lives out-of-state in Florida. Family is his legacy with now five generations of Ayers – 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. And there is even a William Lewis Ayer III. Lew is very close to his family and especially enjoys being together for Sunday dinner at his son's home.

Lew spent three years in the Marine Corps during WWII, 14 months as a crew chief flying supplies in and the wounded out in Douglas DC-3 planes. A retired sales engineer, Lew's job took him all over New England and into Canada for the Rice Barton Company in Worcester which manufactured papermaking machinery.

Lew moved to The Overlook in May 2006 and loves everything about the community—from the comradery of dining each evening with a table of men, the warm interaction with residents and staff, to the beautiful views from his apartment. But Lew's real passion is exercising at The Overlook Fitness Center. Six days each week without exception (the last date missed was September 7, 2014 for



Bro. William Lewis Ayers, a Marine and member of Hayden Lodge, enjoyed the instruction on physical fitness and inspires others to do the same at The Overlook in Charlton.

an Overlook golf tournament), Lew devotedly works out for 60-90 minutes. With guidance from the fitness staff, Lew learned how a strength and cardio training program is key to keeping in extraordinary shape no matter what your age. He is an inspiration and mentor to other residents using the treadmill, elliptical, cycle, NuStep, rowing, leg curls, leg presses, biceps and triceps equipment to stay physically fit and mentally sharp. Lew exclaims, "I love life and I feel great. Working out keeps me going, you can't quit, you've got to keep moving forward."

And that philosophy of moving forward also applies to keeping up with technology. Lew has learned to use a computer to stay in touch with family and friends through email and Facebook. Lew has some hearing loss and recently learned firsthand, while in New York City's Grand Central Station, about a new innovation—a wired hearing loop that magnetically transmits sound through PA systems. Voice sound becomes crystal clear through the use of telecoils or t-coils which can be controlled through a personal hearing device. "Technology is amazing, you have to keep up and keep learning." Lew says.

- Sandy O'Shea

Some residents going on a tour from The Overlook organized by the Welcome/Hospitality Committee.



Life at The Overlook is Limitless...

Amove into The Overlook culminates with the furniture all arranged, boxes unpacked, pictures on the walls and everything is in its new place. Finally, a time for our new resident to relax a little, but what does one do after the "frenzy" of moving is over?

At The Overlook the new resident is taken under the wings of our Welcome/Hospitality Committee who delight in introducing the new resident to all aspects of The Overlook's community life. Among the many benefits of living at The Overlook is the daily opportunity to engage in scheduled activity. Our monthly calendar of events is compiled by our Independent Living Engagement Director and her staff who include suggestions from residents.

Each day will feature a blend of events that can satisfy the resident's desire to continue to learn new things and try something not previously

A Life of Service

When you ask Wor. Keith Krewson, a 53-year Mason, about the educational programs he has initiated at his home of 10 years (The Overlook in Charlton, MA), he will inevitably smile. It is clear to see that years of service to others has inspired him to bring a variety of learning experiences to life for Overlook Residents, their families and friends, and the general public. Standing in Keith's home, the enrichment of the lives he has touched over the years is evidenced by the expansive collection of photographs adorning his walls. Reviewing each, he can recount the collective experiences from which his desire to educate others was born.

A devoted husband and father of six first and foremost, Keith is a Marine Corps Veteran of WWII and spent his professional life as a Psychologist, Hospital Administrator, Licensed Pilot, Labor Mediator and Chairperson of a Vocational/Technical High School. He has dedicated his time to Masonry and volunteer efforts, most notably as a Pilot for Angel Flight. Angel Flight is a national collective of Pilots that volunteer their time and their airplanes (at their own expense) to transport patients and/or family members to hospitals for procedures or treatments at no cost to the family. Having flown almost 400 missions, Keith holds the record for the highest number of missions and it is a record, according to Keith, that will likely not be broken (but he would be

thrilled if it were). Keith holds informational sessions at The Overlook about his time with Angel Flight, complete with video filmed by Channel 7 during one of his trips, bringing awareness to all about this wonderful and much-needed volunteer organization. Of note, 63% of the missions Keith flew were transportation of children to Shriners Hospital and he was often accompanied on those flights by Shriners.

