

# Rhode Island FREEMASON



Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Established 1791

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## What Goes On In That Building?



While our ancient Brethren erected buildings of great character, today we try to build men of great character by our teachings. We have transformed their operative tools into emblems of morality. We have formed their practices and secrets into symbols of Brotherhood, charity and truth. We have mellowed and enriched their rituals which we use in conferring the three degrees on our Candidates. This is our heritage.



You have the opportunity to show your community, your friends, relatives and co-workers a glimpse into what Freemasonry is all about. The lodges in this Jurisdiction will hold an open house from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 13, 2007. Anyone wishing to find out about the oldest and largest Fraternal organization in the world will be welcome to come through the doors to ask about membership or simply to see what the inside of the building looks like. See the Grand Master's Message starting on Page 2 for more details.



**I AM FREEMASONRY:** I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry.

**IN MY HEART** is wisdom and strength and courage of those who ask. Upon my altars is the Book of the Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God. My sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lesson of life and death, and the relationship of man with God and of man with man.

# The Grand Master's Message

*Greetings,*

Fall is a time of great activity in our lives, from harvesting to returning to school. Within several months several of our most popular holidays will occur. Masonically for most, Lodge activity starts up again from the summer hiatus including new classes of candidates, annuals, educational forums and a new round of fraternal visitations and social activities. Hopefully many of us will embark upon a renewed round of Masonic enthusiasm.

For me, summer was not absent of Masonic activity. I attended several significant Masonic experiences which I would like to bring to your attention. In June I had the great pleasure of attending the Supreme Grottoes of North America's Annual Session in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. Following up on that, in July, I had the pleasure of accompanying Illustrious William J. Hall, Potentate of the Rhode Island Shriners to the Imperial Session in Anaheim, California. Both events demonstrated to me the magnitude and national presence of Freemasonry and its appendant organizations. These events consisted of large gatherings of Masons from across our great nation and North America. Even more impressive was the time spent on the management, planning and promotion of each organization's charitable efforts. For the Grottoes, dental treatment for the handicapped and underprivileged and for the Shrine, the tremendous medical effort delivered through its hospitals and research in the areas of burns, cleft palate reconstruction, spinal cord injury and of course crippled children's disorders. Additionally, throughout Masonry, there are many other terrific charitable efforts which are equally worthy of admiration.

The point of my mentioning these particular experiences is to stress that as Masons we should be extremely proud of our fraternity and the great things that can and are being accomplished. We should be proud to refer to ourselves as members of such an organization. Do not shy away from discussing the fact that you are a member of such an organization. By outwardly living your lives according to the tenets of Freemasonry and being proud enough to discuss your membership in the Masonic fraternity you are actively promoting what you believe in. At the same time, by your example, you are enlightening the uninitiated as to what Freemasonry truly is about.

In order to further promote our fraternity and to create an opportunity to show how proud we are of our fraternity, beginning in September, Grand Lodge will begin a public relations campaign designed to help create more awareness of Freemasonry in Rhode Island. This campaign is primarily an image and informational campaign developed in part to create a dialog between our fraternity, the general public and our communities. The focus of the campaign will be an "Open House" conducted by all the lodges in Rhode Island on Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The open house program will run concurrently with a similar program conducted by the



**BROTHER STEVEN E. SMITH**  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Rhode Island

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts throughout their jurisdiction.

It is our goal to give our communities a better insight into our organization by affording them an opportunity to visit a local lodge, tour the facility, meet members, learn about our organization and ask questions about Freemasonry. We are hopeful that through this informational program the public will learn something of our history and traditions and gain an appreciation of our chartable efforts locally, statewide and throughout the world. Clearly, a major objective is to generate interest on the part of prospective members by giving them an opportunity to ask questions about our fraternity, and to help them determine for themselves whether membership in our craft is right for them. It will also serve as a great opportunity to invite specific individuals to further their possible interest.

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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 17, 2007**

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 17, 2007**

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:

*Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.*

Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.  
*Grand Secretary*

Signed:

*Steven E. Smith*

Steven E. Smith  
*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 17, 2007

**CONSTITUTION**

**FIRST MOTION**

*Now Reads:*

Article IV. Standing Committees  
Section 1.4.7.1 Finance.

*Change to Read:*

Article IV. Standing Committees  
Section 1.4.7.1 Finance and Audit

**SECOND MOTION**

ARTICLE II, SECTION 1.2.1. TITLE, RANK AND PRECEDENCE.

To make the title of the Grand Masters of Ceremonies, the Assistant Grand Lecturers, and the Associate Grand Chaplains, Grand Deacons, Grand Stewards, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Forum Director, Grand Pursuivant and the Grand Tiler, Very Worshipful. Those that are now Right Worshipful would retain that title.

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## St. Johns Lodge No. One Providence Holds its 250<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication

*By Brother Edward Ellsworth*

St. Johns officers and members met at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center for their 250<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Brother Gerald T. Plemmons before a large contingent of our members. He immediately called for the reading and reports from the Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Committee of the Lodge. During the secretary's report, a service of eulogy was held for our departed Brethren.

Worshipful Brother Plemmons then gave his Master's report for the year during which, our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary began in February. In his report, he gave a complete record month-by-month of the degree work, activities, the lodges invited to perform, Toys for Tots, special ladies dinner, Christmas baskets and our trip to New Jersey. He mentioned some of the changes he implemented—the main one being the monthly communication. He stated that those Brethren not attending Lodge, the change would give them the knowledge of all the activities of the Lodge. He concluded with his visitations to other Lodges in the district, the Metro charity dinner and the visits to our sick Brethren.

It was received with a large ovation from the Brethren in the Lodge. Having finished his term of office he called upon the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, Brother Leon C. Knudsen, who would conduct the election and installation of the officers for St. Johns Lodge for the ensuing year.

The following officers were elected or appointed obligated and installed for the following year: Master, Brother Russell A. Kawa; Senior Warden, Brother Kenneth B. Phillips; Junior Warden, Brother Edward D. Bertrand; Treasurer, Brother Edward F. Ellsworth; Secretary, Brother Edwin E. Fielder; Chaplain, Brother Ronald P. Reed; Associate Chaplain, Brother Clarence H. Soderberg Jr.; Senior Deacon, Brother Louis G. Sherman III; Junior Deacon, Brother Donald L. Williamson Jr.; Senior Steward, Brother Frank A. Castellone; Junior Steward, Brother Robert J. O'Brien; Marshal, Brother Gerald T. Plemmons; Sentinel, Brother Louis C. Doeg, III; Tiler, Brother Henry M. Albers; Master of Ceremonies, Brother Anthony Marcello Jr.; Soloist, Brother Robert R. Mason; Organist, Brother Myron A. Muffs.

The Worshipful Master, Brother Kawa, congratulated Brother Leon C. Knudsen and his officers on the excellent installation. He also thanked the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Steven E. Smith, for obligating him during his installation. The Worshipful Master asked Past

Master Brother Gerald T. Plemmons to come to the East where he was presented his Past Master's Jewel. While there he was joined by the Grand Master who read and presented him with his Master's Certificate. He was escorted once around the lodge to a large ovation. Brother Plemmons asked the Master to meet him on the level where he presented Brother Kawa with his Master's apron and case. The Master spoke about his plans for the coming year and announced that everyone was invited to the collation following the meeting and that he had an anniversary glass for all those attending.

