



THE DAY THAT CHANGED OUR WORLD

September 11, 2001

When we remember the stockbrokers, office workers, maintenance workers, bystanders, window-washers and all the others who worked together so valiantly to help each other,
We remember great courage.

When we recall the firefighters who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was racing out,
We remember selfless service.

When we recall the police officers who stood to protect and defend the people and performed their duties until the towers came crashing down on top of them, ***We remember selfless sacrifice for the safety of others.***

When we recall the thousands of workers, women and men and, old and young, single and married, American-born and those born in countries around the world who did not escape the buildings, ***We remember the loss of human life.***

When we recall those citizens who rushed to help, did all they could to help,
We remember and give thanks for dutiful commitment to those in distress.



Five years later ~ pause, reflect and always remember

Items of importance:

Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication, Saturday, November 18, 2006 (see page 2)

Grand Master's Visitation to the Southern District; November 8, 2006 at Hope Lodge No 25

Grand Master's Visitation to the Metro District; November 15, 2006 at St. Johns Lodge No. One Providence District Deputy Visitation-Northern District; Roger Williams Lodge No. 32 changed from September 9, 2006 to January 13, 2007

Forum Dates: September 14 (EA & MM); October 12 (EA & FC); October 24 (FC & MM)

The Grand Master's Message

Brother Carl B. Willi, Grand Master



Brother Carl B. Willi, Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Rhode Island

Brethren,

Summer is all but behind us and except for a few Lodges that remained at labor over the summer, the rest of us have just returned to our labors.

Since our Annual meeting in May, your Grand Master has been quite busy. I have made Official Visitations to the Grand Lodge of Montreal Canada, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of RI, the Grand Lodge of Vermont, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries in Baltimore. The Northeast Conference was particularly interesting and the topics of discussion and information shared between the Grand Jurisdictions very worthwhile.

I also had the privilege of being the guest of the Rhode Island Shrine at their Imperial Session in Tampa, Florida. Ill Potentate, Brother Joseph Wilkinson, members of his Divan and Nobles from Rhode Island were our gracious hosts and no one could have asked for any better—truly a joy! Lady Cristine and I extend to all of them our most sincere thanks for a wonderful time and the great time we spent with each of them.

I do want to share with you one story, or rather a reflection from my visit to Tampa. Your Grand Master had the privilege of walking in the Shriners Parade in Tampa. Granted, the temperature must have been 110° plus coming off the pavement, but the sheer experience of the day was well worth the heat. Brethren, we New Englanders could learn a few things about patriotism from our kinfolk from down South. I have never seen so many people stand and salute—or place their hand over their hearts when the American Flag went by. Not doing so was the exception. It made me feel exceptionally proud to be an American, a Mason, a Shriner and an American Veteran!

Throughout the remainder of this year, most of my messages will focus on doing those things that allow us to improve ourselves in Masonry and make Masonry stronger. I have taken several steps to help us move in that direction. I have issued a decision allowing the use of electronic media for notices of the Lodge. But, before a Lodge goes forward with changing over to electronic notices, be advised that I have laid down specific criteria for its use. It should be reviewed and understood prior to changing over to this new format. The Grand Lodge office will be sending a copy of the criteria for use of electronic media for Lodge notices to all Lodge Masters and Secretaries within our Grand Jurisdiction.

I have restated that all ascending Masters and Wardens are required to attend the Officer's Forums. This is

the criteria for all officers going through the line; including any Past Master who is going through the chair again. The forums are also open to any Mason who would like to attend. If the Stewards and Junior Deacons want to attend to get a "jump" on the process, they are more than welcome and in fact I encourage it. Education is a sharing process and everyone has something they can share, which someone else can use and prosper by it.

Some of you already know that I have appointed M W Past Grand Master Wyman P. Hallstrom Jr. Assistant Grand Secretary. This appointment makes him a member of the Grand Council as well as a Past Grand Master. A letter from the Grand Lodge Office will be forthcoming to all the Lodges which is to be read in open Lodge.

Our community involvement and name recognition will only grow over time as we continue to lead by example. Our Rhode Island CHIP program is a pivotal part of this interface and making ourselves visible in as many areas of the state is a very effective means of accomplishing this goal. By the time the *Rhode Island Freemason* is received at your homes, we should have the new digital equipment in place and up an running. We will hold a training session for all Rhode Island CHIP district coordinators which will be open to anyone who would like to stop by to learn how to set up and use the new equipment for future use.

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Call Of The Most Worshipful GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND And Providence Plantations

Brethren:

The Semi-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

Saturday, November 18, 2006

For the election of officers and the transaction of such business as shall regularly come before it. Grand Lodge will open promptly at **1:00 o'clock P.M.** Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, are required to attend in business suits and to wear their official jewels.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.
Saturday, November 18, 2006**

During Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Meeting at approximately **2:00 o'clock P.M.** in Freemasons' Hall, 222 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island:

Annual Reports of the Chairman, Treasurer and election of new members of the Board of Managers.

Attest:



John M. Faulhaber
John M. Faulhaber
Grand Secretary

Signed:

Carl B. Willi
Carl B. Willi
Grand Master

N.B. Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges *only* are entitled to send proxies who must be members of the same Lodge.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1.7.5: *It is the duty of each Subordinate Lodge to be represented at Communications of the Grand Lodge by its Master and the Wardens or by their proxies.*

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 will also carry the seal of the lodge.

RESOLUTION

Proposed Amendments for Ballot at the Semi-Annual Communication
of Grand Lodge November 18, 2006

CONSTITUTION

Now Reads:

1.7.2 MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES. Two or more lodges, upon summoned communication of the lodges involved, and by vote of **three-fourths** of the members present and voting, may upon the approval of the Grand Master and thereafter confirmed by the Grand Lodge merge or consolidate upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed and set forth in the procedure and petition forms obtained from the Grand Secretary's office.

Change to Read:

1.7.2 MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES. Two or more lodges, upon summoned communication of the lodges involved, and by vote of **the majority** of the members present and voting, may upon the approval of the Grand Master and thereafter confirmed by the Grand Lodge merge or consolidate upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed and set forth in the procedure and petition forms obtained from the Grand Secretary's office.

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Bringing new members into the Craft is always central to our existence and we must continue to work diligently to reach this goal. As with last year, I have already received word that a number of Lodges are doing very well with new candidates. As the work in the quarries of Masonry progress, there is one question I have to ask you. After our new members are raised and have signed the bylaws, what do *YOU* do? How do we keep new members active, involved and interested? Initially, I believe, it is no more complex than showing each and every new member a real and honest interest in their questions, concerns and making sure they become a part of our Lodges. I borrowed (plagiarized) the following from the Imperial Shrine paper I just received. It makes a very valid point and I wanted to share it with you to reflect upon.



Dear Worshipful Master,

I'm the guy who was asked to join your organization. I'm the guy who paid his dues to join. I'm the guy who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal. I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly with some of the fellows, but they all had their own buddies to talk to and to sit next to. I sat down alone several times but no one paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that somebody would have asked me to take part in a fundraising project, or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered. I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not. The next meeting I decided to stay home and watch TV. I attended the following meeting and no one asked where I was when the last meeting was held. You might say I'm a good guy, a good family man who holds a responsible job, loves the community and his country. You know who else I am? I'm the guy who never came back. It amuses me when I think back on how the heads of the organization were discussing why the organization was losing members. It amuses me now to think that you spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. All you had to do was make me feel needed, wanted and welcome.

*Regretfully yours,
Your lost new member*

Something to think about!

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
Carl B. Willi,
Grand Master



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From the Desk of the Grand Secretary



Brother John M. Faulhaber
Grand Secretary

Quite a number of our Lodges have taken the summer months off and as activities become more numerous in the fall, the following information is presented to assist the reporter and others who submit articles for publication.