In an effort to both honor Veterans and educate all about the armed services and our Nation's wars, Keith holds several programs annually at The Overlook over the course of each year, each in conjunction with a day set aside for national recognition. One of the annual programs-conducted to commemorate Veterans' Day in The Overlook Health Center-is done in companion with the American Legion, who are now in their 46th consecutive year of involvement in this initiative. Keith plans and organizes these notable occasions to include the State Senator, State Representative, Town Administrator, and a guest Speaker. Some of his programs include videos of war footage and accompanying dialogue about the perspectives of the men and women who served. The Library of Congress approached Keith about cataloguing his WWII experiences, so he now has an in-depth interview in their files.

Sharing his knowledge as a Psychologist at The Overlook, Keith also organizes and conducts a 45-minute, interactive program entitled "What is Clear to You-Is Very Clear-to You!" The realizations by the participants on



Wor. Keith Krewson, of Charles River and Rose of Sharon Lodges, in his uniform educates through programs and example at his home, The Overlook in Charlton.

the way our brains interpret what we hear and see has led to some audience revelations. Keith enjoys helping people learn about how these interpretations impact their daily lives.

His longstanding relationship with Masonry inspired Keith to begin another program at The Overlook, designed as an open forum, for Residents and others to learn about the Masons. He has found the dialogues begun by this program to be productive and beneficial to all.

Keith's tenure as a resident of The Overlook has been a robust compilation of programs and initiatives intending to serve, honor and educate those around him in many different ways. As he approaches his 92nd birthday, he has no intention of reducing his level of participation any time soon and, most likely, has the wheels turning for future additions to his educational collective.

Thank you for all you do, Keith.

-Marie O'Malley

available for them. Lifelong learning options abound.

One of the first things a new resident may want to do is to hop on to The Overlook bus for a Guided Tour of Charlton, MA, their new hometown. Throughout this 90-minute ride, our Guide, who is an Overlook resident born and raised in Charlton, is well prepared to share facts and historical information of Charlton.

For instance, did you know that...Charlton, named for Sir Francis Charlton, became a town in 1775? ...that seven towns border Charlton's 44 square miles?...Rider Tavern built in 1797 is the least altered and best documented example of a wayside tavern of the Federal period in New England?...John "Grizzly" Adams, famous hunter and train-

er of grizzly bears and other wild animals, a native of Charlton is buried in Bay Path Cemetery?...that Dresser Hill Airport is a short ride from The Overlook?...that William T. Morton, a dentist and surgeon from Charlton, was the first to publicly demonstrate the use of inhaled ether as a surgical anesthetic?...and 8.3 miles of the Midstate Trail (hiking) run through Charlton? All of this and more was shared with us. There are so many new things to look forward to doing here at The Overlook!

This ride on the bus is also an opportunity to meet other residents and make plans to join them at another activity. Life at The Overlook can be as BIG as you want to make it!

- Cynthia Clark

activity as an organized or official effort which involves questions of expediency, or judgment, or oven of reasonable choice.” (At the constitution of Everett C. Benton Lodge, April 1926).

“Lodges are not debating societies, nor are they deliberative or legislative assemblies. The only legislative assembly known to our Masonry, or which has the power and authority to declare what is Masonry and to speak for it. is the Grand Lodge. It is the duty and function of the Lodge, as well as its high prerogative, to initiate Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise Master Masons; and through the "prescribed ceremonial" to teach a perfect system of morality, by the practice of benevolence to teach the duty in relieve the distressed, and generally through practices which are traditional and fixed, to develop its members for greater usefulness to their fellow men.” (At the constitution of Hesperia Lodge, April 1926.)

