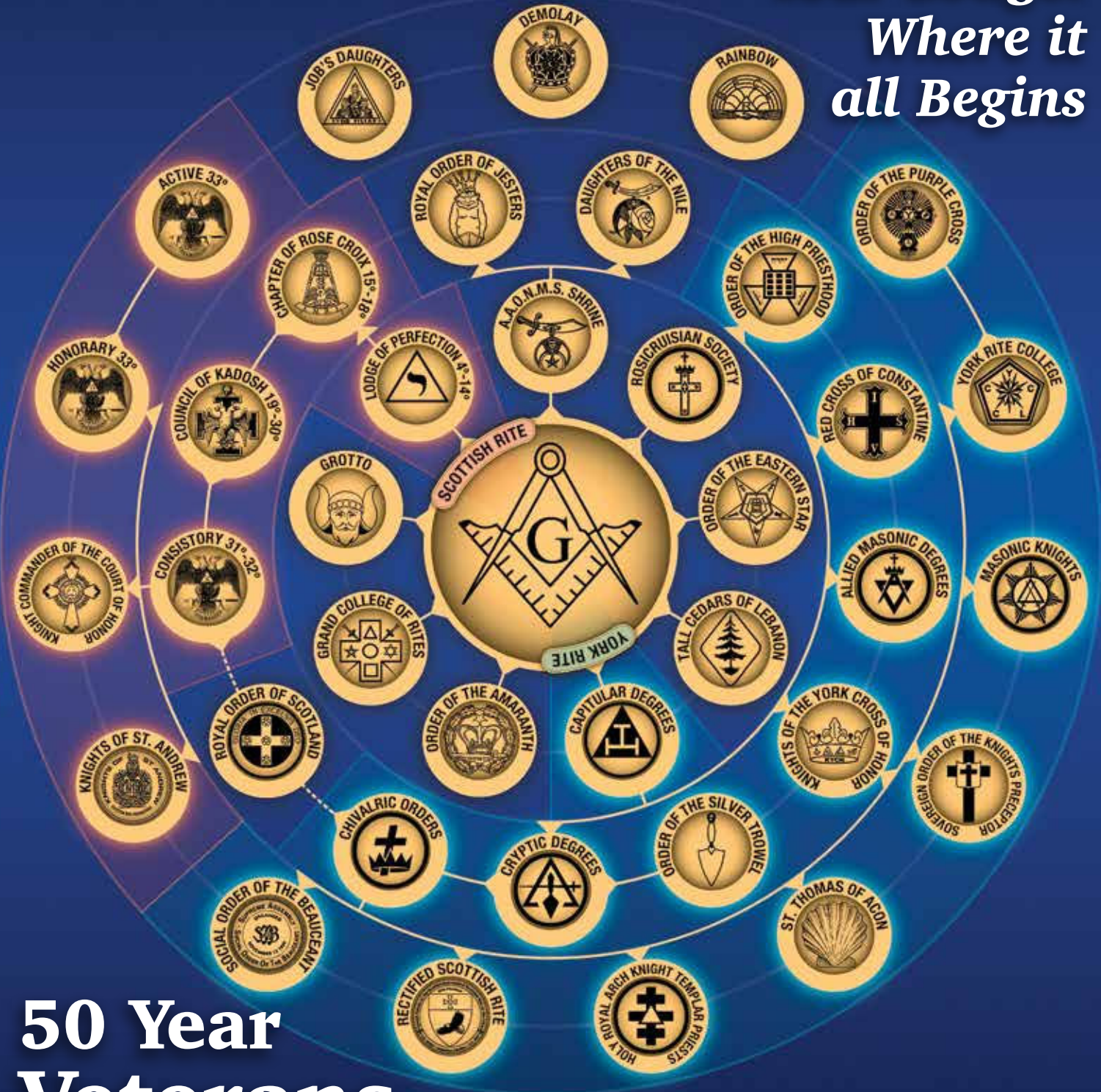


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GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS SUMMER 2017

**Your Lodge:  
Where it  
all Begins**



**50 Year  
Veterans**

## *From the East of Grand Lodge*

PAUL F. GLEASON



Brethren,

As I write this, we are in the midst of a classic July heat wave. We have had a busy summer; now is the time the Board of Directors, business office and I complete the important work of budgeting for the new Masonic year. Preparing our Grand Lodge for what's to come has shown me one thing: it is imperative that we all plan for the road ahead, together.

I offer a few suggestions for your own planning:

- Conduct an early planning meeting. Getting your members and officers together for a barbeque is a really enjoyable way to do this!
- Inspire everyone to come up with new attractions for the statewide Open House (October 21 – but you knew that already, right?)
- Plan on receiving the Grand Master's Award. Put your thoughts on paper and send them to your District Deputy as soon as possible.
- Participate in public ceremonies and events in your city or town. Parades, farmer's markets, town festival days, and fundraisers are all examples of opportunities to get the Square and Compasses out in front of everyone!
- Publish your activities online and in the news every month. This is a great job for someone in your lodge to take on if no one does it already. It never hurts to take a picture and send an event write up to your local news outlet for a little publicity!

Beyond that, there are also two outstanding programs I'd like to encourage those of you with the time to participate in. The first is our Grand Lodge Tour Guide program. In my time as Grand Master, I have been very impressed with the sheer quantity of people (Masons and non-Masons alike) who visit us. The volunteer Masons who conduct these tours do a great job, and they could use a few more good men in their ranks. I am going to be personally recognizing the commitment of our tour guides. Keep an eye out for news about a training session in the near future.

Second, our Masonic youth programs provide a valuable, enjoyable experience for young men in DeMolay and young women in Rainbow. Over two-thirds of our DeMolay members go on to become Master Masons. It shouldn't surprise you, though, that these programs don't run themselves. Please consider volunteering to serve as an adult advisor with a local DeMolay Chapter or Rainbow Assembly as a way to broaden your Masonic experience. You won't regret it!

The warmth of the summer sun will soon give way to the warmth of a successful Masonic year for each of us. I look forward to travelling this path together!

Respectfully,

***Paul F. Gleason***

Grand Master



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## Your Welcoming Lodge

There is always a start. For us, the start is usually well before an application, a background check, and a thorough investigation. The start was passing by a car with the square and compasses, or now the Masonic License plate, and wondering. We could have watched our fathers or grandfathers get ready for lodge. We could have been watching a movie, like the new True Grit, and wondering what the girl meant when she said she needed her father's body to be shipped back home so he could be buried in his apron. We could have read Ulysses, as I did, and wondered about Leopold Bloom being a Mason.



That soft start, that wonder and curiosity, ends when we become Entered Apprentices. Then we have become Masons and are addressed as Brother. That change, that conscious choice to direct ourselves toward our betterment and the betterment of our communities, comes in a lodge with the help of the brothers there.

All lodges conduct their business in their way, with their own special systems for things. Some lodges start with dinner and proceed to the business of the evening. Other lodges reserve nights for ritual work and invite speakers and the ladies for their communications, like Ezekiel Bates lodge. From talking with the Master of Ezekiel Bates, Wor. Keith Gobin, at a recent smoker, the ladies are included in the deliberation of what speakers to bring in.

Some lodges have special nights in unique locations. The Harvard Lodge conferred a degree on Star Island in Fort Independence. King Solomon's Lodge conferred a Master Mason degree in the Bunker Hill Monument building. Some lodges go out for dinner, others cook dinner.

There can be huge differences in the character of lodges. Some may be academic, others townies. Some may have a preponderance of city workers others of musicians. One, Major General Henry Knox Lodge, is for military men. For every man there is a lodge. And every brother should say, quietly and to themselves, "I know my lodge is the best in the world."

But one thing all lodges must be is welcoming. There are men out there waiting to be brothers, they have had their soft start, and now we need to bring their hope to fruition.

As we bring in new men looking to better themselves, we welcome them. We are happy to see them and we extend a hand of friendship. Hopefully, they have the "right stuff" to join us and we have the open heart to joyously guide them through the process. If they do become Masons, the world of Scottish Rite, York Rite, and many other groups are open to them. We offer a fulfilling life of betterment to our Brethren, but it starts with a welcome.

While the jewel of Masonry is precious, it is available all men who wish, and our able, to join us. It is up to us to bring them into our best lodge in the world, to bring them into your lodge.

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*

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## Masonic Flash Mob Strikes Again!!

The 26th District's Masonic Flash Mob has struck again, this time at the Franklin County Relay-for-Life!

On Friday June 9th 86 Masons and family members massed outside the Franklin County Fairgrounds. With officers and members representing each of the five Lodges in the 26th district, the group also included Masons from other districts and Masonic bodies including Melha Temple Shriners and York and Scottish Rite members.

At 7:30 PM Rt. Wor. Jeff Gordon gave the command and the group stepped off from the parking lot adjacent to the fairgrounds and passed through the main gate and then on to the walking track. Immediately, the mob attracted the attention and applause of onlookers. The procession, led by banner bearers Wor. Dave Kuklewicz and Bro. Nate Smith and with Bro. Geoff Bryant hoisting the Masonic flag high overhead, completed one lap around the ½ mile track concluding at the dis-



26th District's Flash Mob led by Wor. Dave Kuklewicz and Bro. Nate Smith holding the banner and Bro. Geoff Bryant with the Masonic flag.

trict's campsite.

Afterwards, the team presented the Relay Committee with an additional \$860 in donations raised that evening

from the mob participants. The flash mob attracted the attention of the reporter from the local newspaper who stopped by our campsite and proceeded to interview many of the participants. The article in the next day's paper included multiple quotes from the participants. The idea for the flash mob was the result of a Lodge of Instruction brainstorming session to fulfill the Grand Master's request to promote Freemasonry to the public. 2017 marks the 18th year that local Masons have participated in the Relay-for-Life. To date the team has raised more than \$85K for the American Cancer Society.

The first Flash Mob converged on Pacific Lodge February 19, 2013 (then under the leadership of Wor. Kirk Whatley). Wor. Bro. Whatley looked out from the East in awe seeing that every available space in his Lodge was occupied. The feeling inside the Lodge was one overflowing with pride when you heard all present recite the Pledge of Allegiance. *continued on page 28*

## Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge Celebrates 150th with the Grand Master.



# The Significance of the 133rd Psalm to Masonry

by Rt. Wor. and Rabbi Irving L. Luchans

Some psalms are inspiring, some propel you to action, and some lead you to contemplation. Then, there is the psalm which describes/defines us as Masons.

Psalm 133 is very much that psalm. The theme of this psalm is brotherly love and unity. Appropriately, the 133rd Psalm is the first lesson read to the candidate when he begins his journey into Masonry. The psalm in many ways describes Masonic brotherhood, our and Masonic journey, and the kind of man a Mason ought to be.

Our Masonic journey to King Solomon's Temple begins when we enter Masonry. The 133rd Psalm begins with the words, "A Song of Ascents; of David". It is one of fifteen psalms called "Song of Ascents". Jews were commanded to make pilgrimage to the Temple of Solomon on the three annual pilgrimage festivals. These psalms were sung by the Jewish pilgrims as they went up to Jerusalem and ascended the Temple mount on which the Temple of Solomon stood. There the pilgrims cleansed their hearts and minds through prayer, gifts and sacrifice. It is appropriate, then, that we begin our entry into Masonry with a psalm of pilgrimage.

Verse 1 continues its description of our Fraternity:

***Behold, how good and how  
pleasant it is  
For brethren to dwell  
together in unity!***

Brotherly love is a tenet of Masonry. Our pursuit of this unites us into a band of brothers no matter what our differences might be. As Masons, we pursue avenues that will strengthen our friendships and care for each other.

Verse 2 then positions our place within King Solomon's Temple as it elucidates verse 1:

***It is like the precious oil upon the head,  
Even Aaron's beard,  
That cometh down upon the collar of his garments;***

In the Bible, only the High Priests and Davidic kings were anointed by having sacred, anointing oil poured over their heads as part of their consecration. Other consecrations describe the oil being sprinkled upon the consecrant or being consecrated by the laying on of hands.

The consecration of Aaron sanctified him. It separated him from the profane, everyday world and made

him sacred and holy. He could enter the holy of holies and touch sacred vessels. Our Masonic fraternity, our unity as a band of like minded brethren, and our brethren can be considered sanctified from the moment we join the Fraternity. We are to pursue our Masonic goals in an atmosphere of right dealing and morality. We should hold ourselves to the highest standards.

Verse 3 talks of God's blessings upon the anointed people:

***Like the dew of Hermon,  
That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion;  
For there the LORD commanded the blessing,  
Even life forever.***

Mount Hermon is the highest mountain in Israel. Its peaks are covered with snow the entire year, and it receives both summer and spring snowfalls. Below the mountain, the land is arid. Without water, there is no opportunity for agriculture and the establishment

of communities. The dew of Mt. Hermon is formed by the condensation of the humid air during the evening. This dew falls on the slopes and upon the land below making the soil fertile and enabling vegetation to grow. According to the Jewish mystics, dew is related to the divine blessings which are a result of man's own efforts and achievements.

It is the blessing of God from above which allows for the flowering of man's work below. The melting snows and dew of Mt. Hermon also seeps into its porous rocks and ultimately forms into the Jordan River.

As a consequence, the watering of the land by dew and river allows people to raise food which in turn allows for the establishment and maintenance of strong, unified communities. Therefore, God's blessing is the establishment and maintenance of a sanctified people whom he will always bless.

