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As I write this article, I am happy to report that the entire Grand Lodge Team is working tirelessly to strengthen and improve our jurisdiction. The initiatives that I announced in my message in October are being addressed and are well on their way to bearing fruit. Part of my task is to not only attract good men of character and intentions, but to also strengthen our Fraternity by providing them with the nurturing environment needed to assist their growth as a person and a positive influence in the community.

It is also my goal to continue to build a stronger and more responsive Craft. The true bricks of our jurisdiction are our members and the mortar is the services they are provided within and without the Lodge. This aim will be accomplished with strong education, leadership, spirituality, motivation and strong ritualistic programs that address the needs and wants of our Brothers. Many strides have already been made to date, with much more to follow.

## Membership

The lifeblood of any organization is its membership. Freemasonry is no different. Our members are our strongest asset and we must continue to encourage them and never take them for granted. Neglect and apathy are two scourges that can devastate our numbers.

Freemasonry is undergoing a resurgence in our communities. I believe that much of this is due to the unprecedented combinations of circumstances that the pandemic created. New York Masons did not sit on their haunches and wait out the storm. On the contrary, we took advantage of a very dire calamity and turned it into a positive. Through Zoom meetings and other electronic means we discovered that there was an overwhelming thirst for diverse programs and educational opportunities to grow and enhance the skill sets of our ranks. At the same time, we found that many men with newfound downtime discovered Freemasonry for the first time. We listened. As a result, we pivoted our emphasis and are in the midst of providing the services we need to grow in both strength and numbers.

There are hundreds of men in our membership pipeline waiting to become active Freemasons. Our Lodges are in desperate need of these additional assets. Through the Guarding the West Gate Program and the Scottish Rite's Path Forward Program, Freemasonry has thrust itself into the mainstream consciousness of the general public. Now we have to follow through on our promise to each of those interested men.

There are many prospects languishing and clogging up the flow from prospect to member. This is a problem that is easily rectified. I am charging every District Deputy to assess the candidates waiting in his District portal and develop a plan that will contact, interview and determine if these men are truly Brothers in Waiting or merely curious. Then act. Those

determined as keepers must be allowed to progress.

Every District has a membership chairman; unfortunately, some are proving ineffective in one area or another. If a change needs to be made, you as the District leader must make it. If you cannot find a motivated successor, that is a duty you must inherit. Prospects who are in the membership pipeline and are not being properly addressed can pose a serious and long-term impediment to our growth. We know they are our future. We all must act accordingly.

RW Peter Stein, Junior Grand Warden, and RW Lawrence Konia, Senior Grand Deacon, will assist you with all your questions and concerns. Mentorship and sponsorship must be ongoing throughout our individual member's life. Read the Junior Grand Warden's column addressing the importance of mentorship. His next article will focus on officer stewardship.

## Leadership & Education

The Leadership and Education Committee (L&E) will be key to our future success. We found that there is a great thirst for information about what Freemasonry is, what it stands for and how it fits in modern society. At the same time we discovered that our present members, through no fault of their own, are lacking in many of the basic skills, concepts and principles essential not only for the organization's future but also to enhance their personal development.

To that end, the L&E Committee was totally restructured. The mission of the committee was too unwieldy and overwhelming for any one Brother to administer. I split the committee into three core groups. In place of a committee chair I have appointed RW Daniel Di Natale as the administrator of the committee. RW Earnest Hudson will concentrate on leadership programs and RW Robert Drzewucki will be heading our educational segment. The three will be working in concert with each other but their assignments are based on their skill, interest and expertise in their assigned area of work.

After analyzing our training philosophy, it was obvious that it was not adequately serving our jurisdiction. Two major factors were negatively impacting our efforts. The first is that many of our District leaders were coming from backgrounds that did not provide leadership skills. But more importantly, our training did not go far enough. We were not reaching the Brothers in their Lodge.

So with the help of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home we made our first investment in the Maxwell Leadership Program. Maxwell is a train-the-trainer initiative that will reach into our individual Lodges. This program will allow us to build from the bottom up.

"Leadership is influence; nothing more, nothing less." Its foundation is the premise that leadership is based on the individual, not the task.

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The main emphasis is to properly care for, train, educate and equip your team with the skills to succeed. The Maxwell philosophy is simple: You have to give people a reason to follow. A group of individuals without a focus is just a group of people and a leader without somebody following him is just taking a walk. If you simply use people as a resource to accomplish a mission, you probably are not leading them. But if they buy into your vision, you may have them forever. Simply put, that is why New York State is investing in this program.