The manner of writing is important. Rather than saying "DISTRICT DEPUTY VISITS LODGE". The Lodge was open by the Master with a full line of officers in attendance. The District Deputy Grand Master

entered the Lodge and was welcomed. He brought the greetings of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master, presented Fifty-Year Medal to Brother Old Guy, the Senior Warden reminded those present about the annual snowball fight and the Lodge was closed. We all went downstairs and had coffee and cookies. Thank you to Brother I'm A Cook for the great supper before the meeting. How does he make those potatoes so good?" Perhaps you might try something like the following?

BROTHER OLD GUY AWARDED FIFTY-YEAR MEDAL. During a special visit to the Lodge, Right Worshipful Joe Important, District Deputy of the Rhode Island District Anywhere, presented a Fifty-Year Medal to Brother Old Guy. This took place before a full line of officers and members at the Regular Communication of the Lodge which followed a supper prepared by Brother I'm A Cook. This included Brother Cook's famous mashed potatoes (see recipe below.) Before closing the Lodge, the Senior Warden announced the date (December 14) of the annual snowball fight. All Masons are welcome to attend along with their families. (What a great excuse to bounce an ice ball off your significant other.) Cookies, coffee and Brotherly comradery followed the meeting.

I'm A Cook's Mashed Potatoes

2 lbs butter; 10 lbs. of potatoes;
1 pt heavy cream
Cook potatoes; place in bowl;
add butter & cream

Mash all together and serve

I hope you get the idea!

A "thank you" to Lodge members for service provided to the Lodge really should be in the Lodge notice as it is of particular interest to the members of the Lodge and not to the Jurisdiction in general. On the other hand, awards such as "Mason of the Year" and "Outstanding Ritualist" are acceptable when properly presented in an article.

Remember that future activities are important especially if they involve the District, Grand Jurisdiction or Freemasons in general. The *Rhode Island Freemason* welcomes letters to the Editor and articles by individuals, but the subject of these should be informative and the facts contained therein correct. We will not publish any article or letter that does not meet these criteria. This publication is not a forum for controversy.

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To Bigotry No Sanction, To Persecution No Assistance

By Comp. Saul M. Montes-Bradley, II

Submitted by Brother Kenneth W. Jencks, PGM and reprinted with permission from Flintlock & Powderhorn

The times immediately following the Revolutionary War were not easy for anyone in the fledgling republic. Economic difficulties added to political uncertainty to create a period of great anxiety. Among those wary of the changes taking place were the members of the Hebrew congregation of Newport, Rhode Island.

One of the first communities to answer Roger Williams' call to a new colony based on the utmost principles of tolerance, the fifteen families who arrived between 1654 and 1658 from Recife or perhaps Aruba and New Amsterdam, constituted the congregation of Kahalk Kadosh Yeshauat Israel, the oldest Jewish Congregation in the U.S.

In 1738, Peter Harrison, the same architect who would later design Christ Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts—among other notable colonial buildings—donated his work for the design and construction of the ToOuro Synagogue as a new home for the congregation. The building still stands as the oldest continuously occupied synagogue in the nation, sporting several distinct architectural characteristics including a hidden room under the altar, a practice that harkens to the days when the Inquisition made such accommodations a necessity.

Its status today as a National Historic Site belies the difficulties faced by its occupants in the years following the Declaration of Independence. The largest Jewish community in Revolutionary times, it was divided and impoverished like its Christian neighbors, facing the exodus of its loyalist members, the failure of the farms and businesses of those who remained behind and unpaid years of service to the cause of the Revolution. The uncertainties of the period of the Articles of Confederation only added to their chagrin.

Finally, in 1789, a Constitution was approved and, of particular importance to the subjects of our study today, a Bill of Rights that guaranteed freedom of conscience and a separation of Church

and State. Nevertheless, with caution dictated by experience, and taking advantage of newly elected President Washington's visit to Newport, the Warden of the Newport Congregation wrote a letter to express the congregations anxiety and its desire that the new republic be based on toleration not unlike that promised by Williams:



Inside view of the sanctuary of
the Touro Synagogue

"Sir:

Permit the children of the stock of Abraham to approach you with the most cordial affection and esteem for your person and merit, and to join with our fellow-citizens in welcoming you the New Port.

With pleasure we reflect on those days—those days of difficulty, and danger, when the God of Israel, who delivered David from the peril of the sword—shielded Your head in the day of battle:—and we rejoice to think, that the same Spirit, who rested in the Bosom of the greatly beloved Daniel enabling him to preside over the Provinces of the Babylonish Empire, rests and ever will rest, upon you, enabling you to discharge the arduous duties of Chief Magistrate in these States.

Deprived as we hitherto have been of the invaluable rights of free citizens, we now—with deep sense of gratitude in the Almighty Disposer of all events—behold a government erected by the majesty of the people—a government which is bigotry gives no sanction, to persecution no assistance, but generously affording to all liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship, deeming every one of whatever nation, tongue or language equal parts of the great governmental machine. This so ample and extensive Federal Union, whose base is philanthropy, mutual confidence and public virtue, we cannot but acknowledge to be the work of the great God, who rules in the armies of the heavens and among the inhabitants of the earth, doing whatever seemeth to Him good.

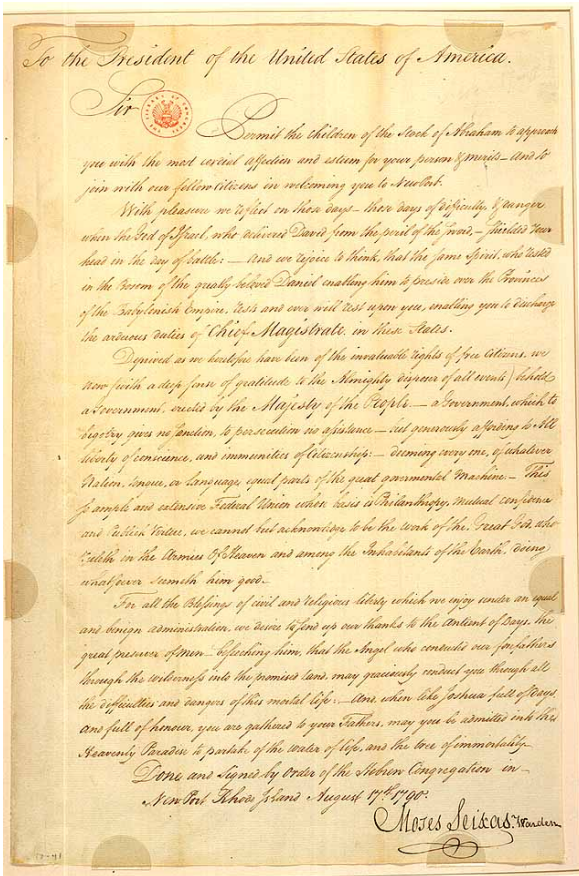
For all the blessings of civil and religious liberty which we enjoy under an equal and benign administration, we desire to send up our thanks to the Ancient of days, the great Preserver of men, beseeching Him that the angels who conducted our forefathers through the wilderness into the promised land may graciously conduct you through all the difficulties and dangers of this mortal life; and when, like Joshua, full of days and full of honors, you are gathered to your fathers, may you be admitted into the heavenly paradise to partake of the water of life and the tree of immortality.

Done and signed by order of the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, August 17, 1790.

Moses Seixas, Warden"

Full of Jewish imagery and praise for the President, the letter is also a reminder of why the members of the congregation had joined the revolutionary effort, and it expressed in unequivocal terms their desire that the new government live up to its promise of civil and religious freedom.