The allegory of the 133rd Psalm describes us as Masons. Let us as Masons work for God's blessings by being a blessing to God, our family, community and the Masonic fraternity. Through our unity and focus in the pursuit of the teachings and meaning of Masonry, we will be a blessing to the world. ■

***Rt. Wor. and Rabbi Irving L. Luchans has twice served as Master of Perfection Lodge in Framingham. He has been a Grand Chaplain since 2007 and is also the Grand Representative to Israel. He resides in Framingham.***





# THE JUNE 2017 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

## OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

There was a quiet murmur. Friends joked with friends just before 1:30pm on Flag Day, June 14, 2017, at Grand Lodge. The Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Paul F. Gleason, was about to enter. Right on time, the Grand Master entered the hall to a standing ovation and cheers.

Presenting the United States and Massachusetts flags on National Flag Day were representatives from the Rainbow Girls. The flag bearers were:

**American Flag - Megan Frank, Grand Chaplain,  
Past Worthy Advisor (PWA), Spencer #72**

**Massachusetts State Flag - Isabella Perruzzi,  
Grand Religion, PWA, Newton #60**

**Kaity Goodwin, PWA, Billerica #61**

**Kassandra Clark, Georgetown #98**

**Caitlin A. Clark, Grand Worthy Advisor,  
PWA, Georgetown #98**

They were accompanied by Susan A. Torrey, Supreme Deputy in Massachusetts. During the ceremony, after the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem, they recited two poems in homage to the flags of the United States and Massachusetts.

After singing "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past," and a prayer from Rt. Wor. & Rev. Keith Alderman, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Master declared the Quarterly

**Representatives of the Rainbow Girls Color Guard praise our flags on Flag Day.**



Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts 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. Demetrios J. Sarantopoulos, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts

Sir Knight Kenneth G. Sallale, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Appendent Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

### From Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA

Ill. Donald M. Moran, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts

Ill. Peter R. Smith, 33°, Active for Massachusetts

Ill. C. William Lakso, 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts

M. Wor. Nicholas Locker, Past Grand Master and Grand Representative (G.L. of MA), The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

Rt. Wor. Wilbur Evans, Sr. Grand Marshal Emeritus, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

Ill. Raymond A. Turrini, Potentate, Melha Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

M. Wor. Daniel E. Violette Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star

Sir Knight Robert Jessee, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth

The past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in attendance were: M. Wors. Albert Timothy Ames, Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Jeffrey Black Hodgdon, Richard James Stewart, and Harvey John Waugh.

M. Wor. Bro. Ames outlined the voting powers of lodges and recognition of proxies. Proxies are to vote only in the absence of the Wardens and Master.

The report from the committee on Charters on By-Laws was read by Rt. Wor. Robert V. Jolly, Jr. 23 modifications were accepted, with only two rejected. In addition, Trinity Lodge will have its charter from 1778 restored.

After the Records Committee's report regarding the printed minutes of the last communication, M. Wor. Bro. Ames outlined the following petitions for consolidation:



**Left:** The Grand Master with the new Representative to Parana, Brazil, Rt. Wor. Carey Miller. **Right:** The Grand Master awards the Grand Master's award to Wor. Melvyn D. Hook for Mount Moriah Lodge.

- Dalhousie Lodge and Wellesley Lodge, to be called Dalhousie Lodge**
- Meridian Lodge and Perfection Lodge, to be called Meridian Lodge**
- Boylston Lodge and Guiding Lights Lodge, to be called Boylston Lodge**
- Olive Branch Lodge and Mumford River Lodge, to be called Olive Branch Lodge**
- Fidelity Lodge and Wyoming Lodge, to be called Wyoming Lodge**

In addition, a contingency vote was held on the consolidation of Morning Star Lodge and Quinsigamond Lodge, to now be called Morning Star Lodge. This contingency vote was in order to start the paperwork for a vote to be taken that evening.

M. Wor. Bro. Hicks of the Foreign Relations Committee recommended the recognition of four Grand Orients of Brazil.

Rt. Wor. Paul R. Perkins was elected by a show of hands to fill a vacancy on the Masonic Education and Charity Trust (MECT).

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren of the difference between an edict and a ruling. An edict is a new regulation, whereas a ruling is a clarification of a regulation. He proceeded to issue two rulings.

First, the list of Past Grand Officers shall be as follows:

- M. W. Past Grand Masters**
- R. W. Past Deputy Grand Masters**
- R. W. Past District Grand Masters**
- R. W. Past Grand Wardens**

The second concerns China. "In 1952, in the shadows of the Communist takeover in China, Massachusetts chartered lodges in this region officially relocated to Japan thusly creating the China District. Be it known, the China District will now officially be recognized as District 32 of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

The Grand Master called Rt. Wor. Carey Miller to the East. He presented him with his commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts to the Grand Lodge of Parana, Brazil.

The Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Kevin J. Willis had the sad duty to remark on the passing of 10 Masons. We have lost 536 years of Masonic experience with the passing of these Brothers.

Rt. Wor. and Rabbi Irving Luchans prayed with the Brethren for our departed Brothers.

The standards to be a Mason are high, and some falter in their attempts to meet that standard. The Grand Master suspended one Mason for five years as a result of his behavior.

The Grand Master discussed the Receivership Committee, whose goal "is to help and support those lodges

**United States of America Flag**

Your Flag and my Flag!  
 And, oh, how much it holds –  
 Your land and my land –  
 Secure within its folds!

Your heart and my heart  
 Beat quicker at the sight;  
 Sun-kissed and wind-tossed,  
 Red and blue and white.

The one Flag, the great Flag  
 The Flag for me and you  
 Glorified all else beside  
 The red and white and blue!

**Massachusetts State Flag**

Oh, Massachusetts, old Bay State,  
 To thee this flag we raise.

Where pilgrim fathers sought a shrine,  
 In peace their God to praise.

Where loyal Patriots paid the price,  
 May we their faith maintain,

Who made for us this sacrifice,  
 Humanity our gain.



deemed and defined due to their specific needs that cannot operate any longer in compliance with their obligations as a regular lodge.”

The Grand Master recognized the Brothers on the Committee, who work hard with the lodges to formulate a good path into the future, and their accomplishments. Overall, 14 lodges have been in receivership, six have been released, and only one has gone dark.

The Grand Master called on his Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio, to bring Wor. Melvin D. Hook to the East. The Grand Master presented the Grand Master’s Award to Wor. Bro. Hook for his work as Master of Mount Moriah Lodge.

Before sitting down, Rt. Wor. Bro. Maggio presented to the East Rt. Wor. Bro. Moran, M. Wor. Bro. Hodgdon, Rt. Wor. Richard C. Shremser, and Ill., and Rt. Wor. Peter Raymond Smith. They presented the Grand Master with a copy of the 1783 Francken Manuscript. This is the first officially sanctioned edition. It is 720 pages in length and has a complete full-color photo facsimile of the original manuscript, footnoted transcriptions on facing pages, and introductory essays by Bro. Alan E. Foulds, Aimee E. Newell, and Jeffrey Croteau.

The Grand Master called on his Rt. Wor. Grand Marshal to bring Rt. Wor. Roy Leone, Chief of Massachusetts Consistory, and Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer, Captain of the Consistory Guard, to the East for a presentation for the Brotherhood Fund.

Again, the miles piled on Rt. Wor. Bro. Maggio as he brought Bro. Shaun Patrick Murphy to the East. Bro. Murphy, along with Rt. Wor. Chris an interested delegation, presented the Grand Master framed photos of the Mason on Sight featured in the last issue of TROWEL.

### Accomplishments of the Receivership Committee

Committee Member	Lodge	Outcome
Rt. Wor. Edgar de Leon	MG Henry Knox Lodge	Out of Receivership
Rt. Wor. Allan Martin	Starr King Lodge	Merger with Jordan Lodge
Rt. Wor. William Yanakakis	Thomas Talbot Lodge	Out of Receivership
Rt. Wor. William Yanakakis	Converse Lodge	Out of Receivership
Rt. Wor. David Raymond	Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge	Charter Returned to Grand Lodge
Rt. Wor. Deane Price	Cornerstone Lodge	Out of Receivership
Wor. Garth O. Parker	Day Spring Lodge	Out of Receivership

To the enjoyment of the Brethren present, the Rt. Wor. Grand Marshal assembled a delegation from Lawrence United Lodge, including Grand Historian Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt. Wor. Kenneth Crouch presented the Grand Master with a plaque commemorating the twinning of Lawrence United Lodge in Lawrence, MA, and Philadelphia Lodge #239 in Bucharest, Romania. The twinning of a Lodge with another is to forge a close bond between the two Lodges.

The Grand Master called on his weary Rt. Wor. Grand Marshal for Wor. Peter J. Lawson, Master of Columbia Lodge to be brought to the East for the purpose of donating to the Brotherhood Fund.

The Grand Maser then opened the floor to other presentations. See page 30 for a listing.

The Grand Master began his address to the Quarterly by informing the Brethren assembled of his travels. He attended the reception for his Senior Grand Warden at Grand Lodge, spent a weekend with the leadership of the Order of DeMolay, including Legion of Honor ceremonies in Boston and Concord, NH, held the final membership town hall meeting in Brockton, where he discussed with the Brethren the challenges we must face and solve together, visited Tampa Bay, Fort Myers, and Del Ray Beach in Florida for luncheons with relocated and still passionate Massachusetts’ Brethren, attended a reception for the Junior Grand Warden in Worcester, and, with the Officers of Grand Lodge, “visited the two lodges that I call home—William Parkman

**Left:** The Grand Master holds a copy of The Francken Manuscript presented by Rt. Wor. Peter Raymond Smith, Rt. Wor. Richard C. Shremser, Rt. Wor. Bro. Moran, M. Wor. Bro. Hodgdon on behalf of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA. **Right:** Rt. Wor. Geoffrey Kromer, Captain of the Consistory Guard and Rt. Wor. Roy Leone, Chief of Massachusetts Consistory, present the Grand Master with a donation for the Brotherhood fund.



## Trinity Lodge Charter Restoration

Trinity Lodge is working under our current charter of 1858. In the early 1800s, during the Morgan Affair, Masonry was looked down upon, and Masons started to meet secretly. Trinity was the only Lodge this far from Boston, and the good men of Lancaster continued to meet. However, they became behind in their dues to Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge requested that, because they had no record of meeting, and that they owed monies to the Grand Lodge, their Charter be returned. It was not returned.

Sometime after the Morgan Affair, it is believed that an elder brother returned the Charter anonymously. The membership in Trinity started to drop. Several Lodges were springing up in

the area of Trinity, all with members of Trinity. In 1857, Bro. E. Dana Bancroft was asked to assist in reforming Trinity Lodge under the former Charter. However, because no record of them meeting in the dark period existed, and no furniture was returned to Grand Lodge, the then Grand Master stated that the old Trinity Lodge in his eyes no longer existed. In addition, because the old Trinity Lodge originally met in Lancaster and the new Lodge was forming in Clinton, it truly was a new Lodge and not the former; so goes the rumor. In 1858, the new Trinity Lodge was formed and E. Dana Bancroft was appointed Master.

In 2008, when M. Wor. Roger Pageau attended the 150th anniversary of the new Trinity Lodge, he asked about the location of the old charter. We said we understood it was lost and

was not in the records of Grand Lodge. He told now Rt. Wor. Greg Stahl that if he could locate it, he would support reinstating it. The search was an exhaustive one. Rt. Wor. Bro. Stahl had a conversation with Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt, Grand Historian. Bro. Hunt knew exactly where it was; he had inventoried it in the vault at Grand Lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. Stahl looked into other lodges that had lost their charters for similar reasons and found Morning Star Lodge, a sister lodge of Trinity started by Isaiah Thomas. They, too, lost their charter during the Morgan Affair. Their Charter was reinstated with the precedence date of 1793. The details of the reinstatement ceremony are being worked out because not many charters that are 240 years old have been reinstated.

*-Wor. Mike Leonard*

Lodge in Woburn, as well as Corner Stone Lodge in Duxbury.” Finally, the Grand Master visited “the Scottish Rite Valley of Boston, where they surprised me by dedicating the curtain in Gothic Hall in my name because of my time on the production crew for many years.” The hall shared a laugh with the Grand Master.

The Grand Master shared information about his travels to the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island, and his enjoying three 150th anniversaries. The anniversaries were for the Melrose Masonic Building, featured in the prior issue of TROWEL, Oriental-Martha’s Vineyard Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, Canada.

The Grand Master learned somethings that he would like every Mason to take to heart. “The first is the importance of our youth organizations [DeMolay and Rainbow Girls] within our Masonic family. In the six months I have been Grand Master,” he continued, “I have seen so many

tremendous young people that have been shaped by the Order of DeMolay and the International Order of the Rainbow Girls. These kids need mentors in order to grow into the best versions of themselves, and we have the talent in our lodges to provide that mentorship.”

The Grand Master explained the pride Masons should feel as an advisor. By involving yourself with these youth groups, Masons “will get to see the fruits of your labor as the young men (or women) you work with mature or grow. As a leader in your lodge, you should encourage your members to become involved with DeMolay and Rainbow. It is one of the best ways they can give back to the Masonic community, if within the length of their cable tow.”

“The Masonic Youth Child Identification Program (otherwise known as MyCHIP) is back!” the Grand Master announced. To become involved, please contact Wor. Dennis Gibbons at [dgibbons@mychip.org](mailto:dgibbons@mychip.org). *continued on page 32*

**Left:** The Certificate of the twinning of Lawrence United Lodge and Philadelphia Lodge #239 in Bucharest, Romania presented to the Grand Master. **Right:** Wor. Peter J. Lawson, Master of Columbian Lodge, presents a donation from the Lodge to the Brotherhood fund to the Grand Master.