On the following Thursday, St. Johns held its annual Surf and Turf Annual Banquet at the Fireman's Club in East Greenwich. This year was our largest turn out. The Worshipful Master, Brother Kawa, greeted each member as they arrived. The six course dinner started with cheese, crackers, vegetables and dip, with fruit and chips. It was followed by little necks on the half shell. Next came the stuffed quahogs, which was followed by a fresh garden salad. Fresh corn was served with the steak and shrimp and ended with ice cream. It was a refreshing experience to see so many Brothers from New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island who gathered together for an evening of fellowship.

Worshipful Brother Kawa got everyone's attention to introduce the members who put on the Surf and Turf Banquet and then wished every one a happy and enjoyable summer. As the members left, Brother Kawa thanked them for their support and told them he was looking forward to working with them in the fall.



Brother Edward F. Ellsworth checking the table arrangement before the guests arrive.



At the grill are (from left to right) Brothers Ronald P. Reed, Douglas E. Connell, Anthony Marcello, Jr. and Edwin E. Fielder

## Visit from Mimico Lodge No. 369, Canada

It all started back in 1973. The District Deputy Grand Master at that time, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother Kenneth W. Jencks, together with the Masters from the First Masonic District, organized a visit to Mimico Lodge No 369 in Etobicoke, Canada. It would unite two life-long friends who were Masons in different Lodges and in different countries. Brother Donald M. Smith, became Master of Mimico Lodge in 1978 and Brother Edward V. Hudson was Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge here in Rhode Island in 1972.

There were thirty-seven on the original visit, with a dispensation to do a third degree on Brother Robert L. Fenton, Jr. from Thomas Smith Webb Lodge, with the Masters in the First Masonic District doing the work. The Masters in the following lodges made up the degree team; Brother Edward Hudson, Corinthian Lodge; Senior Warden, Brother Edward Ellsworth, St. Johns Lodge; Junior Warden, Brother Charles Allspach, Thomas Smith Webb Lodge, Sr. Deacon David Culton Nestell Lodge; Junior Deacon, Brother Frank Tibaldi, What Cheer Lodge; Senior Steward, Brother Walter Ellinwood, Nestell Lodge; Junior Steward, Brother Ronald Goepfert, Mt. Vernon Lodge; Marshal, Brother Edgar Phillips, St. Johns Lodge; Sentinel, Brother Walter Warren, Corinthian Lodge; Chaplain, J.

Harold Robertson, St. Johns Lodge. The bus bill was \$949.00 and the hotel bill for two nights was \$1,134.20. Can you imagine a \$55.00 dollar weekend that would never be forgotten by those who took part?

The friendship, brotherly love, and the hospitality extended by our Canadian Brothers grew rapidly and on one visit there were eight Past Grand Masters from Rhode Island. Exchange visits continued through the next twenty two years. Their motto to us on our first visit can be given now and forever, *"Happy to Meet. Sorry to Part. Happy to Meet Again."* You might want to get on board this year and renew your friendships from the past and make new ones in their coming visit.

St. Johns Lodge continuing its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, have planned their visit for October 5—8, 2007. Plans for receptions and activities during their stay are being planned and arranged at this time. If you have any artifacts from our visits, we'd like to display them on Saturday morning. For example, when their Lodge celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the metal on the officers aprons changed from silver to gold. They presented us one which is now on display in the Scottish Rite Museum. We were also given a Canadian Flag, a Past Master's Jewel and ribbon markers for our Altar Bible.

We are excited about the visit and the arrangements. Many Masons in Rhode Island who either made a trip or were previously involved might want to meet their Canadian friends again. A completed list of activities will be made available after September 1, either by a request to the St. Johns Lodge P. O. Box 101, Providence, RI 02901 or by email to the lodge at (efebri@aol.com). We are looking forward to this anniversary event and the fellowship we continue to share for these many years.



Brother Russell A. Kawa (r.) , being obligated as Master of St. Johns Lodge No. One Providence by the M W Grand Master, Brother Steven E. Smith (c.) and R W Grand Marshal, Brother Andre Gregoire (l.)



## Reading financial reports

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

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**I**n the current time frame more people find themselves faced with financial data and being expected, or needing to understand it. It may be reports of our pension or 401(k) data, reports of our church, Lodge or other

organization. Most of us immediately protest that we are not accountants. Some of us are accountants and still look askance at the material given us.

No matter what organization we are talking about, all members should take an interest in the finances and particularly in the financial position, not only at the year end, but during the year. Yes, we have someone else to handle that function. We have a treasurer and hopefully some sort of committee assigned to handle what ever is appropriate for the size of our finances.

Nonetheless, the various atrocities we read about cannot happen if the members of an organization are taking an interest and showing it. Defalcations, fraud, and improprieties only occur when we leave matters to a few people and never question what is happening.

I am not suggesting that you make accusations of your financial leaders, only that you can pay attention to their reports, and ask appropriate questions either publicly or privately to gain a better understanding. It may be flattering for someone to give a report and have the attitude expressed that there is nothing to worry about because he or she has it taken care of. In fact, it is more flattering for anyone in any area to have someone show an interest.

What, then, should you be looking for? Start with the basic terms. In our fraternal bodies we do not have revenue and expenses as a business would, but instead we have receipts and disbursements. We should see that receipts exceed disbursements, at least in the long run.

We should be given statements that compare to a budget, so we can see how planning compares with the actual results. If we are looking at interim information, we should see the period involved (month, quarter, etc.) as well as year to date cumulative information. The budget should be at least annual so year to date can be compared.

How much detail should be included? Enough to let the reader get a feel for what makes up the receipts and disbursements. Depending on whether the report is to executives, a committee or the entire body the report may be more or less detailed. A chief executive may want a lot of detail, especially if there is a troubling part of the operation. Members do not need the details of payroll, or the dividends received on specific investments. Group totals should be

enough to let them get a good feel for how money is brought in, or spent.

If there have been specific events, projects, etc. a separate report showing receipts and disbursements and the final results for that should be amended to the financial report so that interested parties can evaluate the effort. Questions on such reports should also be formulated and answered.

The person preparing the report should make every effort to make the report as informative as possible. Having a report supported by graphs or charts gives people who do not relate well to numbers a different view of what has happened. Pictorial reports and the use of percentages also helps us to realize that numbers we think are large, or small, may in fact be much more or less important than we think.

For instance, we make think of \$5,000 as a lot of money. But if we see a variance between actual and budget of that amount and then see that the difference is one percent of the budget, we may realize that this is not the item we which we need to take issue.

Written explanations may be useful to the user to know what items are included in grouped information. Accountants in the 1950s used their professional judgment in deciding what information should be useful and the footnotes were written accordingly. As the 1960s arrived some people made a big push that too much was being kept secret. The profession responded by putting everything in the footnotes, including the proverbial kitchen sink.

The result was that the footnotes were many times longer than the financial data and were printed in fine print because of cost considerations. Understanding, even by professionals was suspect at best. As the 1970s arrived, common sense began to prevail and some of the trivia was taken out of the footnotes, although many people think they are still too long and ambiguous.

