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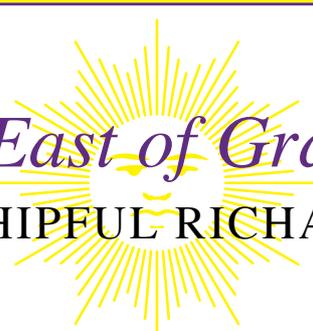


GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN MASSACHUSETTS FALL 2020

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**Masonic
Anniversaries**





From the East of Grand Lodge
MOST WORSHIPFUL RICHARD MAGGIO

Brethren,

Did you ever wonder what if? We all have. Problem is, we will never know what if because we did not execute. Why do I bring this up today? Because the summer ended abruptly, fall was short, and it is currently snowing. It is a great time to reflect. With all that is happening in the world, it is not surprising that we all get angry, frustrated, anxious, and (or) depressed. Instead of dwelling on the negative, consider reflecting on the positive. I had a wonderful weekend. I travelled to Greenfield for Republican Lodge's 225th Anniversary. The foliage was beautiful. The Brethren of Republican Lodge did a wonderful job celebrating with a safe outside event. There was a great feeling of energy in the air, many speakers, and a visit by the Mayor of Greenfield. A great day to be a Mason.

As I write this at the end of October, we are now starting Phase 3 Part 2, of the Covid-19 Guidelines by the Governor. He added another layer of guidance with orders to "phase back," depending on whether your event is in a town in the Red, Yellow, or Green Zone.

Our lodges are meeting, installations are happening, and degrees are being conducted, in person, following all guidelines. Those who choose not to meet in person are offered online accommodations. Online meetings have brought many Brothers back to lodge from great distances. I hope these hybrid type meetings continue to so we may include those who are unable to attend lodge.

We are in difficult times, separated from our Brethren, family, and friends. Wherever we go, whatever we do, masks and social distancing are the orders of the day. Online and hybrid meetings are becoming a way of life. Times are changing fast, but one constant in our life is Freemasonry. No matter what is happening in the profane world, we can always count on the Craft to provide consistency to our lives. I continually receive letters of thanks for YOUR efforts of help, aid, and assistance, not only to our Brethren, but aid to our local communities.

Your charity did not stop with writing the check. Day after day I receive correspondence of thanks because you have given your time, effort, help, aid, and assistance to so many. Building handicap ramps, food drives, and other efforts continue around the Commonwealth. As the pandemic gets worse, the charity increases. I am so proud to be a Massachusetts Mason.

I am happy to report our Overlook Community in Charlton, the MHS Health System, continues to be a premier facility with services including, but not limited to, independent living, medical and rehab services, OVNA, and hospice. During the pandemic, they have been a leader in the industry. They are one of, if not the, safest facility of its kind in the Commonwealth.

The Grand Lodge Offices are open for business and lodges are meeting in 186 Tremont Street, adhering to the Guidelines of the Commonwealth and the City of Boston. During this difficult time, we are continually evaluating how we do business and integrating the resources at Grand Lodge with our volunteer committees. Stay tuned for some exciting new programs in Membership as well as Education.

Our Fraternity, like no other Fraternity, stands out to the rest of the world because of the quality of our members. Please find a friend, family member, or co-worker to join us as we continue to be a guiding light to the world. Think about the joy you will have sitting in lodge with them.

I continue to be humbled and honored to serve you as Grand Master. God bless you, our Fraternity, and God bless America!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Most Worshipful Richard Maggio

Your Grand Master

P.S. "Brother, when you are in need, lean on me..."

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To Be Better

There are four front pillars at the Cambridge Masonic Temple. There were four when I walked in through the doors of Freemasonry, with my first son bouncing around my feet, and there are four now. I knew I needed help: I was a new father and at quite a loss as to how to be a good father. Rt. Wor. Robert F. Stanley took me around the building. It was during an open house, and he discussed Freemasonry with me. After I annoyed him as much as I could, I thought that I may be able to afford to become a Mason, both in money and in time.



When the night for my becoming an Entered Apprentice had passed, I walked back home thinking that was the strangest thing I had ever done. I was very confused and thought my way through what I had experienced. I then realized that I had heard something that I heard almost nowhere in my regular life. Not at church. Not at work. Not with friends. Nowhere else had I heard virtue being discussed.

I read Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics and his discussion of virtues. But in regular life, virtue felt almost invisible. As an underpinning of practical things, however, virtue as excellence is pervasive. If you work with wood, you want to be a better carpenter. If you are a father, you want to be a better father. If you fish, you want to become a better sportsman. Everyone wants to be better at their jobs, with their family, or at a sport or hobby. If we are better at these things, they are more fun. We get a sense of pride in our conquering the difficulty of golf, gardening, or car maintenance.

But, in Masonry, we want to be better men, not better at some skill. We all want to be excellent men, or we would not be Masons. In lodge, we memorize, talk, and see examples of virtuous men. In the next four issues of TROWEL, we will have various authors write on the four Cardinal Virtues. The pillars in front of our building don't just support the building, they tell us of permanence. The excellence we strive for at work doesn't just get the job done, it makes us walk with pride. And the virtues aren't just in our ritual. With practice, over time, they improve our character as Masons and as men. In these constrained times, when we are tested, it will be our character, our virtue, that sees us through.

Fraternally, Lee H. Fenn

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Mount Hope's "Planetary Stewards" Take Second

Mount Hope Lodge's clean up team, Planetary Stewards, placed 2nd in the city of Fall River's Clean Up Competition. The Lodge took on the task of cleaning Lafayette Park on Eastern Avenue on August 15th. The Fall River park was dedicated to the prominent French Freemason, Marquis de Lafayette, who was also a French military officer that helped fight the American Revolutionary War.

In addition to cleaning the normal trash around the park,

playground, and ball fields, the team also removed an abandoned homeless camp, including many needles, and other drug paraphernalia, making the park and surrounding area safe for the neighborhood. The cleanup was part of a larger initiative by Fall River mayor Paul Coogan. The team was awarded 2nd place for their efforts and a check for \$200-, which Mount Hope will use for future charitable works. The team members included Bro. Peter Miranda, Wor. Luis Ferreira, Bro. William Crawford, Candidate Collin Soares, Bro. Austin Tavares, and Wor. Kevin Mota.

-Bro. Peter Mira, Junior Steward, Mount Hope Lodge



The Charity of Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge

In a typical year, the Brothers of Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Lodge use the occasion of Mother's Day to make charitable donations in tribute to the ladies of their Lodge. Leaders from local organizations are invited to dinner where they are personally presented the donations and get to meet the Brethren. Of course, this year has been anything but typical. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Lodge were not able to hold the event this year. Despite dealing with this unpredictable event, the Lodge members voted to continue with Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Lodge's tradition of being good stewards to the community by providing support to worthy agencies in need. This has been a long-standing tradition and mission of the Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Lodge Charitable Gift Committee.

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Bro. David DeMello and Wor. Manuel Fernandes with a representative from the New Bedford Women's Center.

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The Times Try Our Tenets

by Rt. Wor. & Rev. Matthew Wissell, Grand Chaplain

The consequences of living in the midst of a pandemic have had an impact on our Craft. We have had to limit our in-person gatherings. Our usual written in stone calendars are now ones of uncertainty. We have had to delay initiating new members. We cannot sing together. We cannot eat together. Things are not the same and we miss what is familiar to us.

We have learned some new ways of operating. We have discovered ways to share in fraternal communion in spite of our inability to meet face to face. We have employed technology to help us meet together. Some bodies can even present degrees via livestream. Our creativity and methodology have been expanded by this challenge.

I would love to say that we have weathered this storm in the best of fashion. I wish I could.

I am not convinced. I am not referencing the structures and finances. Our organization is in good order. I am concerned about our relationships with one another. We do very well when we are in a chat together. Yet we know that absence does not make the heart grow fonder. Absence makes one forget and causes one to move on to different endeavors.

My experience as a pastor has taught me that habits are hard to break once established. Honestly, it does not take long to form a habit. We have had plenty of time away from the busy life of active Freemasonry to fill the void with another activity or activities. We will lose the presence of a percentage of our membership when our schedules become normalized again. We will have to do work to bring them back into the fold.

What truly concerns me is that the division of our nation has seemed to leak into our Fraternity. We pride ourselves on being men of tolerance. We claim to set aside our differences. We propose to be a refuge from the tensions of the outside world. For the most part we are those things.

There is one place where we need to better practice our tenets. It is within the various platforms of social media. We all have a First Amendment right in our

nation to express our opinions, a right which extends to social media. We have read statements or seen gifs and memes that either inspire or offend us. We expect that living a free society. My concern is how some brothers respond to those posts.

Shane Hipps, a marketing executive for Porsche turned Mennonite pastor, associates people interacting on social media with those who are drunk. He believes they do things they would never dream of doing if they were face to face with the other person. They say things in a tone and manner they would never do in person. One does not have to have a PhD in Psychology to discern that truth. One simply has to read the comments on an internet post.

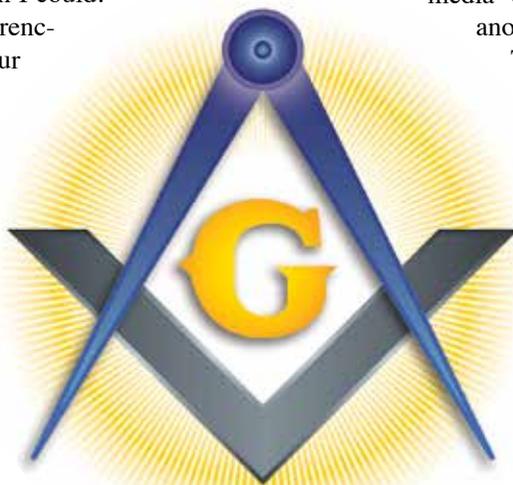
I read brothers attacking brothers on social media with such venom. They insult one another. They demean one another.

They ridicule one another. It is painful to read. It is hurtful. It is not demonstrating the ideal of who can best agree. It is not where we want to be as a Fraternity. It makes me think twice about wanting to go back to lodge. I cannot be the only one who thinks that way.

Let us share some brotherly love on social media. If you see a post you like, be inspired by it. If you see a post you do not, move on. If you are that offended, unfollow the person who posted the material. Not everyone who reads your comments are Masons.

They do not appreciate the thoughts. We do not need to be presenting ourselves to world in that manner.

We have such a gift in Freemasonry. We have a place where we can put aside our differences and share in fellowship. We have an opportunity to nurture true friendships and improve ourselves. Let us not let an angry, divided world enter into our space and defile our Craft. Let us live out the truths that we proclaim in our ritual. Let our words as well as our actions be light for a world that so desperately needs it. ■



Grand Chaplain Rt. Wor. & Rev. Matthew Wissell is pastor of Holy Trinity United Methodist Church in Danvers.

THE SEPTEMBER 2020 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

In the quiet, calm, early autumn afternoon of September 9, 2020, a few Masons, and the Grand Lodge Officers, gathered at 186 Tremont Street, Boston, to hold the regular Quarterly Communication of The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. The pandemic whisked through the empty streets of the city, but the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Richard Maggio, composed himself, as did the other Officers, to ensure that Masonry would not be a casualty of Covid-19. Once in place, in front of phones, before desktop and laptop computers, at safe distances, at 1:30 pm, the Quarterly Communication commenced in ample form.

The Brethren across Massachusetts and beyond, pledged allegiance to the flag, prayed with Rt. Wor. Seth Landau in

part for the “extraordinary challenges and difficult outcomes of the Covid Pandemic,” when the Grand Master welcomed his invited guests.

The Grand Master also introduced the members of the Information Services Committee, Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky and Wor. Patrick DelVal, who made the Quarterly online happen. The Grand Master called on the Grand Secretary, M. Wor. Bro. Ames, for reports on the voting power of lodges and recognition of proxies.

