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From the East of Grand Lodge

PAUL F. GLEASON



Brethren,

A new Masonic year! Are you ready? With some advanced planning, you will be!

For our lodge Pillar Officers - especially the Worshipful Master - what events have you planned that your members will enjoy and want to return for? A Table Lodge? How about a trip to the theatre, or a sports event? What about inter-district meetings, or holiday and widows' breakfasts? Maybe miniature golf, or a bowling tournament? Better yet, a charitable walk? Or even a pig roast?

How about some improvements inside and outside of your Masonic apartments? You never get a second chance to make a first impression; your apartments are one of the first tangible impressions of Masonry that a prospective candidate will experience!

Are you ready for the Golden Gavel Awards? If you haven't already, list those Golden Gavel categories that your lodge can compete in - and work on doing them even better. Sample categories include: Best Charitable Event, Best Rusty Brothers Program, and Best Masonic Service Project. There are 12 total categories - surely your lodge excels in two or three

of them. Let's get started! [For more information about the Golden Gavel award categories go to massmasons.org or tiny.cc/GoldenGavel--Ed.]

Sideline Brothers - your lodge needs your ideas too! What activities do you want to participate in? Make sure your officers have them on their agenda, and offer to help make them happen. Have an idea for an activity "we've never done before?" Great! Sketch out a plan and propose it to your officers. Be warned though - this is a good route to the title of Project Chairman, and subsequently that of Line Officer!

Finally, to all of you reading this message, plan to come to your lodge's activities, and to join me at the exciting events already scheduled for this year by your Grand Lodge: The Bow Tie Benefit Gala, the Feast of St John, our Spring One Day Class (made even better with a new candidate), the Golden Gavel Awards, and finally, Masonic Con. I look forward to having another full and rewarding Masonic year that your plans and participation will only improve.



Cordially & Fraternally,

Paul F. Gleason

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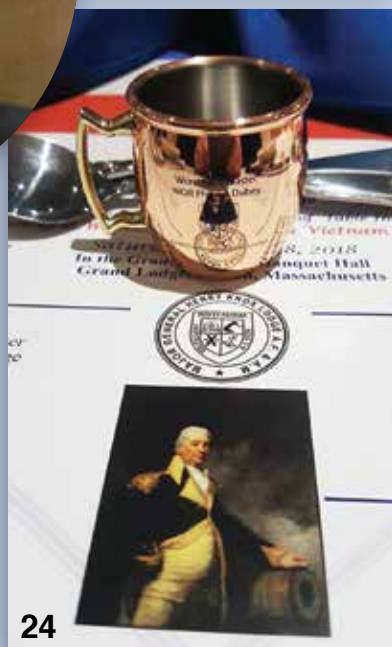
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It was 50 years ago today...

1968: Johnny Cash's Folsom Prison Blues, Martin Luther King, Jr., President Nixon, Rowen and Martin's Laugh In!, Robert F. Kennedy, and hundreds of good men being raised to be Master Masons.



The year 1968 looms large in the current American mindset: a great deal was going on, even more was changing. Some things were for the better, like the inception of H.E.L.P., the Hospital Equipment Loan Program, and other things were for the worse, like the tragedies.

However, it was pivotal for the men who became Master Masons that year. It was the beginning of their journey toward a self that they had no idea could exist.

We all share in their journey; we are all at different moments on our journey to becoming 50 year veterans, but we all started where they started. We can only hope for as strong a run as they have had.

There are more men making the same decision every day, though their arrival at that decision comes differently for each and every one of them. For me, it was the combination of the birth of my first son, and finding over \$1,000 on the street. My son's birth caused me real amazement at the transformation of my life, and the money meant that I could afford the initiation fee without an impact on my family's finances. It was the perfect storm.

At the time, I had no idea how to become a Mason, or what it really meant. All I knew was that I saw good men there, particularly the three generations of the Wolfe family, and thought I could be a better man by being around them.

When I was raised, it was a short form. At the time, I was jealous of the long form Candidate, and wondered, "Why not me?" As time went by, I realized that I was able to witness the long form raising, whereas the long form candidate was unable to do so. I then felt blessed.

I left it up to the Lodge to determine how I got there. I would have taken any path designated; I had no preference. Now, we afford a preference. With the One Day class, I, or any other man wishing to improve his life through Freemasonry can take three degrees in one day.

I may judge, from the outside, how well this will work for the candidates, but I understand that every man comes in in his way. What is more important than how a man becomes a Mason, is that more men become Masons. No matter how they get here, all men can gain better lives, workplaces, and communities through Masonry, just as our 50 year veterans have done.

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*

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OCTOBER 17, 2018



Bro. Erick Kainen, Principal Warshafsky, and Wor. Robert P. Shedd

West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge Donates

Members of West-Roxbury Dorchester Lodge made a donation of \$500 to the Pope John Lower School in Dorchester, MA. Pope John serves the communities of Mattapan and Dorchester, and Wor. Robert P. Shedd and Bro. Erick Kainen, the West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge Rookie Charity Program Co-Chair, were received warmly by Principal Lisa Warshafsky. Principal Warshafsky introduced us to the students and teachers alike, and everyone was very impressed. The students were enthusiastic about their education and love Ms. Warshafsky. She was treated like a local celebrity!

Pope John is a school that survives on a limited budget and has to raise most of its funds through private donations, but because the school mission is so strong and respected by the community, the school manages to get by. The school, whose families may struggle to make their payments, will be able to keep two children in school because of the donation from West Roxbury-Dorchester Lodge.

Pope John's families are passionate about Catholic education, so they sacrifice a lot to send their kids there to learn to become outstanding citizens. Pope John's students have a track record of success beyond the classroom and we were proud as a Lodge to be a part of it.

The greatest quest in life is to reach one's potential.

—Bro. Erick Kainen

A Cable Tow Story

Past Master's Jewel Off of eBay

Part 2 of 4

by Rt. Wor. Eugene A.
"Cappy" Capobianco

As you recall, I saw a Past Master's jewel on eBay and I wrote to the seller; I couldn't believe a Mason would sell a jewel, whether or not it was owned by a lodge.

The Brother wrote back and I was touched by his willingness to tell his story and I had never been more eager to listen. He sent me copies of multiple correspondences that took place between himself and the Lodge with which Temple Lodge had merged. The issue was over \$45.00 worth of unpaid dues. The cordial letter stated that if there was a problem, not to hesitate to ask for assistance. It also stated that we are all pledged to help each other. Haunted by these words, since that's

exactly what we do as Masons, and more importantly Brothers, I was curious to hear more about Wor. Bro. Remsen's story.

One would expect that if you owe dues, it's your obligation to pay them and resolve the matter once and for all. However, in Wor. Bro. Remsen's case, I was astounded by his response. I found out Wor. Bro. Remsen was a paid Life Member, as opposed to one who obtains a free Life Membership because he went through the chairs and became Past Master, or for a worthy Brother who attained a number of years in the Lodge, and was over a certain age. Wor. Bro. Remsen not only paid when he joined as a young Mason when he really couldn't afford it, but clearly stated that he had three young children at home, and that a loan was taken out to pay the 20 years of dues in advance required to become a Life Member. His reason was made known that he never wanted to become a burden to his Lodge.

It is important to know that Wor.

Bro. Remsen is retired, living on a fixed income, and permanently residing in North Carolina. When Wor. Bro. Remsen inquired about the unpaid dues letter, the Lodge told him that it was an assessment, and unless he asked for charity in forgiveness of this assessment, he would still owe the \$45.00, in addition to any future assessments as well. In other words, pay the full amount, take charity, or resign by demit. Taken aback by this, I couldn't understand how you can demit a Life Member, but that's exactly what they did. Wor. Bro. Remsen was, and is, a good man. He was also a Mason, a son, a Brother, loyal husband, and loving father. It saddened me to know that this Past Master was now a Brother without a Lodge.

It's important to note that Wor. Bro. Remsen visited a small Lodge in the town of Oriental, North Carolina. Brothers from this small Lodge helped a strange man from Rhode Island construct a wall in the home he was building for his retirement. *continued on page 32*

Fathers and Sons

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

I wanted to become a Mason for as long as I can remember. I still remember that cold Saturday afternoon in the mid-1960s, when a group of three men came to visit my father. My brother and I were told to go and play outside, but I still remember the three men coming to the house, meeting with my father and mother, and then leaving. Soon after, my father took his degrees, and became a Master Mason. Not long after that, he went through the chairs of his local Lodge in Connecticut. When he was going through the chairs, he used to go and help the Brothers of the Lodge get ready, as they would prepare the meals for various Masonic functions. He used to take me with him when he could. I remember being a young boy, listening to the stories of World War II and Korea, of working in factories, and of hunting. My next-door neighbor was a Mason, and had served valiantly in both World War I and World War II. My third grade Sunday school teacher was a Mason. My minister at the time was a Mason. At that point, I wasn't quite sure who the Masons were, or what they did, but I did know that I wanted to be one of them as soon as I could.

At Pilgrim Congregational Church in Leominster, Massachusetts, we recently celebrated a St. John's day Sunday, where we acknowledged what was given to us by St. John the Baptist. That day, I spoke about Freemasonry as a rite of passage. What is a rite of passage? A rite of passage can be thought of as a ceremony that marks the transition from one phase or aspect of life to another. In the distant past, it could refer to the transition from adolescence to adulthood, but it really can refer to any transition in life. If you think about it, most of our major holidays have reference to rites of passage. New Year's Day marks the transition from one year to the next year. Memorial Day and Veterans' Day mark how we deal with loss, grief, and heroism. The Fourth of July marks the transition from when our nation went from being a colony of Great Britain to a sovereign representative republic. There are many rites of passage in our lives, if we choose to acknowledge and celebrate them. Anniversaries, graduations, Confirmations, and Bar or Bat Mitzvahs can be seen as rites of passage.

We live in a time of great confusion. It seems as

though the very foundation of the earth is shaking. A rite of passage can help a person understand life in a better and more holistic way. Freemasonry can also be seen as offering men rites of passage which can help them live their lives in a more meaningful way. By viewing the degrees of Freemasonry as a rite of passage, we can offer the men who come to us a great service in this time of separation and confusion.

In general, rites of passage are cross-cultural and are delineated into several main types. Rites of passage teach the neophyte about initiation and birth, working together, and endings. The purpose of a rite of passage is to keep the young man connected to his community. In the initiatory step of a rite of passage, one often undergoes a physical separation from what can be deemed the old way of living. During this stage, one learns to shed old ways of being, so that one can walk through the threshold of what is to become. After one crosses

the threshold, one has to learn how to deal with being in an unfamiliar place, where one must rely on both inner resources, and a guide to get through from one threshold to another. A third hallmark of the rite of passage is to transition from the old world to a new reality. What happens here is that one takes in his new wisdom, is transformed, and brought back into the community.

I propose that the first three degrees in Freemasonry can also be seen as rites of passage. The Entered Apprentice Degree can be seen as teaching the lessons of early life, and giving the young man the foundation not only for the following degrees of Freemasonry, but for the rest of his life. The Fellowcraft Degree can be seen as teaching not only more about Freemasonry, but also cultivating the lessons of mid-life. This degree amplifies the value of education and working together. The Master Mason, or Third Degree, teaches, among other things, the lessons of maturity and the approaching end of this life together.

The first three Masonic

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



THE JUNE 2018 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

The Summer Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts was a bustle of friends laughing, shaking hands, and camaraderie before the opening at 1:30 on June 13, 2018, when the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Paul F. Gleason, entered the Lodge room.

The Color Guard was the Unspoken Degree Team, consisting of Wors. Patrick Henry James DelVal, Kenneth Alan Longo, with Bros. Patrick James Shelton, and Christopher Philip George.

The Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem boomed in the hall before Wor. Bro. DelVal explained that the Unspoken Degree Team's goal is "to present excellent degree work, thereby inspiring new Masons to explore and study the lessons of Masonry, and to facilitate stronger mastery and presentation of ritual and floor work. The team is intended for newer Masons, and therefore is open to all Masons in good standing of 15 years experience or fewer who wish to present excellent degree work." They can be contacted for degree work, or for new members, at www.unspokendegree.com.

The Brethren sang Oh God Our Help in Ages Past, and Rt. Wor. and Rev. Keith Alderman bowed with all the Brethren in prayer before our Creator. The Grand Master declared the Quarterly Communication open.

The past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in attendance were M. Wors. Albert Timothy Ames, Arthur E. Johnson, Donald G. Hicks, Jr., and Jeffrey Black Hodgdon.

They were joined by First Responders Rt. Wors. Jerry Bergeron (Captain), David Maxim, Wors. Jack MacNeill, Craig Erickson, and Ed Burg.

M. Wor. Bro. Ames reported the Recognition of Proxies. Rt. Wor. Robert. V. Jolly, Jr. announced that 11 changes in by-laws were accepted by the Committee on Charters and By-Laws, and only one was partially denied. Rt. Wor. W. Warren Richardson, Jr. reported on the Committee on Records, M. Wor. Bro. Hicks made an important announcement from the Foreign Relations Committee [see insert], and M. Wor. Bro. Ames announced two consolidations: Wilbraham Masonic Lodge will merge with The Meadows

The Grand Master introduced to the Brethren assembled the distinguished guests:

M. Excel. Dana A. Jackson, 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 Glen M. Cunningham, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Representatives of The 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. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, Active for Massachusetts
Ill. Robert E. Godbout, Jr., 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts
M. Wor. Thomas Edward Pulkkinen, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine

Representatives of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

M. Wor. Yves R. Maignan, Grand Master
Rt. Wor. Gerald Thaxton, Junior Grand Warden
M. Wor. Nicholas Locker, Past Grand Master
Rt. Wor. Wilbur Evans, Sr., Grand Marshal Emeritus
Ill. Harlan L. Woods, Jr., "Potentate, Aleppo Shrine, Ancient Arabic, Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine"
Rt. Wor. and Dad Philip Drouin, Executive Officer, Order of the DeMolay, Massachusetts
M. Worthy Stephen E. Donahue, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star
Sir Knight Brian E. Paige, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth

Lodge and be named The Meadows Lodge, and Ezekiel Bates Lodge will merge with Saint James Lodge and be named Ezekiel Bates Lodge.