If footnotes, or other written explanation is included, we should take the time to look at it and include it in our understanding of the financial information being presented. Do you have to be a financial expert? No. But you should have some knowledge of your organization and how it is being operated.

As I talk to various Treasurers at the Guild meetings and in other venues, I find that there is a huge degree of lack of understanding among our members. If we are going to protest dues or assessments, or the cost of running the organization, it only makes sense to have a basic familiarity with the numbers and the issues.

I know that this is a very broad topic and this article only scratches the surface. At various points in time I will try to build on this in the future. In the mean time, I'm only a phone call away if you have questions.

# Grand Master's Message

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We will support the open house program through advertising and publicity. Beginning shortly after Labor Day, we will launch an advertising campaign on Rhode Island television and radio stations and in weekly Rhode Island Newspaper Group newspapers. We will also provide news releases to the media throughout the state. A dedicated web site, [www.rimasons.com](http://www.rimasons.com), has been established to serve as a focal point for inquiries and information to support this effort.

To support the individual lodges in the open house program, Grand Lodge will place 30-second advertising spots on radio and television stations throughout the state. These spots will direct the viewer/listener to the dedicated web site so that they can locate a nearby lodge.

The advertising in the newspapers will include a customized section where the local lodge name and address will be inserted. The Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee will handle the placing and customizing of the advertisements. Outdoor signage will also be provided to each location and suggested organizational ideas have already been provided to the Lodge officers by their respective District Deputies.

Of course for any particular questions, suggestions or if further assistance may be required, help may be obtained through the District Deputies or by contacting the Grand Lodge office where a member of the Public Relations Committee will be pleased to assist.

Brethren, this initiative is designed to assist us in building a sound future for our fraternity. To be successful, however, requires a concerted effort by us all. Please participate to make Freemasonry a strong and viable organization. Your lodge and fraternity needs you.

Fraternally,  
Steven E. Smith, *Grand Master*



## Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Award

“What is a man without energy?  
Nothing. Nothing at all.”

— Mark Twain

**Energy    Innovation    Creativity**



Committed to improving Masonic public awareness, the Masonic Information Center introduced The Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Award to recognize lodges that have demonstrated exemplary work in constructing a positive Masonic identity within the lodge and for the local community.

### Winners for 2006

- McCormick-Mobile No. 40, Mobile, Alabama
- Epes Randolph No. 32, Tucson, Arizona
- Fort Valley No. 110, Fort Valley, Georgia
- Friendship Lodge, Wilmington, Massachusetts
- North Bend No. 119, North Bend, Nebraska
- Madison No. 93, Madison, New Jersey
- LaFraternidad No. 387, New York, New York
- Frontier No. 48, Stillwater, Oklahoma
- Bethel No. 194, Prospect, Tennessee
- Bremerton No. 117, Bremerton, Washington
- Waukesha No. 37, Waukesha, Wisconsin

Has your lodge considered participating?

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## Grand Master's Visitation

September 4, 2007 — **East Bay District**

St. Paul's Lodge No. 14

## Dispensations

(Approved and signed by the Grand Master)

### Jenks Lodge No. 24

Table Lodge on September 24, 2007

### Redwood Lodge No. 35

Change of date from October 8, 2007 to  
October 15, 2007

Change of date from November 12, 2007  
to November 5, 2007

### Daylight Lodge No. 48

Change of date from October 8, 2007 to  
October 1, 2007

## Updates from Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 8

By Brother Roger Lepire

I am going to do something very different this month. For years I have told you that I keep our deceased brothers until the end of the article because I find it too depressing to start with. We have lost several Brothers in the last month, so this time I'm going to start with that.

Brother Jim Williamson passed away on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Close to 20 members showed up at his wake to perform a Masonic Service. Brother Bill Royley passed away on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once again, better than 20 of his Brethren were there to perform a service for him. This in itself speaks volumes about the life these men led. But more important than that, the parlors were filled to capacity with friends and relatives.

You needed only to be present at either of these funerals to realize that these men did not merely pay their dues but lived Freemasonry every day of their lives. I did not know Brother Williamson very well but many of the long time members did. A beautiful oration was given at the church by Brother Arthur Fletcher. Any of you that have read my previous articles are familiar with Brother Bill Royley. He has been a member for 58 years and until this very minute has always been a fixture at our monthly meetings. As Brother John Demello recently reminded me, the three Royley brothers always sit in the Northwest corner of the lodge. It will not be easy to look at that area and see only Brothers Bob and Walter Royley sitting there. I sincerely hope that it will make it easier for them knowing how much we miss their brother.

Though we are truly pleased that we have taken in many men of the highest principle this year, we must never forget that at this moment these men are silver, Jim and Bill were gold. Hopefully I haven't totally depressed you.

Brother Andrew Celano just got a fifty year medal. He was my second gate and that was 18 years ago. that means Andy had already been a member for 32 years. In the 18 years that I've been a Mason many good men have had an impact on my life, Brother Andy was certainly one of them. How many other lives has he touched? How many lives have all of you touched that you don't even realize? This question doesn't only apply to Freemasonry, how many family and friends have had a positive impact on your life, and you on theirs.

I'm pleased to say that things are going well at Mt. Moriah. At our June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting our five new Master Masons signed the By-Laws of our Lodge. Some have already applied to Scottish Rite, others have applied to York Rite. All of them are improving themselves in Freemasonry. I'm also proud to say that five members that signed the By-Laws last year are now 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masons. I believe this says a lot about the character of our newest members. I know this year's class will be every bit as devoted to the Craft as last year's class.

Our Annual Clambake will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending, please call Brother Frank Ball for tickets. As this event usually sells out early it may well be too late to get tickets. But it never hurts to try. Brother Bill Wunschel will be our Bake Master and Brother John MacQueen, Chowder Master. The Bake Committee has been holding meetings throughout the summer to assure that no stone is left unturned. This event is the biggest and most anticipated event of our year. It takes a lot of people and a lot of cooperation to make it happen. Who best can serve, and best agree, is the mantra that we go by at Mt. Moriah. Not just at the clambake but throughout the year. See you in November, the good LORD willing.

### Masonic Trivia (and Facts)

*What is the REGIUS MANUSCRIPT?*

The first known document about Freemasonry.

*Who determined the REGIUS MANUSCRIPT (or Poem) to be what it is?*

A non-Mason named J.O. Halliwell-Phillips.

*How was the REGIUS MANUSCRIPT first cataloged?*

As "A Manuscript of Moral Duties."

*When was the REGIUS MANUSCRIPT discovered to be a poem about Freemasonry?*

Halliwell presented a paper on this manuscript in the year 1839. A portion of the paper was published in *Archaeologia* in 1840, in the same year the poem was reprinted and has been many times since then.

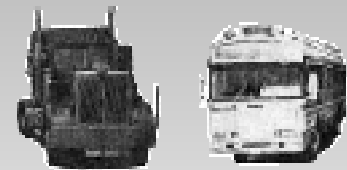
*In what language is the REGIUS MANUSCRIPT written?*

It was written about A.D. 1390 and was evidently copied from an older document. It is written in Middle English making it difficult for the non-linguist to decipher. Over the years it has been translated into modern English.

