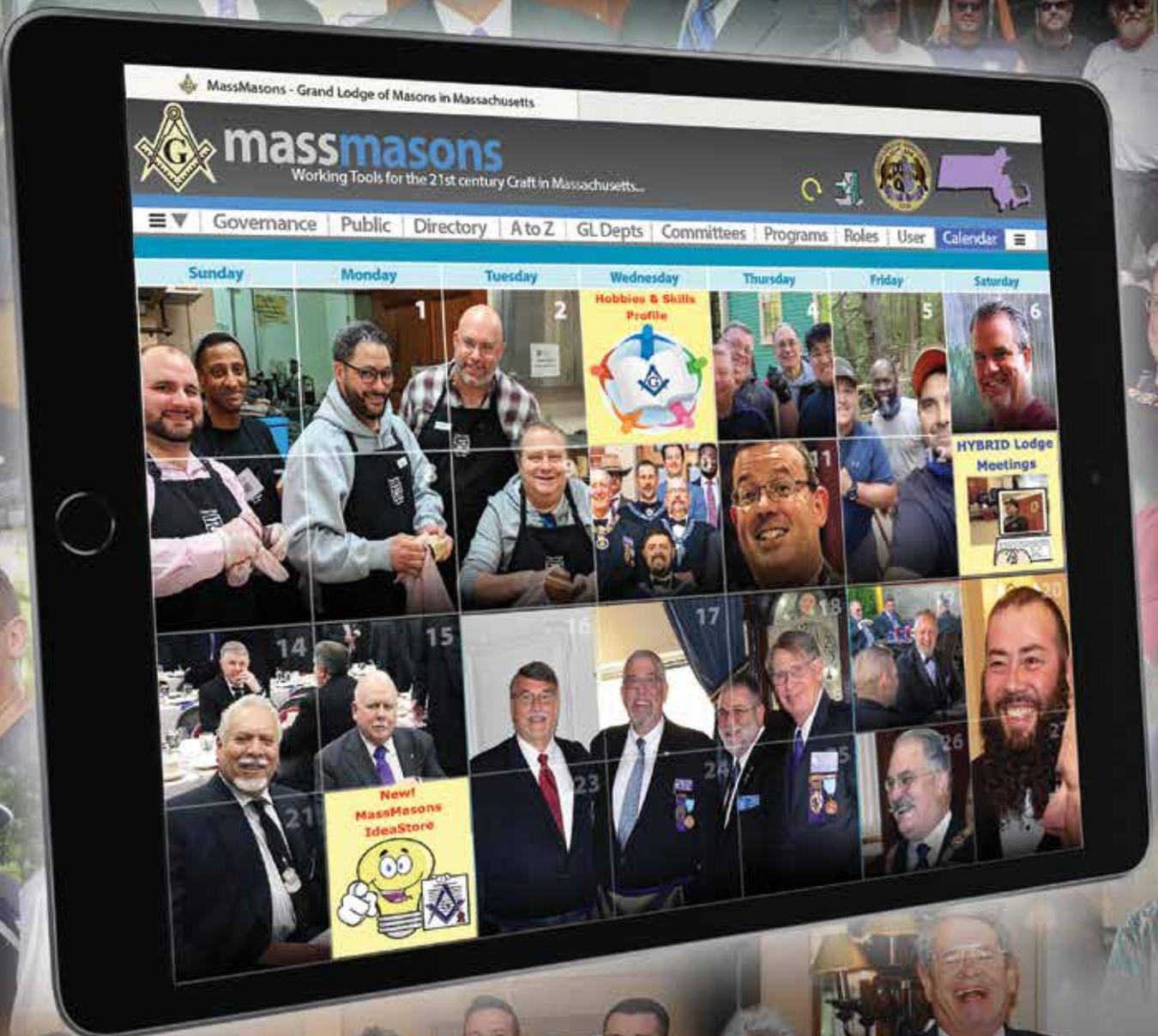


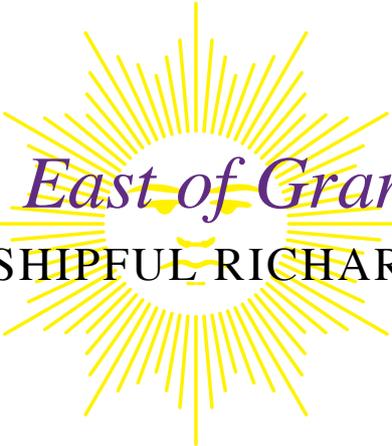
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Masonic Smiles Are Back!



50 Year Veterans



From the East of Grand Lodge
MOST WORSHIPFUL RICHARD MAGGIO

Brethren,

Welcome Back! We are now meeting in person and the calendar is on fire! As I write this in mid-July, Governor Baker's executive orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic have been terminated and we are back to "normal." The light switch was flipped on May 29, 2021, when all the restrictions were lifted with 70% of the population vaccinated. How good and pleasant it is to meet again, in person, with no masks!

The pandemic, though devastating and disruptive, allowed us to learn a lot about ourselves. Cherishing that which we previously took for granted, we now have a greater appreciation for what is important.

I am now halfway through my second year as Grand Master. When I think back on what has transpired, I do not dwell on the negative, but fondly remember the incredible acts of kindness and charity I witnessed throughout the pandemic. You continually inspire me and give me the strength to carry on. During social and financial upheaval, and during the pandemic, Freemasonry, with its stability, conventions, and traditions, provided us all with a "peaceful harbor," an atmosphere of Brotherhood, and a safe haven during unknown times.

These are exciting times moving forward, as lodges open and welcome us back. In September alone I am already scheduled to do seven Installations and a Rededication Ceremony, along with the usual business meetings and Fraternal events. No complaints here!

A few dates to save:

- Grand Lodge Quarterly, where the Grand Warden Candidates will be announced on 9/8/2021
- One-Day Class in Boston, honoring our First Responders on 9/11/2021
- Grand Masters Table Lodge on 10/23/2021
- First Responders Benefit Banquet, "Heroes Night," to benefit the 100 Club on 12/4/2021
- The Feast of St. John and Installation of Grand Lodge Officers on 12/27/2021

Brethren, for our traditions to continue, I need your help. Please contact a friend, coworker, or family member. Find a good man, a man just like you, and offer him the gift of Freemasonry. Share the light.

I look forward to seeing you all during my travels. God bless you, your families, and the USA!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Most Worshipful Richard Maggio

Grand Master

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

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We Are Pandemic Masons

So much was missing. Dinners with friends. Going to a store just to see what's new. Gut wrenching laughter. Restaurants. Breathing freely. So many things were missing in the pandemic.

But as Masons, we missed even more. We missed the Lodge nights. Lodge night includes, for me, dressing up. Every Lodge night, I take out the suit or tuxedo and find out if I've gained or lost weight. (Recently, the answer was yes, which my Brothers did not hesitate to point out!)

The dinners, oh the dinners. We have an excellent chef in Michelle Chaplin -- who is more of our Lodge Mother. She is the wife of Wor. Michael Chaplin. When she cooks, the meals are great, and we enjoy them. When we are without our Lodge Mother, the dinners are still a joy. Yes, ziti is undercooked. Of course, there is crock-o-lard for the bread. We laugh about how the meal tastes like dirt and eat it anyway.

Then there is Lodge itself. I missed the reinforcement of virtues from the ritual, the charity we perform through the Lodge, and the subtle kindnesses we show each other while getting ready for Lodge. Every corrected collar, every adjusted Past Master's Jewel, every door held open, is a moment of kindness that happens at Lodge. Not in the store, not on the T, but in Lodge.

Now, we are back. Lodges are open, communications are occurring, charity is back. But we are still missing.

Like the flood gates at a dam, Masons are rushing back to their jobs. Every week, there is a cook-out, a charitable event, a smoke out. There are movie nights, work on the Masonic buildings, trips, and a myriad of other events. We are lunging toward the Masonry we adore, which includes every expression of Brotherly love.

As the flood of activities subside, as we return to our normal Masonic life, we will be Pandemic Masons. We will be uniquely qualified to enjoy our Masonic lives, and travails, in a way our soon to be Brothers will not. We will know the loss; we will remember what we missed. We will pass on the cherishing of Masonry to the newly and soon to be raised. It is our legacy.

Fraternally, Lee H. Fenn



*Justice delayed, will not be denied.
The ongoing examination of the
Cardinal Virtues will conclude in fall.*

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Converse Lodge Sponsored Blood Drive

Converse Masonic Lodge exceeded its goal of 40 pints of blood at its emergency Red Cross Blood Drive on May 7, 2021, filling in for a location that was unable to host the drive because of Covid-19 restrictions. The American Red Cross has collected 29 pints of whole blood (out of 40 reservations) and 10 pints of super red blood (each of which makes 2 pints of whole blood). They collected 39 out of 40 reservations for these donations.

Wor. Bob Frechette, who has chaired the Converse Lodge Blood Drive for many years now, has worked closely with the Red Cross Team Supervisor, Catherine O'Brian to achieve this goal (in photo).

Blood can be donated on the first Friday of every month at the Wakefield/Lynnfield Masonic building, 370 Salem Street, Wakefield, MA. The dates for the remaining 2021 Blood Drives sponsored by Converse Lodge are: September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd at the Masonic building. Appointments are no longer required, but preferred, and walk-ins are now more than welcome.

-Wor Steve Butland

Lengthening our Cable Tow

On June 17, 2021, under dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the brethren of Charles W. Moore (CWM) Lodge, 22nd Masonic District, Fitchburg, MA, packed up shop and made a trek to Alexandria, VA, to conduct our last scheduled communication of the 2020 Masonic year in the North Hall of the George Washington Memorial. The 22nd Masonic District remained active (safely) during Covid, and as a group we decided that if we could make this trip happen, we would, ending the year with a bang!

In true Charles W. Moore Lodge fashion, this trip was not limited to just the brethren of Charles W. Moore Lodge. We invited all that wanted to participate and represent their lodges, their districts, and Massachusetts Freemasonry. I am proud to report every branch of Freemasonry was well represented. 16 brethren made the trip via planes, trains, and automobiles, from Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, and Shriners (Aleppo Temple). Four districts and seven lodges were present, including Charles W. Moore, Aurora, St. Paul, Wilder, N. Quabinn, Caleb Butler, the United Brethren, and it was a diverse group of men. Grand Lodge was represented by Rt. Wor. Gary Petit, current DDGM of the 22nd District, and Past DDGM Rt. Wor. Michael Cavanagh, also of the 22nd. *continued on page 26*



What Can We Do?

by Rt. Wor. and Rev. Henry Peirce

I snuck into my lodge in the early spring. I probably wasn't supposed to, but I needed a place to be alone. I needed a place where I knew I wouldn't be bothered, where I could be alone with my thoughts. What I needed at that moment was a sanctuary. The word sanctuary means both holy place and site of refuge and for me that day, I needed both. So, after saying a prayer, and meditating on my thoughts, I spent some time sitting in the silence of that room. It had been over a year since I had been there, and while there I realized how much I had missed that room. The way the sun comes in the windows, the sound of the wooden floor when walked across, and even the musty smell of that building, I found greatly comforting.

There is a prayer recently written by the Rev. Matt Laney who imagined the conversation between the chairs and pews in a church closed by the pandemic.

"The front row used to get teased by the other rows: "No one sits there!" But no more, Never have they all felt so neglected, so lonely."

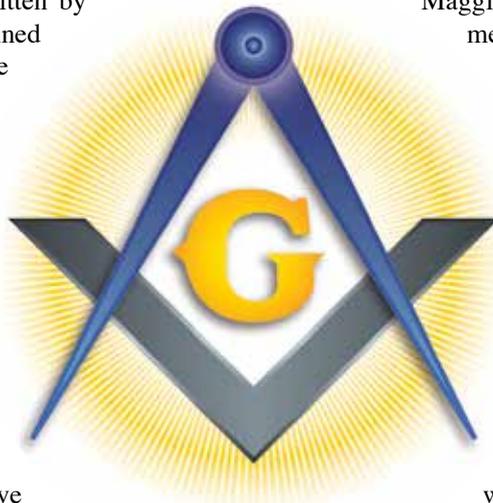
Of course, it is not pews and chairs who have felt neglected and lonely, but all of us. When I think of the men who have sat in those pews and chairs, I wonder what they have been going through these past many months. We have all experienced loss...in so many ways that it is difficult to sort through them all. Some have lost jobs, some have lost loved ones, and we all have lost out on opportunities, and those losses add up. As we re-enter our lodges this fall, let's not forget what it is that we have all been through. Let's recognize the fact that the brother you sit next to in lodge today will have been affected by this pandemic, just as you have been. Many are grieving and may not have a place to share their stories or their feelings.

We are not the first to suffer loss, and I find comfort in the writing of ancient wisdom. The Psalms are a collection of prayers, poems, and songs found in the Jewish scriptures and while many are joyful and praise

God, others are lamentations and expressions of grief. The one most fitting to our situation today is the 88th Psalm where the author writes, "I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief." Those same feelings expressed by the Psalmist three thousand years ago may have been the experience of some of our brothers during this unfortunate season. Even before March of 2020, many in our culture were experiencing isolation due to the prominence of the internet and the diminished importance of community. The pandemic has only amplified and accelerated these feelings.