The Maxwell leadership program is grounded in values-based leadership principles. It has been growing leaders for nearly four decades throughout the world. The practical leadership skills are adopted and used by everyday people, major corporations and national governments, alike. Our first corps of leadership coaches has successfully completed the training and under the stewardship of RW Hudson they are developing a new and exciting training program that will keep our Craft strong and vibrant. This leadership program will be offered through a structured rollout of Train the Trainer symposiums. The plan is to grow our future leaders. The Maxwell Program will help us transform the way we conduct business.

In addition to this leadership enterprise, many new and exciting educational modules—encompassing basic fundamental business practices, esoterica, history, ritual and personal growth—will lay the foundation for our overall educational programs. Courses will be held virtually, regionally and on a local basis. For the convenience of our members they will be in modular form and will require nothing more than Lodge membership to participate. We have determined our direction and have determined that we must educate and inspire our brethren. The course we have chosen will lay the foundation for future generations. Our destiny is in our hands.

#### Social Media

Society is more divided and polarized than at any time over the past one hundred years. Social media platforms provide many avenues for all to post their views unencumbered by truth, morality or consideration of the negative impact they may inflict. Freemasonry cannot be a participant in this inflammatory activity. In an attempt to rein in those Brothers who might be tempted, we are currently updating our policy. Although the new guidelines are not complete, here is a small sample of the proposed procedures:

- If you speak about Masonry, you must identify your affiliation to Freemasonry and make it clear that you are speaking for yourself.
- Respect the intellectual property rights, such as trademarks, copyrights and symbols of Freemasonry.
- No official communications from Grand Lodge are to be posted on any social media platform.
- Never engage in communication that could reasonably be viewed as intimidating, malicious, threatening or obscene.
- Never post on social media any of the signs, symbols, tokens or the open Bible during Tiled meetings.
- Use good judgment when posting, or commenting online. Be respectful of the cultures, beliefs and opinions

of others.

- Assume that every email you send will be seen by people other than the intended recipient.
- Audio or visual recordings of ritual, or esoteric work is not permitted.

A full and complete list of the social media policy will be distributed shortly. There is a need for Freemasonry in the world today but if we don't live according to our obligations we will just be a part of the problem.

#### Website

Our new website is scheduled to be introduced during the summer. I am sorry for the delay in the debut of our new site but many factors had to be addressed before the unveiling. As mentioned before, we are a multi-million dollar organization and need all of our contact with the profane world to communicate exactly who we are and what we stand for. Our website will be the keystone to our connection with the world.

The website must reflect all that we are and why we are a worthwhile organization where men of character can accurately research us. Our messaging must be concise, consistent and timely. This new website is being built with an eye toward developing a solid platform that will allow us to project our message. That message will be clear and relevant. Our new branding scheme will answer many of the public's questions and speak to those who are truly interested in joining our Craft.

#### Masonic Brotherhood Fund

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund is the Charity arm of the Fraternity and has helped to raise money to help many Brothers and families in need. At this time I would like to thank all of you for your generous support. The purpose is to assist our Masonic families with those unforeseen and sometimes catastrophic tragedies that can destroy a family unit. While we hope that no one needs to be a receiver of our donations, history teaches that is extremely unlikely.

In addition to our established funds, we will concentrate on veteran and Military Outreach. As has previously been mentioned, we will be selling ladies' pins and cufflinks to raise funds for this most important program.

#### Battle Within

I cannot adequately thank all of you who have contributed to this most worthwhile cause. As previously mentioned, since the Viet Nam Era our military has suffered unimaginable losses among our veterans upon their return from their service. BW was established to remember those we lost and remember their sacrifice. The foundation has started out small but continues to grow dramatically. The Board of Directors is exploring avenues that will address the needs of those who are most fragile.

Your donations, both through the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and directly payable to the Foundation, are extraordinary and are enabling the growth and breadth of the Foundation's mission. During this St. John's Weekend in Utica, a memorial for our veterans will be dedicated. The memorial will prominently display a Battle Within Wing. Please join us in Utica as we recognize and celebrate our military.

#### Our Vision:

Successfully move our Fraternity into the 21st century and beyond and to establish a Fraternity grounded in education,

spiritual development and fraternal bonding.

Our Mission:

- Establish a learning culture.
- Promote our core values: Reverence for God, love of country, integrity, justice, philanthropy and tolerance.
- Effective mentoring.
- Officer sponsorship.
- Enriched ritualistic environment.
- Inspirational and thought-provoking programs.
- Sound business practices; short- and long-term plans.
- Sound leadership.
- Enhanced membership involvement.
- Accountability.
- Transparency.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for all you have done and will continue to do on behalf of Freemasonry. Please remember that this is your Grand Lodge. The elected and appointed officers are here to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us with your thoughts, concerns, questions and requests. Together we can accomplish anything.