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# Call Of The Most Worshipful GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND

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## THIRD MOTION

*Now Reads:*

ARTICLE II, SECTION 1.2.1

TITLE, RANK AND PRECEDENCE. The title, rank and precedence of the Grand and Past Grand Officers shall be as follows:

- a. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons.
- b. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
- c. The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
- d. The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
- e. The Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters.
- f. The Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters.
- g. The Right Worshipful Past Senior Grand Wardens.
- h. The Right Worshipful Past Junior Grand Wardens.
- i. The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.
- j. The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.
- k. The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Secretary.
- l. The Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters.
- m. The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.
- n. The Right Worshipful Associate Grand Chaplains.
- o. The Right Worshipful Grand Marshal.
- p. The Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer.
- q. The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Lecturers.
- r. The Worshipful Assistant Grand Lecturers.
- s. The Right Worshipful Director of Masonic Education.
- t. The Worshipful Director of Forums.
- u. The Right Worshipful Grand Historian.
- v. The Right Worshipful Grand Curator/Librarian.
- w. The Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon.
- x. The Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.
- y. The Worshipful Senior Grand Steward.
- z. The Worshipful Junior Grand Steward.
- aa. The Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer.
- bb. The Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
- cc. The Worshipful Grand Musical Director.
- dd. The Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer.
- ee. The Worshipful Grand Masters of Ceremonies.
- ff. The Worshipful Grand Tiler.
- d. The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
- e. The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer
- f. The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.
- g. The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Secretary.
- h. The Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters.
- i. The Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters.
- j. The Right Worshipful Past Senior Grand Wardens.
- k. The Right Worshipful Past Junior Grand Wardens.
- l. The Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers.
- m. The Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries.
- n. The Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters.
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- dd. The Worshipful Junior Grand Steward.
- ee. The Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer.
- ff. The Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
- gg. The Worshipful Grand Musical Director.
- hh. The Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer.
- ii. The Worshipful Grand Tiler.

*Change to Read:*

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- a. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons.
- b. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
- c. The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.

## Fall Festival

Tickets are now on sale for the Fall Festival to be held in the Imperial Room at the RI Shrine Center on **Saturday, November 17, 2007**. There will be a social hour starting at 6:00 p.m. with dinner and dancing starting at 7:00 p.m. The price is \$27.00 per person with a dinner selection of either Tenderloin Tips or baked stuffed scrod.

There is a limit of 180 tickets available for the event. Don't delay, contact the Grand Lodge office to purchase your tickets and make your meal selection. Because of the limited seating, the deadline of November 1, 2005 is firm.

## MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.

### Your Charities Efforts in Action



At its latest meeting, your Board of Managers heard an extensive report from the Scholarship Committee which reviewed the scholarship process and offered several alternatives which they will report back on at the January 2008 meeting. To be considered are the awards ceremony process, the interrelationship of the non-Masonic and Masonic related awards, and a method of keeping the awards significant in their impact on the cost of higher education.

This discussion was lengthy and brought out new ideas, but also pointed out that there are some parts of the process that got extended beyond original intent, which has made the process more cumbersome and time consuming than intended. The effect of this will not change the application process, but it may reduce the number of awards. More information will be coming on this topic.

We have been fortunate to have a van donated to the Masonic Assistance effort. It will be assigned to the Medical Equipment function. It will relieve the paucity of help in the pickup and delivery process, although it does not relieve the need for bodies. It has a lift installed in it so heavy items can be handled more readily.

We expect to get the Wills & Trusts appeal back to a more normal time frame this year. Hopefully, you will see the brochure and letter before you are reading this, but if not, you will see it shortly. Once again, we want to remind you that this is not like the Grand Master's appeals that are looking for smaller contributions from current income.

The wills and trusts effort is to get you to remember Grand Lodge and/or Masonic Grand Lodge

Charities in your long term planning. Obviously, we would be glad to receive a larger gift currently, but it is intended for the donation to be made in the future. The gift itself, or assurance that it has been included in your will, or in a trust document and is \$1,000 or greater brings admission to the column club and you will receive the pin to wear.

It is imperative that we think ahead to ensure the continuation of our fraternity and its charitable functions. Others before us gave generously and so too must we. It is through these efforts that we can continue our programs and be prepared for the new ones that may be needed in the future.

We are glad to report that the court has approved our petition to combine the Mary E. Hodges and Walter W. Farnum reporting with the rest of Masonic Grand Lodge Charities of Rhode Island, Inc. This will have no impact on our operations, or on the use of the money. It means that they will be combined under one tax identification number and we can file one tax return instead of three and will not have to pay for the additional audit work that was needed to support these extra returns. We asked for no changes of usage of the funds and the court specified that there be none. The court also specified separate accounting and that is already being done for each of the 14 funds that comprise our charities work.

The Boards of Masonic Relief convention that was scheduled to meet this summer has been postponed one year. In large part this was due to the efforts needed to recompile records and to replace equipment which was lost in the destruction New Orleans suffered two years ago. We are hoping to be able to be fully back in business by next summer.

For anyone who doubts the benefits arising out of some of the travel that takes place at the Grand Lodge level, or such as this for Masonic Grand Lodge Charities, we only need to look to our medical equipment assistance program. It arose out of our first participation in the Masonic Boards of Relief convention in 2001. Certainly it would be hard for anyone to question the usefulness of that program, or the publicity it produces for us by being open to the general population of the state.

Another issue that the national organization is considering is the establishment of a network of jurisdictions on a single telephone number so that any sojourning Mason or his family would have easy access to assistance in a variety of circumstances, but mostly aimed at those lost, involved in a traumatic situation, or just needing some assistance while away from home.

In case you are in doubt, it has been a busy summer for the Board of Managers and its Committees! We trust that everyone had a good summer and that all members are ready to get back into action as the Masonic activities pick up steam with the advent of fall.

If you are looking for something useful to do, see Brother Bob Allen at Buttonwoods in the Medical Distribution Center on Friday morning. You could also call the Grand Lodge office if you want to work on a Committee. We'll take all the help we can get.

Get out to a Lodge meeting, any Lodge meeting early in the fall and renew old friendships, or start others. Several Lodge have been processing candidates all summer, so there will literally be some new Brothers for you to meet. See you on the sidelines!

## The Tech Corner **A Possible Solution for Passwords**

As the amount of applications and systems that users require access to escalates, so does the number of unique passwords that users must manage. This proliferation increases the likelihood of users forgetting their passwords and being locked out of systems, or mismanaging them and jeopardizing security. To alleviate this situation, Lieberman Software's Random Password Manager™ now allows users to store all of their passwords in an AES encrypted database and recover them when necessary.

In addition to securely storing user password information, the Password Vault can also archive passwords for IT components that administrators need to manage, such as hardware firewalls or network devices. Account information is entered into Random Password Manager's encrypted database through a secure, audited web interface. Delegated users who forget their credentials, and cannot access a system or application, can quickly retrieve their own passwords through the web interface, without interacting with the Help Desk or the IT staff.

To deal with the volume of passwords that must be managed, many organizations resort to such tactics as writing passwords on sticky notes or automatically logging users in to systems, which are both flawed security practices. Other times administrators attempt to implement Single Sign-On solutions, but discover that these methods consume system resources and slow down network performance. Random Password Manager's new ability to centrally store all user passwords in an encrypted vault, and allow them to be retrieved on demand, is a significant security enhancement for organizations managing large, cross-platform environments.