The Grand Master then announced a "ruling to modify the December 12, 2013 edict of M. Wor. Richard J. Stewart to allow Massachusetts Masons in good standing to belong to the association known as the "Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association" - subject to all of the rules and customs of acceptable Masonic behavior." He discussed the range of



Left: Representatives of the Unspoken Degree Team present the colors prior to the opening of the Summer Quarterly Communication. Right: The Grand Master introduces Bro. Christopher Philip George, The Harvard Lodge, Wor. Patrick Henry James DelVal, Delta Lodge, Wor. Kenneth Alan Longo, Simon W. Robinson Lodge, and Bro. Patrick James Shelton, Rural Lodge of the color guard.

behavior by the members, from commendable to lamentable, and the organization's devotion to charitable causes including "building ramps for wheelchair-bound victims, collecting hats for childhood victims of cancer, and conducting fundraisers for suicide prevention."

The Grand Master then issued this ruling:

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the WSMRA [Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association] may operate in this jurisdiction just as all other Masons who may belong to other Masonic organizations; their individual conduct will determine their standing in our Fraternity. Accordingly, the last paragraph of the 2013 edict of M. Wor. Richard J. Stewart is hereby modified to allow Massachusetts Masons to belong to the WSMRA subject to the following specific elements of proper Masonic conduct:

- Display appropriate Masonic dress and behavior when in Lodge
- Adhere to rules of civil conduct when in public

I conclude this resolution with the words of my predecessor, M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh as he addressed this same issue, "I earnestly hope that those members of the Fraternity who have an interest in these bodies will do all possible to guide their policies to present a positive image of our Fraternity for the advancement of Freemasonry in Massachusetts."

The Grand Master presented three New Grand Representatives to Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts: Rt. Wor. Peter R. Smith to The Grand Lodge of West Virginia, Rt. Wor. Richard H. Ryder to The Grand Lodge of Pernambuco, Brazil, and Rt. Wor. & Rev. John R. S. Higgins to The Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.

Rt. Wor. Scott T. Jareo, Deputy Grand Master, slowly approached the podium to deliver the necrology. The 10 Masons noted as having passed to the Celestial Lodge above had accumulated over 500 years of Masonic experience. Rt. Wor. and Rabbi Irving Luchans led the Brethren in prayer over this great loss.

The Grand Master announced that two Masons had not behaved in a manner befitting a Mason. One was suspended; the other was expelled.

The Grand Master directed his Marshal to bring the

Masters and representatives of Pequossette Lodge and Weymouth United Masonic Lodge to the East to receive their Grand Master's Awards.

Bro. Steven Marino was brought to the East for a Certificate of Commendation. The Grand Master was visibly moved by his story, and the Brethren gave a rare standing ovation [see insert for full story].

The Grand Master called Wor. Robert Edward Jackson, a 4th generation Mason, of Montgomery Lodge, to the East, where he made a presentation of a limited edition lapel pin to the Grand Master. The Grand Master will be proudly wearing said lapel pin, which features the Lewis Jewel at the top, and a code in pigpen cipher, number 1.

The Grand Marshal was directed to present Wor. Philip Dubey, Master of Major General Henry Knox Lodge to the East for a presentation. [See the attending article on page 24.]

The Grand Master called Bro. Jeremy Bell and Rt. Wor. Graeme Marsden to the East where they presented a copy of Bro. Bell's book, William Hogarth - A Freemason's Harlot.

Several Lodges made presentations to the Grand Master before his address.

The Grand Master began his address with an apology: his membership in the Short Speech Society is over, but it has been a busy quarter.

In winter, he visited our "Snowbird" brethren in Florida. The Grand Master renewed friendships, spread the word of happenings in Massachusetts, conferred Veteran's medals, even a Veteran Past Master's medal, and looked for the snow (oddly enough, there wasn't any).

In May, the Grand Master "had the honor of participating in a service by the graveside of [M. Wor.] Paul Revere on the 200th anniversary of his death." He was joined by three generations of the Revere family, placed a wreath on the monument, and spoke about the "patriotic and Masonic accomplishments of our 11th Grand Master."

"Many of you have benefitted from our intense training schedule. Two sessions of Masters' Path with Secretarial breakouts were held in opposite ends of the state," said the Grand Master. This training was supplemented by Rt. Wor. Don LaLiberte's work with Treasurers and the Grand

His shift ending, Bro. Steven Marino was working closing up the Duck Boat tours downtown by the Aquarium pick-up point. The last tour left, and closing was the last task, when a small girl with her mother went up to the booth. They wanted a Duck tour, but they were out of luck, too late.

But then Bro. Marino and the others heard the girl's story. She was on her 11th visit to the Boston Children's Hospital Yawkey House where she lived during treatment for a rare neurological disease. She had been wishing with each visit to ride the Ducks of Boston, but the treatment and recovery process had kept her from the Ducks until today. Today, she just missed the last tour by three minutes. It was her last day in Boston, and she would have to wait until her

next treatment cycle to try again.

The discussion began with the ground service representatives, Choo-Choo Charlie, the narrator, and the corporate office. Bro. Marino would have to be there, as he is a captain and licensed to boat in the Charles River Basin, Choo-Choo has the narrator's skills, and the corporation agreed to a Duck Boat Tour for one, with her mom.

Before they left, the ground service representatives, the folks who handle the tickets and the booth, came on the Duck with gifts for the girl: Duck Tour stuffed animals, Duck Tour stickers, and Bro. Marino gave her a necklace with Duck quacker lips. She had on a bandana of stickers when she took the wheel in the Charles River Basin. Bro. Marino said, "If you saw the look on



this girl's face and the smile when she had the wheel..."

Bro. Marino was awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the Grand Master. From the Brethren assembled, he received a standing ovation. He is now trying to find out if there is a way to bring the Masons of Massachusetts and the Duck Tours together to put smiles on more children's faces. ■

Master expressed his interest in all Brethren serving as Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer taking advantage of the training. "Federal, state, and even Grand Lodge regulations and standards are still changing and it can be financially disastrous to a Lodge when some of these are ignored or incorrectly followed. I hope to see every Lodge receive this training without having to make it mandatory."

"Has your Lodge held a blood drive recently?" asked the Grand Master. Freemasons have made a commitment to hold these events, and on May 9th, the Grand Master met with several representatives from the American Red Cross. The Vice President of Biomedical Services presented Grand Lodge with The Premier Partner of the Decade Award for 2017. We have held and organized blood drives which have collected 65,604 pints of blood, impacting 196,812 lives, despite a downturn in the overall donating public from 10% to 3%. "Please help raise this number by participating in the Masonic charity of blood donation. Thank you. It is import-

ant. It saves lives," said the Grand Master.

He reported that as of mid-April, "over \$75,000 had been donated to our charities from our share of plate renewal fees. We are still obligated to issue at least 500 plates before we will be able to retire the bond we had to furnish to guarantee the Registry a minimum press run."



"Encourage new candidates to get a Masonic license plate! We will be refunding the \$40 special-purchase fee for the foreseeable future," said the Grand Master.

There will be new faces at the Grand Lodge Secretary's office. Wor. Charlie Caroselli will be the new Staff Accountant. Rt. Wor. Bob Jolly will be retiring from his position as Business Manager, and Rt. Wor. Don Moran is rapidly learning the many intricate and critical phases of the

Left: Wor. Rich H. Ryder, III. Peter R. Smith, and Wor. Charles Coombs are new Grand Lodge Representatives. Right: Rt. Wor. Paul A. Bushey accepted the Grand Master's Award for Pequossette Lodge.





The Grand Masters: M. Wors. Yves R. Maignan of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and Paul F. Gleason of The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated, District of Columbia, Incorporated.

In addition to these recommendations, M. Wor. Bro. Hicks said, "the committee on foreign relations recommends we grant blanket recognition to Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodges within the United States that can trace lineage to African Lodge no. 459, is recognized by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and by the Grand Lodge already recognized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for their territorial jurisdiction."

After a vote, the Grand Master said "It is passed." ■

job under Bob's tutelage. Don will assume full-time duties at the end of this month. The Brethren showed their appreciation for Rt. Wor. Bro. Jolly's work and their hope for joy in his future activities by giving him a standing ovation.

There was some danger at Grand Lodge near the end of the quarter. As a result of changes in a generator, Eversource spent a week changing the cables in the Grand Lodge building. In that process, a hole was ripped through a water pipe, resulting in a geyser reaching to the 2nd floor! As amazing as it was, it did damage to our new kitchen and electrical systems. After a week's worth of effort by Eversource, the Boston Water Dept., and Rt. Wor. Bro. Jolly, all has been set right. "I especially commend Bro. Jolly for both his on-site experience in supervising the repair, but also for consider-

M. Wor. Bro. Hicks recommended that three Grand Lodges Gran Logia Occidental De Colombia con sede en Cali, Grand Logia Oriental De Colombia "Francisco De Paula Santander", and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand

ing the needs of our restaurant tenant."

During our summer refreshment, many things are going on. "The Masonic Child Identification Program is still active," said the Grand Master. "This program exposes the public to our Square and Compasses while providing them with a valuable resource." Of the 40 systems, 20 are currently available for use during fairs, town days, and other events featuring large numbers of families. "We have initiated planning to replace these systems with state-of-the-art hardware and software in order to continue the provision of this valuable service to the public."

The Grand Master discussed the Membership Committee's "Ritual Competition which will look for the best ritual presenters across the jurisdiction." Also scheduled for July 28 and August 18, in three locations - Feeding Hills, Wakefield, and Weymouth - "there will be auditions for delivery of the Middle Chamber lecture. Brethren who excel in this competition will be front runners for participation in our One Day Class."

"Saturday October 20th will be the next statewide Open House event," the Grand Master announced. "Please mark this date on your calendars and prepare your Lodge building to welcome members of the general public who wish to learn more about the Craft."

"To recognize the efforts each Lodge has put into increasing membership, the committee will present Golden Gavel Awards at the Scottish Rite Museum in Lexington on January 26 of 2019," said the Grand Master. "This will be a formal evening recognizing Lodges and Master Masons for their successes."

Capping off all of this activity will be our One Day Class on March 9th, 2019. This effort will require many experienced ritualists and mentors, so if you would like to participate, let your District Deputy or the event Chairman, Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto, know."

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren that true success is based on the "the work of individual Lodge

Left: Rt. Wor. Wayne L. Robbins, Wor. Jason J. Lipnor and others of Weymouth United receive the Grand Master's Award. Right: Wor. Robert Jackson presents pin #1 to the Grand Master, but others can contact him, re.jackson73@yahoo.com, to purchase a pin and help the charitable endeavors of Montgomery Lodge. (Inset: Enlarged image of the pin.)



Membership Committees.” The last time he checked, 57 Lodges did not raise a Candidate this year - more than 25% of our Lodges. Despite some extenuating circumstances that explain some of this, we must get our “boots on the ground” by inviting Candidates to dinner, contacting every Brother every year, publishing articles in local media, and many other things to “make the public aware of what we have to offer. It is our duty as Masonic Lodges to investigate, elect, and raise Master Masons. It should be our goal to see 100% of our Lodges do this in the near future.”

“I hope that all of you have a great summer and I look forward to meeting and working with you again in September,” said the Grand Master to a standing ovation. The Summer Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts was closed in ample form. ■



Rt. Wor. Graeme Marsden and Bro. Jeremy Bell present the Grand Master with a copy of *William Hogarth: A freemason's Harlot*.



Several lodges made presentations to the Grand Master, including: Amity-Mosaic Lodge (in support of the Masonic Education & Charity Trust and a special bag of Jelly Beans to the Grand Master); Budleigh Lodge, Golden Rule Lodge, King David Lodge and Wilbraham Masonic Lodge (all in support of the Brotherhood Fund); Mt. Moriah Lodge (in support of the Masonic Education & Charity Trust); Norfolk Lodge (in memory of the departed Brothers of the Lodge during the past year); Norumbega Fraternity Lodge (in support of the Brotherhood Fund in memory of Rt. Wor. Joseph Goldstein); and Tahattawan Lodge (in support of the Brotherhood Fund. In addition, the Grand Master recognized Tahattawan Lodge's support of the Grand Master's appeal).



Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



Charles W. Moore
Honorary P.G.M.
* 1873 *

Most Worshipful Charles W. Moore

*Honorary Past
Grand Master, 1873*

An Appeal to Reason

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

On October 9, 1866, Grand Master Charles C. Dame and a large suite from the Grand Lodge assembled in Fitchburg to dedicate a new Lodge and install its officers. This Lodge, the inspiration of an active and well-known Brother in that part of Massachusetts, E. Dana Bancroft, was a representation of the surge in interest in the Craft, and was one of the last charters issued by M. W. Brother Dame's predecessor, M. W. Brother William Parkman. The Lodge was to be named for a prominent Massachusetts Freemason, R. W. Brother Charles W. Moore, the long-time Corresponding Grand Secretary, and a renowned Masonic scholar – one of the most well-known and well-respected men in the Masonic world. It was a fitting tribute to a man who had endured, and strongly resisted, the violent storm against Masonry that had nearly extinguished the flame of the Fraternity in North America. For more than 40 years, he had held the torch aloft as one of its leaders, earning the respect and admiration of his Brothers throughout the world. The naming of a Lodge for him was an acknowledgment of his position at the pinnacle of Masonry, not just in Massachusetts, but beyond.

Bro. Moore had diligently labored in the vineyards of Freemasonry almost from the time he received Masonic light in 1822. He was responsible for the text of the famous Declaration of the Freemasons of Boston and Vicinity in 1831, and the Memorial of Surrender in 1833, as well as the Grand Lodge's representative to the Baltimore Convention, the first true convocation of the many Grand Lodges of North America, and from which was drawn the first Massachusetts trestle-board book. It was his hand that shaped the 1843 Grand Constitutions, which formed the basis of Masonic law in our jurisdiction, until they were revamped in 1918. For 32 years, he was the editor, publisher, and chief contributor to the *Freemason's Monthly Magazine*, a widely-circulated periodical that not only reported news and events from around the Masonic world, but also presented scholarly articles of interest to the Craft. It also provided a forum through which Brother Moore responded to questions of Masonic law, protocol, and custom that were so profoundly respected and accepted that they are referenced to this day. (Readers will note that annotations in our own current Grand Constitutions labeled "M.F.M." refer to articles in this magazine.)

He was a fixture at the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the various York Rite bodies, as well as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. As noted in the memorial published shortly after his death, his many services to the Masonic Fraternity "have made his name as familiar as household words to Masons everywhere, and wherever it has been known it has been respected and honored. His opinion was constantly sought in regard to questions of Masonic law and practice, and his conclusions were regarded as final. His life-long experience furnished reasons and precedents, his ripe and mature judgment weighed and balanced arguments, and his clear and forcible statement carried conviction to every mind." The Fraternity, after his death, keenly felt his absence. He was a unique figure, whose stature would not be equaled until the arrival of M. W. Melvin M. Johnson.