# The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



When I entered Sherborne Abbey in Sherborne, UK a quote from the Wizard of Oz immediately came to mind. "I don't think we are in Kansas anymore!" The abbey as we know it today was built in stages from the 12th to the 16th centuries and is unlike anything I have seen in America.

Its name is actually the Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, but people call it simply Sherborne Abbey. It was a Saxon cathedral between 705 and 1075 and a Benedictine monastery from 998 to 1529. It became a parish church during the reign of Henry VIII.

Wor. Bro. Dave Hicks (who in the spirit of full disclosure I have to say is my cousin) and I were at Sherborne Abbey on June 25 to celebrate the Tercentenary of the formation of the first Grand Lodge with our brothers from the Provincial Grand Lodge at Dorset. Some 800 Masons and their families attended the service.

Included in that number were my wife, Janet, and Wor. Bro. Hicks' wife, Susan.

Rt. Wor. Richard Merritt, Provincial Grand Master, said in his opening remarks that we gathered at the abbey to thank Almighty God for the good work the Fraternity has done and to celebrate our heritage.

Following the service a procession of Provincial Grand Officers and presiding masters paraded through the town to

the tunes of the Sherborne band. Rt. Wor. Bro. Merritt said it was the first time Masons have processed through the streets of Sherborne in 19 years, when the Provincial Grand Lodge dedicated a memorial in the abbey remembering the Dorset Masons who gave their lives in World War II.

Sherborne is an English market town, a term dating from medieval times denoting a location that was given the right to hold a market. Towns like Sherborne, while they do not continue to hold markets, still have the legal right to do so.

The town of Sherborne, especially around the abbey, is filled with buildings dating from Medieval times. Walking through the town was like stepping back in time.

I wanted to be in England in June 2017 to be a part, even in some small way, of this historic celebration. All masons, no matter where they took their degrees, trace their Masonic heritages to a meeting of four lodges on June 24, 1717 at the Goose and Gridiron tavern in St. Paul's Churchyard in London. (A churchyard in England is more than the land immediately adjacent to a church. It includes the streets and buildings surrounding the church.)

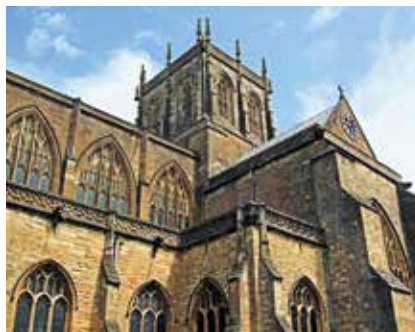
I understand the Goose and Gridiron survived into the 20th Century, but had to give way to progress. I was told its location was in the area of the Freemasons Hall on Great Queen Street in London.

To be quite honest, I did not go to England just to be at some event tied to the Tercentenary. I have two children, a daughter, Dr. Shelley Thompson, and a son, Bro. Jarrod Thompson. Ten years ago my daughter went to Wales to earn her Master's Degree and seven years ago my son went to England to earn his Master's Degree. Neither has returned.

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*Above: A pencil rendering of the Goose and Gridiron pub where the Grand Lodge era of Masonry was born. Above Right: Masons celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of the first Grand Lodge. Right: Sherborne Abbey in Sherborne, UK.*



*Richard Thompson is the secretary of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge and a past master of Wamesit and Daylight lodges.*



# GOODBYE TO THE “NEW” LOBBY

*by Wor. Lee H. Fenn and Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt*



Up until February 1967, the Grand Lodge entrance was at 51 Boylston St., where it will be henceforth. On April 19, 1967, then Grand Master M. Wor. Thomas A. Booth said “Our present plans began to form in the early 1960s when it was decided we would remain here for the foreseeable future, and that it was time the home of the oldest regular and duly constituted Grand Lodge in the Western Hemisphere should have a building that indicated to the world that it was a Masonic temple. Our commercial tenants on the street floor would have to go.”

Moving to the 186 Tremont entrance was a great step forward in 1967. The lobby has been a lounge, a place to chat with other Brothers, a place for displays of many of the





# HELLO TO THE “OLD” LOBBY

(COMING SOON)

wonders of Freemasonry held by Grand Lodge. It was a welcoming place for Masons for nearly 50 years.

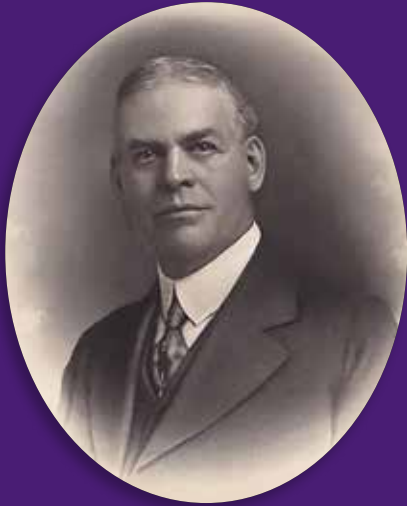
But, while Masonry remains the same, our apartments and our membership ebbs and flows. As do our finances. With the new “old” entrance, we will be greeted by the wonderful marble staircase, we will repair to our meeting rooms with our friends, our Brothers, and we will enjoy as we do.

There is sadness about the loss of the lobby. Also, a relief that Grand Lodge will have a source of income to support our wonderful building. We will have a new entrance and a new way to remember the past—we will be seeing our Grand Lodge as they did in the early sixties, with similar joy and excitement. ■



# Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



## Most Worshipful Arthur D. Prince

1920-22

*“Humanity’s Friend”*

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

*“To mark the successful culmination of the fine efforts for our Military Service Centers,” wrote Grand Master Arthur D. Coolidge in 1944, “I have designated June 28th as Arthur D. Prince Day—in tribute to one of the best beloved Masons of all time. . . For years he has been a tower of strength . . . an inspiration to Masons in humble as well as exalted stations . . . a Mason among Masons.”*

At the end of the Second World War, M. Wor. Arthur Prince was nearly eighty years of age, and was a quarter century a Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. In 1934 he had become the second most senior member of that exclusive club (M. Wor. Melvin M. Johnson was, and remained, the senior PGM, and would outlive Bro. Prince by several years); where Bro. Johnson was respected, and certainly admired, Bro. Prince was beloved. His role as Relief Commissioner from 1931 until just before his death made him a well-known figure across the jurisdiction, whose work and devotion had helped many of his Brothers and their families through difficult times.

Arthur Dow Prince was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts (as was your author), in 1867; at four years of age he removed to Lowell, where he was educated, and where he entered business. He came into the Masonic Fraternity as a young man, receiving his symbolic degrees in William North Lodge of Lowell in 1891, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1904 and 1905. His skill and assiduity was quickly rewarded, as he was appointed Grand Steward by M. Wor. John Albert Blake in 1907, and as a District Deputy Grand Master in 1908 (and in 1909 by M. Wor. Dana J. Flanders). He was very active in the York Rite bodies, eventually being elevated to Grand High Priest (1916-1918) and Most Illustrious Grand Master (1924-1926). In the Scottish Rite, he was active in all of the bodies of the Valley of Lowell, receiving the honorary 33° in 1917, becoming Active in the Supreme Council in 1930 and Deputy for Massachusetts in 1940.

In 1919, M. Wor. Leon M. Abbott chose Bro. Prince as his Deputy, and he was elected Grand Master thereafter, serving from 1920 to 1922. This was the crowning achievement of his Masonic career, and in his inaugural address as Grand Master in December 1919 he was characteristically modest:

*“By a custom so long in practice that it has almost become a law, the Grand Master is expected to say a few words to the Brethren at this time. For a goodly span of years, we have been privileged to absorb inspirational thoughts, expressed in clear-cut English and framed in beautiful rhetoric . . . but the Brethren of Massachusetts have selected as their Grand Master a plain business man; a buyer and seller of merchandise. No longer, except as they may be — yes, must be — called upon to save the honor and reputation of the Grand Lodge will we be privileged to succumb to the spell of eloquence cast over us by these brilliant members of the legal profession.”*

Except, of course, that M. Wor. Bro. Prince was eloquent, and singularly well-spoken for a “plain business man.” He reflected on the changes in the world since he had last addressed the Feast as Grand High Priest: the devastations of the World War and its aftermath, the unrest in America, the changes wrought by technology and societal upheaval. To meet the challenges now before America, he proposed a sovereign solution: Freemasonry. But that imposed a burden and a responsibility on the Brethren:



**“ The Freemason, in order to sway public opinion, must be an exemplar of those principles which are taught in the Lodge. He must be familiar with the laws of justice, of liberty, of representative government**

*... and then he must go out into his community and exemplify the practice of those principles in his contact with other men. . . Our duty of humanity is to give better service to our fellow men . . . our duty today and in the future is to build up our own organization, to educate ourselves and become thoroughly imbued with our own principles, and we shall not then fear for the quality of our American citizenship.”*

As the leader of Massachusetts Freemasonry, he continued to espouse those ideals: that Masons needed to walk and act as such: to not simply speak the words, but practice the Craft in the community.

He came to the Grand East at a time when Freemasonry was growing rapidly. Massachusetts had just over 82,000 Masons when Bro. Prince was elected; by 1922, the total exceeded 110,000. He issued 30 charters during his three year tenure; in many cases these lodges were additional ones in cities and towns that already had one or more (greater Boston, Quincy, Worcester, Watertown, Lynn, Northampton, Winchester, Pittsfield, Newton, New Bedford, Brookline, Cambridge, Weymouth, Beverly, and Springfield); a few broke new ground (Manchester, Tewksbury, Walpole, as well as one in Panama and two in China); but the overall trend was in response to the enormous growth in the Fraternity. This numerical growth would make Grand Masters Wragg and Jaynes, 25 and 50 years hence, inordinately busy with anniversary celebrations—but regrettably, most of these organizations lost their individual identities during the merger-crowded last quarter century. Accordingly there are only a few lodges left from Bro. Prince’s era: West Roxbury (as West Roxbury-Dorchester); Norumbega (as Norumbega Fraternity); Samuel Crocker Lawrence (returned after merger and hiatus); Manchester; Budleigh; Wamesit; and Azure. Sadly, there are more Paul Revere lodges still in existence than Arthur Prince lodges.

Still, this should not disqualify the success of his term of office. Grand Master Prince, from the very beginning of his time as Grand Master, was active, involved and inspirational. Proceedings from the years 1920-1922 are full of special communications—anniversary celebrations, hall dedications and cornerstone layings and constitutions of lodges. In 1921 he was the first sitting Grand Master to visit the lodges in Panama (during which he constituted Chagres Lodge) and in 1922 he was the first to visit the lodges in China (including two new lodges, Hykes Memorial and Talien).

Wherever he traveled—and he traveled a great deal within Massachusetts as well—he was well received as a Brother and a friend.

M. Wor. Brother Prince made several rulings during his term, with particular attention to the conduct of Brethren within and without the Lodge. He addressed matters of decorum, of the need to respond to Grand Lodge communications, of the need for secrecy in public regarding lodge business, and for close attention to investigations. He also publically and definitively denounced the Ku Klux Klan, dismissing any association and cognizance of the organization. He said in part:

***“Without hesitation, I declare the Ku Klux Klan an un-Masonic organization, utterly without Masonic support or sympathy.***

***“Its avowed principles violate Masonic law at every point and it would be impossible for me to conceive of a Mason who could so far forget his Masonic teachings as to affiliate with an organization which advocates taking the law into its own hands, condemning men and women in secret trials, and imposing the punishment of the whip, the tar bucket, or unlawful banishment. . .***

***“This is not an edict against the Ku Klux Klan. We cannot prevent misguided men from joining it and the arm of the law will soon reach those who join in its overt acts. But we must protect the fair reputation of Freemasonry from being spotted by any connection, official or otherwise, with such an organization. No Masonic Temple or Apartments must be used for their purposes and let every Mason who is tempted to join the Klan consider well if he can harmonize his obligations as a Mason with the principles of the Klan.”***

His words were a declaration of moral clarity that left no margin for misunderstanding; they are an example of the just and upright character of the man who served as our Grand Master a century ago.

In September 1937, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of his elevation to the 33°, M. Wor. Brother Prince was celebrated at a testimonial dinner attended by more than 500 Masons, including the Grand Master, M. Wor. Claude Allen; Scottish Rite’s Sovereign Grand Commander, M. Wor. Melvin Johnson; and a number of other prominent Masons. It was ample evidence of the high regard in which they, and many others, held Arthur Prince. He returned that affection with interest. At a Feast of St. John some years after his term of office, he spoke of this, saying in part:

***“Past Grand Masters look back upon their service with gratitude and pleasure. We treasure the friends we have made in these contacts. It brings a flood of pleasant memories to clasp hands again with those with whom we worked in active days. As the years go by, these experiences grow more precious as they diminish in number. What we need, what we ask for is***

***The touch of human hands;  
That is the boon we ask***

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## Lodge in Focus:

# EZEKIEL

### Ezekiel Bates Lodge added a new spin on a widow's night.

Ezekiel Bates Lodge had no luck trying to help, aid, and assist our widows. We tried making a list of widows, but found the fields in MORI blank leaving us with almost no leads. When we could reach a widow, they did not know any of us. When offered a special lunch, they told us, having a lunch would just remind them of their husbands.

This past fall, with a new eager secretary in the chair, we began to write "Information Update Letters" The letter verified addresses, spouse name, birth day and month, Masonic Funeral, and any other field we could find empty in MORI. The letters included a stamped envelope to return the information.

