

Rhode Island



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Who are the Freemasons?

Freemasons belong to the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world. Today there are well over two million Freemasons in North America and they represent virtually every occupation and profession. Yet, within the fraternity, they all meet as equals, calling each other "Brother." Freemasons come from diverse political ideologies and still meet as friends. Freemasons come from varied religious beliefs and creeds, but all believe in a Supreme Being.

Freemasonry has, for all time, insisted that men should come to its door of their own free will and accord. It interferes neither with religion nor politics but has its foundation in the great basic principals of the Fatherhood of GOD and the Brotherhood of Man. It uses the tools and implements of ancient architectural craftsmen symbolically in a system of instruction designed to build character and moral values, helping to make good men better. Its bonds

of friendship, compassion and brotherly love have survived even the most divisive political, military and religious conflicts through the centuries.

No one knows just how old Freemasonry is because the actual origins have been lost in time. It can, however, be traced as far back as the guilds of stonemasons who built the majestic castles and cathedrals in the Middle Ages. In 1717 a formal organization was created when four Lodges in London joined to create England's first Grand Lodge. By 1731, there were already several Lodges in the Colonies. The first Lodge in Canada was established in 1738. Today, Masonic Lodges are found in nearly every community throughout North America. A Freemason can travel to almost any country in the world and find a Masonic Lodge where he will be welcomed as a Brother.

Masonic Charities

The Masonic experience encourages members to become better men, husbands, fathers and citizens. The fraternal bonds formed in Lodge help build lifelong friendships among men with similar goals and values.

Beyond its focus on individual development and growth, Masonry is deeply involved in helping others. The Freemasons of North America contribute over three million dollars a day to charitable causes. This philanthropy represents an unparalleled example of the humanitarian commitment of this great and honorable fraternity. Much of that assistance goes to people who are not Masons.

Some of these charities are vast projects while others are at the community level. Only a few of these are CHIP (Child Identification Program), the Teddy Bear Program which supplies small, huggable bears to police and rescue vehicles to give to children in crisis situations, scholarship programs and a variety of public service activities. The Scottish Rite Freemasons support the 32E Masonic Learning Centers for Children which were created to help children with dyslexia. The Shrine Freemasons operate a network of pediatric hospitals that provide free of charge medical care to children under the

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ANNUAL BANQUET OF GRAND LODGE MAY 22, 2006

The Grand Lodge is pleased to announce the Annual Banquet honoring our newly installed Grand Council will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, Rhode Island. The dinner of prime rib, followed by dancing, will be located in the main ball room.

Set the date aside and show your support for your newly installed Grand Master and to extend a welcome to the dignitaries attending from other Jurisdictions.

Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person with a firm deadline of May 10, 2006; after that time the ticket cost will be \$35 per person.

Reservations must be made through your Blue Lodge and tickets will be available for pick up on or after May 18, 2006.

The Grand Master's Message

Greetings Brethren:

By the time you read this, I will have two months left of my term in office. Since I'm writing this in February, I can only hope that things are going smoothly.

We have had the cruise and it was everything Millie and I expected and more. Bob and Estelle Williams saw to every detail. It was a great time. We each did things on our own but, we always seemed to run into someone from our party. Even our waiters noticed what a good group we had. I can't wait to go on another!

This month is the Grand Master's Class on the 24th and 25th. I hope that you can come to East Providence and witness some of the work. I'm really looking forward to it. By now the Lodges should have voted on their Candidates. Many of the Lodges are working Candidates themselves and that is great. Especially, since the primary purpose of a Lodge is to make Masons. In fact, I am very pleased with the number of Candidates going through the Degrees. There are a few Lodges that have classes of seven or more Candidates. Someone's been getting applications filled out. How about you? We have a special presentation after the Third Degree that will be done by Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, Brother Kenneth N. Bruns. I have not seen it done in Rhode Island before, so this will be the first, one of many. I don't mean to put extra pressure on Brother Ken, but you may want to witness this.

The day after the Class, March 26th, the Rhode Island Preceptory DeMolay Legion of Honor will invest Brother Walter E. Webber, 33E, Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, with the Legion of Honor. We are very lucky to have this happen in Rhode Island. Brother Webber is a Senior DeMolay from Rhode Island and that is why it is happening here. It will be a public ceremony at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center at 3:00 p.m. I hope that you will join me there to congratulate this distinguished Freemason.

Another event that will take place is Brotherhood Night on March 18, 2006. This year it will be held in Manchester, New Hampshire. You should have been hearing about this in the past month and I hope you

will be joining us. It's always a great night. The cost is \$38 per person.

My next visitations will be at Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 4 in East Greenwich on March 2nd and then on March 14th at Washington Lodge No. 3 in Warren. Once again, I will say that any Master Mason will always be welcome on my Suite. We will line up at 7:20 P.M. and go in at 7:30 P.M. Washington Lodge No. 3 will be the last of my official visitations. However, I will have one more visitation to my Mother Lodge, Rogers Williams Lodge No. 32, in Cumberland on April 8th. The Master of Roger Williams Lodge has arranged for the Kilwinning Degree from Massachusetts to show us the Third Degree with bagpipes and drums. This should prove very interesting.

My Brothers, all year I have been saying that the responsibility of solving our membership problems rests with each of us. Many are bringing in Candidates, but some are not. It may be time for you to think back about why you joined the Craft in the first place. What was it that made you seek out a member and ask to join? In my case it was my Uncle. Although my Father was a Freemason, he never spoke of it. I remember the ring he wore all the time. It is the one I wear now. I even have a picture of him, which was taken the night before he passed away, you can clearly see the ring on his finger. I knew it was a Masonic ring, but that was all. One of my Aunts told me that it first belonged to an Uncle before my father got it. It must be an old ring. My Uncle Hugo was the one who talked about being a Freemason, but more especially, a Shriner. He was a member in Manchester, New Hampshire where he was a member of Washington Lodge No. 61. I have visited the Lodge and I am an honorary member there. One of the older members remembered my Uncle and said you could always count on



Brother Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Rhode Island

him to fill in any chair at any time and be ready with his part. Of course, he didn't talk about the Lodge much because that was the way things were done then (Secretive!) He talked a lot about the Shrine and all the things it did for kids. I looked up to my Uncle a lot and I suppose that had a lot to do with it. I told him I would like to be a Shriner one day. He told me I had to wait until I was much older and then I would have to ask them. When I think back to 1982 when I put in my application, I think about how things have progressed. I wonder what my Father or my Uncle would say if they could see me now. You never know what effect Freemasonry will have on a man — or how far he will progress. You can be certain of one thing, it will make a difference in his life. Don't hesitate to get those applications in. It will be good for Freemasonry, and good for the Concordant Bodies as well.

May God bless the United States of America, Freemasonry and the men and women in our Armed Forces.

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215TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION


Brethren:

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations will be held in Freemasons' Hall, 222 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island


MONDAY ~ MAY 22, 2006

For the transaction of such business as shall regularly come before it and the installation of Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing Masonic year. Grand Lodge will open promptly at 9:00 a.m. The Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, are required to attend and to wear their official jewels.

Attest:


John M. Faulhaber
Grand Secretary

Attest:


Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.
Grand Master

N.B.: Only Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges are entitled to send proxies, who must be members of the same lodge.

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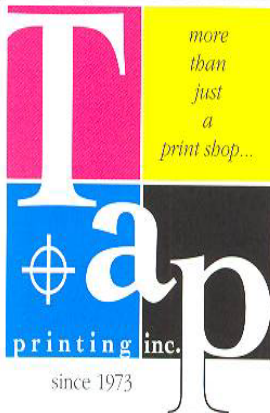
Printed proxy forms have been furnished to each lodge in the Jurisdiction, one of which will be filled in and signed by the officer who is appointing the proxy (who must be a member of the same lodge and who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent, except that of taking rank in the Grand Lodge). The proxy form *must* also carry the seal of the lodge.

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Men of Character and Integrity

Freemasons are men who go about their jobs and professions with no hint they are members of the Craft except for the way they lead their lives. In THE FARMERS ALMANAC for 1823 published at Andover, MA, the following was printed under the heading, "Character of a Freemason" — The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of GOD in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principal.

A Day of Freemasonry

By Brother Bryce Lukens

Warmest greetings from Ionic Lodge No. 28 and the Southern District. I am writing to recount an entire day of Masonry spent recently which, to me, harkened back to days some of the older members of my Lodge still recount with relish.

