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*The Mortar That
Unifies Brothers*

**Masonic
Anniversaries**



From the East of Grand Lodge

PAUL F. GLEASON

Brethren,

As a Mason for 48 years now, I especially value friendship. Even now, as the time for a lodge meeting approaches, a small part of me rebels at the thought of having to don a tuxedo and drive to the meeting (sound familiar?).

Fortunately, I am able to overcome that urge and every time – always – I am rewarded by the friendly encounters with brethren and the relationships I develop at Lodge once I arrive. I am confident that most of us have similar experiences.

Brethren, that reward does not come without attendance in your lodge. Whether a regular meeting, a festive board, a charity event, or helping at whatever your lodge has chosen to pursue as a public relations project, you need to participate in the Craft to get that reward.

We've all heard it several times, the cliché has been pounded into each of our brains by our predecessors, friends, and mentors - "You'll get out of it more than you put into it!"

It's absolutely true, and attendance is the first step towards putting something "into" it. I find it hard to explain in words all the value my Masonic experience has given me over the years. But that value is an irreplaceable reward of membership in our fraternity. As a final caution, I point out that attendance is not a part-time activity – don't get out of the habit of going! I plan to continue showing up to my Lodge. I hope you will consider attending yours.

As I look out at a sea of tuxedos in a hotel ballroom, I often think that the brethren gathered are a special part of my life. They may not all be my best friends, but they are all my friends.

They are men I would have no other reason to know except for our common experience of attending lodge together. I enjoy realizing that this experience will remain with me as my term draws to a close, and I thank you all for that.

Cordially & Fraternally,

Paul F. Gleason

Grand Master



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“What’s He Building?”

Tom Waits repeats a line in his creepy “song” over and over again: “What’s he building in there?” The song is of a neighbor wondering what someone is building and the somewhat paranoid ideas about the builder.



Freemasonry is a building proposition. Part of that building “is in there,” but it is also “out there.” The changes internal are crucial. It is within ourselves that we become the best men we can be. These changes are slow, take time, but like a child who is growing up, when we meet up with old friends, they are often shocked by how much we’ve grown. But like the neighbor in Tom Waits’ song, while we are building, others don’t understand what is going on.

The way we become better is by attending Lodge. I, of course, can’t pay for something and not partake. I’ve never bought a sandwich and not eaten it. So, I attend my Lodge communications whenever I can; I’ve missed Lodge nearly never.

Recently, on a quiet night at Mount Olivet in Cambridge - there was no ritual, some business, and some education from Wor. Keith MacKinnon - I talked with a new Mason, Bro. Peter Cadieux. I knew he and Maryann were expecting - on October 14, 2019, at 8:20am, Miss Maggie Dana Cadieux arrived and Bro. Cadieux became a father - all are happy and healthy; I was amazed he was there.

Before the birth of my sons, I was a frantic mess and I don’t think I could have focused on anything other than pure tension. Yet, here he was, calmly sitting in Lodge, enjoying all that is there for him. I asked him why he was here.

I don’t remember his answer, but it is on page 23. But I understood that the complexity of the Craft provides all Brothers with what they need. Some are there to cook. Others enjoy their Lodge as an instrument to other things, the Shrine, Amaranth, Scottish Rite, etc. Some enjoy the drama: “Did you see that Bro. X did not shake hands with Bro. Y? Are they still upset about what Bro. Z did?”

When we are together, we are building “out there.” We see each other, we work together, and we can feel our mortar, Brotherly Love. When apart, with our families, at our jobs, the mortar still keeps us connected, as Brothers always are.

When I’m well dressed and heading out for Lodge night, or helping with a fence, or in a meeting at work, my paranoid neighbors may still wonder “What’s he building in there?” But by dealing with people on the square, by my periodic moments of kindness, by remembering the mortar, the neighbors may say “he’s building something good.”

Fraternally, *Lee H. Fenn*

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Lafayette-Greylock's Hill Degree Conferred

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Grand Master Installs Master at Family Affair

September 7, 2019, brought together many different "family members" at Waltham Triad Lodge's Installation of Officers. Master-elect Wor. William P. Asadoorian was installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge by M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, but M. Wor. Bro. Gleason and Wor. Bro. Asadoorian are long-time members and co-workers for the Valley of Boston's degree activities, their Scottish Rite family.

M. Wor. Bro. Gleason was ably assisted by Rt. Wor. Robert F. Doherty, Senior Grand Lecturer, who also happens to be Wor. Bro. Asadoorian's stepfather and an Honorary Member of Waltham Triad. Rounding out the installing suite were the Master-elect's son, Wor. John H. Asadoorian (who served as Master of Waltham Triad in 2009 and 2010) as installing Marshal, and his brother, Bro. John D. Asadoorian, as installing Chaplain.

The nearly 100 guests at the installation were ushered to their seats by members of Newton Assembly of Rainbow



Girls, who are sponsored by Waltham Triad. They were assisted by members of Greater Boston DeMolay, who also meet in Waltham Triad's Newtonville lodge building.

This is not the first time around for Wor. Bro. Asadoorian. He was previously *continued on page 26*



The Ring in the Box

by R.W. & Rev. Dr. Keith C. Alderman, Grand Chaplain

Not long ago I was cleaning out an old bedside drawer in my parent's house in Connecticut. In the drawer, I found a small box which was filled with coins and other objects. It was nestled in the drawer with papers, black and white photos, and other things. The box contained some wheat back pennies and other coins which had been kept, but had been long forgotten. In the box, I also found an old Masonic ring. The band of the ring was gold, and it had a red stone which had superimposed on it the square and compasses. I had not seen the ring for decades and remembered how it came to my family.

My grandfather was born in Burlington, Connecticut, in the early 20th century. As a young man, he was encouraged to join Freemasonry. He did so in the early 1930s. He went through the chairs and became Worshipful Master of Evening Star Lodge No. 101 in Unionville, Connecticut, in 1939. With the coming of World War II, my grandfather wanted to do his part for the country, and he joined the Merchant Marine, which was sometimes known as the 'other service.' He had been a steam plant operator in a boiler room in a defense plant, New Departure Bearings in Bristol, Connecticut, during World War II.

His sense of duty to his country led him to become an engineer in the Merchant Marine, and he saw service all over the globe. He spent much of the war crossing the North Atlantic in what were called "Liberty Ships," carrying supplies to the Allied forces in Europe. This was a dangerous proposition in those days due to the ships' slow speed and the general sense that not much could be done to stop the German U-boats from sinking them in large numbers. The Allies thought that if they sent enough ships across the Atlantic, some would get through.

The Masonic ring my grandfather brought home with him from World War II came from a German prisoner of war. I don't know if my grandfather met the man who had originally owned this ring or spoke with him. He said, "At the time, prisoners were lined up, some on the wharf, some on the deck of a U-boat, and were under guard. They were taking what the men had, because they were prisoners of war. I was a Mason and took the ring." German men paid a heavy price for being Freemasons after 1934. The Nazi hierarchy said that there was no place for Freemasonry in the midst of national socialism. By the mid-1930s, with the rise of Adolph Hitler and his anti-Semitic and anti-human policies, German Freemasons were in danger.

Lodges were ordered out of business and their prop-

erty confiscated. Jewish people were forced to wear a yellow triangle. Gay people had to wear a pink triangle. Freemasons were forced to wear a red triangle. After the Jewish people, Freemasons were among the largest group to be rounded up by the Nazis. The sailor who gave up his square and compasses ring probably had not worn it in public for a long time, and quietly kept it among his personal belongings. Possibly he wore it on a chain around his neck, perhaps with a wedding ring as those who work for a living on machine tools and mechanical things do for safety's sake to keep the rings from getting caught in the machinery. Once he was a prisoner of war, he had to surrender this Masonic ring, along with everything else he had.

I like to think of this Masonic ring as a symbol of peace in a war-torn world. It represents wisdom, strength, beauty, peace, brotherhood, and truth, among other things.

Brother Benjamin Franklin reminds us that Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another. Sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

Without some kind of moral compass, human beings, of their own accord, tend to often make very bad decisions. Too many times people hijack religion or their own particular ideology to justify anger, hatred of others not like them, bigotry, and violence. This is true of individuals and nations. We do have guidance. The basic teachings of all the great religions, in addition to our great Fraternity, value peace, love, understanding, and tolerance of those who are different.

Freemasonry can be understood as a pathway to peace within ourselves, and peace in a strife torn world. In our media today, we constantly see images of strife, violence, and war. The great teachers of the world have taught that violence does not solve anything. Violence hurts and angers the victim who often plots revenge. Violence brings grief. Someone said, "Grief brings crime and crime" *continued on page 32*

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

THE SEPTEMBER 2019 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

The water bottles were carried into the lodge room before the Fall Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. On an unusually warm September 11th, at 1:30 pm, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Paul F. Gleason, the Officers of Grand Lodge, the guests, and the District Deputy Grand Masters joined the Brethren to dispatch any business that had come before them.

On this 18th anniversary of the attacks on the United States of America, the color guard, the Colonial Craftsmen, carried the flags with solemnity. All assembled stood in the midst of their Brothers and remembered the attack and all those who suffered and died that September 11th in 2001. In lieu of singing the "Star-Spangled Banner," the Colonial Craftsmen, with the help of Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky, prepared a special response to the sadness the attack created. The work of the Colonial Craftsmen and Rt. Wor. Bro. Chikofsky is remembered on page 8.

Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb stood for the Colonial Craftsmen and those present, Rt. Wor. Walter H. Hunt, Bro. Christopher S. Tourtellot, and Bro. Scott E. Tourtellot, and spoke of the Craftsmen to the Grand Master and those assembled. The Colonial Craftsmen's Club started in 1973 as a charitable club, operating in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

"We perform Masonic works for lodges, including degree work and installations. Our most popular program is a representation of a Third Degree as it was done in 1775 Massachusetts. This is a play done by Master Masons for Master Masons only. We do not use a real candidate, the candidate in the play is one of our club members, and this is done in a tiled lodge. It is called "On the Square 1775," and we have done this in several states, in Canada, and even across the Atlantic in England. We perform by request, and we accept donations which are used to support Masonic charities. Most recognized is our long-time support of the Masonic Medical Research Institute in Utica, NY, which we have supported for over 25 years, and we were honored by an award from the MMRL for our contributions. Our Grand Historian, Rt. Wor. Bro. Hunt is our club Secretary and can fill in any details or answer any other questions you might have."

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

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

M. Excel. Dana A. Jackson, Grand High Priest

Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts

M. Ill. Demetrios J. Sarantopoulos, Most Illustrious
Grand Master

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. George Forest Hamilton, 33°, Active for Massachusetts

Ill. Robert E. Godbout, 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts

M. Wor. Thomas Edward Pulkkinen, Past Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Maine

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

Rt. Wor. Thomas Winter, Grand Representative Grand Lodge
of New Jersey

Rt. Wor. Rony Fernandes Pinto, Jr., Grand Secretary of
Foreign Affairs, Grand Lodge of Rio Grande du Sul

Ill. Daniel L. Smith Potentate, Melha Shrine, Ancient Arabic
Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

Rt. Wor. and Dad Philip Drouin, Executive Officer, Order of
the DeMolay, Massachusetts

Most Worthy David D. Frizzell, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand
Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star

Sir Knight Mark Z. Stought, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court
of Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth

Rt. Wor. Kenneth R. Blake, Chief Executive Officer, Masonic
Health System

Rt. Wor. George O'Masta, District Grand Master, District of
Panama

Rt. Wor. John B. Bamber, Past District Grand Master, District
of Panama

Wor. Albert C. Hopper, III, District Deputy Grand Master,
District of Panama

Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames

M. Wor. Arthur Eugene Johnson

M. Wor. Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr.

M. Wor. Richard James Stewart

M. Wor. Harvey John Waugh



The Color Guard, the Colonial Craftsmen, Rt. Wor. Walter H. Hunt, Bro. Scott E. Tourtellot, Bro. Christopher S. Tourtellot, and Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb.