Perhaps the question for us is, "What can we do?" One of the things that Freemasonry provides to us is a safe space to share our lives. Grand Master Maggio reminded us at the Quarterly meeting in June that "trust comes from relationships." There are no group of men I trust more than my lodge brothers, in part because we have a relationship, one created through the shared experience of initiation, strengthened through service, and cemented in the belief that all are children of the Great Architect of the Universe. What our Fraternity furnishes for us is the opportunity to process this time with men we know and trust, reaffirming our commitment to each other and the tenets of Masonry.

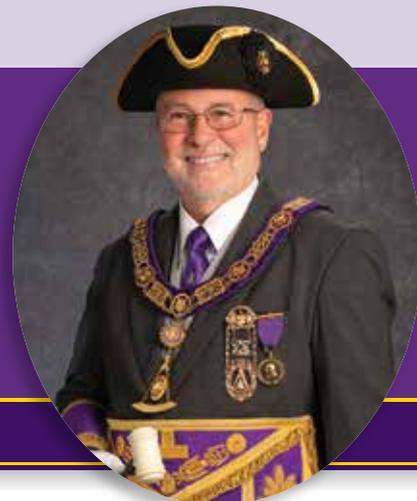
Let's not forget the importance of the attentive ear, it is how we begin to practice our tenets. Brotherly love starts by listening to a brother's story, and relief starts by listening to his struggles. Truth comes from listening to his experiences and reflecting on our own beliefs and ideas, coming up with our own. As we face this new post-pandemic world, let us remember that much of what we need can be found within the sanctuary of our lodge rooms. ■



Rt. Wor. & Rev. Henry Peirce is a Grand Chaplain, Unitarian Universalist minister, and a Past Master of Amicable Lodge.

THE JUNE 2021 QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS



by *Wor. Lee H. Fenn*

The parking lot next to Grand Lodge was full. The lobby at Grand Lodge teemed with the well-dressed Brethren. The stairs had Brothers bumping and excusing themselves. The dinner tables were full and the air filled with bursts of laughter. On June 9, 2021, the Summer Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, and Grand Master Most Worshipful Richard Maggio, convened in safety and joy for the first time in over a year. The Grand Marshal instructed those online how to properly tye an online meeting: headsets should be used, and effort must be expended to ensure that no non-Masons, including family, can be a party to the business of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master entered the Lodge room to a standing ovation from all present. "Good afternoon Brethren, Covid-19, the Pandemic. 1 year, 2 months, and 19 days held hostage, but, for the past 11 days we have been free. We will now enjoy our 1st full Regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge since December 11, 2019. Thank you for joining me today. We will continue to live stream and record our meetings for those who physically or are at a distance not able to attend," the Grand Master began the Quarterly Communication.

The Massachusetts Consistory Guard, Massachusetts Consistory A.A.S.R., Valley of Boston, presented our Nation's Colors. Once the Colors were in place, the Brethren pledged their allegiance to the flag and joined in a strong singing of our Star Spangled Banner. The Grand Master thanked the members of the guard, Lt. Mark Barrett, Acting Captain of the Guard, with Guards William Ciccì, Jonathan Buck, and Jumper Pierre, then dismissed them.

He began to open the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, which concluded with a prayer by Rt. Wor. Richard E. Haley, Sr., Grand Chaplain. The Grand Master declared the Regular Quarterly Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts opened in ample form.

The Grand Master welcomed the First Responders: Rt. Wors. Jerry Bergeron (Capt., First Responders), David

Maxim, Jeffrey Arnold, Craig Erickson, Wors. Jack MacNeill, and Ed Burg; the Production and Information Service Committees on hand to make the Communication happen, Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky, Wors. Patrick DelVal, Scott Sherman, Bro. Timothy Maxwell, Wors. Ethan Gilson, and Charles Caroselli.

The Grand Master introduced the guests for the Quarterly:

M. Excel. Ernest A. Bean, 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 James S. Stone, Sr., Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

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

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

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

M. Wor. Timothy R. Downes, Grand Master
Rt. Wor. Gerald R. Thaxton, III, Deputy Grand Master
Rt. Wor. Justin Petty, Senior Grand Warden

M. Wor. Thomas Edward Pulkkinen, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine
Rt. Wor. and Dad Philip Drouin, Executive Officer, Order of the DeMolay, Massachusetts
Most Worthy Charles H. Jones, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star
Rt. Wor. Oscar M. Zepada, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Baja, California
Rt. Wor. Bruce W. King, Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Alaska

Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

M. Wor. Albert Timothy Ames
M. Wor. Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr.
M. Wor. Harvey John Waugh
M. Wor. Paul Fulton Gleason
M. Wor. Richard J. Stewart



The Grand Master happily enters for the Quarterly.



The Color Guard, Massachusetts Consistory Guard, Massachusetts Consistory A.A.S.R., Valley of Boston.

The Grand Master explained the online voting system and M. Wor. Bro. Ames explained proxies. A report from the Committee on Charters and By-Laws, delivered by Rt. Wor. Peter J. Lawson, authorizing 14 changes and denying portions of 6 changes, was approved. A report from the Committee on Records, delivered by Rt. Wor. W. Warren Richardson was received and approved.

Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Peter Culbertson, had the painful duty to deliver the Necrology. We lost 7 Brothers and over 300 years of Masonic Experience.

Grand Historian, Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt gave the following eulogies:

Donald Bevil Scott, 1929-2021

Freemasonry unites men from all walks of life, from many backgrounds, and from many places. It introduces men to each other who might have never met, and creates lifelong friends, mentors, and admirers. We make these friends, appreciate them when they come into our lives, and mourn them when they are gone. It is a fundamental part of mortal life that we rarely have any warning about that departure, and some of the mourning is regret of what words were not spoken, and that a voice – particularly a memorable, sonorous, dignified one – will no longer be heard.

All of this applies intimately to our Brother Don Scott.

Our Brother came to Masonry in 1970. He was raised in Mechanic's Lodge in Turner's Falls, and served as Master of that Lodge in 1975 and 1976. He was recognized by Grand Lodge in 1982, serving as a Grand Steward, and was appointed to the position of District Deputy Grand Master in the Greenfield 14th District in 1986 and 1987. In 1994, he was the Junior Grand Warden of our Grand Lodge, and he was present in this room for the mutual recognition of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in March 1995.

Brother Scott was active both with the York Rite in

Chapter, Council, and Commandery, and the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Springfield, serving both as Thrice Potent Master and Most Wise Master. He was granted the Meritorious Service Award by the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation in 1992. In 1995, he was coronated a 33° by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He was also a member of Melha Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

His acumen and skill with the symbolic work caused him to be chosen as a Grand Lecturer, a capacity in which many more Brothers got to know him. He served until his retirement in 2011, when he was made a Grand Lecturer Emeritus – a knowledgeable resource for his fellows.

For many years, Brother Scott was a fixture at the meetings of this Grand Lodge, entering with the Grand Master's procession and taking his seat among the Grand Lecturers, and later among the many permanent members. A devoted Mason, a knowledgeable and scholarly man with an easy, friendly conversational style, he was welcome in any company and at any gathering. He knew everyone's name and was known by everyone.

He was a vital part of his family, his church, and his engineering profession. As a Mason, he was a recognized leader in his lodge, his district, and our Grand Lodge, but above all, he was a just and upright Mason, whose absence makes us poorer and the Celestial Lodge Above richer.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

H. Robert Huke III, 1947-2021

Rt. Wor. Robert Huke came to Masonry in 1968 in Wollaston Lodge in Quincy at the earliest possible age of 21, ultimately coming to the Master's chair in 1995. He also served in that chair in 2002. His efforts came to the attention of the Grand Lodge, and he served as Grand Steward in 2000, and in 2015 was elected Senior Grand Warden. During his year of service, he participated in the rededication of the State House Cornerstone. In recent years, he

served very effectively as chairman of the Library Committee and was appointed as receiver and presiding Master of Beth-Horon Lodge of Needham, steering it into a favorable merger.

A very active Scottish Rite Mason, he rose to the office of Thrice Potent Master of Boston-Lafayette Lodge of Perfection and received the honorary 33° in 2013 due to his exemplary efforts on behalf of the Rite. He was also involved with York Rite Freemasonry as Commander at St. Bernard's Commandery #12, with the Shrine, with DeMolay, and with numerous other Masonic bodies.

The dry recitation of Masonic honors, which were many in this Brother's case, more than even recounted here, do not, however, tell the true story of Robert Huke's career, either as a Mason or as a military or business man. To understand and appreciate him, it is necessary to go a little deeper. As Masons, we draw inspiration from our purposes and goals, from the pleasure of shared brotherhood, and from the lessons and significance of our ritual. But from time to time, we are inspired by the deeds and words of fellow Masons whom we respect. Rt. Wor. Robert Huke was one of those Brothers whose deeds and words touched many of his Brethren.

Here is a singular example. In late 2019, Brother Huke had the opportunity to give a charge to newly raised Master Masons in the newest lodge in our jurisdiction, the Lodge of the Royal Secret, of which he was a charter member. It included the following reference to one of our most visible symbols, the rough and perfect ashlar. "Every morning," he told these new Masons, "You are given a rough ashlar as your work for the day. Some days you don't do too much with it. Some days it winds up worse than it was when you received it. But sometimes you work very hard and make it smooth and square and regular. No matter what, the next day you get a brand new one. That is your Masonic work every day of your life. And when your time here is done and

you go to the Celestial Lodge Above, those ashlar, the ones you have shaped every day of your Masonic life, are the stones that build your eternal home."

This was one of the greatest lessons Brother Huke taught, that there was work to do every day. That each day you had another chance to make progress. That yesterday's failure could be replaced by today's success, and that all of that progress, all of that work, had meaning. What better lesson could be given to a new Brother?

But that was this Brother in a nutshell. Consider the signature to his emails, "Before speaking, let your mind pass through three gates: 'Is it True?', 'Is it Kind?', 'Is it Necessary?'" He lived by those words. He was a man of great experience and strong opinions, but he was not overbearing, nor demeaning, nor unkind. He was a hard worker in the vineyards of Masonry. Over the course of his half-century in the Craft he took many rough ashlar and left many of them smooth.

What a magnificent house he has built.

The Grand Master became quite emotional at the passing of these Brothers and those we have lost throughout the Pandemic. He asked the Brethren to join in a moment of silence for all those who have joined the Celestial Lodge above and those near and dear to our hearts who succumbed to COVID-19. Rt. Wor. Brian Marsh was escorted to the altar to offer a prayer for the departed and the grieving.

"Rt. Wor. Grand Marshal, you will escort Wor. David Ludemann and Wor. Paul Scheeler, Lodge Historian and Archivist, of Forest Lodge No. 166, and Wor. Alan Gray and the members of Star of Bethlehem Lodge who are present to the East," said the Grand Master.

The Grand Master turned the floor over to the members of Star of Bethlehem Lodge and the Brothers from Forest Lodge #166, Fredonia, New York, Grand Lodge of New York. They presented Bro. William B. Cushing's Masonic

The Grand Master with Brethren from Forest Lodge No. 166 in New York and Brethren of Star of Bethlehem Lodge with the Civil War Era Masonic Diploma of Bro. William B. Cushing.



The 3-penny nickel given in thanks from Star of Bethlehem Lodge to Forest Lodge No. 166.





The Grand Master hosted two new Grand Representatives to the East: Rt. Wors. Kenneth Sallale for The Grand Lodge of Malta and Rt. Wor. Oscar Zepda for the Grand Lodge of the State of Baja California in Mexico.



Rt. Wor. Ernest Pearlstein allowed himself to be photographed with a Certificate of Appreciation and the Grand Master.

Diploma dating back to the Civil War. In thanks, Wor. Bro. Gray presented Wor. Bros. Ludemann and Scheeler a rare three penny nickel from the era just after the Civil War.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Moran read the proclamation of the Massachusetts State Senate on behalf of Rt. Wor. Senator Bruce Tarr. The Grand Master gave the floor to M. Wor. Bro. Gleason, who spoke of the George Washington Monument Memorial Association at the George Washington Memorial in Arlington, VA. The Grand Master called his predecessor to the level and had the Grand Marshal present Rt. Wor. Vincent Marino, DDGM for the 13th Masonic District to the East. The Grand Master surprised M. Wor. Bro. Gleason with his 50-year Veterans Medal (pictured on the next page).

The Grand Master instructed the Grand Marshal, Rt. Wor. John E. Kelley, Jr., to bring Rt. Wors. Kenneth Sallale and Oscar Zepda to the East. In the East, He named Rt. Wor. Bro. Sallale the Grand Representative of The Grand Lodge of Malta, near the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The Grand Master received Rt. Wor. Bro. Zepda as the Grand Representative to The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from the Grand Lodge of the State of Baja California in Mexico.