President Washington's answer is singularly telling not only for what it



Brother Moses Seixas' letter to President George Washington

says, but for how he says it.

Unlike previous replies of the same kind (i.e., to the Jewish Congregation of Savannah, Georgia) Washington makes the words of Warden Seixas' his own and delivers a reply that clearly establishes his views on religious freedom and his promise that it would be forcibly defended, giving "to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance" while resorting to Jewish imagery as if it were his own. The message is as compelling today as it was in 1790 and just as relevant;

"Gentlemen:

While I received with much satisfaction your address replete with expressions of esteem, I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you that I shall always retain grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced on my visit to Newport from all classes of citizens.

The reflection on the days of

difficulty and danger which are past is rendered the more sweet from a consciousness that they are succeeded by days of uncommon prosperity and security.

If we have wisdom to make the best use of the advantages with which we are now favored, we cannot fail, under the just administration of a good government, to become a great and happy people.

The citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy—a policy worthy of imitation. All possess a like liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship.

It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights, for, happily, the government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my administration and fervent wishes for my felicity.

May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid.

May the father of all mercies scatter

light, and not darkness, upon our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy.

G. Washington"

One can hardly imagine the relief and happiness these words from Washington bestowed upon the members of the old congregation of Yeshuat Israel. There it was, in terms that afforded no doubt, the promise of a continuance of the peace and prosperity they had enjoyed since the time their forebears answered the call of Roger Williams—and that remains unfettered to this day. Washington's correspondence with the Newport Congregation was published in numerous newspapers in the 1790s, spreading a message of tolerance and establishing the free and equal status of all beliefs in the new nation.

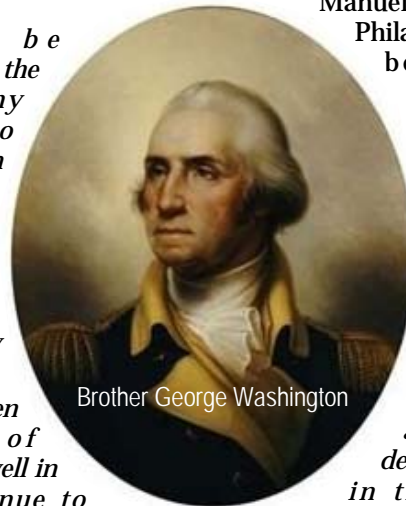
Alas, not all states were as quick to respond, but even as Maryland prepared to give political rights to its Jewish population in 1824, Governor Worthington resorted to the arguments made by President Washington in this correspondence as sufficient.

In the months following Washington's reply, many more congregations sent him congratulatory addresses, like the following from Manuel Josephson, president of Philadelphia's Mikve Israel, on behalf of the Hebrew Congregations of Philadelphia, New York, Charleston and Richmond, written on December 13th, 1790:

"Sir,

It is reserved for you to unite in affection for your character and person every political and religious denomination of men; and in this will the Hebrew congregations aforesaid yield to no class of their fellow citizens.

...The wonders which the Lord of Hosts hath worked in the days of our Forefathers, have taught us, to



Brother George Washington

George Washington and the Hebrew Community of Newport

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observe the greatness of His wisdom and His might throughout the events of the late glorious revolution; and while we humble ourselves at His footstool in thanksgiving and praise for the blessing of His deliverance; we acknowledge you, the Leader of American Armies, as his chosen and beloved servant; But not to your sword alone is present happiness to be ascribed; that, indeed, opened the way to the reign of Freedom, but never was it perfectly secure, till your hand gave birth to the Federal Constitution, and you renounced the joys of retirement to seal by your administration in Peace what you had achieved in war.

To the eternal God, who is thy refuge, we commit in our prayers the care of thy precious life; and when, full of years, thou shalt be gathered unto thy people, thy righteousness shall go before thee, and we shall remember, amidst our regret, "that the Lord hath set apart the godly for himself," whilst thy name and thy virtues will remain an indelible memorial on my minds.

Manuel Josephson"

Today, we mark two hundred and fifteen years since Washington's reply to Warden Seixas, and three hundred and fifty-one since the settlement of the first families of the Yeshuat Israel congregation in Newport.

Think of this, for it is no mean fact. And as you think of this, rejoice and applaud yourselves for continuing to give mankind "examples of an enlarged and liberal policy—a policy worthy of imitation," and that we "all possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship."

In the course of the life of many in this room, we will mark four hundred years of continued Peace and Prosperity for the Jewish congregation at Newport. Four Hundred Years! There is no other example anywhere at any time in history of a Jewish congregation being free from persecution for four Centuries. Not one.

Let me repeat that. There is no other example anywhere nor at any time in

history of a Jewish community living free from persecution for nearly four Centuries. None, that is, except that afforded by the land of Roger Williams and George Washington.

May we always prove worthy of their efforts, their love of freedom and their noble inheritance. So may it be God's will.

BROTHER MOSES SEIXAS
Most Worshipful Grand Master
 1802-1808
(Reprinted from Freemasonry
in Rhode Island)

This Brother was widely and favorably known among Masons, and his Masonic zeal was evinced in many ways and on frequent occasions. He was foremost among those who established the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, being at that time W Master of St. John's Lodge in Newport, and the Chairman of a Committee representing that Lodge, which Committee, acting in conjunction with a similar Committee appointed by St. John's Lodge in Providence, formulated a plan for constituting the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. Because of his representative position, and his ability, he was called upon to preside at the constituting of Grand Lodge, 1791, and, as installing officer, he inducted Christopher Champlin into his position as Grand Master and the other designated Grand Officers into their respective places.

In the year 1800 Moses Seixas was chosen Deputy Grand Master, which office he held for two years. In 1802 he was elected Grand Master, continuing to hold the office by annual re-elections until 1809. His administration of Grand Lodge affairs during this long term of seven years was very much to his credit. It was at this period, and somewhat by the efforts of this zealous Craftsman, that Freemasonry made rapid progress in Rhode Island and became more systematized in the expression of its principles and

purposes. Brother Seixas was active and proficient in all departments of Freemasonry, as recognized at his time, and had been advanced to a foremost place in the Scottish Rite. His greatest interest, however, centered in the Blue Lodge. His name and memory will long endure because of his ardent support of the Masonic institution and the conspicuous services rendered by him in its behalf. It will be remembered to his credit, also, that he was a reputable and honored citizen. For the last fourteen years of his life he held the position of Cashier in the Bank of Rhode Island, Christopher Champlin being the President of the same institution. Brother Seixas died at his residence in Washington Square, Newport, Nov. 29, 1809, aged sixty-six years. His body was laid to rest in the Jewish cemetery of that city, and the burial place marked by a monument, which states the fact of his connection with the Masonic Fraternity and of his having held the office of Grand Master.

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THIRD ANNUAL GASPEE GHOSTS WALK TO HELP CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA

Dear Friends and Brothers,

The 3rd annual Gaspee Ghosts Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st at 10:30 AM. This is a 5K walk through historic Pawtuxet and Gaspee, beginning and ending at the Valley of Providence Learning Center at 1 Rhodes Place in Cranston. This event has raised a total of about \$10,000.00 for the Learning Center in its' first two years. We'd like to make this year's walk the best yet.

Every lodge in Rhode Island will receive several of our walk brochures as well as a letter requesting financial assistance. So will every Concordant Body. Obviously all contributions are welcomed and gratefully received and appreciated. However, instead of voting for the Treasurer of the Lodge, Unit, Chapter or Assembly to write a check, why not take a brochure, solicit some pledges and join us for a nice walk. In fact, why not take two and bring someone to walk with. It really is a great day. We have a beautiful course and it's a great way to spend some time with your spouse, parent, child or grandchild. We have walkers of all ages.