### **Enterprise Security Management**

The new Password Vault feature in Random Password Manager supplements the product's existing enterprise security management capabilities. Random Password Manager regularly randomizes the common account credentials that most organizations deploy on every system in the network. The danger of using

common credentials is that if the local administrator password can be deciphered on just one system, an unauthorized user can gain peer-level access throughout the enterprise.

Shared accounts with superuser privileges, or other high-level access rights and service accounts for application-to-application or application-to-database communication, can pose significant risks to all organizations. Using specialized password management tools can minimize these risks.

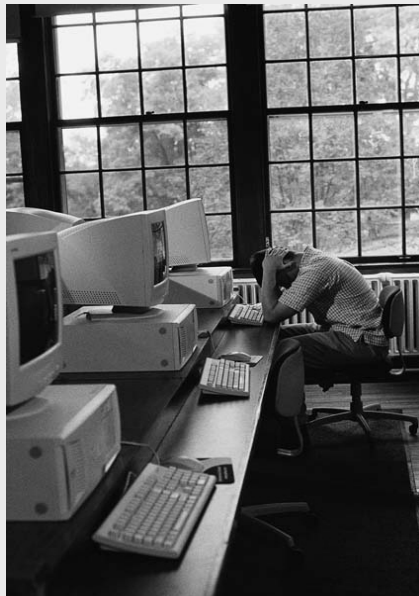
By automatically generating unique, complex administrator passwords for each system in the enterprise, Random Password Manager eliminates the threat of one compromised password providing unrestricted access throughout the network. Randomization is automatically conducted from a single console for all managed systems according to schedules established by the administrator. All actions performed by the product are logged and audited—providing a record of systems managed and passwords changed—helping organizations demonstrate compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley, HIPAA, PCI, and other government security mandates.

### **Specifications**

Random Password Manager is a multi-threaded application that does not require agents to be installed on clients. The product is certified for Microsoft Windows Vista, and also supports Windows Server 2003, Windows XP, Windows 2000, Windows NT, Linux, and UNIX. It runs on Windows Server 2003 and utilizes Microsoft SQL Server 2005 as its backend database. The web interface supports all standard web browsers on all platforms as well most mobile devices, such as Microsoft Pocket PC and other PDAs. Security is ensured through SSL encryption of data to the browser, AES-256 bit encryption of data in the database, and full auditing of all transactions.

Random Password Manager is licensed by node and is available now. A free evaluation version of the product allows for the randomization of up to 10 systems for 30 days and is available at:

[www.liebssoft.com/index.cfm/products?id=270](http://www.liebssoft.com/index.cfm/products?id=270)



## ARE YOU A WELL INFORMED BROTHER?



In the Charge of the first degree of Freemasonry, as printed in the manual in many Grand Jurisdictions, is the phrase, “*At your leisure hours, that you may improve in Masonic knowledge, you are to converse with well-informed Brethren, who will always be as ready to give, as you will be ready to receive, instruction.*” Taking this seriously, a candidate requested information after receiving his third degree; “What is a cable tow, and how long is it? What is the difference between a cowan and an eavesdropper? Tell me what a hecatomb is. What is the difference between ample form and due form, and what is a pilaster?” Not a Brother in Lodge could answer all the questions!

Here are the answers to some common questions. Perhaps they will be of use to others than initiates:

**Allegory.** “Freemasonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.” Allegory is an extended simile; metaphore is an abbreviated simile. Allegory is a parable, fable, fiction. It tells its story as if true, leaving the hearer to discover that it is fiction and from the discovery, learn the lesson. The fictitious character of the allegory is not deceptive; the fiction is used to teach just as the Great Teacher used parables to instruct.

**Ample form; due form; form;** designate the particular variety of ritual used. *Ample form* refers to what is done by a Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. *Due form*, or form—as “The Lodge opened in due form”—refers to a correct manner, all that is necessary, appropriate, usual, required by law or ancient usage. *Due and ancient form; due form; form;* used in different Jurisdictions, means the same.

**Artificer.** Differs from mechanic, workman, craftsman, in that the artificer uses skill and art combined; the sculptor is an artificer, the bricklayer an artisan. Tubal Cain, worker in brass and iron, was an artisan; Hiram was an artificer.

**Ashlar.** A building stone. They are “rough” and “perfect” in a Masonic Lodge, the “rough” stone being but partially cut, while the “perfect ashlar” is truly squared.

**Cable tow.** Probably from the German “Kable tau.” Originally the term was “cable rope.” Symbolically, like the umbilical cord which attaches infant to mother, it attaches the initiate to his Lodge. It is removed as soon as the spiritual bond of the obligation takes the place of physical restraint. The Baltimore Masonic Convention of 1843 defined the length of the cable tow as “the scope of a Brother’s reasonable ability.” Half a mile might be beyond the length of a cable tow for a lame man and a hundred miles within its length for one with a car and a good road.

**Caviling.** Frivolous argument; raising hypercritical objections; asserting untruths to gain an end. Those who cavil attempt to persuade by means they know are not true; those who argue may present what they believe to be facts. The man who argues may be wholly sincere. He who cavils is not.

**Chapter.** Often confused with Chapter. Chapter is the capital of a pillar. Chapter is a division, usually of a book or treatise. In the church the Chapter is the body of the clergy connected with a cathedral. In Freemasonry the Chapter is a body of Masons, usually of the Royal Arch or the Scottish Rite.

**Circumambulation.** Walking around a central object, as an Altar. The Rite of Circumambulation was practiced by the most ancient sun worshipers. Masonic circumambulation is from East to West by way of the South, an imitation of the apparent course of the sun in this hemisphere. Anciently circumambulation from East to West by way of the North was symbolic of death. Originally such reversed circumambulation was used in Freemasonry but “ritual tinkers” and well intentioned but ignorant Custodians of the Work have here and there sanctioned reverse circumambulation in Masonic degrees with no significance beyond that of convenience.

**Clandestine.** That Mason or Masonry who or which is not recognized, without authority. Often used carelessly as a synonym for irregular. A clandestine Mason is one made in a clandestine Lodge; one not holden under a regular Grand Lodge. An irregular Mason may be one raised in a regular Lodge without compliance with Masonic law; as on a Sunday, without due notice, without waiting statutory time between degrees and lacking a dispensation, etc. Irregularity can be “healed.” The only way a clandestine Mason can become a real Mason is by application, investigation, ballot and initiation, passing and raising in a regular Lodge.

**Confer.** Used advisedly for the giving of degrees. The dictionary definition is “to grant a gift or benefit—bestow powers or honors.” A degree is a gift, a benefit, a power, an honor. Degrees cannot be bought. Initiation fees help pay the overhead costs which all must share of Temple, Grand Lodge, necessary Masonic expenses. A man receives the degrees as a bestowal; he does not purchase or receive them as a right.

**Congregate.** Primarily, to congregate is to bring together in a crowd, to assemble. Secondly, to congregate is to focus, to concentrate. Brethren waiting for Lodge to open in the primary sense are actually congregated. In the Masonic sense the Master “congregates the Lodge” when he raps Brethren to attention, when the officers are clothed and seated, the door closed and the ceremony of opening begins.