The Grand Master recognized the Lodge anniversaries:

Samuel Crocker Lawrence Lodge, founded 100 years ago on June 8, 1921, by M. Wor. Arthur Dow Prince

Harmony Lodge, founded 225 years ago on June 15, 1796, by M. Wor. Paul Revere

Union Lodge (Norwood), founded 225 years ago on June 16, 1796, by M. Wor. Paul Revere

Union Lodge (Nantucket), founded 250 years ago on May 27, 1771, by M. Wor. John Rowe

The Grand Master called to the East Chief of Staff to the Aleppo Shriners and Rt. Wor. Ernest Pearlstein, where he

received a Certification for Service. Rt. Wor. Bro Pearlstein was bestowed with the honor of being the Grand Lodge Parade Coordinator and Liaison to the Grand Master for the Aleppo Shriners. The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to escort Rt. Wor. Donald Stevens to the East. Rt. Wor. Bro. and Dr. Stevens was given a Certificate of Appreciation for advising and directing the Grand Master during the pandemic.

Rt. Wor. Eliot Chikofsky was working on the internet feed for the Quarterly when the Grand Master called him to the East. In the East, the Grand Master gave Rt. Wor. Bro. Chikofsky a Certificate of Appreciation on the anniversary of the creation and support for Massmasons.org, which is celebrating 10 years of helping Masons. After the presentation of the Certificate, the Grand Master shocked Rt. Wor. Bro. Chikofsky with the Henry Price Medal. This was a moving moment for Rt. Wor. Bro. Chikofsky and the Brethren he has helped through his tireless work.

The Grand Master welcomed to the East members of the 4th District, Boston University Lodge, Republican Lodge, and Mountain Lodge. All gave generous donations to the Brotherhood Fund.

The Grand Master stood and delivered his address, Post-Pandemic, Moving Forward. He issued a blanket dispensation for all Lodges to meet in July and August, with due notice to all Brothers. "Additionally, I will consider and most likely approve dispensation requests for lodges to hold special meetings for the purpose of reading and balloting on candidates for the One Day 9/11 Class honoring 1st responders [and] to process more than 5 candidates with and/or without an exemplar and will consider other requests regarding time between degrees as needed to expediate the work of the Craft," he said. "Dispensation requests should be emailed to James Orgettas, with a CC to me, followed up by a letter sent via United States Postal Service. This will expedite the process. Hopefully, this will provide ample

opportunity to complete the reading of applications, investigations, and balloting on candidates so that they may attend the 9/11 One Day Class honoring our 1st responders. Now it's up to you!"

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren that 60% of leads, men wanting to become Masons, go unanswered. "We need to do a better job following up. No lead should be left unattended," said the Grand Master. Regarding retention, he noted that 80% of new candidates said they joined the Fraternity for friendship and fellowship. "If we want to retain members, we need to fill that need!"

The Grand Master announced that, as of Sept. 1, 2021, North Reading Lodge will move from District 9 to District 13. This is not, the Grand Master emphasized, a re-districting. It is a specific move due to specific circumstances.

The Grand Master authorized public ritual and floor-work for "The Empty Chair Degree 1875." This incorporates some modifications appropriate for Massachusetts Masonry by Grand Lecturers Rt. Wors. Glenn L. Kubick and Steven P. Collins. "This ritual will be available for download from Massmasons.org. The original degree was performed to recognize members of the Craft in the frontier period from 1860-1890 who gave their lives while serving in uniform. In modern times, this ceremony is often performed to recognize Masons who served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice," said the Grand Master.

The Grand Master recounted the activities since the last Quarterly:

- March 17, 2021: International Zoom meeting with the Grand Lodge of Estado de Gois, Brazil:
 - Attendees:
 - M. Wor. Tito Amaral, Grand Master, and several officers.
 - Rt. Wor. Mario Martins, Deputy Grand Master
 - Rt. Wor. Helminto Prateado, Grand Secretary of Foreign Relations

- Rt. Wor. Adalberto Favaro, Deputy Grand Secretary of Foreign Relations
- Bro. Mauricio Assuncao, Assessor/Translator
- Bro. Humberto Kennedy, Assessor/Translator
- Bro. Giovanni Vomo, Assessor/Translator
- Purpose: to strengthen bonds of friendship between our Grand Lodges and create a protocol for visiting brethren, thereby clarifying the process, making it easier to travel between jurisdictions.
- "Thank you to Rt. Wor. Hugo Oliveira, Grand representative to and from the Grand Lodge of de Gois near the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for acting as my interpreter. They will be celebrating their 70th anniversary this month."
- March 27, 2021: We held another Masters Path Program.
- March 27, 2021: Our Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. George Hamilton attended the Semi-Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter and the Assembly of the Grand Council of MA York Rite on the Grand Master's behalf.
- April 6, 2021: The Grand Master, along with the Deputy, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and Grand Marshal attended Joel H. Prouty Lodge to witness the Unveiling of the Oil Painted Emblems by the Artist, Brother Tavis Liam Simpkins. Outstanding work!
- April 8, 2021: The Senior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Bro. Hamilton represented the Grand Master at the Testimonial Dinner for Illustrious Eugene Capobianco, Commander in Chief for the Massachusetts Consistory who recently finished a 3-year term as Commander in Chief.
- April 10, 2021: The Grand Master attended the Annual Communication and Installation of Officers for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to congratulate M. Wor. Stephen W. Petri for his service as a "COVID" Grand Master and witnessed Rt. Wor. William E. Bohman installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master. M. Wor. Bro. Petri was installed online, and first sat in the East of Grand Lodge on the day he was replaced.

Rt. Wor. Vincent J. Marino, DDGM for the 13th District and M. Wor. Paul F. Gleason have a laugh as the latter receives his 50 yr. Veteran's Medal from the Grand Master.



Rt. Wor. & Dr. Donald Stevens to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Grand Master for his help during the pandemic.





Rt. Wor. Eliot Chikofsky receives a Certificate for the Anniversary and Appreciation of MassMasons.org. Moments later, the Grand Master presented him with the Henry Price medal.



The Anniversary Lodges in the East with the Grand Master.

- April 12, 2021: The Grand Master met with Rt. Wor. Oscar Mario Peralta Zepeda the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts near the Grand Lodge De Estata Baja California to discuss our recognition and support of their Grand Lodge regarding a territorial dispute going on in their Jurisdiction. “He presented me a beautiful American Flag created by the Mexican Army. Thank you, Brother Zepeda.”
- April 17, 2021: “In the morning, I attended Ambassador Training, then headed to Rhode Island for a Testimonial Dinner for M. Wor. Gary Kaufman, Grand Master of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. There I presented M. Wor. Clarence R. Snead, Jr., Grand Master of Prince Hall in Rhode Island a check for \$50k. These funds were donated by you, Brethren. Your generosity never fails to amaze me,” he said. “I notified you that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Building in RI was destroyed by fire and within 10 days over 400 Brethren and many Masonic Bodies in MA donated to their cause. In addition, our DGM Rt. Wor. Peter Culberson has volunteered to build them a new custom crafted altar. Since the \$50K donation, another \$10K was received and will be presented to M. Wor. Brother Snead at an upcoming event.”
- April 24, 2021: The Grand Lady and Master attended a fund-raising cookout to help a Vietnam Veteran who was in need. This event, along with other initiatives has raised over \$5,000 and replaced the heating system in his home. Congratulations to North Reading Lodge and the HELP program for your efforts.
- April 26, 2021: The Grand Marshal and Master attended the North Shore Past Masters Association annual dinner.
- April 29, 2021: The Grand Master presented Chief Warren Brooks of the Norwood Police Department his 125-year Commemorative Badge. He was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Robert Shedd, DDGM of D6 and several

members of the 6th Masonic District. Their efforts funded the creation of the Commemorative Police Badges. “After the badge presentation, we placed a wreath at a monument dedicated to fallen Policemen and Firefighters in the line of duty. This Monument was donated several years ago by the Brethren of District 6. Later in the evening, the Grand Lady and I attended a retirement dinner for Rt. Wor. William Holland, PDGM 2006 who retired from the Scottish Rite, NMJ, after 18 years of service.”

- May 1, 2021: The Grand Master installed the Master and other officers of the Masters Lodge.
- May 7, 2021: “The Grand Marshal and I had the pleasure of attending Cincinnatus Lodge for a Table Lodge where we were accommodated with the finest set table I have ever witnessed in a Blue Lodge, as well as the best maple glazed cream puffs. Thank you to the Tonini family.”
- May 8, 2021: “I attended the Valley of Boston where I anointed and installed the four heads of bodies at the Triennial Installation of Officers.”
- May 14-16, 2021: The Grand Master attended the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire Installation of Officers where M. Wor. Kenneth Clay finished a two-year term and M. Wor. David Collins was installed.
- May 16-18, 2021: “I attended the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Installation of Officers. There I was honored to receive the Christopher Champlin Medal for Service to the Fraternity and Community by M. Wor. Gary Kaufman. M. Wor. Bro. Kaufman completed his one-year term, to be followed by Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert B. Ellston. Brother Kaufman’s term started and ended in the Pandemic. He led the craft in RI through the Pandemic with great success, even starting a new lodge under dispensation!”
- May 22, 2021: We had another successful Masters Path training.

- May 31, 2021: “On Memorial Day, our Grand Lodge was well represented in the Memorial Day Parade in Wilmington with Shriners. We had many GL Officers, with a total of approximately 75 Brethren, most with Top Hats. Should your lodge be marching in a parade, do not hesitate to invite the Grand Lodge to supplement your contingent of marchers!” (See photos on page 13)
- June 4, 2021: The Grand Master, along with a suite of Masons, knocked on the door at the home of M. Wor. Bro. Ames and sang Happy Birthday to a very Special Lady, Nancy Ames.
- June 5, 2021: “I attended Treasurers Training in the morning that was done hybrid. Moving forward, I think we will be doing most trainings hybrid. Later in the afternoon I, along with all The Grand Lodge Officers, attended The Massachusetts Lodge 250th Anniversary where we performed the Masters Carpet Rededication Ceremony.”
- June 7, 2021: “I was invited by Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of MA to their June Day Celebration where I met Brigadier General Emery Maddox, Lieutenant General L. Scott Rice, and our Brother, Brigadier General John Driscoll, a member The Meadows Lodge. Brother Driscoll was deployed and in charge of security at the Capitol following the insurrection [Jan. 6th]. I also met Lt. Colonel Enoch O’D Woodhouse, one of the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen of World War Two. We had a wonderful conversation. Later, I met Governor Baker and we reviewed the Ancients and Honorable units in parade. I witnessed their election and installation of Officers by the Governor. A great day to be a Freemason!”



Members of Grand Lodge celebrating Grand Lady Nancy Ames’ 90th birthday.

The Grand Master outlined the requirements for future events. His calendar is filling up quickly. Always notify the Grand Master and Rt. Wor. Bro. Orgettas via email first to both, and then via US Mail, at least 90 days in advance of the event. “Rt. Wor. Bro. Orgettas will send you the forms to fill out. These should be done immediately and returned to my office. Until such time, your date is not guaranteed,” said the Grand Master.

The Grand Master reminded the Brethren about the Braintree Stars and Stripes Parade, which happened on June 26th, the Statewide Open House on October 16th, and the The Grand Masters Table Lodge will be October 23rd. “Brethren, reaching out and involving all our members is critical for our continued success. Our Information Services

Committee has been working on more tools and services that can help our Lodges and Districts identify programs and new opportunities to bring Brethren together. Released today on MassMasons, a new IDEA Store feature lets us all easily search an indexed catalog of over 700 ideas and programs that have proven successful for other Lodges and Districts,” said the Grand Master.

“Later this month, MassMasons will include a new profile section where each brother can identify his interests and skills that may be of value to his Lodge, District, or the Grand Lodge. When populated, this will allow us to find and capitalize on potential affinity groups with new opportunities for Brethren to participate in the Craft. To keep reaching our remote and home-bound Brethren, hybrid lodge meetings continue as an option for lodges. Grand Lodge will continue to stream the Quarterlies. Guidance and assistance contacts are published on MassMasons.”

The Grand Master noted that the Freemason specialty license plate is back in stock at the RMV. This is a way to show your pride in our great Fraternity. The modest increase in registration, \$20 per year, is “benefiting our Brethren and their families to the tune of over \$50k per year,” said the Grand Master. The membership in our Craft is a concern of the Grand Master. “I am counting on every one of you for at least one new member over a three-year period. If we can accomplish this our membership will stabilize and grow with new members exceeding those we lose annually to the Celestial Lodge above.”

The Grand Master also reminded the Brethren of the importance of harmony. He asked all Brethren to develop and enhance long-term relationships which will help through difficult issues and challenging and stressful times. “Be kind to everyone,” said the Grand Master.

“Brethren, in closing, Freemasonry allows us the freedom to think, the freedom to consider, the freedom to reason, and the freedom of our own interpretation of life, beyond that of what we learn from others. It is a precious gift and I hope you share it with others. The most important and valuable thing we have or can possibly offer is not money, or celebrity, or power, but it is our time. It is the only thing that we truly possess and control, despite being limited by defined quantity. Thank you for sharing your time with me today and thank you for all you do for our Craft. God bless you, our Craft, and God Bless America!”