The registration fee for walkers is \$15.00 (\$5.00 for children under 12) and I'm sure you'll find this money well spent. All walkers will receive a T-Shirt and a water bottle. Further, all participants are invited to a cookout immediately after the walk. There will be incentive awards for the following fund-raising milestones: \$250, \$500, \$750 & higher. If you know a student who has community service requirements for school this time can certainly be applied. Since this event is attended by many non-Masons, it is a wonderful opportunity to show what the Masonic Community can do when we work together. We need your help to make this event a success and allow our learning center to continue to provide this vital service to local children.

If you would prefer not to walk, but would like to help, we need volunteers to pass out water bottles and T-Shirts, register walkers, man water stations, man grills and help us deal with all the little catastrophes that always show up.

Please join us on October 21st and either bring your registration form with you or mail it with a check payable to "CLC Dyslexia Walk" to:

The Annual Gaspee Ghosts Walk
32° Masonic Learning Center for Children
Attn: Steve McGuire
1 Rhodes Place
Cranston, RI 02905

For more information on The 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, or to learn more about Dyslexia, contact me or log on to the Scottish Rite Freemasonry website at:

<http://www.supremecouncil.org/>

Thank you in advance for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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YOUR CHARITIES EFFORTS IN ACTION



At its meeting on June 12th the Board of Managers received the final report and recommendations from the chairman of the Scholarship Committee and the Committee was thanked for its efforts this year. The recommendations will be taken under advisement.

We are still looking at a whole lot of Teddy Bears that are not moving. It is inconceivable that **no** department has used up the supply of bears that was given out in the initial push. If this program is not to become an embarrassment to Rhode Island Masonry, it is essential that the Lodges check with the departments they were asked to service and check their supply.

Most Worshipful Brother Bob Allen is still looking for help at the Masonic Assistance facility at Buttonwoods to help with the medical equipment effort. If you want to spend a few hours in true Masonic comradery, or just to have something different to do, give him a call, or go down on a Friday. Transportation remains a key issue. If the facts in a letter accompanying a donation made by one of our widows in thanks for the equipment we provided her are right, it seems a little ridiculous that another organization provided the transportation of the equipment. It is nice that the Lodge looked after her, but why couldn't the transportation have been handled? Obviously, we cannot all participate in every event or operation that we have in Masonry, but one trip a month from a couple of handfuls of members would make a big difference. Look at it from the standpoint of the Lodge being able to demonstrate the brotherly love and affection we claim to have for one another. AND doesn't it make a better impression on the

Brother and his family to have his own Lodge care enough to take care of his needs? This is a great opportunity we should not let slip away.

The new CHIP equipment is in and the Grand Master has been testing it. As this is written, we should be seeing it in the field and the process should be both simplified and enhanced. It will be good to know that we are again using up-to-date technology.

Once again the last thing we would like to mention is the Grand Master's appeal. By now everyone has received their return address stickers and the Grand Master's letter. Responses are coming in, but please check your desks and see if you have pushed the appeal envelope to one side. This is a very important appeal as it will provide funding for the continuation and growth of the CHIP program. Past appeals for CHIP have been very successful and we really need to see that kind of result this time.

Now that most Lodges are on summer hiatus, it is most important that we be vigilant to be certain needs of our members are recognized, reported and handled promptly. Please watch out for one another and be ready to help, or call for relief as needed. Masonic responsibility does not take a summer hiatus, nor does catastrophe and need.

Have a good summer and come to the picnic on August 20th. It is a great time to get moving again as we approach the start of things in the fall. We hope to see you all there.



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KEEPING UP WITH MT. MORIAH LODGE NO. 8

By Brother Roger Lepire

Brethren and Families, I have several topics of importance to speak about this month. First, FIFTY YEARS, how many of us will spend fifty years of our lives doing anything. For whatever the reason very few people ever have, or ever will, spend fifty years making a living at one company or job. Yet we have five Brothers that have spent fifty years in Freemasonry. Had these Brothers spent fifty years earning a living they would have been paid for it. It would be easy to understand why they persevered for so long. As Freemasons not only did they not get paid but they paid every year for the privilege of being called a Brother. For the right to sit in lodge with men that believed in friendship, morality and Brotherly love. These are not just words for Freemasons, they are the tenets we truly live by. Now you may say how about a Brother who for whatever the reason does not sit in Lodge with his Brothers, why in the world would he pay dues for fifty years to belong to this Fraternity. Though I know I cannot speak for all fifty year members, I can say that all the long-term members I've spoken to say the same thing. Masonry is something that's in their hearts and even if they cannot make it to their Lodge on a regular basis, or even not at all, they will always be Freemasons in their hearts.

This being said, who are these men that have been loyal to Mt. Moriah for this many years? They are Brothers David H. Birchell Jr., Joel M. Cerel, Willard Crossley, Ernest Hulme and Albert E. Proffitt Jr.

Brother Birchell is living in Florida and has had medical problems, so he was unable to travel to Rhode Island to receive his medal in Lodge. Grand Lodge will see to it that he receives it in Florida. Though Brother Joel Cerel is living in Cranston he has also been ill and was unable to receive his medal in Lodge. Brothers Bill Crossley, Ernie Hulme, and Al Proffitt all received their medals in Lodge on a memorable evening.

I mentioned at the onset that there were several topics I wanted to speak about. The second topic is the dedication of our Masonic Veteran's Memorial in the Veteran's Cemetery. On April 29th many, many Freemasons and families

went to the Veteran's Cemetery to dedicate a memorial "to honor those military veterans who have served." This labor of love that was started and brought to fruition by Brother Leon C. Knudsen and was made possible through the work of a multitude of Freemasons. Lodges, Concordant Bodies and individuals contributed money and time to this project—but it was well worth all the effort. R W Leon spoke eloquently as did M W Bradford Barco. Our Grand Master at the time, Brother Wyman P. Hallstrom Jr., proceeded to dedicate this great monument with assistance from the R W Grand Marshal, Brother Wyman P. Halstrom III. It was a fantastic dedication and Mt. Moriah was well represented at the event. We had ten members and several wives in attendance. If you were unable to attend the dedication I would suggest that you take a ride to the Veteran's Cemetery. You could not imagine a better representation of Freemasonry. Don't take my word for it, go see it.

By the way, don't you find it scary that 50% of all doctors graduate from medical school in the bottom half of their class. Now isn't that something to think about.

We have had a very good year as far as new members go. During the Grand Master's two-day class we gained three new Master Masons. They are Brothers Robert Herbert, Keith Parker, and Michael Vinacco. All three of these Brothers have shown their proficiency and have signed the By-Laws of Mt. Moriah. We also had three candidates take all their degrees at Mt. Moriah. They are Brothers Alexander Dawson, James Lapastora, and Charles McMillan. These three Brothers went through their Master Mason's degree in June. They will be signing the By-Laws of Mt. Moriah at the September meeting if found Proficient. We are fortunate indeed because we didn't just get six new members, we gained six Brothers that already have Freemasonry in their hearts. But, as good as this year was there is every reason to believe that next year will be

equally as good. We will be voting on a Candidate at the September meeting, and we will be reading the names of at least six other applicants. We may get several more before the end of the year. These are men of excellent character and they will be a welcome addition to Mt. Moriah. Part of our good fortune in getting these candidates was due to our W Master, Brother Bob Cornell putting on a "Bring a friend to lodge night". He was assisted by R W Leon C. Knudsen and W Brother John Anderson. He was also assisted by Brothers James Isherwood, Jim Bethel Jr. and David Bethel who all gave excellent presentations.