The world needs Freemasonry more than ever. Let us be humanity's saving grace.

Masons Make a Difference



MW Richard J. Kessler  
Grand Master

## Ninth Manhattan sponsors Charity Ball

The Ninth Manhattan District held their 108<sup>th</sup> Charity Ball on Saturday, May 7 to benefit the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The Ninth Manhattan Masters Association donated \$15,000 in proceeds of the Charity Ball Journal and the German Masonic Charitable Foundation donated \$60,592 from various fundraisers over the course of the year. The total donation was \$75,592.

The Ball was held at the Inn at New Hyde Park with music provided by the Knickerbocker Band. More than 175 were in attendance, including several Grand Lodge Officers.

John Huvane of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation accepted the checks on behalf of the Foundation. The Tunnel to Towers Foundation commemorates the unselfish heroism of Firefighter Stephen Gerard Siller, who raced on foot through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the World Trade Center to carry out his duty with his brothers. He gave up his life that day, September 11, 2001. The Tunnel to Towers Foundation is established to aid the families of America's heroes—fallen first responders and wounded veterans.





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**M**y Brothers, I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me as your Deputy Grand Master. I do not take lightly the opportunity, and the obligation, to serve you and our Craft.

I thank our Grand Master, MW Richard Kessler, for his thoughtful stewardship as he leads our Grand Lodge in harmony, in service to each other in service to all. With an outstanding array of elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Trustees, Board members, Committeemen, District Deputy Grand Masters, Staff Officers, AGLs and Worshipful Masters working in harmony I am more optimistic than I have been since my first knock on the inner door. Together we have a unique opportunity to make a profound impact on the face and future of Masonry.

While my Grand Lodge duties and travels have kept me busy during the past sixteen years, the past eight months have surpassed them all. I am remarkably fortunate to have Deputy Grand Marshal, RW Peter Unfried; our Junior Grand Deacon, RW Alberto Cortizo; and our Deputy Grand Standard Bearer, RW Gustavo Teran, join me in this journey through our wonderful Jurisdiction, Lodge to Lodge and District to District. In my travels I continue to observe that generous Masonic spirit that I witnessed the first moment my hoodwink was removed so many years ago. I must also thank RW Spiro Triantafilis, whose business and personal obligations have prevented his continued service on the Grand Line. His past service must be recognized and acknowledged.

It was my honor to have my wife Mojdeh join me as we accompanied our Grand Master to the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Milwaukee, WI. While it was certainly wonderful meeting Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries from North America and the world, the real opportunity was to collaborate on solutions to the challenges that continue to plague all Grand Jurisdictions.

It was also my honor to attend the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, again with my wife, as we represented our Grand Master and our Grand Lodge at that august assemblage. At the time of this writing, Mojdeh and I are scheduled to accompany Grand Master Kessler to the North East Conference of Grand Masters, and then represent our Grand Lodge and our Grand Master at the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

More than this, I have enjoyed most the opportunity to celebrate with the Brothers of Ancient Temple 14, Old Seventeen Masonic District, on their 225-year anniversary; Pelham Lodge No 712, of the Bronx Masonic District, on their 150-year anniversary; and Amityville Lodge 977, Suffolk Masonic District, for their 100-year anniversary. And I look forward to attending Bethany Lodge 821, of the Jefferson-Lewis Masonic District, on their 125-year anniversary; St.

Lawrence Lodge 111, St. Lawrence District, for their 175-year anniversary; and Adonai Lodge No.718, of the Mid-Hudson District, on their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is remarkable how our Brothers and our Lodges have been such an integral part of our State's and Nation's history—at times, even before we were a State or a Nation. Of course, the challenge to us is that we continue to be that light for generations to come.

I hope you will also join me, our Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden RW Bob Hogan, Junior Grand Warden, RW Peter Stein and nearly the entire Grand Line at a Festive Board, at New York State's last Moon Lodge, Warren Lodge 32, in the Mid-Hudson. The event is on August 13. For more information, go to the Warren Lodge Facebook Page.