For every vote, the Grand Master explained, there would be a 30 second hesitation to allow people to vote on Massmasons.org. During this time, the screen on Massmasons.org noted the delay. After the 30 seconds, the Grand Master announced, “Brethren, the report on

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

M. Excel. Dana A. Jackson, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

M. Illus. Andrew C. Maninos, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts

Sir Knight George Herbleshiemer, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Illus. Leo J. Proude, Potentate, Melha 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, Chairman of the Board, Masonic Health Systems

Representatives of The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA

Illus. David A Glattly, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander

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

Illus. Robert C. Schremser, 33°, Active for Massachusetts

Illus. George F. Hamilton, 33°, Active for Massachusetts

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

Illus. Ralph I. Sewall, 33°, Active Emeritus for Massachusetts

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

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Rt. Wor. Justin Petty, Junior Grand Warden

Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

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M. Wor. Arthur Eugene Johnson

M. Wor. Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr.

M. Wor. Jeffrey Black Hodgdon

M. Wor. Richard James Stewart

M. Wor. Harvey John Waugh

M. Wor. Paul Fulton Gleason

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

M. Wor. David L. Prewett, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Montana

Rt. Wor. Anand J. Murti, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Japan

Illus. Gary D. Bartlett, Potentate, Aleppo Shrine



Grand Tyler, Rt. Wor. Arthur B. Dunham, Jr.



Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Christopher M. St. Cyr

Recognition of Proxies has been approved unanimously.” M. Wor. Bro. Ames presented on the consolidation of the lodges Mount Carmel Lodge and Golden Fleece Lodge. The new lodge will be named Ascendus and will meet in Marblehead. The motion for consolidation was seconded and the vote commenced. After the requisite 30 seconds of voting time, the Grand Master declared the motion for consolidation as passed. Reports from the Records, Charters and By-Laws, and the Grand Lodge Budget were all similarly presented, voted upon, and passed.

Rt. Wor. Peter Culbertson, after seconding all the above motions, had the sad duty to read the necrology. The three Masons we all lost have enhanced the Celestial Lodge with 177 years of Masonic experience. In our homes, cars, and other private spaces, the Brethren prayed with Rev. Rt. Wor. Matthew Wissell for their eternal souls.

The Grand Master recognized Rt. Wor. Bro. Moran for this motion from the floor:

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren all, due to the current state of the Covid-19 pandemic and the negative impact it has had on the fraternal meetings and functions of the Grand Lodge and as a result the current elected officers of Grand Lodge have had little if any opportunity to enjoy and fulfill the duties of the Offices to which they have been elected by this Grand Lodge, I move the following slate of Officers be presented at the December 9, 2020 Quarterly Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: M. Wor. Richard Maggio, Grand Master;

Rt. Wor. George Forest Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden; Rt. Wor. Christopher Michael St. Cyr, Junior Grand Warden; Rt. Wor. Mason Webster Russell, Grand Treasurer; M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames, Grand Secretary.”

The Grand Master explained the motion, “Brethren all, I am in concordance with the Rt. Wor. Bro. Moran’s motion. Since being elected, the officers of the Grand Lodge have not completed any formal ceremonies such as Lodge Anniversary Rededications, The Masters’ Carpet

Ceremony, The Cornerstone Ceremony, and The Merger Ceremony. Additionally, they have not had any opportunities to complete any of the usual and customary duties of their offices. Therefore, I recommend favorable action on this motion. Should you have any questions, concerns, or comments, do not hesitate to contact me prior to the December Quarterly.” The motion was seconded by the Grand Secretary, voted on electronically, and the Grand Master announced that the motion passed.

The Grand Master announced that some have failed to adhere to our strict

code of conduct. Sadly, there was one member suspended, another expelled, and a third had their suspension made indefinite. Because these members were not in accordance with our principles, the firm disciplinary procedures were voted upon and approved.

The Grand Master presented the commissions to the two new Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. Rt. Wor. Jack Edward Anderson



Grand Sword Bearer: Rt. Wor. Bruce T. Marshall

is the Grand Representative of The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations and Rt. Wor. Wilfred Gordon Rogerson is the Grand Representative of The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Canada.

The Grand Master presented an Anniversary Certificate to Puritan Lodge, whose charter was granted by M. Wor. William Sewall Gardner on June 8, 1870. The Grand Master gave the Grand Master's awards for 2019 to Fraternal and Union Lodges. The certificate and awards will be presented to the respective lodges on behalf of the Grand Master by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

"Good afternoon Brethren," the Grand Master began his address, "Day 184, Covid-19, held hostage. Since installed on December 27, 2019, I have cancelled our March 2020 Quarterly, conducted our June 2020 Quarterly online and now our September 2020 Quarterly online. The world is in turmoil due to the pandemic. In addition to that, we as Americans have the added stress of violence and anarchy in many our major cities across the country. As just and upright Masons, you have continued to conduct yourselves in a most respected manner, upholding our tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. You have led by example. You have unselfishly helped, aided, and assisted not only your Brethren, but have extended yourselves outside the Fraternity to the public. The TROWEL magazine is in the mail and includes many articles about your generosity. Please take a few minutes to enjoy the articles of our Brethren in action. Thank you."

The Grand Master quoted columnist Sydney J. Harris, "A loser believes in fate; a winner believes that we make our fate by what we do or fail to do. The time has come to act." The Grand Master said that, within the guidelines of the State, "Our lodges should be meeting. The leaders of the lodges should start regular communications, electing

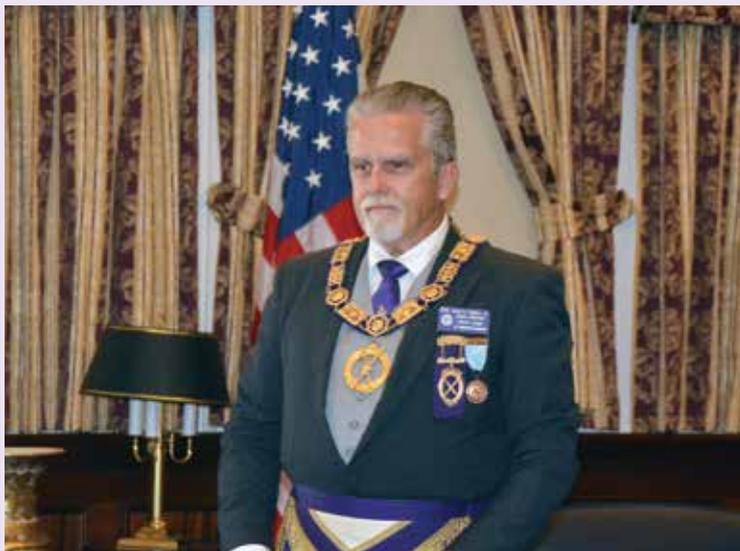
officers, balloting and working candidates. You may consider, and I would encourage the use of hybrid online meetings to supplement your regular meeting. In other words, have your regular meeting and also put it online for those who cannot attend or are uncomfortable attending." The Grand Master reminded that degrees cannot be broadcast, yet. The Grand Master's activities have been very limited. He has often been accompanied only by the Grand Marshal, not the full suite, to allow other Brethren to attend. He has attended many online meetings for Grand Lodge as well as attending Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, DeMolay, and educational meetings. On the good side, the online meetings have included time with Brethren from Panama, Tokyo, Lebanon, South Africa, Bulgaria, Romania, India, Canada, as well as most of the United States.

The Ambassador Training was online, and the Grand Master attended the ordination ceremony of Rt. Wor. Seth Landau, one of our Grand Chaplains. In person, the Grand Master was interviewed by Channel 22 in Springfield (the District Deputy of the 27th needed some awareness, made phone calls, and the Grand Master had 5 minutes of air-time), attended a Covid-limited celebration of the 150th anniversary of Ezekiel Bates Lodge, went to New Hampshire for a mini conference of Grand Masters of New England, enjoyed the presentation of the Joseph Warren Medal to Wor. Robert Bloedow at Golden Rule, played in the Teddy Bear Classic Golf Tournament to benefit the J. Philip Berquist Children's Dyslexia Center of Greater Boston, attended the Scouters Lodge accompanied by the Grand Marshal where he was made an honorary member ("I guess I'll need to work on some more merit badges!" he said), attended the Demolay Conclave via Zoom, and met with M. Wor. Jeffery M. Coaston, Grand Master of Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, hoping

Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Peter M. Culbertson



Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. John E. Kelley, Jr.





Grand Secretary, M. Wor. Albert T. Ames



The Grand Master, M. Wor. Richard Maggio

to work together on some joint Masonic ventures.

The Grand Master also attended two District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit trainings, the 2nd Master's Path training online, a nice brunch with Past Junior Grand Wardens for our Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Christopher S. Cyr, who still has not had his reception, golf tournaments for the Star of Bethlehem Lodge and Wisdoms Lodge, his first in-state online installation of Wor. Brad Marsden and officers of Consolidated Lodge, and an in-person installation of Wor. Stephen Vessella and Officers of William Parkman Lodge.

The Grand Master is usually at Grand Lodge several days a week, which is in full operation. There has been some confusion, mentioned the Grand Master about voting and balloting. All the instructions, modified for the pandemic, are on Massmasons.org. If there is still confusion, "Consider having two meetings a month, one for business and one to work candidates, maybe by invitation. Follow Reason. Use Common Sense. If all else fails, contact me and I will clarify the guidance and Grand Lodge will help you conduct your meeting and/or activity," said the Grand Master.

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren about his promise one week after being installed to "continually evaluate what we do and why we do it. Twenty years ago, we had a long-range strategic plan. We are reevaluating that plan." Headed by Rt. Wor. Alfredo Canhoto, there will be a strategic committee that will create a living document to be updated yearly. "Simultaneously, I am energizing the Development Committee under the leadership of Rt. Wor. Lawrence Bethune. This committee is charged to put a new development plan in place with the assistance of our office staff under the direction of Bro. Robert Huke," said the Grand Master.

"Today, you passed a budget for next year," said the Grand Master. He noted that the advertising budget has been reduced. It raised awareness, but it did not bring in enough new members to justify the costs. The

Grand Master will work with Bro. Chris Rooney for the follow up on leads that we receive. There will be a group, working from the ground up, to follow up on leads generated by our site and BeAFreemason.org, created by the Scottish Rite, Norther Jurisdiction. "I feel very confident that we will now be able to turn these leads into members, but I need your help. As they have stated before and I will state again, all Masonry is local. Do not ask me what Grand Lodge can do for you, but rather tell me what you would like to do to increase your local membership. The Grand Lodge will offer the help, aid, and assistance to meet your goals and provide some funding to do so."

The Grand Master confessed that his goal of changing our culture was flawed: our values and tenets are good, but we need "to get back to basics and practice what we preach - brotherly love, relief, and truth. Past Masters should be mentors, not bullies attempting to run the lodge. Masters should be open to spirited debate, suggestions, and discussion as to what is in the best interest of their lodge and their membership. If we all practice these tenets our issues regarding lack of harmony disappear."

The Grand Master spoke of the joy we experience in our Fraternity on a day to day basis, the moments when we look forward to attending our lodge, the Lodge of Instruction, and various trainings. "Let us get back to basics. We are a fraternity. We participate to enjoy each other's company and to improve ourselves, thereby improving our communities and our way of life. That is what it is all about," the Grand Master concluded. The Grand Master also hopes to dispel thoughts about Grand Lodge. The Grand Master wants the Brethren to know that he is "here, as well as all of the Grand Lodge support staff and permanent members to help you and your blue lodge be all that you want it to be and the best it can be."

The Grand Master's bonuses this quarter came in the form of thank you notes from the Scholarship recipients, not the parents, and from 50-year veterans. "These truly

brighten my day,” he said. The Grand Master thanked members of the William Deadman Society, a past Master’s Association from Golden Rule Lodge, William Sutton Lodge, and Prospect Lodge for their donations to the Brotherhood and Scholarship funds, and those who donated \$1733-, a value to or exceeding our Grand Lodge Charter: Bro. Mark J. Pearrow, Wor. John W. Ruggles II, Wor. Philip J. Privitera, and M. Wor. Donald G Hicks, Jr.

“Unfortunately, due to the pandemic many have not been able to obtain the Freemasonry Specialty Masonic License Plate. Please keep trying. They will become available again soon. When you do, save the invoice and Grand Lodge will continue to reimburse you the \$40- application fee. This program still generates significant funds dedicated to our Masonic charities, most notably the Brotherhood fund,” said the Grand Master.

The Masonic Angel Fund (MAF) has changed radically, announced the Grand Master. Since its longtime President, Bro. Robert Fellows died, the name has changed to Beehive Angels Foundation (BAF) and daily operations appear to have ceased. After many unanswered requests, “Grand Lodge issued a cease and desist letter to BAF concerning its purporting to be a Masonic charity or affiliated with Freemasonry,” the Grand Master stated “Individual Lodges should continue to administer local Angel Funds as local charity funds subject to applicable Lodge By-Laws and the rules of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States Department of Treasury concerning tax exempt organizations or foundations.”