I'm very sad to report that on March 17th one of our Brothers passed away after a long illness. Brother Kenneth W. Bedford was 71 years old and had been a Master Mason since 1969. He affiliated with Mt. Moriah in 1996 and was very active in Lodge; rarely missing a meeting. Brother Bedford served as our custodian for a number of years. Ken also did all the cooking prior to meetings during 1996 and 1997. We miss seeing his smiling face at meetings and we miss his jokes.

I'm also very sad to have to report that another Brother of Mt. Moriah has put down his working tools. On July 15th Brother Benjamin S. Ballou passed away. Brother Ballou was 87 years old and had been a member since 1983. Ben had been in line for several years serving as Tiler and Senior Steward. He was also custodian for many years. Brother Ballou has been unable to attend meetings for several years but still remained a dedicated Mason. Ben will also be dearly missed.

Masonic services were held by Mt. Moriah for these Brethren.

I urge you to attend a meeting now and then to meet these dedicated men that are joining our beloved Fraternity, and who are the future of this Lodge. It will also give you a chance to see Brothers you haven't seen in a while. Well, I'll see you in

From the Secretary's Desk of Roger Williams Lodge No. 32

By Brother Wyman "Skip" Hallstrom, Jr.

Greetings from Roger Williams Lodge No. 32. The summer will be over when this issue comes out and it will be time to start the Lodge meetings again. It looks like it will be a busy year for Roger Williams. We have prospective candidates waiting to be balloted on and we are looking forward to the degrees. I am sure that the officers will be ready to go when the time comes. Right Worshipful Brother Russ Davis has taken over the duty of Master of Ceremonies for the Lodge and he will make sure that everyone is ready. Now that I think of it, that is a funny situation. Russ will be Master of Ceremonies for Joe Plante in Lodge and Joe will be Master of Ceremonies for Russ in the District.

Those of you that missed the Northern District picnic missed a great time. The weather was great and everyone had a ball. Well, maybe not the losing softball team—but everyone else sure did. Peter Kinderforski and his helpers deserve a lot of credit. As I write this, the Grand Lodge Picnic has not happened yet but I am sure that it will go very well—as it has in the past, although now they are calling for showers.

The Lodge will be buzzing in September, the Worshipful Master has a program planned and it should be a very good night. Worshipful Brother Mark Robar III from Charity Lodge No.23 will be talking about bees and beekeeping. I hope if he brings any, they are all asleep.

Brother Joe says the ladies are invited for dinner and the program. If I know Joe Plante, it will not be a late night. The meeting is Saturday night, September 9. Please mark it down in your calendar and if you want supper, please make a call for a reservation at either 401/568-5010 for the Worshipful Master or 401/722-4592 for the Secretary, at least a few days before the meeting. I remember one night, just as I was leaving for Lodge, the phone rang with a reservation. I was tempted to stop and buy a Big Mac on the way but I didn't. Sometimes it's hard not to think like a clown. Try to get your reservation in at least by Tuesday. Supper will be home cooked meatloaf dinner, so don't miss out.



We have had to change our District Deputy Visitation from September to January as the District Deputy had a conflict which would have prevented him from being there and since Brother Doug Connell has had so much fun at our expense over the years, he didn't want to miss us. We look forward to having him and Brother Bill Mack at any time.

We will be balloting on two men who desire to become Masons. They are both very enthusiastic and anxious to begin. They and their families both joined us at the Northern District picnic and had a great time. Of course the Masonic Youth Center will impress anyone. We hope to have degrees starting in October and the officers are very excited and want to get started as soon as they can. As of right now the degrees are planned for October, December, and February. That will give the candidates plenty of time for their memorization and also for the officers to polish their work.

This is the first article I have tried to write for the *Rhode Island Freemason*. I have put in a little about what we have done and what we are planning to do. I have not put in the minutes of our meeting as that would be boring. I don't know how many of these I will get in, but I will try to make it interesting. If anyone has any suggestions, or there is anything you would like me to write about, let me know. I don't think that every detail is necessary in an article but special events certainly are. For those of you that read the Scimitar, you will notice that my wife has all the writing talents.

Hope to see you in Lodge!

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION AT ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE PROVIDENCE

By Brother Robert R. Mason

Our Annual Communication was attended by a large contingent of Grand Lodge officers. The necessary reports were read and a Necrology Service recognizing the passing of twenty-six Brothers in the preceding year. Our membership now totals 389 (as of April 30th). The Treasurer's report was lengthy and did note a few spending overages. Our Finance Committee reported a gain in the Lodge's portfolio and points to a very healthy situation guided by careful investments and prudent spending. The Worshipful Master's report was very detailed and he did warn us ahead of time that it was a long and interesting presentation!

Brother Kenneth N. Bruns, District Deputy Grand Master, assisted by Brother Paul DeMonti, Grand Master of Ceremonies, conducted the election and later (upon entrance of our invited guests) a wonderful installation of a full line of officers.

The new Master, Brother Gerald Plemmons, introduced his wife, family and dear friends. He was presented with an album, gavel and his new Master's apron with carrying case. The State Master Councilor for DeMolay and the Rainbow Girls were introduced.

Brother Frank Villani received his Past Master's Jewel which was once

worn by our Past Master, Brother Ralph Dexter.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Carl B. Willi, escorted Brother Villani around the Lodge Room, to a thunderous ovation.

Even though it was a late evening, all who attended really enjoyed the festivities.

Remember, Brethren, to support your individual Lodges and occasionally drop in on us. We meet the third Wednesday of the month at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Broad Street, Cranston, RI. A warm welcome awaits you!

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A PAGE FROM THE LOG OF OVERSEAS LODGE NO. 40

By Brother Michael J. Barboza

Greetings Brethren. The Brothers of Overseas Lodge hope you are all well and enjoying the summer season, now that the latest heat wave has subsided.

Our special Masonic Meeting at the Rhode Island Veterans Home in Bristol, RI on July 22nd was greatly appreciated by all that attended. Brother Dave Mahon arranged for our guest speaker, U.S. Army Major Mark Vaughn, currently serving as an instructor at the Newport Naval War College. Major Vaughn spoke about his duties and experiences as a civil affairs officer during a recent tour to Iraq. His first-hand account of the tremendous challenges facing our service men and women brings home the stark reality of warfare and makes one even more appreciative of their personal sacrifices and service.



Major Vaughn is no stranger to Overseas Lodge. His Grandfather, Worshipful Brother Arthur S. Vaughn, was our third Master, having presided in the East in 1921. Nine years later, his Uncle, the Worshipful Raymond L. Vaughn, became Master in 1930.

The Masters and officers of Overseas Lodge held a Special Ladies' Night on July 23rd. This is an annual event for the Lodge. The Lodge remembers the widows of our deceased members by holding this special event. This year it was held at Chelo's on Post Road in Warwick. We had a great turnout and had seven widows in attendance: Marion Harrison, Lorraine Kranser, Lorian Kurda, Grace Lemon, Bertha Lisker, Ester Pratt and Alice Sanderson. We also had guests from other Lodges, namely Brother Brad Ripley and his lady, Millie.

Our annual summer picnic was held at the Masonic Park in Warwick on August 6th and was well attended. The weather was great and the food was better. Thanks to Chef Dave Ogilvie and crew.

In closing, we wish you good health and ask that you support our troops as best you can.

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SUMMER EVENTS OF HARMONY LODGE NO. 9

By Brother Stephen Charron

Well, summer is in full swing, and I hope everyone is enjoying the good weather while they can. While summertime is traditionally a slow time in Harmony Lodge, this summer we've been busier than ever doing the work of the Craft.