The Grand Master opened lodge after the singing of “Faith of Our Fathers,” with Rt. Wor. Brian R. Marsh leading all in a prayer for our country, our fallen, and our work.

M. Wor. Bro. Ames, in his role as Grand Secretary, outlined the voting powers of lodges. Rt. Wor. Stephen C. Cohn reported that the Committee on Charters and By-Laws accepted modifications to by-laws of 12 lodges and did not accept portions of changes by two lodges. Rt. Wor. W. Warren Richardson Jr. noted a report from the Committee on Records. All were accepted.

M. Wor. Bro. Ames pointed the attention of the Brethren to the budget that was available to all assembled. He noted that it was approved by the Board of Directors just before the Grand Master put it to the vote. “It is passed,” pronounced the Grand Master after a vote in the usual Masonic manner.

M. Wor. Bro. Ames reminded the Brethren of the reading and discussion of amendments to the Grand Constitutions from the prior two Quarterly Communications and made a motion for a vote. After a second, the Grand Master called for a vote. “They are passed,” he said with a tap of the gavel.

The Grand Master called for the necrology from Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Lawrence Bethune. Four Brothers departed for the Celestial Lodge with over 200 years of Masonic experience. Rt. Wor. and Rev. Doctor Keith C. Alderman helped us with our grief by leading us in prayer.

The Grand Master called upon his Marshal, Rt. Wor. Richard Maggio, to present to the East Rt. Wor. Heath Leigh



Our two new Grand Representatives, both to Grand Lodges of Brazil, Rt. Wor. Leone Brandao and Rt. Wor. Hugo Miranda De Oliveira.

VerBurg, PDDGM, District 16, and Training Committee Chairman, and Rt. Wor. George Forest Hamilton, Member of the Board of Directors. He introduced these Rt. Wor. Bros. as the candidates for the office of Senior Grand Warden. After they returned to their seats, The Grand Master directed his Marshal to present Rt. Wor. Christopher St. Cyr, PDDGM, District 24, and Rt. Wor. Marc Christopher Abbe, PDDGM, District 29, to the East. He introduced them as the candidates for the office of Junior Grand Warden. The Grand Master

said that they were all good men and would all serve with honor if elected. Articles written by each of the candidates can be found on pages 13-14 of this issue.

“I really like this job,” said the Grand Master, “but I do not like this part.” The Grand Master told of four suspensions of Brothers who had not lived up to the strict code and high standards we demand of each other as Masons. As a body, the Brethren present confirmed the suspensions.

The Grand Master called on Rt. Wor. Hugo Miranda De Oliveira to the East in order to present his commission as Grand Representative of the

Grand Lodge of Masons from the State of De Goias, Brazil, near the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In addition, he called Rt. Wor. Leone Brandao, who received his commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts near the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of Minas Gerais, Brazil.

Under the direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal presented representatives of Charity Lodge, Charles C. Dane Lodge, Charles W. Moore Lodge, Lynnfield-Zetland



**The Senior Grand Warden Candidates:
Rt. Wor. Heath Leigh VerBurg and
Rt. Wor. George Forest Hamilton.**

Lodge, Siloam Lodge, William North Lodge, and William Sutton Lodge to the East. He said these Lodges were honored because they had each entered their 150th year. Photographs of these Lodges are on page 31.

The Grand Master called Rt. Wor. George O'Masta to the East in order to surprise him with the Henry Price Medal. He received a standing ovation from the Brethren assembled for his service to the Craft.

He directed his Grand Marshal to present Rt. Wor. Edgar R. de León. Rt. Wor. Bro. de León stood from his seat near the Junior Grand Warden, solemnly reached for his wallet, and presented the Grand Marshal with his dues card. The hall burst into laughter. Rather than taking his dues card, the Grand Master presented Rt. Wor. Bro. de León with a certificate of appreciation for the work in the very difficult position of the Receivership Committee.

Five presentations were made to the Grand Master: St. George Lodge for the Brotherhood Fund; Rt. Wor. Anthony Leroux made a personal donation to the Samuel L. Crocker Library at Grand Lodge; Frank W. Thompson Lodge for the Brotherhood Fund; The Harvard Lodge donated their "loose change collection" to the Brotherhood fund; and Prospect Lodge donated to the Brotherhood Fund and Scholarship Program. Some of their donation came from a Three Stooges Marathon fundraiser. They are pictured on pages 28-29.

"Welcome back! I hope each of you had a wonderful summer," said the Grand Master as he opened his remarks. He recounted how he and his wife, Phyllis, had a wonderful

Rt. Wor. George O'Masta is surprised by being awarded the Henry Price Medal.



time with 12 other couples on the trip to Bermuda [before it was hit by the hurricane] on board the good ship Norwegian Gem. "When we landed, we met with Bermuda's Masonic brethren. We were hosted by English, Scottish, and Irish lodges, and then went our separate ways on a wide variety of shore expeditions. A fine time was had by all and I, for one, returned ready for another successful Masonic Year."

The Grand Master offered good news: he personally thanked each Lodge for their work to raise 637 Master Masons this year, which represents an increase of 14% over

last year. "With restorations and new affiliations, we have achieved a total gain in membership of 1,170, which is 20% greater than last year!" But the Grand Master warned the Brethren not to rest on their laurels. "We must still overcome the negative effect of deaths and demits," he said. He reported that the net loss of members went down from -1,273 two years ago to -593 this year. "I repeat my appreciation for the efforts of our Lodges, Rt. Wor. Yanakakis, and the rest of the Membership Committee for these excellent results."

The Grand Master reminded us of the benefits

the Craft has afforded all of us in becoming "the best version of ourselves." The door to Freemasonry needs to be open to men in their quest for betterment. To that end, he spoke of the biggest membership event, Square and Compasses Day, on October 19th. He said that Grand Lodge would start a concentrated advertising campaign in one week to support the Open House. He directed the Lodges to expand their Open House program beyond a "dozen" *continued on page 21*

Rt. Wor. Edgar R. de León receives a certificate of appreciation from Grand Lodge for his work on the Receivership Committee.





**"A Toast to the Flag"
by John J. Daly – 1917**

**Recited by
Bro. Chris Tourtellot of
the Colonial Craftsmen**

*Here's to the red of it--
There's not a thread of it,
No, nor a shred of it
In all the spread of it
From foot to head.
But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it,
Bathing it Red!*

*Here's to the white of it--
Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it,
But feels the might of it
Through day and night?
Womanhood's care for it
Made manhood dare for it,
Purity's prayer for it
Keeps it so white!*

*Here's to the blue of it--
Beauteous view of it,
Heavenly hue of it,
Star-spangled dew of it
Constant and true;
Diadems gleam for it,
States stand supreme for it,
Liberty's beam for it
Brightens the blue!*

*Here's to the whole of it--
Stars, stripes and pole of it,
Body and soul of it,
O, and the roll of it,
Sun shining through;
Hearts in accord for it,
Swear by the sword for it,
Thanking the Lord for it,
Red White and Blue!*



My Brothers, today is the 18th anniversary of the fateful day of September 11th, 2001. We remember those who lost their lives that day and we recognize the bravery of our nation's First Responders. We Honor their Memory and their Service by recalling the words of the FOURTH VERSE of our National Anthem:

*O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto – "In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*





The Prodigal Mason

by Wor. Richard Thompson



I was scrolling through Facebook one day and came across a question from Scottish Rite: “Do you remember your Entered Apprentice degree?” This started me thinking.

To be honest, there is not much about my Entered Apprentice degree that I remember. All I can think of is it was a hot June Saturday 48 years ago. I joined St.

Paul Lodge, which at the time was in Ayer. The Masonic hall was in the upper floors of a bank building, so heat rising just added to the discomfort.

My only real memory from that first day involved the Senior Deacon. While being escorted around the lodge, I turned in the direction we were going to walk without waiting for the Senior Deacon. At one point he whispered into my ear, “DeMolay, huh!”

St. Paul Lodge was my father’s lodge. He served St. Paul as Master in 1960, some 11 years before I took my first degree.

The lodge was chartered as a Daylight Lodge. At that time, they held one daylight meeting a year, always in June. I can tell you June in the upper floor of a building with no air-conditioning is in adventure.

My most vivid memories about my degrees came in the third degree, specifically with the second section.

When my father was advancing through the chairs in St. Paul Lodge, I would go to the installations. After the installation, there was always some entertainment and the children of the Officers got to sit in their dads’ station chairs. Of course, the biggest thrill was when Dad was Master and you got to sit in the Oriental Chair, or the big chair as I called it.

I’ll never forget at the start of the second section of the Third Degree, at the moment the preparation room door opened, I saw my father, once again, sitting in the big chair. That was the moment I realized I was actually walking in his footsteps.

There is only one other moment that comes close to the feelings generated by the second section of my Third Degree. That was when I was sitting in the big chair for a second

section of a Third Degree and when the door opened, it was my son, Jarrod, standing in the doorway. That night, my father was sitting next to me, in the Chaplain’s station.

As I have written about a few times, I am a member of a multi-generational Masonic family. For Jarrod’s Third Degree, all of the stations were filled with members of his family.

I often regret I never asked my father what he experienced when he saw his grandson standing at the door of the preparation room. I didn’t have to ask him what he felt when I was standing at that door. I’m sure he was filled with the same emotions I felt when I saw my son standing there.

I know my father enjoyed having his grandson in lodge with him. They often sat together in the first row in the southwest. I was Secretary, and would look their way from time to time. It was easy to see they were having a great time.

There is a generational element to our Fraternity. How many of our members are the sons and/or the grandsons of Master Masons? For many of us, Freemasonry is a family thing.

Actually, the Masonic Fraternity should be a family thing for all of us. I have two families. There is the family I was born to — where I have my mother and father, sister, wife, daughter, son, son and daughter-in-law, and granddaughter. Then we have my Masonic family — Masonic brethren who seem more like blood relatives than just other members of an organization. I hope I am not alone in this feeling. I hope all Masons look at their Masonic brothers in the same way they look at their blood relatives. I like to see the Fraternity as one big family.

When I think of our lodges and our members, I am often reminded of a TV show that was quite popular, especially in our area — Cheers. The theme song, “Where Everybody Knows Your Name,” has one part that reminds me of our lodges and our members — “Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name and they’re always glad you came”

When I walk into the Tewksbury Masonic Hall for a meeting of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge, I am walking into a building where everybody knows my name and I’m sure they are all glad I came.

If you visit Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge, we may not know your name at first, but I can guarantee you we will always be glad you came. ■

Richard Thompson is a Past Master and Secretary of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge who is always glad when brothers, old friends, or new friends, walk into the Tewksbury Masonic Hall.

Masonic Band Ready For Members

By Wor. Daniel R. Madore

Over the past 300 years of the Masonic Grand Lodge era, music in Freemasonry has been... oh, who do I think I'm trying to fool? This isn't an informational article or a history lesson. This is a blatant attempt to appeal to those brothers within our Craft who have musical leanings in order to bolster our ranks in the Aleppo Shrine Band. But hear me out! There are several misconceptions about our band that I can address.

You do not need to be an accomplished virtuoso in order to play in the Shrine Band. All you need is to have a good understanding of how to play your instrument in-time with other musicians. Maybe you were pretty good back in the day. Maybe you weren't, but you loved playing anyway. Maybe you stopped playing after high school and you are constantly kicking yourself for disappointing your parents and not continuing to put all those expensive lessons to good use. Now's your chance to show them that it wasn't all for nothing!

You do not need to become a Shriner to play in the Shrine Band. While I can't think of any reason why you wouldn't want to wear such a fancy hat, the truth is that we are not a Shriners only band. We are a community band and often have musicians play with us who are not Shriners. Having said that, after playing with us for a bit, you may find yourself applying.

You don't have to be a Mason to play in the Shrine Band. In fact, you don't even have to be a man! We actually have many women and non-Masons who play with us, both as guest musicians, and as regular members. I want to be very clear on one point though. We do not pay our guest musicians. They participate with us because they share a common understanding of the purpose of the Shrine

units, in that we do what we do to support the Shrine and its mission. If you have a family member or friend who is interested in playing, we are interested in having them join us.