**Cowan.** Is not synonymous with eavesdropper (see below.) The Cowan, (old Scotch term, obsolete except in Freemasonry) is an uninstructed Mason; a Mason without the word; a self taught workman who builds walls without mortar; an amateur stonemason and setter. In modern times a Cowan is an Apprentice or Fellow Craft who attempts to sit in a Masters’ Lodge.

**Dimit** (also spelled demit). Paper which gives permission to leave the Lodge as a member and seek a new Masonic home;

## . . . . **Take a moment, refresh your Masonic vocabulary**

writ certifying that all dues and assessments are paid, no charges preferred or about to be preferred, that the holder is in good standing. The dimit is a Masonic right of any Mason in good standing who complies with the laws (differing in different Jurisdictions) regarding the holding or deposit of the dimit. In some Jurisdictions a "letter of transfer" is issued in place of a dimit, which keeps the holder a member of his Lodge until he is elected a member of another Lodge; such letters are usually for a three month period.

**Discalceation.** The Rite of Discalceation is very old; plucking off the shoe was testimony in ancient Israel. Apparently it came from the thought that when making a covenant, a man who removed his shoe could not easily run away. When "a man plucked off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor" (see Ruth) he put in his neighbor's hands his method of escape, thus assuring that he was honest in his testimony or covenant.

**Due guard.** Mackey states: "A mode of recognition, which derives its name from its object, which is to duly guard the person using it." Some students believe it comes from the French expression "Dieu Garde"—God guard. Its proper use in a Lodge is a constant reminder of the obligation, the penalties for infraction, the necessity of Masonic duty.

**Edict.** A proclamation of authority. Between meetings of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master has all the authority of that body. A Grand Master's edict has the force of the law until Grand Lodge passes upon it; in some Grand Jurisdictions the Grand Lodge does not pass upon the edict and it stands until repealed by Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

**Eavesdropper.** Not to be confused with cowan, although the two are usually mentioned together. The eavesdropper tries to hear what is private; he is the man who listens at keyholes or conceals himself in a room where Masonic work is being done. The word comes from a time in England when the eaves of thatched roofs were raised above the walls for ventilation. Climbing up the wall to listen through the opening the spy on privacy received the droppings from the eaves—hence "eavesdropper." In modern times the Masonic eavesdropper is the imposter, the profane who attempts to pass himself off as a Mason when he is not.

**Hecatomb.** A hundred head of cattle. Used in the lecture regarding Pythagoras; as he was a vegetarian and poor it seems unlikely that he would possess cattle; certainly not a hundred head. As his philosophy revered life, it is less likely that he would have killed a hundred cattle. The expression is intended to emphasize his pleasure in the "erection" of the Forty-Seventh problem of Euclid.

**Holden.** Ancient form of the word "held." It is good Masonic language to speak of a Lodge as "holden" under its Grand Lodge, or of the Feast of St. John as "holden" on St. John's Day in winter.

**Hoodwink.** Commonly used to denote deception, to delude. Masonically it denotes covering, concealing. Supposedly it comes from the days of falconry, when the birds were hooded to keep them quiet until let loose after prey. On being brought

into the daylight, the birds winked—as indeed a man does after taking off a bandage from over the eyes. From this, the expression came to mean a covering for the eyes. Indicating deception is an obvious analogy to the ease with which a blind person may be fooled.

**Jurisdiction.** The territory and the Craft within it over which a Grand Lodge is sovereign. The Jurisdiction of Rhode Island means not only that State but all the Masons of Rhode Island that are in Germany, Florida, Brazil and Alaska. The word also means the territorial boundaries from within which a Lodge may accept petitions.

**Just and legally or lawfully.** Just—complete in all its parts—refers to a Lodge having the necessary furniture and the required number of brethren to open and transact business. Legally or lawfully constituted is a Lodge opened and at work under the laws of its Grand Lodge and its own by-laws. A Master who assembled the constitutional number of Brethren, and opened a Lodge without notifying all local members of a special meeting would not have a "legally or lawfully constituted Lodge."

**Libertine.** In modern usage a sexually profligate man. Masonically it goes back to the days when the word meant a free thinker in matters of religion; hence the Masonic expression "irreligious libertine." The Libertines were also a sect of the sixteenth century who held that as all men came from God, man could not sin; therefore, profligacy was not sin. Doubtless from this use of the word came the modern definition "rake." Masonically it connotes nonconformity to religious beliefs.

**Nonage.** Under the age of manhood; universally in this country, twenty-one years for a male. No boy can be made a Mason; in almost all Jurisdictions he must have passed his nonage before he can apply for Freemasonry, on the theory that a boy is yet under the control of his parents; only a man can ask for Freemasonry "of his own free will and accord." Pilaster. A right-angled columnar projection; a square engaged pillar. Is not a synonym for column.

**Profane.** Masonically does not refer to blasphemy, but to non-membership. A profane is one without the Temple, not initiated; from the Latin pro, without, and fanum, Temple. The "profane world" then, is the non-Masonic world.

**Tenet.** Any truth held to be self-evident; differs from doctrine as truth differs from theory. Truth demonstrates that the circle cannot be squared. According to theory it should be possible. The tenet is believed without proof; theories demand proof.

**Vouching, Avouching.** The process of informing another that a third is a Master Mason. Cannot legally be done except in the presence of three; the avoucher, the one vouched to, the person vouched for. No avouchment by telephone, letter or messenger is Masonically legal. Properly to vouch for anyone, the avoucher must have legal Masonic knowledge, i.e., either have sat in Lodge with the person vouched for, have had him vouched for by one who has, or be present at a properly appointed Masonic committee for examination.

## NEWS FROM LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 47

*By Brother John A. Whatmough*

Lafayette Lodge held a special meeting in the evening on July 25 to conduct a Master Mason Degree on Brother Scott Alexander Roderick. Our new Brother will take his examination and also sign our By-Laws on September 5. On September 25 Brother Roderick will depart to Iraq to serve his first tour of duty with the US Army.

We had a large turn out to meet Brother Roderick and to give him a warm send off which is certainly the way we should show our support for a Brother who is about to face combat in Iraq. The officers of Lafayette performed the degree with perfection and with the support of Brother Kenneth E. Phillips who gave the lectures. Brother Roderick received his degree professionally and with grace. I was proud of their work on that evening. Our best wishes go with Brother Scott, and we look forward to his safe return.

A Masonic Open House Day will be on October 13, 2007. Every Lodge in the State will be open to the public from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, to tell them who we are and what we stand for, answer their questions and to tour the Temple. Grand Lodge will shortly begin media TV and other communications to the public. To cover these hours of open Lodge we need YOU to give whatever time you can give to act as HOST. Two Lodges meet in the Temple; Roger

Williams and Lafayette will join together in this event. A collation is also planned plus activities so we need you to provide the coverage and to promote the Fraternity. Mark your calendar for October 13 and come to Lodge.

The Capital Improvement Fund status is as follows:

- Number of pledges, 29
- Dollars pledged \$10,650
- Dollars received, \$ 7,550

Brothers, only one-third of the members have come forward with their support. I know we can do better and I urge you to consider your charity budget and include your Lodge in your giving plans.