The Grand Master sat to a standing ovation. He proceeded to close the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts Quarterly Communication in ample form. ■

Presentation of Bro. William B. Cushing's Masonic Diploma

Wor. Dave Ludemann

Thank you Most Worshipful. We're pleased to be invited to your Quarterly Meeting here in historic Boston, and I bring Fraternal greetings on behalf of the Grand Master of New York, Most Worshipful Brother William M. Sardone, as well as the officers and members of Forest Lodge No. 166 in Fredonia, NY. I think it's fortunate that this certificate survived not only being carried by Brother Cushing toward the end of the Civil War and his many other Naval exploits, but also the fire which destroyed the Fredonia Masonic Temple in 1973. It was found in a box of items stored for safekeeping in the basement vault of a bank, where our late lodge historian had the foresight to deposit it. This ceremony is a perfect example of what in our ritual we call the Mystic Tie, that Fraternal chain which binds Masons together, not only around the world but across time and beyond death. No doubt Brother Cushing is with us here in spirit today, as his Masonic diploma comes home, bearing his signature under the blue ribbon, to be with a new generation of brethren who are members of the same lodge where he received it over 156 years ago, here in Massachusetts. Thanks again for your hospitality and here's our lodge historian Paul Scheeler.

Bro. Paul Scheeler

Thank you Worshipful, and thank you Worshipful Brother Alan Gray, and Most Worshipful Brother Richard Maggio. Boy, that's a lot of Worshipfuls! First, I'd like to say it's great to be back here in Boston, where I've enjoyed many a good time while also visiting Lexington for Scottish Rite events, as well as doing the touristy stuff like going to the Cheers Bar, where it always seems like everybody knows your name. It's as if one is among friends whom he does not know yet, which I think is similar to visiting a new Masonic lodge. Thus, we can imagine how William Barker Cushing may have felt on that historic day when he received the three degrees "at sight" on March 20th, 1865, in Star of Bethlehem Lodge, with a few brethren he knew, but among most others he did



This artwork by Paul Bender, depicts the nighttime raid led by Bro. William Cushing which sank the CSS Albemarle during the Civil War.

not. Such one-day ceremonies are reserved for candidates who find themselves in extraordinary circumstances such as wartime that prevent them from being raised in the traditional, more time-consuming manner. Still, the occasion should be no less meaningful for a candidate, and we are grateful that this record of his experience has survived more than a century and a half. I can only assume that brethren in 1865 took the opportunity later that evening to treat their newly-raised brother to some well-deserved toasts at a watering hole, perhaps the Headquarters of the Revolution – the Green Dragon Tavern.

Imagine the conversation that evening, the end of the Civil War was in sight, but victory had not yet been achieved. Cushing traveled here from Washington, D.C., following a meeting with Commander-in-Chief Abraham Lincoln. Don't you wish you could ask Cushing what he spoke with the President about? It seems an interesting coincidence, that I once worked in Springfield, Illinois, near Lincoln's law office where he was an attorney. It was in 1860 that he petitioned Tyrian Lodge No. 333, which like Star of Bethlehem, still exists. But then he requested his petition be temporarily set aside while he ran for and later served as President, intending to receive the degrees upon retiring from public office. Despite his

extremely busy life, Lincoln was willing to make time for Masonry, but alas, we know those plans were cut short due to his assassination. Even more coincidentally, early in my life, I found myself as an undergraduate living in Fredonia, N.Y., where Cushing raised his family. Back then though, I was not yet a Mason, joining the Fraternity in 1995 while living in the suburbs of Chicago. I am glad I decided to make time for Masonry in my busy life.

It could not be foreseen that decades later, I would return to find this certificate in the archives of Forest Lodge where an attorney serving as executor for the estate of Cushing's daughters had mailed it in 1963, expressing hope in a cover letter that we would eventually *continued on page 32*

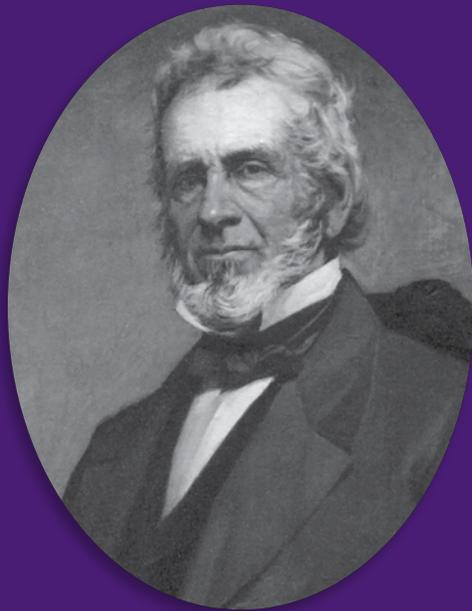


Wilmington Parade



Grand Masters *of* Massachusetts

by Rt. Wor. Walter Hunt



Most Worshipful

**Simon W.
Robinson**

1846-1848

A Common-Sense Portrait

*The 38th installment in the
continuing series focused on our past
Massachusetts Grand Masters.*

Take a stroll along the third floor of our Grand Lodge, and about halfway down the hall, you will see the portrait of Simon Wiggin Robinson, Grand Master of our Grand Lodge 175 years ago. Stern and patriarchal, Brother Robinson looks as if he is carved from the granite that comprises the hills of his native New Hampshire. Portraits from that era, Masonic or not, tell very little about their subjects; they are all caught in poses that are serious, solemn, and stiff and they are now remote and unknowable, figures of a distant past. Yet today, this portrait hangs in our Grand Lodge and also in the Lexington Masonic Hall, sternly supervising the Fraternity in the present day. A century and a half later, his legacy lives on in a lodge named for him, constituted a few years after his death.

Brother Robinson was born in 1792, at the beginning of our history as a nation, the son of a Revolutionary War veteran, Captain Noah Robinson. Our brother also served his country, stationed at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, during the War of 1812. After the war, he became a commercial businessman in Boston. In 1819, he was initiated in Mount Lebanon Lodge, and was admitted a member early in 1820. Within five years, he was elected Worshipful Master, serving two years in that position.

It is a testament to his strength of character and his skill with the Masonic work – in an era lacking ciphers and courses of instruction – that he could become Master so quickly. In Mount Lebanon Lodge, he was surrounded by prominent men of the era, including the venerable Henry Fowle, the first Master of the Lodge, Robert Lash, Charles Wells, who had recently served five years in the chair, Samuel Thaxter, who was a Grand Warden during his term, and Benjamin Gleason, the Grand Lecturer and the foremost authority on the ritual. Indeed, given the way he was later characterized by the stuffy Bostonians in whose company he moved, it is clear that he was a remarkable man:

Br. Robinson had not those attainments which distinguish the scholar, nor that cultivation which attend the accomplished gentleman, but he possessed that excellent gift of good practical common sense, which showed itself in every position he filled; and he filled many most acceptably. In all his transactions, he was ever found upright, honorable, and trusty, and his memory is without a blemish. He was endowed with a kind, social, and feeling heart, which secured to him a large circle of true friends.

This description, or some part of it, finds its way into every memorial and biography. Simon Robinson was not a ‘scholar’ – that is to say, he did not have a Harvard pedigree, probably had very little Latin, and in his discourse, he was likely plain spoken, but for all that was respected and admired. The foregoing paragraph is quoted from the Freemason’s Monthly and was directly from the pen of Charles W. Moore, the long-serving Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, who knew everyone of the era, and who was familiar with invective and sarcasm *continued on page 32*



Rt. Wor. Christopher St. Cyr

Living The Dream

by Bro. Jimmy Falzone

On Saturday, June 19th, over 150 Master Masons from throughout Massachusetts and beyond gathered at the Worcester Masonic Building for a ceremony that was postponed 17 months due to Covid-19 and restrictions that were put into place by Governor Baker. Now that the restrictions have been lifted, brethren came to celebrate the presentation of the Junior Grand Warden's Jewel to Right Worshipful Christopher St. Cyr, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Rt. Wor. Bro. St. Cyr grew up and lived in Southbridge and Charlton and is a graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational High School where he took up electrical work. He is presently employed by Karl Storz Endoscope in Charlton. He first started to show interest in Freemasonry back in 2006. He saw the Benjamin Franklin commercials on television asking, "Is there greatness in you?" He was also fascinated with the Knights Templar. He took the next step and called the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge, was contacted by the Lodge Ambassador, Bro. George Makara,



Above: Center with Colonial black gold trim hat is Most Worshipful Richard Maggio, Grand Master of MA. To his right is Rt. Wor. Christopher St. Cyr, Junior Grand Warden, along with Master Masons from all over the State of Massachusetts and beyond. Right: M. Wor. Richard Maggio and Rt. Wor. Christopher St. Cyr.

and got a little history on Freemasonry.

Rt. Wor. Bro. St. Cyr took his first degree in Freemasonry in 2006 and became a Master Mason in March of 2007. He did not stop there. He wanted more and went through the chairs in Lodge. He became the Masonic Awareness Officer of the 24th District from 2007-2011. In 2012, he became one of Quinebaug Lodge's youngest Masters. He was hooked and wanted more. Due to his outgoing personality, and that he is a chatter box (!), his thirst for knowledge and love for Freemasonry helped him move up in the 24th District. He was the District Grand Marshal from 2014-2015 and a Grand Steward in 2015.

He became the 24th District Deputy Grand Master and served from 2016-2018. During this time, he visited Lodges throughout his District and Massachusetts. He became the new Junior Grand Warden in 2019.

Then Covid delayed his reception, a delay which has been heartily resolved. This young man mentioned to me that he is "living his dream." He is a worthy man, a humble man, who will continue his dream as a Freemason. ■



VETERAN'S MEDAL 2021 RECIPIENTS

The following Master Masons will be eligible to receive their Veteran's Medal this year. This medal is awarded to men who have been Masons for 50 years. Anyone raised at any time during 1971 will be recognized in 2021.

Whenever possible, the award is conferred in lodge by District Deputy Grand Masters. Sometimes, it is more convenient for the Mason to receive his medal at home; men living out of state receive it by mail.

This listing includes a number of photographs depicting presentations made so far

in 2021 and generously sent to TROWEL. Thank you to all the Masters, District Deputies, members of Grand Lodge and their photographers for taking the time to share these pictures.

Masons are listed in their current lodge, which may or may not be the lodge where they were raised in 1971. If you have any concern about being included in the listing, or any question about your membership status, please contact your lodge Secretary, who will consult your membership records for you.

ALPHA LODGE

Bro. Robert Bentley Britnell
Wor. Robert Becker Neff

AMITY-MOSAIC LODGE

Bro. James Herbert Currier
Bro. Herbert Charles Osgood
Bro. Edward Papamechail

ANCON LODGE

Wor. James Edward Henderson
Wor. Rolando Antonio Linares

ASCENDUS LODGE

Bro. William Richardson Hicks III

AURORA LODGE

Bro. Stephen Geoffrey Harshfield

BAALIS SANFORD LODGE

Bro. John Russell Blood Jr.

BAY PATH LODGE

Wor. David Everett Carlson

BERKSHIRE LODGE

Bro. Richard Cutter Laing

BLUE HILL LODGE

Wor. Raymond Leonard Morandi

BOSTON UNIVERSITY LODGE

Wor. Irving Francis Wallace Jr.

BOYLSTON LODGE

Wor. William Arthur Dowell Jr.
Bro. Carl Bassett Harris Jr.
Bro. Robert Sargent Harris
Bro. Thomas Frank Losapio

BRIGHAM LODGE

Bro. Allen Lloyd Chase
Bro. Anton Earl Koss

BRISTOL LODGE

Wor. Markeith Eugene Host

BUDLEIGH LODGE

Bro. David Henry Hammond

CALEB BUTLER LODGE

Bro. Gentry Owen Deck
Wor. Russell Edward Smith

CARIBBEAN NAVAL LODGE

Bro. Franklin Newell Hawks
Rt. Wor. William Ray Knowles

CELESTIAL LODGE

Bro. Gary Clarence Fischer
Bro. Ian Charles Inglis
Rt. Wor. Peter John MacDonald
Wor. Ernest Manning Margeson

COCHICHEWICK LODGE

Bro. Robert Rokes Woodhouse

CONVERSE LODGE

Bro. William Elliott Brudnick
Bro. Walter Harvey Heller
Wor. Edward Clayton Wright

DALHOUSIE LODGE

Bro. John Jacob Kobus

DEWITT CLINTON LODGE

Bro. Vernon Arthur Strauser
Bro. Richard George Thrasher

EDEN LODGE

Rt. Wor. Neil Arthur Noble

ELM-BELCHER LODGE

Bro. Tom Dennis Fielding
Bro. Richard Joseph Harrington

ESSEX LODGE

Wor. Ray Franklin Randall
Bro. Robert Shepard Randall Jr.

EVENING STAR LODGE

Bro. John Edward Bridigan Jr.

EZEKIEL BATES LODGE

Bro. Richard David Cutler

FELLOWSHIP LODGE

Bro. Everett Leonard Estabrooks
Bro. Roger David Hanson

FRANKLIN LODGE

Bro. Kenneth Edwin Nelson

FRATERNAL LODGE

Bro. Jay Henry Tracy

GARDEN CITY LODGE

Wor. Roger William Appell

GLOBE UNITY LODGE

Wor. Fred Arthur Sears

GOLDEN RULE LODGE

Bro. Herbert William Culleton Jr.
Bro. Robert Dwight Miles
Bro. Richard Henry John Silva

GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE

Bro. Frank Raphael Gazarian
Bro. Lawrence Thompson Horn
Wor. Neil Hamilton Murray
Bro. Curt Ernest Nitzsche

HARMONY LODGE

Wor. Roland Sidney Packard

HAYDEN LODGE

Bro. John Cleve Emerson
Bro. Russell Reed Emerson



Rt. Wor. Raymond Benoit, Past District Deputy Grand Master for the 24th, receiving his 50-year Masonic Veteran Medal at Quinebaug Lodge on March 1, 2021 from 24th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Anselme B. Maxime.