We do not march in parades. We are a riding band. Let's face it, some of you fellas are getting up there in years (not me of course), which is why we now entertain parade audiences from the comfort of our luxurious, and stunningly beautiful, red band trailer. We also ride to and from parades via a private coach bus complete with all the relentless taunting and/



or snoring that you can imagine.

The time commitment is very manageable. We rehearse on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at our facility in Wilmington. Some members are there for every rehearsal, while others can't be there every time. We understand that the wife, kids, dogs, job, Patriots, Sox, Bruins, Celtics, soccer, karate, shuffleboard league, cruises, bingo, etc. are all battling

for our attention. That's why we really want to main-

tain our numbers. That way, if Harold and Gladys want to celebrate their anniversary by hitting up the early bird special, someone has their parts covered that week.

We are not a brass band. Honestly, it's not a very good name. It just sort of happened. Led Zeppelin is already taken. We have woodwinds and percussion too, not just brass. Actually, we really need woodwinds. If you play flute or sax, we may just bribe you to join us.

Now that I've hopefully cleared up a few concerns, here's a little bit about the Aleppo Shrine Band. According to John Wilder, our extremely capable and strikingly alert Aleppo Shrine Historian, "The band is almost as old as Aleppo Temple. A brass quintet was assembled to provide music for ceremonies, but out of necessity, as the temple grew, so did the band. What had become a full orchestra was recognized as an official unit in 1915 when it was reorganized as a fife and drum corps, and shortly after that developed into a full marching band. The early band consisted of Nobles [that's what we Shriners call each other] who were professional musicians, including some who had played under John Philip Sousa [also a Shriner]."

As the population of Freemasonry and of the Shrine has decreased, we've transitioned our Band to allow others to participate in order to keep alive this tradition that is now over a century old. We play a couple of concerts a year, provide music for the Shrine ceremonies, and usually average about four or five parades during parade season. We rehearse from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Aleppo Shrine building at 99 Fordham Road in Wilmington, MA. All musicians are welcome to stick around after rehearsals to join us for a bit of refreshment and camaraderie in our fashionable and uniquely smelling band room, but the quality of the conversation cannot be guaranteed.

If you've been itching for another opportunity to make sweet music, or you are just kicking yourself for not dusting off your old instrument sooner - even if you (and your instrument) are a little bit rusty - we'd LOVE to have you. You don't have to hit every note, none of us are playing Carnegie Hall anytime soon, but we do think we sound pretty good for what we are. We're kind of proud of that. It's not easy keeping a 100-year-old tradition alive, but I'm sure this article speaks to some of you. Whether you play trumpet, trombone, baritone, euphonium, tuba, saxophones of any size, clarinet, flute, piccolo, snare drum, bass drum, or even xylophone, we need your help. Please contact Dan Madore at 781-405-3817, or dan.madore@gmail.com. You can check out our band Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/aleppo.shrine.band/> as well. ■



GRAND WARDEN



Rt. Wor. George F. Hamilton

Candidate for Senior Grand Warden

Like many Masons, I had a family connection to the Fraternity. While it may have been my grandfather's Masonic artifacts that first attracted my curiosity, it was a family friend that made real the ideals of Freemasonry and left me knowing that this was a group of men with whom I wanted to be associated.

I was named for my mother's dad,

George Forest Penniman of Dudley and Framingham, MA. He was Past Master of Alpha Lodge in Framingham, and active in the Grand Chapter in the late 1950s. He died in April of 1963 at the young age of 62, only a few months after I was born. There were many artifacts around the house that attracted a little boy's notice. A Masonic trowel letter opener on the desk, a lodge diploma carefully preserved and hung on the wall, and photographs of friends in tuxedos and regalia. My grandmother was surrounded by friends in the Fraternity and the men that I knew as Masons seemed to me to be kind and generous men that were bound together by unspoken ties. As I grew up, I came to know other men who were friends of the family or members of our church

that were Masons, and again, they seemed to have the same qualities of being prominent, upright men who were real gentlemen.

One particular Mason who made a big impression on me was Bro. C. Brewster (Bruce) Earle of Northborough. The Earles were members of our church and had become friends with my parents through their common connection summering in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Mr. Earle was a distinguished man and Mason. He was a veteran of World War II and had been through the difficult European campaigns including the Battle of the Bulge. He never spoke of this, but it is an impressive footnote for this kind and gentle man of the "Greatest Generation."

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Rt. Wor. Heath L. VerBurg

Candidate for Senior Grand Warden

In January of 2005, my great aunt passed away. She was like a grandmother to me, and although I no longer lived with my parents, it fell on me to assist them in going through her belongings, many of which had been packed away for upwards of 40 years, when her parents passed in the 1960s. I was the fifth generation of my family to grow up in that house, so you can only imagine the plethora of things that had been squirreled away.

Buried in a garment box in an old steamer trunk was a hand-stitched Masonic apron, a sash, and two Lodge notices that were no more than hole-punched three by five cards, with the handwritten name J. D. Dimond on the back. There are three men with that name in the family, which begged the question, to which ancestor did this apron belong? Thus, I began a two-year journey that resulted in my becoming a Mason.

Rather than diving into the internet to do some rather obvious searches that would have quickly answered the question at hand, I instead began reading about Masonry, learning what I could, always thirsty to find something new, something deeper. I stumbled across the writings of Laurence Gardner, and his books directly resulted in my becoming a Mason. You see,

in July 2006, I took a job at Borders, and one day a man by the name of Joseph Cordeiro, Jr., came in. Joe was looking for Gardner's book, *The Shadow of Solomon*, which I had finished reading a few weeks earlier. Joe and I struck up a conversation, and by the time he checked out, he had my contact information and arranged for me to come to the Open House, which was a few weeks away. The rest, as they say, is history.

My Brothers, I was asked to tell you what Masonry is to me. I would say that it is sharing your light with others. We are all here to improve ourselves in Masonry. One way we do that is through educating ourselves and sharing that knowledge with others. Masonry does not in and of itself make good men better. Rather, it provides good men with

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CANDIDATES

Rt.Wor. Christopher M. St. Cyr *Candidate for Junior Grand Warden*

As a young child growing up in Charlton, I always looked forward to a great local festival. It was the yearly ritual that kicked off summer. This festival was different from what most towns had. There were many booths, offering lobster rolls, clam chowder, corn on the cob, shish kebab, and more. At 12:00, a very enjoyable and unusual parade commenced. No firetrucks, no school bands, instead there were men with funny hats, clowns, little cars, men wearing silky clothes with turbans, wearing makeup and swinging large swords. Men with black suits wearing silver chains around their necks seemed to be leading the way for a special man riding in a golf cart, also wearing a black suit and chains, but with a great hat. It had three corners

like in our history books. It was all very mysterious and exciting. I knew that when I grew up, I would love to be involved in something like this.

My Brothers, this was my introduction to Freemasonry. No one in my family preceded me or led me down the Masonic path. Little did I know that a few years later, I would hear, and answer, the call "Freemasonry makes good men better," from Bro. Ben Franklin. Everyone needs to make choices. Take one of two paths, right or wrong. I wanted to go down the right path, but the magnetism of the wrong path was always pulling me. I learned through the teachings of ancient ritual and fraternalism that Freemasonry does make good men better. It guided me to improve many aspects of my life. You



notice gradual improvements in your family relationships, religious beliefs, decision making, civic responsibility, community involvement, loyalty, how to share with and aid your fellow man, as well as leadership skills, social skills, and respect. Freemasonry opened up a world of new experiences and opportunities for me.

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Rt.Wor. Marc Abbe *Candidate for Junior Grand Warden*

How did I get here today? The story of one lodge, two loving grandparents, and an eventual candidate for Junior Grand Warden. Brother Donald Edgar Abbe was raised in Elm Lodge, located in West Springfield on April 21, 1952. My grandfather was the Band Director at the West Springfield High School, and with a busy work and home life schedule, he never went through the chairs at his lodge, but paid his dues and attended meetings. He was old fashioned in the sense that I never knew he was a Mason until after his death on March 7, 2001. In fact, it wasn't until after my grandmother passed away in 2006 when my wife found his ring, cufflinks, and years of service pins among my grandmother's jewelry.

I asked my father who were the Masons in the family, and he told me

that my grandfather was and that after he passed away, the members of his lodge would stop by to check on my grandmother and brought her food from time to time. I have always been a lover of history and intrigued by the Freemasons. When I learned that my grandmother was visited by the Brethren, it sparked an added interest to be associated with a Masonic organization. I sat with this desire to become a Mason for several years for a couple of reasons. First, I did not know how to go about joining, and second, I wasn't sure how it would fit in with my busy work and personal life.

Three years later, my wife stopped at the deli across the street from her work and the man behind the counter was wearing a Masonic t-shirt. She asked him if he was a Mason and informed him of my interest in the



Fraternity. He handed her a business card and told her to have me give him a call. A few days later, we were sitting with him and some Officers of the lodge. After speaking with them, I knew this was for me. We all know the phrase, "Knock and it shall be opened unto you." Fortunately for me, Freemasonry knocked on my door and I was home to answer.

I became a member of Esoteric-Sherwood Lodge a *continued on page 32*

Grand Masters of Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



Most Worshipful

John Soley

1827-1829

Most Worthy

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

To review the long and distinguished Masonic career of Brother John Soley, it is instructive to consider two important days in that career: one at the beginning of his Masonic life, and one close to the end. Both are intimately intertwined with the memorials on Bunker Hill, constructed to honor the brave patriots who fought for the liberty of America.

The first day was the 2nd of December, 1794. On that day, on a plot of land called Russell's Pasture, brothers of King Solomon's Lodge consecrated a monument dedicated to the memory of "Major-General Joseph Warren and His Brave Associates, Who Were Slain On This Memorable Spot, June 17th, 1775." This memorial consisted of a Tuscan pillar surmounted by a Grecian urn.

At the time of this dedication, Brother Soley was the Worshipful Master of King Solomon's Lodge, the first of three years in which he served in that honorable office. The recognition of the sacrifice of Joseph Warren was a respectful encomium to an American hero who was particularly revered in Massachusetts even though he was lost early in the rebellion, but it was also a Masonic memorial, as Warren had been presiding Grand Master of the Massachusetts Provincial Grand Lodge at the time of his death. As Brother Soley said in his dedicatory address:

"Nations in all ages have endeavored to perpetuate the brilliant actions of their heroes, thereby to inspire the living with a spirit of emulation and to discharge the obligations they owe to those deeds of valor by which their rights are secured."

Brother Soley was a prominent citizen of Charlestown, from an influential family, and at the time of the dedication he was not quite 30 years old. He had been a Mason for fewer than four years, having been admitted to Masonic light in January 1791.

The second day was the 17th of June 1843, when the second Bunker Hill memorial was completed. Brother John Soley was 80 years old at that time, a past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and had served for half a century in the vineyards of the Craft.

It had been determined in 1825 that the modest monument from 1794 should be replaced by something grander, a plan which brought with it a variety of challenges – not least the task of finding suitable stone and getting it to the building site. The corporation that took charge of the building of the monument bought a stone quarry in Quincy and worked with the Granite Railway Company, established for the explicit purpose of transporting five-ton blocks of stone from the quarry to a wharf in Charlestown. The logistics, and particularly the expense, of this endeavor caused work to be suspended on several occasions, so much so that it took 18 years to complete the project.

The latter seminal day deserves some context. Freemasonry in Massachusetts, and elsewhere, had just begun to emerge from a whirlwind of controversy set off by the so-called Morgan Affair, in which a Mason in western New York had threatened to publish the "Masonic secrets," and was kidnapped and possibly murdered by other Masons. At the time of the Bunker Hill dedication in 1843, there had been no new lodges chartered in Massachusetts since John Soley was Grand Master in 1828. Membership had plummeted due to stigma and outrage, and the controversy destroyed friendships and divided families. In the

United States, the issue of slavery was dividing Americans on cultural and regional lines, with the likely solution an end of the American Union.