First there was the annual steak fry on June 6th where Harmony hosted 76 Brothers, all whom seemed to enjoy the inch thick sirloins grilled to perfection with all the trimmings. While our traditional strawberry shortcake for dessert is always popular, we had a very special treat because Bill Spicer's wife baked ten homemade apple pies for us that were simply scrumptious! Needless to say, we had a lot of strawberries left over as we devoured the pies! Many thanks to the officers who sacrificed attending the meeting and worked the grills and did all the prep work. Special thanks to Brother Henry Rossi who makes it all look so easy in pulling it all together.

Then on June 27th, a special meeting was held at the Seasons, the assisted living center in front of St. Elizabeth's home in East Greenwich, so that our elderly Brothers who live there, Ray Brown, Everett Wilcox, and W. Frank Whorf could enjoy the brotherhood of a lodge meeting. In short, we brought the Lodge to them. Frank received his 50 year medal that night from the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, Brother Doug Connell, who seemed to enjoy the occasion almost as much as our senior Brothers did. A tip of the hat to Brother Jesse Edwards for coming up with the whole idea in the first place.

Two nights later on June 29th, Harmony Lodge welcomed nine new brothers into the Lodge as the **first** class of 2006 proved their proficiencies and signed the By-Laws of Harmony Lodge. Congratulations to our newest Brothers. Our Junior Deacon, Brother Ray Athaide did an outstanding job in teaching this class. Their proficiencies were the best I've seen.

Then on July 16th our newest officer, Brother Bill McColl, did an amazing job of running the annual picnic for Harmony No. 9, which has grown to be the smash of the season! With the assistance of the first class of 2006, Bill put on a little party at the Buttonwoods Masonic Youth Center for about a hundred and twenty Brothers and family members. The food was great, the company even better. I must report that the annual tradition of soaking the Master was continued by the class of 2006. At the risk of repeating myself from a previous year, the closer one gets to the east, the less one laughs at seeing this. I was, however, overcome with laughter at seeing the class dunk Bill McColl in a canoe full of ice water.

On July 26th and 27th, the **second** class of 2006 took their Entered Apprentice degree with ten candidates filling the ranks. While all the candidates were well received, it must be mentioned that our Worshipful Master, Brother Arty Kurtz, had the distinct joy and privilege of obligating his son, Arthur Kurtz III, or A.J., as most know him. The second class has had a high standard set by the first class, but I for one am impressed with the commitment these men have shown and have confidence they will raise the bar even higher for the **third** class of 2006. Yes folks, I said

third class as Harmony plans to have a third class in October for an anticipated total of 32 new brothers in 2006! It ain't easy being Harmony, but it sure is fun!

Harmony Lodge's Annual Charity Golf tournament benefited the R.I. Community Food Bank this year and was held on Saturday, July 29th at the Crystal Lakes Golf Course in Harrisville. It was a great day of golf on a beautiful course, a scenic boat ride to a rustic steak dinner with wonderful friends and brothers and supported a needy charity. Hats off to Past Master, Bro. Carmine Depetrillo and our Treasurer, Bro. James Rapson for an outstanding job of running this charity event.

By special dispensation from Grand lodge, Harmony will hold its September monthly communication on the second Tuesday in September rather than the first as we will have some very special company. The British are coming! Harmony Lodge No. 9 will once again host visitors from our sister lodge, Lodge Harmony# 156 in Plymouth, England. It is my hope that in some way we can show them the brotherhood and hospitality that was shown us when we visited them. Jeannie Kurtz was telling her brother about freemasonry and told him how Arty meets Masons all the time and there is an instant bond of friendship, as if they've known each other for years. Having traveled to Plymouth, England and met our brothers there, I understand what she's talking about.

Plans are already underway for the Harmony Lodge Halloween party on Oct 28th. You don't want to miss this, folks, it's the best! Mark your calendars. Call me for tickets.

As always, all members of Harmony Lodge are invited to the Fellow Craft Club on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Doric Masonic Center. Your Fellow Craft Club is working hard to assist the Master and support the Lodge. If you wish to contribute your ideas and support, this is the place to make it happen. It's a great way to enjoy the brotherhood in a casual fashion.

For those who have internet access, check out rimasons.org and join their Yahoo group. Then be sure to check out the growing photo albums of Harmony Lodge and all our activities. If you have pictures for these albums, please send them to me as an attached file. Brothers wishing to be kept up-to-date on what's happening in our state, the site's calendar and message area are a great way to keep in touch and informed. Every lodge can benefit by this and it's fairly easy to use.

Should any of you want to add anything to this column or know of a brother that's ill, or in need, give a holler! This is your voice in the Freemason, so if you don't use it, don't be surprised no one hears you. For more information on any of these events, or to share some helpful information, call 401-737-4697 or e-mail at Stephen.Charron@cox.net. Until next month, get up, get out, and make a difference!

SICK LIST UPDATE FOR REDWOOD LODGE NO. 35

By Brother Moe Cohen

I am happy to report that our Chaplain, Right Worshipful Brother Judah Rosen and our Secretary, Worshipful Brother Jerry Cohen, are both improving.

Brother Judah has been in a cast recovering from a broken ankle after a fall early in the summer. He has been able to get out on occasion with the help of his wife, Dorothy, and they were able to make it to the Grand Lodge Picnic.

After suffering a mild stroke at the end of July, Brother Jerry will be back home from rehab at the beginning of September. We all look forward to seeing him at the Secretary's desk when he feels up to it.

Everyone at Redwood Lodge joins with me in wishing both our Brothers a continued and successful recovery.

AN ACTIVE SUMMER AT LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 47

By Brother Jack Whatmough

Your Lodge did not go to recess this summer, but we welcome you back from vacation and to our September meeting. The days are getting shorter and the schools are open—so, be careful driving.

In August we had a special meeting to pass two candidates through the Entered Apprentice Degree and we will also have a September special for the Fellow Craft degree. The Master Mason will follow in October.

Worshipful Brother Bob Turner headed North to have hip surgery and is now back home in Florida. Worshipful Ken Long had surgery and he is on the road to recovery. Please keep the Master informed of all illness and distress.

Brother Clinton Tompkinson's wife, Mary, passed away on Monday, July 10, 2006. Brother Clint and Mary would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Friday, July 14. Lafayette Lodge extends its sympathy and prayers to Brother Clint.

The 4th of July parade was great and while Lafayette's float didn't get first prize, we were there. The Shriners were in full force and made a very impressive showing. Lafayette had a refreshment stand and did quite well. The proceeds were donated to the Trustees.

At the July meeting Brother Norman Raymond served a delicious lamb and chicken dinner and then he demonstrated to the ladies (and men) how to make a quick and simple blueberry cake with real whipped cream. While we ate dinner, the cake baked. *It was so GOOD.*

The August meeting program was presented by Right Worshipful Brother Steve Smith on Cleopatra's Obelisk. In September we will revert to our Festive Board format for Masonic Brethren only. The degree work will be on a special night with details to be announced.

It is very important for dinner reservations to be made to insure adequate food for everyone. Recently, we ran short of food because 16 Brethren *did not* make reservations. The solution is simple; just pick up the telephone and CALL.

Brother Bill Bundeff is our Chairman of Trustees and he is focused on what needs to be done today and tomorrow. The building is now 45 years old and we need to address repairs and bring the building up to State Fire Code. All of this will take money. We elected Brother Bill to manage and speak for us in controlling the property and it is now our turn to support Brother Bill with his campaign when he announces his plan shortly.

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Should I be backing up? YES, you should! Data loss is not a matter of "if," it is a matter of "when." Everyone experiences data loss sooner or later. The question is: will you have a copy of your important files when that data loss occurs? Data backup is critical for a small business and it is important for a home user as well.