CHARITY LODGE

Wor. Robert Joseph Campbell
Wor. Robert David Sherrick

CHARLES C DAME LODGE

Wor. Theodore Emerson Burnham Jr.

CHARLES W MOORE LODGE

Rt. Wor. Kenneth Bruce Johnson

Wor. Dale MacKinnon

DAY SPRING LODGE

Wor. Richard Bradway Smith
Bro. William Henry Sutcliffe

DELTA LODGE

Bro. Joseph Aldimondo Borsini

HOPE LODGE

Bro. Kris Currie Gerrard
Bro. Robert Gordon McGowan Jr.
Bro. Carl Hans Rod

HOWARD LODGE

Bro. Robert Chase Newell

HUELEN LODGE

Wor. Fernando Novoa

JOHN T HEARD LODGE

Wor. John Dwight Dolliver
Wor. George Elliot French
Bro. Thomas Harmon Mackinney

JOHN WARREN LODGE

Wor. Leonard Joseph Main

JORDAN LODGE

Bro. David Ira Cohen
Bro. Charles Virgil Kendrew
Wor. Michael Peter Prodanas
Bro. Barry Alan Rabinovitch
Bro. Theodore Thrasivoulos
Wor. Frederick Clayton Zealor

JOSEPH WARREN-SOLEY LODGE

Bro. David Louis Geoffrion
Bro. Robert Anthony Zakarian

LAFAYETTE-DOVER LODGE

Bro. David Campbell MacTavish

LAFAYETTE-GREYLOCK LODGE

Rt. Wor. Franklin Potter Stevens

LAWRENCE UNITED LODGE

Bro. Roland Edward Ambiehl Jr.
Bro. Walter Arthur Cairns
Bro. Louis Thomas DelleChiaie
Bro. Robert William Dunham
Wor. G. Robert Edgecomb
Bro. John Harry Lees

LIBERTY LODGE

Bro. Richard Franklin Moore

MAJOR GENERAL HENRY KNOX LODGE

Wor. David Albert D'Agostino

MANCHESTER LODGE

Bro. Charles Gregory Nahatis

MARINE LODGE

Bro. Albert Raymond Crocker

MARINERS LODGE

Bro. Carl Schafer Riedell

MASSASOIT-NARRAGANSETT LODGE

Wor. Albert Ward Borden Jr.

MATTHEW JOHN WHITTALL LODGE

Bro. Bruce Paul Robert

MAY FLOWER LODGE

Rt. Wor. William Craig Allison

MERIDIAN LODGE

Wor. George Louis Baldwin
Bro. Melvyn Joseph Gordon

MERRIMACK LODGE

Bro. Donny Mack Adams
Wor. Stephen Laurence Woodcock

MERRIMACK VALLEY DAYLIGHT LODGE

Wor. Richard John Thompson

MONTGOMERY LODGE

Bro. Peter Ian Denton
Wor. William Appleton Lawrence
Dowden
Wor. Alan Marshall Ronkin

MORNING STAR LODGE

Bro. Carl Francis Flodman



To Assist and Serve a Worthy Brother

Our Lodge was prepared to present Bro. Robert J. Downing with his 50-year Veteran's Medal during our March 18th, 2020, Regular Communication. Unfortunately, this did not occur due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. When we scheduled our plans to present all the past due 50-year medals at the June 16th Communication, we learned that Bro. Downing would not be able to attend. Therefore, acting upon the first point of fellowship, on May 26th, 2021, Rt. Wor. Vincent Marino, District Deputy Grand Master of the 13th Masonic District, and the Pillar Officers of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, Wor. Alan Gray (Master), Bro. Craig Foland (Senior Warden), and Bro. Paul Orr (Junior Warden), had the honor of presenting a 50-year Veteran's Medal to Bro. Downing at his home in Everett, MA.

In addition, Rt. Wor. Bro. Marino and company presented the Grand Lady Service Award to Bro. Downing's wife, Louise, for her many years of service to the Lodge and to Grand Lodge. Louise is the PMA of Everett Assembly #40, as well as Past Grand Deputy of the Grand Assembly of MA, IORG (International Order of the Rainbow for Girls). Also in attendance was the Downings' daughter Susan, a majority member, and current Grand Executive Board member of the Grand Assembly of MA, IORG, and her husband, David L. Merriman.

It is safe to say we all had a fantastic time listening to Bro. Downing and his family share stories about the old Chelsea Lodge building where Bob was raised by his father-in-law, Wor. Bro. Edmund J. Carafa. Bro. Downing told of his many Masonic experiences with Wor. Bro. Carafa. We also heard tales about his personal life, including his service in the Air Force maintaining Atlas missiles (ICBMs) in the heyday of the Cold War, working in the fledgling medical technology field as an Electronics Engineer, and many family events, including the story of how Bob and Louise built a family log cabin in New Hampshire with the help of his father-in-law and family members.

Congratulations to Bro. and Mrs. Downing again. It is Masonic families like these that are the strength and support of our Fraternity!

-Bro. Alan Gray and Bro. Paul Orr





Left to Right: Wor. Larry Burbridge presents the Lewis Jewel medals to Bro. Steven Lavergne and Bro. Rick Lavergne, with the 24th District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Anselme B. Maxime overseeing this prestigious presentation.

The Lewis Jewel Presented to Two Brothers

On Monday evening, March 7, 1966, Rt. Wor. Elwood C. Lavergne, the presiding and 75th Master of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge, was preparing for an immensely proud and exciting event. This was going to be an evening that not very many Lodge Masters have experienced and one he would never forget. On that evening, he was about to complete the final degree work on not one, but two of his sons, and welcome them into his beloved Masonic Fraternity.

His 28-year-old son Fredrick and 24-year-old son Stephen nervously entered the Lodge to be among their trusted Brethren, led by their dad and Master of the lodge, Rt. Wor. Bro. Elwood. Both Rick and Steve had just completed their six-year enlistments in the Army National Guard and were looking for something to fill the brotherhood void often felt by men after being discharged from the military. Masonry is a logical choice to fill that void.

On Monday, February 1, 2016, after 50 years of good standing in the Fraternity, both Rick and Steve were honored with the 50-year Masonic Veterans Medal, presented by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in Boston. Fellow Quinebaug Lodge member, the then 24th District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Christopher M. St. Cyr had the

honor and privilege of presenting Rick and Steve with this prestigious medal. On Monday, March 1, 2021, Frederick E. Lavergne and Stephen H. Lavergne, as well as their dad, Rt. Wor. Bro. Elwood were again honored by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the Brethren of Quinebaug Lodge.

A fraternal visit from the 24th District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Anselme B. Maxime was highlighted with a surprise presentation of the Lewis Jewel to both Brothers. This jewel not only honors both Brothers, but also honors their father who was a Master Mason when they were initiated into that sublime degree. This Lewis Jewel presentation is a heart-warming day celebrating when two young men first showed interest in Freemasonry and asked their father how they might become Master Masons. It is a proud day when those sons, in the fullness of time, are admitted as members of their father's Masonic Lodge by initiation.

The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Mason if at the time of his initiation his father was a Master Mason in good standing. Fifty-five years later, these two men received this honorable jewel with their father's name and date of his initiation, along with the names of his sons and their initiation date on it. This is just another tradition carried out by Master Masons and their family members. **-Bro. Robert St. Cyr**

Bro. Harry Bruce Ogasian
Bro. John Kenneth Ogasian Jr.
Bro. Wendell Freeman Whittier

MOSES MICHAEL HAYS LODGE

Bro. John Edward Aylsworth
Wor. Jordan Barry Cohen
Rt. Wor. Mark Irwin Locke

MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE

Bro. Thomas David Carriveau
Bro. Stuart Norman Cowles
Bro. Robert Burton Farman II
Bro. Edward Walter Geoffrion
Bro. Gary Ernest Lowe
Wor. Roger Martin

MOUNT HOREB (D) LODGE

Bro. Christopher Edwards

MOUNT HOREB (W) LODGE

Bro. Henry William Birkemose Jr.
Rt. Wor. Robert Lewis Goodwin Jr.
Wor. Bruce Clark Murison

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE

Wor. James Franklin Adams
Wor. Ernest Raymond Burt

MOUNT TABOR LODGE

Bro. Carl Jon Chancey
Bro. Raymond Gerald Maniff
Bro. Phillip Victor Margolis

MOUNT TOM LODGE

Bro. Raymond Ernest Leclair
Bro. Thomas Vincent Martini

MOUNT VERNON-GALILEAN LODGE

Wor. Gregory Fasoulas

MYSTIC VALLEY LODGE

Bro. Nicholas Daniel Giatrelis
Bro. David Page Maynard
Bro. Francis Anthony McBrearty
Bro. Reid Lewis Rideout

NORFOLK LODGE

Bro. Peter William Burness
Rt. Wor. William Edward Holland
Bro. Stephen Ronald Milley

NORTH QUABBIN LODGE

Bro. James Ronald Tedford

NORTH STAR LODGE

Bro. Ernest Paul Sahlm

OLD COLONY LODGE

Bro. Neil Harmon Ferguson
Bro. Robert Arthur Lincicome

ORIENT LODGE

Wor. L. Robert Taeger
Oriental-Martha's Vineyard Lodge
Rt. Wor. Howard Martin Bromberg

PACIFIC LODGE

Bro. Steven Walter Brode
Bro. Keith Owen Kaneta
Bro. Arthur Butman Pickering

PAUL REVERE LODGE

Bro. Peter Tait Knox
Bro. George Rapchuck
Bro. Thomas Norman Sampson

PENTUCKET LODGE

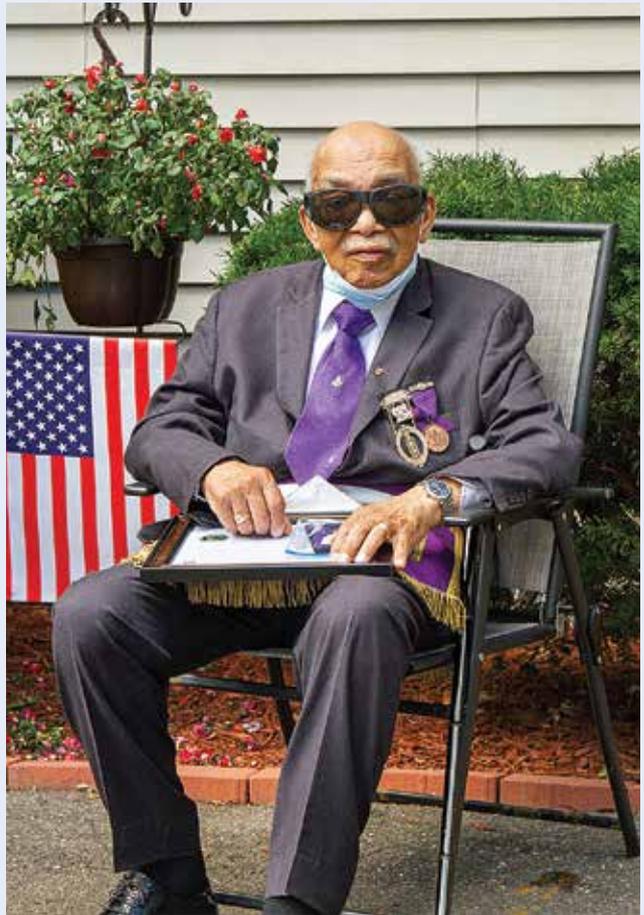
Wor. Jeffrey Austin Northrup

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE

Bro. Allan Lorne Horgan
Bro. Frank William Orne Jr.

PHOENIX LODGE

Bro. David John Gauley Jr.



On Sunday Aug 30th Rt. Wor. Jonathan George (26th District) presented a 50-year veterans medal to Past Junior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Donald Scott at his home in South Hadley. Sadly, between the time of the presentation and now, our Beloved Brother passed on to the Celestial Lodge above.

Bro. Phil Ramsay of Waltham Triad Lodge

Eastern Star Lodge Bro. Terrence Elwood Crockett



Bro. Harold Kenneth Johnson
Bro. Robert Kenneth White

PIONEER LODGE

Bro. William Alan Haworth

PLYMOUTH LODGE

Bro. James Elliott Hammond

PURITAN LODGE

Bro. Gene Leroy Dyer
Bro. Clarence Augustus Whitney Jr.

PYTHAGOREAN LODGE

Bro. Leo Arsene Dalbec

QUINEBAUG LODGE

Rt. Wor. Raymond William Benoit
Bro. Vernon Scott Barclay
Bro. Reidar Bendiksen
Bro. Steven Douglas Bridges
Bro. Lawrence Peter Sylvia

RABBONI LODGE

Wor. Domenico Bernardo Bettinelli
Rt. Wor. Ernest Christos Sofis

REPUBLICAN LODGE

Bro. Paul Henry Nowill

RUFUS PUTNAM LODGE

Bro. Gerald Allen Silven
Bro. James Fletcher Wilman

SAGGAHEW LODGE

Rt. Wor. James Antonopoulos

SAINT JOHN'S (B) LODGE

Bro. Arthur R. Greenwood Jr.