Within a week, the updates started rolling in. We did not hear from all the members as you would expect, but we heard from well over 50%. This was a success to us. Not only were we able to update/add a boat load of contact information, but we began compiling a Special Spouse List. The list was built in Excel so we could sort the names however we chose. We also reached out to our Order of the Eastern Star Chapter, who provided us a list of 10



*Participants in the Spouse Appreciation Night at Ezekiel Bates Lodge.*

widows. For the widows, we sent letters apologizing for not staying in contact and asked similar questions updating our information.

We now had a list of around 45 spouses and widows. We quickly decided any event should include the widows and active spouses. Doing so eliminated any singling out of widows that a lunch may have brought upon.

So, at our April regular Meeting, we decide to have a Spouse Appreciation Night. We had made an excellent meal, which the spouses ate for free. After a

25-minute Business meeting, we closed lodge and brought up the guests. We had arranged an a cappella women's singing group from Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts, the Wheaton Whims to perform.

In the end, we had over 60 people present for the meeting. Widows and wives began friendships and our membership felt one step closer to fulfilling our obligation to support our widows and all for less than the cost of a poinsettia per person.

*-Bro. Bryan Simmons*

*Rt. Wor. Pier A. Vaughan giving his lecture on the George Washington Bible*



### Masonic Con Celebrates Freemasonry

With the dust settled a few weeks after Masonic Con 2017 and the building mostly back in order, I thought it would be a good time to reflect on the event. The event takes months to plan and coordinate and when the day comes it is over in a flash. This year we hosted 46 vendors from all over the country, some representing Masonic Bodies while other sold Masonic designed items from a Masonic Star Trek pin from Upon the Point out of Dallas to a Knights Templar Scarves from Masonicscarves.com out of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The Speakers also travelled from great distances, and included Rt. Wor. Robert Johnson from Illinois, Wor. Oscar Alleyne from New York, Rt. Wor. Pier A. Vaughan also from New York, Paul C. Smith from New Hampshire, Angel Millar from New York, Richard



# BATES

## Bates' Wing Eaters Win

Two years ago Ezekiel Bates Lodge started a chicken eating challenge fundraiser brain child of Wor. Dave Thompson. The first was in the Summer of 2014 when a team of Brothers from the Westchester-Putnam 2nd District of New York swooped in and dashed our hopes. The Brothers from New York loved the idea so much they held the contest in their jurisdiction last February which the Brothers of Ezekiel Bates attended and again came up short to then Grandmaster Most Worshipful Bill Thomas who



The winning team of Bro. Adam Perreault, Wor. David Thompson, Wor. Keith Gobin, Bro. Bryan Simmons, and Bro. Anthony William.

wore a large foam chicken wing on his head. We found similar results last July at our second challenge.

So when we loaded up the car early on May 6th to drive to the Westchester Skating Academy in Elmsford, New York, our hopes were not high. The event is always a blast and we get to catch up with our New York Brothers so the day is well worth the trip.

It works like this: teams of 5 get 20lbs. of wings and 5 minutes to eat as much as you can. When the time is up, the bones and leftovers are weighed and the difference in weight is your score. Ezekiel Bates Lodge went 2nd and after all the teams had finished and the dust settled we found ourselves tied with White Plains Lodge #473. This being the first tie, we decided to have a wing off: 5lbs. each team for 2 minutes. The streak has ended, Ezekiel Bates Lodge went to New York for fun and came home with a trophy, we also were able to choose the Hebron Food Pantry in Attleboro to receive 1/2 of the proceeds of the event as winners.



-Bro. Bryan Simmons

Cassaro from Madrid, Spain and St. John's Lodge's own Greg Kaminsky from Salem. At the conclusion of the lectures which ranged from Freemasonry and the Kabbalah to Colonial Freemasonry, we held a panel on symbolism in the 3rd degree. The panel was moderated by Wor. Jon Ruark from Fairfax, Virginia.

After the Panel, Massasoit Forrest #91 Tall Cedars of Lebanon held a short form initiation followed by the New England Grotto Association Semi-Annual meeting during which Nava and Moslem Grottos performed the full form ceremonial for the first time in several years.

Though the day was long, it was by far a success. Over 400 people

attended Masonic Con 2017 from over 15 jurisdictions. What is becoming more and more apparent is the new Mason is really looking to find more, the days of just having business meetings and coffee after is not cutting it. These new Brothers are here to learn to be better men through expanding their minds. Asking questions and being challenged.

Masonic Con has something for everyone, but with the excitement we had from the thirsty Brothers you can bet we are going to continue to push Masonic Education. Masonic Con 2018 will be April 28th 2018 so mark your Calendars now so you can see what the buzz is about.

-Bro. Bryan Simmons

Above, from left to right: Wor. Mark Kay, Wor. Glen Cunningham, Bro. Richard Van Doren. Below: Bro. Kenny Maddigan and Wor. David Thompson.



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# VETERAN'S MEDAL 2017 RECIPIENTS



The following Master Masons will be eligible to receive their Veteran's Medal this year. This medal is awarded to men who have been Masons for 50 years. Anyone raised at any time during 1967 will be recognized in 2017.

Whenever possible, the award is conferred in lodge by district deputy grand masters. Sometimes it is more convenient for the Mason to receive his medal at home; men living out of state receive it by mail. This listing includes a number of photographs depicting pre-

sentations made so far in 2016 and generously sent on to TROWEL. Thank you to all the masters, district deputies, and their photographers for taking the time to share these pictures.

Masons are listed in their current lodge, which may or may not be the lodge where they were raised in 1967. If you have any concern about being included in the listing, or any question about your membership status, please contact your lodge secretary, who will consult your membership records for you.

**ADAMS LODGE**

Wor. Ernest Vainer Rossi

**AMICABLE LODGE**

Rt. Wor. Marvin Lowell Eatough

**AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE**

Bro. Russell Conn Fravel  
Wor. Herbert Joseph Simpson  
Bro. Dennis Clayton Stackhouse  
Bro. Ronald Lorne Trecartin  
Bro. Andrew Morrow Shanks Jr

**AURORA LODGE**

Bro. Harris James Karis  
Baalis Sanford Lodge  
Bro. Richard Alan Hanssen  
Bro. Gerald Rowley Jenkins

**BAY PATH LODGE**

Wor. Wayne Stirling Smith  
Wor. Lance Sidney Whitcomb  
Bro. Lyle Anderson Whitcomb

**BERKSHIRE LODGE**

Bro. Robert Lee Randall

**BETHSDA (W) LODGE**

Bro. John Balian  
Bro. Stephen Harry Fenerjian

**BLUE HILL LODGE**

Bro. Edwin Harvey Hammond  
Bro. Arnold Stairman  
Rt. Wor. Ralph Walter Staples

**BOYLSTON LODGE**

Wor. James Richard McLain

**BRIGHAM LODGE**

Rt. Wor. George Peter Nay

**BRISTOL LODGE**

Bro. Ronald Andrew Benaski  
Bro. Leon Jay Berman

**BUDLEIGH LODGE**

Bro. Rowland Mansfield Hussey Jr  
Bro. Ronald Norman Tagney  
Bro. Warren Otto Tolvanen  
Bro. Douglas Alfred Warren

**CALEB BUTLER LODGE**

Bro. Harold Paul Ludden  
Bro. Richard W. Van Doren

**CELESTIAL LODGE**

Bro. Algot Gustav Rorrie

**CHARLES C DAME LODGE**

Bro. Robert Windsor Carter  
Bro. Verne Gilmore Hardenbrook Jr  
Wor. Frank Ernest Hatch

**COCHICHEWICK LODGE**

Wor. Richard Henry Dufresne

**CONVERSE LODGE**

Bro. Hector Gilberto Ballester  
Bro. Edward Melvin Freedman  
Bro. Anthony Michael Moretti  
Rt. Wor. Jordan Lewis Shapiro  
Wor. Richard Allan Singer  
Bro. Denzel Raymond Wallace



*Worshipful District Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Gerard Anthony Dowden and Immediate Past RWDGM, Rt. Wor. John Bernard Bamber present Wor. Christopher Leslie Glascock his 50 yr. veteran medal at Soujourner's Lodge, Panama.*

**CHARLES RIVER LODGE**

Wor. Philip Allen Prairie

**CHARLES W MOORE LODGE**

Bro. Bobby Lee Trent

**CHICOPEE LODGE**

Bro. Steven Rubin Gladstone

**CORINTHIAN LODGE**

Bro. William Henry Dull III  
Rt. Wor. Charles Anthony Lukas  
Bro. Maurice Emes Tourison

**DALHOUSIE LODGE**

Bro. Cletus Moon Tong Ching

Wor. Felix Figueroa

Bro. Timothy Tilden Kinchla  
Bro. Duane Lesley Snyder

**DELTA LODGE**

Bro. Lawrence King Casey Jr  
Bro. Ralph Parker Christie  
Wor. Stephen Newcomb Roberts  
Bro. Weston Daniel Wor.den

**DEWITT CLINTON LODGE**

Bro. Kenneth Goodwin Clarke Jr  
Bro. Clifford Paul Gardner  
Bro. Richard Leroy Hawkins  
Bro. George James Hood  
Bro. Chester Augustus Lyons  
Bro. Randall William Moore  
Bro. Paul Edwin Sobolewski  
Bro. Robert William Watmough

**EASTERN STAR LODGE**

Bro. William Edward Handy

**EDEN LODGE**

Wor. John Lionel Dowell

**ELM-BELCHER LODGE**

Bro. Clark Alvin Greenough  
Wor. Arthur Edgelow Hastings  
Bro. Stuart Allen Kibbe Jr  
Wor. George James Leocopoulos

**ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE**

Wor. John Edwin Carpenter Jr  
Bro. Thomas John Gernux  
Bro. Benjamin Horowitz  
Bro. John Christy Nektipopoulos  
Bro. Harvey Ronald Weisthal

**ESSEX LODGE**

Wor. Achille Dominic Presutti

**EZEKIEL BATES LODGE**

Bro. Robert Lincoln Fish

**FELLOWSHIP LODGE**

Bro. John Edwin Cole

**FIDELITY LODGE**

Bro. Lawrence Elwood Jacobsen  
Bro. Robert Alfred Lundholm





*The Pulaski Brass Band entertains the widows and 50 yr. veterans at Charlton.*

## 24th District Annual Widows and Veterans Luncheon

On Saturday May 6th the 24th District held its Annual Widows and 50 years Veterans Luncheon at the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton. Wor. Bro. Dean D. Moss Widows and Veterans Representative for the 24th District has been organizing this great event for the past 3 years. This event has brought together many widows of the veterans within our District and also residents from the Overlook

that have served this great country of ours and risk their lives for what they believe in.

Entertainment was held in the Performing Arts Center in the Overlook. The entertainment was from the Pulaski Brass Band from Webster Mass, which has been formed and around since 1889. The band leader is one of our own Past Master Wor. Bro. James Morrison of Webster Lodge. The people listening to this band loved it as a couple of widows and veterans said the music brought back memories of the good old days.

*-Bro. Vincenzo Jimmy Falzone*

### FRANK W THOMPSON LODGE

Wor. John Marshall Dunbar  
Bro. Eleferios John Georgian

### FRANKLIN LODGE

Bro. Everett James Abraham

### FRATERNAL LODGE

Wor. Roy Sumner Chase Sr  
Bro. William Elkins  
Bro. George Alfred Jessop Jr  
Bro. Lawrence Chester Sinclair

### GARDEN CITY LODGE

Bro. Stephen Alan Greenbaum  
Bro. Alan Howard Lipkin

### GATUN LODGE

Bro. Allen Stevenson Brown

### GEORGE H TABER LODGE

Wor. James Alan Cochran

### GLOBE UNITY LODGE

Rt. Wor. Percy Franklin Kuhn  
Wor. Bradford Thomas Torrey

### GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE

Bro. David Allen Rosenthal

### GOLDEN RULE LODGE

Rt. Wor. Bradford Herman Pottle

### GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE

Rt. Wor. Richard Welton Burgess  
Bro. Mark Weston Fellows  
Bro. Kenneth Dorr Sumner

### GUIDING LIGHTS LODGE

Bro. Peter Bedros Kallanian

### HARMONY LODGE

Bro. Donald Howard

Wor. John William Pride Jr

### HAYDEN LODGE

Bro. Gordon George Leao  
Bro. Jacob Menzigan

### HOWARD LODGE

Bro. William Austin Greene Jr  
Bro. David Gordon Sherman  
Bro. Russell Norman Wilkins

### JERUSALEM LODGE

Wor. Peter Allen Jones  
Wor. Perry Smith  
Bro. Donald Raymond Warburton

### JOEL H PROUTY LODGE

Bro. Robert Wilson Hanna  
Bro. Harold Emanuel Johnson Jr  
Bro. Robert Francis Johnson  
Bro. Stanley Adolph Johnson Sr  
Bro. Donald Lawrence Peterson  
Bro. Theodore William Steinhilber  
Bro. John Nick Woulas

### JOHN HANCOCK LODGE

Wor. Richard Frederick Dooley  
Wor. John George Kevgas  
Bro. Franklin Charles Kress  
Bro. Richard Henry Loeschner  
Wor. Wayne Orlo Newton

### JOHN T HEARD LODGE

Wor. John Tufts Clogston Sr  
Wor. Richard Herbert Gwinn  
Bro. Charles Gezner Wynaught