Soley had seen it all, revolution and war, and prosperity and want, but at the sunset of his life he had seen the completion of the great monument to valor and brotherhood, and was present to receive a laurel wreath, presented to the person designated as "Most Worthy." In the words of Rev. Albert Case, the Chief Marshal for the proceedings:

"Most Worthy Past Grand Master Soley, in the interesting exercises of this day, you have taken a very important part. Full of deep interest is the occasion to yourself, and to your younger brethren. 51 years since, at the dedication of the first monument, you addressed the then living members of your lodge. They have passed away, but you are now permitted to speak to another generation on the same great principles which were then your theme.

A precious relic of the past, you are endeared to our hearts as an upright man, and true Freemason... we delight to honor you. This wreath, formed by beauty's fingers, should adorn the brow of him whose principles give protection to innocence, and strength and encouragement to virtue. It is meet that you should wear this crown; true, it is a chaplet of perishable flowers, but our fraternity recognizes a symbolic language."

John Soley was born in Charlestown, in February 1765, to a mercantile family. He was active in town and church affairs, and in 1791 received Masonic light in King Solomon's Lodge. This lodge was chartered under the Massachusetts Independent Grand Lodge, whose first Grand Master was Joseph Warren. Brother Soley always felt a strong affinity for the martyred Brother and was principally involved in the effort to establish a suitable monument to the man and the battle that helped set America on the course toward independence.

Brother Soley's labors for his lodge were extensive. He served three years as Worshipful Master, from 1794-1796, and soon became associated with St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, which brought him into contact with prominent Boston Masons. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in the years 1803 and 1804, Senior Grand Warden in 1805 and 1806, and in 1811 he became Grand Secretary, in which capacity he served eight years.

Not long after the Bunker Hill cornerstone laying, Brother Soley was chosen as Grand Master. As he came into office, the Morgan incident was recent and largely unpubli-

cized, but there were troubling problems in the Craft. A number of lodges chartered during the preceding two decades were not meeting their obligations, a situation with which Soley was intimately familiar. Meanwhile, the Grand Lodge was airily discussing the idea of building a Masonic Temple in Boston. The onset of the anti-Masonic controversy, particularly during the next few years, only exacerbated problems that already existed within the Fraternity.

Brother Soley's term was a period of difficulty for the Grand Lodge, but he provided wise and calm leadership, and in due course he passed his mantle to his successor Joseph Jenkins. At the Stated Communication of December 28, 1829, M. W. Brother Soley gave a final address to the Grand Lodge prior to installing Brother Jenkins, a copy of which is sadly unavailable.

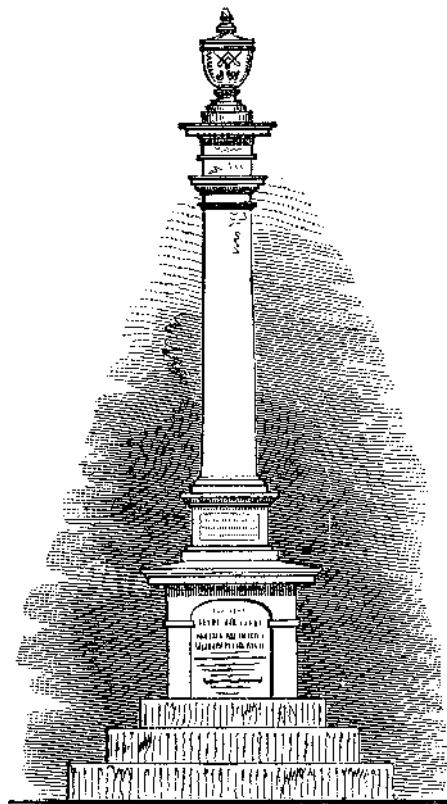
After his term, Brother Soley continued to be a part of the activities of Grand Lodge, serving on committees, including as a Trustee of Grand Lodge's Charity Fund, and participating in events both public and private. In May 1832, when Grand Lodge dedicated its new Temple in the face of opposition by some members of the public, he was one of four Past Grand Masters who marched in the procession to the building site. In 1835, when R. W. Francis Baylies withdrew after being elected Grand Master due to his appointment as an ambassador to a foreign country, Brother Soley received nearly enough votes to be elected Grand Master for the following year, but on the second ballot Joshua B. Flint was elected instead.

Advancing age and illness did not seem to affect Brother Soley until very late in life. He was in attendance in June 1845 when a marble replica of the original Bunker Hill Monument was installed inside the larger obelisk, and he remained active with the Grand

Lodge charity until he was quite elderly. He died at the home of his son-in-law in Bristol, Rhode Island in 1851, and was solemnly interred in Charlestown.

In 1880, a lodge bearing his name was constituted in Somerville; it relocated to Lincoln in 1960, and in 1983 merged with Joseph Warren Lodge of Boston, forming Joseph Warren-Soley Lodge, currently on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Though now less well known than many of his contemporaries, it is clear that this most worthy Brother should receive our admiration for his integrity and probity, and our appreciation for his steadfast loyalty to the Fraternity which he served so well. ■



Original monument to Major-General Joseph Warren and His Brave Associates

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MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

76+ YEARS - RAISED BEFORE 1944

BAY PATH LODGE

Wor. Everett Sumner Allen
Raised April 28, 1942

BRIGHAM LODGE

Wor. Philip Arthur Christensen, Sr.
Raised December 8, 1942
Bro. Warren Calvin Christensen
Raised December 8, 1942

CALEB BUTLER LODGE

Bro. Herbert Leslie Kinney
Raised August 31, 1943

DEWITT CLINTON LODGE

Bro. Clarence Leonard Mitchell
Raised December 23, 1943

GLOBE UNITY LODGE

Bro. Harry Russell, Jr.
Raised March 25, 1940

JORDAN LODGE

Bro. Charles Elmer Thomas, Jr.
Raised July 12, 1943

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE

Bro. Edward Justin Alexander
Raised March 14, 1941

LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE

Bro. Charles Maxwell Goller
Raised July 2, 1943

MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE

Bro. Delfar Davis Grant
Raised October 25, 1943

ORIENTAL-MARTHA'S VINEYARD LODGE

Rt. Wor. Sidney David Cronig
Raised June 6, 1939

SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE

Bro. Vaughn Kenneth O'Neill
Raised March 1, 1937

SAINT JOHN'S (N) LODGE

Bro. Nelson Kellogg Ward
Raised July 9, 1941

SOJOURNERS LODGE

Bro. Edward James Sullivan
Raised April 25, 1942

THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE

Bro. Warren Philip Goodman
Raised April 8, 1943

WYOMING LODGE

Bro. Richard Donald Foulkes
Raised February 6, 1940

75 YEARS - RAISED IN 1944

CHARLES C. DAME LODGE

Bro. Hugh Edwin Ramsden

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Bro. William John Tribelhorn

LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE

Bro. Earl Russell Kittredge

MORNING STAR LODGE

Bro. Roy Erling Johnson

NEW MOON LODGE

Bro. Eric Frederick Fuegel

PROSPECT LODGE

Bro. Richard Aymar Allen

SAINT MARK'S LODGE

Bro. Frederick William Hirsch

SAINT MARTIN'S LODGE

Bro. John Pettigrew Taylor

SOJOURNERS LODGE

Bro. Randall Richard Rockwood

THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE

Bro. Myron David Goldman

UNITED BRETHREN LODGE

Bro. Fontinelle Scott Carpenter, Jr.



70 YEARS - RAISED IN 1949

ARTISAN LODGE

Bro. Douglas Everett Knotts

AURORA LODGE

Bro. Norman William May

BOYLSTON LODGE

Bro. G. Willard King

BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. Ronald Lloyd Croft, Jr.

BUDLEIGH LODGE

Bro. Robert Allen Wood

CHARITY LODGE

Bro. Anthony Mazza

CHARLES RIVER LODGE

Bro. George Emery Whiting

COCHICHEWICK LODGE

Bro. William Arthur Doucette

CONVERSE LODGE

Bro. John Americo Ciano

Bro. Arthur Fentin

CORNER STONE LODGE

Bro. Frank Arthur Davis

EASTERN STAR LODGE

Bro. Henry Marcel Dumoussaud

Bro. John William Trainor, Thomas Talbot Lodge, 70 year Masonic veteran, and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp. (Iwo Jima). He is 97 years old.

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YEARS - RAISED IN 1949

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ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE

Bro. Abraham Benjamin Feinstein
Bro. Wallace Guy Mueller

ESSEX LODGE

Bro. Raymond Hodge

EZEKIEL BATES LODGE

Bro. Robert Brownell Angus

FELLOWSHIP LODGE

Bro. Joseph Albert Salhaney

FRANKLIN LODGE

Bro. John Brewster Robinson

FRATERNAL LODGE

Bro. Delbert Judson Gayton
Bro. Byron Russell Hall

GATUN LODGE

Bro. John H. Greve
Bro. David Paul Ottinger

GLOBE UNITY LODGE

Bro. George Orville Andrews, Jr.
Bro. John Howard Ellis

GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE

Bro. Robert Le Roy Headlee

GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE

Bro. Robert Elbridge Dearth
Bro. Donald Arthur Pease

HAYDEN LODGE

Wor. William Lewis Ayers

JOHN HANCOCK LODGE

Bro. Walter Lincoln Davis

JOHN T. HEARD LODGE

Bro. Donald Garfield Kirk

JORDAN LODGE

Rt. Wor. Bogos Willis Peligian
Bro. Warren Stevens

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE

Bro. Edward Douglas Harrison

LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE

Bro. Herman James Schneider

LEVEL LODGE

Bro. Leonard Edward Katz

LIBERTY LODGE

Bro. Charles MacDonald Dallas

MAJOR GENERAL HENRY KNOX LODGE

Bro. Raymond Frederick Sundstrom, Jr.

MARINE LODGE

Wor. George Anthony Marken

MASSASOIT-NARRAGANSETT LODGE

Wor. William Barraclough
McIlwaine, Jr.

MERRIMACK LODGE

Bro. Pierre Jean Kennedy

MONTGOMERY LODGE

Bro. Ronald Ellsworth Mitchell

MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE

Bro. Jordan Birger
Bro. Noah Fieldman
Bro. Leon Vincent Rosenberg

MOUNT CARMEL LODGE

Bro. Harvey Robert Berger
Bro. Henry Clinton Chase
Bro. George Savas Karavasiles

MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE

Bro. Donald John Buss
Bro. Kenneth Donald Stevenson

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE

Wor. Roger Harmon Perry

MOUNT VERNON-GALILEAN LODGE

Wor. Douglas Harold Smith

NEW MOON LODGE

Bro. William Cornell Powers
Bro. Arthur Stein

PEQUOSSETTE LODGE

Bro. Frank Jim Gordon, Jr.

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE

Bro. Leslie Sheldon Harris

PURITAN LODGE

Rt. Wor. Robert Edward Godbout, Sr.

RISING STAR LODGE

Bro. George Saliem Hadaya

SAGGAHEW LODGE

Bro. John Richard Lunt
Bro. George Ernest Prokupek

SAINT ALBAN'S LODGE

Bro. Robert Julian Ferestien



Left to right: Meadows Lodge Master, Rt. Wor. Joseph Wescott, Bro. William Kozikowski (raised that evening), Bro. Robert Schoolcraft—70 year veteran, and District Deputy of the 28th Masonic District, Rt. Wor. James J. Papianou.