SAINT MARK'S LODGE

Bro. William Amber Fowler
Wor. Duncan Murdoch MacLeod
Bro. Thomas Edward Reed Sr

SAINT PAUL LODGE

Bro. Preston Edward Hayward

SILOAM LODGE

Bro. John Richard Hero Jr.

SOJOURNERS LODGE

Bro. Edward William Anchor
Bro. Jurgen Dorfmeier

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE LODGE

Bro. Warren Lynn Baker
Bro. Douglas Sherman Carr Jr.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE

Bro. Michael Albert Eastman

THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE

Bro. Benjamin Gluck

THE MEADOWS LODGE

Bro. Peter Randolph Goulding
Rt. Wor. Myron Gilman Swain

THE TYRIAN-ASHLER-ACACIA LODGE

Wor. John William Thomas Flannagan

THOMAS TALBOT LODGE

Wor. Kenneth Arthur Johnson

TRINITY LODGE

Bro. William Frank Cummings
Wor. Alan Colby Manter

UNION LODGE (N)

Bro. John Frederick Byron
Bro. Jeffrey Wayne Davis
Bro. Karsten Lie Reinemo

UNITED BROTHERS LODGE

Wor. Leon S Barsamian
Bro. Henry Paul Szretter Jr.



50-Year Past Master Family Affair at Star in the East Lodge

On April 6th, at Star in the East Lodge in New Bedford, District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Michael S. Gagne presented Wor. George M. Panagakos with his 50-year Past Master's diploma. Brother Panagakos had not attended lodge in person over the last year as a precaution against COVID-19. However, when given the option to receive his diploma privately at home, he opted instead to have the ceremony in lodge among his Brethren. Thankfully in April, with capacity restrictions recently eased and a number of members vaccinated, the attendance that night was the highest it had been in a year to celebrate our Brother who was raised in 1965.

On hand for the ceremony was Mrs. Zafi Panagakos, who was by her husband's side when he was presented the diploma. Also in attendance were Patricia and Tim Perry, the widow and son of Daniel Perry, Br. George's long-time Army buddy. Their presence was a surprise for George and Zafi, who were moved to see them and enjoyed exchanging stories that night. Likewise, George's Brothers were thrilled to see him back in lodge.

Star in the East's Worshipful Master Shawn M. Thimas thanks the Brethren from throughout the 19th District who attended that night, in person and on Zoom. He also extends a special thank you to the Brethren of Quittacus Lodge who lent their equipment and expertise in putting on a Zoom meeting worthy of the occasion.

-Bro. Adam M. Pimentel

UNIVERSAL LODGE

Wor. Mario Benito Mere

UPTON LODGE

Bro. Allan Howard Goodrich Jr.

WALTHAM TRIAD LODGE

Bro. Harry Edward Sneider Jr.
Bro. Frederick Roy Woodside

WAMESIT LODGE

Bro. Harry John Ossif

WAMPATUCK LODGE

Bro. Paul Sands Hammond
Bro. David Ralph Zickafoose

WEBSTER LODGE

Wor. Gilbert Joseph Thibeault

WEYMOUTH UNITED

MASONIC LODGE
Bro. David Bruce Wight

WILLIAM NORTH LODGE

Bro. Leonard Paul Keirstead
Bro. Raymond Francis Nuzzolo
Bro. Kenneth Alan Richardson

WILLIAM PARKMAN LODGE

M. Wor. Paul Fulton Gleason

WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER- KILWINNING LODGE

Bro. John George Metros

WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE

Bro. David Edward Hart

WILLIAMS LODGE

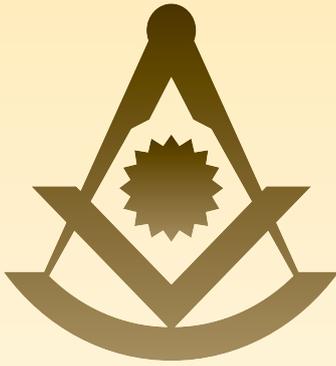
Rt. Wor. Kevin Peter Hamel

WINSLOW LEWIS LODGE

Bro. Edward Henry Tate II

WYOMING LODGE

Bro. Andrew Carroll Hamelin



50 YEAR PAST MASTERS

The following Masons served their lodges as Master in 1971. They are listed in alphabetical order by name of the lodge served, which in many cases is not the lodge in which the honoree is now a member. These Past Masters are recognized in 2021 with certificates of service from the Grand Master.

Wor. Melvin Norris
Adelphi Lodge, Quincy

Wor. John J. Salisbury
Blackstone River Lodge, Blackstone

Rt. Wor. Edward T. Johnston
Blue Hill Lodge, Canton

Rt. Wor. Arthur H. Shapiro
Brotherhood Lodge, Boston

Wor. James R. Pollock
Charles W. Moore Lodge, Fitchburg

Rt. Wor. George R. Sachs
Chicopee Lodge, Chicopee

Wor. Alfred J. Campagna
Crescent Lodge, Pittsfield

Wor. Ruane D. Crummett
Dalhousie Lodge, Newtonville

Wor. Frederick C. Walsh
Dorchester Lodge, Dorchester

Wor. Harvey E. Baskin
Excelsior Lodge, North Attleboro

Wor. William A. Reid
Fourth Estate Lodge, Boston

Wor. Alan B. Copithorne
Fraternal Lodge, Centerville

Rt. Wor. Walter F. Southard
Hampshire Lodge, Haydenville

Wor. Kenneth L. Gates
Hayden Lodge, Brookfield

Wor. Stanley S. Locke
Hiram Lodge, Arlington

Wor. Duncan MacBurnie, Master St. John's Lodge Newburyport, 1971, received his 50 year Past Masters certificate from Grand Lodge from Rt. Wor. John M. Bell Jr.



Rt. Wor. Richard Ogilvie
Hyde Park Lodge, Hyde Park

Wor. Ralph J. Marra
Indian Orchard Lodge, Indian Orchard

Wor. Charles W. Saarela
King Solomon's Lodge, Cambridge

Wor. Kenneth L. Hower
Longmeadow Lodge, Longmeadow

M. Wor. Arthur E. Johnson
Macedonian Lodge, Milton

Wor. Donald L. Murray
Matthew John Whittall Lodge, Shrewsbury

Wor. William R. Bentley, II
Mount Zion Lodge, Barre

Wor. Wayne L. Hickey
Mumford River Lodge, East Douglas

Wor. Robert H. Sanders
New Meadows Lodge, Topsfield

Wor. Arnold R. Buckley
Noquochoke Lodge, Westport

Wor. John D. Hadfield
Norfolk-Union Lodge, Randolph

Wor. Charles M. Rembaum
Ocean Lodge, Winthrop

Wor. David S. Bassett
Orient Lodge, Norwood

Wor. Daniel Hamilton
Phoenix Lodge, Hanover

Rt. Wor. William S. Hathaway, Jr.
Pioneer Lodge Somerset

Wor. Lokman Arran, Master of Budleigh Lodge, recipient Wor. Robert Sanders, and Rt. Wor. Neal Packard, DDGM of the 10th District.



Wor. Maurice M. Gifford
Pythagorean Lodge, Marion

Wor. Wayne R. Sentance
Quinebaug Lodge, Southbridge

Rt. Wor. Joseph Somario
Rabboni Lodge, Dorchester

Wor. Duncan A. MacBurnie
Saint John's Lodge, Newburyport

Wor. William S. Brower, Jr.
Siloam Lodge, Westborough

Wor. Jerry L. Ransom
Sojourners Lodge, Cristobal, Panama

Wor. George M. Panagakos
Star In The East Lodge, New Bedford

Wor. Robert A. Parker, Jr.
The Tyrian Lodge, Gloucester

Wor. Richard I. Cole
Vernon Lodge, Belchertown

Wor. Peter S. Moore
Washington Lodge, Lexington

Wor. Marshall S. McStay
Wayfarers Lodge, Swampscott

Wor. Alan Douglas McLellan
William Sutton Lodge, Saugus

60-YEAR PAST MASTERS

Wor. John L. Bell
Alfred Baylies Lodge, Taunton

Wor. Donald R. Millberry
Greylock Lodge, North Adams

Wor. Raymond S. Haire
Hayden Lodge, Brookfield

Wor. Richard W. Boyden
King David Lodge, Taunton

Wor. Strates Frangules
Lafayette Lodge, Norwood



50-YEAR PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Rt. Wor. Richard S. Sleeper
Fitchburg 13th Masonic District

Rt. Wor. John M. Watson
Pittsfield 16th Masonic District



The Prodigal Mason

by Wor. Richard Thompson



The first weekend of summer this year was busy for the members of the 12th District. On that Saturday, we were off to every Masonic Officers favorite event - Exemplification. On that Monday, I know technically Monday is not part of the weekend, we were off to the last Lodge of Instruction for the Masonic year. I started going to Exemplifications in the mid-1970s when I first accepted an office in

Wamesit Lodge. I have to tell you, the Exemplification has changed considerably over the last 45 years. I also find it hard to believe I was a Junior Officer some 45 years ago.

In my first experience with the Exemplification, the Grand Lecturer was Rt. Wor. Sam Irons. To say Rt. Wor. Bro. Irons was tough on the officers would be a gross understatement. If you fouled up a piece of ritual, he let you know in no uncertain terms. I watched him tear apart lodge officers who really messed up their ritual. But I also have to say that he paid me the highest compliment I have ever received as a lodge officer. When I was Master of Wamesit Lodge, we went to the Exemplification in Concord with not even a hint of what part of the degree we would be asked to exemplify. Like this most recent Exemplification, we were exemplifying the Master Mason Degree. I sat on the sidelines as lodge after lodge was called to the floor. And finally, they called for Wamesit Lodge to show the third section of the degree. Of course, the Master is the only one who speaks in that degree.

At that time, Corinthian Lodge in Concord was in the

12th District. We often remarked it was funny that Concord was in the 12th and not Bedford since we had to go through Bedford to get to Concord. If you have never been in the Masonic Hall in Concord, I suggest you go. The East in that building is beautiful and screams colonial America. Corinthian Lodge is one of the lodges chartered by M. Wor. Paul Revere.

So, I did the third section that night. When I was finished, I was thankful I did not need a prompt, but I sat there waiting for Rt. Wor. Irons to speak. He got up from his seat and asked if there were any questions or comments. One Master rose and questioned one word I used. Rt. Wor. Irons said to that Master that about a minute into the lecture, he stopped looking at his book and just sat there listening. He had no idea if I did it correctly. Back in those days, the Exemplification felt more like a test. Today, it is more like a help session. The Grand Lecturer is there to be sure we are using the correct words in the ritual, not to grade the quality of the work we were doing.

Our Grand Lecturer today is Rt. Wor. David Raymond and he corrected mistakes, but he did it in a helpful way. There are places in the ritual where you look at the cypher and find there are a half-dozen words that would work in any given place. He helps you find the right one. The Exemplification today is something you attend. It may be another time you are out of the house, but it is not something you dread.

My lodge, Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge, meets all summer long, and for the last few years we have not taken our normal two months off -- January and February. So, if you have some time available in the morning of the third Tuesday of any month, head out to the Tewksbury Masonic Building. We normally open at 11am, but Donut Lodge, where the coffee is on and the donuts are fresh, opens at about 10:15am, so come on down for some friendship, fellowship, and a Masonic good time. ■

Richard Thompson is the Secretary for Merrimack Valley Daylight Lodge and someone who does not mind going to an Exemplification.



10 years of massmasons

Working Tools for the 21st century Craft in Massachusetts...



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by Rt. Wor. Elliot Chikofsky, Chairman, Information Services

A Craftsman is defined by his tools, and he in turn defines and utilizes the available tools with skill and artistry. For the 21st century Craft in Massachusetts, the MassMasons Information Center are the Working Tools that enable us, give us wide-ranging opportunities, and extend our reach.

MassMasons.org is so much more than just a website. In the 10 years since its 2011 introduction under then-Grand Master M. Wor. Richard Stewart, it has combined display, reference, database, communication, video, and awareness technologies into an integrated framework supporting all aspects of our Masonic life. It is a platform that connects Brethren, Lodges, Districts, Committees, and the Grand Lodge statewide, making information and materials available and accessible no matter where they are located. It provides automation of essential and useful services that save time, effort, and cost, so we all can make the most effective use of our resources and time. The calendar and other awareness tools help coordinate and promote our Masonic programs and services.

Its steward, the Grand Lodge Information Services Committee, serves as a switchboard for information access, a generator of ideas, a facilitator for allowing the ideas of others to be achieved, and an enabler of services and information innovation for Massachusetts Masonry.

MassMasons provides many kinds of tools, services, and capabilities:

Private Space: The first thing that MassMasons provides is password-protected private space for our Masonic work and data. Detailed materials and information can be shared out of the public eye. The MassMasons login allows us to trust information capabilities without interference from cowans or eavesdroppers.