Regarding receivership and rejuvenation, the Grand Master noted, “In addition to all our receivers, I give spe-



cial thanks to Rt. Wor. Joshua D. Hall, DDGM D31, Rt. Wor. Christopher Tonini, PDDGM D30, as well as Rt. Wor. Edgar DeLeon, Chairman of the Receivership Program, for their hard work, dedication, and service in providing support to Occidental Lodge who recently worked out of receivership. Congratulations to all. We have a few more lodges in receivership and I hope they will soon be operating on their own.”

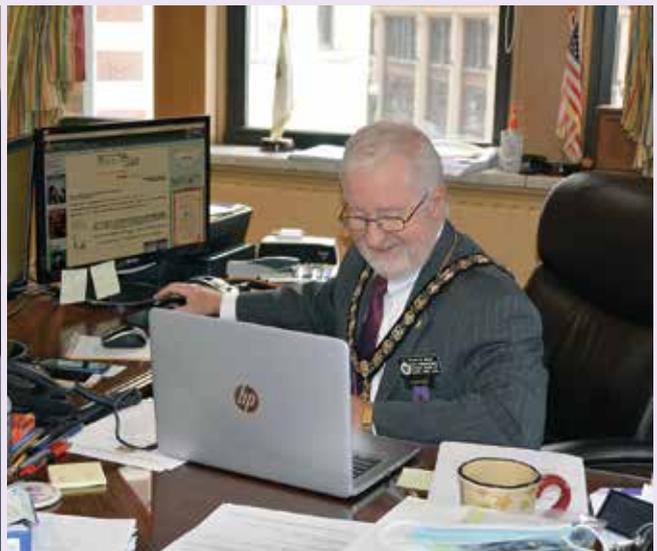
The Grand Master turned to membership: Just One. “That is what I am asking all members to do, find me just one,” the Grand Master requested. “Just one new member every three years. If just the active members found one new member every three years, we would raise over 1700 new members every year. Think about that. Think long, think hard. If you love this fraternity as much as I do, and I know you do, then put the effort in and find me just one new member. Over the next several months, I will provide you with the tools you need to find just one.” One of the first tools appeared in the last issue of TROWEL, “The Tradition Continues” insert, however, more are coming. “I will help you close the deal. I just need your commitment to find just one,” said the Grand Master.

“Thank you for your time and all you do for Masonry in Massachusetts. God bless you, our active military, our veterans, our Fraternity, and God Bless America. I hope to see you all soon, in person,” said the Grand Master. After a moment, a prayer, and a group of Brothers moving easily through an empty Grand Lodge building, the Grand Master closed the second electronic Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in ample form. ■

Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. George F. Hamilton



Grand Lodge Business Manager, Rt. Wor. Donald M. Moran





LODGES UNDER **Duress**

Phoenix Lodge



Demand at the Door: Passing and Raising in Times of Covid

On a sunny morning in early fall, more than 20 Brothers assembled, many for the first time since the lockdown, to pass and raise four worthy Brothers. In August 2020, during the height of the pandemic, and with candidates across our jurisdiction awaiting their next steps in freemasonry, Wor. Shawn Robichaud of Union Lodge in Norwood and Wor. Michael J. Sahovey of Liberty Lodge in Beverly arranged to progress four of Liberty's candidates. One Fellow Craft and three Entered Apprentices had been waiting months. The question became how to pass and raise the Brothers under the current guidelines and still give them a meaningful experience. In addition, one of the Entered Apprentices is the father of two biological brothers of Liberty Lodge. With this unique circumstance as a challenge, the formation of a degree team began.

Throughout the planning process, we were fortunate to have the guidance of our Grand Master, M. Wor. Richard Maggio, who advised us on both Grand Lodge Protocols and helped us navigate the Covid-19 guidelines. Once preliminary dispensation had been given, the logistical team of Bro. Michael Coronella (Star of Bethlehem Lodge) and Bro. Paul Orr (Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge) went to work assembling the



11 Raised on the Hill in Lafayette-Greylock Lodge

It was another successful Hill Degree for Lafayette-Greylock Lodge at the Ransford Farm in Williamstown, a memorable day where 11 Candidates were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The attendance was a record-breaking 70 (yes 70) Brethren from all over New England and New York. The Master Elect, Wor. Michael Lescarbeau said, “The Coronavirus may have worked in our favor. Candidates have been waiting to be raised and

the Brethren really wanted to get back to watching Degree Work.”

Rt. Wor. Joshua N. Mantello, District Deputy Grand Master of the 30th District was very active in planning the degree by making sure everyone followed the Grand Master’s and Governor Backer’s guidelines for social distancing and using PPE. A big thank you to everyone who made the day possible - the Candidates, Sponsors, visiting Brethren, setup crew, cooks, and Wor. Bro. Ransford for the use of the land. Hope to see everyone and more next year.

-Rt. Wor. Nicholas J. Mantello

degree team from more than 10 districts and lodges, arranging for candidate mentors, ensuring that we did not exceed building capacity, providing PPE, individual Bibles, and the like.

Having not been at labor in many months, it was no surprise that every Brother who was asked agreed to participate in this double-degree, which took place on Saturday, September 26, 2020. The day began at 10AM. After opening in form, Union Lodge received the Grand Master and his suite of Officers. Immediately after began the conferral of the Fellow Craft degree upon three candidates: Bros. John William Alden, Joseph Anthony Coluntino II, and Luke A. Frye (exemplar). The Fellow *continued on page 31*

The Grand Master addresses the new Brothers. ►



LETTERS TO THE GRAND MASTER

Hello Mr. Magro,

My name is Brianna Kiesel and I was told that you needed to hear some positive news during this trying time. Originally, having from Lancaster, PA, I moved up to Massachusetts just over a year ago to start a new job. The start of Covid has been uncharted territory for everyone, and unfortunately on top of finding out that my lease was not going to be renewed for the upcoming year in July, the next day I was diagnosed with Stage 2B of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. The cancer is thankfully "curable," but that left me up here, in another state with all of my family in PA. I grew up knowing a little bit about the Masons since my grandfather, uncle, and father are involved, but I never truly understood what dedication and helping others meant to members of the fraternity. District Deputy Craig Schaffer, a dear friend of my dad, heard about my woes and within a week was talking with Keith Patch over the phone. Keith had connected with Dan Vogel who assisted on assembling a team for moving into a new apartment. Over Labor Day weekend, two groups of people spent Saturday morning helping with my move. Dan had said that so many people volunteered to help that they actually had to turn people away. The response from the Masonic community has been overwhelming. I wish I knew more of the Masons that had helped move me in, but the 15th District and four lodges in the area were involved. I have also been in contact with Steve Dembro, who is graciously assisting with supplying some of my meals.

There has been an outpouring of support from people who, as we joke, have become my "uncles." I greatly appreciate the time and dedication that the Masons have extended to me during this difficult time between helping me move, supplying food, and assistance with my medical needs. I hope this letter lifted your spirits know that your fellow brothers are living an exemplary Masonic life of service.

My parents were totally overwhelmed by the care and support we received. Massachusetts Masons helping a Pennsylvania Mason's family in dire need, truly some of the Masonic Brotherhood's greatest labor. My family and I are forever grateful for it and my dad is thankful and proud to be a Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite Mason.

God Bless you all,
Sincerely,
Brianna Kiesel

WOULDN'T BE PRUDENT

by Wor. Mark J. Pearow

Of the Masonic virtues, prudence disproportionately gets a bad rap. For some, the very word conjures up images of Victorian teetotalers, looking down their noses at just about anything fun. For others, it might evoke memories of comedian Dana Carvey's impression of George H. W. Bush. It reminds me of prune juice (then again, that's how I remember the four cardinal virtues... Time For Prune Juice). For others, prudence smacks of timid over-cautiousness. It is hard to imagine prudence instilling a sense of confidence or utility, and that is unfortunate because prudence is just what Masons need in times of tribulation.

Greek philosophers like Plato and Aristotle considered prudence to be the virtue that leads the others, the "charioteer of the virtues." Although prudence itself does not connote any particular action, it is what shapes all others. The word itself derives from the Latin *prudencia*, meaning foresight or sagacity. It is the quality of filtering all action through the gate of wisdom and experience, the opposite of acting rashly or out of unchecked emotion. A prudent action is one that is the result of willful and purposeful analysis and direction of one's base instincts. That might sound abstract but consider for a moment how important this basic concept is for the promotion of harmony, not only in lodge, but in the whole world.

Without prudence, humans act like animals, putting emotion in the driver's seat, and rarely to any good end. It only takes a minute to see this writ large and clear in social media today. People lash out at one another in anger, contempt, fear, and hatred. They live, act, and engage based on unfiltered, untempered base reactions. Having a meaningful dialog is nearly impossible when there is no prudence, when there is no governor of experience and wisdom guiding an interaction to a useful end. When we willfully make our actions pass through the gate of prudence, we draw upon our higher self and the riches of life experiences we have had to carefully and thoughtfully shape our actions, and thus create the best possible outcome. In fact, this awareness of the likely future consequences of our past and present actions is, in a great measure, the best part of prudence.

The often-related word sagacity derives from the Latin *sagax*, meaning one who perceives, like a sage. Being able to look ahead, into the future of our actions, lets us be kind and helpful to our future selves. When we act off the cuff or shoot from the hip when something gets us riled up and we instinctively react, we are not able to mitigate the potential chaos that will ensue. Companies with products to sell,

especially social media companies, for whom we are the product they sell to companies, they literally bank on our lack of prudence. They use fear, anger, greed, doubt, and lust to overwhelm our rational, sage selves, and appeal to our lowest nature. Advertising is not meant to appeal to our intellect, it is powered by perverse psychology that is meant to pierce our rational defenses. A prudent man knows this, sees it in action everywhere, every day, and develops countermeasures. Prudence means never letting another person have surreptitious power over your behavior.

The Greek word *φρόνησις* (*phronesis*) is a term that is often compared to prudence. This term generally means a sort of practical wisdom, mindfulness, or an awareness of one's actions and willful guidance of them. While many people spend their entire life adrift in an ocean of random thoughts, this is not the only way, and certainly not the healthiest, way to live. The mindfulness that prudence brings allows us to detach ourselves from the torrent of negative and random thoughts and worries, and observe them as passing waves, not letting ourselves be caught up in them. Such behavior can only be learned through experience and knowledge of the world, and for this reason, Greek philosophers would often contrast it with the behavior of young men, *impudens*, who behaved rashly and without wisdom.

Ironically, it is through those failed interactions, or bad experiences, that wisdom grows. There is no bad experience if one sees it as a learning experience and adapts, making wiser choices in the future. When you feel like you've failed at something, whether it is an interaction with a Brother, a business task, or a personal quest, take a moment to step back from it and think of it as a lesson. How did you react? Was it based on emotion or will? What was your scope of time for the action, in the moment, or were you thinking about the long-term implications of that action? By filling in your own accident report and thinking clearly about the situation, you will develop prudence.

Prudence does not mean being timid, it is the opposite. It means taking the extra time to make informed, deliberate choices. According to Pope Benedict XVI, "Prudence does not mean failing to accept responsibilities and postponing decisions; it means being committed to making joint decisions after pondering responsibly the road to be taken." So it is with the prudent Mason. It means strength, commitment, and courage in decision making, reinforced by the confidence of a well-reasoned path. Always remember that

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Grand Masters *of* Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



Most Worshipful Andrew G. Jenkins 1957-1959

“The Way Forward”

The thirty-sixth installment in the continuing series focused on our past Massachusetts Grand Masters.

In the process of researching history and bringing the past to life, it is most difficult when the subject of the research is far in the past. It is always helpful when the event or the person is gone but not forgotten – when there are personal reminiscences that can be drawn upon to endow the narrative with depth and feeling. In 1966, Lawrence Ritter, a well-known baseball writer, authored *The Glory of Their Times*, a narrative story of the early 20th Century game and its players, drawing upon personal interviews and anecdotes while those individuals were still alive. Some years ago, the Grand Lodge conducted video interviews with Past Grand Masters; some of those who shared their wisdom have joined the Celestial Lodge, but their recollections remain “forever in the Guide,” as Grantland Rice wrote in *Game Called*. For those who came before them we should endeavor to gather such reflections as can be obtained from those who knew them. In a previous issue of TROWEL, the author made good use of the kind offices of M. W. Albert Ames for his recollections on the subject of the article, M. W. Arthur Melanson (See TROWEL, Spring 2020, Page 10). This issue provides an additional opportunity to do the same.