Charles Whitlock Moore was born in March 1801, the son of a former member of King George III's household. Bro. Moore's father came to Boston in the 1790s, and opened a music store. In his youth, Moore was apprenticed as a printer, and he became

skilled in that trade. Almost as soon as he was eligible, he became a Mason. In October of 1822, he was admitted to membership in the Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston. Three years later, he founded the first Masonic newspaper in Boston: the *Masonic Mirror*, which he published from 1825 until 1831. By that time, the anti-Masonic storm had broken in full force across the Northeast, impacting all of the surrounding Grand Lodges.



**Charles W. Moore,
1834**

Bro. Moore was elected Master of the Lodge of St. Andrew in 1832. At that time, the Grand Lodge was in the process of building a new home for itself and for the Lodges of Boston. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held a corporate charter from the Commonwealth that specified the amount of money and the amount of real property it could hold. In order to complete the

new structure, it had petitioned the state legislature to change these amounts without altering the total value, and the petition had been rejected. Grand Master Joseph Jenkins had proceeded with the project regardless, under the assumption that the mood would change by the time the building was complete. By the end of 1831, that mood had, if anything, become more inimical to the Fraternity. A resolution was passed calling on the Fraternity to disband. In response, the Grand Lodge drew up the Declaration of the Freemasons of Boston and Vicinity, refuting the charges against the Fraternity and denying the right of the legislature, or any body outside of the Craft, to disband it. This document, though unattributed, was almost certainly written by Charles W. Moore, as was the Memorial of Surrender of 1833, in which the Grand Lodge gave up its corporate charter, putting itself beyond the legislature's reach. This was the beginning of the end of the anti-Masonic threat, though it would continue to plague the Fraternity for at least another decade. (See TROWEL, Spring 2011, for a biography of Grand Master Jenkins and more details on this matter.)

Bro. Moore's Masonic star continued to ascend after these events. He was active in capitular, conciliar, and chivalric Masonry; he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Illustrious Master of Boston Council for more than ten years, and Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island (these would later be renamed the Grand Commandery). He received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which conferred the 33° upon him. In each of these bodies, as Past Grand Master John T. Heard said of him late in his life, "In short, he has filled nearly every office in a Lodge, Chapter and Encampment, holding each several years. He has rarely failed to occupy less than three or four, and frequently five or six official stations at the same time." His role as Secretary of the various organizations helped make Bro. Moore an authority on Masonic matters; he quickly became the person to be asked whenever a question arose.

In 1843, representatives of Grand Lodges from across America, from New England to the Deep South and the western frontier (the present Midwestern United States), gathered in Baltimore with the intention of improving fraternal relations and establishing a "uniform mode of Work" and "mak[ing] other lawful regulations for the interest and security of the Craft." Charles W. Moore was sent on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Some among the assembly sought to institute a General Grand Lodge of the United States, the dream of some from as far back as the Revolutionary era, but Massachusetts, and Bro. Moore, wanted no part of it. Instead, the Baltimore Convention was able to establish a set of general guidelines and "landmarks" that would be recognized and implemented among all of the represented Grand Lodges. These would be formalized in a book, the *Trestle Board*, written and published by Moore, which would go through many editions. Our library has a number of copies of this volume, a milestone in Masonic publishing.

By 1843, Moore's *Freemason's Monthly Magazine* was in its third volume, and was already being widely circulated among Brothers around the country, and around the world. This periodical contained articles on Masonic history, lore, symbolism, religion, even art, notes on current events and happenings in many jurisdictions, with particular attention to events and Lodges in Massachusetts, biographies of and memorials to prominent Masons, and, from early on in its publication, inquiries from various correspondents asking questions about Masonic law and practice. Moore's responses were not definitive, as he did not speak for any Grand Lodge (including his own), but they were often used as arguments in support of, or in opposition to some policy, practice, or decision. Asking a question of Bro. Moore in the *Freemason's Monthly* was an "appeal to reason" – a private authority that was more respected than nearly any other.



**Charles W. Moore,
1858**

We know little of Bro. Moore's private life. His Masonic career, both as a participant, a keeper of records, a writer, and a publisher, seems to have taken up much of his active life. It is not indicated that he was a Lewis, the son of a Mason, but his son Marcus, a medical doctor, was raised in Monitor Lodge of Waltham in 1857, at age 33. He was clearly a skilled Mason, for he served as Worshipful Master in 1859. The younger Moore entered military service during the Civil War and died in 1864, in Hilton Head, NC.

An obituary initially appeared in the *Freemason's Monthly Magazine* in April 1864 and reads almost dispassionately, but a month later Bro. Moore spoke with more emotion about the loss of his son.

"The home of the Editor of this Journal has been desolated by the departure of one in whose being centered all the affections of a loving father—all the cherished plans of a

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**Wor. Bro. and
Dr. Marcus Moore,
1824-1864**

father's hope. Language is but a feeble instrument to relieve affliction; but so far as it is possible for a bereaved parent's heart to be consoled for the loss of a good and dutiful son...that consolation must be found in the generous sympathy of friends:—and this sympathy has been afforded to us to so wide an extent, and from such unexpected quarters, that we cannot but give expression to our warm and grateful

appreciation of the kindness.”

Marcus Moore was 40 years old at the time of his death. He had received his medical degree from Harvard and had studied with Dr. Winslow Lewis, later a Grand Master of Massachusetts. Dr. Moore's charitable work among the poor of Boston had marked him as a generous and caring soul. In that year, Charles W. Moore was 63 years old, and in a way we can view the last act of his life as commencing with the tragic loss of his son.

In 1863, Bro. Moore was embroiled in another controversy, related to difficulties in the Supreme Council of the A. A. S. R. Moore and his colleague, Killian Van Rensselaer were involved in the removal of Brother Edward A. Raymond, a Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, from the seat of Sovereign Grand Commander, which had led to a split among the Northern Jurisdiction of the Rite. Indeed, the group that Raymond continued to govern expelled Moore and Van Rensselaer in 1862 (We have the original document in our library. For more information on this controversy, see the biography of M. W. Brother Raymond, published in the TROWEL in 2016). This conflict was ultimately resolved with the Union of 1867 that firmly established the two jurisdictions in North America.

Toward the end of 1866, the year Charles W. Moore Lodge was constituted, the Monthly Magazine commenced its 26th Volume. In the opening editorial, Moore gave a brief recounting of the quarter century of its publication, praising the new heights to which the Fraternity had ascended. He also complained about the new generation of Masons, one that had not borne the difficulties of the anti-Masonic period, the few decades in the wilderness that preceded the current prosperity. With all of the scorn of someone trying to eject playing children from his carefully-manicured lawn, he railed against the movement toward change and “progress,” claiming that such desires overlooked the two essential pillars of Freemasonry, its antiquity and its universality. At the end of this remarkable essay, he noted that it was unclear how much longer he might publish the magazine and, indeed, how much longer he might live. “Time flies. The young come on – the old pass off. The seed is sown, germinates, buds, blossoms, bears its appropriate fruit, and decays. As in the vegetable, so in the human. In both, death is the element of life.” It seems apparent, many years later, that

he was beginning to feel his own mortality, a man who had outlived many of his contemporaries as well as his own beloved son.

In June 1872, the Lodge of St. Andrew commemorated Bro. Moore's 50th anniversary as a member with a grand meeting and banquet. It was attended by a large number of luminaries from Grand Lodge and other Masonic bodies, and featured an extended address by Moore himself. All of the exercises, and the address in its entirety, were reprinted in book form; we have copies in our library.

In his remarks, Moore was erudite and articulate, but surprisingly self-deprecating. “I am painfully conscious,” he said, “of many short-comings in my career, of many failures to accomplish fully the objects named at; conscious, also, that the bitter struggle and trials of that strife against the enemies of our Order...may have left a personal impress of sternness and inflexibility which do not faithfully represent the truer emotions of the heart.” He spoke of many Brothers and friends who had since passed on, of many events with which many of his listeners had had no personal experience, and while he praised the institution to which he had given so much of his life, his remarks convey a certain weariness that showed that he was already feeling his age. In truth, he had just over a year to live; during the following December, just before the annual communication in 1873, he fell ill. His chair at Grand Lodge was shockingly vacant. Learning of his illness, the Grand Lodge took the unusual step of electing him as an honorary Past Grand Master, news of which was communicated to him on his deathbed by Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis. Bro. Lewis' report to the Grand Lodge contained the following account:

“The announcement of the action of the Grand Lodge for the moment re-animated his dying features and lighted up his fading eyes. With grateful emotion he expressed his benediction to his Brethren, and added that this tribute was ‘worth living for and worth dying for.’

“He expressed his full consciousness of this last bestowment of the appreciation of his labors, and of the solace thus administered in the last moments of life.

“You have smoothed his pillow of death, and sweetened the bitter cup of that libation of which we must all sooner or later partake.”

Whether this account is stylized or verbatim, its sentiments are very much in keeping with the way in which Bro. Charles W. Moore approached the world and the Fraternity. That the honor came to him at the very end of his life might be a result of the “personal impress of sternness and inflexibility” to which he alluded in 1872 or, more generously, it might have been a last act of generosity by a Grand Lodge which owed so much to his scholarship, his acumen, and his care. Surely, there have been few Brothers who have impacted our Grand Lodge and our Fraternity so greatly and with such positive effect. He is deserving of our recollection – and of our praise. ■



Living Freemasonry

by Rt. Wor. Steve Cohn

Meet an Active Massachusetts Mason, Bro. Brian G. Porter

Visiting other Lodges, or traveling, is a privilege afforded to all Master Masons. Many take advantage of this perk while they're away from home on business visiting other jurisdictions and countries. In doing so, many new lasting friendships are made. One Brother has taken this privilege to the extreme, and is in the process of visiting every Lodge in this state, and has the passport books to prove it!

Brother Brian Porter was raised in Oxford Lodge, in July, 2012, following in his grandfather's footsteps. His grandfather, Wor. Robert M. Stuart of Franklin Lodge, passed away prior to Bro. Porter becoming a Mason. Nonetheless, he had a great influence on Bro. Porter's decision. As such, Bro. Porter embarked on achieving the Rookie Award immediately after being raised. He started by visiting every Lodge in his district, and completed the award requirements in just three months. Unfortunately, he was not able to attend the awards dinner, but was presented with the award by R.W. Daniel Barston at the 24th Lodge of Instruction in September, 2013.

He enjoyed visiting other Lodges and found that it's pretty much the same in every Lodge, someone is always there to shake your hand. He wanted to further test his theory, so in December 2012, he embarked on his journey to visit every Lodge in Massachusetts. While on his journey, Bro. Porter served as Assistant Secretary for two years, and Chaplain for one year. In September, 2018, he will start in the officer line as Inside Sentinel in Oxford Lodge.

As of the summer of 2018, Brother Porter has visited 226 of the 231 Lodges in Massachusetts, and has a pile of passports to prove it. He has seven regular passports, two Paul Revere passports, and one Grand Master's tour passport filled and certified. He says, with approximately five Lodges left to visit, he intends to com-

plete his journey on March 25th in Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge.

One thing he found to be a little disappointing was that, of all the Lodges he's attended in this jurisdiction, he was only challenged by a Tyler fewer than five times. It is his opinion that Tylers have to be more diligent in questioning visiting Brothers.

His next journey will be to try to capture as many Traveling Gavels as possible, and he hopes to generate interest in doing so. Bro. Porter has the support of his wife, Jen, in his quest.

Bro. Brian Porter, his wife Jen, and the passports from his journey to all lodges in Massachusetts.



He jokingly states that if it gets him out of the house, she's all for it!

Being disabled and temporarily unemployed affords Bro. Porter the time to travel. He figures he has amassed close to 85,000 miles on his car during this quest. Some of the obstacles he encountered in his journey were daunting. Prior to visiting a Lodge, he contacts the Master and Secretary to ascertain if there's any handicapped parking, and if there's elevator access if the Lodge is in a multi-story building. This is due to the result of having part of one of his legs amputated due to, of all

things, a spider bite he received in 2012.

He also found that after asking about meal costs, he was offered complimentary meals, or meals at a reduced fee, some as low as \$5.00. One of the biggest disappointments, he says, was travelling more than three hours to visit a Lodge, only to have a five minute meeting, and no collation. He was on his way back home in less than 30 minutes, but he did get his Passport stamped!

Bro. Porter said the friendliest Lodge was Saint John's Lodge in Newburyport, and the best-looking Lodge was King Hiram's Lodge in Provincetown.

When the Paul Revere Passport program was instituted, Bro. Porter met with another Brother, and they visited all 20 lodges, including one in Maine. Bro. Porter was the second person to complete this portion of this journey.

Bro. Porter is both a US Navy and US Army veteran, serving from 1986 through 1994, and served in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In 1990, he was an assistant door gunner for a Huey Medevac helicopter in Desert Storm. In 1991, he was transferred to a new Worcester medical company, and finished his time in the Reserves.

He says he'd like to see Masonry become more affordable. He has met many people of good report who are unable to comfortably afford the fees to join and maintain a membership in a Lodge. While he feels the new members are getting adequate training, he's not sure that the message is clear enough about the importance of attending the monthly meetings of their respective Lodges.

Bro. Brian Porter is definitely a Brother on a mission to fulfill his vision. There are very few Brothers, if any, outside of a Grand Lodge officer or two, who can claim that they have visited every Lodge in their jurisdiction. Bro. Brian Porter has certainly fulfilled his dream. ■

ONE DAY + THREE DEGREES = SOME GREAT MASONS

by Wor. Robert Jackson

Every man has his own journey, not just in Masonry, but in life. Our individuality is what makes us unique, by definition. We see that in the music we enjoy, the foods we find appetizing, what we find attractive or funny, and how we learn. Just last night, I had a conversation with some Brothers, and we were talking about how we learn ritual. Each of us had his own solution, but none of us were wrong. Thinking back to when I took my degrees, I'm amazed at how much I didn't learn during those months. A spark was ignited for sure, but the fire was far from burning. It wasn't until years later that the spark was fanned by a dear Brother, and the passion grew into a bonfire.