Statewide Calendar: With so many Masonic meetings and activities statewide, concurrent and conflicting events are inevitable. Having a shared calendar makes them visible. MassMasons lets a lodge enter its events once and have them displayed wherever applicable on lodge websites and in district calendars. Brethren can subscribe to the lodges, districts, and appendant body calendars, and have them sync automatically with their personal calendar tools.

Resource Library: Materials and documents are available statewide with a mouse click, and most can be accessed

from tablets and smartphones. Useful resources are accessible for all levels of the Craft: new Masons, general members, lodge officers, district officers, Grand Lodge staff, and Grand Lodge officers. Directory information kept up to date on MassMasons makes it easier to reach any Masonic officers or committees by phone or email.

Event Planning: Tools help those planning events prepare, manage, and publicize their programs within Massachusetts Masonry. Promotional flyers are displayed widely for awareness and to help local events succeed. Many lodges have reported increased participation at events because they could be found more easily. The Speakers Bureau on MassMasons has enabled many lodges and districts to invite interesting and valuable presentations on a wide variety of Masonic topics.

Project Data Support: Many data-intensive projects have been carried out more effectively. Grand Master M. Wor. Richard Maggio has stated that information automation through MassMasons enabled the Grand Lodge to get the Masonic License Plates on the road five years sooner. Supply ordering online by lodges has improved efficiency and speed of response. MassMasons makes member data from the lodge secretaries' database MORI/m2 available for use by lodge officers, Grand Lodge committees, and programs.

Registration and Invitations: The use of electronic invitations and replies has streamlined coordination of Grand Lodge events, reducing staff effort, and allowing significantly better cost control. Members statewide can register for events online, receive email reminders, and have ready access to meeting materials. Event managers can see up to the minute registration information on demand and can easily reach registered participants.

Member and Role-based Communication: Messages can be targeted to members, officers, and committees by role, reaching them more efficiently and enabling more effective communication. In many cases, role-based guidance is available on MassMasons, enhancing officer training and Masonic education. Dedicated role and committee areas facilitate communication and sharing, such as among DDGMs and Lodge Secretaries. In communication costs alone, MassMasons has saved Grand Lodge hundreds of thousands of dollars in labor, printing, and postage. It has

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FRATERNITY News & Events



North Quabbin Builds New Sign

For many years, there was a great deal of talk that a sign was needed at North Quabbin Lodge. The one above our door that read “Athol Masonic Temple” was not very visible and most people did not notice it at all. Prior to his becoming Master in 2019, Wor. William D. Kessler started things rolling toward that goal of a new sign for the Lodge. When we were still able to hold events pre-COVID, we held meals, breakfasts, and other fund-raising events to help pay for the new sign. Even after COVID struck and stopped us from holding fund-raisers, Wor. Bro. Kessler kept rattling the bushes and appealing for donations from private sources and membership.

Ultimately, in April 2021, it all came to fruition — the new sign was installed and wired. The sign was paid for through the fundraisers and donations. The Lodge only paid the bill for the electrical work. Many thanks to Wor. Bro. Kessler for all his efforts toward this goal, to all the Brethren who worked to help get it done, and all those who donated toward it.

-Rt. Wor. William H. Paul

Converse Lodge Bestows Lewis Jewel

At the May 10th Regular Communication of Converse Lodge, the attending members were treated to a bestowing of the Lewis Jewel upon Wor. Steven L. Graffam. This honor was presented to him by his son, Bro. Edward Graffam, a previous recipient of the Lewis Jewel himself in the East of their Lodge. Wor. Bro. Graffam had presented his father, Bro. Edward F. Graffam, his Lewis Jewel previously as well as his son, Bro. Edward Graffam. For some reason, Wor. Bro. Graffam had never received a Lewis Jewel as a second-generation Mason. That error was rectified at Converse’s May meeting, so now there are three generations of Masons in the Graffam family with Lewis Jewels.

All Masons should know the Lewis Jewel presentation. This is the ritual suggested by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts:

You are hereby presented with this jewel as a Lewis.

A Lewis is the son of a Mason.

The Lewis denotes strength and is depicted by a Lifting tool for heavy stones used by Operative Masons to construct a building.

*It is your duty to bear the burden in the heat of the day
That your Parents may rest in their old age,
Thus rendering the evening of their lives peaceful and happy.*

May a Lewis be born

Whom the whole may admire;

Serene as his mother,

August as his sire.”

-By Wor. Steve Butland

Photo credit: Wor Joseph J. Turner





Retired Massachusetts State Trooper Colonel, Bro. Reed V. Hillman, with the full attention of his fellow brethren of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge.

Bro Reed V. Hillman Speaks at Quinebaug

On Monday, June 7th, Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge had an exciting and distinguished guest speaker, Bro. Reed V. Hillman of Sturbridge. Bro. Hillman is a graduate from Suffolk Law School and became a Massachusetts State Trooper. He moved up the ranks to become one of the highest-ranking State Police Officers. He was appointed Colonel Commander of the Massachusetts State Police from 1996 – 1999 by Governor William Weld. He retired from the MA State Police with 25 years under his belt in law enforcement. He decided to go into politics and ran for State Representative for the Hampden District and won.

After being a politician, he decided to go into teaching and became Chair of the Criminal Justice Program at Mount Wachusett Community College. Bro. Hillman had his audience at the lodge in awe with his explanations of the criminal system, DNA profiling, and much, much more. Some of the stories he told of his time as a State Trooper had everyone laughing. This man is like the Energizer Bunny. He really knows how to speak and keep the audience's attention, from talking with his hands, moving from one end of the room to the other, and telling us a story about when he was involved with Ex- President Bill Clinton's security team when he came to Massachusetts. After his speech, he received a standing ovation. Brethren approached him, thanked him for his service as a State Trooper, and for spending time to give the members information about the Criminal Justice Program.

-Bro. Vincenzo Jimmy Falzone

Mount Holyoke Scholarships

Mount Holyoke Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, located in South Hadley, is proud to announce the recipients of their 2021 Scholarships. Freemasonry has long encouraged its members to continue to seek greater educational opportunities and in keeping with that standard, Mount Holyoke Lodge is honored to award scholarships to these five outstanding students:

Hunter W. Englert

Mr. Englert will be graduating from Belchertown High School and will be continuing his education at Franklin Pierce University, Bryant University, or the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, majoring in Pre-Med.

Amber N. McCabe

Ms. McCabe graduated from Chicopee Comprehensive High School and is currently enrolled at Unity College in Unity, Maine, majoring in Captive Wildlife Care.

Grant P. Petrosky

Mr. Petrosky will be graduating from South Hadley High School and has been accepted into Vanderbilt University's Bio-Medical Engineering program, Northeastern University's Comprehensive Science and Psychology program, and Brandeis University's Applied Mathematics program.

Jackson L. Skibel

Mr. Skibel is graduating from The MacDuffie School and will be continuing his education at Westfield State University, majoring in Computer Information Technology.

Matthew J. Stelmokas

Mr. Stelmokas will be graduating from Belchertown High School and has been accepted into the University of Massachusetts, Virginia Tech, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Rochester Polytechnic Institute. He will major in Mechanical Engineering.

And for 2020, the awards were given to four outstanding students:

Paul Avid Nevar Winspeare

Dean's List, 3.89 GPA, Fisher College,
BS Human Resources Management

Olivia Geitz

South Hadley High School, 4.21 GPA, Class Rank 7,
National Honor Society
Attending Cornell University,
BS Biomedical Engineering

Andrew Couture

South Hadley High School, 4.17 GPA
Attending Rochester Institute of Technology,
MS Aerospace Engineering

Emily Couture

South Hadley High School, 4.14 GPA
Attending Boston College, BA Drama and Psychology

On top of our meeting and typical DC sightseeing, (memorials, Mt. Vernon, Arlington), we had a tour of the entire George Washington Memorial and Scottish Rite House of the Temple, Southern Jurisdiction. A special thank you goes to Rt. Wor. Bro. Cavanagh for making this happen. We were the first tour of the temple since Covid, and the test group utilizing their touchless registration system and new Covid protocols.

It was not all fun and games -- CWM is known for its community service. With assistance from the National Parks Dept., we volunteered one of our mornings to clean up a memorial in Franklin Square. This memorial is dedicated to Commodore John Barry, United States Navy. James Peirce, Iraq War Veteran and Freemason, is the National Park Ranger who helped us all year to help make this happen.

Cynthia Long from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund met us at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and gave us a behind the scenes tour. I personally have known Cynthia Long from the VVMF since 2015, and it was great to finally meet her, and we truly appreciate her coming down on her day off to meet with us.

Massachusetts Freemasonry is strong, and we are only limited by our own imaginations. This trip is proof that ideas can turn into reality, but you must raise your hand and be heard. "What's next?" is only one idea away. Encourage the brethren, especially our newest Master Masons, to air their thoughts and ideas. This trip is proof that the sky's the limit.

-Bro. Joseph Firmani



<https://tinyurl.com/MasonPlate>



The Grand Master with the Norwood Police department members.

The Grand Master Celebrates Norwood Police's 125th Anniversary

The Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts attended a celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Norwood Police Department. M. Wor. Richard Maggio presented Chief William Brooks III his 125th commemorative badge and then presented the Norwood officers their badges.

Several Masonic bodies were instrumental in funding the purchase of the commemorative badges. Masons who witnessed this sublime event included Rt. Wor. Robert Shedd, the District Deputy Grand Master for the 6th Masonic District,

Past Grand Masters Most Worshipful Albert Ames and M. Wor. Richard Steward, permanent members of the 6th Masonic District Rt. Wor. Peter Randall and Rt. Wor. Thomas Rorrie, along with several Brothers and friends. The Grand Master congratulated Officer and Brother Geoffrey Baguma for his service. It was a truly inspirational day for our First Responders and Masonry.

After the badges had been distributed, the Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Shedd, Chief Brooks, Chief Morrice of the Norwood Fire Department, and Rt. Wor. Randall rededicated a stone monument erected by the Masons in 2006 when Rt. Wor. Randall was the District Deputy Grand Master for the 6th Masonic District. (Top photo) This stone was given as a memorial for all the First Responders who lost their lives while on duty. Thankfully, no names have been added to date.

We thank everyone who made this day possible!

-Rt. Wor. Robert Vartanian, who will be missed for he has past on to the Celestial Lodge above.

Retired Chief of Police Honored for 40+ years of dedicated service

Rutland's "Grandfather," Brother Ralph Anderson, Jr. Honored

"Making Good Men Better" is a phrase often used and associated with Freemasons. Yet trying to explain this to a non-Mason can be difficult, especially in today's world, to get the true meaning behind it across. Sometimes, it is easier to let your actions speak for themselves and to lead by example. Ralph Anderson, Jr. is a wonderful example of this, and simply being around him, listening to him, will make you a better man indeed.

For over 40 years, Bro. Anderson has shown the small community of Rutland, MA, how to act and part on the Square. As Rutland's first full-time Police Chief, he set the course on how to be fair, yet stern, and to always be ready to assist your neighbor. From the very beginning, his charge to his Officers was to let the community know you and for you to know the community. He did so for all of his years as the Police Chief, until his retirement in 1998, and always as a Mason.

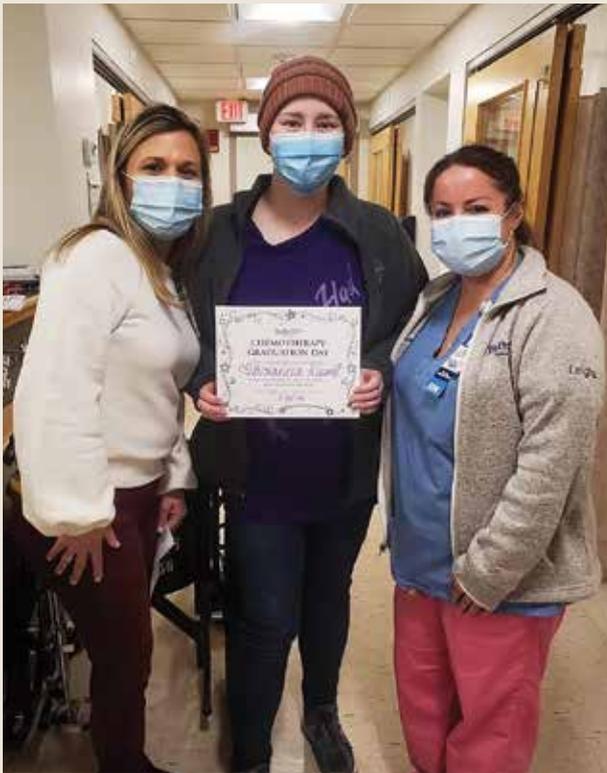
On Saturday, April 3, 2021, the intersection of Main Street and Pleasantdale Road was packed full of over 100 of Rutland's townspeople, Senators, Mayors, Sheriffs, and

Local and State Police from surrounding towns to show their appreciation and recognition of Chief Anderson, or as we know him, Bro. Anderson. To hear the sentiments and accolades spoken about Bro. Ralph was so impactful and so refreshing, it left you in awe of the respect earned by this Brother. Although I am sure if asked, he would let you know that he did what he did because it was the right thing to do and that it was truly nothing special, and that anyone would or could have done the same thing. That is simply who he is, a devoted family man, Police Officer, and Brother. If I was asked, "How does being a Mason make you better," my answer would be by having the ability to sit next to and watch men such as Bro. Ralph Anderson, Jr. lead through example and by not accepting the norm shows me how to be a better man.