The cheapest and easiest method of backup today is a neat little device called USB flash memory. Flash memory is about the size of a pack of gum and fits nicely on a key ring or in a pocket. These little beauties hold up to 8 gigabytes (that's a billion bytes) of data and 16 GB (gigabyte) models are expected by end of the year. Prices for flash memory start at around \$20 for the 256 MB (megabytes) model.

Flash memory is so simple to use: plug it into an open USB port on your PC and the operating system recognizes it immediately. If you are not sure what a USB port is, it is the small rectangular slot that your printer and camera plug into. For anyone still running Windows 98, you may have a more difficult time with USB memory depending on the version of Windows 98 that you have.

Once the memory is installed, you simply copy your photos, documents or any other files to it using the copy and paste method.

If you have enormous amounts of files such as videos and photos, think about using an external hard drive. An external hard drive also plugs into the USB port, but can hold significantly more data; 200 GB drives are available for a modest \$150 or so. External hard drives are also a great, low-cost option for small businesses that need critical data backup.

Over the past few years, people have recommended a writable CD as a means of backup, but as technology advances there are easier ways to do it. CDs can be time-consuming to copy and there is always the hazard of scratching the disks, making them unreadable or at least losing some of your data. With the low cost of USB flash memory, CD backup is rapidly fading into the past.

Some businesses still use tape drives for reliable, multiple backups. For most small businesses and for home users, tape backup is expensive and impractical. Tape should only be used if you have large amounts of data to backup and you

need the process automated.

There are some who still use Zip drives and these will soon go the way of the dodo bird. Again, USB flash memory is smaller, lighter and faster than these old Zip drives. Iomega, the maker of Zip drives, does carry a line of external drives and flash memory products.

Once you have selected a storage method for your data backup, perform the backup daily or at least weekly, depending on the amount of information you generate in a day. For the average home user, weekly is optimum and for businesses, daily should be the preferred frequency. *Tip:* if practicable, keep all your backup data in one folder, such as "My Documents." Using this method, you simply copy the entire folder to your backup device and any added or changed files are automatically updated on the backup device.

Backup of data is essential and, in some cases, critical. When choosing a method of backup, carefully consider your storage need and cost in selecting the best product for your needs. Don't be the one that loses important data because you did not have a backup copy.

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Beverly graduated from Central High School in January 1952. Upon graduation, she started employment as a teller for Plantations Bank. Because of her excellent high school grades, she was admitted to the University of Rhode Island in January of 1953 without an admissions test. For financial reasons, after completing one semester, she left URI and was called back to Plantations Bank in June of 1953 and worked there until it was bought by Old Stone Bank in 1976. Because of her knowledge and experience in all phases of branch operations at Old Stone Bank, she served as a troubleshooter, visiting branches, verifying loans, etc. and was appointed Vice President in 1976.

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During the period of 1995 to 1997 she was employed by Bank RI as Senior Vice President and was responsible for Retail Branch Network and Marketing.

In January 2003 she joined the Office of the Governor of Rhode Island as Director of Administrative Services where she was responsible for Administrative Services including Human Resources, Purchasing, Budget, and Constituent Services.

In April 2003 she became responsible for the Governor's Fiscal Fitness Program. She managed a

staff of employees in developing plan to implement Governor's goal to streamline government and eliminate waste in state spending.

In December 2003 Beverly managed the Department of Administration and she was appointed Director of the Department of Administration. In this position she would oversee various divisions within the Department including Taxation, Purchases, Human Resources, Labor Relations, Worker's Compensation, Statewide Planning, Motor Vehicles, Information Technology, Budget, Bureau of Audits, Accounts and Control, Capital Projects, Facilities, Sheriffs, Fiscal Fitness, and Central Management.

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THE BLACK CUBE

*By Brother Tim S. Anderson, Flagstaff Lodge No. 7
Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Arizona*

Unfortunately, no hard and fast rule can be laid down on the use of a black cube when balloting. There is no way to explain "this is a good reason, but that is not a good reason" for casting a black cube. Each Mason has to judge the reason for himself. Yet some suggestions may be given.

We know a man we dislike. He has different ideas from ours. He belongs to a different "set." He is not the type we admire. Our dislike does not amount to hatred, nor is it predicated upon any evil in the man's character. He and we are antipathetic; we rub each other the wrong way. When he applies to our lodge we must decide this question: will the unpleasantness to us, in having him as a member, be greater than the good to him which may come from his reception of the Masonic teachings? Are we sure that we cannot accept him as a Brother merely because we "have never liked him?"

We all know cases like this; the president of the bank turns down Johnson's application for a second mortgage. Johnson makes the matter personal. He "has it in" for the president. The president applies for the degrees. Someone casts a black cube. It may or may not be Johnson. No one knows. But later perhaps we hear Johnson's boast "I got even with that son-of-a-gun who turned down my loan!" He doesn't say how he "got even" of course. But we are pretty sure we know. Such a use of the black cube is, of course, utterly un-Masonic. It is a misuse of a greater power. We might as well turn down the minister of the Baptist church because he doesn't agree with our minister, who is Methodist! Or turn down the automobile dealer because he refused to give us a larger allowance on our old car! To turn the Masonic black cube into secret dagger for personal revenge is un-Masonic and indefensible.

Freemasonry works some curious miracles. A self-made man applied five times for the degrees in a certain Lodge. The man was rather uneducated, yet a commercial success. He had, literally, raised himself by his bootstraps from the poverty of the streets to a business position of some prominence. Yet he was rather raw, rough and ready, even uncouth. No shadow of personal unworthiness rested upon him: he was honest, upright, a good citizen. In this Lodge a certain Past Master (as was discovered in after years) voted four times against this applicant. On the fifth application the petitioner was elected. Something in Masonry took hold of his heart. Through Masonry he was led to acquire some of the education he lacked; through Masonry he was led into the church. In time he made such a reputation for himself as a Mason that he was put in the officer's line, and finally achieved the solemn distinction of being Master of his Lodge. He is still regarded as one of the best, most constructive and ablest Masters that lodge ever had.

In the course of ten or twelve years the absent Past

Master returned. In the light of history, he confessed (which strictly speaking he should not have done!) that it was he who had kept this man out for what he really believed were good reasons. He thought the "rough neck" would detract from the dignity and honor of the Fraternity. Yet this same "rough neck" through Masonry, became educated, a good churchman, a fine Mason and an excellent officer.

Had the Past Master, whose black cubes were cast with honest intention to benefit the Fraternity, not left town the blessings of Masonry might forever have been denied to a heart ready to receive them and society, the Lodge and the church been prevented from having the service of a man who gave largely of himself to all three.

The black cube is a great protection of the Fraternity; it permits the Brother who does not desire to make public his secret knowledge for the benefit of the Craft. It gives to all members the right to say who shall not become members of their Lodge family. But at the same time it puts to the test the Masonic heart, and the personal honesty of every Brother who deliberates on its use. The black cube is a thorough test of our understanding of the Masonic teaching of the cardinal virtue, justice, which "enables us to render to every man his just due without distinction." We are taught of justice that "it should be the invariable practice of every Mason, never to deviate from the minutest principle thereof."

Justice to the Lodge requires us to cast the black cube on an applicant we believe to be unfit. Justice to ourselves requires that we cast the black cube on the application of the man we believe would destroy the reputation of our Lodge.

Through justice to the applicant we are taught to render justice to every man, to merely to Masons. To symbolically cast no black cube for the little reasons, small reasons, mean reasons. And justice requires that we think carefully, deliberate slowly, and act cautiously. No man will know what we do; no eye will see, save that All Seeing Eye that pervades the innermost recesses of our hearts, and will, so we are taught, reward us according to our merits.