From the onset, we knew that the day would be quite an undertaking when we found that the Annual Communication for Franklin No. 20 (which typically guarantees a snowfall) fell on the same day as our Regular Stated Communication in January. However, myself and the other officers set out to find a way to attend both.

We decided to open our lodge for a morning meeting (opposite our typical 7:30 p.m. gaveling) to see if this would not only free us up to attend Franklin's Annual, but to also give a few of our Fifty-Year Members an easier drive to the Lodge meeting.

As the date approached (January 14th for those of you keeping track), things started getting complicated, what with our Secretary's young son ready with his Fellow Craft proficiency and the prospect of a Master Masons Degree materializing. But, in the Masonic spirit we did not waver. Myself, being a new Master, and my fairly young line decided to take the plunge and hold our first Master Masons Degree that morning! Of course, with such a challenge ahead I did have the foresight to enlist the help of our Lodge's Past Masters to perform the second half of the Degree with me.

As the short days of January started to fly by, we thought we had it all in place. I diligently took to falling asleep with my nose in the codebook, preparing for the forthcoming day. Then, just days before we thought we had it all set up, we found that the Patriots game had been scheduled for the very same day! It would be a long day indeed.

When the notorious day finally arrived, I awoke to thunderous drone of a torrential downpour. I got out of bed and flipped a coin, hoping that the old New England adage would hold true. But Murphy's Law persisted, as did the rain.

With so many things to get done in one day I planned for the worst, trying to think of every pitfall that awaited me as I rode to the Lodge through the rain. The strength of a Lodge is in its members, and when I arrived at the Lodge, I found everything just as it should be. My officers and Past Masters there working together to ensure that

even the minutest details were already taken care of.

Once things got underway, the Candidate passed with flying colors and the morning degree was a big hit with a Lodge Room full of old friends. We closed the lodge at 12:30 and even had time to get some lunch

before heading down to Franklin's Annual, which opened at 5:00 p.m.

The Annual was a great time, and the Past Masters, my officers and myself had a chance to share a meal and have some fun with the other Lodges in our District before heading back upstairs for the second half. Hats off to the Master of Franklin Lodge, Brother Jerry I. Duhamel, Jr., for moving things along and getting the Annual completed and Lodge closed by 9:30 p.m. Thanks to him, we all got out just in time to listen to Patriots really start to fall apart.

While the game was disappointing and the home team got knocked out of the playoffs, it wasn't enough to overshadow the day I just had out with my Brothers. As I looked back over the day while I drifted off to sleep that night (thankfully without my code book), I knew it was one we would laugh about for a long time into the future, or at the very least, recount with relish.



Greetings from the Southern District

*By Brother Russell Davis Sr.
R W District Deputy Grand Master*

The last Annual communication in the District has been completed, with Brother Jerry I. Duhamel, Jr. being installed as Master of Franklin Lodge No. 20. To you and your fine line of officers, we wish you the very best in the year ahead.



At the Annual Communication of Franklin Lodge No. 20 in Westerly, Rhode Island (from left to right) Brother Joseph A. Plante, Brother Jerry I. Duhamel, Jr. and Brother Russell R. Davis, Sr.

The Lodges have been extremely busy with degree work (which is some of the finest I have seen)—keep up the GREAT WORK. Programs, like, “Bring a Friend” night and many interesting speaking programs such as, “Was Sherlock Holmes a Mason?” Brethren, this is what attracts new members to the Craft and increases membership. You all set a fine example of what Masonry stands for and we are thankful to you for that.

By the time you receive this article the Southern District Charity Event will have passed, and from the way tickets are going as of this writing, it looks like a great turn out. Thank you to all who helped and I’m sure the military recipients of the calling card will be exceedingly happy.

We invite any Master Mason to travel with us; next opportunity is on the 3rd of April at Washington Lodge No. 5. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in order to be received at 7:15 p.m.

To the Brethren of the Southern District, Brother Joe Plante and I would like to thank you for the kindness you have shown to our wives and us these past months as we travel through OUR DISTRICT. You all set a fine example of what Freemasonry is truly about.

*GOD Bless and we love you all.
Fraternally, Russ*

P.S. Thanks for the Flocking. It was quite the surprise.



Redwood Lodge No. 35 News

By Brother Moe Cohen

At the February meeting of Redwood Lodge after the examination of five Candidates in the Fellow Craft Degree, we will witness the raising of Brothers Arthur Hintermeister, Kevin Catanzaro, Steven Cantanzaro, Robert Franchetti and Nicholas Gelfuso to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We want to congratulate and welcome them. Our Senior Deacon, Brother Malcolm Singer, will be their instructor.

Congratulations to Brother Frederick and Bettina Crisafulli on the celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Our best wishes for good health to celebrate many more. My wife, Frances, and I just celebrated our 64th Wedding Anniversary.

Our Worshipful Master, Brother Micah Ross, announced that Redwood Lodge will, as part of its charity commitment, work in Amos House in March. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact the Master or Secretary through the Redwood Hot Line (401) 941-8179 for details.

Congratulations to Brother Gary S. Kaufman, Brother Edward Calamar, Jr. and Brother Elliott Greene, Jr. who were elected to the Grand Lodge Board of Managers. Their term expiring in 2008.

We, in Redwood Lodge, send our best wishes and prayers to Brother Robert Nichols and Prince Hall Brother George Gibson who are serving in Iraq. We pray that GOD will watch over you and all of our men and women in the Armed Forces and return you all safely to your loved ones.

As a Brother Scribe wrote in this article, “The Freemason is the vice of our Brothers.” If you wish to be recognized, to add anything to this column such as family news, within reason, or welfare of our Brothers, please contact me through the Redwood phone line (401) 941-8179. It is the only way to have a newsy article.

Our get well wishes to Brother Frank Villani, Sr., Worshipful Master of St. Johns Lodge Number One Providence.

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THE GRAND MASTER'S TRIP

By Millie Tammany Hallstrom

It was our first and perhaps only cruise, but it was wonderful. We traveled on Royal Caribbean's *Adventure of the Seas* and it surely was. Our friends, Past Potentate, Brother Robert Williams and his lovely wife, Estelle, did all the work planning the trip for us and they did a great job. Since I also will be submitting a column in the Scimitar about



the trip, I have decided to focus on just one island here, Aruba, it was our first port of call. We sailed out of San Juan, Puerto Rico at 10:00 P.M., after a long day of flying and connecting flights. Since it was our first cruise, we took along some Dramamine, just in case, but I am happy to report it wasn't needed. The night we arrived on the ship a lifeboat drill was done. It was mandatory and quite difficult going down flights of stairs, only to wait on deck till we were allowed to return to our rooms, but very necessary.

The first day of the cruise was spent at sea. I jotted down a few notes while on our balcony to describe what I was feeling and seeing and I will include some of it here. "Sitting on our private balcony in the early morning was inspiring. I felt closer to GOD in this environment. The sky was shrouded with heavy, steel-grey clouds. They were broken here and there with shafts of morning sunlight, promising a sunny day. The shafts of light would illuminate the equally grey sea like spotlights on a huge stage. Suddenly, the sun burst through the clouds and we were the ones in the spotlight as the sun traveled across the sea to touch us; those who were sitting there, awaiting her arrival". We were on our way to Aruba, and it was a thrill. We had ordered room service for breakfast that morning and enjoyed the free amenity. However, since that menu was limited we often went to the Windjammer Restaurant on the ship for their breakfast buffet. The food

there was tasty and abundant. I miss all the ripe, fresh fruit readily available and having all of our meals prepared for us for a week was sure nice too. Before making port call in Aruba, we had booked a scenic tour on an air-conditioned bus and found that to be our best choice. Friends of ours opted for the helmet dive and walking underwater, they loved it! Since I can't swim and am really afraid of the water, I didn't want to do that.

Our bus driver's name was Arnaldo and he was quite a comic, giving us island information along with a funny spin on things. On the tour we passed by divi divi trees, (trees that have bent with the trade winds as they grow). We stopped at various places, for instance the land bridge that is no longer there. It had been a large land bridge at one time that was finally washed away by the pounding surf. Funny thing was I had just purchased two place mats at a gift shop on the earlier part of the tour, which showed what the larger bridge looked like before its demise. Think of the "Old Man In The Mountain" in New Hampshire and how long that stood before nature reclaimed it. The smaller bridge that was on the same strip of land still stands but where the other stood, torrents of blue-green water push without the restraint of the hallowed out land mass. Palm trees grow in this strangely arid climate, desert like, along with pipe organ cactus (tall, spiky green cactus, and Christmas tree cactus, that are round and resemble our pine trees). There are also beautiful flowers everywhere and the houses are painted in beautiful pastel colors. We learned from Arnaldo that most houses are painted every year and that the gravestones (above ground tombs) are painted the color of each family's house.