### JOHN WARREN LODGE

Bro. Earle Wayne Baldwin Jr  
Wor. John Edward Knowles

Bro. Paul Edward Nordstrom  
Wor. John Allan Smith

### JORDAN LODGE

Bro. Norman Marshall Garfield  
Bro. Photios John Photiou

### JOSEPH WARREN-SOLEY LODGE

Wor. Steven Wood Ziegler

### KING DAVID LODGE

Wor. Ralph Hoxie Cross

### KING PHILIP LODGE

Wor. Leon Herbert Cudworth Sr  
Bro. Robert Phillip Levasseur

### KONOHASSETT LODGE

Bro. James Holland Beal Jr

### LAFAYETTE-DOVER LODGE

Wor. Richard Cameron Stewart

### LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE

Bro. Richard Kenneth Daniels

### LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE

Bro. Robert Gene Pellegrino

### LEVEL LODGE

Bro. Theodore Leon Weiner

### LIBERTY LODGE

Bro. Haven Hoyt Clark  
Rt. Wor. Jon Gregory Adams Hill  
Bro. Donald Smith Kenney

### MAJOR GENERAL

### HENRY KNOX LODGE

Bro. William Michael Cole

### MANCHESTER LODGE

Bro. Albert Lucas Brown  
Bro. Ronald Wayne Randlett

### MARINE LODGE

Bro. Harold Wilson Jenkins Jr

### MARINERS LODGE

Bro. Robert George Hurd  
Bro. Dewey E. Rice

### MATTHEW JOHN WHITTALL LODGE

Wor. Edward Elliott Holden  
Bro. Harold Joseph Kelley  
May Flower Lodge  
Bro. Philip Lester DeMoranville

### MERIDIAN LODGE

Bro. Gary Lee Irving  
Bro. Ronald George Isaacson

### MERRIMACK LODGE

Wor. Henry Louis Farmer III  
Bro. Arnold Franklin Hargraves

### MILTON LODGE

Bro. Gordon Bruce Walker Jr

### MONTGOMERY LODGE

Bro. William Anthony Ellery

### MORNING STAR LODGE

Bro. Elliot Nye Browning  
Bro. Gerald Richard Lagueux

### MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE

Bro. Chester Alan Enbinder  
Bro. Larry Sheldon Finkelman  
Bro. Stephen Reid Greenside  
Wor. Edward Beryl Needell  
Bro. Marshall Silberberg

### MOUNT CARMEL LODGE

Bro. Anthony John Bontos  
Bro. Richard Warren Burpee Jr  
Bro. Roger Russell Lipson

# Service is What We Do

By Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb

*The mysteries of Freemasonry  
are hidden beyond their door,  
And service, found in Masonry,  
is what most are searching for.*

*Members all are Brothers  
of a worldwide family.  
Their morals are respected  
by all humanity.*

*Under the Fatherhood of God  
is the Brotherhood of Man,  
Where Masons pledge on bended knees  
to serve their fellow man.*

*The All Seeing Eye—it watches,  
and has since time began,  
For a Mason's work is never done  
when service is the plan.*

*History records our noble actions  
and our deeds.  
Posterity remembers those  
who serve each other's needs.*

*I suggest the time has come  
to take a service view.  
Never forget in our sacred oath  
that Service is what we do!*

*Every service committee  
consists of every Mason.  
Promised and sworn to keep and perform  
that solemn obligation.*

*Let's strive to walk the Masonic walk.  
Service is our quest.  
Be of service to those in need -  
Freemasonry at its best.*

*Remember with compassion  
the orphans and widows all.  
The gift of self to others  
is Masonic protocol.*

*Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth  
are the tenets of our Craft.  
Service, to the All Seeing Eye  
is Masonry unsurpassed.*

*The shining light of Masonry  
shines brightly in our hearts.  
In truth, Masonic service  
is the most important part.*

*Our wonderful fraternity  
gives all of us so much.  
Pay it forward with service.  
Go walk and act as such.*

*What should we do as Masons  
to preserve our legacy?  
Be the gift of service,  
for all the world to see.*

## 50 YEAR VETERANS



*Moses Michael Hays Lodge celebrated the presentation, by Rt. Wor. Scott Inglis, of 50 year medals to Wor. Ed Needell, Bro. Stephen Greenside and Bro. Marshall Silberber.*

Bro. William Charles Woods Jr

### **MOUNT HOLLIS LODGE**

Bro. David Lamont Bliss  
Bro. Robert Ellis Wrigley

### **MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE**

Rt. Wor. Ronald Errol Jackson

### **MOUNT HOREB (D) LODGE**

Wor. Ronald Francis Thistle  
Bro. Bradford Ross Cook  
Bro. William Lawrence Gray  
Bro. George Wallace Perry

### **MOUNT ORTHODOX LODGE**

Bro. Dana Wyman Hayden  
Bro. James Edward Robinson

### **MOUNT TABOR LODGE**

Bro. William Barry Blumsack  
Wor. David Feinberg  
Bro. Carl Norman Ohlson Sr  
Bro. Robert Bruce Strath

### **MOUNT TOM LODGE**

Rt. Wor. Neil David McElwey

### **MOUNT VERNON-GALILEAN LODGE**

Bro. William Henry LaBombard

### **MUMFORD RIVER LODGE**

Bro. Richard Frank Cherrier  
Wor. Wayne Lawrence Hickey  
Wor. William Wesley Welliver

### **MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE**

Bro. Dean Edwin Jackson  
Bro. James William Justice  
Bro. William Henry Martin  
Rt. Wor. James Kenneth Ray  
Bro. Earle Richard Rowe

### **NEW MOON LODGE**

Bro. Dennis Robert Miller

### **NOQUOCHOKO LODGE**

Bro. Randall Correia  
Bro. Joel Everrett McCurry

### **NORFOLK LODGE**

Bro. Ian Johnston

### **NORFOLK UNION LODGE**

Bro. Dexter Cummings Hadfield  
Wor. Theodore Merrill Haines Jr

Bro. John Albert Kierstead

### **NORTH QUABBIN LODGE**

Wor. Allan Barton Bixby Sr  
Bro. Richard John Chase  
Wor. Alfred Olaf Ohlson

### **NORTH READING LODGE**

Wor. Edward John Ede III  
Wor. Charles McLaren Gore

### **NORUMBEGA FRATERNITY LODGE**

Rt. Wor. James Richard Franklin  
Bro. Darrell Peter Gilson

### **OCCIDENTAL LODGE**

Wor. Robert Henry Knight

### **OLD COLONY LODGE**

Bro. Willis Felix Miles

### **OLIVE BRANCH LODGE**

Bro. Donald Johnathan MacDonald Jr  
Bro. James Hayden Stewart

### **ORIENT LODGE**

Bro. Robert Bayne Patterson Jr  
Bro. Bruce Robert Wallace

### **ORIENTAL-MARTHA'S**

### **VINEYARD LODGE**

Wor. Preston Willoughby Averill Jr  
Bro. Pierce Jackson Kirby Jr  
Bro. Norman Raymond Somer  
Wor. Harold Charles Stanley

### **OXFORD LODGE**

Bro. Eugene Boyd MacKay

### **PAUL REVERE LODGE**

Bro. James Wallace Fratus

### **PENTUCKET LODGE**

Bro. Richard Brownstein  
Bro. Ralph Bertel Merrill

### **PHILANTHROPIC LODGE**

Rt. Wor. John Raymond Blaney  
Bro. Harvey Alan Brand  
Bro. Alexander Hutton Glass Jr  
Bro. Douglas Lyndon Grant  
Bro. Charles Alan Keller  
Bro. Peter Albert Kushnieruk  
Bro. Edward David McGrath  
Bro. Richard Saunders Varrell





*Rt. Wor. Ronald Errol Jackson, with his wife Mrs. Gail Jackson, in the East of Mount Holyoke Lodge in South Hadley are applauded on the occasion of receiving his 50 year veteran pin. In attendance were also their children, grandchildren and 3 Past Grand Masters.*

**PILGRIM LODGE**

Bro. Alan Winslow Wright

**PIONEER LODGE**

Bro. William Meyer Chebot  
Bro. Robert Houghton Eddy

**PROSPECT LODGE**

Bro. John Edward Lydstone III

**PURITAN LODGE**

Wor. Wilbur Force Porter Jr  
Bro. William Edward Siltanen

**PYTHAGOREAN LODGE**

Bro. Arthur Willis McLean

**QUABOAG LODGE**

Bro. Robert David Jensen  
Wor. Warren Elwin Tirrell Jr

**QUINEBAUG LODGE**

Bro. Bruce Carlton Gardner  
Bro. Robert Leo Langlois  
Bro. Robert Arthur Lebow  
Bro. William Devlin Spinney Sr  
Bro. Lemuel Newell Walker

**QUINSIGAMOND LODGE**

Bro. Nicholas George Andreson

Bro. Ralph Herman

Bro. Donald Michael Yenovkian

**QUITTACUS LODGE**

Bro. Gerald Franklin  
Bro. George Everett Smith

**RABBONI LODGE**

Bro. Martin Leonard Berenson  
Rt. Wor. John Charles MacDonald III

**REPUBLICAN LODGE**

Bro. Kenneth Royal Tucker

**ROSE OF SHARON LODGE**

Bro. Alan Keble Wood

**RUFUS PUTNAM LODGE**

Bro. Richard Norman Grayson  
Wor. Robert Judson Hoover  
Wor. Franklin Lang Jr  
Bro. Claude Skeels Thompson Jr

**RURAL LODGE**

Bro. Myles Eugene Marsh  
Bro. William Lloyd Vickers

**SAGGAHEW LODGE**

Bro. Duncan Cameron Farmer

**SAINT GEORGE LODGE**

Rt. Wor. Robert Dexter Hermanson

**SAINT MARK'S LODGE**

Bro. Everett Roland Davis Jr  
Bro. Forrest Gustav Todd

**SAINT MARTIN'S LODGE**

Bro. Edward Nickerson Johnson  
Bro. David Louis Masaschi

**SAINT MATTHEW'S LODGE**

Bro. John Albin McIntyre

**SATUIT LODGE**

Bro. Joel Lester Finger  
Rt. Wor. Robert Alan Goodwin

**SILOAM LODGE**

Bro. Emery Calvin Corey

**SIMON W ROBINSON LODGE**

Wor. Peter James Cornell  
Bro. Christos Vasilios Dafnoulelis  
Bro. Donald Richard Elwell  
Wor. Keith Hayward  
Bro. Donald Elbert Legro Jr  
Bro. John Edward Miller Jr

**SOCIAL HARMONY LODGE**

Bro. John Fred Fearing III

**SOJOURNERS LODGE**

Wor. Jerry Leon Ransom

**STAR IN THE EAST LODGE**

Bro. David Paul Glicksman  
Bro. Roland Edgar Gobeil

**THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE**

Wor. Stanley Norman DeHaan  
Bro. Stanley Eckstein  
Bro. Harry Fishman  
Bro. Alan Jacobson

**THE HARVARD LODGE**

Wor. Leonard Kopelman

**THE MEADOWS LODGE**

Bro. Richard Crawford Bosworth  
Bro. Phillip Edwin Collins  
Wor. Barry Robert Heath  
Bro. Thomas Leonard Johnson  
Bro. David Carver Perkins

Bro. John Bryant Russell

Wor. Clifford Jeffrey Sias

**THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE**

Bro. John Gilbert Hanson  
Bro. John Sargent Lucas  
Bro. Ralph Clinton Lucas  
Bro. Douglas Arthur MacArthur

**THOMAS TALBOT LODGE**

Bro. Milton Ronald Dykstra  
Bro. James Woods Henderson

**UNION LODGE (N)**

Bro. Robert Louis Coffin

**UNITED BRETHERN LODGE**

Bro. Howard Richard Johnson  
Bro. Carl Francis Winch

**UNIVERSAL LODGE**

Bro. Jon Richards Fuller

**WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE**

Wor. Edward Avedis Kazanjian Jr  
Bro. Charles James Krikorian

**WAMESIT LODGE**

Bro. Frederick Charles Ford  
Bro. Alan Alexander Landers  
West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge  
Wor. Thomas Lawson Hewitt

**WEYMOUTH UNITED MASONIC LODGE**

Bro. Charles Edward Evors Sr  
Bro. Carl Alfred Gustafson  
Bro. Theodore Richard Hawkes

**WILDER LODGE**

Bro. Ronall Hopkins Day  
Bro. William Seuss

**WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER-KILWINNING LODGE**

Bro. William Steve Panagiotakos

**WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE**

Bro. Joseph Attubato  
Bro. James Harry Magill  
Bro. Thomas Frederick Richards

**WYOMING LODGE**

Bro. Hugh Alvin Dean Hartman

# ONE 50 YEAR VETERAN'S MASONIC HISTORY



*Wor. John Franklin Hill*

Rt. Wor. Jon Gregory Adams Hill was installed Worshipful Master by his father on November 13, 1972. This is the fourth consecutive generation of father and son of the same family to be installed as Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Beverly, MA.

**Rt. Wor. John Beckford Hill, 33°**

Born: September 24, 1824  
Entered: December 4, 1848  
Passed: January 8, 1849  
Raised: February 5, 1849  
Departed: March 29, 1904

**Wor. John Beckford Hill**

Born: November 1, 1897  
Entered: March 23, 1931  
Passed: April 27, 1931  
Raised: May 25, 1931 by his father,  
Wor. John F. Hill  
Departed: March 19, 1990



*Wor. John Beckford Hill*

**Wor. John Franklin Hill**

Born: January 10, 1856  
Entered: February 17, 1879  
Passed: March 17, 1879  
Raised: April 21, 1879 by his father,  
Rt. Wor. John B. Hill  
Departed: April 16, 1942

**Rt. Wor. John Gregory Adams Hill, 33°**

Born: October 18, 1941  
Entered: March 27, 1967  
Passed: April 24, 1967  
Raised: May 22, 1967 by his father,  
Wor. John B. Hill

# Lodge in Focus: EZEKIEL BATES

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## A Man, A Mason, A Treasure

In 1950, Freemasonry was on the rise, there were over 3.6 Million Americans Freemasons. One of those Masons was a Boston man by the name of Nicholas Spear. At the age of 37 he sought to join Freemasonry, he made his application to Loyalty Lodge in Jamaica Plain a small suburb of Boston where Sam Adams (The Beer) has its brewery lab.