Where were you first prepared to be made a Mason? What does the answer to that question really mean? Think about your spouse, or your family. There is an inherent love in your heart. I don't have to think about if I love my kids and spouse ...I just do. Even if they do something I'm not happy with, I still, and will always, love them.

In your own journey, how long did it really take you to grow that love for Masonry? It doesn't matter whether you received the degrees in a single day, or over the course of years, what matters is how that love and passion for the Craft sparked and grew into a shining beacon across a sea of darkness.

The one day class enables today's busy man to ignite that flame of Freemasonry. You could argue that if he is that busy, how will he find time for the Craft? However, that argument stands regardless of the method in which he was raised.

My Brothers, look for that spark within your fellow man. Does he truly wish to improve himself through hard work and study? Does he truly want to be of service to his fellow man? Does he truly wish to continue searching for more Light? Don't let that spark die. There are many ways that spark can be initiated - from flint and steel to a butane torch. Our job is to fan those flames, and never let that flame die out.

Here are some quotes from some one day class Brothers, whose flames burn brightly within our Fraternity:



George Hayeck

*Middlesex Lodge AF & AM,
raised November, 2003*

Before joining the Fraternity: I was the Director of Operations for a medium-sized building construction outfit. I wore many hats,

and worked many hours. I was very involved in the United States Power Squadron (a boating education group), and my wife and I had begun our journey as foster parents.

On the one day class: It seemed like a quick, easy way to become a Freemason. The alternative, as presented being a three-month process or longer did not sit well with me at the time because of my very busy work and very much increasingly busy home-life schedule with foster children.

I did not know what was happening. Being in a balcony and seeing little of the one day class ritual, and not being required to attend Lodge of Instruction, it took me over 18 months to catch up and understand my own one day class degrees.

On continuing education: Yes and no. While my sponsor was great, and he was at each meeting, and introduced me to our Middlesex Lodge members, I had to build my own way into the organization. Thankfully, there were the older members who really took me under their wing and taught me, and moved me into the line to Master.



Stephen 'Pat' Emery

*Siloam Lodge AF & AM,
raised November, 2003*

Before Joining the Fraternity:

Prior to becoming a Mason, my career required a 60-plus hour work week with extensive travel.

My career direction shifted, which allowed me the time to dedicate to giving back to others less fortunate.

On the one day class: The one day event allowed me the point of entry that fit my schedule. Most businessmen have a difficult time maintaining a schedule planned out over 30 days. By having this one day event, and providing the instruction that same day, allowed me to successfully join and stay engaged.

The forum in which I was raised was a difficult venue in the sense that we were seated high in the balcony and it was difficult to see and hear. It was a process of consuming and then understanding each part of the ritual through several sessions at various Lodges.

On continuing education: Within the two months, my mentor and I had visited three different Lodges within the District and attended a Table Lodge.

By October 20, 2018
Annual Statewide
Open House -
Identification and
follow up with
interested Candidates

By November 30,
2018 All candidates
identified as
a potential
participant for
ODC

By December 31, 2018 All
candidates' applications received
and their names read during a
regular lodge communication.
*Grand Lodge, via MassMasons.org,
needs to be informed of the intent
to bring this man to the ODC*

By January 31, 2019 All candidate
names have been posted in the
communications. Investigation reports
have been found favorable (including
criminal background check). Balloting
on Candidates should be completed.
March 9, 2019 Attend ODC



I fortunately had a mentor for life. He was key to keeping me engaged. He went out of his way to introduce me everywhere we went. He continues to guide me and has created for me a circle of Masonic mentors that I can lean on.

I believe it is not how you were raised a Mason, but how you live your life as a Mason. Did you join to be called a Mason, or to be a Mason?



Robert Schremser

*Oxford Lodge, AF & AM,
raised November 2003*

Before Joining the Fraternity:

Before entering Freemasonry, I spent the majority of my time working, usually 50 to 60 hours per week as a registered pharmacist in hospitals, consulting, and in retail pharmacies. With work and family commitments such as coaching my daughters' sport teams, etc. I did enjoy fly fishing and kayaking when I was able to squeeze it into my schedule. I found little time for much else.

On the one day class: I chose the one day class approach to joining the Craft, as I felt that it would be the only way that my schedule would allow. As a proud Senior DeMolay, and the exposure that I had to Masonry then, I had the idea that joining Freemasonry would be very time consuming and that learning the ritual, etc., would be too difficult to work into my schedule. This was a misconception which prevented my joining many years earlier.

On Continuing Education: After my one day class, my sponsor and mentor insisted that I attend the Lodges of Instruction, and other related programs. Because of this, and being a DeMolay, inspired me to become an active Mason with regrets that I didn't do so years earlier.

I believe it was about four to six weeks before I was able to witness a First Degree, and then the following two Degrees over the next few months. I was truly impacted by the Ritual and the Masonic lessons that were taught.

I firmly believe that if a man is convinced that he will not join our fraternity because he does not have the time to commit to the traditional manner of joining, then the one day is the obvious alternative. The key point here is that whether traditional or one day, it is the Lodge, Sponsor's, or Mentor's duty to guide and make the new Mason to feel wanted and to get him involved.

John VanKuilenburg

*Thomas Talbot Lodge,
raised November 2003*



Before Joining the Fraternity:

With three small children, my life was pretty busy. I was re-involved with Scouting as my son was in Cub Scouts and I was the Den Leader, so I was always planning the next meeting, field trips, and monthly Pack meetings, along with the other meetings.

On the one day class: My father-in-law, Wor. Arthur Papas tried to get me involved when I was dating my future wife, back in 1987. The timing was never right. We were always traveling, and then came children. By the time he has convinced me to join, he suggested that I do the upcoming one day class rather than be out at night and take three month[s] (also having to wait [for] the next EA class).

The one day class was like drinking from a fire hose, and when I left there, [I] really wondered what I saw and understood none of it. Seeing it from the sidelines for the next dozen times allowed me to catch bits and bytes from each chair, and it began to make sense. To this day, when you listen intently, the tone and emphasis made by each line officer can truly provide and different thought on the degree and what the true meanings are.

On Continuing Education: I was fortunate to have many mentor[s] though the years, from Wor. Bob Bailey, Rt. Wor. Don Fudge, Rt. Wor. Roy Leone, Wor. James Burke, Rt. Wor. Terry Stephen, Rt. Wor. Dick Nicoll, Rt. Wor. Steve Burton [and] Rt. Wor. Mark Leonard. All of these men too[k] the time to help mold me into the Mason I am today. I was traveling nearly immediately. My first meeting after I signed the bylaws, I was placed in [the] Junior Steward's chair, and the next week went to a Lodge meeting in the Lowell Masonic Building.

Life is a series of choices and how and when you join any organization is up to the individual. Would I have joined without the one day class? Yes. Would I change how I joined if I could do it over again. No, as I have enjoyed my time in Freemasonry, and meet what I consider lifetime friends. I would not want to lose that. You are always going to have naysayer[s] and experts on every aspect of life, it [is] up to the individual to decide what is best for their situation. ■



VETERAN'S MEDAL 2018 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 1968 will be recognized in 2018.

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 pho-

tographs depicting presentations made so far in 2018 and generously sent 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 1968. If you have any concern about being included in the listing, or any question about your membership status, please contact your lodge Secretary, who will consult your membership records for you.

ABRAHAM H HOWLAND JR LODGE

Bro. Harry Ernest Williams

ALPHA LODGE

Bro. Robert Warner Carroll
Bro. Ronald Gordon Veno

AMICABLE LODGE

Bro. William Nicholas Powell
Rt. Wor. James William Spurrell

AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE

Wor. Raymond James Cashman
Bro. Donald Edward Colbert
Bro. Thomas Courtney Grant
Bro. Daniel Everett Hall

ANCON LODGE

Wor. Hugo Andrade Adams
Wor. Clinton Alton Murphy
Wor. Virgil Lee Peters
Bro. Heywood Shuler Wilkins

ARTISAN LODGE

Wor. John Ferguson Thayer

BAALIS SANFORD LODGE

Bro. Robert Lee Coulter
Bro. Frederick Paul Goff

BAY PATH LODGE

Wor. Richard Nelson Jones
Bro. Robert Paul Tamm

BETH-HORON LODGE

Bro. Harlin Bradford Hill III

BOYLSTON LODGE

Wor. Edward Leon Buck
Bro. Jon Philip Carlson
Bro. Joseph Robert Seder
Wor. Bruce Edward Wells

BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. Charles Henry Coleman Jr
Bro. Raymond Edward Huber
Bro. Otis Jackson Roberts III

BRISTOL LODGE

Bro. William Edmund Clarke
Bro. Peter Mark Sylvia

BUDLEIGH LODGE

Bro. Hugh Robert McLernon
Bro. Daniel Curtis Perry

CALEB BUTLER LODGE

Bro. John Russell Bigelow

CELESTIAL LODGE

Bro. John William Anderson III
Bro. Charles Welborn Long
Bro. Kenneth Carlton West

CHARLES RIVER LODGE

Bro. David Edward Desilets
Bro. Richard Martin Glockner
Bro. Paul Norman Robinson

CHARLES W MOORE LODGE

Wor. James Dean Gauntlett

CHICOPEE LODGE

Bro. William Spiros Leventis

CORNER STONE LODGE

Wor. Roy Belknap Davis
Bro. Richard Wilson Loring Jr

DALHOUSIE LODGE

Rt. Wor. Walter Bradford Chase Jr Esq
Bro. Howard Earl Roe
Bro. Bernard Newport White Jr
Bro. Edward Ning Woo

DANIEL WEBSTER LODGE

Bro. Wayne Marshall Hadden

DAY SPRING LODGE

Bro. Robert William Birchenough

DELTA LODGE

Bro. Louie Leo Gatteny
Bro. William Marios
Bro. Edward Carl Parker
Bro. Charles George Samellas
Wor. Earle Alfred Thompson

DEWITT CLINTON LODGE

Bro. Omer Felix Ethier
Bro. Jan Moffett Fraser
Bro. Earl Harold Marryat
Bro. Clifford Frank Wilbur

EASTERN STAR LODGE

Bro. Peter Edward Allen
Bro. Frederick Quint
Wor. Richard Allan Parker
Bro. Dale Leo Wehr

ELM-BELCHER LODGE

Bro. David Alexander Ladizki

ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE

Bro. Willard Wilcox Boss
Bro. Lee Bowen Evans
Bro. Joseph Adam Francis
Bro. Norman David Gelfand
Rt. Wor. Charles Henry Robinson
Bro. Gerald Warren Seigel

ESSEX LODGE

Bro. Nishan Mootafian
Bro. Charles David Phipps



On May 14th at the regular communication of Norumbega Fraternity Lodge in Newtonville, Rt. Wor. Scott D. Inglis DDGM of the 5th Masonic district presented Bro Jon M. Bowdoin the 50 Year Veterans Medal and label pin.

CHARITY LODGE

Bro. Arthur Frederick Ashton Jr

CHARLES C DAME LODGE

Wor. George Russell Dow III
Bro. Edwin Lowell Hunt
Wor. Russell Merritt Poor
Bro. Ralph Leslie Thivierge

COCHICHEWICK LODGE

Bro. Leo Julius Axtin Jr
Bro. Ralph Edward Osgood

COLUMBIAN LODGE

Bro. Walter Monroe Wess

CORINTHIAN LODGE

Bro. Jeffrey Brian Holden

EVENING STAR LODGE

Bro. John Grew Canon
Wor. Gordon Glenn VanOrman

EXCELSIOR LODGE

Bro. David Lyman Varjian

EZEKIEL BATES LODGE

Wor. Emory Eugene Chapman Jr
Bro. Alan Herbert Hanson

FELLOWSHIP LODGE

Bro. Burton Ellison Bouldry Sr
Bro. Raymond Edward Gramlich Jr
Bro. Wayne Cushing Perkins
Wor. Leslie Arnold Skinner Jr
Bro. Carl Christian Witt Jr

FRANK W THOMPSON LODGE

Bro. Hagop Nercessian
Bro. Kenneth Monroe Pedersen Sr

FRATERNAL LODGE

Bro. Frederic Freeman Scudder II

FRIENDSHIP LODGE

Bro. Herbert John Nelson Jr

GARDEN CITY LODGE

Bro. Kenneth Bertram Schneier

GATUN LODGE

Bro. Robert James Batty
Bro. Dale Fredrick Stuart

GLOBE UNITY LODGE

Bro. James Martin Anderson
Bro. Charles Henry Rohlf III

GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE

Wor. Herbert Harris French Jr
Bro. Louis Bach Hoyer

GOLDEN RULE LODGE

Bro. Chester Russell Fanjoy Jr
Bro. Prescott Dow Farris
Wor. Henry MacDonald Tanner Jr
Wor. Frederick Van Magnus

GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE

Bro. Frederick Clarke Goodwin Sr
Bro. John George Moore

HAMPSHIRE LODGE

Wor. Ronald Edward Wolf

HAYDEN LODGE

Wor. Wayne David Allen
Bro. Richard Arnold Harris

HOPE LODGE

Rt. Wor. Edward Thomas Thompson

JOHN HANCOCK LODGE

Bro. Robert Glen Chase
Bro. Neil Steven Fineman
Bro. Robert Bradley Hall
Bro. Walter Henry Hird Jr

JOHN T HEARD LODGE

Bro. David Lee Hall

JORDAN LODGE

Bro. John Marco Apostolides
Bro. Steven Marco Apostolides
Wor. William Allen Craig
Bro. Jack George Glynos
Bro. Peter Ernest Katsoulas

KING DAVID LODGE

Rt. Wor. Sergio Manuel Cardoza
Wor. David Manuel Rogers
Bro. Russell Carleton Ulm

KING HIRAM'S LODGE

Bro. Sam Fallas

KONOHASSETT LODGE

Bro. Robert William Clark



Two 50 year Veterans Medals were presented on Wednesday, January 17th at Jordan Lodge's regular monthly communication. Rt. Wor. & Rev. Richard Haley, DDGM of the 9th District presented them, with the help of Wor. Richard Davidson, Master of Jordan Lodge (far right),-to Wor. William Craig (left with his wife Nancy) and Bro. John Apostolides (right with his wife Helen). Many years ago Wor. Bro. Craig and Rt. Wor. Bro. Haley worked together in a hardware store in Salem and have rarely seen each other since—it was a nice reunion!