In town, merchants were everywhere selling their wares. On most of the islands, jewelry, especially diamonds and white gold are a popular attraction, as their costs are reportedly cheaper than you can get here and duty free. If you missed a stand selling souvenirs there was sure to be another on the next stop. We also visited an aloe factory in Aruba. It was interesting to see how they extract the gooey aloe from the inside of the plant. After the tour we were escorted to their store to purchase aloe-based products, which we did, especially the "after sunburn cooling gel." Being in that hot sun, it was hard to miss a bit of sunburn even using a strong sun block.

We loved the cruise and visiting the islands, but most importantly, sharing it with the group that went with us, around 24 couples. It is always nice to see a familiar face, whether on ship or on the tours. We all left the cruise with fond memories.



Brother Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.,
Most Worshipful Grand Master,
and his lady Millie

FRATERNAL FAMILY REUNION

By Miss Faith A. Thibault

Each summer we all look forward to the All Masonic Picnic, a day when members of our Masonic family come together for food, fun and fellowship. This year, on a chilly January night members of our Masonic family came together for those same reasons. Instead of gathering at a grill lined with steak and potatoes at the Masonic Youth Center – we came together at chaffing dishes filled with chicken marsala at Freemasons' Hall.

initiation degree of both Rainbow and DeMolay the candidate is taught seven important lessons or virtues. There are four lessons, which are common to the teachings of both groups, the virtues of love/filial love, religion/reverence, fidelity and patriotism. The lessons taught in these two youth organizations better prepare our youth as they approach adulthood.

The evening was a wonderful reminder that as a Masonic Family we not only share the desire to come together for food, fun and fellowship but we are also a vital part of our communities. Each organization holding fast to the tenants of love, brotherhood or sisterhood and service. The evening was concluded with Brother Frank Allen being brought behind the Alter and confirmed Executive Officer, Rhode Island DeMolay.



Back row left to right –Lynn D. Gebler, Supreme Inspector and Supreme Service, I.O.R.G., Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Judy Brightman, Worthy Grand Matron, O.E.S., Doug A. Kershaw, Worthy Grand Patron, O.E.S. Front row left to right – Frank Allen, Jr., Executive Officer, Rhode Island DeMolay, Kaitlin MacDonald, Grand Worthy Advisor, Christopher Cate, State Master Councilor

A special thanks to all those that made the evening possible. Thanks to Judy Brightman, Worthy Grand Matron, Doug Kershaw, Worthy Grand Patron, and Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master for their vision and dedication.



Taking the East are Miss Kaitlin MacDonald, Grand Worthy Advisor Mr. Christopher Cate, State Master Councilor

After a wonderful meal, we were fortunate to have a few of the members of Rhode Island Rainbow and DeMolay present the program 7+7=10. The program explains the similarities in the lessons taught in Rainbow and DeMolay and their connection with the Masonic Fraternity. In the



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- 5 Pa
- 9 Anglo-__
- 14 President (abbr.)
- 15 Cain killed him
- 16 Backbone
- 17 Vilify
- 18 Stitch
- 19 Folklore tales
- 20 __ A Small World...
- 21 Afield
- 23 Tall tales
- 24 Sign
- 26 Be
- 28 Cow sound
- 29 Taboo
- 31 Hair stuff
- 34 Soft fabrics
- 37 Ego
- 39 Guardhouse
- 40 Luau dish
- 41 Goad
- 42 Good in drinks, or a bad car
- 44 Can rub out
- 47 Ball holder

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- 50 Wing
- 51 Those who make the food laws (abbr.)
- 52 Cecum
- 56 Russia
- 59 Disturbance
- 63 Wing
- 64 Blot (2 wds.)
- 66 Laugh
- 67 Negative (prefix)
- 68 Dash
- 69 Solitary
- 70 Vegetable with great hearing
- 71 Popular game
- 72 Beers
- 73 Pod vegetables

DOWN

- 1 Small bunch of flowers
- 2 Speak in public
- 3 Rationalism

- 4 Sign language
- 5 A very emotional fruit
- 6 A wager (2 wds.)
- 7 Fruit shaped like a light bulb
- 8 __ matter
- 9 South southeast
- 10 It can't compare to an orange
- 11 Baker's dozen
- 12 Fairy tale opener
- 13 Loch __ monster
- 21 Soon
- 22 Sweet potato
- 25 Adult insect
- 27 Representative
- 29 Honor
- 30 East
- 31 Lass
- 32 Adjoin
- 33 Downwind
- 34 No charge
- 35 Citrus fruit
- 36 Fencing sword
- 38 Shekel
- 39 Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
- 43 Head motion
- 45 Clasps
- 46 Alack's partner
- 49 Obstruct
- 51 Product of your works, or (e.g.) a grape vine
- 53 Long, skinny boat
- 54 Radical
- 55 Big water pipes
- 56 Defunct football league
- 57 Fly alone
- 58 Quarrel
- 60 __ Major (Big Dipper)
- 61 Neat
- 62 Dark green vegetable
- 65 For
- 67 American College of Physicians (abbr.)



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Meets:

Friday, March 3, 2006 Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Friendship Lodge Collation After
Putnam Pike The Meeting
Chepachet, RI

Thursday, April 6, 2006 Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
Mt. Vernon Lodge Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
Division Street
East Greenwich, RI

All Members and Candidates Are Welcome

**Washington Lodge No. 3
Warren, Rhode Island**

A traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper will be sponsored by Washington Lodge No. 3 on Saturday, March 18th at the Masonic Hall on Baker Street in Warren.

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From the Treasurer's Desk

By Brother Norman D. Tierney, Jr., Grand Treasurer

A letter was sent to the Treasurers of our Lodges to alert them to the fact that there will be a proposal to increase the per capita tax assessed on the Lodges. The reason for the early alert is in keeping with our past practice. It is intended to keep members informed and to have the officers of those Lodges who have the dollar amounts of those items in their by-laws and will need the time to take the necessary steps to make changes.

Since that notification, a variety of rumors and assertions have been circulating. It would be helpful for people to have the correct information before they vote on this matter.

First, the proposal will be made at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication on May 22, 2006. It will then be printed in the call for the Semi-Annual Communication on November 18, 2006. At that time the discussion will take place and the vote will occur. The assessment of the new level of tax will not take place until June 2007.

Second, this proposal has nothing to do with the operation of Grand Lodge. When the per capita tax was increased for June 2004, we said we thought the increase would hold the operation for several years. It has. All indications are that it will continue to do so at least until 2008.

Third, the voluntary nature of paying for the paper has never worked. Without doing a lot of archeological digging, statistics show that in good years we receive about 75% of what we would if everyone paid. In leaner years the receipts are in the 55% to 65% range. Basic fairness questions the appropriateness of continuing this system. There is an additional concern related to a tax issue which also provides impetus to going to a full participation system.

Fourth, the level of the voluntary contribution may have been sufficient in the first year or two of the existence of the *Rhode Island Freemason*. However, I have been involved either as Finance Committee Chairman or as Grand Treasurer every time there has been an increase and I can state

without reservation that no raise ever solved the problems with financing the paper. The controlling factor was always to make the increase low enough to guarantee easy acceptance without realistic regard for covering costs.

Fifth, putting the payment for the Freemason into the per capita tax allows us to continue with what was started in 1990 when we rolled a number of items the Lodges were billed for into the one bill for the per capita tax. We do not want to return to sending out multiple bills to the Lodges. It creates work for them and for the Grand Lodge office.

Sixth, no one can seem to agree on the amount of advertising we want or are willing to accept, so the call for more advertising revenue may seem to be a solution. They are not. We are, however, examining that aspect of financing very carefully.

Seventh, when this paper was started, it received raves from all over the country for quality and innovation. It has long since been surpassed by newer formats and technology. For a number of years we have received questions from our membership as to why we didn't change. Now we have. And almost every comment we have received has been favorable. But, yes, it is a more expensive format. And because of that we made the decision to go to six issues instead of ten.

Eighth, the increase seems substantial. For those who will have to pay for the first time it is an immeasurable percentage increase. For those who have more or less always paid (most recently at the \$4 level) it is a 150% increase. Please keep in mind that it is not an increase for the same product. It is an increase from a very old price and a very much improved product. A product that we should all be very interested in if we really have an interest in our fraternity. **AND** it is a cost of approximately \$1.67 per issue!