We make Masons one handshake at a time. To come to the Fraternity to seek light and further light, each Mason makes a conscious decision to move in a particular direction in his life, but the reason for that choice is because of the encouragement by, and inspiration from, another man who has already walked partway down that path. Every Mason, from the youngest Entered Apprentice to the most senior Past Grand Master, has achieved that distinction because someone sponsored him and vouched for him. So it is with M. W. Brother Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr., one of our most distinguished Past Grand Masters. Once he was Master Counsellor of a DeMolay Chapter and a youthful employee of a bank. As he tells the story, he had invited a number of prominent Masons to his installation, among them several officers of the bank, including Past Grand Master Andrew Gray Jenkins. He was summoned at one point to the Board Room, where these distinguished Brothers informed him that, no, they would be unable to attend this DeMolay event. Brother Jenkins put his hand on Brother Hicks’ shoulder and said, “Donald, when you are of age, I would like to sponsor you for membership in my lodge.” Brother Hicks was obliged to decline, indicating his preference to join his father’s lodge, and he reported Brother Jenkins’ reply as, “As long as you join.” M. W. Brother Hicks is with us today, and the author has had many opportunities to discuss his Masonic journey. For this article, his experiences have again been tapped for information about M. W. Brother Jenkins, who passed to the Celestial Lodge above in 1977.

Past Grand Master Jenkins is the second Past Grand

Master with whom the author shares a birthday (John T. Heard was the first). He was born on May 4, 1891 in Lowell, and it is said that his “Scotch-Irish ancestry endowed him with a capacity and desire for work.” He first found employment as a druggist, but later worked in the textile industry, particularly at Bay State Cotton Corporation, and then in the business of growing carnations. He came to Masonry early; he was just short of 23 when he received the degrees in William North Lodge of Lowell, the lodge of (then) R. W. Brother Arthur Dow Prince, a recent District Deputy Grand Master of the (then) Lowell 11th Masonic District. William North Lodge was the youngest of the Lowell lodges at the time, junior to Pentucket and Ancient York, but Lowell was a hotbed of Masonic activity, both in the blue lodge, appendant, and affiliate bodies.

His Masonic career was interrupted by the crisis that gripped the world, including the United States – the Great War. In 1917, he registered for military service. By his own description, he was classified as “tall” and “slender.” He was unmarried but claimed sole support for his mother. There was a great need for capable men in the armed services; he was assigned to the National Officer Candidate School in Plattsburg, New York, where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and detailed to combat duty on the Western Front. Prior to his departure, he married Lillian

Estabrook, and went abroad to serve his country. During his military service, he was severely gassed and subsequently hospitalized for a long period.

He returned to active participation in William North Lodge some years after the war, eventually reaching the East in 1934; he served two years as Master. He was active in the York and Scottish Rite bodies in Lowell as well, serving as Commander of Pilgrim Commandery, and participating in the work of the Lodge of Perfection, the Chapter of Rose Croix, and the Consistory. He was also affiliated with Scottish Rite bodies in New York, from his time at Plattsburg. He was most prominent in Mount Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix, serving as Most Wise Master from 1944-1946. In 1947, he received the 33°. He remained involved in the Lowell Scottish Rite community, and according to Bro. Hicks, was often consulted about organization and appointments.

In 1947, Brother Jenkins was Grand Pursuivant for R. W. Paul L. Perkins, the sitting Junior Grand Warden. He subsequently served as District Deputy Grand Master for the Lowell 12th Masonic District in 1953 and 1954 by appointment of M. W. Thomas Roy and M. W. Whitfield Johnson. Brother Johnson appointed him as his third Deputy Grand Master. In his speech before the Feast of St. John in December 1955, he remarked:

“My debt to Masonry is a heavy one. Even though I am fully familiar with the old adage that you don’t get more out of anything than you put into it, I feel I’m the exception that proves the rule. My gifts to Masonry seem so insignificant compared to the rich rewards that are mine that my feelings are those of bewilderment.”

A year later, he stood before Grand Lodge as its newly elected Grand Master. He had turned 66 years of age that summer, several years older than his predecessor and his eventual successor (M. W. Laurence Eaton, M. W. Bro. Johnson’s former Grand Marshal and his first Senior Grand Warden).

What was Masonry in Massachusetts like in 1957? It was still growing steadily. In 1956, as in the next three years under Bro. Jenkins’ leadership, approximately 5,000 new Masons entered the Fraternity each year. There were 353 lodges, including seven in Panama, three in Chile, and five still on the rolls in China. Sinim Lodge had been provisionally re-settled in Tokyo, but the status of the four others

was still unclear, and they were designated ‘in recess’ from March 1950 onward. The Craft in Massachusetts was mainstream, international, and, of course, nearly exclusively white.

The new Grand Master was busy from day one. On January 16, 1957, he was received in his own lodge, with a large suite of his own officers and many prominent Masons. R. W. Paul Perkins served as the Master of Ceremonies and gave a historical discourse on famous Lowell Masons. Past Grand Masters Melvin and Whitfield Johnson, Roger Keith, Claude Allen, and Samuel Wragg all spoke effusively with praise of their Brother and friend, ‘Andy’ Jenkins. It was only the first of many celebrations, official visits, and commemorations. In 1957, Grand Master Jenkins granted two dispensations for new Lodges, and approved two official relocations: Sinim Lodge to Tokyo, *continued on page 32*

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2020

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the more than 600 Massachusetts Masons raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason who, being blessed with long life and great lodges, have achieved the important milestones listed below. The celebrants are grouped by the number of years since being raised—76+, 75, 70, 65, and 60—and under their current lodge regardless of where they were raised. These anniversaries are based on the date a Mason was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

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

80 YEARS RAISED IN 1940

Bro. Harry Russell Jr. GLOBE UNITY LODGE

76+ YEARS - RAISED BEFORE 1945

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| <p>BAY PATH LODGE
Wor. Everett Sumner Allen</p> <p>BRIGHAM LODGE
Wor. Philip Arthur Christensen Sr.
Bro. Warren Calvin Christensen</p> <p>CALEB BUTLER LODGE
Bro. Herbert Leslie Kinney</p> <p>DEWITT CLINTON LODGE
Bro. Clarence Leonard Mitchell</p> <p>ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE</p> | <p>Bro. William John Tribelhorn</p> <p>JORDAN LODGE
Bro. Charles Elmer Thomas Jr.</p> <p>LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE
Bro. Earl Russell Kittredge</p> <p>LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE
Bro. Charles Maxwell Goller</p> <p>MORNING STAR LODGE
Bro. Roy Erling Johnson</p> <p>MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE
Bro. Delfar Davis Grant</p> | <p>NEW MOON LODGE
Bro. Eric Frederick Fuegel</p> <p>ORIENTAL-MARTHA'S VINEYARD LODGE
Rt. Wor. Sidney David Cronig</p> <p>SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE
Bro. Vaughn Kenneth Rockefeller O'Neill</p> <p>SAINT JOHN'S (N) LODGE
Bro. Nelson Kellogg Ward</p> <p>SAINT MARK'S LODGE</p> | <p>Bro. Frederick William Hirsch</p> <p>SOJOURNERS LODGE
Bro. Randall Richard Rockwood
Bro. Edward James Sullivan</p> <p>THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE
Bro. Myron David Goldman
Bro. Warren Philip Goodman</p> <p>UNITED BROTHERS LODGE
Bro. Fontinelle Scott Carpenter Jr.</p> |
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75 YEARS - RAISED IN 1945

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| <p>CONVERSE LODGE
Bro. Erwin Norbert Ziner</p> <p>GATUN LODGE
Bro. James Cornelius Cullen</p> <p>GATUN LODGE
Bro. Robert Graham Forsythe</p> | <p>MORNING STAR LODGE
Bro. Warren Henry Jacobson</p> <p>MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE
Bro. Joseph Zigmund Steinberg</p> <p>MOUNT CARMEL LODGE
Bro. Jacob Levine</p> <p>MOUNT HOPE LODGE</p> | <p>Bro. Charles Wolfe Stampler</p> <p>PROSPECT LODGE
Bro. Thomas Paul Hodge</p> <p>RISING STAR LODGE
Bro. Alexander Athans Chandler</p> <p>SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE
Bro. John Clifford French</p> | <p>SAINT PAUL LODGE
Bro. Charles Edward Malin</p> <p>STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE
Bro. Charles Sumner Tabor III</p> <p>THE MEADOWS LODGE
Bro. Robert Stirton</p> |
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70 YEARS - RAISED IN 1949

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| <p>AMICABLE LODGE
Bro. Paul Clifford Snelgrove</p> <p>AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE
Bro. Bryant Reed Page</p> <p>BOYLSTON LODGE
Bro. Frank Leighton Harrington Jr.</p> | <p>Bro. John Stephen Metcalf
Bro. Howard Parker Rowell
Bro. Donald Fuller Stoddard</p> <p>BUDLEIGH LODGE
Bro. James Francis Russell Jr.</p> <p>CALEB BUTLER LODGE
Bro. Robert Edward Lorenzen</p> | <p>Bro. Frank William Perina</p> <p>CELESTIAL LODGE
Wor. Sidney Earle Shuman</p> <p>CHARLES W MOORE LODGE
Bro. Leonard Earl Wood</p> <p>DALHOUSIE LODGE
Bro. Roland James Godfrey</p> | <p>DELTA LODGE
Bro. Merrill Mark Smith</p> <p>ELM-BELCHER LODGE
Bro. John Thomas Donohue</p> <p>EZEKIEL BATES LODGE
Wor. George Nicholas Fountas</p> <p>FRANKLIN LODGE</p> |
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70 YEARS - RAISED IN 1949

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Bro. William Louis Dubey
GATUN LODGE
Bro. Ernest Clinton Pruett
GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE
Bro. Harold William Stone
GOLDEN RULE LODGE
Bro. Richard Conant Dodge
GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE
Bro. Francis Willis Hensley
HARMONY LODGE
Bro. Gordon Percy Fairbrother
HOPE LODGE
Bro. Henry Francis Sillers
JOHN T HEARD LODGE B
Bro. Freeman Ingram Corkum
JORDAN LODGE
Wor. Leonard William Kupreance
KING DAVID LODGE
Bro. Herbert William Church
Bro. Donald Franklin Dean
Bro. Robert Willard Romaine

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE
Bro. Richard Hastings Barry
LAFAYETTE-DOVER LODGE
Wor. Carlton John Sherman
LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE
Bro. Donald Robert Richardson
LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE
Bro. Warren Andrew Graichen
Bro. Norman Leonard Samel
MARINE LODGE
Bro. Charles Louis Hatzikon
Bro. Bernard Herbert Herman
MORNING STAR LODGE
Bro. Bruce Boyd Crawford
MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE
Bro. Charles Joel Housman
MOUNT CARMEL LODGE
Bro. Robert Gunner Anderson
Bro. Charles Fremont Mahar
MOUNT HOREB (D) LODGE
Bro. Thomas Elmer Kelley
Bro. Richard Douglas Sylvester

MOUNT TABOR LODGE
Bro. Robert Kergan Johnston
MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE
Bro. Howard Carleton Smillie
PACIFIC LODGE
Bro. Donald Francis Fennessey
PAUL REVERE LODGE
Bro. James Alexander Petrie
PENTUCKET LODGE
Bro. Richard Emil Kirsch
PHILANTHROPIC LODGE
Bro. George Frederick Stocker
PROSPECT LODGE
Bro. Wesley James Rowe Jr.
PURITAN LODGE
Rt. Wor. Ara Manoogian
SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE
Bro. Robert Payne Fox
SILOAM LODGE
Bro. Warren Glendon MacConnell
THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE
Bro. Eliot Kenneth Cohen

Bro. Robert Mason Fechter
THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE
Bro. Edwin James McKay Jr.
TRINITY LODGE
Bro. Elie Rivollier Jr.
UNIVERSAL LODGE
Bro. Irvin Roy Daubert
WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE
Bro. John Wilder Coville
Bro. John Robert Elander Jr.
WEST ROXBURY-DORCHESTER LODGE
Wor. Elias Nicholas Ede
WYOMOUTH UNITED MASONIC LODGE
Wor. John Ananias Latak
WILDER LODGE
Bro. Walter Setzco
WYOMING LODGE
Bro. Richard William Harlow
Bro. David Henry Schmidt Jr.