Bro. Robert Henry Fesler Jr

LAFAYETTE-DOVER LODGE

Rt. Wor. James Benjamin Kershaw

LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE

Bro. Wayne Francis Peak
Bro. David William Tibbetts

LEVEL LODGE

Bro. Richard Carlman Gotz

LIBERTY LODGE

Bro. Herbert Horsman Jr
Bro. Richard Frank Kania
Bro. Robert Gordon Richardson
Bro. Ronald Harry Simmons
Bro. Paul Weinberg

LYNNFIELD-ZETLAND LODGE

Bro. Robert Arthur Frampton

MAJOR GENERAL**HENRY KNOX LODGE**

Bro. John Oscar Bond
Bro. Sidney Milton Bro.nstein
Bro. William Francis Kennedy
Wor. Edward Leslie King

MARINE LODGE

Rt. Wor. Edward Smith Newsham
Bro. Russell Everett Perry

MARINERS LODGE

Bro. Foster Myles Weller Jr

MASSASOIT-**NARRAGANSETT LODGE**

Wor. Leonard Albert Moniz

MAY FLOWER LODGE

Bro. Henry Winsor Gates

MERIDIAN LODGE

Bro. Lloyd Sidney French
Bro. Howard Lynwood Harper Jr
Bro. Harold Robert Kams
Bro. Nicholas Sobhy Mabardy
Bro. Daniel Schuldman

MERRIMACK LODGE

Wor. Robert Everett Andrews
Bro. William Lesley Briggs
Bro. Philip Garland Wendell

MIDDLESEX LODGE

Bro. Allan Lee Astbury

MONTGOMERY LODGE

Bro. Leonard Ernest Mellen
Wor. John Jay Salisbury

MORNING STAR LODGE

Bro. George Baden Gamble Jr
Bro. Ronald Edward Johnson
Wor. Edward Elias Samia
Bro. Richard Abraham Samia
Bro. Gordon Vernor Sundeen
Bro. Craig Alton Turner

MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE

Bro. Robert Fishman
Wor. Donald Leonard Hoffman
Bro. Paul Frederick Klapper
Bro. Philip Harris Leavitt
Bro. Charles Robert Levin
Wor. Gerald Raphael
Bro. Stuart Alan Roffman
Bro. Herbert Alan White
Bro. Arthur Winer

MOUNT CARMEL LODGE

Bro. Frank Andrew Andrews
Bro. Morton Freeman

Bro. Stanley Willard Hinds

Bro. Thomas Earl Rafuse
Bro. Philip Armand Salois
Bro. James Zouras

MOUNT HOLLIS LODGE

Bro. D. Craig Travers

MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE

Bro. Lyndon Porter Bagg
Bro. Allan Howard Cushing
Bro. Roger Joseph Morin
Bro. Arthur Alfred Morneau

MOUNT HOPE LODGE

Bro. Richard Henry Nielsen Jr

MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE

Bro. Russell Joseph Figueira
Bro. Jimmie Louis Loupe
Rt. Wor. Charles Everett Myers
Bro. Clinton Bradbury Smith Jr
Bro. Lennart Robert Swanson

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE

Bro. Boleslaw Rudolph Adamczyk
Wor. Charles Henry Darling
Bro. David Clark Robbins

MOUNT OLIVET LODGE

Wor. Charles Papken Guleserian

MOUNT ORTHODOX LODGE

Bro. Harley Allen Wheeler

MOUNT TABOR LODGE

Bro. Myron Yale Cummins

MOUNT TOM LODGE

Bro. Brian Douglas Duncan
Bro. James Edward Heinrich
Bro. Herbert James Silcox

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50 YEAR VETERANS



The Grand Master's Fraternal Visit to Charles W. Moore Lodge to present a 50-year Past Master Award to Rt. Wor. Richard "Dick" S. Sleeper. He has held numerous positions such as District Deputy (Fitchburg 13th) as well as Grand Commander, Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest in York Rite.

MOUNT VERNON-GALILEAN LODGE

Wor. Thomas Joseph Gorgone

MOUNT ZION LODGE

Bro. Jordan Allan Dean
Bro. Raymond Edward Wead Jr
Wor. Ronald Warren Wilkins

MOUNTAIN LODGE

Bro. Treffle Alexander Mercure Jr
Bro. James Gilbert Stacy

MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE

Bro. John Edward Gilbert
Bro. Anthony Arthur Kounelas
Wor. Donald Bruce Pettersen

NORFOLK LODGE

Bro. Richard Lee Bedigan
Bro. Wayne Louis Burkett
Bro. John Walter Day
Bro. Philip Allen Johnson
Bro. Brian Rector Sewall

NORTH QUABBIN LODGE

Rt. Wor. Bryan Elbridge Ward

NORTH READING LODGE

Bro. Ralph Franklin Plouff III

NORUMBEGA FRATERNITY LODGE

Bro. Jon Michael Bowdoin
Wor. Norman Martin Holcomb
Bro. Donald Marshall Prouty

OLD COLONY LODGE

Bro. Bruce Calvin Marden

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE

Bro. Richard Tiovo Salmi

ORIENT LODGE

Bro. Richard Cameron May

OXFORD LODGE

Bro. Raymond Gustaf Austin

PALESTINE LODGE

Bro. Bruce Phillip Ambuter
Wor. David Donald Frizzell

PAUL REVERE LODGE

Bro. Charles Burrell Clark
Wor. David John Goodrich
Rt. Wor. Raymond Austin Phillips
Wor. Richard Joseph Pratt
Bro. John James Turner Jr

PENTUCKET LODGE

Bro. James Louis Stamas

PEQUOSSETTE LODGE

Bro. Norman Christopher Hursh

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE

Bro. Kenneth Raymond Cole
Bro. Frederick William Cuzner
Bro. Joel Page Gleason
Bro. Frank Allen Lord

PHOENIX LODGE

Wor. Arthur Leigh Mosher

PILGRIM LODGE

Bro. Leonard Blanchard Thayer

PIONEER LODGE

Bro. Richard Ashcroft
Bro. Forrest Pullman Cole

PLYMOUTH LODGE

Bro. Kenneth Everett Howe Jr
Bro. Paul Perry
Bro. Kenneth William Reid
Bro. Frank Lozeah Shaw

PROSPECT LODGE

Bro. Richard Donald Faul

PURITAN LODGE

Bro. Anthony Louis Daniels
Rt. Wor. Robert Edward Godbout Jr

PYTHAGOREAN LODGE

Bro. Simon John Alexander
Thomson

RABBONI LODGE

Bro. Charles Henry Ringler

RICHARD C MACLAURIN LODGE

Bro. Gerald Norman Wogan

RISING STAR LODGE

Bro. Leonard Charles Glover
Wor. Richard Arthur Phillips Sr

RURAL LODGE

Rt. Wor. Henry Robert Huke III
Rt. Wor. Ronald Leon McKim

SAGGAHEW LODGE

Bro. Harry Kalashian
Wor. Richard Nichols Kendrick
Bro. Leon Burton Smith
Bro. Frederick Newton Stiteler III

SAINT GEORGE LODGE

Bro. Nondas Gioulis
Wor. Michael Joseph Lazaro

SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE

Bro. Donald Tucker Graham

Bro. Milton Russell Graham

SAINT JOHN'S (N) LODGE

Bro. Frederick George King

SAINT MARK'S LODGE

Bro. Steven Howard Fram
Bro. Furmer Howard Lattime

SAINT MARTIN'S LODGE

Bro. Thomas Ruston Pennypacker II

SAINT MATTHEW'S LODGE

Bro. William Hall Barnes
Bro. Robert Arthur Finlayson

SATUIT LODGE

Bro. Allan Keve Bass
Bro. Donald Morrison Litchfield

SILOAM LODGE

Bro. Clifford Bothwell Palmer

SIMON W ROBINSON LODGE

Bro. George Douglas Comley
Bro. George Demetri Gatteny Sr

SOJOURNERS LODGE

Bro. Frederick Theodor Hoppe
Bro. Carley Ray May

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE LODGE

Wor. Richard Gustaf Johnson
Bro. Jon Herman Ladd

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE

Bro. Dennis Irwin Ackerman
Bro. Charles Wayne Napier

STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE

Bro. Donald Windsor LeShane Jr
Bro. Ronald Earl Wheeler Sr

TAHATTAWAN LODGE

Wor. David Almon Leach

THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE

Bro. Ernest Simon Kramer
Bro. Dean Jacob Landau
Wor. Manfred Reinhold Liedtke
Bro. George Benjamin Shure
Bro. Henry Harris Silverman

THE MEADOWS LODGE

Bro. Robert Dudley Frost

THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-

ACACIA LODGE

Wor. James Gardner Adams
Wor. Bradford Leighton Bigelow
Bro. Charles Harvey Brackett
Bro. Roland Stewart Henry Hadley
Bro. Kenneth Alan Hincley
Bro. Robert Allan Whitten
Bro. Clarence William Wood

THOMAS TALBOT LODGE

Bro. Richard Arthur Bursey
Bro. Michael Charles Clery Jr
Bro. Stanton Lindsey Dorsey II

UNION LODGE (N)

Bro. Maurice Edward Gibbs

UNITED BROTHERS LODGE

Bro. Gottfrid Herbert Johnson Jr

WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE

Bro. Gordon Warren Main
Bro. Alan Vaughan Malkasian

WAMESIT LODGE

Bro. Paul David Hutchinson

WAMPATUCK LODGE

Bro. Stephen Arthur Stringer

WASHINGTON LODGE

Bro. Robert Dennis Gallagher

Rt. Wor. Donald "Jack" McKinnon, District Deputy Grand Master for the 26th Masonic District and Wor. Niles M. Larson flank Rt. Wor. Bryan E. Ward as he receives his 50 yr. veteran medal.



Bro. Herbert Joseph Sauve Jr

**WEST ROXBURY-
DORCHESTER LODGE**

Bro. Kenneth David

Bro. Robert Abraham Saba

Bro. Roger Elias Shalhoub

WILBRAHAM MASONIC LODGE

Rt. Wor. Robert West Clarke

Wor. Richard Arthur Eisold

Bro. Matthew Phillip Metzler

WILDER LODGE

Bro. Walter Thomas Allard

Wor. Don Winfrey HollingsWor.th

WILLIAM NORTH LODGE

Bro. William Otis

Bro. James Earl Robinson

WILLIAM PARKMAN LODGE

Wor. William Steward Saurman

**WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER-
KILWINNING LODGE**

Bro. James Phelps Good

Bro. James George Kouloheras

Bro. George Pappas

WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE

Bro. Arthur Allen Alyanaki

Bro. Russell Herman Menko

WYOMING LODGE

Wor. James Kenneth Brayden

Wor. William James Dias

Bro. Edward Derwent Garner

Bro. Kent Alan Murray

Wor. Michael Craig Nickerson

Wor. Peter Ward Stackpole

Bro. Charles Augustus Thistle

Wor. Thomas Francis Voyer

MW Harvey John Waugh

Wor. Charles Andrew Wing III ■



Rt. Wor. Robert Stanley with 50 yr. vet recipient Rt. Wor. James Spurrell as his wife Diana places his pin on his lapel.

MASONS HELP-ING PEOPLE FOR 50 YEARS

by R.W. Elliot Chikofsky, SMD-HELP Secretary

It is 7:30 on a Saturday morning in Woburn. The first of the Masonic volunteers arrive to unlock, and start setting up. Though we do not open until 9am, there are already people in the hallway waiting in line in hope of checking out home-use medical and health equipment for themselves, a family member, a neighbor, or a friend. By the time we open, the line will crowd halfway back through the building doors. Meanwhile, others arrive at our tent at the rear loading dock to return equipment or to donate items their family member no longer needs. It is another busy Saturday morning of Masonry in action at the Hospital Equipment Loan Program (HELP).

Now in its 50th year, SMD-HELP is open from 9am to 12 noon, only on Saturdays, at 500 West Cummings Park in Woburn, off Washington Street, near the I-93/I-95 (128) interchange. In that three-hour span, we provide equipment checkout to between 50 and 100 families, all for free. Considering returns as well as equipment donations, we can touch the lives of 200 families each week.

Who are HELP's clients? They come from all over eastern and central Massachusetts, and sometimes from New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Mark and his wife from Gloucester are here to get a rollator (wheeled walker with seat), a raised toilet seat, and a mattress-supported assist rail for his uncle who is coming out of rehab to stay with them. Susan from Plymouth needs a transport chair so she can drive her uncle to medical appointments. Mike from Lawrence is checking out an electric scooter chair that will give his mother greater mobility. Each is assisted by a HELP volunteer who finds out the need, collects the items from the inventory available that day, and directs them to another volunteer who helps fill out the checkout form for loaning items at no cost - totally free.

The staff of HELP are all volunteers: Lodge Brothers,

their family members, associates, and Ladies from Rainbow. The Lodges of the 4th, 9th, and 13th Districts take turns in rotation staffing the many needed roles.

The SMD-HELP Foundation (smd-help.org) is incorporated and is an IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) charity, so donations to it are tax-deductible. It is managed by officers and a board of directors composed of Masons and core volunteers, including the DDGM of the 13th District. M. Wor. Paul Gleason was a HELP board member for many years, and continues as an honorary Director. Two of the current board members are second generation HELP volunteers, their fathers having been early participants.

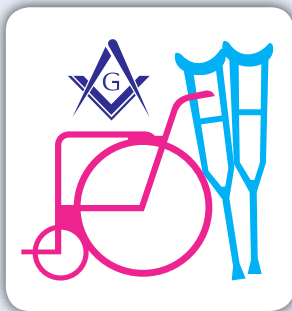
The HELP program was founded in 1968 by Wor. Richard C.F. Hastings (later R.W. DDGM in Malden - 7th District) working out of his garage in Stoneham. Other founders included Bros. Harold Mew, Leon Kezarjian, and Andrew Maninos. SMD-HELP was originally managed as the Seventh Masonic District (hence the letters "SMD") charity fund (both Malden 7th and Melrose 7th).

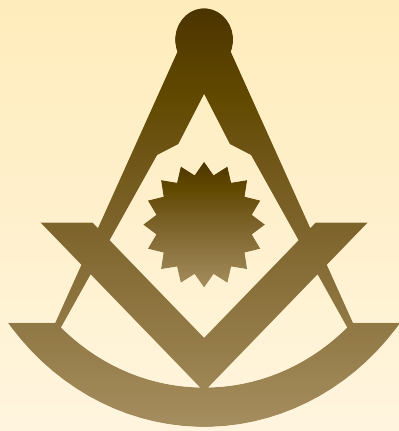
Sometime in 1973, the program took up residence on the second floor of the Malden Masonic Building. After three years, it moved to the basement, where it continued to grow and thrive, serving clients there for 35 years. Many people still think of "going to the Masons in Malden" when wheelchairs and the like are needed.