You have heard me say countless times that every Lodge is special and each Lodge's history is important. Some are older, others newer but all share a common Masonic legacy. I started *CraftsmenOnline.com* during the height of the pandemic. Its purpose is multifold: to provide Masonic Education and Leadership Development, to celebrate the unique history of New York Freemasonry and those special men who have served and continue to serve our Gentle Craft and to bring awareness to our special Lodges and the challenges that Lodges and building owners continue to face. I am proud that *Craftsmen Online* is now a partner and arm of our Grand Lodge communications arsenal, sharing contributions from many Brothers from around our Grand Jurisdiction giving time and talent to spread further light.

I would like to thank Brother Michael Arce who is *Craftsmen Online's* Editor-in-Chief and podcaster extraordinaire. Each and every week he hosts New York's only Masonic Podcast, sharing the stories of our Brothers and our Craft. Just a few months ago Brother Mike hosted our Grand Master as he shared his vision for our Grand Jurisdiction. We are slated to host Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and New York Brother, RW and Illustrious Peter Samiec, 33° in the not-too-distant future. Stay tuned.

Thanks go to History Editor, W Brother Ron Siefid, DSA, author of *Long Island Freemasons*; RW Anthony Prizzia, Brother Todd Paternak; W Brother Asly Raymond; and Brother Joe Cavallaro for being the backbone of *Craftsmen Online*. And thanks go to all of the countless Brothers who have contributed their guidance, advice, insight, light and brotherhood to this project. They have all worked so hard, not for aprons or titles, but simply because that is what Masons do. Our Craft and I are indebted for your service.

While the Grand Master has shared the extensive work that is already underway to revamp our outmoded means of education and communication, I am pleased to announce another initiative instituted by our Grand Lodge to ensure

that we maintain real communication between our Lodges, Districts and Grand Lodge, as well as the profane world. This is the implementation of District Public Relations Officers (D-PRO), who will work with our Grand Lodge Communications Committee to promote and share Lodge and District charitable, philanthropic, recreational and educational programming. I thank RW Brother Al Cortizo for taking the lead on this initiative.

Also under the umbrella of the Grand Lodge Communications Committee is the formation of four sub-committees: Social Media, Publications, Press Releases and Speakers Bureau. These sub-committees will assist Lodges and Districts in the formation of Facebook pages/social media and content; they will coach the steps necessary to prepare Lodge and District publications and press releases; and they will establish and manage a speakers bureau. This will provide programming options to all of our Lodges.

I am also pleased to announce a new initiative, found within this *ESM*. It is the first-ever Concordant Bodies page and spotlight. It points to the further light that our Concordant Bodies provide.

Our Grand Lodge Committee system is meant to aid and assist our Lodges, our Districts and our Brothers. Many wonderful Brothers on our committees provide invaluable guidance and leadership to our Craft. Yet, many committees have fallen stagnant. For months your Grand Lodge has worked to provide new guidance, direction and initiatives. As an example, I am grateful to work with our Buildings and Lodges Committee and its Chairman, RW Al Bryant. The Grand Master has already repopulated this essential committee to restore its place as a real resource to our Brothers facing the challenges of building ownership and Lodge management. Your Lodge has received a questionnaire from the committee, meant to identify those Masonic buildings that need this type of assistance.

Our Brothers and our Lodges continue to face challenges that our Masonic forefathers never did. That is why our Grand Master and I believe that we must harness our most precious Masonic resource—you—to find real solutions. That is why we have sought your help in manning our committees, sub-committees and boards. I hope you have taken the step to shape the face and future of New York Masonry by submitting your Help Wanted Questionnaire. RW Peter Unfried and the Brothers charged with this project have already begun the process of contacting every Brother who responded to our call. For those who would like to get involved and missed the questionnaire, please email Brother Peter: [DGSB@nymasons.org](mailto:DGSB@nymasons.org).

As a student of history, I am pleased to be able to work with our Grand Historian, RW Gary Heinmiller, and our Area Historians. They have now been given new direction and support. Each Lodge will be contacted to identify its Lodge Historian or to encourage Worshipful Masters to appoint Lodge Historians where none exist. Thereafter, we will provide guidance and assistance to ensure that our history, our artifacts and documents are not lost to the ravages of time, but are cherished and preserved for posterity.

My Brothers, I have been blessed with many honors during the twenty-four years I have been a Master Mason. Next to my son's Raising, my service to you as your Deputy Grand Master has been the highlight. The real joy comes from visiting with you at your Square Clubs, your Lodges and Districts, your holiday parties, charity galas, anniversary celebrations, Oktoberfests/Traubenfests, Festive Boards and Table Lodges, Degrees, barbecues and breakfasts and even Masonic funerals. It is because of your friendship and love that I always say, It's called Brotherhood! God bless you, our country and our Gentle Craft.