65 YEARS - RAISED IN 1955

AMICABLE LODGE
Bro. Matthew Michael Giacoppo
Bro. Graham Butler Knight
Bro. Mark M Vinas
AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE
Bro. Alden Church Goodnow Jr.
Wor. Robert Grant Porter
ANCIENT YORK LODGE
Bro. Warren Stanley Rushton
ANCON LODGE
Bro. Nolan Allen Bissell Jr.
Bro. Alexander Bernard Cushnie
BETHESDA (W) LODGE
Bro. Warren Vagarshag Aylaian
Wor. Richard French Humber
BOYLSTON LODGE
Bro. George Thomas Alexander
BRIGHAM LODGE
Wor. Harold Ellis
Bro. Abraham Isaac Fisher
Bro. Alan Brent Katze Sr.
Bro. Edward Levine
Bro. James Garrett Magee
Bro. William Stetson Parmeter Jr.
Bro. Ian MacDonald Scott
BUDLEIGH LODGE
Bro. Richard Warren Estes
Bro. Charles William Mathison Jr.
Bro. Arthur Tufts Ober
CALEB BUTLER LODGE
Bro. Bert Kaufmann Barton
CAWNACOME SUNSHINE LODGE
Rt. Wor. Harold Richard Cornwell

CELESTIAL LODGE
Bro. Charles Singer Liftman
Bro. Edward Hibbard Wheeler Jr.
Bro. Roy Alden Winchenbaugh Jr.
CHARITY LODGE
Bro. Kenneth Lloyd Carr
Bro. Steve Skelton Dudley
Bro. John Joseph Lenkauskas
Wor. Stefano Mark Riggio Jr.
CHARLES A WELCH LODGE
Bro. Kenneth Mark Simpson
CHARLES RIVER LODGE
Bro. Michael Laura
Bro. Sam Aaron Margolis
CHARLES W MOORE LODGE
Bro. Edward Harry Burke
COLUMBIAN LODGE
Bro. Charles Hall Steeger
CORNER STONE LODGE
Bro. George Jeffrey Bailey
DALHOUSIE LODGE
Bro. Robert Stillman Davis
DELTA LODGE
Bro. James Robert Bassett
Bro. David Francis Jenkins
Bro. Boyd Woodruff Martin
DEWITT CLINTON LODGE
Wor. Herbert Winslow Ellis
EASTERN STAR LODGE
Bro. Everett Otis Dyer
Wor. William Underwood
MacBrayne
EDEN LODGE
Bro. Gordon Farnum Bird

ELM-BELCHER LODGE
Wor. Ronald Edward Lohnes
Wor. Sheldon Moore Titcomb
ESOTERIC-SHERWOOD LODGE
Bro. Bernhard Adolf Kainer
Bro. Morton Harold Katz
Bro. Lawrence Neale Metz
Bro. Allen Irving Rubin
ESSEX LODGE
Bro. Harry Ellsworth Cobb
Bro. Philip Litman
EZEKIEL BATES LODGE
Bro. William Russell Armstrong Jr.
Bro. George Read Cheyne
Bro. Earl Austin Mason
FRANKLIN LODGE
Wor. Paul John Ustin
FRIENDSHIP LODGE
Bro. Donald Bartlett Churchill
Bro. Richard Leslie Fudge
GARDEN CITY LODGE
Bro. Stanley Irwin Berger
Bro. Mitchell George Selig
GEORGE H TABER LODGE
Bro. Walter Joseph Garrow
GLOBE UNITY LODGE
Bro. Claude Arthur Woodward
GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE
Bro. Richard Herbert Jones
GOLDEN RULE LODGE
Bro. Evan Holder Bigelow
HAYDEN LODGE
Bro. Gene Orrin Walker
Bro. Gordon Crawford Garfield

Bro. Lloyd Mansfield Sherwood
JOEL H PROUTY LODGE
Bro. Robert Criswell Farmer
Bro. George Richard Kay
Bro. George William Lutka
JOHN HANCOCK LODGE
Bro. Arthur Austin Bailey
Bro. Neal Elwin Dobson
Bro. Frederick Charles Houghton
JOHN T HEARD LODGE
Bro. Gelean Massie Campbell
Wor. Clifton Peabody Elliott
JOHN WARREN LODGE
Bro. Roy Douglas Stratton
JORDAN LODGE
Bro. Stephen Gargas
KING DAVID LODGE
Wor. John Lincoln Bell
Bro. Donald Arthur Littlefield
Bro. Stephen Carson Miles
KING PHILIP LODGE
Bro. William Frederick Jackson
KING SOLOMON'S LODGE
Wor. Murl Alexander Daniels Sr.
LAFAYETTE-DOVER LODGE
Wor. Strates Frangules
Bro. George Fowler Whiting Sr.
LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE
Bro. Michael Bardwell Jr.
Wor. James Harrison Brown
Bro. George William Driben
Bro. Richard Allan Kapelson
LEVEL LODGE
Bro. Howard Leonard Fish

Bro. Lester Sadowsky
MARINE LODGE
 Bro. Roy Vincent Fagerberg
MARINE LODGE
 Bro. Nicholas Theodore Karalekas
MATTHEW JOHN WHITTALL LODGE
 Bro. Robert Kenneth Anderson
 Bro. Robert Nordgren
 Bro. Calvin Emerson White
MAY FLOWER LODGE
 Bro. Jethro O Ashley Jr.
MERRIMACK LODGE
 Bro. Alfred Ernest Thomson
MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE
 Bro. Saul Jay Brightman
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 Bro. Henry Tulgan
NOQUOCHOKE LODGE
 Bro. Russell Thomas Hart
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 Wor. Charles Edwin Black
 Bro. William Edwin Malcolm
OXFORD LODGE
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BOYLSTON LODGE
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 Bro. Peter Brusamonti
 Bro. George Paul Pehlvanian
 Bro. Charles Garrow Setian
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BUDLEIGH LODGE
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 Bro. Shirley Frederick Dively
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CHARLES C DAME LODGE
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 Bro. Herman Francis Downing
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 Bro. Thomas Dreher
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CONVERSE LODGE
 Bro. Julian Michael Goose
 Bro. Arthur Donald Kahn
 Bro. Daniel Thomas Nager
CORINTHIAN LODGE
 Bro. Roger Alvan Howard

Bro. Nelson McWhirter Northern
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 Bro. Frank Magrone Jr.
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 Wor. Stanley George Dingwell
 Bro. Louis Rosario Farrugia
 Wor. Frederick Thomas Love Jr.
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EASTERN STAR LODGE
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 Wor. John Henry Campbell
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GOLDEN RULE LODGE
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Wor. Richard Walter Davidson
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Bro. Arthur Elliott Harris

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Bro. Jerry Vinson Cochran
Bro. Raymond Stanwood Ellis
Bro. Gary Plummer Hoyt
Bro. Don Alden Macumber
Bro. Stanley Ira Strachman
Bro. Harvey Paul Sulkin
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Bro. Robert Sage
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Bro. David Robert Leibovitz

MOUNT VERNON-GALILEAN LODGE

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Bro. Charles Edward Squires

MOUNT ZION LODGE

Wor. Merton Blanchard Baker

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Wor. William Alfred Foster
Bro. Melvin Fu Hoon Jay
Bro. Weldon Arthur Nelson

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Bro. Richard Reed Spotts

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Bro. George Alexie Coutu Jr.
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Bro. Harlan Mason Bowden
Bro. Dana Frederic Burrigge
Bro. Herbert Arthur Kodis
Wor. Marshall Saunders McStay

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Bro. Arthur Flanders Freeland

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Bro. Richard Sherman Wood

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Wor. Richard Pilkington

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Bro. Joseph Francis Williams

UNIVERSAL LODGE

Rt. Wor. Leland Davison Cobb

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WAMESIT LODGE

Bro. Howard Russell McGlauffin

WAMPATUCK LODGE

Bro. Kenneth Lewis Steinberg

WEBSTER LODGE

Bro. Ellis Frank Bateman
Bro. Laurence Randall Gates
Bro. George Everett Harper

WEST ROXBURY-DORCHESTER LODGE

Wor. Joseph Shagoury

WILDER LODGE

Bro. Bernard Eugene Lord

WILLIAM NORTH LODGE

Bro. Harry Joseph Fardy
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Bro. William Edward Hoskins

WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER-KILWINNING LODGE

Bro. William Michael Alexis
Bro. Pennryn Dana Fitts
Bro. Mark Kaplan
Bro. Stanley Martin Kaplan

WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE

Bro. William Robert Long
Bro. Jerry Elliott Molliver

WISDOM LODGE

Wor. Charles Richardson Moffatt

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Bro. Leonard Bruce Dalton
Bro. Robert Richardson Dow
Bro. William Williams Pennock Jr.

In Focus: FIFTH



Wor. Bill Asadoorian, Master of Waltham Triad Lodge; Wor. Bill Dahlbeck, Past Master; Bro. John Giles, his wife Carol, Rt. Wor. Kenneth Brown



Rt. Wor. Kenneth L. Brown and 5th District Brethren gather for a surprise presentation to Brother John T. Giles, Jr.

To the Cape, Despite Covid

On July 12th, Rt. Wor. Kenneth L. Brown, District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th Masonic District, went to Cape Cod to present two awards to district Brethren and had a wonderful time. So much so that he promised to look for another opportunity to take the 5th District on the road. Well, an opportunity presented itself on a cloudy Sunday in August, when Rt. Wor. Brother Brown, his district Officers, and a few other Brethren caravanned to Cape Cod to make

two presentations.

Brother John T. Giles, Jr. lives in South Yarmouth on Cape Cod with his wife, Carol. Bro. Giles is a member of Waltham Triad Lodge, of which his brother-in-law (his wife Carol's brother) was Master in 2016. Wor. William W. Dahlbeck, Jr. went to visit his sister Carol and her husband John this day, enjoying a cookout with them in their backyard. At the pre-determined hour, the District Deputy Grand Master, his District Officers, and Brethren from Waltham Triad Lodge quietly assem-

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Members of Waltham Triad Lodge and Bro. Phil Ramsay's family and friends gather outdoors for the presentation of his Grand Lodge Veteran's Medal.



Outdoor 50th in the 5th

By now, Masters and District Deputy Grand Masters across the state are becoming quite concerned about not being able to present worthy Brethren with various awards they are due. Take the Grand Lodge Veteran's Medal, for example. Presented to a Brother to mark the 50th anniversary of his raising, this usually involves a Lodge visit from the District Deputy with the recipient's wife and family being present. But since Massachusetts Freemasonry is "being held hostage by Covid-19," as the Grand Master puts it, Lodge meetings are few and far between. By definition, a Veteran's Medal recipient is older and in a more vulnerable state than younger members and may not want to attend a Lodge meeting.

Not one to be defeated, Rt. *continued on page 30*

DISTRICT



The first-time Masters-elect, in white aprons, are joined by the recycled Masters and the Lodge of Qualification Officers.

Covid Delayed: Qualified Anyway

The 5th Masonic District has been going through the same Covid-related issues as everyone else. Thankfully, the Grand Master was able to prescribe guidelines to allow Lodges to conduct business even with all the restrictions. Following these guidelines, the seven Lodges of the 5th District were finally able to conduct their elections of Officers for the 2020-2021 Masonic year. Rt. Wor. Kenneth L. Brown, District Deputy Grand Master for the 5th District, was very pleased to be able to schedule a Lodge of Qualification for the incoming Masters, albeit a most unusual one. Like many others, the 5th District usually convenes



Dianne Bickford, wife of Past Master Michael Bickford, receives her Grand Lady Service Award from DDGM for the 5th District, Rt. Wor. Kenneth L. Brown

their Lodge of Qualification in June. Not this year.

On the morning of Saturday, August 8, Rt. Wor. Brother Brown gathered together the minimum number of persons necessary and held the meeting at the Newtonville Masonic Building. There were only two first-time Masters-elect, so only they and their sponsors actually participated; the other retreat Masters observed from the *continued on page 31*

Waltham Triad Visits New Hampshire

Long before the pandemic struck, Waltham Triad Lodge had planned to travel to New Hampshire for an outdoor lodge meeting with an overnight stay and a Ladies' program. Dispensation was obtained from Grand Lodge and a September 2020 trip was planned. Unfortunately, due to pandemic restrictions, plans were severely cut back. However, on their usual first Monday in September, a small group of officers did travel to Rindge, New Hampshire, to Cathedral of the Pines. There, in the outdoor cathedral with a commanding view of Mt. Monadnock, Waltham Triad set up Lodge. With 11 members and 1 guest present, well within meeting guidelines, the Lodge opened on the First Degree and initiated a new candidate.