In 2014, under HELP president Rt. Wor. Robert Crockett, and aided by a substantial multi-year grant from the Cummings Foundation, our current facility opened in West Cummings Park office space in Woburn, and a new chapter began.

SMD-HELP coordinates with other Masonic charities, and coaches Lodges and others on such programs. SMD-help works with the home-ramp building team of Friendship Lodge in Wilmington

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50 YEAR PAST MASTERS

The following Masons served their lodges as Master in 1968. Listed in alphabetical order by name of the lodge served, which in many cases is not the lodge in which the honoree is now a member. These Past Masters are recognized in 2018 with certificates of service from the Grand Master.

Wor. Frederick T. Love, Jr.
Algonquin Lodge, Dorchester

Rt. Wor. Henry B. Rand
Athelstan Lodge, Worcester

Wor. George A. Waterhouse
Bethany Lodge, Merrimac

Wor. David W. Parfitt
Brookline Lodge, Brighton

Wor. John S. McQuade
Charles River Lodge, West Medway

Rt. Wor. Richard S. Sleeper
Charles W. Moore Lodge, Fitchburg

Rt. Wor. Peter S. Brown
Cincinnatus Lodge, Great Barrington

Rt. Wor. Charles L. Young (presented posthumously)
Columbian Lodge, Boston

Wor. Robert F. Jones
DeWitt Clinton Lodge, Sandwich

Wor. Nelson E. Mather, III
Ebenezer Fuller Lodge, Brighton

Wor. Phillip C. Davis
Eureka Lodge, New Bedford

Rt. Wor. Leland F. Ross, Jr.
Excelsior Lodge, Franklin

Wor. William C. Holder
Fraternity Lodge, Newtonville

Wor. Kenneth H. Ledbury
Galilean Lodge, Everett

Wor. Martin J. Shaevel
Hammatt Lodge, Boston

Wor. Leonard H. Johnson, Jr.
Isaiah Thomas Lodge, Worcester

Wor. Richard S. Bird
John Abbot Lodge, Somerville

Wor. Richard W. Davidson
King David Lodge, Taunton

Wor. Agatino R. LaMarca
Macedonian Lodge, Milton

Wor. Oren H. Howard
Meridian Sun Lodge, North Brookfield

Wor. Harry D. Wilkey
Milton Lodge, Milton

Wor. Stanley L. Reed
Noquochoke Lodge, Westport

Wor. Herbert D. Glanz
Norfolk Union Lodge, Randolph

Wor. John W. Davidson
Olive Branch Lodge, Millbury

Wor. Thomas Andrea, Sr.
Quinebaug Lodge, Southbridge

Wor. Herbert D. Bell
Rural Lodge, Quincy

Wor. Donald P. Lippoldt
Saint John's Lodge, Newburyport

Wor. Lyman N. Steele, Jr.
Shawmont Lodge, Indian Orchard

Wor. Philip M. Strawn
Social Harmony Lodge, Wareham

Wor. Stanley G. Dingwell
Theodore Roosevelt Lodge, Quincy

Wor. George W. Stoddard
Trinity Lodge, Clinton

Wor. Paul A. Bennett
Union Lodge, Nantucket

Wor. Herbert D. Lewis
United Lodge, Boston

Rt. Wor. Frank H. Foss
United Brethren Lodge, Marlborough

Wor. Vernon L. Campbell
Unity Lodge, Dalton

Rt. Wor. Stephen Kaloyanides
Victory Lodge, Watertown

Wor. Renaldo W. Mauritsen
Wessagusset Lodge, South Weymouth



**Brothers who served as
District Deputy
Grand Master in 1968**

Rt. Wor. Wesley R. Boutelle
Barre 13th Masonic District

Rt. Wor. Sidney Weiner
Chicopee 18th Masonic District



LIFE You Can Make a Difference!

by Rt. Wor. Robert F. Stanley

The most precious commodity is life. Each day we read or hear of some new study about what is good or bad within this commodity.

The key to preserving life is prevention and moderation. Each year, over one million Americans die from heart disease or stroke, over 53,000 people are killed in accidents, over 500,000 Americans have a stroke from which 150,000 die. These staggering statistics have over the years given rise to the questions, "Why," and "What can we do?"

The Why is not placing blame, but that accidents and illnesses do occur. Some are discoverable by examination, and may be averted by taking steps of prevention.

What can we do? The answer may be learning CPR and

First Aid techniques in emergency treatment.

The most common response to medical emergencies is to pray and call 911. But something else can be done until help arrives. If you witness a medical emergency, or if you discover the victim of an medical emergency, you can do something more by learning the techniques of CPR, the use of an AED, and basic First Aid.

By taking a course in CPR and the AED, you will learn the ABCs of life and how to sustain that life until help arrives. Many people who take a class often express concern that they cannot properly act when an emergency does occur. This is a common misapprehension. Retraining in CPR, the AED, and First Aid replace that fear with confidence in the ability to handle that situation.

The main point made in any course on CPR, the AED, or First Aid, is the immediate call to 911 or the local emergency number. The person on the other end is often trained in CPR and First Aid, and can guide you until help arrives.

50 Year PM and Service Award Given at Quinebaug

On January 8th, 2018, a cold, snowy Monday night, many Brethren and family members traveled to Quinebaug Lodge in the 24th District to attend an awards ceremony. The awards were presented to two extraordinary Brothers from two different generations. The first award presented that night was a 50 year Past Master Diploma to Wor. Thomas Andrea, Sr.

Back in those days, you had to ask the question, "What is a Freemason?" before they would even consider you, or invite you to the Lodge. In 1969, Wor. Bro. Andrea had the task of trying to raise money for a new Lodge building due to a fire that burned down the original Lodge off of Main Street in Southbridge. Wor. Bro. Andrea formed a committee to raise \$69,000 for the purchase of the building where the Quinebaug Lodge is located today.

Also presented that night was the Right Worshipful Robert Johnston Service Award to Brother Eric K. Langevin. He was recognized for his dedication and commitment to the Lodge, and for all the outstanding volunteer work he has done to help raise money for the Lodge.

Bro. Langevin loves to cook, and is excellent at it. You can always find



Wor. Bryon E. Hicks, then Master of Quinebaug Lodge, 50 yr. Past Master, Wor. Thomas Andrea, Sr., Bro. Eric K. Langevin, recipient of the Robert Johnston Service Award, and Rt. Wor. Christopher St. Cyr, DDGM of 24th Masonic District.

him at any of our functions or events in the kitchen, or behind the grill. He had the idea of raising money for an A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator) for our Lodge and started, along with a few other Brothers, to serve breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of the month. It became so popular, we were able to purchase the A.E.D. All of the money raised from the breakfast was donated to the Center of Hope in Southbridge, called The ARC. The Center of Hope Foundation is an organization that helps families

with disabilities and/or disabling circumstances. The donation money from the breakfast has allowed The ARC to register participants in the Special Olympics.

Both of the awards were presented by Rt. Wor. Christopher St. Cyr, DDGM of 24th Masonic District, and Wor. Bryon E. Hicks. The Lodge had 58 people in attendance, and enjoyed dinner afterward. The Brethren, family, and friends braved the wet, snowy night to witness and congratulate the two men. *-Bro. Vincenzo Jimmy Falzone*

All courses, whether CPR or First Aid, should not be thought of as a one-time training event. Retraining is needed to maintain the skills needed, and to be kept up to date on new methods. A CPR course should be repeated at a minimum of once every two years, and First Aid, once every three years.

One of the tenets of Freemasonry is charity, and the greatest way to extend the hand of charity is to give of one's self. CPR and First Aid, when given to another, requires only that you use your hands, your breath, and your training.

All Lodge officers should be trained in CPR, the AED, and First Aid. If a medical emergency occurs, proper action must be taken until help arrives.

Any Lodge, Masonic body, organization, or individual wishing to obtain more information, or to have training classes scheduled, contact Wor. Robert F. Stanley of the Grand Lodge Service Committee at starsh@comcast.net or (617) 921-8555. Remember, the life you save may be a family member, a Brother, or your own. ■



You can save a life by doing C.P.R.

Ask about scheduling a class at your lodge.

C.P.R. for Adults, Children & Infants

Contact
R.W. Bob Stanley
starsh@comcast.net
(617) 921-8555
or your
District Deputy Service
Officer



Thank You, Masons

2018-2019 Grand Lodge Scholarship Awards



Montayo W. Cardoza

I believe that I can speak for all of the recipients when I say we are very excited to be here. I'd first like to thank the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Paul Fulton Gleason, and the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee. This program that

you sponsor and put so much time into is life changing! Like many here, I come from a middle-class family with numerous expenses.

As you can imagine, it is difficult for my family to help me finance my education. Yet, thanks to the Masons, I am able to attend my first year of college with fewer costly loans that would seriously threaten my financial stability. I am sure the other recipients feel the same way. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your most generous and

selfless donation to our education.

You may be wondering, "How is this eccentric DeMolay going to utilize the money we gave him?" Well, you need not worry, I will only be launching a revolution. While there will be no blood, there will be sweat, tears, and a whole lot of "Bob Ross" to soothe my nerves. I am attending the University of Massachusetts Lowell in the Fall, and will be majoring in chemical engineering with a focus in nano-manufacturing.

It is my hope to better humanity by researching improvements in battery technology - developing batteries with longer life-cycles, and shorter charge times. This technology can then be used to power various pieces of lifesaving medical equipment, as well as crucial computer systems in harsh environments where electricity isn't readily available.

I would not have the hope to attain these goals were it not for the Freemasons and programs of the Grand Lodge of Masons and their philanthropy through this scholarship. I have benefited from their sponsorship of the youth organization, known as DeMolay, and now I am proud to be a Masonic Scholarship Recipient. ■



Colin Brown

Before I begin, I would like to take a moment and thank the Most Worshipful Paul Fulton Gleason, Grand Master [of] Masons in Massachusetts, Right Worshipful Brian Noble, and the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee for the

abundance of thought and time they have given to help provide the opportunity for higher education. I would also like to take a moment and thank the two role models and mentors in my life, who, if it wasn't for them I would not be the man I am today. My Father, Alan Brown and Uncle Paul Perkins, have not only guided me through many different obstacles in my life, but also encouraged me to always reach for the stars, and for that thank you.

For those of you who I unfortunately have not yet met,

my name is Colin Brown, and I am a 5th Generation Master Mason, and a member of the Wyoming Lodge, as well as the Wakefield chapter Order of DeMolay. Even as a young child I was surrounded by the Masonic Brotherhood, many memories I have during that time was of Easter Pancake brunches where I got to meet many Masonic Members of all ages and listen to their stories that always ended with a life lesson. I also will never forget sitting on the floor getting dizzy from watching my dad burn a pathway on the carpet due to the amount of times he paced back and forth while studying Ritual. At times I would ask him, "Dad...Why do you study so hard," and every time he would respond with the same answer, "Education is never wasted, son."

Growing up, I always followed my dad's response that education is never wasted, and currently I am a rising senior studying Finance at Nichols College. While in my earlier stages of academics, I believed that education was just sitting in the classroom listening to the teacher, now in college I have realized that it is more than that. Some experiences I am referring to is joining campus clubs where you can connect

with fellow peers, getting involved with community service organizations, and taking the time to sit with your professors during their open office hours to have conversations about their experience in the possible career path you want to follow. These experiences, along with the academic teachings of my professors, have helped me open up doors to opportunities I would never imagine were possible. Opportunities such as interning with Merrill Lynch as a Summer Analyst, being elected the class of 2019 Emerging Leaders Co-Chairmen, and becoming a Mentor in the Big Brother Big Sister program, where I have been with my little brother Sebastian for now coming up to three years. Opportunities like these would have been impossible if it wasn't for the continuous support and brotherhood of the Masonic Lodge as well as the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee.

I want to say congratulations to all the scholarship recipients in the audience. Rising Freshman, congratulations for closing the High School Chapter in your life and taking the starting steps in furthering your education. Take this early time to begin lining the pathway of success towards your future career, always be the first person in the classroom and last one out, and never forget to text or call your parents once in a while, even if it's just to say hello, trust me. Rising Sophomores, congratulations for finishing out your first year in college. By now, you probably know the school inside and out but don't let that obstruct the self-goals you made before starting college. Rising Juniors, congratulations for becoming an upperclassman and one step further towards walking across that stage wearing your cap and gown. Always take the time to help the underclassmen in need because that was you only a couple years back. Rising seniors, like myself, congratulation[s], we have one more year left. Let us finish out our career in higher education as we started, hardworking, career driven, and focused. For every student here, I hope you make many connections with both your peers and professors who will support you through your journey of higher education. But always thank, and never forget, the Masonic brotherhood who have both encouraged and invested into not only our further education, but also our future.

Again, thank you Most Worshipful Paul Fulton Gleason, Grand Master [of] Masons in Massachusetts, Right Worshipful Brian Noble, and the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee. Without you, students like myself would not have been presented with the many opportunities that higher education has to offer. ■

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In Focus:

MAJOR GENERAL HENRY KNOX LODGE



The Firefighters Degree Team does the honor of a Master Mason Degree at MGHK Lodge for our Military Firefighters with splendid precision ritual.



A gift to MGHK Lodge from Mount Olivet Lodge of a USMC NCO Drill & Ceremony Saber.

Table Lodge Extraordinaire at MGHK

“The grandest Table Lodge of all time,” according to Wor. Phil Dubey, took place on April 28th at the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, as the Grand Master and seven Past Grand Masters became Honorary Members of Major General Henry Knox Lodge (MGHK).

On March 26, 1952, Reverend and Right Worshipful Frank B. Crandall, a charter member of MGHK, after translating the Loge de Table ritual from French into English, staged the first Table Lodge in Major General Henry Knox Lodge. Thus, after a century and a half of dormancy, the ancient Masonic Feast, replete with both Military and Masonic origins and significance, was reintroduced not only into the Massachusetts Jurisdiction, but into American Masonry.

Being the only Lodge to have in its bylaws how to conduct a Table Lodge, when Table Lodges were banned for many years, Major General Henry Knox Lodge was the only Lodge exempt, and allowed to conduct a Table Lodge. Now, after 67 consecutive Table Lodges, it is the Lodge that has held more consecutive Table Lodges than any other Lodge in the United States, or abroad.