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## Lodge Consolidations

by RW James R. Kintzel

There are a number of Lodges in our jurisdiction that are currently considering consolidation. Some of these Lodges have only a few members, have not Raised a new Brother in many years, and the members they have are aging. They are essentially weak and getting weaker. Bringing younger Brothers into the Lodge, and keeping them, probably will not happen. Should they continue to struggle or should they consider consolidating with one or more other Lodges?

That is a question these Lodges need to examine. The process of consolidation is a legal one, as there are assets and liabilities involved. It also requires some paperwork. It is a step-by-step process that is achieved over three phases. If your Lodge is at the point where it needs help, maybe a consolidation is an attractive alternative.

A consolidation is like a marriage. You need two or more

willing partners. The decision to enter into consolidation is up to the Lodges involved. Others may suggest it, but in the end the Lodges involved must want to do this.

The Charters Committee of Grand Lodge is available not only to give you ideas but also to assist you with the paperwork if you decide to pursue a consolidation. Our members are spread out across the State and are only a phone call or email away. If you are considering this option, please contact one of us for help. We have experience getting these done and in many cases can make the task much easier. These are your committee members: RW James R. Kintzel, Chairman; RW Scott A. Cary; RW Robert L. Hogan Jr.; RW Charles E. Knapp Jr.; RW Daniel G. Lort; RW William E. McCauley; RW Gary A. Sadowski; and RW Richard M. Torrey.

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Greetings once again, from the West, my Brothers. As I travel around the Jurisdiction, sitting in on Degrees, attending DDGM visits, taking part in re-dedications, or just enjoying a regular dinner and a meeting, I feel a positive energy that I have not sensed for quite a while. It is good to have that feeling back.

Serving our Beloved Craft is truly a privilege. Whether it is working in my Lodge(s), my home District or even more broadly throughout our entire Jurisdiction, now as the Senior Grand Warden I have the opportunity to associate with men of integrity, honor and virtue. Having those values and living them is who we are. It defines us. It is what makes us stand out from the rest of the profane world.

What also makes us stand out is our ritual, our protocol and our etiquette. Our ritual makes us who we are. If you really listen, it should speak to your heart and to your soul. Our protocols give us structure and we develop a sense of pride in our Lodges, and self-respect. Etiquette is the foundation for good manners. It gives us that attitude of reverence and respect. These in turn promote harmony and unity. Lord knows we can use a little of that right now.

We place a lot of emphasis on intelligence and skill in this country these days. While obviously important, they are no substitute for strength of character. Strong character is part of every Mason's being. While other men are good out of fear of punishment or in hope of reward, Masons are good men and would be even if there were no laws, because that is what is in our heart. We are all-inclusive and men of all religions. We thank God for everything we have and we try our best to assist those with less. As Masons we take responsibility for our actions. We hold ourselves accountable.

We are men of integrity. We are honest, humble men of our word. We do what we say we are going to do, when we say we are going to do it and how we say we're going to do it.

A very old and seldom used definition of virtue is "putting the common good before one's own self-interest." The Brothers who built our nation—men such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Dr. Joseph Warren—they had virtue. Back then, it was the lynchpin of public life. We need to make it that way again. We need to trust in God and have faith that He has a Master Plan for us to make this world a better place.

I mention Dr. Joseph Warren. His story is quite amazing and I am puzzled why we do not hear about him until we become a Mason. Were it not for Dr. Warren, Paul Revere and William Dawes never would have made that famous midnight ride through the countryside, alerting Lexington and Concord, MA that the British were coming to arrest John Hancock and Samuel Adams.

Dr. Warren, a Major-General in the colony's militia, fought in the battles of Lexington and Concord on June 17, 1775. Because of the rank he held he could have stayed in the back and directed his forces from there, but he chose to fight shoulder-to-shoulder with his men and was killed in combat during the Battle of Bunker Hill. Many historians are of the opinion that had he not been killed in combat it would be a portrait of Joseph Warren on the dollar bill and we would be celebrating him as our nation's first President.

Dr. Warren has been memorialized in the naming of counties, towns, and streets all over our nation. There are statues of him in various locations throughout the country. As he was a member of our Beloved Craft there are also many, many Masonic Lodges named for him. I am fortunate to belong to one such Lodge, Warren Lodge 32 in Schultzeville, New York. We also hold the distinction of being the last chartered "Moon Lodge" in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York. We meet each month on the Thursday prior to the full moon, often by lantern light only, in the tradition of our forefathers.