-Wor. Robert A. Caron



First Lady: Sandee Corbett



Looking back to the day that Dick was asked to serve as the next Grand Master, I was given the opportunity to serve as First Lady of the Grand

Lodge. It was a humbling experience for me.

Trying to choose one memory of that experience is impossible as there were so many that I enjoyed. Planning activities for the Ladies' Tours with the help of the Grand Lodge Officers' wives was always fun and a great way to bond. In fact, some of my closest friendships today are proof of that! Our travels to Panama, hosted by John and Natalia Bamber, were the high point in Dick's term as Grand Master. We enjoyed sightseeing trips through the Panama Canal up to Lake Gatun. We were invited to stay with John and Nattie at their beach home on the Pacific Coast. While there, they hosted a few BBQs with the members of the lodges in Panama and in Chile. We have become dear friends and continue to

stay in touch with each other and visit.

I enjoyed visiting different Lodges in Massachusetts with Dick, meeting up with ladies there, and sharing some great conversations. On our trips to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Montreal, Ontario, and many states in the US, we met many wonderful people and formed many lasting friendships. The Annual Communications, Installations of Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Masters Conferences, and the Grand Lodge Anniversaries are great opportunities to foster those friendships. None of this would have ever been possible without Freemasonry. I am forever grateful for this and for this great life journey with the "love of my life!"

-Sandee Corbett, Former First Lady of Massachusetts Freemasonry

First Mother: 108th Birthday for Mrs. Marguerite (Peggye) Bauer

The date was August 6th, 2020, when a grand celebration was held at the Masonic Home in Charlton, MA. Mrs. Marguerite (Peggye) Bauer celebrated her 108th birthday. The dining room and patio were decorated with balloons and streamers to help make her day extra special. Roses were there for the honoree, as well as a delicious birthday cupcake and candle.

Ed Herrmann, the interim administrator, came out with Nursing Social Services and Activity staff to sing "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Bauer, who has been a resident of the Masonic Home since September of 2010. Peggye enjoys her time, playing bingo, talking with her friends, attending church in the beautiful Chapel, and singing with the staff and other residents. Peggye particularly loves attending the Eastern Star gatherings at Overlook, run by Sally Dietrich.

There are 112 skilled nursing residents, 25 residents in the Stonebrook unit, and 11 in the Fieldstone unit. Currently, four centenarians are in the building. For entertainment, the residents have many activities. Some of the favorites include pet visits, bingo, trivia and cognitive games, arts and craft classes, knitting, and painting. The Men's group meets regularly for card games and a monthly luncheon. However, during Covid, there are not any group programs or gatherings of residents. Therefore, they receive much more one to one attention.

For Peggye, her most cherished moments are the visits from family. She sees her three granddaughters, eight great-grandchildren, two great-grandsons, and last, but not least, her daughter-in-law, Kay Bauer, whose husband, Fred Kirby Bauer, served our Grand Lodge as the Most Worshipful



Grand Master from 1999-2001. Congratulations Mrs. Bauer, and a belated Happy Birthday to you!

-Rt. Wor. David P. Newcomb



Spotlight on Senior DeMolays: M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames

Rt. Wor. William R. Currier

Membership in The Order of DeMolay gave them all a great start in life. In what many hope to be the first of a series, our first Senior DeMolay interview is with the man who is arguably the most prominent DeMolay Brother in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames, Past Grand Master. After joining the Order in May of 1947, M. Wor. Brother Ames built a fraternal career, a family, and a business, while making thousands of friends along the way. He is a DeMolay Brother, through and through.

Currier: How did you first learn of DeMolay?

Ames: My Dad was a Mason in Meridian Lodge. Natick Chapter of DeMolay was shut down during WWII. Most, if not all of the members had gone into the service. A group of Veterans wanted to revitalize the Chapter and encouraged the Masons of Meridian to bring their sons and grandsons into the Chapter. My Brother Eugene and I, along with about ten others, joined Natick Chapter, taking our Degrees at Framingham Chapter. My Brother became the first Master Councilor and I was one of the Junior Officers.

Currier: What were some of the highlights you enjoyed as a DeMolay Brother?

Ames: The Veterans, all Masons, were our advisors. The first and most important impression they made on us was that it was 'our' Chapter, and that we were to run it and they would advise us. Right away, we felt all grown up, with some responsibility. We soon learned that with it came a lot of responsibility. The degrees were awesome, but the Flower Talk did us all in, with a new respect for our Mothers.

Currier: How did DeMolay impact your life as a member of the Order when you were in your teens?

Ames: It brought some structure and meaning into my youth. It also expanded my life beyond Natick, as I traveled to other Chapters. In 1950, my Brother became State Master Councilor, and I became the State Marshal, a sign of things to come, which opened my world to the entire State.

Currier: What lessons did you carry forward from DeMolay

into your life as a citizen in your community?

Ames: It taught me to appreciate the work the Town Officials were doing on behalf of the citizens.

Currier: What lessons did you carry forward from DeMolay into your life as a businessman?

Ames: It taught me to be honest and fair with my dealings with others and many times to think twice, realizing others might just have ideas that were different than mine.

Currier: Did you stay friends with many of your DeMolay Brothers after you reached the age of majority at 21?

Ames: Yes, for a period of time, until I was married, went into the service, and started a family.

Currier: What would you recommend to a Mason who has a DeMolay age son, grandson, nephew, neighbor, etc.?

Ames: Get him involved. He will learn many lessons in leadership, loyalty and respect for others.

Currier: What advice do you have for a Masonic Body interested in sponsoring a DeMolay Chapter?

Ames: My pitch when I was the Executive Officer was, "These young men are formulating their lives now. If we don't take the time to set them on the right path, with good morals and goals, then that guy on the corner who is looking for just another runner will. Let's help them to be the best person that they can be."

M. Wor. Brother Ames is the Dean of our Past Grand Masters in Massachusetts. His fraternal career

has been stellar. He is a Past Master Councilor of Natick Chapter, Order of DeMolay (now called John Eliot Chapter) and was State Marshal for Massachusetts. He is an Active Legionnaire, Past Executive Officer, and an Active Emeritus Member of DeMolay's International Supreme Council. His list of Masonic accomplishments is extensive. A symbol of just how down to earth this Brother was as Grand Master, he said on more than one occasion, "In the Lodge room, I am the Most Worshipful Grand Master, but outside this Lodge room, I am Al." How fortunate we all are to have this Brother be a leader and mentor in our fraternity and show us the way. And it all started when he was a DeMolay Brother! For God, For Country, For DeMolay. ■



*Rt. Wor. William R. Currier with
Senior DeMolay and Past Grand Master
M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames*

The Prodigal Mason

by Wor. Richard Thompson



It was the morning of Sept. 15th, and I just pulled into my parking space at the Tewksbury Masonic Hall. In the spirit of full disclosure, my wife, Janet, was driving. Five days earlier I had major surgery, so I was not yet comfortable behind the wheel. Now, I have stepped out of a car at the hall hundreds and hundreds of times, but this time it was special. It was the first time I had

been to a Masonic hall in some six months. I was there to attend the first in-person Masonic meeting for Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge since the pandemic of 2020 hit our area. As I was taking things out of the car, the words to the theme song for a popular old television show came to mind:

*“Sometimes you wanna go
Where everybody knows your name
And they're always glad you came
You wanna be where you can see
Our troubles are all the same
You wanna be where everybody
knows your name.”*

Of course, the show was Cheers and was about a bar in Boston, but when I hear those words, my imagination drifts to Freemasonry, to a Masonic Lodge, to a place where everybody knows my name.

To be honest, I am older than Cheers, the show that featured that theme song. In fact, when the show was in its first year, I was Master of my lodge. I have been to the bar, long before it had that Cheers banner outside. I was there when it was just the Bull and Finch. As I gathered my gear, there was a sense of excitement as I started walking toward the door. Now, when I talk about gear, I am not talking about just an apron case. I am the Secretary for Daylight Lodge, so I can't go anywhere without at least one briefcase, filled to the top, and another case with the day's supplies.

When I walked through the door, one brother was sitting in the foyer, Wor. David Hicks. I have known Wor. Hicks my entire life. You see, we are cousins and grew up a block from each other. And since he's older, I can hon-

Richard Thompson is a Past Master and Secretary of Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge and someone who is thankful there are places where everybody knows his name.

estly say I have known him my entire life. Six months was the longest period of darkness I have seen. In fact, the pandemic darkness is the first time Daylight Lodge had gone dark in three years. We meet month after month. It was also exciting because it was the final visit to the lodge by our friend, Rt. Wor. G. Edward Brown. Being on three COVID-19 high-risk lists could not keep me away. As I walked into the building, I knew it was a special day. I just did not know how special it would be. After the ceremonial part of the Official Visit and after the Deputy witnessed a portion of our work, he stepped down to the floor of the lodge and presented Wor. O. David LaPlante with a Joseph Warren Medal. I did not see that one coming. Nobody saw that one coming.



Wor. O. David LaPlante at an emotional moment after being presented with a Joseph Warren Medal.

I have been a Mason for 49 years. I can remember back at the beginning, sitting in lodge with Dave Hicks and talking about the old guys. One day, I was sitting in lodge and I realized I am now one of the old guys. As they say, time flies. It was great to be back at lodge and I sure hope this is just the first in-person meeting of many more to come. But today that is not something we can count on. These are difficult times. For those who are an active part of our Fraternity it has been especially difficult. I was in a meeting and our Grand Master at the time was speaking. He suggested we talk to our friends about joining the Masonic fraternity. I thought that was a great idea, until I realized all my friends are Masons. That is how active I am.

When lodges are not meeting, I am cut off from my friends. That makes it tough, especially when your normal schedule means you are out once or twice a week for Masonry. And a Fall/Winter COVID-19 surge could bring an end to all the progress lodges have made since the start of the pandemic.

This pandemic will come to an end someday. We will be back to normal, or what is normal in our near future. And when we get together again, we will:

*“Be glad there's one place in the world
Where everybody knows your name
And they're always glad you came
You wanna go where people know
People are all the same
You wanna go where everybody knows your name.”* ■



In The News For Years

The FRATERNITY News & Events feature has been a staple in TROWEL for many years. It spotlights Lodge activities and events throughout the jurisdiction. It is not only a great source of information, but for inspiration as well. Many of the events the section profiles can be adopted by other Lodges. Another potential benefit Lodges may realize when submitting a story to be published in FRATERNITY News & Events is seeing the same stories published in their local media. After putting in the work to write the submission for TROWEL, some additional effort results in a press release that may run in print or online.

Attentive readers of TROWEL may have noticed that Southborough's Quinebaug Lodge has been featured many times in the section through the years. As the photo collage accompanying this article demonstrates, they have also had a great deal of success in turning the stories published in TROWEL into articles that appear in their community news.

Rt. Wor. Christopher M. St. Cyr, Junior Grand Warden and member of Quinebaug Lodge says, "The Brethren in Quinebaug Lodge feel a great sense of pride when they see our work and accomplishments printed in TROWEL or in our local paper. But the real payoff happens when we meet someone in the community that recognizes a Brother as a Mason and acknowledges or thanks us for the work we've done.

Quinebaug Lodge's efforts to promote their activities has been primarily driven by Bro. Vincenzo M. Falzone. In appreciation of Brother Falzone's work, and the value he brought them, the Lodge nominated him for the Robert Johnson Service Award, which he received in March. To further show their thanks, the Brothers took up a collection to buy Brother Falzone a new camera which he will certainly put to good use documenting and promoting the Lodge and its activities. ■

FRATERNITY News & Events

Wor. and Mrs. Kara Honored at Olive Branch Lodge

On Saturday, September 24th, 2020, Rt. Wor. James Gonyea, Wor. Gary M. Watson, Sr., and Master-Elect Bro. Raymond S Kagels, Jr. had the pleasure of presenting the Robert Johnston Masonic Service Award and the Grand Lady Award to a very deserving husband and wife, both of whom are pillars of the community and have many years of service to Mumford River and Olive Branch Lodges.

Wor. Attila S. Kara is a six-time Past Master of Mumford River Lodge, now Olive Branch Lodge, and is still one of the most active Past Masters in the Lodge.