The Table Lodge opened with the entrance of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Paul F. Gleason and his suite to the bagpiping of Rt. Wor. Kenneth Pfeiffer. Once seated, the Colonial Craftsman Rt. Wors. David P. Newcomb, Walter Hunt, Jack Mulhall, and Bro. Chris Tourtellot presented the colors.

Left: All living Past Grand Masters became honorary members of Major General Henry Knox Lodge. Right: A special CD, “It is the sound of Hope”, given to people in hospitals, compiled by Major General Henry Knox Lodge, is presented to the Grand Master.





Bro. LT William Peterson and Wor. Ken Longo performed the Missing Soldier Ceremony.

The time honored tradition of a Table Lodge unfolded with seven toasts (you had a choice of four reds, four whites, or crabapple juice), a selection of fine cigars to choose from, and a mouthwatering menu. The main course was baked stuffed lobster tails and filet mignon, with baked potato and asparagus.

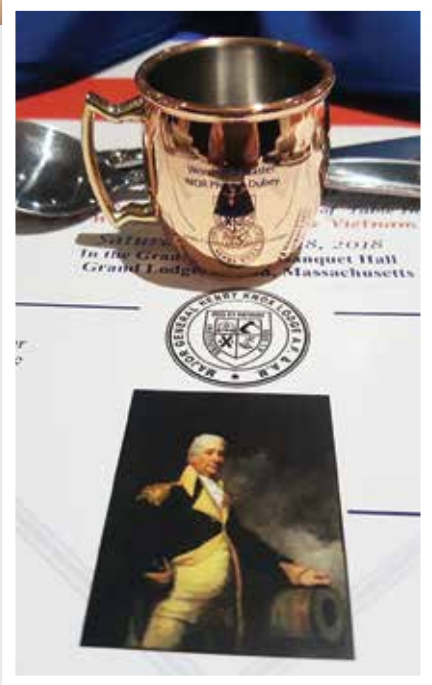
Rt. Wor. Philip A. Nowlan and the Vietnam Veterans were the honored guests at this year's Table Lodge. Every year, the Lodge recognizes a member, and an era. Long overdue, the Worshipful Master welcomed home the Vietnam Veterans. Rt. Wor. Bro. Nowlan gave a brief speech, leaving everyone awestruck.

Wor. Bro. Dubey and Rt. Wor. Bro. Nowlan received the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters in the East, presenting them with plaques, framed certificates making them honorary members of Major General Henry Knox Lodge. Wor. Bro. Dubey then awarded them their challenge coin and Lodge pin.

With the Masonic fellowship overflowing, it was not over. For the raffle drawing, the Master of Major General Henry Knox Lodge had taken a few of his combat 50 caliber rounds and turned them into bottle openers for door prizes. The wonderful artist Mrs. Janet Simpkins donated a miniature masterpiece of the Massachusetts Korean War Memorial.

If you've never been to a Table Lodge, or if you missed this event, don't worry, you can make it to the 68th Consecutive Table Lodge next year!

-Wor. Phil Dubey



Above: The table lodge of Major General Henry Knox Lodge, the cup, and a photo of Bro. Maj. Gen. Henry Knox on the program.

Left: Bro. Joe MaGee receives the first Rt. Wor. Robert Johnston award given at MGHK Lodge by Rt. Wor. Robert Stanley. He received his Master Mason Rookie Award the same night. Right: The MGHK banner.



Something's Brewing at The Overlook

Brother Steven Dragon is a man of many interests, from blazing trails, to beekeeping, to brewing beer – and a new member of Freemasonry.

Steve served four years (1968-1972) in the Coast Guard, including a tour in Vietnam from 1970-71. Following his discharge, Steve earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Lowell Technological Institute, with an emphasis on Industrial Technology. At Astra Pharmaceuticals, where he worked for 17 years, Steve designed systems for the new facility in Westborough. Astra's automated, computerized manufacturing system ultimately gave the company the ability to trace raw material usage from start to finish. If a product was recalled, the questionable components could be traced to all finished products, and ultimately the customer, in a matter of seconds, rather than the weeks it previously took with the manual system.

Steve went on to work for six years as the worldwide IT Director for Schneider Electric, with direct reports in the United States, Germany, and

France. Steve finished up his career at Industrial Hearing Testing (IHT), providing mobile hearing testing and conservation programs for industrial manufacturers in the northeast.

Steve met his wife, Dolores Socha, in 1981. They lived in the Tatnuck Square area of Worcester, and then Boylston, before moving to The Overlook two years ago. Steve says, "Moving to The Overlook was the very best decision we ever made, never a regret." He encourages his peers - who may think they are too young - to move now to fully appreciate the active lifestyle and beautiful grounds.

Steve and Dolores have enjoyed beekeeping for 17 years, and are active outdoors kayaking, biking, hiking, and geocaching. In fact, Steve and Dolores are currently blazing new trails throughout The Overlook's 450 acres. Working with the Town of Charlton to map 20 miles of cleared trails, this summer they will measure each trail and mark intersections so residents can customize their walking routes.

While living in Worcester, Steve was a member of Tatnuck Island Club, a Men's social club which met monthly for dinner prepared by members of the group. Assigned to the Oktoberfest dinner, Steve thought providing home brewed beer might add to the festivities, thus a new hobby was born. He started with a five gallon hand-made system, getting better and better as he brewed three weekends a month. His neighbors loved stopping by to watch the process and reap the benefits! Soon Steve invested in a 15 gallon system to simplify production and time.

When Steve and Dolores moved to The Overlook, he was hoping to bring his brewery equipment. Steve needed to



Bro. Steve Dragon promotes St. Patrick's Day offering from the Brew Crew.

find space to house the equipment, and an outdoor spot to actually brew, which required the use of propane. He enlisted the help of the Directors of Facilities and Program Engagement to find the right location. As a home brewer for 35 years, Steve is sharing his enthusiasm and expertise with Overlook residents. The initial kick-off meeting to garner interest had 64 residents in attendance. The Brew Crew created its first beer a couple of months later, a German wheat beer or Hefeweizen, which was a huge success. At monthly meetings with 35 core members, Steve presents the history of the next style of beer to be crafted. Brew day starts at the crack of dawn at 6AM, and goes for up to nine hours. Crew members and residents stop by to assist with the process, observe, ask questions, or to simply socialize. Two to three weeks later, members bottle and label the beer. Each member currently receives three bottles per batch, which they can save for their own enjoyment, give away as gifts, or trade with other members for a future style of beer.

As the Brew Crew has grown, so has the equipment. Now housed indoors, the Brew Crew has plenty of room for all facets of the process, plus they can brew year round. Most of the raw materials are purchased at local home brew stores. The brewery now houses a 20 gallon system with two 18

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THE LEWIS CONNECTION IN MASSACHUSETTS FREEMASONRY

by *Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto*

There he is...the newest Master Mason. He has begun his Masonic career, he's your Brother, and he's your son.

The experience of receiving the degrees is one that proud fathers have shared with their sons since time immemorial. A decade or so ago, M. Wor. Jeffrey B. Hodgdon introduced a special decoration - The Lewis Jewel - that both fathers and sons could wear to recognize this special association.

M. Wor. Paul Revere saw two of his sons become his Brothers. Paul Jr. was raised in Rising States Lodge in 1785, and Joseph Warren Revere, raised in The Massachusetts Lodge in 1800. M. Wor. and Dr. Winslow Lewis, Jr., looked to his father, Rt. Wor. Winslow Lewis, Sr., Junior Grand Warden in the 1840s, when he was raised. Rt. Wor. Charles W. Moore, whose biography appears elsewhere in this magazine, enjoyed the raising of his son Wor. Marcus Moore.

In current times, M. Wor. Albert T. Ames raised two of his sons in his own Meridian Lodge with the assistance of Grand Lodge officers.

This happens in any Lodge, not just Grand Lodge, between one proud Master Mason father and his Master Mason son. The Lewis Jewel commemorates this relationship. It honors both the father and the son, and it is one of the most personal, and most distinguished, connections we can make in the Craft.

THE DOBSON LEWIS CONNECTION CONTINUES

I, Rt. Wor. Fred A. Dobson, was 48 years old when I told my father I wanted to become a Mason. He told me that one of the proudest days of his life was when he raised me to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and called me Brother. He wanted both of his sons to become Masons, but I was the only one to do so. This experience is not unique to us, as it is played out hundreds of times in a year, but it doesn't make it any less special. Many fathers have unique bonds with their sons. Even a father with multiple sons often has a unique bond with each of them. Dad became a Mason two years before I was born, and in hindsight, I was definitely brought up to have Masonic principles, but I didn't know or understand it until I finally became a Mason myself.

Dad's pride was evident when I became an officer for the first time, and was installed as Senior Steward in my Lodge. Although Dad's health was failing, he was determined to be there, no matter what, even though it was a struggle for him to get up the stairs to the Lodge room.

Being there was that important to him. It turns out that it was the last time he would be in an open Lodge, and the picture that was taken is the only one of us in Lodge together. It's a picture I will treasure always.

I didn't really know anything about the Lewis Jewel early on. I may have been Senior Warden of my Lodge when I really understood what the Lewis was all about. At that time, I thought that since I was going to be Master of my Lodge the following year, if the Lodge were to deem me worthy of a Past Master's jewel, I would receive my Dad's, and I would pass on the Lewis. I did receive his Past Master's Jewel, and couldn't have been more thrilled with it.

To have this incredibly unique Masonic link via our pocket jewels is such an honor, but I continue to wonder if I should have obtained a Lewis. However, my thinking has changed a bit. When I was talking with my own son recently,

he asked about a Florida trip next March, specifically around the 9th. When I told him that I was already committed to being present for the upcoming One Day Class, he started asking questions about it. Since he is not a Mason, I explained to him how it all worked. He then asked if that was something he could do, and become a Master Mason in one day. Of course I said yes, and the process for him to join our wonderful Fraternity is underway as I write. Once he does indeed become a Master Mason, I will promptly get him a Lewis Jewel that I hope he will proudly wear as a special link between father and son.



Wor. Edward P. Felker

THE FELKER LEWIS BONDS

I, Wor. Edward P. Felker, ordered my Lewis Jewel when it became apparent that I would be heading to the East of Saggaheew Lodge. My father, Bro. N. Edward Felker, was a Mason, and though he drifted away from the Craft for several years before becoming active once again, he always spoke highly of Freemasonry. In the early 90s, when asking potential members became an acceptable practice, he asked me to consider joining. I was reluctant at the time because I couldn't understand why a guy my age would want to hang around with guys his age.

When my best friend, Wor. Terrence E. DeGrenier joined, I noticed the immediate special bond that he and my father now had. It was different than before. Years later, Terry had become Master of the Lodge, and the summer when his term was coming to a close, my father fell ill and passed away. Terry presided over the Masonic Memorial Service for my

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FRATERNITY News & Events



Left to right: Junior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Michael J. Jarzabek, Senior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Fred A. Dobson, Rt. Wor. Russell Lowe, Wor. James Gonyea, Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Scott T. Jareo, and Rt. Wor. Christopher St. Cyr.



This is the final meeting of Wilbraham Masonic Lodge on June 27, 2018. Wilbraham Masonic Lodge will merge with The Meadows Lodge on August 25th, 2018. In the center is Rt. Wor. Michael Jarzabek, Junior Grand Warden. To his left is the Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Robert Clarke.

Rt. Wor. Russell Lowe Receives Joseph Warren Medal

On May 8th, 2018, Rt. Wor. Russell Lowe received the Joseph Warren Medal during the fraternal visit of Rt. Wor. Christopher St. Cyr, DDGM of the 24th District. We were also joined by the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden. The Medal itself was presented to Rt. Wor. Bro. Lowe by his bother Rt. Wor. Thomas Lowe, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. Rt. Wor. Bro. Lowe's wife, son, and daughter were also in attendance. **-Wor. James Gonyea**

Gavel Wresting: District 25 Wins!

The Brothers of Hayden Lodge of North Brookfield, District 25, successfully wrested the Traveling Gavel from Wor. Bryon Hicks, Quinebaug Lodge, Southbridge, District 24.

On November 29, 2017, a group of Brothers organized by Wor. Bryon Hicks from Quinebaug Lodge, traveled to Hayden Lodge and earned The Hayden Lodge Traveling



Gavel which they took back to Southbridge as a prize.

To retrieve the gavel, the Lodge "from whence it came" must have Brothers in sufficient numbers, when making a return visit, to capture back their trophy.

The brothers from Hayden Lodge in North Brookfield, eager to retrieve their property, and led by Wor. Ralph Butts, organized a traveling conquest team of 10 Brothers, and on June 4th ventured to Quinebaug Lodge in Southbridge to recover their gavel. However, to their dismay, they found their gavel had been taken from Quinebaug Lodge in the heat of an earlier battle, by Boylston Lodge! Quinebaug Lodge was thus forced to turn over to Hayden Lodge what may be greater captured booty, that of the Joel H. Prouty Lodge Traveling Gavel.

The aforesaid Joel H. Prouty Traveling Gavel now resides at Hayden Lodge, awaiting a worthy attempt at relocation by its proper owners. **-Rt. Wor. Edward Leo Savage**

Back Row (L-R): Bro. Richard Smith, Wor. Michael Frank, Wor. William Zukowski, Bro. Glen Stevens, Wor. Michael Kalil, Wor. Robert Belcher. **Front row (L-R):** Bro. Courtland Lippincott, Bro. Dean Stevens, Bro. Daniel Golden, Wor. Ralph Butts, Hayden Lodge Master, and Wor. Bryon Hicks, Quinebaug Lodge Master.



Megan Frank, the current Grand Worthy Advisor and Rebecca Main, the Jr. Past Grand Worthy Advisor.

Massachusetts Rainbow: Service is Action

As the daughter organization of Masonry, The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls shares many of the same lessons, which we teach to our members. One of these lessons, and possibly the most important, is the value of service. Our local assemblies are continually performing service in our communities around the state.

At the Grand level, our organization chooses to focus on one service initiative for our year-long terms. This year, Massachusetts Rainbow will be collecting new and gently used books to donate to a charity called Reader to Reader Inc. This non-profit is dedicated to distributing books to underfunded school and public libraries across our state, and through-out the country.

This year, we're also using the power of social media to

connect and log our service efforts. Members are encouraged to post photos of their charitable deeds using the hashtag #ServiceStarIORG. This tool can be used to see the impact of their work on a larger scale, as well as show their friends and family the power of service to others.