Reporting from Adelphoi Lodge No. 33

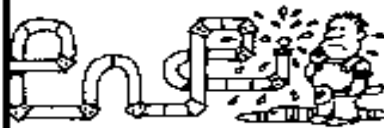
By Brother Whip Crossman

At the Annual Meeting of Adelphoi Lodge, held in the beginning of January, a full line of officers was installed with 100 plus members and visitors present. During the meeting Brother Dean Monsees was presented with the Mason of the Year Award, Brother Tony Iacovelli received the Frank Pike Ritual Award and Brother Jasper Bedrosian received the Mead B. Wilkinson Award. After closing the Lodge, we assembled at the Squantum Association for a banquet to honor our newly elected Worshipful Master, Brother Dane Pursley, Senior Warden, Brother Davis A. Dewey, Junior Warden, Brother Anthony Iacovelli and the rest of our line officers.

Our Valentine Dinner-Dance was attended by over 90 people on February 4, 2006. The music was played and sung by the Burke Duo and the dancers did their usual variety of swing and sway. Enjoyable to watch and listen to.

Adelphoi Lodge No. 33 meets on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Andrews Temple on Turner Avenue in Riverside. It would be a pleasure to see you join us for the evening. In closing, as they say, see you in Lodge.

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News From Harmony Lodge No. 9

By Brother Stephen Charron

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and kept the reason for the season alive in your hearts. During this time of celebration, let us cherish the love of family and friends all the more.

Speaking of celebration, by the time this goes to press, Brother Marcus Stephenson and his lady, Sherri, will be celebrating the birth of their second child. I spoke to Marcus last night and his joy and eagerness anticipating this child brought back some very pleasant memories. Then I remembered the 4:00 A.M. feedings and the diaper changes and just smiled. So, I hope you will join me in wishing them all the best! By the way, Marc's brother, Matt, a soldier in the Air National Guard, is currently serving our country in the Middle East. Brother Matt Stephenson is one of the newest members of Harmony Lodge No. 9, being raised in Harmony's Bicentennial Class of 2005 last June. We look forward to his safe return.

Brother Arthur Kurtz has been installed as the 201st Master of Harmony Lodge No. 9, or "The First Master of Harmony's Third Century", as we have dubbed him. Catchy lil' title, eh? Maybe it will stick. Our new Master's banquet was a smash with wonderful food and music at Potowomet Country Club. The brevity of speeches was greatly

appreciated by all.

Our Ladies Luncheon was well received. Once again, CHELO's put on a lovely luncheon and everyone loved the Scottish Lady Bagpiper. This was undoubtedly the most original and invigorating entertainment we've had in years!

Our Children's Christmas Party and visitation of the sick and shut-ins will have been completed by the time you read this, so on to January! Worshipful Brother Arty Kurtz and yours truly will be visiting our Brothers across the pond at Lodge Harmony No. 156 in Plymouth, England for their January 3rd Annual Communication. I hope to have much to write about that trip for next month's column. As always, everyone is invited to the Fellowcraft Club on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Doric Masonic Center. January is "games" night and we usually have some interesting games, so come on down!

Saving the best for last, on January 31st at the Doric Masonic Center, Harmony Lodge conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on the Class of 2006, the first class of our 3rd Century in the Craft! As we have more Candidates than we can oblige in one evening, plans are currently being made for two more dates to confer degrees upon. Surely this is the most pleasant of problems to deal with—too many Candidates. All Brothers are always invited and encouraged to come observe these Degrees. A Candidate's first impression of Masonry should include filled sidelines. That's the "Harmony Way".

Should any of you want to add anything to this column or know of a brother that's ill, give a holler. This is your voice in the Freemason, so if you don't use it, don't be surprised if no one hears you.

For more information on any of these events, or to share some helpful information, call me at (401) 737-4697 or e-mail me at Stephen.Charron@cox.net. Until next month, get up, get out, and make a difference!

Daylight Lodge No. 48 Postings

By Brother Jerry Plemmons

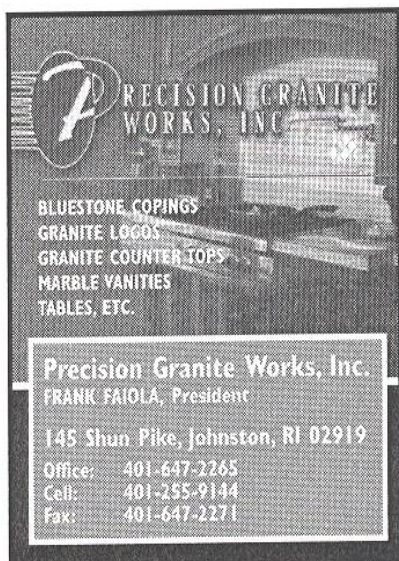
The 406th Stated Communication of Daylight Lodge No. 48 was opened in due form at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, January 9th, by Worshipful Master, Brother Gilbert Fontes. After the transaction of such business as came before the Lodge, Brother Fontes opened a Lodge of Entered Apprentice for the purpose of giving the EA Lectures to our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Tom Blacke.

Brother Edwin Keenan, W Grand Master of Ceremonies for the Junior Grand Warden, did an impressive presentation as a fill-in Lecturer. Brother Walter Kelly, Assistant Grand Lecturer, filled in as Senior Deacon and gave the EA Charge. Our Secretary, Brother Donald Richard, was our Chaplain for the meeting. Being the R W Grand Lecturer he also made an excellent Lecture presentation as a stand-in Lecturer. Our Chaplain, Kenneth Wilmot, was unable to attend as his wife suffered a serious fall and he was at home caring for her. We all wish her a speedy recovery. We also thank Brother Robert Standish who was the Tiler for our meeting. Our regular officers did a notable job as well.

Brother Fontes asked that Brother Tom Blacke be conducted to the East and congratulated him. Brother Tom will take his FC and MM degrees at the Grand Masters' Class in March.

We also continue to keep our ailing Brothers in our thoughts and prayers. Brother Lloyd Daigneau recently had a major operation and our Treasurer, Brother Charles Strayer, is home from the hospital and is recovering. We hope to see him seated at the Treasurer's desk very soon.

I would like to bring to the attention of those brethren who find it difficult to attend your Mother Lodge meetings in the winter, to consider affiliating with Daylight Lodge. We meet the second Monday of each month at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cranston. We have coffee and pastry at 9:00 A.M. and open the Lodge at 10:00 A.M. After the closing, many of us retire to the Shrine Club to enjoy lunch and further fellowship. We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting.



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Since our last report there have been two meetings of the Board of Managers. The December meeting was postponed until January 9th due to the proximity of the holidays and the number of members who might not be available. The Board also held its regular January meeting on the 23rd of the month.

Without differentiating between the meetings, much was accomplished. Vice President Brother Carl Willi reported on the CHIP conference that he and Richard Ault attended. He brought back a number of items which represent huge technological steps forward. The Board discussed these and expressed approval of moving our program into the new technology and making changes in how we may organize future events. The program is a Grand Lodge program, but Masonic Grand Lodge Charities raises and invests the funds to run it. This new information supports the already perceived need to refresh the funding for the CHIP program.

The Scholarship Committee is in place and ready to begin work. As soon as a reasonable number of applications have been received the Committee will begin organizing and evaluating them. Once again the goal is to finish the work in time for the various high school awards nights so that the awards to students who will be beginning their college work next fall can be made in those venues.

In direct connection to that, the Committee has formulated a standard presentation to be used at these events. Obviously, there will be differences that the presenter will have to customize the presentation to accommodate, but this will make sure that everyone is touching the bases we need touched and that all of the contacts we have with the public will be very similar. One of the problems we have had in recent years is the

overlap of scheduling these events and not having enough people available to cover them. With the help of this standard presentation we hope it will be possible to get help from other members of the fraternity to accomplish a more complete coverage of the awards nights.

The Board was finally able to approve the Column Club pin to be awarded to those who donate, directly or through wills or trusts, at least \$1,000 to Masonic Grand Lodge Charities or to Grand Lodge. Authorization was given to order a supply of these pins. They are a plain gold column. There is no insignia on them. They are to signify the support of our efforts as a column supports a building and, of course, the column ties in with the concept on which the Craft is organized. We hope that those who are awarded the pin will wear it with pride as members of the Column Club and that others will be inspired to contribute and become members.