The building is now up to the State Fire Code and we have other building projects that need to be addressed.

The longer we delay because of inadequate funds, the more these projects will cost in the future. Thank you for considering this much needed Fund.

Our annual meeting will soon be upon us, October 3rd. We have a young line of Officers moving up and they need your support and encouragement to perform their duties to our pleasure. Mark your calendar and come to Lodge to meet these newer members and your Lodge leaders.

Articles can be submitted to the Rhode Island Freemason sending them to: 222 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914-4556 or by e-mail to [rifreemason@rimasons.org](mailto:rifreemason@rimasons.org)

*Next Deadline — October 5<sup>th</sup>*

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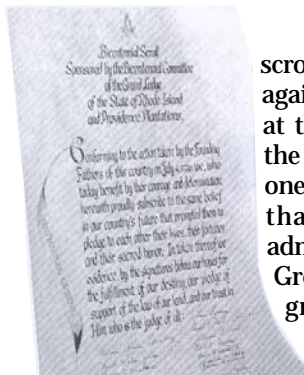
**Robert J. Allen**  
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On Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m., meet us at the facility to organize, label and repair equipment. If you, any one of you, would bring a few tools, some willing hands and good wishes, we will supply the coffee. Work will continue until about 12:00 noon.

We are collecting many different items, so don't be afraid to ask. For inquiries call Brother Robert J. Allen on the Medical Equipment Center cell phone (401) 451-0184 or at (401) 246-0865.

# Masonic Treasurers

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scroll was sealed and safely stored, to be again brought to light, read and admired at the Tricentennial celebration of the of the founding of our country. While the ones who signed this work will be there at that time to gaze with wonder and admiration on it, we hope and trust in the Great Architect of the Universe that our great country and beloved Craft will continue to flourish in the next one hundred years, as it has during the

first two hundred.

The first major event of the Bicentennial Celebration took place at the Semi-Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held on Saturday, November 15, 1975. In the early afternoon, pictures were taken for the Bicentennial book. The officers and Past Masters present from each Lodge were photographed by District and the various Grand Lodge officers were also photographed.

At 5:30 p.m. a Bicentennial Supper was held at a cost of \$1.76 per person. Worshipful Brother Ed. David of E.L. Freeman Lodge was in charge of the dinner and had able assistance from many other Brethren.

We returned to the Lodge Room at 7:00 p.m. for the work of the evening. The Fellow Craft Degree was presented with special permission from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Malcolm Bromberg, by officers from the Seven Districts attired in colonial costume. Worshipful Brother Robert Stearns of Nathanael Greene Lodge presided in the East. There were some eighteen candidates from this Jurisdiction that received their degree. The work was excellent.

At the conclusion of the degree work, everyone attending was presented a flag and a patriotic ceremony was conducted in conjunction with the singing of "God Bless America." Over 400 Brethren took part in the day's festivities.



**Signing of the Bicentennial Scroll**

Kenneth W. Jencks, R W Deputy Grand Master; Norris G. Abbott, Jr., Grand Historian; Malcolm C. Bromberg, M W Grand Master; and Bernard H. Ineson, P.M., E.L. Freeman Lodge No. 41, Chairman of Finance Committee (from left to right)

## For Your Calendar

Shrine Florida Luncheon  
Including Fifty-Year Awards  
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**Friday, February 26, 2008**  
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## Activities at Daylight Lodge No. 48

By Brother Donald Richard, Secretary

Daylight Lodge was formed at the initiative of Grand Lodge to serve those Rhode Island Masonic Brethren who work second or third shift and cannot attend lodges which meet in the evenings. And for those Brethren who are unable to travel at night. We invite all Master Masons to join us at Daylight Lodge the second Monday of every month. We meet at Scottish Rite, assembling between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM to enjoy good cheer, fellowship, pastry and coffee. Lodge opens at 10:00 AM sharp to conduct such business as shall regularly come before it. We then close lodge and welcome speakers on a wide variety of subjects. We adjourn to the Shrine Club for further fellowship at a no-host lunch. Join us, won't you?

Our June speaker, for instance, was Miss Rhode Island (Miss America Pageant), Allison Rogers. She presented a well-planned and extremely informative talk on global warming accompanied by a PowerPoint slide show.

Miss Rogers went to school in Providence, graduated Harvard University and is studying for her Master's degree also at Harvard. She also attended a training session with former Vice President Al Gore on global warming.

Her facts pertaining to how global warming is caused and what can be done to slow its effects were eye opening. Some of the facts presented were that the winter of 2006-2007 was the warmest on record and

2006 was the hottest year. The United States has 40% of the world's population but uses 20% of the world's electricity. Were you aware it costs \$7/ year to charge an iPod and cell phone?

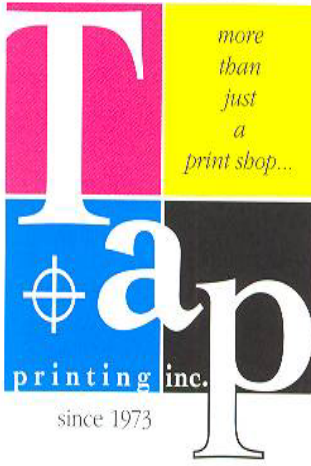
Included in the Power Point slide show were images of Providence, Barrington, and Newport before and after a possible 20-foot rise in water level if global warming continues at an accelerated rate. Newport and most of downtown Providence would be under water.

This most informative program was another in the continuing presentation of interesting and educational programs that are presented at each Daylight Lodge communication.

**Note!**

*The Secretaries Guild  
will be meeting, with the  
Masters as their guests,  
On October 18, 2007.  
The meeting and dinner  
will be held at Bickfords Grille*

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## For Your Reading Pleasure . . .

Reviews by Brother Thomas W. Jackson

### Solomon's Builders Freemasons, Founding Fathers and the Secrets of Washington, DC

By Christopher Hodapp,  
Published in 2007 by Ulysses Press

When I first saw the title referring to the secrets of Washington, DC, I had an immediate concern. I was afraid that it would be a book claiming credit for Freemasonry not only for being greatly responsible for the idealism of the founding of the nation—that I do agree with—but also in the reflection of Masonic symbolism in the physical layout of the city itself.

There are far too many members of our craft with a tendency to make relatively unsubstantiated claims regarding the layout of the city and I find it difficult to agree with them.

I did not have to read far into the book until my concern was reinforced. On page six the author stated, "The building of a new capital, Washington, DC, would give the Masons a unique opportunity to combine the modern with the ancient styles of Freemasonry—the new speculative Freemasonry would now have a chance to actually work in stone, erecting its own city from the ground up."

I was very pleasantly relieved, however, when I found that this reference was not to infusing Masonic symbols into the physical layout of the city but rather to the injection of Masonic and Enlightenment thinking into the physical as well as the idealistic structure that was destined to become the pattern for so many other nations.

Indeed, this is one of the better books that I have seen that credits Freemasonry where credit is due, while debunking many of the more common claims made by both Freemasons who wish to see Freemasonry's positive influence everywhere, and by our enemies who use to reveal Freemasonry's insidious attempt at world domination.