SAINT MATTHEW'S LODGE

Rt. Wor. John Badger Leitch
Bro. Robert James Macartney

SIMON W. ROBINSON LODGE

Bro. Philip Byron Brown
Bro. John Vernon Jenkinson

SOJOURNERS LODGE

Bro. William Edwards Daniels

THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE

Rt. Wor. Ronald Rosenberg

THE MEADOWS LODGE

Bro. Robert Burns Schoolcraft

THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE

Bro. Leslie Page Curtis

TRINITY LODGE

Bro. Robert Waters

UNITED BROTHERS LODGE

Bro. James Richard Williams

WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE

Bro. Edward Hagop Mesrobian
Bro. Ralph Moody Stanley

WAMESIT LODGE

Bro. Robert Gray Colbath

WEBSTER LODGE

Wor. John Pattison Trull

WILDER LODGE

Bro. William George Cutter
Bro. David Albert Lubin

WILLIAM PARKMAN LODGE

Bro. Richard Allan Mancib

WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE

Bro. Ralph Henry Marks, Jr.

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YEARS - RAISED IN 1954

ALPHA LODGE

Bro. Richard George Colcord

AMICABLE LODGE

Wor. Wellman James Bartlett

AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE

Bro. Richard Clayton MacWhinnie
Bro. Edison Huntley Wentworth, Jr.

ANCIENT YORK LODGE

Bro. Arthur Edwin Cohen
Bro. Bryant Livingston Kirby
Bro. John McKinnon, Jr.

ARTISAN LODGE

Wor. Maurice Roderick Bateman

AZURE LODGE

Bro. Harold Theodore Coffin

BLUE HILL LODGE

Bro. William Joseph Rogers

BOYLSTON LODGE

Bro. Anthony Demetrios Gregoriou
Bro. Donald Herbert Patnod
Rt. Wor. Henry Bigelow Rand
Bro. Carl Robert Swenson

BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. Clodovaldo Concepcion
Bro. Morton Bertrum Levine
Bro. Selwyn Joseph Smith

BUDLEIGH LODGE

Bro. Philip Chester Pitman

CALEB BUTLER LODGE

Bro. Harry Carl Johnson, Jr.
Wor. Clark Weston Paige

CHARLES A. WELCH LODGE

Bro. George Andrew Jamieson

CHARLES RIVER LODGE

Bro. Evan Lawrie Rhoads, Jr.

COCHICHEWICK LODGE

Bro. Albert Richard Midgley

COLUMBIAN LODGE

Bro. James David McLachlan

CONVERSE LODGE

Bro. Avrom Bernard Friedland
Bro. James Henry Watts III
Bro. Theodore Wong

CORINTHIAN LODGE

Rt. Wor. John Henry Hart

CORNER STONE LODGE

Rt. Wor. Dexter Leroy Gasper

DALHOUSIE LODGE

Bro. Reginald Monroe Beuttel, Jr.
Bro. George Douglas Fortune

DELTA LODGE

Bro. William Louis Hapke

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Bro. Arthur Roland Swanberg
Bro. Henry Grafton Welsh

DEWITT CLINTON LODGE

Bro. Robert Wales Leason

EASTERN STAR LODGE

Bro. Donald Hilton Brown
Bro. Stuart Barker Mason
Bro. Ellis Royden Westcott

ELM-BELCHER LODGE

Bro. Robert Francis Quigley, Jr.

ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE

Bro. Theodore Peter Carellas

EVENING STAR LODGE

Rt. Wor. Joseph H. Liss

EZEKIEL BATES LODGE

Bro. Vernon Andrew King, Jr.

FRANKLIN LODGE

Wor. Robert William Forsberg

FRIENDSHIP LODGE

Bro. Park Roy Glass, Jr.
Bro. George Allan Janes
Bro. Charles Malcolm MacDonald

GARDEN CITY LODGE

Bro. Harold Leon Lowenstein

GATUN LODGE

Rt. Wor. Charles Richard Hashagen
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GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE

Bro. Scott Frederic Lovejoy

GOLDEN RULE LODGE

Bro. Herbert James Furness, Jr.
Bro. James Paul Reynolds, Jr.

HAYDEN LODGE

Wor. Raymond Stuart Haire

HOPE LODGE

Bro. George Carl Erickson, Jr.
Bro. Alfred Francis Hayward

HOWARD LODGE

Bro. James Robert Kelley

JERUSALEM LODGE

Bro. Paul Charles Colodny

JOEL H. PROUTY LODGE

Bro. John Robert Lilley II

JOHN HANCOCK LODGE

Bro. Henry Kalil Hyder, Jr.
Bro. George Frederick Russell, Jr.

JORDAN LODGE

Bro. George Spyros Velonis

KING DAVID LODGE

Bro. Israel Jacob Helfand
Bro. Calvin Clinton Overlock

KONOHASSETT LODGE

Wor. William Parker Miller

LAFAYETTE-DOVER LODGE

Wor. Louis James Fisher

LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE

Wor. Donald Robert Millberry

LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE

Bro. William Abraham Haddad, Jr.
Bro. Norman Maurice Shack

LIBERTY LODGE

Bro. Kenneth Baker Obear, Jr.

MACEDONIAN LODGE

Wor. Carl Lee Douglas, Jr.

MAJOR GENERAL HENRY

KNOX LODGE

Bro. Robert Alan Baer
Bro. Robert Borrah Goldberg

MARINE LODGE

Wor. Sherman Baker
Bro. Philip Dearborn Holmes
Bro. Thomas MacGregor
Bro. William Work, Jr.

MATTHEW JOHN WHITTALL LODGE

Wor. Donald Ralph Gray

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Left: Bro. James Reynolds, Golden Rule Lodge receives 65 year pin from the Grand Master as wife Jeanne looks on.

Below: Wor. Marvin Fox, Henry Price Lodge 1965-1966, 1990-1991 (Left) Celebrating his 65th Masonic Anniversary and Rt. Wor. Ronald Rosenberg, Aberdour Lodge 1955-1956 (Right) Celebrating his 100th Birthday with Rt. Wor. Mark Lichtenstein at the September Communication of The Consolidated Lodge, Boston.

-Bro. Brad Marston



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60 years a Mason meant Free Pizza

Members of The Tyrian-Ashler-Acacia Lodge, Wor. Jay Kaplon, Worshipful Master, Wor. Roy Johnson, and Rt. Wor. Eric Bergengren, DDGM, recently visited Bro. William Polloni at his home in Rockport to present him with his 60-year veteran's certificate and pin.

Ever the gracious Masonic host, Bro. Polloni ordered some pizza to be delivered for the occasion. Upon learning of the nature of the occasion, the restaurant (Rockport House of Pizza) generously offered the pizzas gratis as a testimony to Bro. Polloni's Masonic service. We enjoyed some wonderful fellowship—as well as good food—at home of a Brother who has been a loyal member of our Lodge since 1968.

-Rt. Wor. Eric Bergengren

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 Wor. Jerome Sol Sigel



M. Wor. Harvey J. Waugh, Past Grand Master, Wor. Ziggy Zagoren, Mount Olivet Lodge, Rt. Wor. Jim Kershaw, Lafayette Dover Lodge and Wor. Earl Francis Cook, Rabboni Lodge, a 60 year Past Master.

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Wor. Russell Hunter Webster



M. Wor. Paul F Gleason presents M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames with his 60 year veteran's pin at Meridian Lodge, where M. Wor. Ames was raised.

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THOMAS TALBOT LODGE

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KILWINNING LODGE

Bro. Jasper Alden Wilcox

WYOMING LODGE

Bro. Laurence Bradley Hutchinson

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donuts and a box of coffee.” He pointed to MassMasons.org as a source of help for the planning of an engaging public program for the Open House. In addition, there is a cooperative advertising reimbursement program through the Communications and Development Office to help with promotion plans.

Bro. Christopher Rooney, the Grand Master said, needs to hear from all Lodges with the name of the Lodge Ambassador. There will be Lodge Ambassador training sessions this September.

He also mentioned the two short (really short) questionnaires to find out how the visitors found out about

Freemasonry. “Brethren, believe me, these are important tools that will allow us to evaluate not only the impact of our advertising campaign, but especially which of its parts (TV, radio, digital) is most effective.”

The Grand Master announced that he will conduct a “Listening Tour” which will be focused on Northeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod. “It will be an opportunity to share with me the issues unique to your area. I will be coming with some topics to present, but the principal goal of the evening is to discuss the issues most important to you in that part of the state. The agenda will be open, therefore, for discussion from you and with you at that time. I hope that I will have the pleasure of your company. Please register to attend on MassMasons.org.”

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He is There For Sacred Space

Joseph Campbell said, “Your sacred space is where you can find yourself over and over again.” Over the last few years, I’ve had the opportunity to travel far and wide in service to the Craft. I’ve been fortunate to have had some once in a lifetime experiences. I’ve met some great people, and for that I’m grateful. Some of the Brothers I’ve met are very active in their home Lodges, and others rarely or never go.

I couldn’t imagine not going to Brigham Lodge for an extended period. I’m disappointed that not all Brothers have the connection to their Lodges that I do. On the nights I don’t go, it’s not an easy decision. Even as a Grand Warden, I went to Lodge whenever I could. Whether we have a formal meeting or not, our Lodge is open every Tuesday night, and Brothers are spending time together. I have spent the majority of my Tuesday nights in that Lodge with my Brothers for the past 16 years.

The Brothers of Brigham Lodge and their families have been my family for almost two decades. We’ve laughed together, cried together, lived together, and died together. A man needs to find community, identity, and purpose in his life. Brigham Lodge is second only to my wife and daughter in helping me find that. When I joined the Lodge, I was 27 years old. I had recently moved to Ludlow, MA, from Connecticut, where I grew up. I worked all over the country as an electrician at the time. I was recently mar-



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ried, and my wife Beth was eight months pregnant with our daughter Amelia.

Our daughter had serious medical complications at birth which required major surgery. In addition, my maternal grandfather passed away that year. It was by far one of the most trying times of my life. I went through a serious depression which some would call the Dark Night of the Soul.

I was fortunate to have two mooring points at that time in my adult life. The first was my family, and the second was Brigham Lodge. With those two points in sight, I know that I am loved and appreciated. My Brothers have helped me to become the man that I am. Whether at my lowest or highest, I know that they accept me for who I am and believe in who I can become. They are genuinely happy with my successes and sad for my failures.

No matter where I go, or what I do, I can find myself over and over again by stepping through the door at 59 Winsor Street. I’ve had a few great years, and I hope to have many more. Life being what it is, I know I’ll have some troubles along the way as well. Through it all, I know one thing for sure. No matter how dark life gets, I’m always safe if the lights are on at Brigham Lodge.

-Rt. Wor. Micahel Jarzabek



He is There For Four Important Reasons

When I am asked why I attend the Monthly Communications of my Lodge, my answer is multifold. First, as Treasurer, I have an obligation to work and see that the financial

business of the Lodge is managed properly. Some may not see this as a positive reason, but in fact, I love the work that I perform for the Lodge. It makes me feel good to see the Lodge running smoothly and to see all of our business in order. To know that I have in some way contributed to the benefit of our members gives me purpose. The work also engages me and deepens my relationships, not only with the other Officers of the Lodge, but also the members.

Second, the evening is also a time of respite and rejuvenation, a moment to catch up with my friends, some of which I have not seen in a very long time. Our conversations run the gamut, but always leave me feeling

happy. I am especially excited when any of the Brothers with which I was raised is in attendance. This is not often, but when it happens, it is like a family reunion of sorts, which amplifies the positive vibe.

A third reason for attending is to witness our work and take in the lessons that have been handed down for centuries. There is nothing quite like watching good degree work, especially the raising of a man to the third degree. When properly delivered, the teachings of Freemasonry leave a lasting impression on the mind and serve as a re-awakening of the spirit. It is comforting to hear the words of our ritual, delivered by a new core of men, because it speaks to the perma-

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He is There For Feeling at Home

When we think about mortar, I'm sure, like me, you often picture a finely completed brick wall, or a building with each brick stacked in a traditional running bond. The mortar, perfectly filling the gaps between each brick, hard and strong, holding the wall together against whatever may be thrown at it. I think we often overlook the mortar itself. It is fluid, easily spreadable, like a child carefree in the world and as time moves on, the mortar hardens and becomes finished. In Freemasonry, as we spread it to cement the bonds of Brotherly Love, I often wonder if we take the time to think about what that means to us.