I never met Wor. Bro. Spear or sat in a lodge with him. In fact Wor. Bro. Spear passed to the Celestial Lodge 15 years ago. All I know of him is in a small leather briefcase that his Granddaughter Jennifer Nicholson held on to for the simple fact that she knew it was important to him. Through my sister, this briefcase of history found its way to me.

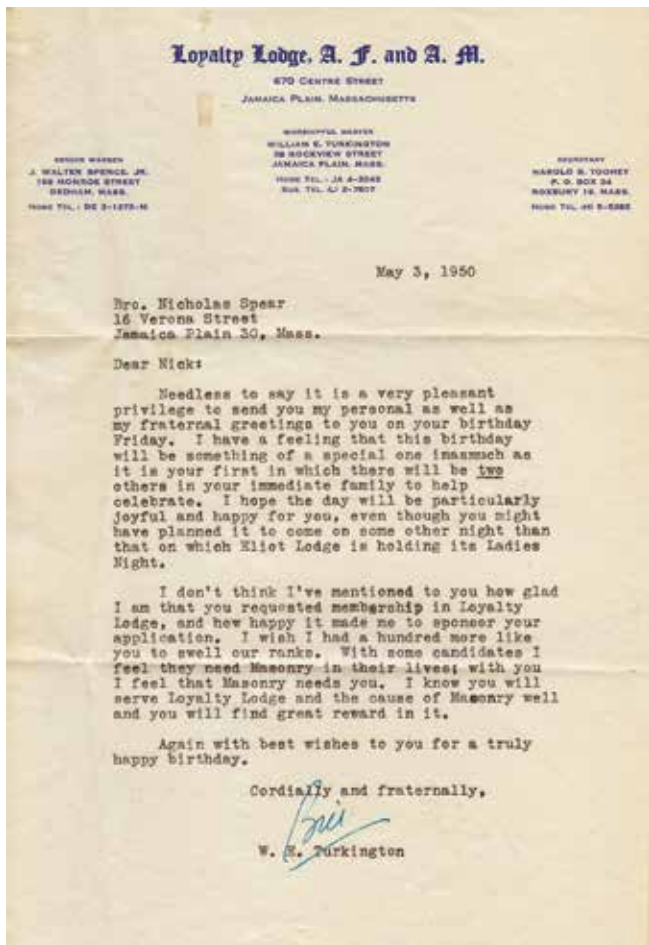
Wor. Bro. Spear kept a meticulous record of his Masonic Career, which whether he knew or not was the history of his lodge. Loyalty Lodge merged in 1983 to form Loyalty-Reality Lodge which Bro. Spear was elected the Charter Master, which merged in 1991 to form

Cosmopolitan Lodge which ceased to exist in 2013. Loyalty Lodge like many others is now just a piece of history that some come across whether by accident or on purpose but, for the most part many just a piece of the past.

So, what Brother Spear had actually done was compile a time capsule of records and photographs from the 1950's and early 60's that highlighted the life in Boston during the peak of Masonic Membership. It captures the move of Loyalty Lodge from Jamaica Plain to Hyde Park in 1963, the Summer picnic trips to the original Masonic Home in Charlton.

Now much of the collection has been scanned in and will make its way to the Grand Historian for Massachusetts Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt to be placed in the Grand Lodge Archives. How many more Nicholas Spear's were out there? Dutifully capturing history. How many other faithful relatives are holding onto boxes of history, knowing it is important but, not knowing what to do with it. Now Nicholas Spear is preserved and shared on the web for the world to see his dedication and passion for Freemasonry.

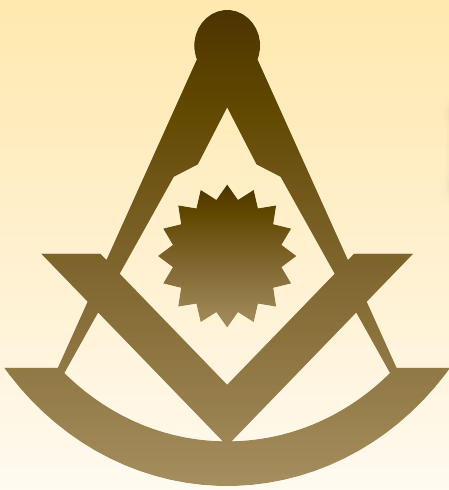
If you have old photographs or other records, there is always a place for them. - Bro. Bryan Simmons



**Top:** One of the wonderful things you will find at Ezekiel Bates Lodge along with the Attleboro Masonic Museum, This is the emblem in relief of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm; **Middle:** A birthday greeting from the Master of Loyalty Lodge to Bro. Spear; **Right:** A photo of Bro. Spear, circled, with his Lodge.







# 50 YEAR PAST MASTERS

The following Masons served their lodges as master in 1967. Listed in alphabetical order by name of the lodge served, which in many cases is not the lodge of which the honoree is now a member. These past masters are recognized in 2017 with certificates of service from the Grand Master.

Rt. Wor. Wesley R. Boutelle  
*Artisan Lodge, Winchendon*

Wor. David Burton Grimes  
*Ashler Lodge, Rockport*

Wor. Charles A. Lipsett, Jr.  
*Azure Lodge, Walpole*

Wor. Ronald E. Lohnes  
*Belcher Lodge, Chicopee Falls*

Wor. Willard C. Gowen  
*Bethany Lodge, Amesbury*

Wor. Irwin R. Macey  
*Boston University Lodge, Boston*

Wor. Howard N. Kane  
*Charles River Lodge, West Medway*

Rt. Wor. Sidney Weiner  
*Chicopee Lodge, Springfield*

Rt. Wor. John M. Watson  
*Cincinnatus Lodge, Great Barrington*

Wor. Phillip C. Davis  
*Eureka Lodge, New Bedford*

Wor. Paul F. Rubin  
*Freedom Lodge, Watertown*

Wor. Jack E. Colby  
*Ionic Lodge, Easthampton*

Wor. Kendall P. Kellaway  
*John Cutler Lodge, East Bridgewater*

Rt. Wor. Gerald H. Jordan  
*Jordan Lodge, Peabody*

Rt. Wor. Nelson C. Pratt, Jr.  
*Konohassett Lodge, Cohasset*

Wor. Edward J. Konopka, Jr.  
*Lafayette Lodge, North Adams*

Wor. Walter J. Collyer  
*Lafayette Lodge, Norwood*

Wor. David W. Sadick  
*Level Lodge, Shrewsbury*

Wor. David Ferreira  
*Massasoit Lodge, Fall River*

Wor. William H. Leno  
*Morning Sun Lodge, Conway*

Wor. Edwin A. Rose  
*Mount Sugar Loaf Lodge, So. Deerfield*

Wor. Joseph Shagoury  
*Mount Tabor Lodge, Boston*

Wor. Merton B. Baker  
*Mount Zion Lodge, Barre*

Wor. Robert J. Stallard  
*Netop Lodge, Seekonk*

Wor. Martin A. Samuels  
*Noddle's Island Lodge, Boston*

Wor. Joseph A. Spousta  
*North Reading Lodge, North Reading*

Wor. Robert N. Worthington  
*Paskamansett Lodge, New Bedford*

Wor. Arthur M. Glaser  
*Perfection Lodge, Framingham*

Wor. Charles H. Baldwin  
*Phoenix Lodge, Hanover*

Rt. Wor. Emmett B. Baker  
*Plymouth Lodge, Plymouth*

Wor. Robert S. Hansson  
*Rufus Putnam Lodge, Rutland*

Wor. Robert A. Domingue  
*Saint Matthew's Lodge, Andover*

Wor. Kenneth W. Roberts  
*Samuel Osgood Lodge, Springfield*

Wor. Lewis E. Staples  
*Thomas Talbot Lodge, Billerica*

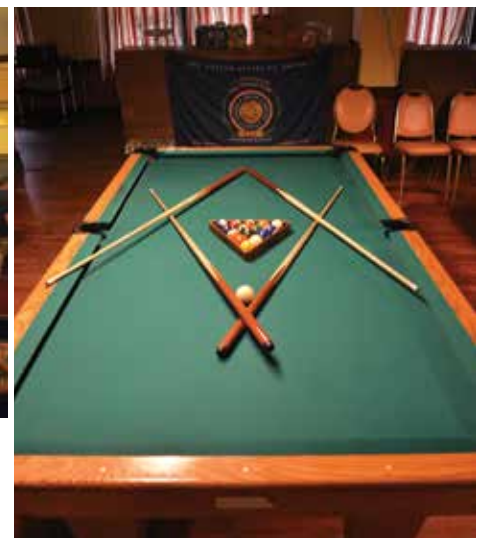
Wor. Allen C. Mello  
*William Sewall Gardner Lodge, Lowell*

Wor. Charles R. Moffatt  
*Wisdom Lodge, West Stockbridge*



**Brothers who served as District  
Deputy Grand Master in 1967**

Rt. Wor. Joseph H. Liss  
*Pittsfield 16th Masonic District*



**Left:** An old, engraved marble sound block, or anvil, is preserved and repurposed; **Center:** Many happy members of the Ezekiel Bates community enjoy their annual smoker; **Right:** One of the pool tables at EzeKiel Bates' Lodge dressed up for the smoker.

# FRATERNITY News & Events

## Play Ball, 19th District!



*Fall River Lodges take home the trophy for the 19th District, donate the proceeds to The Nicholas Wayne Fernandes Memorial Foundation.*

It was a cold February night when the challenge went out from District Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Thomas O. Dexter of the 19th Masonic District. During that Lodge of Instruction, he asked a small group of brothers to come up with an idea for an event to spread fraternalism. And despite the conditions on that late winter night they thought a warm, sunny afternoon on a softball diamond would bring Brothers from the district's nine lodges together.

That night the 19th District Softball Tournament was born. The group began with five Brothers but eventually grew to eight—Bros. Oscar Burgos (Massasoit-Narragansett) Brian Fernandes, JP Masella, Eric Medeiros, Adam Pimentel (Star in the East), Luis Ferreira (Mount Hope), Ross Gallant (George H. Taber) and Jeffrey Parker (Noquochoke).

The geography of the district lent itself to the creation of three teams.

## 9th Tours Grand Lodge For New Master Masons

The Ninth District's 2nd Annual Special Tour of Grand Lodge for recently raised Master Masons was conducted on Saturday June 10, 2017.

Chalked full of history, stories, humor this is a special tour conducted once a year and lasts nearly 3 hours and often some 'secrets are revealed'.

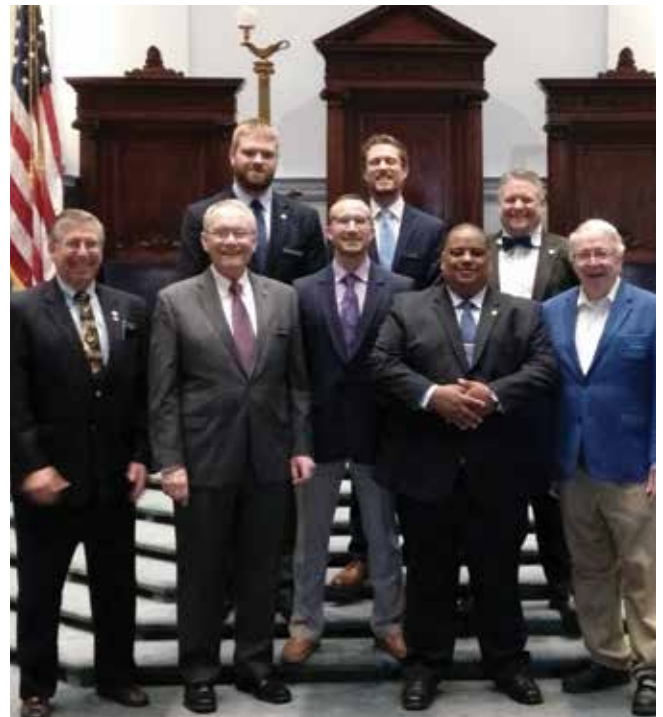
A look at the halls, walls, portraits, floors, busts and library will never be the same after attending this tour.

Our tour was conducted by Brother John Montanus of Wyoming Lodge in Melrose and coordinated by Brother Lanning Levine of Philanthropic Lodge of Marblehead.

Attending in the photograph: Front row left to right, are Brothers, Lanning Levine, Glenn Hammer, Orest Manzi IV, Anthony Contreras, John Montanus (Tour Guide). Back row, Nicholas Broughton, John Post and Edward Marcey.

After the tour, all adjourned to a local establishment for lunch, where the questions and answers kept flowing with Brother Montanus.

*-Bro. Lanning Levine*





With three lodges each in New Bedford and Fall River, and single lodges in Fairhaven, Marion, and Westport each team would be made of up of members according to the location of their blue lodge. Over the next four months the group worked together to plan and coordinate a number of issues. A date and location were settled on, July 15th in Dartmouth, MA. A flyer to be posted in lodges and a Facebook invite were created to spread the word. Hats and t-shirts were designed for players. A fee of \$150 per lodge was asked for to cover costs with all left over funds going to the winning team to donate to the charity of their choice.