He has revealed the humanism of those early Freemasons who exerted their idealism, perhaps discovered in a Masonic lodge, showing that they were neither godlike in stature nor the precursors to the fallibility of present-day government leaders.

The author, who is also the author of *Freemasons for Dummies*, has written an interesting, intriguing and easily readable book and has performed commendably in presenting the influence of Freemasons and Masonic philosophy in the physical structure of Washington, DC, as well as the system of government without laying claim to more than we deserve.

He defines this book as "the story of that brief moment in time when Freemasonry, the Enlightenment, revolution and fate came together to build . . ." while pointing out that during the American Revolution the influence of Freemasonry played a vital role while it was driven underground during the French Revolution.

The book is divided into 12 chapters that define effectively the origins and structure of Freemasonry, including pre-Masonic utopian ideals, through its idealism of purpose; its impact upon the development of America; the prominent Freemasons involved with this impact, and the difference in the ideologies of the early Americans including Masonic Brothers.

It goes extensively into the development of the city of Washington, DC, covering where Masonic influence can be justifiably credited but also into the myths and legends that have been applied unjustifiably to Masonic influence.

One chapter is committed to discussing Masonic sites and buildings to be found in our nation's capital, including photographs of those structures.

The last chapter is devoted to the final days, death and entombment of Brother George Washington. I thoroughly appreciated some of his analysis and expressions involving Freemasonry, such as, "Freemasonry was the firstborn son of the Enlightenment and it was a greater single influence on our Founding Fathers than any other."

Also, had I gained nothing else from reading the book, I learned of the man "who invented America."

On the front cover is a statement, "discover the history behind the Da Vinci code sequel." If this be the purpose of the book, it is the best that I have seen written, riding on the coattails of *The Da Vinci Code*.

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I trust my review will stimulate you to read this book. It is worth reading and having in your library. It would also be a good book to recommend to non-Masons who seek a better understanding of the Craft.

**Custodians of Truth:  
The Continuance of Rex Deus**

By Tim Wallis-Murphy and Marilyn Hopkins  
Published in 2005 by Red Wheel/Weiser, LLC



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The authors of this text have also authored *Rossllyn: Guardian of the Secrets of the Holy Grail, Templars in America and Rex Deus*. This book is written to expand upon a proposition that Jesus was married and had children and whose bloodline continues through the Rex Deus family. Freemasonry comes into play due to their (not new) proposition that the Craft is the present-day custodian of the secrets passed through Rex Deus.

According to Tim Wallis-Murphy, he was approached by a man revealing esoteric symbolism of secret traditions that his family preserved for over 2000 years. He also revealed and proved, according to the author that he was a direct descendent of the first Grand Master of the Knights Templar.

The family to which this man referred is the bloodline of Rex Deus who had their genealogies inscribed on the walls of rooms under the Temple of Jerusalem.

According to the authors, Jesus was a pupil of John the Baptist and that it is "a tradition that has been kept alive for 2000 years among the hidden streams of spirituality preserved by the descendents of the ma'madot, namely the Rex Deus families and their spiritual heirs, the Knights Templars (who according to the author was created by them) along with the Freemasons."

The book contains 19 chapters running through topics ranging from the origins of Egyptian Gnosis; development and tribulations of the Jews; the founding of Christianity; the dark ages; the rise of Rex Deus; the Knights Templar,

the Sinclairs and the building of Rosslyn Chapel and its significance, concluding with a spiritual awakening in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Much of what is written in the book is not new but it expands upon and supports some of the more far-reaching speculations that have found their way into print in recent years.

According to the author the St. Clairs of Scotland, along with representatives of the eleven other families linked by marriage, supported the Templars and played a part in the foundation of Freemasonry in Scotland. They were the "guardians of the divinely inspired gnosis that was the true treasure of the Knights Templar and this heritage was preserved and coded within the carvings of Rosslyn Chapel."

Also revealed in the carvings were Earl William St. Clair's plans for the future in creating an organization "that would treasure and guard these secrets, and pass them on to future generations throughout the world—the Craft of Freemasonry."

It is the author's contention that members of the Masonic guilds were bought together and under the guidance of the St. Clairs of Roslin transformed into the modern speculative craft. Accordingly, Freemasonry is, therefore, a creation, or rather a transformation into an organization with a purpose for the Rex Deus bloodline.

Recognizing that I risk criticism when I recommend reading a book of this far-reaching speculation and realizing that animosity that it will create in some readers, I think the book is worth reading, not because I believe it to be factual—but because it is interesting and thought-provoking. There is certainly nothing derogatory to Freemasonry contained in it. Indeed, if even a small fraction of the attributes that he credits to the craft were true it would significantly elevate our significance.

Reading the book caused me to develop a greater understanding of some of the early history relating to the development of both Judaism and Christianity. In addition, it caused me to also understand more fully some of the ritual of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

There are some glaring mistakes made that would be quite evident to the knowledgeable Freemason today. In addition I could find no proof offered for the claims made relative to the existence of the Rex Deus bloodline. It is interesting, however, simply to speculate on the feasibility of the accuracy of some of what is written. There is little doubt that the structure of present-day Christian faith is a result of dominance of the religious hierarchy of the time that it was formulated. What indeed, if it were not true. Interesting speculation.

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## A Masonic Treasure

It was the thought of the Bicentennial Committee to provide a program to spark interest among the various Lodges and to provide a means so that as many of the Brethren as possible could participate. Such a program is the Bicentennial Scroll.

A piece of parchment approximately fifteen feet long and eighteen inches wide was procured. It was handsomely decorated by Mr. Stuart Halladay, Chief of the Art Department of L.G. Balfour Co., Attleboro, Massachusetts. The top of the scroll contains the following words:

### **A Rhode Island Declaration**

**Conforming to the action taken by the founding fathers of this country on July 4, 1776**

**We, who today benefit by their courage and determination, herewith, proudly subscribe to the same belief in our country's future, that prompted them to pledge to each other their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.**

**In token thereof, we attest by the signatures below our hopes for the fulfillment of our destiny, our pledge of support of the law of the land, and our trust in Him who is the judge of all.**

Along the left side of the scroll on an illuminated ribbon are delineated names of



many patriots of the Colony of Rhode Island, including Brother William Ellery who along with Stephen Hopkins, signed the Declaration of Independence on behalf of Rhode Island.

The Scroll was displayed for the first time at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, May 19, 1975. At that time, those present were invited to sign the scroll, including many of the distinguished guests present from other Jurisdictions.

From Grand Lodge, the scroll would its way to the various Lodges of our state, in the care of the Knights of Mecca of Palestine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. It is safely encase in a brass artillery shell, the gift of Brother and General Leonard Holland (a member of Redwood Lodge No. 35) and the Rhode Island National Guard.

It was presented to each Lodge in the state with accompanying ceremonies. As occasions for a program built around the Bicentennial Observance, these evenings attracted a large number of members to come to their Lodge, see the scroll and affix their names. All total, there were several thousand names on the scroll. The signature of Brother Gerald Ford, thirty-eighth President of the United States, was affixed to the scroll when he visited Newport, Rhode Island in the summer of 1975.

When the Bicentennial celebrations had been concluded, the

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