If you would like to learn more about Dr. Joseph Warren, Warren Lodge 32 or if you are interested in finding out more about a Moon Lodge, please join me and the Brothers of Warren 32 at our Festive Board on Saturday, August 13 at 5:00 p.m. We are at 1215 Centre Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. It will be outdoors and we are hoping for a clear night so we can take advantage of the full moon. Bring your lantern. For ticket information please contact Warren 32 Secretary RW James A. Leske at: [Masonjim3652@gmail.com](mailto:Masonjim3652@gmail.com).

I mentioned earlier that serving our Beloved Craft is a privilege. To me, being a Mason is a privilege. I do not take either of those lightly. I will see you in the quarries.







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Brothers, I would like to talk about one of the most important things we can do for our new Brothers and that is being their Success Coach/Mentor. As most of you know, our Grand Master has appointed me to chair the NorthStar Project; the second part of NorthStar is success coaching. I have talked with a lot of Brothers over the years and have heard stories of their being Raised and appointed an officer the next meeting, without a clue of the officer's job details—or for that matter, what we as a Fraternity are all about. I have seen officers demit because they were not ready to have that responsibility or not given time to learn about Masonry itself or never wanting it in the first place but were pressured to take an office. We need to slow down with our new Brothers and mentor them, educate them and befriend them. I cannot emphasize enough how important having a success coach or mentor is to a new Brother.

I will tell a story: In April of 1987 I was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. At the next stated communication I was told that I had been appointed Junior Master of Ceremonies. Not having a clue what that was, I was told, It's easy: just follow the lead of the Brother next to me, the Senior Master of Ceremonies. Summer recess came and went and I received a call from the Master, prior to Lodge restarting in September. He informed me that the SMC had moved out of town for business reasons and that I would be taking his place. He also informed me that I had to learn the ritual for the First Degree, scheduled for the end of September. I asked what ritual and he explained that it is in the First-Degree section of the ritual book. I then asked, What book?

Well, I received the book—or should say I purchased the book—learned the part and it went OK. I still did not have a clue of what I was doing, though, or why.

December came and the election of officers was about to take place. Yes, elections in December. If you are as old as I am you will remember the Lodge year ran the same as the calendar year prior to 1992-1993. A week before to the election the then-Senior Warden asked me if I was ready to be the Junior

Deacon and had I learned the ritual for that chair. I explained to him that no one told me I was moving up, but I would work on it. He also informed me that I needed to purchase a tuxedo; luckily, a local rental store sold used tuxedos.

My first meeting as Junior Deacon came and I made a few mistakes: knocked too many times, forgot the staff and walked in the wrong direction. After the meeting a Past Grand Lodge Officer pulled me aside and berated me about my performance and ritual work. I was dejected and embarrassed. I then put the apron and jewel on the Junior Deacon's chair and went home.

After I did not attend the next communication I received a phone call from Brother Charles Wright Jr., the Junior Warden. He asked if I was all right and why I was not at the last communication. I told him this organization was not for me. He stopped me and asked what changed my mind. I explained that I had been a Mason less than a year and I was expected to know all about the Fraternity, especially as an officer. I told him what happened after the meeting with the Right Worshipful's critique and just being totally embarrassed about returning to the Lodge. Brother Wright asked if we could meet at the Lodge and talk about it. He convinced me to attend the next communication and we spent that afternoon going over the Junior Deacon's work. After that I met Brother Wright every week for the next few months and he educated me on the Degrees, the ritual and basically everything Masonry. W Brother Wright laid down his working tools many years ago but to this day I still look up to Heaven and thank him for taking the time to be a friend and mentor to a young Mason.

Brothers, I can't stress enough the importance of a success coach or mentor. Please step forward and take a new Brother under your wing. Make him feel that he is part of your Lodge and the Fraternity. Befriend him, educate him, visit other Lodges together and introduce him to other Brothers across your District. You will make a lifelong impression on him and on his Masonic journey, just as W Charles Wright Jr. made on mine.

# GRAND TREASURER

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## We are all on the level

Brethren, one of my duties as Grand Treasurer is to represent our Grand Master. I truly enjoy visiting Lodges and witnessing Degrees, meeting Brothers I have never met, and on one evening, partaking of a family Table Lodge. When I visit your Lodge, don't be surprised if I am wearing a white apron. I am very honored that you, my Brothers, have elected me as your Grand Treasurer, but the one apron we should all be honored to wear is our white apron. I do this because I want you all to realize it is not the color of the apron or the jewel around our neck that matters. It is that we are all on the level. I do this because I am showing my respect to all of you.