As July approached the organizers visited the lodges of the district to personally pitch the tournament idea, drum up enthusiasm and sign up players. Finally, after months of planning and getting the details worked out the day arrived.

Despite a brief passing shower, to the great relief of the organizers, Brothers came out to play. Three full teams of players and many other brothers who came out simply to enjoy the comradery of brothers and their families from

around the district.

To keep everyone fed and hydrated throughout the day the Phoenix Chapter Order of DeMolay was there to handle concessions. With the support of chapter Dads Rt. Wor. Jerry Bergeron, Bro. David Saucier and mom Debra Saucier the boys served the usual cookout and baseball-related fare. And for their hard work Phoenix chapter got to keep all of the proceeds they made from the event.

As for the softball on the field, it was at various times impressive, comical, and competitive. Two preliminary games set up a winner-take-all third game between the New Bedford and Fall River lodges. New Bedford jumped out to an early lead but Fall River came on strong to win the game and the take home the trophy. The charity of their choice was The Nicholas Wayne Fernandes Memorial Foundation. Named after the son of brother Brian Fernandes, the foundation gives \$7000 annually to students from the greater New Bedford area and works to help to raise awareness for suicide prevention.

*-Bro Adam Pimentel*

## Kamel Holland Awards

On June 21, 2017, at the Massachusetts Council of Deliberations meeting, Sovereign Grand Commander John Wm. McNaughton, in the presence of the M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason, awarded Rt. Wor. Bill Holland the Daniel D. Tompkins Award for Distinguished Service and the Sovereign Grand Commander's Medal for Distinguished Service to Rt. Wor. Kamel Oussayef.

The Daniel Tompkins Medal is named for Daniel D. Tompkins, first Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. He also served the nation as its vice president, under President James Monroe. It may be conferred by the Supreme Council or by the Sovereign Grand Commander upon a deserving Masonic or Scottish Rite Brother who has rendered outstanding distinguished and exemplary service to his country or the Masonic fraternity at large not often witnessed among the

general membership.

The Sovereign Grand Commander may, at his discretion, bestow his personal award upon a deserving Masonic or Scottish Rite Brother whom he considers to have rendered outstanding distinguished and exemplary service to the Masonic fraternity at large. The recipient of this prestigious award must have demonstrated such service to the Scottish Rite not often witnessed among the general membership.

*-Wor. Kamel Oussayef*

*Left: Rt. Wor. Kamel Oussayef, and Right, Rt. Wor. Bill Holland with the Sovereign Grand Commander John Wm. McNaughton receiving Distinguished Service and Daniel Tompkins awards respectively.*





Standing (L-R) Lawrence S. Santos Jr., George M. Panagakos, Jason B. Faulk, August R. Cote Sr., Roger P. Galipeau, John P. Masella, David W. Viator, Eric S. Medeiros, George R. Mendonca.  
 -Photos courtesy: Bro. Adam M. Pimentel

## Wor. Stanley S. Clayson Celebrated

On April 23rd, members of Star in the East lodge of New Bedford visited Past Master Stanley S. Clayson at his residence at The Oaks nursing home in New Bedford. The occasion was to celebrate his 55th Masonic birthday.

Because PM Clayson has not been able to attend lodge for some time, Worshipful Master Roger P. Galipeau and his Senior and Junior Wardens, RW August R. Cote Sr. and Brother John P. Masella, respectively, along with the others opened lodge in a private dining room furnished by The Oaks. Clayson, who was Star in the East Master in 1965, was surprised

and thrilled to see his brothers adorned in white aprons and jewels. After opening lodge, all in attendance enjoyed birthday cake, coffee, and fraternity.

Clayson, 93, is the oldest living Past Master of Star in the East. He is also a past High Priest of Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter in New Bedford. Clayson was pleased to catch up with PM George M. Panagakos whom he himself raised 52 years ago. Clayson reminded us some things never change by recounting how the lodge would receive films of the past week's football games for the brothers to gather and watch.

Since no birthday would be complete without a gift, PM David W. Viator was pleased to present Clayson with a trowel pin that afternoon. A fitting symbol on a day when brothers from across different eras gathered to spread brotherly love.

Other Star in the East brothers in attendance for the occasion were Lawrence S. Santos Jr., Worshipful Master of Quittacus lodge in New Bedford, Dr. Jason B. Falk, Eric S. Medeiros, George R. Mendonca and Bro. Adam M. Pimentel.

-Bro. Adam M. Pimentel



## 300th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England

On June 24, 2017 Masons from all over the world celebrated the 300th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England. On this date in 1717, four lodges met at the Goose and Gridiron Tavern in London and convened the first Grand Lodge on record, ushering in the Grand Lodge Era.

At The Overlook in Charlton, MA, the gathering was commemorated by an open celebration with spouses and guests to enjoy elements of a traditional festive board common during masonic meetings in the 18th century.

With a bevy of speeches and toasts spearheaded by The Overlook's own, Rt. Wor. H. Richard Cornwell, fellow masons addressed the tenets of Masonry: Brotherly love, Relief, and Truth.

Discussing the importance and relevance of such decrees, highlighted by the good (and largely unknown) works of The Masonic Education and Charity Trust, The Masonic Angel Fund, Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc., The Brotherhood Fund, etc.; whether sponsoring two hospitals in Massachusetts (Springfield and Boston), providing modest assistance to children in need (glasses, a coat, shoes, field trip

*The Overlook's Rt. Wor. H. Richard Cornwell dressed for the occasion.*



fees) to offering lifesaving treatment in burn care, spinal cord injury, orthopedics, even to a variety of contributions at The Overlook; the grand endeavor of the Masons was revealed: true philanthropy.

Massachusetts, the third oldest Lodge in the world, only England, and Ireland have precedence; Grand Master, M.W. Paul F. Gleason (of Massachusetts) is the third most important Mason in the world. Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest fraternity. Chartered on 09/12/1928 by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Rose of Sharon Lodge A.F. & A.M. (Ancient Free and Accepted Masons), is a Masonic Lodge in Charlton, Massachusetts. Rose of Sharon Lodge is part of District 24.

-*Suzy Geers*



*The Masons and guests toast the men and Women in the United States Military.*

## Empty Chair Degree Performed

MONTGOMERY LODGE – On the 29th of May at the special communication of Montgomery Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Brothers of Montgomery Lodge performed a public Empty Chair Degree. The Empty, or Vacant, Chair Degree is a public ceremony that dates back to 1875, after the close of the American Civil War. The Degree is performed to honor and remember all enlisted Freemasons who did not return from the war. Attendees included not only Masons from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, but the Young Marines of Milford also participated with a color guard. Several others were in attendance including selectmen Michael Walsh, William Buckley, and William Kingkade, Jr.

Although inclusive and meant to recognize all fallen Freemasons, the Degree was directed towards Major General Richard Montgomery, for whom the Lodge is named after. Brother Montgomery was a British soldier who later joined the

Continental Army during the American Revolution. After several successful battles, Brother Montgomery ultimately gave his life in a failed siege against the British in Quebec City,

December 31, 1775.

Montgomery Lodge would like to thank all those who attended this important and solemn event.

-*Bro. Paul Nevins*

*Montgomery Lodge stands in a solemn salute of the fallen Freemasons, in particular, their namesake, Bro. Major General Richard Montgomery.*



# Charter Found



**Top and center:** Newspaper photos of the day after the conflagration of Oddfellows Hall in Walpole in March 3rd 1934. **Bottom:** The Author and Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt, Grand Historian examining the duplicate Charter which was assumed by all to be the Original.

It was a typical dreary Tuesday commute into Boston on the ironically named “Expressway” when my phone rang. Not recognizing the number I hesitated, then answered with trepidation. The caller began “Worshipful Craig!” I relaxed, knowing that it was a Brother calling.

“I have some great news for you! This is Worshipful Kevin Foley of Eastern Star Lodge in Rehoboth. Do you know where the Original Charter is for Azure Lodge?”

Surprised, I responded “Well I hope it’s in its case, locked up in the closet in Lodge.”

“Wrong” he replied “I have it—it’s in my living room at home!” Now completely confused but equally intrigued I listened to the story.

In 1921, it was in the hearts of two Master Masons, Maynard H. Boyden and Chester B. Gove, that there should be and could be a Masonic Lodge in Walpole. There were over one hundred Masons in Walpole who had not affiliated with either Orient Lodge in Norwood or Saint Albans Lodge in Foxborough because of transportation or other reasons.

Accordingly, a petition was sent to Grand Lodge and on June 14th 1922, a Charter was granted by M. Wor. Arthur D. Prince to Azure Lodge, Walpole.

Azure’s great fortune continued until the fateful night of Saturday March 3rd 1934, when a conflagration engulfed the Odd Fellows Hall—the meeting place of both Azure Lodge and Reliance Oddfellows was in ruins. All of the regalia and furnishings were destroyed. The Master, Wor. John H. Peebles, instructed the Secretary make a special notation in the Lodge records to document the extent of the fire.

The Lodge was rebuilt but the location of the Original Charter, despite being well documented by the Lodge Secretary, was housed in the vault of the Walpole Trust Company seemed to have become lost with the lapse of time. A duplicate Charter was commissioned on February 20th 1937, from Grand Lodge which was granted by the Grand Secretary Frederick W Hamilton. This is the Charter which all the Brethren have subsequently assumed is our original Charter.

Bro. Kurt Pearson was raised in August 2012 in Eastern Star Lodge in Rehoboth and is a proud and active member. His stepfather, Wor. Kevin Foley

## 1st, 2nd, and 4th Districts Hold Joint Lodge of Qualification for 12 new Masters:



- Wor. Jonathan D. Roger, Boston University Lodge
- Wor. Ozge Yavuz, Charity Lodge
- Wor. David Carr, Joseph Webb Lodge
- Wor. Philip A. Dubey,  
Major General Henry Knox Lodge
- Wor. Matt Koehr, Mount Lebanon Lodge
- Wor. Michael J. Chaplin, Mount Olivet Lodge
- Wor. Jeffrey Soriano, Mount Vernon/Galilean Lodge
- Wor. Daniel Kurtzer, Palestine Lodge
- Wor. Tyler Stowell, St. John’s Lodge
- Wor. Joseph Sussmeyer, The Consolidated Lodge
- Wor. Joseph Ghiglieri, The Harvard Lodge
- Wor. Thomas Appleton, The Lodge of St. Andrews



# After 80 Years

is currently the presiding Master. This particular day Bro. Pearson was instructed by his employer to clear out business premises in Walpole, adjacent to Azure Lodge and shred all documents stored in a secure room that had lain untouched for many years. Whilst systematically destroying the records in this room, he spotted a familiar storage case gathering dust at the back of a locked closet. Carefully opening the case confirmed his suspicions that he had come across a Lodge Charter. He immediately contacted his stepfather and informed him that he had just found the Original Charter of Azure Lodge—lost for over 80 years! Wor. Bro. Foley contacted me with the great and surprising news.

So on the evening of June 28th 2017, with the sidelines of Azure Lodge packed with 80 Brothers from the 7th and 16th District and in the presence of M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts and his distinguished Grand Lodge Officers, Rt. Wor. Walter H. Hunt initially enthralled us with a history of Azure Lodge, its Charter and Grand Master M. Wor. Arthur D. Prince. Following this, Rt. Wor. Peter J. MacDonald, Past DDGM of the 7th District, gave a presentation about Azure Lodge and the devastating fire of our home in Odd Fellows Hall in 1934. He showed us some of the artifacts that had miraculously survived the conflagration outlined by secretary's notation of March 3rd 1934.

At this point in the proceedings, our Grand Master called Bro. Kurt Pearson of Eastern Star Lodge in Rehoboth to the East and asked him to describe his serendipitous discovery of our lost Charter. The audience was fascinated by Bro. Kurt's story of his fortuitous uncovering of the missing Charter and surprised and elated with its homecoming. Only a Master Mason would recognize a Lodge Charter and had another employee been tasked with clearing out that secure room that day, almost certainly our Manuscript would have been destroyed forever.

The Original Charter was ceremoniously presented to M. Wor. Bro. Gleason who returned the document back to pride of place in the East of Azure Lodge after 80 years hidden from the eyes of man.

The duplicate Charter is now framed and hangs in our Banquet Hall as a memorial of a great loss and an even greater discovery.

*-Wor. Gordon M. Craig*



*Top: Wor. Kevin Foley Master of Eastern Star Lodge, M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason and Bro. Kurt Pearson who discovered the original charter. Bottom: The Original Charter and case as found by Bro. Kurt Pearson of Eastern Star Lodge in Rehobeth.*

## Columbian Donates To Shrine

Wor. Peter J. Lawson and members of Columbian Lodge in Boston presented Illustrious Potentate Francis J. Mason and Past Potentate Stephen G. Eriksen with a \$5000 donation to the Aleppo Shrine Children's Transportation Fund at the 2017 Aleppo "Smoker" on February 24th at the Aleppo Shrine building in Wilmington. The lodge buys a table at this event every year as an opportunity to enjoy camaraderie, comedy, a delicious meal, and a selection of premium cigars, all for a very worthy cause.

*-Wor. Daniel R. Madore*



# Panama District Celebrates 100th



At Panama's 100th anniversary, left to right, M. Wor. Roberto Cueto, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Panama; M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason; Rt. Wor. George O'Masta Jr. District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge at the Panama Canal; Rt. Wor. Michael A. Ross, Deputy District Grand Master, Rt. Wor. John Bernard Bamber and Rt. Wor. James Cook. Flag Bearers: Panamanian Flag Bro. Eladio Tribaldos, USA Flag, Bro. Benito Colon Sanchez, a.k.a Sgt. Major "Benny."