The medical equipment program still needs help. A few hours a week, or even a month, from a few of you would make a huge difference in making this program an easy one to run. The need for limited use of pickup trucks, or vans to make pick ups and deliveries cannot be over emphasized!

We will be handing out a packet of information to donors, or beneficiaries of the program who are not already members of the Craft. We will also be trying to get back the footrests that go out with wheel chairs, but do not seem to be coming back. If anyone has any footrests left over from any wheel chairs, PLEASE call Most Worshipful Brother Bob Allen and arrange for him to take them into inventory.

Teddy bears are having some impact on recognition. They are, however, causing some concern for

us. While no one can predict the usage because there is no guaranteed pattern of incidents involving children, either as victims or while with a victim, it seems improbable that no department to whom bears were supplied has gotten low enough to need more.

We are also beginning to hear that some of the departments don't know who to contact. If you have ties to a police or fire department in that situation, please let the Grand Lodge office know, or let the servicing Lodge know. If your Lodge didn't make it explicitly clear to the department when you delivered the bears, please make contact and clarify the information. This is an ongoing project with at least a five year time line and a great opportunity to get to know the people involved and maybe generate applications. At the very least, the departments involved should be given the Grand Lodge office phone number and Mrs. Fiske will handle the requests.

We have not yet written about the charitable grants that were awarded. Space limitations in our new format have been a concern, however, we will include that information over the next few issues.

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WHO WAS HIRAM ABIF?

By Brother Howard Coop

Who was Hiram Abif? His name should be familiar to every Mason; but, part from Masonic tradition, what is known about this man?

There are two major sources of information about Hiram and the work he did for King Solomon. 1 Kings and 11 Chronicles, both books of history in the Old Testament, give detailed information about the building of King Solomon's temple on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem. From Masonic tradition, it is known that Hiram Abif had a prominent role in the building of the temple.

Following the death of King David, Solomon, David's son by Bathsheba (1 Kings 1:11), "established himself in his kingdom: (11 Chronicles 1:1, RSV). Most historians accept 962 BC as the date of that event. During his reign, Israel was so prosperous that Solomon "made silver and gold as common in Jerusalem as stone, and he made cedar as plentiful as the sycamore of the Shephelah" (11 Chronicles 1:15). Then he "purposed to build a temple for the name of the Lord" (11 Chronicles 1.2, RSV) in Jerusalem "at the place that David had appointed, o the threshing floor of Oman in Jebusite" (11 Chronicles 3:1b). Although prosperity abounded in his kingdom, Solomon lacked the necessary human resources to accomplish his grand scheme. So, he sent a letter to the king of Tyre in which he asked for help.

In 1 Kings (5.1), the king of Tyre is called Hiram, and in 11 Chronicles (2:3), he is called Hiram. Both names mean "brother of the exalted one," and they are variant spellings of the same name. In Solomon's letter, he requested Hiram to send "me a man skilled to work in gold, silver and bronze and iron, and in purple, crimson and blue fabric, trained also in engraving" (11 Chronicles 2:7, RSV). He needed a person with such expertise because he assured Hiram, "the house I



am to build will be great and wonderful" (11 Chronicles 2:9b, RSV). In response to Solomon's letter, the king of Tyre wrote, "Now I have sent a skilled man, . . . Hiram-abi" (1 Chronicles 2:13). In 1 Kings the man sent in response to Solomon's request is Hiram. Abi, a word which means my father, was an honorary title that was bestowed upon Hiram, and it may imply the father of all craftsmen which would signify his superiority as a craftsman. In Masonic tradition, abi has become Abif.

From the portion of that letter preserved in 11 Chronicles 2:13-16, we know that the mother if Hiram-abi was a member of the tribe of Dan. However, in 1 Kings 7:14, she is said to be a "widow of the tribe of Naphtali." In both passages,

"his father was a man of Tyre."

The man sent to Israel in response to Solomon's request was "a skilled man, endowed with understanding" (11 Chronicles 2:13). He was therefore, a multi-talented individual "trained to work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone and wood" (11 Chronicles 2:14a). Furthermore, he was able to work "in purple, blue and crimson fabrics and fine linen" (11 Chronicles 2:14b), and he was trained "to do all sorts of engraving and execute any design that may be assigned to him" (11 Chronicles 2:14c).

This master craftsman became the architect for Solomon's temple and "did all of (Solomon's) work" (1 Kings 7:14) which included making the "pots, the shovels, and the basins" (11 Chronicles 4:11) along with "the forks and all the equipment" (11 Chronicles 4:16) that the temple required. These were made by Hiram-abi "of burnished bronze," and they were cast "in the plain of Jordan....in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah" (11 Chronicles 4:16-17).

Work began on the temple "in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month" (11 Chronicles 3:2). That is to say, work got underway about the beginning of May in the year 962 BC.

Seven years later "in the mouth of the Bul, which is the eighth month" that is to say about the beginning of November 955 BC, "the house was finished in all its parts, according to all its specifications" (1Kings 6:38). When finished, the temple built by Hiram-abi for King Solomon, was, after the pyramids of Egypt, the most magnificent building of the era.

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RHODE ISLAND ODDITIES

By Brother Norris G. Abbott Jr.

History can be fun! What other state has a monument to a hen? Where is the house that, without being moved, has been in two states, three communities and on both sides of the road? Where was Rhode Island's 18th Century condominium? Who was the first Rhode Islander to eat a tomato? A person usually had one grave, but this Rhode Islander had two. Who was the woman "who should have been the wife of Simeon Palmer?"

ADAMSVILLE Here you will find a Commemorative Monument to the Rhode Island Red—a breed of fowl described as a Rufus Chicken. This is the bird that gave the poultry industry to the world.



CUMBERLAND The Reverend William Blackstone was dissenting clergyman of the Church of England who was forced to leave Boston and is said to have entered Rhode Island on the back of a bull. He established a home near Cumberland in 1634 and thus became Rhode Island's first European settler, two years before the arrival of Roger Williams.

EAST PROVIDENCE Roger Williams' first settlement was in what he thought was Rhode Island near the junction of the Ten Mile and Seekonk Rivers. To commemorate the event, a small park, bearing a bronze marker on a boulder near the center of Wilson and Roger Williams Avenue, was dedicated in 1936 (Rhode Island's Tercentennial.) Soon after his arrival, Roger Williams learned that he was still in Massachusetts. Whereupon the party crossed the river and was greeted by Massasoit on what later became known as the Roger Williams Rock at the foot of Gano Street. The rock was removed in 1906 and encased in a monument erected in a park created at the junction of Roger Williams, Gano and Power Streets. Following the advice of Massasoit, the party again moved, passing around Fox Pint and up the Moshassuck River

to a spring on what is now North Main Street and there Providence came into being. Years later the spring and its surroundings was purchased and restored by the late Judge J. Jerome Hahn, who presented it to the city. Now there is hope that it will soon be designated a National Park.

A city wall has been erected in Geneva, Switzerland honoring exponents of religious freedom. Represented are John Clavin, John Knox, signers of the Mayflower Compact, and Roger Williams.

A red, saltbox house, fittingly called by "Believe It or Not" Ripley, *The House that Never Moved* stands on Roger Williams Avenue in East Providence at the foot of Wilson Avenue. It has been in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and in Rehoboth, Seekonk and East Providence, on both sides of the road and has never moved. The road originally ran along the shore of the Seekonk River, just west of the house. Later, the river road was abandoned, a new road, named Roger Williams Avenue, was put through and passed to the east of the house. In 1861 there was an exchange of territory between Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The latter gave up Fall River and obtained the eastern part of Pawtucket and East Providence.

FORTS "Before the close of 1776, the whole shore of Narragansett Bay was well protected."

Robin Hill—a short distance from the shore of the Providence River, between Fields Point and Sassafras Point.

Fort Independence—on a high bluff on the southerly part of 1942. Robin Hill, at the east end of Georgia Avenue. Fort Independence Park was established in 1915 and a bronze marker set up. The hill was leveled in 1942.

Foxes Hill—at the end of Brook Street, later reconstructed in 1814 and named Fort Hiram, one of the only two Masonic Forts in the country.

Hog Pen Point—at the foot of Fort Hill, across from India Point and in Massachusetts.

Prospect and Bowen Streets—said to mount 58 guns.

Fort Sullivan—at Chestnut and Friendship Streets, named for the Commanding Officer at the Battle of Rhode Island, Brother John Sullivan, later the first Governor of New Hampshire and the state's first Grand Master.