In addition to serving six terms in the East, Wor. Bro. Kara has organized and managed our Annual Scholarship

Fish Fry since 2008, doing everything from marketing, cooking, procuring provisions, and assembling teams of Brothers and families to work the events. He has also coordinated several opportunities for Brothers and their families to get together, including starting the new tradition of our Annual New Year's Eve Party, which was well attended by many of our families. On a weekly basis, Attila is one of the first Brothers at the Lodge on a Tuesday night, and is instrumental in mentoring new Brothers, working with them on their proficiency.

Mrs. Karen Kara has been one of the most active spouses and supporters of Mumford River and Olive Branch Lodge over the past several years. For over 15 years, Karen has headed our Annual Children's Holiday Party and has handled all aspects of the event, from buying the gifts, organizing a gift wrapping party with an excellent Chinese buffet, procuring holiday decorations for the Lodge, and working hand in hand with the current Master to ensure that everything runs smoothly on the day of the event. At any family event, Karen is one of the first ladies to arrive and one of the last to leave, always willing to lend a hand to keep the event running smoothly. She is truly an asset to the Lodge.

-Wor. Gary M. Watson, Sr.



ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

by The Grand Lecturers of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts

Q: How has our ritual changed due to COVID-19?

A: The simple answer is very little to not at all. By dispensation of our Grand Master, a modified opening and closing ritual has been authorized for use, allowing Lodges to meet and conduct business online. This is something never conceived of by our forefathers, or even by our prior Masonic generations. The other authorized modifications deal more with the floorwork aspects of our meetings. Social distancing, limited physical contact, the use of masks and gloves, and optional limitations on the involvement of some Officers are differences that some will notice, however, the ritual is still the ritual that we are all accustomed to and that we witnessed as we progressed through our own degrees. Our Grand Master has taken great pains to safeguard the integrity and meaning of our ritual throughout this pandemic, while keeping foremost in mind the physical, social, and spiritual welfare of our Brethren and Candidates.

Q: Are there suggestions on memorizing and delivering ritual?

A: There are many different methods that our Brethren use to memorize or to recall information, however as in life,

for most of us nothing can replace hard work. Some Brothers create a series of letters like SAH to represent the promises in the Second Degree obligation. Some create a phrase or sentence which helps to keep the sentences in order. Other Brothers say the ritual in their mind while driving to work or when walking. Memorizing one or two lines, and then adding the next few lines works for most. Saying the ritual over as you are going to sleep is also successful as our mind seems to go over and over the last few things we do prior to falling asleep. Try to say the ritual over in your mind or out loud as you would expect to deliver it. If you say it over very fast that is most likely how you will deliver it at the meeting. Make sure you practice several times out loud because you may be perfect in your mind but stumble when saying it out loud. Due to this pandemic, practice saying your ritual with a mask on; the first time with a mask may not turn out as you expect. Continue to consult the cipher. It is easier to learn the words correctly than to try to correct a wrong word that you have memorized over several months or years. While we refer to parts of our ritual as lectures, talk to your candidates, try not to talk at them. Once you have put in the time, enjoy your opportunity to teach our lessons to your candidates. ■

Receiving contributions this year were Gifts to Give, the New Bedford Women’s Center, Mobile Ministries, The Inter Church Council, the Salvation Army, Take This Child to Heart, and the United Way of Greater New Bedford.

Worshipful Master Manuel Fernandes and Bros. Joseph Dawicki and David DeMello had the privilege of meeting a representative from each organization for the presentation of the gift. “It was a true pleasure to see our friends, even more so during these unprecedented times experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Bro. Dawicki, the Charitable Gift Committee Chairman. “Our friends are doing more now than ever before in our community and the need for food, clothing, safe housing, and protection of children are all programs in need of financial assistance. As Masons, assisting in making the community a better place contributes to fulfilling our obligation of embracing Charity.”

-Bro. Adam Pimentel

Bro. David DeMello and Wor. Manuel Fernandes with representatives from the United Way of Greater New Bedford, and Mobile Ministries.



Converse Lodge Builds Archery Range and Shelter

From the ground up in one weekend. Over a weekend in August of this year, a dozen Masons from Converse Lodge in Wakefield, MA, went to New Durham, NH, to build an archery range and shelter for the Lions Camp Pride Camp. Construction was under the direction of Wor. Steve Graffam, a Past Master of Converse Lodge, and a lifelong resident of Malden, and Wor. August S. Niewenhaus, of Stoneham.

The Camp is located on 335 acres, with waterfront on Merrymeeting Lake. It is a wheelchair accessible camp for children and adults with special needs, as well as a great venue to host family outings, corporate retreats, weddings, and other special events. The camp has two waterfronts, volleyball, basketball equipment, baseball, football, and soccer fields, and now it has an archery range. Good engineering and hard work won the day.

-Wor. Joseph Turner



Above: The Brothers of Converse with the Lions building. Left: Brothers from Converse Lodge: Bro. Eddie Graffam, Mark Graffam, Wor. Gus Niewenhaus & Wor. Steve Graffam. Below: Members of NH Lions who set up the archery building project.



Overlook Stone Barn Preservation



Since March, when COVID-19 took hold of MA, approximately 240 Overlook Independent Living residents were compelled to hunker down to stay safe. With extra time on their hands, and looking for purposeful ways to contribute, a group of Overlook residents formed an ad hoc grounds Beautification Committee, with the goal of enhancing the Charlton campus. They began by sprucing up flower beds, trimming bushes, spreading mulch, etc. Word started buzzing around and more residents wanted to become involved. With enthusiasm resulting from the grounds clean up, the committee, in collaboration with Overlook leadership, sought out other projects. They freshened up the white trim on campus buildings, scraping and sanding, re-glazing windows, and repainting the weathered wood. In one case, the bottom panels under the palladium windows in the maintenance building needed to be replaced. Residents with woodworking skills removed the panels, took them to the woodshop, measured them carefully, replicated, and installed them.

Residents who initially came to the Overlook to relax and relinquish the responsibility and upkeep for their own property eagerly threw that aside with a new zeal to come together, with appropriate social distancing, and make a positive difference in these discouraging and isolating COVID-19 times. We are beyond excited with our latest project of the restoration of the stone barn. The barn needed some tender loving care. Two independent living residents, Dana Gould and Burt Goodrich, put together a plan of action in order to restore its beauty and preserve the iconic building. Overlook residents and staff came together through a Day of Caring event, spanning the course of three days. Forty-eight residents, 20% of the independent living residents, and Overlook team members tackled the project of beautifying the stone barn, as well as the surrounding area, through landscaping and fall-harvest decorating.

The work groups consisted of all age groups, ranging from 20 to 90 years of age. Residents with physical limitations or confined to a wheelchair were not deterred and were assigned tasks they could perform. On Friday,



September 25, 2020, the work on the stone barn culminated with a Celebration of Caring, hosted by Tameryn Campbell, who shared a glimpse of the Overlook vision and what is to come. She spoke about the dream of expanding the Overlook beyond its singular use as a retirement community to a broader, mixed-use environment. There is growing evidence that mixed-use environments and an intergenerational approach to living benefits residents.

Overlook's Day of Caring, and the enormous team effort, speaks volumes about the inherent generosity of the human spirit and abundance of good in the individuals who live and work at the Overlook. The Overlook is, indeed, fortunate to have residents and team members who can be active partners in caring for a beautiful campus, seizing this time and this opportunity to care for one another, to care for our community, and to be good partners and stewards of all this goodness. This imperative of caring is steeped in tradition and echoes forward though 2,600 years in the call of the Prophet Isaiah to be more, to do more, and to make a difference. It rings true in this very moment.

"You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations;

You will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."

(Isaiah, Chapter 58: Verses 11-12)

The stone barn has an interesting history. The original 1903 barn was reported to be of the same shingle style design as the Overlook Hotel. It was built around an open courtyard with an octagonal tower in one corner, and enclosed by a low stone fence, both of which are present today. When the Masons began operating the Overlook, they wanted the farm to provide food for the residents, just as it had for the Overlook Hotel guests. Unfortunately, on August 29, 1930, the original barn burned down, leaving intact only the sheds to the left in the front and a milk room. Fortunately, all livestock was saved. However, all farm equipment, machinery, and other con-

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Overlook Communities inaugural Day of Caring



COVID-19 has brought many changes to The Overlook, uniting us unlike ever before, compelling us to identify and achieve new, innovative, and safer ways of operating. At the same time, social distancing has divided and separated us, isolating us and imposing stringent limitations on our time with families and friends. Through it all, COVID-19 has served to remind us of what is truly important and what we miss most, in a word, closeness.

These are certainly trying times. Yet, at The Overlook, we recognize that we can and will overcome these challenges. “Tough times never last; tough people do!”

In September, The Overlook, in conjunction with Overlook’s Resident Beautification Committee, will be hosting A Day of Caring on the Charlton campus. Residents and team members across the campus and all business enti-

ties will work side by side, with appropriate social distancing and masking, in the restoration of Overlook’s historical barn. The goal is to further enhance the beauty of the Charlton property, while simultaneously enjoying and relishing resident-team member connections. In alignment with Masonic Health System and The Overlook’s longer term vision and master plan, we hope to accomplish improvements to the property and work toward the development of a venue and destination location that may, one day, entertain Overlook residents, team members, family, friends, and visitors from near and far.

Water Supply Change-Over at The Overlook

Circa 1990, Exxon’s 6,000-gallon underground oil tank exploded during maintenance at LaMountain’s Service Station, formerly located at Route 20 and North Main Street, Charlton. The spill sent probable cancer-causing gasoline additive methyl tertiary-butyl ether, known as MtBE, into the water table in surrounding areas. As part of a significant legal settlement, Exxon originally designed an estimated \$15 million project to install 6 miles of water line to supply Bay Path, Charlton Middle School, Heritage School, as well as homes on Old Worcester Road with clean municipal water. The plan was later expanded to include a water line to The Overlook, as the organization agreed to tie in to the municipal water system.

For over 100 years, The Overlook has been blessed with clean artesian well water. This underground aquifer has nourished Overlook’s residents, staff, visitors, and for a period, livestock. Subsequent to the Exxon spill, The Overlook’s water was tested and treated *continued on page 30*

Overlook Propane Tank Installation

Last year The Overlook replaced three boilers in its central heating plant in the first phase of creating a more resilient and green campus. The new boilers are capable of switching between oil and propane with a flip of a switch. Those benefits enable the campus to continue providing reliable heat and hot water, at lower costs, with less maintenance, and reduced plant emissions. On Thursday, June 28th, The Overlook took another step toward improving its operational effectiveness. It installed a new double-walled, 30-thousand-gallon propane tank. This 55-foot-long by 12 feet in diameter tank, weighing 40 tons, was delivered on a 100-foot tractor trailer. This was a delicate operation. The clearance under the trailer was only a few inches. It required shimming the wheels up with planks in order to get over small ridges in the road. The trailer was equipped with articulating rear wheels which were used to negotiate tight turns.

A huge derrick, with 160,000 pounds of counterweights, was used to raise and place the tank on its concrete footings. The tank will be anchored to the footings with 18-inch rods.

After fully connecting all the piping, the tank will be buried. The completion of this project is scheduled for July 1, 2020. The financial benefit is estimated to be approximately \$120,000 annually. This is based on current annual consumption of 212,000 gallons at \$2.36 per gallon, and the estimated 330,000-gallon estimate at \$1.16 per gallon. It was a safe and successful installation. Kudos go to Ryan Moore, Overlook Director of Facilities, his team, and many others for their efforts and support during this impressive project. ■



► **Day of Caring** *continued from page 29*

daily, to ensure it was 100% safe for consumption. With the new, more reliable, regulated and sustainable water source from the Southbridge Reservoir, Southbridge will send an average daily flow of water up to 200,000 gallons to the surrounding region. Charlton customers collectively use an average of about 100,000 gallons of water per day from Southbridge. Over five years in the making, The Overlook was elated to see this project finally come to fruition on September 10, 2020. The Overlook will be collaborating with the town of Charlton and surrounding areas to maintain its existing artesian well water and tanks for future fire suppression, in the event of an emergency.