When I was DDGM of the Queens District I asked during an Entered Apprentice Degree for everyone to wear a white apron except for the officers of the Lodge. Why? To again let the new candidates see we are all one. During the Entered Apprentice Degree the new Brothers are taught that the white apron is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. Think back, my Brothers (now some of us must really think

back) to when we first saw the light. Think of all those Brothers standing around the altar. In my own experience there were two Brothers set apart. One was the District Deputy Grand Master and the other the Grand Treasurer. I honestly got a little nervous because the aprons and jewels they wore stood out, while others wore the white apron. When they introduced themselves to me it was like they were royalty.

For this reason, I wear a white apron. We all must learn that no matter what title we may receive, we are all on the level. I have had the honor of being appointed DDGM, elected Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Home and now, your Grand Treasurer. When I see you, greet me as "Brother" and I will greet you the same.

On March 12, 2022 four Past Grand Treasurers attended the Public Presentation for Grand Treasurer RW Joseph J. Saglimbene. (See photo below)



(l-r) RW Peter Flihan, RW Joseph J. Saglimbene, RW Steven Adam Rubin, DGM; RW Charles Catapano, PDGM; and RW Marino Cesarini.



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# GRAND SECRETARY

## Be It Known

**May 12, 2022**

**TO:** THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LINE, ALL PERMANENT MEMBERS, DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, GRAND SWORD BEARERS, GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES, GRAND STEWARDS, GRAND CHAPLAINS, ALL EMERITUS GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC HALL & ASYLUM FUND, DIRECTORS OF THE MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, TRUSTEES OF THE CHANCELLOR ROBERT R LIVINGSTON MASONIC LIBRARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, ELECTED GRAND POST OFFICERS OF THE MASONIC WAR VETERANS, COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMISSION OF APPEAL, GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ALL OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SYRIA – LEBANON, GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES, ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS, AND TO ALL WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, SENIOR & JUNIOR WARDENS, TREASURERS AND SECRETARIES OF EACH LODGE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND LODGE:

**BE IT KNOWN**, that at the Two Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, held at the Masonic Hall in New York City, located at 71 West 23rd Street / 46 West 24th Street, New York, NY 10010-4149, commencing on the First Monday of May, 2022, A.L. 6022, the following Brethren were elected, and proclaimed Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year:

**MW Richard J. Kessler**  
**RW Steven Adam Rubin**  
**RW Robert L. Hogan**  
**RW Peter C. Stein**  
**RW Joseph J. Saglimbene**  
**RW Richard T. Schulz**

**Grand Master**  
**Deputy Grand Master**  
**Senior Grand Warden**  
**Junior Grand Warden**  
**Grand Treasurer**  
**Grand Secretary**

**ALL OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS** named above were duly installed on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Two Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, held at the Masonic Hall in New York City, upon the historic Theodore Roosevelt Bible.

**COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMISSION OF APPEAL** elected or reelected was: RW Gilbert C. Ferrer, (2025) for three years in place of RW Gilbert C. Ferrer, term expired. Continuing in unexpired terms are: RW Marino Cesarini, Chief Commissioner (2023); RW Edward T. Bartels, (2024); RW Jeffrey W. Halbreich (Past Chief & Emeritus Commissioner), (2023); RW James Holden, Jr., (2023); RW Louis R. Rosenthal, (2024); and RW Michael E. Storck, (2023).

**TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC HALL AND ASYLUM FUND** elected or reelected were: RW Keith Heinrich, (2025)

for three years in place of RW Keith Heinrich, term expired; RW Alonza F. Lloyd, (2025) for three years in place of RW Alonza F. Lloyd, term expired; RW G. Michael Morris, (2025) for three years in place of RW G. Michael Morris, term expired. Continuing in unexpired terms are: RW Steven M. Cohen (2023); RW George Filippidis (2023); RW Christopher J. Hough, (2024); RW Nathan D. Lipper, (2023); RW Michael J. Siegel (2024); and RW David P. Spencer, (2024).

**DIRECTORS OF THE MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE** elected or reelected were: RW Vincent Cunzio, (2025) for three years in place of RW Vincent Cunzio, term expired; RW Peter R. Gray, (2025) for three years in place of RW Peter R. Gray, term expired; RW Paul G. Huck, (2023) for one year in place of RW Michael A. Chaplin, resigned; RW Pasquale Imbimbo, Jr., (2025) for three years in place of RW Pasquale Imbimbo, Jr., term expired; RW Alvaro F. Quiroga, (2025) for three years in place of RW Alvaro F. Quiroga, term expired; RW James D. Swan, Jr., (2025) for three years in place of RW James D. Swan, Jr., term expired. Continuing in unexpired terms are: MW David D. Goodwin (Hon. PGM – Romania), (2024); RW Paul A. Guerrero, (2023); RW Robert A. Hewson, (2023); RW Richard J. Miller, Jr., (2024); RW Paul E. Mossberg, (2024); RW Virgilio S. Quijano, (2024); RW Sheldon B. Richman, (2023); RW David F. Schneeweiss, (2024); and RW Frank R. Williams, (2023).