HAMILTON For years, Hamilton Lodge No. 15 met in a hall on the second floor of a wooden building in

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Foster, Rhode Island. The hall was reached by an outside flight of stairs. Apparently, a misunderstanding arose between the owner of the building and the Master of the Lodge for when the members arrived to attend a regular Meeting of the Lodge, the stairs had been removed. After much discussion, they adjourned to the highest piece of ground in the pasture owned by the Master and held their meeting there. "The reason why we meet here is the Door of our Lodge Room has been closed up and there is no place to enter the hall except the windows and some of our Brothers are lame and could not very well enter the windows." A stone monument commemorating the event was erected in 1906 and in 1966, on the 150th Anniversary of the Lodge, the Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified in a natural amphitheater near the stone before the Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge. Twelve uniformed Sir Knights of Thomas Smith Webb Commander No. 51 patrolled the surrounding hills as Tilers.

KINGSTON The "Franklin Stone," a colonial mileage marker bearing the words "Little Res.— 2 miles," stands by the side of the road just south of Kingston. Brother Benjamin Franklin, while serving as Deputy Postmaster General ordered these stones placed to inform the carriers of the distance to the next town. Kingston was known as "Little Rest." When the Stonington and Providence Railroad was opened in 1837, one of its two locomotives was named "Little Rest." The line terminated on the west side of the river at Long Wharf in Providence. The Boston & Providence Railroad ended on the east side of the river at India Point. In the early 1900's Pullman cars from New York were dragged by teams of horses from Long Wharf through the city to the Boston train at India Point.

LITTLE COMPTON In the churchyard cemetery you (with help) can find the gravestone of Simeon Palmer. Next to him is that of his wife. On his other side there is a stone with the words, "In Memory of Elizabeth, who should

have been the wife of Simeon Palmer." Newport During the three years that the British troops remained in Newport, there was an understandable fear that the enemy might leave at any time on a march to Boston and thus divide New England. Consequently, several beacon poles were erected to call to arms all available men. They consisted of 70 foot poles with a tar kettle on a crane reachable by climbing pegs and a supply of wood stored at the base. The poles were installed on Tonomy Hill at the north end of Rhode Island, at Prospect and Meetings Streets in Providence, at Chopmist Hill and at Beacon Pole Hill in Cumberland. Fortunately, the poles were never needed. It did seem wise, however, to actually test the value of the poles and the one at Prospect and Meetings Streets was selected. A warning was circulated explaining the purpose of the test, but still a large number of men appeared on the scene, fully armed with guns and ammunition and raring to go.

Michele L. Corne, an Italian artist who lived for many years in a house at No. 2 Corne Street in Newport, is said to be the "first man in Rhode Island to eat a tomato." Apparently, he raised them in France before coming to America. In 1810 he was selected to paint the murals in the Sullivan Dorr House in Providence on Benefit Street.

PEACEDALE "Stout Jeffery Hazard's Stone" is on the property of Palisades Industries. It is a large boulder with a bronze plate bearing the following:

"Stout Jeffery Hazard lifted this stone
In pounds, just sixteen twenty-one
In South Kingstown he lived and died.
God save us all from sinful pride."

1725 1857 1870

Without doubt he was a strong man. It is said that in an argument with an antagonist, he threw him over a stone wall and then threw his horse after him for emphasis.

PORTSMOUTH On Aquidneck Island, at the junction of routes 114 and 24, in Portsmouth stands a flagpole and a bronze marker memorializing the first negro regiment to fight under the American Flag. This was the First Rhode Island Regiment, the so-called

"Black Regiment" that served under Brother and Colonel Christopher Greene in the Battle of Rhode Island. The regiment contained a group of slaves to whom the Rhode Island Assembly had offered freedom, with the owners of each slave to be paid a sum equal to his worth. Later, the regiment became integrated and served with distinction at the battles of Fort Oswego, Croton Bridge, New York and Yorktown.

PROVIDENCE When the Franklin House, a hotel on the corner of South Main and College Streets, was built in 1824, a wooden beam supported the archway to the courtyard where the stagecoaches from New York and Boston paused to accept or discharge their passengers. When the Rhode Island School of Design replaced the buildings between South Main and Benefit Streets, along College Street they retained the roof lines of the original buildings and the wooden beam still rests in the archway.

The Providence Tea Party was held in 1775 when 300 pounds of tea were forcibly taken from British ships in the harbor and dumped in front of the Old Market House. To the pile was added a barrel of tar and all the English newspapers that favored the Stamp Act that could be found. On top of the pile was placed a copy of Lord North's speech to Parliament supporting the Act and the pile was ignited. Church bells throughout the town were rung and the Town Crier called the fire to the attention of all. Contrary to other tea parties, this one was no secret.

Rhode Island's first condominium was the third floor of the Old Market House, added in 1797 by St. John's Lodge Number One Providence and sold by agreement to the City of Providence in 1853.

So, after gentle poking of fun at Little Rhody, let us never forget that it was the first to establish a navy of its own; to suggest the establishment of a Continental Congress; to guarantee religious liberty to all of its inhabitants; to declare itself an independent sovereign state, free from England two months before the Declaration of Independence.

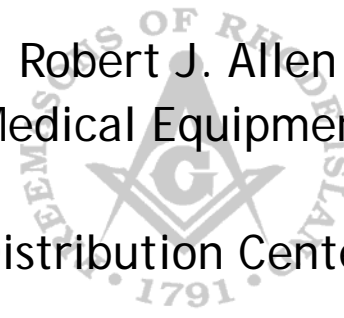
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**St. John's Lodge Number One Providence
News from the Meeting**

By Brother Bob Mason

Two new applicants were balloted on to receive the Degrees at our January meeting and we had to remember six of our fallen Brothers Royden A. Alexander, William J. Hawkins, Jr., Harry Genter, Sol Kamin, Henry Michael Maziarz and Robert V. Simpson. Three Candidates will be ready to vote on at the February meeting. More than likely some of our Candidates will be in the Grand Master's Class. There will be an award's night in February for our Fifty-Year members and a few other awards will be parceled out but, at the time of this writing, must be kept a secret.



Brother Paul Kokolsky, Director of Masonic Education, treated the assembled Brethren with an interesting lecture concerning our ancient Craft and the history attached to each degree. He explained the origin of the "three knocks" interpreted in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 7. The lessons portrayed always emphasized the importance of the heart and soul of man. Some interesting sidelight included the Scotchmen's system of panning for gold. They used hairy goat skins to "scale" or "chum" the riverbed then drip dried and combed the particles of gold from the "hairy" goat skins. Brotherly love and mutual assistance addressed the true lessons taught during the Entered Apprentice Degree. There were thirteen Past Masters present along with two visitors. The last bit of information announced by the Worshipful Master, Brother Frank Villani was that our dinners will be \$7 from now on. Please try to attend your lodge meeting. We promise you a warm welcome.

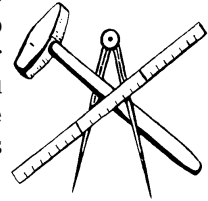
**Back to Labor for
Lafayette Lodge No. 47**

By Brother John A. Whatmough

Our two-month recess is now over and it is back to Labor in March. We will start by running the Fellow Craft Degree on our three new Entered Apprentices. Your Officers and the Candidates have been very busy learning their lines and all that remains is your support on the sidelines to give them your warmth and grateful welcome.

The Grand Master's Cruise is now history and Lafayette Lodge was well represented among the *seafarers*. All that remains are the *sea stories* and perhaps we will get to hear some at the March meeting.

About a third of our members now live outside of the state, therefore they are distant to what is happening at Lodge or around the Fraternity. I look at the *Rhode Island Freemason* publication as an excellent vehicle to get into everyone's easy chair at home. Our publication attempts to keep you informed on the Lodge Proceedings but also what is happening among the Brethren. This is the glue that keeps us united. I know that the Editor of the paper has the right to out my messages but I will persist and hopefully will succeed. If you have thoughts concerning future publications, just pass them on.



Looking ahead, 4 October 2006 will mark our 45th Anniversary. Ironically, it falls on our regular meeting night. The ranks of the charter members are slipping through the hour glass and I hope that many of the charter members can be present to mark the occasion. Make sure to put the date on your calendar.

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TECH CORNER



With this years most popular holiday present being gift cards and finding you haven't yet decided what you want to spend yours on, here are a few suggestions. Listed are a handful of categories from the tech marketplace, out of the zillions available.