The Brothers of Rufus Putnam Lodge congratulate Brother Anderson on his accomplishments and stand together on the Level to say Thank you for representing Rufus Putnam Lodge and Freemasonry within our community.

-Wor. Christopher M. Dunbar





Brianna Kiesel successfully completed her last round of chemo yesterday. You will remember, Brianna wrote our Grand Master and Massachusetts Masons stepped in to help. Her letter of thanks was published in TROWEL.

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made communication with lodges and districts statewide much more timely and certain.

What is this all worth? MassMasons now consists of some 4,100 computer program modules, 31,000 files, and over 4 million database records. A conservative estimate of its commercial replacement cost would be in the vicinity of \$1.2 to \$2 million dollars. Yet, it was developed mostly by volunteer effort as an expression of love for our Masonic Craft. The Information Services area has a high return-on-investment (ROI) with significant member and GL business operations capability, savings, or cost avoidance provided for each dollar of expense. We are a remarkably inexpensive investment considering all that we provide the Grand Lodge and the brethren statewide.

During the pandemic crisis of 2020-2021, MassMasons proved particularly valuable as a central point for communication and as the go-to source for the latest information. It facilitated the move of many meetings and training programs to online delivery. Town hall meetings, events for First Responders, and the Grand Lodge Quarterly Communications themselves, were able to go ahead in spite of pandemic closures. Members were able to reply electron-

ically with updates to their contact information, and it helped lodge officers reach out to their isolated brethren.

At the June 2021 Quarterly Communication, a new IdeaStore facility was introduced. This allows any brother to explore over 700 program ideas for lodges and districts by kinds of activities and other attributes. A new member profiles capability was also introduced that will enable new ways to find affinity groups within the Craft by common interests and skills of the brethren.

Where did all the MassMasons features come from? They came from you, my brothers. Over 10 years, MassMasons has grown organically through use and continuous improvement. Ideas, suggestions, and “what if” comments from members, lodge officers, and others across the Commonwealth have led directly to the capabilities we have available today.

What is in store for the next 10 years? As available technologies evolve, so too will MassMasons. Each year, new developments have enabled added capabilities and features and will continue to do so far into our future. The Information Services Committee will continue to apply current and evolving technology to provide and sustain valuable and cost-effective information and technical capabilities that enable all parts of Massachusetts Masonry to achieve their best.

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SCRIPOPHILY GOES MASONIC

by Bro. Wayne R. Gebhardt

The collecting of stocks and bonds is called scripophily. My many years in banking piqued my interest in fiscal documents. My fraternal membership made it Masonic. Lodges, Masonic building associations, and Shrine Temples, among others, used stocks and bonds to raise funds, just like commercial enterprises. I do not think any of the Masonic stocks and bonds traded on the NYSE, but it would not surprise me! Usually Brothers, friends, and maybe some local business would purchase the certificates to help finance the construction of a Masonic Hall or the remodeling of one.

Sadly, the IRS and most state's securities laws put an end to non-profit organizations using this method to raise funds around 1963. I have about 100 different certificates

that range in dates from 1832 to 1964. Some are very large, ranging in size from 11" x 17" down to as small as 3" x 7.5". I have certificates from six different countries. I do not know the current laws in other countries pertaining to issuing these kinds of financial documents, but many allowed it at one time.

As to their value as collectibles, people selling them many times believe they command large sums of money. Most Masonic certificates sell for fewer than \$50.00, although those replete with ornamentation may reach \$100.00. The law of supply and demand comes into play as there may not be a lot of Masonic certificates, but then again, there are not a lot of people who collect them.

To any brother reading this, if you wish to see the certificates in person, I would bring them to my Lodge meeting (John Hancock Lodge) some evening and would be glad to display them to you. Just contact me to let me know you are coming. ■

Top Left: Quincy Masonic Association (1930)
 Bottom Left: New Orleans Concordia Lodge [Louisiana] (1832)
 Below: Masonic Temple Association of Windsor, Limited [Canada] (1912)



Three Ways The Overlook Takes Assisted Living to the Next Level



staff-to-resident ratio far exceeds the state average at assisted living communities in Massachusetts. In a setting that offers comfort and privacy, your loved one will have around-the-clock support from people who know their specific care needs, as well as their emotional and physical well-being. One of the many benefits of such personalized attention is that each resident will have an individualized care plan. From exercise, to social engagement, to spiritual health, to medication management, we take the time to know each resident intimately.

A Social and Comfortable Environment

Another way we excel in assisted living is through our neighborhood setting. While the care at The Overlook is fantastic, it always feels homey and never feels like a facility. The residence options are spacious and thoughtfully designed private rooms. Moreover, one of our primary goals is to create a lively and social environment. In fact, even the dining is social, and a favorite among residents. Your loved one can indulge in the well-balanced, award-winning chef-prepared cuisine with other residents and enjoy their company. There is opportunity for social engagement every day, according to your loved one's specific needs or preferences. The activities range from group activities, outdoor

When it comes to assisted living, it is important to balance top quality care with independence. A lot of factors go into maintaining this balance, from setting, to activities, to the relationship your loved one develops with the dedicated staff. This is why The Overlook goes beyond what assisted living is, and takes it to the next level by offering all the independence your loved one wants, with the support they need from our dedicated, award-winning care team. We care deeply about our residents, and we work closely with them so that they always have exactly what they need, while staying as independent as possible. Here are three ways we accomplish this at The Overlook:

Personalized Attention

We take a number of measures to

ensure residents receive personalized, individual attention from our highly qualified and accredited staff. Our





activities, community outings such as a trip to the Performing Arts Center, to creative expression, to gardening, to yoga, all in a structured, safe, and friendly environment. What's more, The Overlook's campus is over 400 acres, a gorgeous piece of natural beauty, complete with walking trails and expert landscaping. Time at The Overlook will always be comfortable, scenic, and social.

An Adaptable Lifestyle

One of the most important ways we are able to balance top quality care with independence is through our adaptability. At The Overlook, we ensure that if your loved one's needs ever change, we can meet them quickly on our campus. If the amount of care or supervision required should change, we can easily adjust. If your loved one ever requires more cognitive care, our memory care program is top of the line. Social engagement and activities can fluctuate with each resident's needs. This spectrum of services and care options, along with our deep-rooted enthusiasm for the residents, means that each person always receives the attention, love, and care options they deserve. If you are interested in learning more about The Overlook lifestyle, please call 866-753-5429.

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ASK THE GRAND LECTURERS

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

Q: *Where Lodge floor work is concerned, which takes precedence – the discretion of the Worshipful Master, Lodge tradition, or the Official Cipher?*

A: The majority of floorwork within the Lodge is at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. Lodges tend to also have their own traditions which can be overridden by the Worshipful Master. There are, however, instances where the floorwork is specified within the ritual in the Official Cipher. In these instances, the specifications in the Official Cipher take precedence, and the discretion of the Worshipful Master and Lodge tradition are no longer options.

Q: *When laying out the jewels and aprons prior to the Lodge meeting, what is the proper way to face the emblem for the Senior and Junior Stewards?*

A: In the book Duties and Responsibilities of Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen, it states that the opening or horn of the cornucopia faces left for the Senior Steward and faces right for the Junior Steward. This is shown on page 41 and is from the perspective of someone looking at the station, meaning that the openings of the horns face away from the Junior Warden. ■

► **Cushing's Diploma** *continued from page 12*

do what we are doing today. By the way, one of my Fredonia Lodge brothers informs me that he once owned Cushing's home. Looking at this document, something that impresses me greatly, is that despite what must have been the serious demands on his time due to his military duties, his family commitments, and the distractions of celebrity status that came with his national fame as a Civil War hero, plus the lack of modern conveniences and all the time-saving technology that we take for granted today, everything from motor vehicles to smartphones and the Internet – William Barker Cushing still saw enough value in the Masonic Fraternity to make it part of his busy life. So maybe his legacy is to serve as a sort of inspiration to us: the next time we think we're a little too busy for Masonry – just look at the Cushing certificate!

Thank you.

When they met, I assume at the White House, prior to his arrival in Boston, I'd be curious if President Lincoln

might have offered Cushing anything to drink, and if so, what brand he kept in his desk. Both men had good reason to drink, considering the stress they were under during the Civil War. If so, I wonder what it was a bottle of? We'll never know, but we can take an educated guess. So, I consulted an expert as to what Cushing and Lincoln might've shared in the Oval Office. One of my lodge brothers in Chicago is one of the foremost vintage liquor collectors in the country. He seemed fairly certain it would've been distilled in Kentucky, Lincoln being born in that state, but it would not have been a top-shelf brand. It would likely have been a rye whiskey for the working man, something that even back then had already been around a while.

There is one brand still made that meets these criteria. Therefore, in memory of Brother Cushing and would-be Brother Lincoln, I'd like to present this bottle of Old Overholt, said to be America's oldest brand of whiskey, dating to 1810. I hope Worshipful Brother Gray finds some time with his Officers, not right now, to share this in a toast to Brother Cushing. I think he'd appreciate that. ■

► **M. Wor. Robinson** *continued from page 14*

when it suited him – yet of Brother Robinson he has nothing but praise.

Like most of the prominent Masons of the era – the anti-Masonic period – Brother Robinson served in many Grand Lodge positions. In the early 1830s, he was Grand Steward, he was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1837, Senior Grand Warden from 1838 to 1840 under the Grand Mastership of Paul Dean, and was Deputy Grand Master from 1841-1843 for Grand Masters Caleb Butler and Augustus Peabody. Again, as was common at that time, he was the logical choice as successor to Peabody, and was elected Grand Master in December 1845.

“Had not those attainments...nor that cultivation.” In his public speeches, however, we find erudition and skill.

...nothing can be more interesting and important to us as Masons, than the prosperity of the Institution. At the present moment, the Institution is prosperous almost without a parallel, not only under this jurisdiction, but under other jurisdictions, and throughout the civilized world. All the dormant Lodges, with very few exceptions, in this Commonwealth, have been resuscitated, and a large number of new ones chartered, and it is believed they are all faithful, active, and in good condition. Men of intelligence, worth and influence are seeking the honors and privileges of our Institution and devoting themselves to its interest with commendable zeal and earnestness.

Speaking before the Grand Lodge at the end of his three-year term as Grand Master, he seemed sufficiently scholarly and cultivated to hold his own with the rest of his perhaps more educated contemporaries.

As Grand Master, he presided as the Fraternity was returning to strength after two decades of anti-Masonic

furor. As his speech quoted above indicates, he restored the charters of several lodges, including Washington Lodge (then meeting in Roxbury) and Monitor Lodge in Waltham, and granted three new ones: Mount Tabor in East Boston, St. Paul's in South Boston, and Lafayette of North Adams. He made only a few rulings, including one regarding the conveyance of Lodge property by Union Lodge of Nantucket.

Brother Robinson was involved in many branches of Masonry, filling the office of Grand High Priest from 1837-1839, prior to his Grand Mastership. He was also Grand Commander, and very active in the Scottish Rite; he received the 33° in 1851, and eventually occupied the position of Sovereign Grand Commander from 1865 to 1867. He resigned from that office just a few months before his death due to declining health.

What sort of man was Simon W. Robinson? Again, Charles W. Moore gives a sterling compliment:

In his social relations he ever preserved that even, frank, truthful, pleasant disposition, that won for him the sincere esteem and attachment of a large circle of friends, which continued in the most harmonious concord during his long earthly existence.

Frank and pleasant, he had many friends who enjoyed his company, relied on his probity, and trusted his skill. This word picture is something that the stern portrait fails to convey, and that might simply be, as observed above, the fault of the style of the time. Our Masonic forebears, hanging mutely in a hallway, cannot show us their speech, their sagacity, or their conviviality. Yet for all that they were Masons, as we are today, and if Simon W. Robinson were to stride into any lodge in our jurisdiction, he would find evidence of the spirit of brotherhood that existed in his time and continues to exist in ours. ■



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A Brother in Need

Brother John Turner, a 52-year member of Paul Revere Lodge, is in critical need of a living kidney donor.

Brother Turner enjoys spending time with his wife camping at the Cape. He loves spending time watching his 13-year-old granddaughter Abby at archery and taking her for ice cream. Brother Turner is still regularly active tinkering with his tools, yardwork, and playing with his dog Heidi.

Brother Turner has been on the kidney waiting list for three years and was told it could be longer than three more years to receive a kidney. His doctors advised him to seek a living kidney donor to increase his chances at receiving a life-saving transplant. Even if you are not a match, you could help by doing a paired donation. This is when another recipient has a donor that matches Brother Turner, and you match the other recipient.

Brother Turner is type O blood. However, a paired donor can be any blood type.

We are our brother's keeper, and the best gift we can give is the gift of life. Anyone who is interested in getting tested can contact Direct Transplant Coordinator Nancy Minghella R.N., at 617-732-6866 at Brigham Women's Hospital, Boston, MA. If you have any questions about the transplant process, you can also contact Brother Scott Meyer from Mount Tom Lodge, a kidney recipient and New England Donor Services Ambassador.