On February 9th 2017, we celebrated the first 100 years of the Panama Canal District. In commemoration of that august moment, brothers from across the globe were invited to Panama for a 3 days celebration. This celebration included, District Grand Lodge (DGL) Proceedings, partial traffic across the Canal, and Centennial Banquet among others. We opened our celebration with the DGL Proceedings, after welcoming M. Wor. Paul F Gleason and M. Wor. Roberto Cueto, both flags, American and Panamanian flag were received with grand honors. Bearing the US flag was Brother Benito Colon Sanchez, better known as Sgt. Major Sanchez. Brother Benny is a Vietnam veteran, and an active member of the District, dividing his time between Gatun Lodge, Eloy Alfaro Lodge and the Scottish Rite.

-Wor. Eduardo Crocama V

## Flash Mob continued from page 3

The night chosen happened to coincide with then Rt. Wor. John Mathews Fraternal visit. He too was awestruck at seeing the very long line of Brethren waiting to enter his home Lodge. Present in the flash mob were then Rt. Wor. William H. Paul (DDGM of 26th district), all five current Masters of the district (Republican, Harmony, North Quabbin, Mountain, and Mt. Sugarloaf), many Past Masters and Past DDGMs, several brothers and one newly passed Fellowcraft.

Wor. Jim Vassar has captained this project since its inception.

-Bro. B. Mark Hutchinson



Proud is the word that was felt as Bro. Matthew Salloway finished his Second Degree with his father, Bro. Richard B. Salloway and Master of Moses Michael Hays Lodge, Wor. Ed Needell.





# THE YOUNG TYLER

by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

The Young Tyler left the dining hall, well fed after a wonderful Masonic Breakfast. His Junior Warden came up behind him and poked his belly.

"Watch that waist, my Brother. You'll have more girth than you know what to do with."

The Young Tyler laughed and said, "Too late, I'm already tipping the scales a bit plumper than before joining the line."

"On the one hand, we all need to keep up our strength, but we must stay healthy. We have an important job."

"You mean tying the door? I know it is crucial, but is it important?"

The Junior Warden smiled and said, "No that's your job inside the Lodge. The big job is outside of the Lodge."

"Well, yes, my work is important, at least to me."

"Close, but no cigar," replied the Junior Warden, "I'm talking about the work that we do outside the Lodge for our Brothers, for the Lodge, for Freemasonry, and for our community. Some people might even say the work we do outside the Lodge is for the world."

"Ok, I'm so full I could burst, but you are going to have to sit on the porch with me for a moment and explain what you mean."

"No problem. Let us, therefore, repair to the smoking lounge," replied the Junior Warden with a haughty tone.

The pair went to the elevated porch and looked out over the busy street below. The Junior Warden fired up a stogie, kicked back, and said, "That guy wearing the blue coat, is he a Mason?" he said offering the Young Tyler a cigar.

"I don't know," replied the Young Tyler, declining the cigar in favor of his favorite vape flavor.

"Well, neither do I. What I do know is that if he isn't a Mason, then Masonry may be here to help him. Do you think you get your money's worth in Masonry?"

"Absolutely, it is a great thing."

"Do you think, if he met our standards, he would benefit from being a Brother?"

"Every man I know would benefit from being a Mason," replied the Young Tyler firmly.

"Odd, I have the same feeling. We can help these men by helping them become Brothers. This helps them as Masonry has helped us." The Junior Warden blew a billow of smoke. "But does it do something else?" he asked the Young Tyler.

"Well, I guess it helps the Lodge. I mean, more Brothers make us able to do more things."

"You guess? C'mon, you know it helps the Lodge and Freemasonry. But you touched on an interesting point: we can do more things with more Brothers. What sort of things are you thinking about?"

The Young Tyler chose to avoid guessing, blew a cloud of steam, and said, "We can do more charity work, either with our hands, our minds, or our dollars, that's for sure."

The Junior Warden smiled, cigar wedged between his teeth, "And those 'things', who benefits from our doing them?"

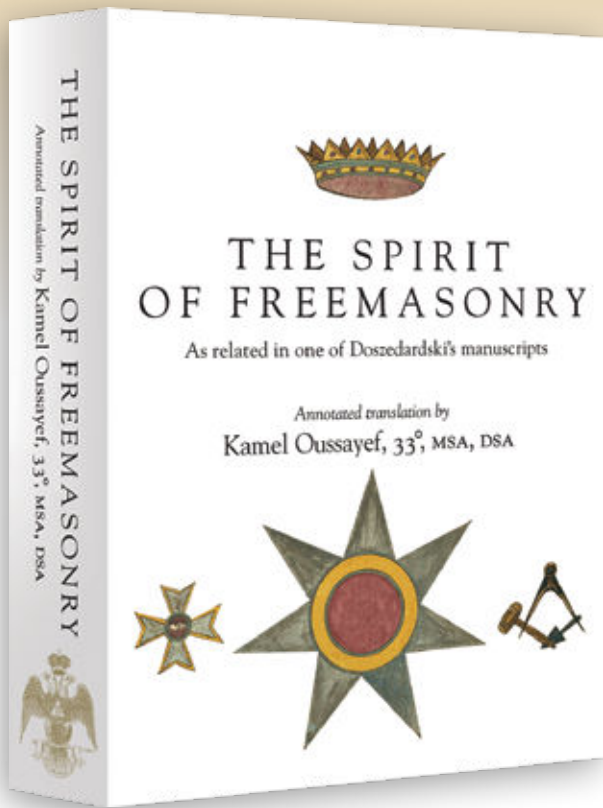
"We do. I've been surprised every time I've participated in either delivering food, cleaning the roadside, helping with a MyCHiP event, or anything, I've felt great about myself. But I think I see what you are getting at: we are doing many layers of things with every charitable work."

"When we do those things," the Junior Warden smiled, "we help ourselves, we help the Fraternity, we help the situation in which we are directly assisting, and we help the world by making it a better place. That is why the next Brother is so important: without him, we are less than we could be."

The Young Tyler took a puff, patted his growing belly, thought about joining a gym, looked with the Junior Warden at the men in the street, and thought of his friends at work. The one who is happily married; the one who works hard but doesn't care about the credit; the one who is always friendly. And then he thought of each of them in his Lodge and what that would mean to everything. Yes, everything. ■



# New Book “The Spirit of Freemasonry” Published



The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library in Lexington, Massachusetts is pleased to announce the publication of the “The Spirit of Freemasonry” on August 15th, 2017.

The 500-page book includes a fascinating annotated translation of a rare Masonic Manuscript (circa 1804). It is divided into 12 independent chapters that can be read in any order. They describe various Masonic subjects that often might seem exotic, strange, mysterious or even bizarre to us in the 21st century.

These chapters reveal old rituals belonging to or inspired by Freemasonry and lectures written to convey the mandatory instruction given to a Brother Mason after passing to a higher degree. Some of these writings are very interesting dissertations on the history or philosophy of humankind and of Freemasonry. Other lighter topics include, for example, the protocol of a “Table Lodge,” which is fully described and its vocabulary explained. For example, to the initiated, “to fire a cannon loaded with strong red powder” meant “to drink a glass of red wine.” This rare manuscript also covers many other fascinating and intriguing themes.



The 24th Masonic District, Bethesda Lodge, Charity Lodge, Columbian Lodge, DeWitt Clinton Lodge, Frank W. Thompson Lodge, King David Lodge, Massachusetts Consistory Guard, May Flower Lodge, Norfolk Lodge, Pequotette Lodge, Social Harmony Lodge, and the Worshipful Masters’ Association of SE Massachusetts presented generous donations to the Grand Master for the Brotherhood Fund. Amity-Mosaic Lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge, Mystic Valley Lodge, and Oriental-Martha’s Vineyard Lodge presented generous donations to the Grand Master for Grand Lodge.





It is our belief that this book, and particularly the footnotes that read like paragraphs of a mystery novel, will cast a brighter light on Masonic texts, symbols, rituals, definitions, secret alphabets and calendars that up to now were thought to be incomprehensible.

The manuscript belongs to the famous Doszedardski collection of Masonic documents preserved at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library in Lexington, Massachusetts. It contains full-color photo facsimile of 225 beautifully calligraphed pages, four hand-painted drawings of old Masonic symbols and rare diplomas in shimmering colors.

Doszedardski was a prominent Freemason who held the prestigious title of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd. He described himself in one of his manuscripts as Doctor in Medicine, Count, Knight and former Captain. He was born in Warsaw, Poland in 1770.

A polyglot, he travelled extensively in Europe, the Caribbean Sea, more particularly in Cuba and San Domingo and a few areas of the United States. The later part of his life is unknown, however, a diploma issued by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana on June 11, 1814 attests that he was a member of "La Persévérance No. 4" a French Masonic Lodge in New Orleans.

The date and place of his death are still puzzling

researchers. It is bewildering that so many prominent Masons have left so little trace of their passage on earth. Despite the substantiated information that every Masonic organization is supposed to gather on its members and the records they must keep, we only have fragments of early Brothers' Masonic or "civilian" careers which, deplorably, seemed to fade out as they advanced in age.

Occasionally, we get a glance at their travels when the cities or towns they visited are mentioned in Masonic registers, letters or diplomas. Rarely do we know their place of birth or that of their death. Of the same vein, Doszedardski's mysterious life does not escape the "curse" of so many of the Brothers who preceded him. Only Pine Street Cemetery in Gallipolis, Ohio, oddly mentions the name Doszedardski on its webpage.

This annotated translation represents a yearlong work by our Illustrious Brother Kamel Oussayef, 33°, MSA, DSA. He is associated with several Symbolic Blue Lodges and is the Past Master of two of them. He is presently an Assistant Master of Ceremonies in The Massachusetts Consistory of the Valley of Boston. Advanced orders will be accepted through the NMJ Supreme Council website by visiting the NMJ Shop. The unit price is \$75 (plus shipping).

*-Rt. Wor. Kamel Oussayef, 33°, MSA, DSA*



► **June Quarterly** continued from page 8

Crucial to membership, the biggest priority for Grand Lodge, is the Investigation Committee, said the Grand Master. To function properly, the Investigation Committee must follow the guidelines outlined in The Master's Agenda reference guide all Masters received at their Master's Path session. It is also available from the supply office.

The good news on membership is that over 300 Massachusetts residents have inquired about becoming Freemasons. Each district has had at least one inquiry and 122 lodges have been sent potential candidates. We are on pace to receive 1500 new inquiries this year.

The bad news on membership is that we project a lower annual membership total than last year. **"I urge each lodge to take a hard look at the person who is the Membership Chairman, and ask if he is the right person for the job. This might seem harsh for me to suggest, but we need to face facts. The end result of not putting in the work to solve this challenge now is being forced to surrender your lodge charter later. I know no one in this room today wants to see that happen."**

The Grand Master asked lodges doing well with membership "not to rest on their laurels. Your brethren need your help more than ever. Your successes can serve as a template for others to follow. And brethren, if you feel you need it, don't hesitate to ask successful lodges for assistance."

The next Open House, the Grand Master noted, is



**The Grand Master is presented framed photos commemorating the Mason on Sight raising.**

scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. He encouraged lodges to plan, work together, and have the most successful open house ever. "My officers and I will be making the rounds that day to see the great programs each of you will come up with," said the Grand Master.

"Our goal is to replace ourselves to make sure this Fraternity has a brighter future. To accomplish this, we need to work together. Let's pause and reflect this summer about how to do that successfully when we meet again in the fall. Thank you, Brethren," the Grand Master said as he closed his remarks to a standing ovation.

After thanking the Grand Organist, Wor. George Wiseman, the Grand Master closed the quarterly in ample form. ■

► **Most Worshipful Prince** continued from page 13

*For, groping day by day  
Along the stony way,  
We need the comrade heart  
That understands,  
And the warmth, the living warmth  
Of human hands.*

In his latter years he was slowed by infirmity, but his spirit never flagged, and was present at Grand Lodge events until health no longer permitted it. He passed into the Celestial Lodge in October 1950. The many attendees at his memorial service shared their fond memories of this "friend to humanity". R. W. and Reverend Brother Thomas S. Roy, soon to be elected Grand Master, offered a stirring tribute in which he said the following words:

*"He had a natural gift of friendship. He had a real interest in, and sympathy for all that concerned those about him. He had a warm and kindling quality in his nature that drew others to him as to one whom they had known always. And so he left no wounds to be healed, no scars in the lives of others. His life had many facets, and he expressed himself in many abilities, but these are all lost in our thought of him as a friend."* ■

► **Prodigal Mason** continued from page 9

Janet and I often joke that when our children were growing up we told them to follow their dreams no matter where they took them. Now we have to tell them we were only kidding.

We tell our children we go to England two or three times a year to visit with them. Of course, the real attraction is our five-year-old granddaughter Penney.

When I think about spending that day in Sherborne meeting our English brothers, I also think it will be just 16 short years until the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will be celebrating our Tercentenary. I wonder what we will be doing to celebrate our 300 years of Masonic friendship and fellowship.

I honestly think I will be here celebrating with my Massachusetts brothers. And who knows, I may still be passing my thoughts on to you. One day I may tell you the story of Massachusetts Masons celebrating a milestone and remembering the day I sat in an English church and joined with my brothers celebrating the day 300 years earlier which saw the birth of the Fraternity as we know it, the birth of the greatest organization conceived in the minds of men. ■



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