Shakespeare said, "O, it is excellent to have a giant's strength, but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant!" The black cube is a giant's strength to protect Freemasonry. Used thoughtlessly, carelessly, without Masonic reason, it crushes not only he at whom it is aimed but also he from whom it is cast.

A well-used black cube goes into the ballot box. Ill-used, it drops into the heart and blackens it.

Remember: Always vote for the good of the Fraternity

VETERAN'S HISTORY

The Push into Germany — World War II



Brother Morphis A. Jamiel retired from the Rhode Island National Guard with the rank of Major General, perhaps the highest military rank attained by any local resident.

He was promoted from Brigadier General, and received the Legion of Merit award at the retirement ceremonies held on March 25, 1978 at the Newport Officers Club. General Jamiel received the Legion of Merit for “exceptionally meritorious service as the commander of the 43rd Military Police Brigade, RI Army National Guard from May 1974 to February 1978.

Brother M. A. Jamiel

Serving as a Second Lieutenant at the beginning of his illustrious military career with Company B, 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, Brother Jamiel was awarded the Bronze Star on 20 January 1945 “for distinguishing himself by heroic service on 22 December 1944, in the area of Saint Vith, Belgium.” He successfully led his men past hostile forces to safety; then without regard for himself, returned to

the area to search for any troops that had remained. Not finding any, he recovered a 3-ton truck and drove back to the U.S. lines.

Second Lt. Jamiel was awarded a second Bronze Star “for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 30 March 1945...” Troops of the 38th stopped at the Eder See Dam because there was no direct route forward. Second Lt. Jamiel removed the threat of the posted sentry at the far end of the dam and routed the remaining enemy. Now able to deploy his men, they took control of the high ridge overlooking the dam. “Lt. Jamiel’s courageous action and inspiring leadership greatly facilitated the Task Force’s mission of seizing the dam intact. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.”



A mortar position near Saint Vith

Brother Jamiel was awarded a third Bronze Star for “exemplary conduct in ground combat against the armed enemy during the Rhineland Campaign in the European Theater of Operations.”

In his book *BATTLE: The Story of the Bulge*, author John Toland dedicated *Chapter 7. Death of a Town* to the struggle around Saint Vith. He quotes Lieutenant Morphis A. Jamiel, among others, to factually describe the events during the fighting.



Brother Jamiel now resides in Warren, Rhode Island where he maintains his law practice and remains active in state and local government. He is a member of the Oddfellows and became a Freemason in 1972 when he joined Washington Lodge No. 3. He affiliated with Overseas Lodge No. 40 in 1980 and St. Alban’s Lodge No. 6 in 1989. He has served as Worshipful Master in each of the three Lodges.

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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS HOSTING AUCTION TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Well, after a summer of many fun activities we are back to our regular meetings and events. Our installations will be in September. Please call your local Assembly, ask when the installation is, and come and support us. We would love to have you there.



The Rhode Island Delegation on the steps of the Supreme Temple in McAlester, Oklahoma

Grand Faith, Amy Deitrick, is planning a Slave Auction to raise money for the scholarship fund. The Auction will be Sunday, October 8th at Scottish Rite at 7:00 P.M. A spaghetti dinner for only \$7 will be served at 5:00 P.M. followed by the auction. Rainbow Girls, Advisors and, we hope, DeMolay boys will be available for a price to work around your house or

whatever tasks are assigned. Posters and tickets were distributed at Grand Officers' Day in August. You may get tickets by calling your local Mother Advisor, Donna Fox, GEC, Advisor for the Scholarship event at (401) 738-9222 or Lynn Gebler at (401) 539-9025.

Ten girls and 13 adults recently attended Supreme Assembly in Oklahoma City. Ashley Deitrick, Grand Worthy Advisor, participated as Page to the Supreme Outer Observer and carried the Italian Flag during the parade of flags where Rainbow is held. Kaitlin MacDonald, JPGWA, proudly carried our flag during the Cavalcade of Flags. Jennifer Conklin, Amy Deitrick, Erin Edward, Kristen Harrison, Kathleen Hodge, Katherine Miller, Arielle Poulin, and Kendra Young participated as members of the Supreme Choir. While there the girls met members of Rainbow from Bolivia, Brazil, the Philippines, Canada, Australia, Italy, and Aruba. The girls made several trips to the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial and all had a great trip visiting the International Supreme Temple in McAlester.

We had a great Grand Assembly in July and want to thank all of you who attended any part or all of the weekend. Our visitors were very impressed with the support we receive from the Eastern Star and Freemasons especially since the Grand Master was at Friday night opening and installation on Sunday. Some of the visitors said that they rarely see their adult sponsors. Thanks again.

We may be small but we are mighty and we did not earn the name the Rowdy Rhodies by sitting back and doing nothing. We have a good time with whatever we do and try to share our friendship, fun, and work with lots of our friends. We are looking to have girls the ages 11-21 join our beautiful organization. Contact Mom Lynn at (401) 539-9035 if you know of a girl the right age so that we could invite her to some activity. We are especially looking for young ladies in the Pawtucket, Lincoln, and Cumberland areas so that we can reestablish Pawtucket Assembly. Hope to see you all at many of our events.

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Correction to the personal story from Page 23, in the July/August 2006 Issue: From the Front—World War II

Today, as I was reading through the Freemason Magazine, I finally reached the last page and saw a picture of a "bomber crew" showing.

Well, needless to say, I recognized the picture that I was in that was taken while we were still at Hamner Field, Fresno, CA in December 1943 just prior to leaving; that is for overseas duty.

There is a slight error in the write up where it is written that I returned to Italy after my 30-day R&R to take another crew for their missions. That fact is *not true* because when I went to the rehab centers in Atlantic City, I found out that my orders had been changed to state that I would not have to return for another tour. The story is that the C.O. of the U.S. AAF had changed the orders stating that there were still "pilots" in the U.S. who had not gone overseas and so they were being sorted out and sent for replacements instead of me.

For your info, I was assigned to be an instructor pilot for a crew prior to going overseas instructing them as to what to expect while flying a mission. I was assigned to Westover Field, Springfield, MA for about two months. I was then reassigned to Maguire Field, Fort Dix, NJ. It was there that I had the opportunity to pilot many different aircraft while helping to train the crews that were training as "Ground Approach Systems" which is the air controller of today's airlines everywhere in the U.S. I had "pilot" time in the BT-13, single engine; A-25, single engine; AT-10, twin engine; C-45, twin engine; UC-78; B-25, twin engine; and finally the B-24, four engines.

The greatest enjoyment that I had was to pilot the B-25, which is the multi-engine plane, but was dropped from actual duty during WW II. This was the A-20 Havoc, two engines.

For your information, I flew with 23 fellows in two bomber crews and the actual members left when the war stopped was 10. At this year, there are only three left—Ken Kendle, Dover, Ohio who was the turret gunner; Lt. Joe Strumski, bombardier who is in a full-time nursing care home; and myself who was co-pilot then. Out of the 23 that I flew with, 13 were killed as follows: eight killed "formation flying at 20,000 ft., three killed while transferring a plane to another bomb group in Italy, two killed in action while bombing Linz, Austria on July 25th, 1944.

There are so many stories that could be told to all who were not actually involved in active duty that some make your hair stand up in fright if you are not "scream proof".

I hope that you can finish my article with what I have written to you this time if possible. The only other item is: please forgive my typing errors. I'm a h.p. typist.

Sincerely,
Ralph L. Mellow, Sr.

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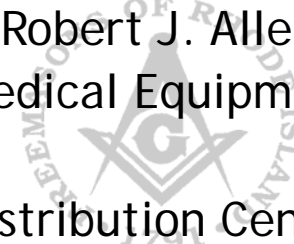
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