It doesn't mean there aren't other good choices to be made, but these products have the reputation for doing what they are supposed to do. Keep in mind, the prices listed are the manufacturer's suggested retail price. With some legwork, you should be able to get anyone of these for less.



Genealogy software

Ancestry.com Family Tree Maker 2006 Deluxe

Thanks to the Internet and products like FAMILY TREE MAKER, finding your roots has never been easier. FTM's automatic search function and ability to merge and append data found on the Web is unsurpassed, and it boasts several impressive multimedia features. (\$30)

Disc saver

SkipDR

Digital Innovations' SkipDR Motorized Automax Disc Repair System promises to fix any DC, DVD, game disc, or data disc with its patented battery-powered radial wheel. Naturally, some discs are beyond hope, but SkipDR is especially impressive with discs that don't look trashed, but simply refuse to do what they're supposed to do. (\$40)

Digital photo editing software

Corel Paint Shop Pro X

The first edition of Paint Shop Pro released by new owner Corel comes with enhanced tools that have the serious hobbyist in mind. Among many new features, version 10 suggests changes and lets you see what your

photo will look like with the changes before you decide to accept them. Corel says it also runs lean and mean, zipping along at 50 percent faster than previous versions. (\$59)

Home phone/answering machine combo

Motorola Advanced cordless phone/answering system

No, the '80s aren't back, and we're not cycling back to old-fashioned cordless phone. Motorola's MD761 cordless system is an all-in-one communications package that boasts answering machine access, forwarding capability, caller screening, a handset-to-handset room monitor, memo recording, caller ID, wall-mount compatibility, and lots more. (Starting at \$80)

Karaoke software

Ipe My Voice Audio CD Vocal Removal Software

How many times have you heard a song on the radio and thought, "I can sing better than that bum"? Well, here's your chance to prove it. Ipe's My Voice can remove vocals from most audio CDs in real time. How? It's a secret, but if you know a little about out-of-phase stereo, you're probably on the right track. With My Voice, you can also change a song's pitch or tempo, and even record your voice mixed with the backing track. It even comes with a microphone to make your Star Search dreams come true right away. (\$90)

Computer/TV converter

StarTech TV Jockey



Wish your computer monitor was more like a TV, or vice-versa? The TV Jockey converts signals from one to the other, and is compatible with either NTSC (North America) or PAL (Europe) standards. Its stereo outputs can go into either speakers or a sound card, and the unit's inputs accommodate RCA audio and video, line audio, S-video, VGA, and cable. (\$99)

Thrifty navigation tool

Delorme's Earthmate GPS LT-20

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your laptop via USB connection while you're on the road (not when you're driving, obviously, or your location will come up as ditch). It shows your real-time position on detailed maps anywhere in the United States. Sweetening the pot, the voice command-compatible LT-20 comes with DeLorme's Street Atlas USA 2006 software. (\$100)

Component digital video recorder

Pioneer DVR-533

Finally, a DVR that's actually easier for newbies to use out of the box than a VCR. The Pioneer's instruction book will gather dust until you feel like learning the finer points of its operation; once it's hooked up, however, just turn it on and press record, and you're on your way. Also, its "chase" feature can let you see that opening kickoff that you missed while stocking the fridge, all without missing a single play. The Pioneer also boasts one-touch disc copying, but on non-copyguarded discs only. (\$399)

Alternative home-network tool

Iogear Powerline Networking Kit

Iogear's powerline setup lets you network computers, networking devices, and gaming devices through your electric powerlines. The kit offers

a 900-foot wireless range and up to 14Mbps bandwidth, making it useful for getting around Wi-Fi dead spots. (\$100)

Portable multimedia player

Systec V-Pod 250

Is the V-Pod the future of portable entertainment? Time will tell, but in the meantime they're pretty nifty toys. Systec's 250 can record and play digital video, play every variety of music file you can name, store a zillion pictures—and fit in your shirt pocket. It also has in and out jacks so you can watch what you've got on a "real" TV, record directly from a television or radio, and lots more. (\$149)



Label printer

Seiko Instruments SLP-430 Smart Label Printer

The Seiko line of label printers makes it easy to mix and match fonts, graphics, and bar codes all on the same label. You can print labels with your company logo, with a Post Office-approved barcode—you name it. Also, the printers are compatible with Word, Act!, Goldmine, Palm Desktop, and Outlook, letting you grab any address in your address book with a single mouse click. (\$179)

Voice-recognition software

Nuance Dragon Naturally Speaking 8 Professional

This edition of ScanSoft's highly regarded voice software is fully integrated in the Microsoft Office applications you use: Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint. In fact, ScanSoft says, it works with just about any Windows application. And, it can synch up with any Nuance-certified handheld device, such as digital recorders, Pocket PCs, or Palm Tungstens devices. (Regular version: \$199; professional version: \$799)

Composing software

Sibelius 4

Can a software program make you into a composer? Of course not. But if you have the aptitude, a notation program like Sibelius 4 can make it lots easier to get those deathless tunes in your head on paper. It's gotten the thumbs-up from such heavy hitters as Pat

Metheny, the late Ray Charles, and Simpsons composer Alf Clausen. The company says 25,000 former users of its chief competitor, Finale, have switched over. (Academic version: \$329; professional version: \$599)

Tech toy

Cingular BlackBerry 7100g handset

Paris Hilton might have made the BlackBerry infamous when the contacts list on hers was hacked and spread throughout the Web, but this gadget is renowned for a much better reason. It's great for those who want constant access to their e-mail, but don't have constant access to a computer. It provides wireless access to enterprise and ISP e-mail accounts on Microsoft Exchange and Lotus Notes via BlackBerry Enterprise Server, BlackBerry Desktop Redirector, or the BlackBerry Web Client. The 7100g also provides access to IM services like Yahoo, AOL, and ICQ. It's simple and intuitive, easy to master. (\$350)



Headphones

Pioneer HDJ-1000

These headphones are being marketed to DJs and other people who need portable listening gear, but try the HDJ-1000s at home and see if they don't become the cans of choice for your main audio setup. The 50mm phones capture frequencies starting at 5Hz, giving them bass response that most on-the-go headphones can only dream of, and the snug but comfortable housing means hours of listening with no fatigue. (\$299)

Arthur C. Clarke, British author and inventor, most famous of his science fiction novel 2001: A Space Odyssey, formulated the following three "laws" of prediction:

1. When a distinguished but elderly scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states that something is impossible, he is very probably wrong.
2. The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible.
3. Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

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**International Order of Rainbow for Girls
Rhode Island Grand Assembly**
By Miss Amy Deitrick

What a great time we had at the Rainbow-DeMolay Dance on December 30th. Thank you to the Grand Lodge Youth Committee for suggesting it. We had five DeMolay prospects and one for Rainbow. The very next day the Rainbow Grand Officers did a special initiation to end off 2005 by bringing in one new member for Warwick Assembly.

The Fraternal Relations Night was a great deal of fun. We thank the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter for inviting us and for asking us to do a special program. It was our privilege to participate.

Our Youth Leadership Conference at Doric Masonic Center was Saturday, January 7th. Our speakers were excellent. Some of our adult supervisors who were unable to attend the Youth Protection Program in October attended this time as several of the topics were the same. Thank you to Harmony Lodge for loaning us the building with no charge for both dates. You are great supporters of our youth groups and it is sincerely appreciated.

We are looking for majority members, members of Eastern Star, Amaranth, White Shrine or Freemasons who would be willing to help us out by serving as Advisory Board members. We really need adult advisors who are willing to help us grow. We look forward to working with you.

The Grand Choir is still collecting books and crayons for The Domestic Violence Center, soda tabs and Campbell's labels for the Shriners' Hospitals and pennies for the Disaster Relief Fund. Masonic Centers where the girls meet will have buckets or boxes decorated for each collection. We ask you to drop items in whenever you are attending a function at one of these locations. If you do not have a Rainbow Assembly in your building but would be interested and willing to have buckets and boxes for collecting items in your Temple, please let Mom Lynn know. We will be glad to decorate some for you and drop them off. Thank you to Grand Lodge which has asked us to have drop off buckets in the building.

Our candy sale will be starting soon. We look forward to attending your meetings and selling candy so that we can help everyone with their dieting. This is our major fundraiser and we will greatly appreciate any support you are able to provide.