Overlook Health and Rehabilitation Center Earns Top Marks from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

In 2007, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) introduced a program to rate the quality of care and services provided by nursing homes throughout the country. A nursing home's overall quality rating, as recorded on the CMS Nursing Home Compare website (www.medicare.gov), is based on 3 critical ratings:

- 1) Health Care Inspections
- 2) Quality of Resident Care Measures
- 3) Staffing

In its newest set of ratings published in August 2020, the esteemed Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued the Overlook Health and Rehabilitation Center a maximum five out of five stars for its overall rating, placing it among the top 10% of best nursing homes in the country. In addition to its overall rating of five stars, Overlook Health and Rehabilitation Center also earned five-star ratings for both its Staffing and Quality of Resident Care measures. The 5-star rating is a seal of excellence from CMS, underscoring the high quality of health care and service standards delivered within The Overlook continuing care retirement community. The rating serves as a valuable tool for consumers when seeking the finest and best-of-the-best in nursing home care.

Tameryn Campbell, President & CEO of Masonic Health System of Massachusetts and the first-ever female leader of the senior living organization, noted, "We are honored to achieve this notable accomplishment from CMS. It lets us know we are fulfilling our mission and vision of providing superior person-centered care and providing it with passion." "I am especially proud of the five-star ratings for staffing and quality measures," Campbell added. "Our team members deserve that distinction, as they work incredibly hard, especially with the COVID-19 challenges confronting our industry, nation and world." Campbell, who joined The Overlook in 2014, has spearheaded a transformation of the organization on all levels, leading to its financial stability and desirability among seniors in the region. The turnaround also earned her recognition from the Worcester Business Journal on an elite list

of 2019 Outstanding Women in Business. The new CMS ratings include data for more than 15,000 senior care providers participating in Medicare, Medicaid, or both. The Overlook Masonic Health Center is one of 102 providers in Massachusetts to receive a five-star overall rating.

Best of Central Massachusetts

It is time, once again, for the annual Best of Central Massachusetts contest hosted by The Worcester Telegram and Gazette. The contest represents over 250 eligible businesses ranging from restaurants, to heating companies, to senior living communities. The winners are determined by the number of votes received on-line as cast by the members of the community in Central Massachusetts. The Overlook has won Best Senior Living Community for the past three years and The Overlook VNA won for the first-time last year. Both the VNA and The Overlook community are in the top three contenders for 2020. Final voting occurs September 6-30, 2020. This year the winners will be announced by the Worcester Telegram and Gazette in a November newspaper publication.

-Tameryn Campbell, President & CEO, MHS

► **Stone Barn Preservation** *continued from page 28*

tents within were destroyed. The fire was thought to have started from spontaneous combustion in the hay loft. Because of the significance that the barn played in the operation of the Masonic Home, the barn was almost immediately rebuilt. The new barn was built from fireproof construction, equipped with a sprinkler system, and fire doors between the main barn and the wings. Evidence of this remains. The original courtyard remains today and serves as a welcoming arena to the wonderful old barn. Some information for this article was provided by Independent Living resident historic researcher Joyce Munier, as well as co-organizers Dana Gould and Burt Goodrich.

-Bill Kenyon

► **Outdoor 50th** *continued from page 20*

Wor. Kenneth L. Brown, DDGM of the 5th Masonic District, decided to get it done! He contacted Bro. Phil Ramsay of Waltham Triad Lodge who was due a Veteran's Medal. Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown essentially asked him, "What do we have to do to get this award to you?" After some consideration, Bro. Ramsay said he would be comfortable meeting outside in the parking lot of his business establishment in Waltham. "Done!" said Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown. So, on a sunny Saturday morning in October, Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown, along with his Marshal and Secretary, went to the Prospect Street parking lot and were joined by other District and Lodge members and family. Bro. Ramsay's wife, two sons, and grandson were also there to witness him being presented the Veteran's Medal and lapel pin, which his grandson proudly pinned onto Bro. Ramsay's sweatshirt.

-Wor. Robert A. Caron

▶ **Demand at the Door** *continued from page 11*



Craft degree was done with only a brief recess, using the “candidate as exemplar” model. The sitting Junior Warden, Past JGW Rt. Wor. Timothy Sean McGavin, was directed by Wor. Bro. Robichaud to call the Craft from labor to refreshment. The well-dressed group of candidates and degree team attracted much attention as they casually

strolled down the hill from lodge at noon.

After a brief lunch and being called to labor again, Bro. Joshua Henry was added to the group of candidates to be raised. Again using Bro. Luke A. Fry as exemplar, the work of raising began. What was not known to anyone outside the degree team was that Bros. Matthew Frye and Tyler Frye would be raising their father, Luke. Matt would do the physical raising as the Master gave the word; Tyler would demonstrate the Five Points of Fellowship as the Master vocalized it.

After a long day of labor, with only the briefest of refreshment, the Grand Master presented Rt. Wor. Glenn Kubick with his Past Master’s Certificate, and witnessed by 11 Liberty Brothers, presented Wor. Michael J. Sahovey his Past Master’s Jewel. The Grand Master opined, “It is this type of fellowship that makes Freemasonry an example of cooperation and tradition for all mankind.” What began as a day of excitement at our first labors since March, ended with an exhausted but satisfied group of Brothers, bonded in a way only our Fraternity can provide.

-Bro. Paul E. Orr

▶ **To the Cape** *continued from page 20*

bled on Bro. Giles’ front lawn. Once assembled, Rt. Wor. Brown sent a text message to Wor. Dahlbeck that all was ready.

As a light rain was falling, Wor. Dahlbeck brought Bro. Giles and his wife Carol to his garage where he was genuinely surprised by Rt. Wor. Brown’s appearance. Rt. Wor. Brown was pleased to present the Rt. Wor. Robert Johnston Service Award to Bro. John T. Giles, Jr. for outstanding support and activity in the Lodge, not the least of which is his regular attendance at meetings, and serving as Electrician at the Newtonville Lodge building some 92 miles away from his home.

Rt. Wor. Brown proceeded to present the Grand Lady Service Award to his wife, Carol Giles. Several years ago, due to his health, John was forced to relinquish driving a car. Without skipping a beat, Carol stepped right in to drive John to Lodge meetings and other activities any time he wanted. She is the one who regularly drove the 184-mile round-trip between home and Lodge, and elsewhere, month after month, without complaint. During Lodge meetings, she could be found reading in the Ladies’ Parlor, waiting for John. Leaving South Yarmouth, Rt. Wor. Brown and his entourage travelled to his family home in West Yarmouth for a few hot dogs on the grill for themselves.

-Wor. Robert A. Caron

▶ **COVID Delayed** *continued from page 21*

sidelines. The Degree Team who conducted the Lodge was also kept to a minimum with only six Officers involved. In all, that meant 16 Brethren in the 4,017 square foot Lodge room, far below the limit of 25.

Regardless of the situation, a Lodge of Qualification is always a time to celebrate new Masters-elect. So, following the ceremony in Newtonville, Rt. Wor. Brother Brown scheduled an outdoor gathering in the large parking lot of the Needham Masonic Building. The Lodge of Qualification participants caravanned over to Needham and were joined by other Omficers and members of the 5th District who were there to congratulate them and offer support for the upcoming year. Face coverings were worn, and social distancing was observed as gathering attendees were advised to bring their own food, beverage, lawn chair, and cigar! A great time was had by all. Here’s hoping this is all over soon.

-Wor. Robert A. Caron

Rt. Wor. Kenneth L. Brown holds court in the parking lot where 5th District Brethren enjoyed each other’s company after months of isolation.



and Lafayette Lodge to Norwood. In 1958, he took a tour of the thriving Canal Zone District, seeing excellent ritual and praising the work of his District Grand Master, R. W. George Fullman. He made very little impact on the customs and decisions of the time, only making one ruling, directing that each candidate be balloted on individually (a practice often ignored during wartime). It was a custom that would only be amended long after his departure, by Grand Master Roger Pageau in 2009.

At the Feast of St. John in 1957, Grand Master Jenkins gave an address before Grand Lodge entitled "Looking Forward."

"At every age, in every clime, men are continually looking forward. In the normal optimism of humanity, this forward look is anticipating something better than that now enjoyed...in the usual trials and disappointments which are a part of every life, we still look forward to something better, perhaps tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, or some future tomorrow when the adverse factors in control of the situation today have been changed.

"Childhood looks forward to Youth, Youth looks forward to Maturity, and so on throughout life. The younger a person is, the brighter tomorrow looks. In middle life we begin to realize that many of our hopes are dreams and that we shall never attain some of those goals that have been so enticing. But even in old age, if we have honestly done our best to follow Christian teachings, we have the grand prospect still ahead — a better tomorrow in a happier hereafter.

'Hope springs eternal in the human breast.' 'While

there is life there is hope' are merely quotations depicting the universality of looking forward."

In some ways this address, only a small portion of which is presented here, epitomizes much of the philosophy of Brother Jenkins - striving, hoping, but always looking forward.

In 1958 and 1959, Grand Master Jenkins granted five lodge charters: Perfection in Framingham; Maugus Hill in Wellesley; Ocean in Winthrop; New Meadows in Topsfield; and Sharon, in Sharon. In each case, the new lodge was founded to accommodate expanded interest in Masonry in that part of the state. Sadly, none of these lodges continues to independently exist.

After his time as Grand Master, Brother Jenkins continued an active civic and Masonic life. He was a part of the board of trustees of the Highland Congregational Church in Lowell, and of course was a bank officer at the time a young Donald G. Hicks, Jr., was growing up in the world. Brother Jenkins was the Puissant Sovereign of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and was active in the Rosicrucian Order as well.

From a remove of several decades, it is clear that Brother Jenkins' life was one that was full and well-lived. Though deterred by circumstance, he grew into a notable and inspirational leader, and that inspiration carried forward long after he departed in the fall of 1977. It is with great pleasure that M. W. Brother Hicks now wears Brother Jenkins' Past Grand Master's jewel.

In official pictures he seems always to be smiling. Perhaps his youth, and the brighter future young people perceive, never left him – or perhaps the grand prospect of that better tomorrow gave him hope. ■

the thoughts you have are not what makes you the person you are, it is how you act, or do not act, on them. Left unregulated, thoughts of all kinds wander like wild animals in our minds all day. In the language of symbolism, prudence can be seen in the Mithraic Tauroctony, the slaying of the bull, or in Saint George conquering the dragon. Here, the higher self subdues the lower passions, and establishes reason over the beast of our base nature.

As a new year is appearing on the horizon, how will you integrate the virtue of prudence into your everyday life? How far out will you look in time for thinking about the consequences of your actions? How will you put reason in the driver's seat, and squash the beast of bad behavior? Masonry gives you a full toolbox for doing so. Be kind to your future self and use them. ■



60 YEAR PAST MASTER DIPLOMAS

<p>Wor. Maurice R. Bateman <i>Artisan Lodge, Winchendon</i></p> <p>Wor. Allen O. Fiske <i>Bay State Lodge, Montague</i></p> <p>Wor. Clark W. Paige <i>Caleb Butler Lodge, Ayer</i></p> <p>Rt. Wor. Rollyn H. Hatch <i>Charles C. Spellman Lodge, East Longmeadow</i></p> <p>Rt. Wor. Joseph H. Liss <i>Evening Star Lodge, Lee</i></p> <p>Wor. Haig G. Gechijian <i>Hesperia Lodge, Boston</i></p>	<p>Wor. Roger H. Perry <i>Mount Moriah, Westfield</i></p> <p>Wor. Harold S. Goldsmith <i>Mount Zion, Barre</i></p> <p>Wor. Donald T. Upton <i>Mountain Lodge, Shelburne Falls</i></p> <p>Wor. Robert B. Fraser <i>Norfolk Union, Randolph</i></p> <p>Wor. John A. Latak <i>Orphan's Hope Lodge, East Weymouth</i></p> <p>Wor. Charles Yassemedis <i>Somerville Lodge, West Somerville</i></p>
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Fieldstone at The Overlook

- > An intimate memory care facility with specialized care
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The Overlook Vista Adult Day Program

- > Adult day program for those living with dementia
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There he is: the friend, the co-worker, the neighbor, a man shopping at a local store. He notices your ring, shirt, or perhaps your license plate. He is impressed by your manner. He asks you a question about Freemasonry. This man may want to be a Brother, but it is up to you.

Take the chance. Invite him.

Tell him how Masons want to Make Good Men Better.

Tell him about our history.

Tell him about our charitable work.

If he is not interested, press pause. It may not be his time, yet.

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Expand your Brotherhood, enhance your Lodge, and help Freemasonry -

get Just One!