We are the protagonists in our own life's story. Every day people come and go, some are acquaintances from work, others play a bigger role in our stories, such as family. As the cast grows, it becomes impossible to keep in contact with everyone, leaving just memories that over time grow fonder. A few years back, I ran into a friend I served with in the Army and instantly the 15-year gap since we'd last seen each other was erased. We caught up and promised not to let time slip away again. Yet, we have not seen each other since. Why? Mostly lame excuses I guess, but in the end, maybe it's because we have no real need to.

When I found Freemasonry, I again found the bond that



I had in the military, except Freemasonry at its core is designed to prevent the natural ebb and flow of our relationships by allowing its members to attend monthly meetings. To some, they may seem boring. To me, it is an opportunity to reconnect with men from all walks of life that have become my family, to sit down and eat together, laugh, and sometimes console each other. I have some of the greatest memories of my life at my lodge with men I would have no other reason knowing aside from this one thing we have in common. I've found a place where I can find advice on various life hurdles and have also been able to provide my share of assistance to these same Brothers.

I have built relationships, traveled from coast to coast, and through technology, we are able to continue building these bonds when we are not together. I have been able to open doors for Brothers and have had opportunities opened for me. In the end, there is no place like home. When I walk into my lodge room, I can smell the aging wood furniture and upholstery. I hear a room full of chatter and laughter as Brothers are putting on aprons, continuing their conversations from dinner, and I find myself at peace. When I am with my Brothers, I am home.

We must look at ourselves as the mortar. Mortar will indiscriminately dry to brick just as easily as a filthy trash can, but surrounding ourselves with great Brothers allows us to ensure the mortar is drying on the brick, leaving the world better than we found it. After all, the bricklayer's labor is complete when the cement dries.

-Bro. Bryan Simmons

nence of this Fraternity, not necessarily the current physical manifestation, but instead the lasting, almost immortal nature of our beliefs and our teachings.

A final reason why I attend is to enjoy a well-prepared meal in the company of my Brothers. Sometimes the meal is a rich, sumptuous feast and other times it is merely a light repast – the meal is unimportant. It is the symbolic act of breaking bread with men that I truly love. In my mind, each meal is a representation of the Last Supper, where Jesus broke bread with his 12 Brother Apostles, and renewed their vows of love and commitment for one another.

-Rt. Wor. Paul Malagrifa

He is There For His True Brothers

I've been a part of the Masonic Lodge of Mount Olivet in Cambridge, MA, for about two years now. It became part of my life when I think I was most ready to receive it, and when I needed it most. I had some difficult times in the years prior to joining the Lodge.

I'll be honest. When I joined, I was invited by a Brother and had no clue what to expect. When I met the man who has become my Masonic mentor, Worshipful Master Louis Ciano, not only did he set me at ease, but he welcomed me, and shared with me the history of the Masons. It showed me there were good men in this world



who actually had the things I hold most dear as a part of their lives. Those things being integrity, honesty, and kindness.

I've learned so much since I joined Mount Olivet Lodge. I dove headfirst into learning as much as I could from my Brothers,

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FRATERNITY News & Events



Wor. David M. Weiss receives The Joseph Warren Medal

On Friday evening, May 17th, Wor. David M. Weiss of Cincinnatus Lodge in Great Barrington was honored with the presentation of a Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal by Rt. Wor. Christopher A. Tonini, DDGM for the 31st District.

Brother Weiss is a 21-year Mason and member of Cincinnatus Lodge, having served three terms as its Master. He is the lodge instructor for Masonic education and has served in a Warden's chair numerous times. He has also been a replacement for many of the line officer's positions when assistance was required, is an excellent ritualist, and is capable of filling any office at a moment's notice. He has been an officer in this lodge every year since 1998. He is always quietly in the leadership forefront, when special tasks are to be performed such as dinners, work details, or other significant events. The lodge always counts on his involvement and attention to detail, and when I became Master two years ago, I quickly learned that David was one man I could turn to for advice and assistance without question. He is also the Secretary of the Lodge Building Association and Chairman of the Investment Committee.

When there were dark days in Cincinnatus Lodge affecting the entire membership, Bro. Weiss, through wisdom and unwavering dedication to his lodge and his brothers, wielded the gavel of Solomon and brought peace and harmony to the fellowship.

His Masonic duties extend beyond Cincinnatus Lodge into the 31st District. Bro Weiss has served at various times as a principal instructor for the Lodge of Instruction, a District Deputy Grand Officer and as a District Ritual Monitor. On more than one occasion, as Monitor, he volun-

tarily stepped in to assist various lodges when a last-minute no show left an opening in the officer line.

Brother Weiss has born and raised in Litchfield, Connecticut, and has resided in Berkshire County, Massachusetts with his wife Barbara Jasmine for over 30 years. He received his Bar Mitzvah in Congregation AHAVATH Shalom in Great Barrington at the age of 13. He continues to have strong values, regards friends to be friends for life, and is always willing to open his door, or offer a hot meal and shelter for the night. An example of his character comes from a high school classmate who suffered from a handicap and was picked on and bullied by others. David befriended him and made a difference to this friend, enabling him to complete his schooling through to graduation, knowing that someone cared enough to be his friend. David had no siblings, and friends mean everything to him.

Brother Weiss has served in many civic organizations and clubs. He served on the Sheffield Conservation Committee for six years, where he dedicated many hours of volunteer service. He has served as President of the Berkshire County Antiques Dealers Association, and President and board member of the Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club for over 10 years, where he was awarded with the Mike Nicholas Metal for dedication and service. When these clubs needed leadership, David was there for them as well as his lodge.

David enjoys golf, scuba diving, dealing in antiques, and training golden retrievers, and his trainees have placed in shows many times. He truly has a soft spot in his heart for his wife, friends, Brothers, and dogs. Despite some recent personal difficulties, his dedication has never wavered.

-Rt. Wor. Larry Tonini



A Three generation Family Affair for the Bigelows at Webster Lodge

The Bigelows of Webster Lodge (from L. to R.): Bro. Scott S. Bigelow, newly installed Master of Webster Lodge, Rt. Wor. Windsor H. "Skip" Bigelow III, Bro. Windsor H. Bigelow, Jr., and Bro. Timothy W. Bigelow.

-Wor. Richard Clark

Moses Michael Hays and Beth-Horon Lodges Merge

A merger ceremony took place at the Needham Masonic Apartments on September 17, 2019, completing the union of two lodges as voted on at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on June 12, 2019. At that meeting, Grand Lodge voted to merge Moses Michael Hays Lodge and Beth-Horon Lodge, both of Needham. The new entity will be named Moses Michael Hays Lodge and will operate under the authority of the charter of Beth-Horon Lodge.

Originally located in Brookline, Beth-Horon traces its charter to November 15, 1870. Since then, Beth-Horon has met in Brighton and Newtonville. Along the way, Nehoiden Lodge merged with Beth-Horon, bringing them to Needham. Among its members, Beth-Horon can claim M. Wor. David W. Lovering (Grand Master in 1993, 1994, 1995), and Rt. Wor. Robert P. Beach, who served Grand Lodge for 25 years, 20 of them as Grand Secretary.

Relatively young Moses Michael Hays Lodge was chartered in Boston in 1932, moving to Needham in 1974. One of the so-called Grand Master lodges, Moses Michael Hays Lodge was named in his honor. M. Wor. Moses Michael Hays was the last Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, Provincial and Independent (also known as St. Andrew's Grand Lodge), serving during 1789, 1790, 1791, and 1792. M. Wor. Bro. Hays is credited, along with Rt. Wor. John Cutler of St. John's Grand Lodge, with guiding the merger of the two Massachusetts Grand Lodges into our present Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The reason the original charter members of Moses Michael Hays Lodge chose his name was "to perpetuate the name of a great American, humanitarian and distinguished Mason," who also happened to be the first Jewish Grand Master in the world. At the time of their founding, Moses Michael Hays, Beth-Horon, and a number of other lodges were known as Jewish affinity lodges. Such special interest lodges have existed in Massachusetts and elsewhere throughout the history of Masonry, and still do today. Some examples are Harvard Lodge for employees and students, Fourth Estate Lodge for newspaper men, and Major General Henry Knox Lodge for military men. The members of these two merged lodges decided to retain their identity as a Grand Master lodge, honoring one of our most important Grand Masters.

The Grand Master, M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason, and the Grand Lodge Officers proceeded with the merger ceremony. The Grand Secretary, M. Wor. Albert T. Ames read the joint petition for merger voted upon by the two lodges and read the report of the merger vote taken at the June Quarterly. Moses Michael Hays Lodge surrendered its original charter to the Grand Secretary and Beth-Horon Lodge surrendered all its regalia and other property to the new Moses Michael Hays Lodge. The Grand Master declared them merged with the name Moses Michael Hays Lodge,



further stating that all members of both lodges would have full and equal membership privileges in Moses Michael Hays Lodge and would retain any other status and privileges they might have had in their previous lodges.

The Grand Master installed the officers for the new Moses Michael Hays Lodge. He directed the Grand Marshal to retire the officers of both lodges, and to present the Master-elect of Moses Michael Hays, Wor. Joseph Spinale. Ably assisted by other Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Master proceeded to install Wor. Brother Spinale and the other officers-elect into their respective positions. After offering his remarks and words of encouragement for the success of the new Moses Michael Hays Lodge, the Grand Master closed Moses Michael Hays Lodge in ample form.

-Wor. Robert A. Caron



The Masonic Secretaries' Association of Massachusetts will be celebrating our Centennial Celebration at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury on Friday evening, April 3, 2020. Tickets are \$75/pp and ladies are welcome. Space is limited. If you would like more information contact George Bibilos at gbibilos@verizon.net or Ken Sprague at ken@kensprague.com.



Priceless

At a recent Installation at Elm-Belcher Lodge in Agawam, the photo shows it is not just about involving the Brothers but their family as well. Senior Warden Bro. John Stone's Daughter Riley Autumn is showing her appreciation after receiving a special "Ladies Pin." What a way to finish off as District Deputy Grand Master for the 29th Masonic District. Priceless.

-Rt. Wor. Anthony Jacob Leroux



Lafayette-Greylock's Hill Degree Conferred

Lafayette - Greylock lodge held its annual Hill Degree on the foot of Mount Greylock in Williamstown, MA. The lodge raised one candidate of its own to Master Mason and conferred the degree on a candidate from Independence Lodge. This year, the Hill Degree was well attended with both the Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden in attendance. Despite the near 100 degree heat index, a great time was enjoyed by all.

-Wor. Josh Mantello

How Can I Make A Difference?

You are stopped in traffic, waiting for the light to change, and bang! You have been hit from behind. You are in lodge and a Brother slumps over. You can see that the other person is not moving.

What do you do? What should you do? Should you get involved? One of the first tenets of our Craft is relief. You go to the other person, shake his shoulders, and ask, "Are you okay?" If there is no response, you begin the steps of CPR as taught in your CPR-AED class. Time is of the essence for this person, the difference is between life and death. It is time to extend relief by using your training.

The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts is a training agency for CPR and an AED, and all classes are certified and recognized by ECSI, the Emergency Care and Scientific Institute, which is highly regarded in training for Emergency Medical personnel and the lay person. All classes use approved training methods in CPR and the use of an AED.

Taking a class in CPR and the use of an AED will take a small amount of time, but the knowledge and experience learned will enable you to respond effectively, should the need arise. A certificate will be issued and is valid for two years.

Can you make a difference? Will you know what to do? Should you get involved? Yes, you will and should! Knowing the signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest, activating the emergency medical system by calling 911, starting CPR, and using an AED if available can make all the difference.

For additional information, contact the Grand Lodge Service Committee, District Deputy Grand Master of your district, or his Service Officer to schedule a CPR-AED class in your Lodge of Instruction, your lodge, or in the community.