During our Grand terms, we have three nights where we meet as a state to perform the Initiation degree. On behalf of Massachusetts Grand Officers, members of Massachusetts Rainbow, and future members, I cordially invite Masonry to attend these events. As one of our sponsoring bodies, and as a support to our membership, you are always welcome and your presence is greatly appreciated.

Grand Officers Nights: Lowell Masonic Building 10/13/18 and 2/9/19, Worcester Masonic Building (pending) 5/4/19.

-Megan Frank, Grand Worthy Advisor 2018-2019



On May 14th at the regular communication of Norumbega Fraternity Lodge in Newtonville, Rt. Wor. Scott D. Inglis DDGM of the 5th Masonic district on behalf of Grand Lodge presented Wor. Austin R. Ryan (right) the "Library & Museum Chairman Diploma 2017" in appreciation of his dedicated service.

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gallon stainless steel fermenters, which will allow the Brew Crew to double their capacity. Labels for all the beers are designed by resident Rich Wilson. The beer is called "Senior Moment," and as the Brew Crew likes to say, "I just had a Senior Moment - and I enjoyed it!"

When Steve moved to The Overlook, he had the great pleasure of meeting late resident Jack Bennett. Steve had never met a man of such character and caliber as Jack. When Steve asked what made him such, Jack replied, "Being a Mason." Jack embodied every one of the values, morals, and characteristics of a Mason. In fact, "Jack made good men better by just being in their presence." Steve knew he wanted to be part of this wonderful brotherhood, and thus was mentored through the degrees by late resident Keith Krewson. Following their example, Steve earned the Grand Lodge of Masons Rookie Award. Steve gets great pleasure visiting fellow Masons over in the Masonic Health Center. The brotherhood Steve has found by making new connections with others has truly been life-changing and one of the most unexpected benefits of living at The Overlook. ■



Bro. Steve Dragon samples beer crafted by the Brew Crew. From left to right: Al Battista, Steve, Jack Campbell, Sue Siopes, Bill Goss and Bro. Dick Hardy.



The Prodigal Mason

by Richard Thompson



My favorite holiday of all we celebrate is quickly approaching - Thanksgiving. It is a time when families come together without the gift-giving pressure you find with Christmas. This is a real family holiday.

I can remember Thanksgiving when I was young. There was my grandmother, my parents, my sister, aunts, uncles, and cousins everywhere.

The kids' table alone had seating for nine. It was like Hart's Turkey Farm in really cramped quarters.

My daughter, Shelley, and my son, Bro. Jarrod, both live in England. They also get together for their own Thanksgiving celebration, usually on the Saturday following our Thanksgiving, and they invite their English friends.

The English have a harvest celebration, but it in no way resembles our Thanksgiving, so they are curious about this American holiday. (In this case, when I say American, I include Canada even though their Thanksgiving is a distant memory when we are celebrating our day.)

Bro. Jarrod has an interesting definition of Thanksgiving he uses whenever anyone asks him to explain the holiday. He says, "It is a day when families gather to eat, and eat, and eat. And when you cannot eat one more thing, you have pie." I always add, "And then we sit in the living room and watch the Detroit Lions lose another football game."

I always include that last sentence because part of my family lives in the suburbs of Detroit, so they are Lions fans. The Lions actual Thanksgiving Day record is 37 wins, 39 losses, and two ties. By the way, the great thing about New England is that being a Patriots fan allows you to make fun of pretty much the entire NFL.

We trace our Thanksgiving celebration to the Pilgrims, and their harvest celebration in Plymouth in 1621. The Thanksgiving celebration we know, however, finds its origins in the time of the Civil War. Thanksgiving was periodically celebrated starting in 1789, but it didn't become an annual federal holiday until 1863.

What I didn't know, until recently, is that the members

of Corinthian Lodge No. 28 in Newport, NH, honored their obligations and may have paved the way for our November holiday. They did something for a Masonic widow, and started the Thanksgiving ball rolling. Sarah Josepha Hale, the widow of Wor. David Hale, is credited with influencing Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a federal holiday. Until then, it was celebrated sporadically, and mostly in New England.

Sarah Hale was a most influential person in 19th Century America. In 1828, the Rev. John Blake hired her to edit the Ladies' Magazine, later named the American Ladies' Magazine. In 1837, the American Ladies' Magazine was bought by Louis Antoine Godey and merged with his magazine, Godey's Lady's Magazine. Godey hired Sarah Hale to be the editor of this combined magazine. She did this job for 40 years, retiring in 1877.

She wrote to five US presidents, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, and Abraham Lincoln, pitching her idea for Thanksgiving. In the middle of the Civil War, Lincoln made Thanksgiving a holiday, hoping it would help heal a divided nation.

Sarah Hale was more than a magazine editor. She was also an accomplished poet and novelist. Her most famous poem survives to this day. She wrote Mary's Lamb - "Mary had a little lamb...." I'm sure everyone reading this can complete the poem. She did more than run a magazine and influence a president to make Thanksgiving a holiday, doing far more than we would expect from a 19th Century woman.

She was a regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, the group that bought Mount Vernon in 1858 from John Augustine Washington Jr., the great-great nephew of our first president. The association restored the mansion and opened it to the public, and they still do to this day. Sarah Hale also founded the Seaman's Aid Society in Boston, raised \$30,000 to complete the Bunker Hill Monument, and helped found Vassar College, the first school to grant degrees to women.

Her impact on poetry and literature in the United States was so great that a literary prize, the Sarah Josepha Hale Award, was named in her honor. Recipients of this award include Robert Frost, Ogden Nash, and Arthur Miller.

How did the members of Corinthian Lodge No. 28 start all this in motion? When Wor. David Hale died, he left



Sarah Hale

Richard Thompson is a Past Master and the current Secretary for Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge.

Sarah with five children to raise. The members of Corinthian Lodge paid to have her first book of poetry, *The Genius of Oblivion*, published. This got her noticed by the literary community and the rest is history.

Unfortunately, Corinthian Lodge's life was short lived. Founded in 1816, it closed its doors in 1833, a victim of the Morgan affair. But the story doesn't end there. In 1848, Mount Vernon Lodge No. 15 moved from Washington, NH, to Newport. Its members voted that any member of Corinthian Lodge still alive automatically became members of Mount Vernon Lodge.

In 2008, Mount Vernon Lodge merged with Cheshire Lodge No. 23 in Cheshire, NH. If you check the list of past masters of that Lodge, you will find Wor. David Hale. While Corinthian Lodge is gone, its spirit lives on in the members of Cheshire-Mount Vernon Lodge No. 23, and we hope in the lives of all Masons.

As you sit at your Thanksgiving table this year, give a nod to Sarah Josepha Hale and the members of Corinthian Lodge No. 23. Thank them for their roles in our annual Thanksgiving holiday. We can honor them by helping the widows of our Lodges.

Thank you to Bro. John Hall of Hiram Lodge No. 9 of Claremont, NH, and Bro. Larry Sprague of Cheshire-Mount Vernon Lodge No. 23 of Cornish, NH, for giving me the history of Corinthian Lodge No. 28 and the story of David and Sarah Hale. ■

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degrees teach us how to be Brothers. The first three degrees teach us how to work together. They teach us how to work toward something greater than ourselves. When taken together, these degrees can give the new initiate an empowering story which can give him a strong sense of personal responsibility for his life, his family, his immediate community, and the larger world of which we are all a part.

In January 1979, I submitted the paperwork to begin the process to become a Mason. In September of that same year, my father raised me to the sublime degree. Not only did I learn from the Masonic degrees, I have since met thousands of good men. My interaction with these men has made me into a far better person than I would have been otherwise. Think of how our lives, our families, and our communities could be transformed for the better if more fathers and grandfathers brought their sons and grandsons into Freemasonry. When we think of all the things we give to our children, one gift which rises above all others is to give them a sense of a life full of meaning. Enthusiasm is contagious, and so is the lack of it. If you are too big to do little things, you are probably too little to be trusted with big things. Knowledge is power, but like power, it must be hitched to something effective. Knowledge is the power of the mind. Wisdom is the power of the soul. Share what you have been given and be wise. ■

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and the effort to start a HELP program in the 15th District area has begun. We also assist other charities, particularly by sending equipment for hurricane relief, and assist recovery in war-ravaged Syria.

The need for SMD-HELP's services continues to grow. We currently have some 30,000 items checked out for home use. Equipment loaned per year has grown from 3,200 items for 1,900 families in 2014, to 5,500 items for 2,700 families last year. In calendar year 2017, we helped families from 76 Massachusetts towns.

What does it take to build such a Masonic service and charity program, make it work, and keep it running? It takes dedicated core volunteers, Masons who believe in the value of the program, good commitment from area Lodges, and enough participation to spread the burden. It helps to have a lot of smiles and reserves of patience for the folks that come to us in need, and

with worries and family concerns. We give out equipment with a strong dose of compassion and caring.

At a recent business event, the managing director of a human resources firm heard in conversation that I was part of the SMD-HELP team. She said, "My husband and I owe you folks a lot. After my accident, being able to borrow the things needed greatly reduced our stress and made recovery possible. THANK YOU!"

We hear "God bless you Masons" a lot from our clients and their relatives. It is not hearkening back to a bygone era. It is living Masonry today in the 21st century, going strong after 50 years.

Want to see Masonry in action and get a hands-on feel for the true values of our Fraternity? Come and join us in Woburn any Saturday morning. We're here to HELP.

SMD-HELP's address is 500 West Cummings Park in Woburn. It is open Saturdays from 9am until 12 noon. Additional information may be found on its website smd-help.org. ■

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father, and I was very moved by the outpouring of support from these men, many of whom I had known much of my lives as fathers of friends, and more than a few were men my own age. This experience was what cemented my decision to become a Mason.

Why did I receive the Lewis Medal when I did? I simply wanted my Dad to be alongside me as I traveled to the East. He never went through the chairs, but now he's gone through them symbolically with me, on my left breast, above my heart, where his memory lives on.

If you are a Master Mason who is a father and has sons, step-sons, or grandsons who are of age and have not yet joined the Craft, tell them about Freemasonry. Invite them to join! If you are a Master Mason who is a son, grandson, nephew, or cousin of a man who has not yet joined the Craft, tell him about Freemasonry. Invite him to join! ■



ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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

With the Autumn Installations rolling around, the question frequently arises of who can be presented to the East at a public Installation.

This has been covered previously, but it bears repeating.

In the early 2000s, the Grand Master ruled that non-Masons could be presented to the East, but could not occupy seats there. Unfortunately, the 2007 edition of the Masonic Trestle Board, which remains the most current edition, was not updated to reflect this ruling. However, the ruling remains in effect and non-Masons can be so presented.

Q: I have been unable to attend my Lodge for some time, and am now reluctant to do so because I am unsure what I have to do inside the Lodge.

A: Basically, you just need to know the signs. Many Lodges have a Rusty Brother Committee whose specific purpose is to make situations such as this comfortable for its members. If your Lodge does not have such a committee, speak to the Master. No doubt he will take the necessary steps to ensure that you are welcomed back.

Q: Can any brother call the Grand Lecturers with a question?

A: Certainly. We are always willing to help. Grand Lecturer information is on the Educate Masons website in mass-masons.org. Your District Deputy also has the contact information for the Grand Lecturer conducting your exemplification. It is important to remember that questions and answers concerning ritual should never be sent via email or through any social media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.

Q: When is the use of a gavel appropriate in a public ceremony?

A: The use of the gavel is appropriate only in conjunction with the Lodge Marshal proclaiming the Lodge Officers regularly and duly installed. If necessary, the Presiding Officer may indicate a desired action by using his hands, or by giving verbal instructions.

Q: At a Public Installation, how should a Lodge be closed?

A: The Master should instruct the Marshal to conduct the Chaplain to the Altar, and then the Electrician tends to the lights. After this is done, the Master declares the Lodge closed. No ritual should be added. ■

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Knowing they wouldn't be strong enough to lift this wall themselves, as they were the older members of the Lodge, they put out the word in Lodge, and the members literally showed up in numbers to assist Wor. Bro. Remsen. They accomplished what we profess to be, and what was stated in the letter from the secretary of his Lodge, that we are all pledged to help each other.

After Wor. Bro. Remsen's resignation by forced demit, he could not visit the Lodge in Oriental, NC anymore. Inquiring Brothers from the Lodge asked why, but Wor. Bro. Remsen was too embarrassed to explain. Now for the outside intervention! A strange Brother from Massachusetts who came across this worthy Brother and his situation by a stroke of fate, vowed to himself to step in and defend Wor. Bro. Remsen, and do what he was pledged to do—to help a

worthy Brother in need. I contacted my friend, a past Grand Master from Wor. Bro. Remsen's jurisdiction, and copied him on all the emails I received. Having faith that common sense would prevail, after reading all of this material, one hoped that his Lodge would waive any further assessments and welcome Wor. Bro. Remsen back as a member in good standing. It was known that Wor. Bro. Remsen would not be able to attend his own Lodge, but if he could at least live out the rest of his life as a Mason in good standing, and have the ability to return to the Lodge as a visitor in Oriental, NC, then that would be good enough.

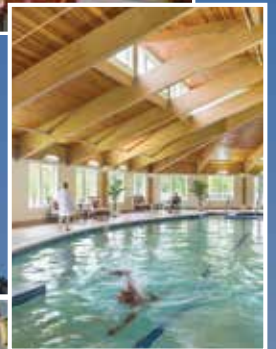
Unfortunately, things didn't go as hoped. I received a return email a few days later from my Past Master friend. He had spoken with the Secretary of the Lodge in question, and Wor. Bro. Remsen's situation was vividly remembered. He told my friend that he did everything by the book back then, and

that it was not likely the Lodge would consider Wor. Bro. Remsen's reinstatement. He also stated that Wor. Bro. Remsen was correct in telling me that he tried to return the jewel back to the Lodge, but was told that they had other Temple Lodge jewels in the Lodge safe, and no Past Master wants to wear a Temple Lodge jewel. This bothered Wor. Bro. Remsen, and because he was no longer a Mason, he put the jewel up for sale on eBay to recoup the exact moneys he originally used to pay for a Life Membership, and to finally put an end to this painful ordeal.

The fight wasn't quite over yet. I emailed Wor. Bro. Remsen, and he agreed to take the jewel off of eBay until I could figure something out. I had to handle the situation correctly, so I pondered for a while on how to proceed.

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