“. . . The history of our Order . . . shows tenacity to principle, and general trend toward an approximation of conduct to profession. Whenever the threat to its life has arisen, whether from open attack from without, or from insidious weakening through selfishness, complacency, or ignorance within, Masonry as an Order has met the menace squarely and has not compromised with principle. It has come through every period of strain and of stress, renewed in rigor and vitality to meet afresh the inevitable recurrence of that testing which shall determine its right to a position among the vital forces in society.” (At the 125th Anniversary of Pacific Lodge, June 1926.)

“This is the edifice which you are building and which you will complete only to the extent that you understand and exemplify in your lives the teachings of Freemasonry; for these things are what Masonry teaches; these things are what Masonry is. These are the principles which you must build into your Temple, and of which, more than of stone and mortar, its structure is composed. And this you must do by your own interpretations of its tenets in your lives and actions.” (At the corner stone laying of Quincy Masonic Temple, October 1926)

“The chief concern of a Lodge is with the welfare, the happiness, and the Masonic development of its members, not with the admission of those who seek entrance at its doors. Its success as a Masonic Lodge cannot be gauged by the length of its membership roll nor by the size of its accumulated funds.” (At the Constitution of Joel H. Prouty Lodge, March 1928).

“And as we dedicate this beautiful structure, Juniper Hall, to the purposes of our Craft and to the relief of suffering; as we pay our tribute of love and respect for the unanimous spirits of those who have made this consummation possible, may we be inspired to renewed endeavor, may we re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals of this great Fraternity, for "the greatest of these is charity."” (At the dedication of Juniper Hall, September 1928).

After his time as Grand Master, Brother Simpson was active in the affairs of the Grand Lodge, serving on various committees and participating in events, particularly the 250th Anniversary, celebrated in 1933. In 1929 he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and was involved with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which awarded him the 33° in 1927. He continued his role as law professor at Boston University until 1943, when he became Dean of the Suffolk University Law School. In 1932, his portrait, composed by Scott Carbee, was unveiled and presented to Grand Lodge; today it hangs just outside Ionic Hall on the fifth floor of our Grand Lodge building. He died suddenly in September 1954 at age 79.

As Grand Master, M. W. Brother Simpson was firm and steadfast in his beliefs: that the responsibilities of lodges were great; that the Grand Lodge must be firm, but its power was strictly governed by the dictates of the Grand Constitutions (he was, by all evidence, a “strict constructionist” with regard to our basic laws); and above all that Masonry was charitable and benevolent, but it was the first and foremost duty of its members to understand its teachings and not merely pay lip-service to them. These principles are excellent standards by which we should govern ourselves today, as men and as Masons. ■

that will seek additional financial initiatives to raise revenue beyond the restaurant. The restaurant is a beginning: “more financial success will be required in the future,” the Grand Master said.

Masonic License Plate program chairman, Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio, heard from the Register of Vehicles that distribution of the plates may now be around January or February, the Grand Master noted. The hope is that there will not be further changes, but we are dealing with the state, the Grand Master said to the laughter of those assembled.

Featured elsewhere in this issue of TROWEL, the Grand Master explained the dedication ceremony for a statue at M. Wor. Joseph Warren’s grave. The project began with the District Deputy Grand Master for the 6th Masonic, Rt. Wor. Glenn L. Kubick. State and local officials were invited to the dedication, which was to be performed by Grand Lodge and District officers and would be similar to the State House Cornerstone ceremony last year.

“Brethren, I close this brief report with a special ‘thank you’ to all our dedicated Brothers who serve as officers and members of committees,” said the Grand Master, “They put their hearts and souls into the responsibilities to which they have been assigned. For the most part, their reward is knowing that they did a job well. . . . But their efforts are well known and appreciated.”

The Grand Master closed the September 14, 2016 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in ample form. ■

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