-Rt. Wor. Robert F. Stanley

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installed as Master of Waltham Triad in 2006 and served for three years. Wor. Bro. Asadoorian also served as Master of Victory Lodge in Watertown in 1987 for two years. As if this did not keep him busy enough, Wor. Bro. Asadoorian has been the Red Cross Blood Drive Chairman for the Fifth Masonic District for over 20 years.

Although it currently meets in Newtonville, Waltham Triad Lodge had its origins in Waltham and Watertown, starting out as four separate lodges going back to the year 1820. The lodge still maintains its ties with Waltham, supporting many youth and charitable organizations in the city. Wor. Bro. Asadoorian says this will certainly continue. "Expect to see the Masons of Waltham Triad marching in the city's 135th Anniversary Parade, helping at the Salvation Army's Waltham Corps Community Center, and participating in many other activities during the year," Wor. Bro. Asadoorian said.

-Wor. Robert A. Caron

especially when I was doing my degree work. It was amazing to see all the Brothers that would give of their time to teach me the things I needed to learn. I felt I should certainly dedicate as much time to learning and memorizing what I needed to learn. I wanted to make them proud and prove that their time investment was worthwhile. They helped me through my obligation, and I was able to recite it to the best of my abilities in front of a large body of Brothers.

What I found in coming to Lodge every month, and to as many events as I can, is that you certainly get what you put into this Brotherhood of ours. If you are just showing up for Lodge and a meal once a month, you will certainly be part of a social gathering. However, I feel you are missing a larger part of the Brotherhood. I help with as many

charitable functions as I can. I talk to my Brothers inside and outside of Lodge because the ones I see every time I do have become more than just friends, they have become family - true Brothers!

I would give any of my Brothers the shirt off my back if he needed it, because I know they would do the same for me. I feel I build stronger relationships with my Brothers not just by going to meetings, but showing up to activities, and doing charitable work. The camaraderie that comes from knowing that the hand that helped pick me up during the times I needed it most is extended by me and my Brothers to other lodges, other organizations, and the community at large.

I know everyone has different responsibilities, different lives, and not everyone can make every event, but we all give what we can monetarily, of our time, of our patience, and of our love. It's all within the length of our cable-tow.

-Bro. Peter Cadieux



He is There For His 100th Birthday and To Raise Another Mason

A man being raised to the degree of Master Mason is in very select company. Only one in 5,000 men in Massachusetts can claim this title. Bro. James Stephens became one of these men when Wor. Philip Christensen raised him to the Sublime Degree at Brigham Lodge's Annual Past Masters' Night on May 21.

Any man would be proud to be raised by Wor. Bro. Christensen, and many have been. He has been a Past Master for 56 years, he has been a Mason for 76 years, and as of May 6,

2019, he has been alive for over 100 years. In commemoration of his 100th birthday, he asked the Master, Wor. Shawn Thomas, for a small favor. He asked to raise the candidate at Past Masters' Night. Wor. Bro. Thomas gladly granted his request.

To say that the work was performed well would be an understatement. Grand Lecturer, Rt. Wor. Nicholas Mantello commented that it was flawless. Bro. Stephens had this to say, "When Wor. Bro. Christensen whispered the word into my ear, that was the moment that I really felt a part of something. It just really made me feel that all the history of Freemasonry now included me."

For the last 70 years Wor. Bro. Christensen has been an important part of that history. He was active in not only his Blue Lodge, but also in the Scottish Rite Valley of Springfield, and the Melha Shrine. He and his brother, Bro. Warren Christensen, have rarely missed a meeting since the night they were raised with their father and a third brother in Hampden Lodge.

When once asked what the secret to such a long and fruitful Masonic career was, he answered simply, "Staying alive." Wor. Bro. Christensen was joined by 16 Past Masters in conferring the degree. Among them was the District Deputy of the 28th Masonic District, Rt. Wor. John Jay Papanou. He remarked, "Wor. Bro. Christensen is the first to volunteer for every Past Masters' Night year after year. He told me that he had been rehearsing every evening and it showed. His ritual was spotless as usual. He is one of the best Masons I have ever met, and our Lodge is fortunate and proud to have him".

To end the evening, Bro. Shane Newell delivered, for the first time, a stirring rendition of "The Warren Charge," which he personally wrote as a call to action for the Craft. It is safe to say that it was a night that none in attendance will ever forget as long as they live.

-Rt. Wor. Michael Jarzabek

The three locations for the “Listening Tour” are:

1. October 29th at the Brockton Apartments
2. November 4th at the Wakefield Apartments, and
3. November 14th at the Mt. Holyoke Apartments

The Grand Master made a serious admonition to the Brethren present.

“An integral part of our Fraternity - and, in fact, one of our Landmarks - is that a Mason must be a Free Born Adult Male. In their quest for more financial aid, several of our lodges are - indirectly and unintentionally - endangering this Landmark! By accepting government financial aid (whether local, state, or federal) for the construction, maintenance, or operation of their buildings, lodges invite governmental control of both the building and the organization accepting it. The Elks and Eagles fraternal orders were found to be non-exempt from anti-discrimination laws through this avenue. As a fraternity, we cannot afford to have our entire membership process overturned! Consequently, I am declaring a moratorium on the acceptance of any type of public assistance by any lodge or building association in this jurisdiction until we can devise sound legal guidance for its acceptance,” the Grand Master said.

“Far too much of my time as Grand Master is spent trying to mediate intra-lodge disputes, what I term as ‘Hatfield-McCoy incidents.’ I know that this is also the case for our District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters. It needn’t – and shouldn’t – be so!”

“Let me share this sensible reminder in the “Emessay Notes” from the most recent issue of the Masonic Service Association:

“Social media, anonymous letters, gossip and innuendo are now the un-Masonic way to squabble. The advice ‘you agree to avoid private piques and quarrels...’ and ‘that noble emulation of who can best serve and best agree’ should be all a Mason needs know to avoid disputes. Brethren, in all of your Masonic interactions, while you need not love - or even like - everyone with whom you share

the title “Brother,” you must respect him as a Mason. Please, take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly!”

The Grand Master shifted to a lighter note. The Grand Lodge building has benefitted from (non-governmental aided) maintenance efforts. There is a new ceiling in the sub-basement and a substantially improved audio system. “I, for one, look forward to no longer tripping over microphone cables! Furthermore, preparations have been completed for the installation of a digitally controlled valve on our steam input pipe - promising substantial reductions in our energy consumption this coming winter while still maintaining a comfortable work environment.”

He mentioned the Third Degree work to be conducted at Grand Lodge by New Hampshire’s Jerusalem Lodge #104 on Saturday, October 5th.

The Grand Master reminded us about the one-day class for the Scottish Rite scheduled for Nov. 9th at the Grand Lodge building. “They are politically savvy enough to term it the “Grand Master’s Class.” With a name like that, I can be excused for encouraging Brethren to consider taking part,” laughed the Grand Master.

“Let me conclude by reiterating my sincere guidance to our lodges - guidance you have heard before that is still so relevant. Membership remains up to you - the individual lodge and its leaders. As I have often told you, only ‘boots on the ground’ are going to invite interested candidates to dinner, contact every brother at least once per year (dues bills do not count), publish articles in local media, and pursue all of the other ways to make the public aware of what we have to offer. We must find those new Masons who will fill your Officer line in the next few years and whose support will help your lodge prosper.”

“We have an exciting year with many challenges ahead of us Brethren. Thank you for all that you do for your Lodges! I look forward to seeing you throughout my travels,” concluded the Grand Master. After a standing ovation, a prayer by Rt. Wor. and Rev. Dr. Richard E. Haley, and a rousing singing of “America the Beautiful,” the Fall Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts was closed in ample form. ■

Presentations to the Grand Master

Five presentations were made to the Grand Master: St. George Lodge and Frank W. Thompson Lodge for the Brotherhood Fund; Rt. Wor. Anthony Leroux made a personal donation to the Samuel L. Crocker Library at Grand Lodge; The Harvard Lodge donated their “loose change collection” to the Brotherhood Fund; and Prospect Lodge donated to the Brotherhood Fund and Scholarship Program. ■



Freemasons on the Frontier

Quatuor Coronati's Conference in Boston in 2020

by W. Bro. Dr. Richard Berman

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will be the venue for next year's Quatuor Coronati Masonic Research Conference – Freemasonry on the Frontier - from September 18-20, 2020. Quatuor Coronati is regarded as the world's premier lodge of Masonic Research, and the Conference builds on the highly successful event held last year at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, VA, which saw Masons attend from across the United States, as well as internationally.

Quatuor Coronati was established in 1884, in London, and is the world's oldest Masonic research lodge. The Lodge established the QC Correspondence Circle, QCCC, the first Masonic research society, over 130 years ago, with the purpose of sharing research, and encouraging education and scholarship. This continues today.

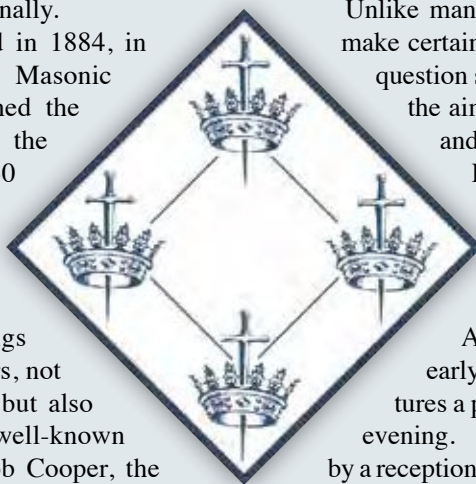
The Boston Conference brings together a slate of world-class speakers, not only from around the United States, but also from across the Atlantic, with many well-known and popular presenters, including Bob Cooper, the Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Brent Morris, Editor of Heredom; Mike Kearsley, a past Prestonian Lecturer; Ric Berman, the Immediate Past Master of QC and past Prestonian Lecturer; our own Walter Hunt, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; Andreas Onnerfors, Professor at the University of Gothenburg Sweden, the current Master of QC; and other leading national and international speakers. A full list of speakers,

papers, and the detailed Conference Program is online at www.quatuorcoronati.com.

The Conference program has been structured to mirror the westward expansion of the American frontier from the Atlantic coast in the early 18th century, through to the Midwest in the late 18th and 19th centuries, and finally to the Pacific coastal states at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries.

Unlike many other conferences, the intention is to make certain there is plenty of time for attendees to question speakers and raise their own points, with the aim of generating a stimulating discussion and debate across the floor. Massachusetts Freemasons are not only welcome, but positively encouraged to attend the Conference, whether they are members of QCCC or not, almost half of whose membership is in North America. The Conference begins in the early afternoon of September 18th and features a period-costume demonstration lodge that evening. Saturday's lecture program is followed by a reception and dinner that evening. The Conference ends just after midday on Sunday, September 20th.

This is an incredible opportunity for Massachusetts Masons to attend a unique Masonic event in the state, and to listen to papers from, and discussions with, some of Freemasonry's foremost speakers. TROWEL will provide regular updates as the Conference draws closer. Tickets can be purchased online at www.quatuorcoronati.com/2020-conference-book. ■



Mushroom Farm Meets Senior Living in a Unique and Promising Partnership



The Overlook in Charlton has established a unique and promising relationship with Brad Allain, a commercial boutique mushroom grower and owner of Wildwood Mushrooms. The Overlook reached out to Allain last year, after learning that his business suffered a devastating fire at his Sutton location. On August 23, 2019, The Overlook and Wildwood Mushrooms finalized a business agreement and purchase and sale agreement, selling Allain three acres of its approximately 450-acre Charlton Campus. The new facility is expected to open in the Spring of 2020 and will be comprised of a 5,000 square foot building on approximately 130,000 square feet of land, contiguous to The Overlook's Campus, off T-Hall Road.