Looking ahead, Grand Officers' Day is Saturday, April 8th at 2:00 P.M. at the North Scituate Assembly. Grand Representatives' Day and the announcement of the 2006-2007 Grand Family is May 20th at the East Greenwich Assembly. We hope many of you will try and attend these function. Our Beach Party Blast to raise money and canned goods for the Rhode Island Food Bank is Saturday, June 3rd at Doric Masonic Center. We hope that many of you will buy tickets and, especially, invite your younger teenage relatives or friends and come socialize with us that night.

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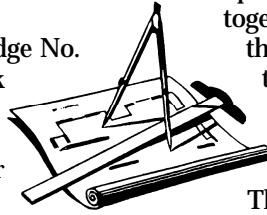
ST. ANDREWS LODGE NO. 39 REAPS BENEFITS OF NEW RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

By Brother William W. McPherson

On Thursday, November 3, 2005, St. Andrews Lodge No. 39 initiated a new recruitment program that resulted in the Lodge obtaining five applications to receive the degrees of Freemasonry.

The program, which originated in Charity Lodge No. 23, was provided by Past Master, Brother Jack Anderson. After being modified to suit the needs of St. Andrews Lodge, it was presented to the Lodge by Right Worshipful Brother Raymond E. Hassell, P.M. The program is broken down into several parts, the first of which is an invitation to attend an informational meeting designed to inform potential Candidates of the history, purpose and membership criteria of the Masonic Fraternity. The invitation stressed the point that the person receiving it was considered to be the type of person worthy of becoming a member of the Craft, but that they were under no obligation to join if they chose to attend the meeting.

Following a welcome and introductory remarks by the Master of Ceremonies, the guests viewed "The Next Great Mason" video provided by Grant Lodge. After a short discussion, the officers of the Lodge were introduced and a brief description of the Masonic Organization was presented. They also received a short explanation of the



Philanthropic programs of the Fraternity, both in the Lodge and through Grand Lodge and concordant bodies.

The process of becoming a Mason was then explained, together with the fees and other particulars, so that they would be aware of all that was expected of them, should they choose to become a member. The guests were all thanked for attending and closing remarks were made by the Master of Ceremonies.

The guests were provided with a light meal during which the members of the Lodge talked with them and answered any questions that they might have had. The guests were also provided with Masonic literature provided by Grand Lodge.

As a direct result of this program, petitions were received from five of the guests. In addition, two former Candidates that had not completed their degrees, renewed their interest in the Craft and requested to resume their Masonic travels.

This program proved to be very successful for St. Andrews Lodge and it is planned that this will become an annual event. We would be pleased to provide information on this program to anyone that might have an interest in giving it a try.

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Franklin Lodge No. 20 Delivers Teddy Bears

On Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at Franklin Lodge No. 20 the members presented boxes of Teddy Bears to the Hope Valley, Ashaway and Westerly ambulance corps to assist in the service to the community.

John Gardner, representative from the Hope Valley Ambulance Service, said for 2005 they logged in over 1,000 calls. Joe and Heather Wyman, a husband and wife team from the Ashaway Ambulance Association, liked to joke that "when they go on a call, you get 135 years of experience" and that the month of December had been the busiest yet with 55 calls. Joe Wyman noted that, "Lots of times you have a parent that is sick or injured and the child has to make the trip to the hospital with them, so the bears really help out." Heather added that the bears are with the children in trauma situations. With the younger children, you can talk to them and try to calm them down but, there is nothing like a Teddy Bear for them to hold.

Dwayne Allen of the Westerly Ambulance Association said with 5,224 calls for the year 2005, "We're pretty busy." Mr. Allen estimates that of the number of calls for help, about 100 were related to children. "These bears are greatly appreciated; they take the whole ambulance call off the child's mind and give them something else to get into."

Among the members on hand for the presentation were Brother Jerry I. Duhamel, Jr., Worshipful Master and Brother Scott Bill Hirst, Junior Warden. Both encouraged all the ambulance services not to hesitate to call for more bears, something the Freemasons of Rhode Island will be happy to provide.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

By Mrs. Judith E. Brightman, Worthy Grand Matron

Fraternal Relations Night with the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Grand Chapter of Rhode Island Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls and the DeMolay was very successful. There was an overwhelming turnout from all the bodies and a most memorable evening. We have been guaranteed that this tradition will continue in the years to come. What a great opportunity where all of the Fraternal Families could come together for an evening with a gourmet meal and an impressive program exemplified by our youth. We thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Wyman Hallstrom, Jr., for his work in obtaining Freemasons' Hall in East Providence for us and for setting up the banquet hall prior to our arrival. We are encouraged by the attendance of Masonic Brothers and wives who are not members of our Order, YET. Hopefully, a better understanding of these Fraternal organizations was gained so that there can be a stronger bond between them and all work together for a common purpose. The Rainbow and DeMolay were quite impressive with the presentation of $7+7=10$. We should be very proud of our youth, our leaders of tomorrow.

We had a most enjoyable time in Aruba on our trip. We were able to visit Aruba Chapter No. 2, OES and witness their installation. They were most gracious and it was such a privilege to greet our Sisters and Brothers so far from home. They were very pleased to welcome us and had an abundance of food ready. It was such an honor to be greeted so warmly and they made everyone feel so welcome. There were many differences in their ceremony but the same ritual was used for the

installation. They do not use a Brother as the installing officer but a Past Matron to do it all!

Our aim this year is to revive Eastern Star in Rhode Island. As it is in the medical field when a patient needs help, we use CPR. We will be using CPR for our Order—CARING, PREPARING and REVIVING. We need everyone's help in this cause. *Won't you help us revive Eastern Star in Rhode Island?*


MARK YOUR CALENDAR. In keeping with the Fraternal Family theme we are planning some family day events: Dick Barter Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 11th and Six Flags, New England on Saturday, July 15th

The Grand Officers Reception will be on Saturday, March 25th at the Pawtucket Country Club starting at 6:00 p.m.

Adah Chapter will be holding a May Breakfast at King Solomon's Masonic Center on May 4th and on Saturday, May 6th, a Yard Sale and May Breakfast. An Evening of Music will be presented there on Friday, April 7th.


Martha Chapter will have an Irish Table Chapter on Saturday, March 18th at the Temple in North Kingstown on Ten Rod Road.

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for the transaction of such business as shall legally come before the respective bodies. Grand Council will open promptly at 9:00 A.M. and Grand Chapter will open promptly at 1:30 P.M. Officers of Subordinate Chapters and Councils, or their proxies, are required to attend in business suits and to wear their official jewels.

NOTE: The top three elected officers of Subordinate Chapters and Councils, *only*, are entitled to send proxies who must be members of the same Chapter or Council. Further, the Annual Reports of the Chairman of all Committees are due in the Grand Secretary/Recorder's hands by March 1st.

CONSTITUTIONS: It is the duty of each Subordinate Chapter and Council to be represented at Convocations of the Grand Chapter and Grand Assembly of Grand Council by its top three officers or by their proxies.

Printed proxy forms have been furnished to each Chapter/Council Secretary/Recorder in this Jurisdiction. The proxy form must carry the seal of the respective Chapter or Council.

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Answers to Puzzle from November/December 2005

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The Next Freemason Deadline is April 5, 2006

Upcoming Events

Change of Address Notification

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Effective from: _____

Grand Master's Official Visitations

March 2, 2006 to the Central District
 Hosted by Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 4

March 14, 2006 to the East Bay District
 Hosted by Washington Lodge No. 3

April 8, 2006 for Mother Lodge Visitation
 At Roger Williams Lodge No. 32

District Deputy Visitations

- Hamilton Lodge No. 15..... March 4
- Harmony Lodge No. 9..... March 7
- Adelphoi Lodge No. 33..... March 7
- St. Alban's Lodge No. 6 March 8
- Washington Lodge No. 5 April 3
- St. Paul's Lodge No. 14 April 4
- Lafayette Lodge No. 47.....April 5
- Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 8April 7
- Daylight Lodge No. 48.....April 10
- St. Johns Lodge No. One Providence...April 19

Candidate Forum Dates

- **March 9** ~ Entered Apprentice and Master Mason Degrees
- **March 21** ~ Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees
- **April 13** ~ Fellow Craft and the Master Mason Degrees
- **April 25** ~ Entered Apprentice and Master Mason Degrees

Officer Forum Date

- **March 18, 2006**
- In case of extreme weather conditions, forums may be cancelled.

Dedication of the Veteran's Cemetery Monument

- **April 29, 2006** ~ More details will be available closer to the date.

Articles can be submitted to the Rhode Island Freemason at the address below or by e-mail to rifreemason@rimasons.org
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