The operation will employ five to eight people and will yield more than 2,000 pounds of specialty mushrooms per week. The incubating will occur in indoor, climate-controlled grow rooms, to ensure consistency and a high-quality product. Mushrooms such as Oyster, Shiitake, Chestnut, Black Poplar, and Lion's Mane will be among the offerings. Research on the now sought-after Lion's Mane mushrooms has shown hopeful evidence that this incredible fungus may have a revolutionary impact on brain cells and related functions, as well as neurodegenerative diseases. Allain's operation will also have a commercial kitchen to produce spice mixes and blocks of wood seeded with

fungi to grow certain mushrooms.

Other than the proceeds The Overlook received from the sale of the land, Wildwood Mushrooms will not provide direct financial benefit or profit-sharing to The Overlook. Instead, the business agreement is structured to provide for excellent branding and promotional opportunities, as well as community involvement for both parties. Wildwood Mushrooms will be selling its mushrooms through farmers' markets and wholesalers to high-end restaurants throughout Hartford, Boston, and Providence, whose menus will bear the name, "Wildwood Mushrooms at The Overlook in Charlton, MA." In addition to selling mushrooms to The Overlook, Allain will offer educational programming about harvesting mushrooms to Overlook residents, team members, the Charlton school system, and other local organizations.

The mushroom farm is part of a larger strategic plan and farm to table movement for The Overlook. The plan includes collaboration with select retail shops, artisans, artists, local farmers, and chefs to draw potential residents and others to the community. Bringing potential residents, visitors, artisans, artists, local farmers, and chefs together, to educate, inspire, and enjoy entertainment, educational programming, and really great food is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Overlook's beautiful, natural setting, and its many amenities. The Overlook's six successful pop-up farmers' markets and Concerts on the Common series held in June and July are a great example of this plan in action. Local musicians, including Sara the Fiddler, The Beatles Tribute Band Throwback to the 60s, Rockin' Chairs, Los Sugar Kings, and Ethel performed at the base of The Overlook's 100 year old iconic tower, bringing a multitude of residents and neighbors from the surrounding community together to enjoy the complimentary music, ice cream, and fresh, locally sourced produce from area farms in a relaxing and welcoming environment.

The dream and vision are to one day reopen The Overlook Hotel and barn as a major events venue, making them a culinary center for weddings, proms, philanthropy dinners, food demonstrations, wine tastings, cooking and other educational classes to better serve the needs of our Overlook community, as well as the surrounding region. The dining experience, through locally sourced, seasonally fresh food is one of The Overlook's greatest opportunities to enhance its culinary program, along with health and wellness, to further support the high quality of life for our residents and team members. The Overlook Hotel and barn reimagined represent a potentially compelling case for philanthropic support and an opportunity for generating future revenue to further the organization's mission! If you are interested in more information about The Overlook, please contact Danyel Darger, Overlook Director of Sales and Marketing at ddarger@overlook-mass.org, or call 508-434-2331. ■

LODGES CELEBRATING 150 YEARS



Charles C. Dame Lodge



William Sutton Lodge



William North Lodge



Charles W. Moore Lodge



Siloam Lodge



Charity Lodge



Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge

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He was raised in Livermore Falls, Maine, where he grew up. By the time I knew him, he had joined the Craft more than 40 years earlier and never adopted a lodge in Massachusetts. I believe he visited local lodges occasionally and attended Scottish Rite in Boston from time to time. Since there was no lodge in Northborough, several local Masons had formed an Acacia Club, and had lunch together once a month, which Bro. Earle enjoyed. He was proud to be a Mason and incorporated the tenets of our Fraternity into his daily life.

Each summer, he would come to our family's cottage on Southport Island for a visit. He often came alone during the day and would announce that he had come to pay a visit to Mrs. Penniman (my grandmother). She would light up when this handsome 'young' man arrived, and they would sit in the rocking chairs on the porch. It was much later that I learned he was kindly and quietly fulfilling an obligation to look after a Brother's widow. Small kindnesses make such big impact!

I often think of the Masonic example of Bro. Earle. It is so important that we continue to include men like him in our ranks. We need men who love the Fraternity, proudly display their affiliation with Masonry, and who live their lives in such a way that it is obvious, even to a 10 year old boy, that membership in the Masonic fraternity is something to which one should aspire. ■

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Mason, I can truly say I didn't know most of the men that I now trust, respect, and socialize with most. They are good men from all races, religions, sexual orientations, and national origins. This doesn't just happen. You must get involved, travel, meet, and interact with your Brothers. Masonry can be enjoyed everywhere, not just in the comfort of your own Lodge. Many non-formal fraternal groups exist including camping, river boating, running, eating, shooting, motorcycling, etc. Finding and getting involved in these groups opens many more doors and adds to the value that you receive from Masonry.

Attending Masonic events outside the comfort of my own Lodge led to some of my greatest experiences. Marching to the State House for the Cornerstone ceremony is something I will never forget. The skills I learned at MLI (Masonic Leadership Institute) have paid back dividends both Masonically and in my private life, and attending many Table Lodges was just plain fun. Cooking waffles at our monthly breakfast is so rewarding. It has led to meeting many members of my community, and brings joy to the many elderly citizens who regularly attend. At breakfast, I have proudly earned the title of Right Worshipful Waffle.

To all this, I say thank you Freemasonry, and thank you Bro. Franklin. You have given me the opportunity to grow in so many ways. ■

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the tools to make themselves better. Take advantage of what Masonry has to offer. Become a better you. Reflect that light back out into the world so you may be a light to others.

Joe turned out to be a Past Master of his Lodge and was active in several Lodges and appendant bodies. He passed away during my term as Master, and although I did not preside over his service, he did leave me a good portion of his library, which has fueled my passion for education. Thanks to the light that Joe shared with me, I've served as Lead Instructor, LOI Coordinator, and Ambassador for my district, and now I serve Grand Lodge as Chairman of the Education and Training Committee.

When I joined Masonry, I never thought I would do any of those things, never mind becoming a candidate for the office of Senior Grand Warden. To have reached this point in my Masonic journey is truly humbling, and a cause for reflection. It's an honor to even be asked, and I want to say thank you for offering me this opportunity. If you'd like to know to whom that apron belonged, ask me when you see me. ■

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couple of months later, and was raised to Master Mason on April 24, 2009, 57 years and 3 days after my grandfather made this same journey. With the guidance of the Brothers of my lodge, I rose through the chairs and became Master in October of 2013 wearing my grandfather's ring and cufflinks as I took my Obligation. I was fortunate to serve as the District Deputy Grand Master for the 29th District in 2016 and 2017. I looked for my grandfather's signature in the bylaws every time I went to Elm-Belcher Lodge. Now, I have the opportunity to be a candidate for Junior Grand Warden, an opportunity that started with my grandfather's desire to be a Mason. I hope I have made him proud with my journey. ■

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brings more grief." Freemasonry teaches us the power of friendship, brotherhood, and peace. The great masters of all ages have taught us to begin the forgiveness process, to love, and to send prayers around the world to ease anger and to grow peace.

Each person possesses a soul which is immortal and has been put on this earth to learn. When I drive on the highway, so many people want to be first, but you can be first in many more important things. You can be kind first. You can be generous first. You can take the high road and bring peace first to many situations. At this sacred time of the year, let us each extend kindness, generosity, peace, and light in prayer to all souls around the world. Let us each be known as men of peace who bring good will to all we encounter. ■

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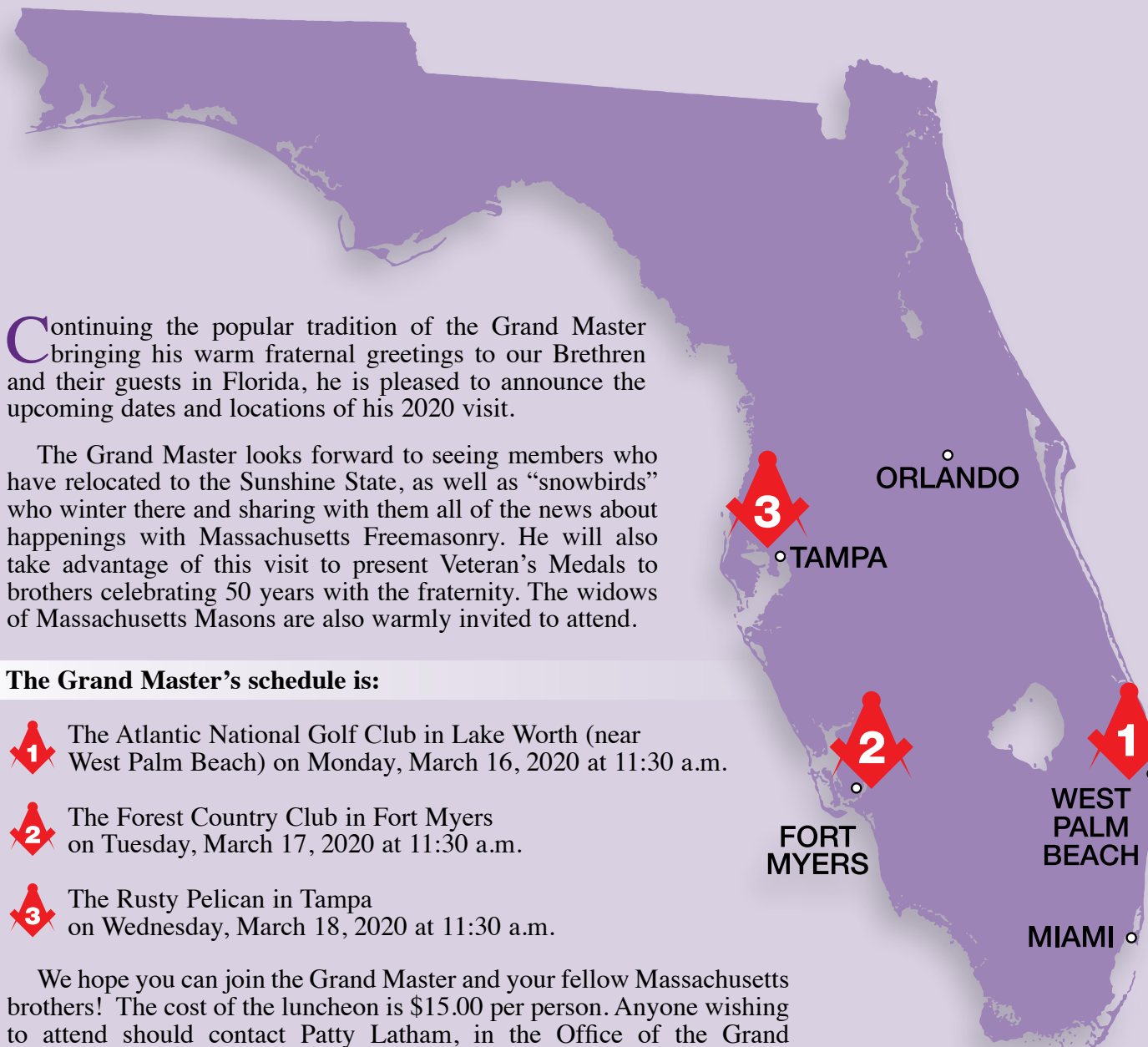
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Continuing the popular tradition of the Grand Master bringing his warm fraternal greetings to our Brethren and their guests in Florida, he is pleased to announce the upcoming dates and locations of his 2020 visit.

The Grand Master looks forward to seeing members who have relocated to the Sunshine State, as well as “snowbirds” who winter there and sharing with them all of the news about happenings with Massachusetts Freemasonry. He will also take advantage of this visit to present Veteran’s Medals to brothers celebrating 50 years with the fraternity. The widows of Massachusetts Masons are also warmly invited to attend.

The Grand Master’s schedule is:

- 1** The Atlantic National Golf Club in Lake Worth (near West Palm Beach) on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.
- 2** The Forest Country Club in Fort Myers on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.
- 3** The Rusty Pelican in Tampa on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

We hope you can join the Grand Master and your fellow Massachusetts brothers! The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 per person. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Patty Latham, in the Office of the Grand Secretary, at **617-426-6040** or email **platham@massfreemasonry.org**.