**TRUSTEES OF THE CHANCELLOR ROBERT R LIVINGSTON MASONIC LIBRARY OF GRAND LODGE** elected or reelected were: RW Edward T. Bartels, (2025) for three years in place of RW Edward T. Bartels, term expired; RW Walter E. Cook IV, (2025) for three years in place of RW Walter E. Cook IV, term expired; RW Stephen S. King, (2025) for three years in place of RW Stephen S. King, term expired; RW David F. Velkas, (2025) for three years in place of RW David F. Velkas, term expired; RW Lawrence Brill Wolff, (2025) for three years in place of RW Lawrence Brill Wolff, term expired; RW Edward Chiani elected *Emeritus* Library Trustee. Continuing in unexpired terms are: RW Aram Adishian, (2024); RW Martin V. Benedict, Sr., (2023); RW Rodney K. Couto, (2024); RW S. Marlon Gayadeen, (2024); RW Carl J. Klossner, (2023); RW C.F. William Maurer III, (2024); RW Demetrios G. Melis, (2023); RW David A. Pearlmutter, (2024); RW Frank C. Rice II, (2023); and RW Erik M. Strohl, (2023).

**DIRECTORS OF THE MASONIC WAR VETERANS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, INC.** elected or reelected were: RW Stephen S. Dreizler, for one year in place of RW Stephen S. Dreizler, term expired; W Harrison Greene, for one year in place of W Harrison Greene, term expired; RW

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Donald T. Kuhner, Jr., for one year in place of RW Donald T. Kuhner, Jr., term expired; RW Frederick J. Newton, for one year in place of RW Frederick J. Newton, term expired; and W Raymond Roche, for one year in place of W Raymond Roche, term expired.

**GRAND LINE OFFICERS** appointed or reappointed were: RW John Haslam, Sr., Grand Marshal; RW Peter G. Unfried, Deputy Grand Marshal; RW Lawrence M. Kania, Senior Grand Deacon; RW Alberto G. Cortizo, Junior Grand Deacon; RW Donald G. Williams II, Grand Standard Bearer; RW Gustavo A. Teran, Deputy Grand Standard Bearer; RW Gary L. Heinmiller, Grand Historian; RW Richard C. Friedman, Grand Lecturer; RW Michael G. Postiglione, Judge Advocate; RW Mark J. Loughran, Proctor; RW Richard W. Bateman, Assistant Grand Secretary and Grand Pursuivant; RW Christopher A. Kessler, Grand Tiler; our six Grand Organists: RW Donald C. Hamman; RW Eric S. Howd; RW Jordan I. Kaplan; RW Frank L. Miller; RW Stephen A. Rumpf; and RW Francis K. Wilcox; and our newly appointed Grand Chaplain, RW Timothy TenClay.

**GRAND CHAPLAINS PARTICIPATING DURING THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION** were: RW Stenrick B. Adams, RW John A. Califano, and RW Timothy TenClay.

**DISTRICT GRAND LINE OFFICERS FOR THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SYRIA - LEBANON** appointed or reappointed were: RW Fouad Khalife, District Grand Master; and RW Michel Timonian, District Grand Secretary.

#### **AWARD PRESENTATIONS:**

**THE GRAND MASTER'S AWARD OF APPRECIATION** was presented to the following deserving brothers: RW Earnest L. Hudson, Jr., RW Jeffrey C. Kuhne, RW Michael G. Postiglione, RW Angel Ruiz, and RW Michael D. Weisberg. Further, the Grand Master's Award of Appreciation was bestowed upon Mrs. Klara Bolotovskiy, Director of Finance of the Grand Secretary's Office, and Mrs. Victoria Lipovchenko, Bookkeeper of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF MASONIC RELIEF** was made to the People of Ukraine through the Offices of the International Red Cross as follows:

\$10,000 to the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Society; \$15,000 to the Ukrainian Red Cross; \$10,000 to the Polish Red Cross; \$5,000 to the Romanian Red Cross; \$5,000 to the Moldovian Red Cross.

The above corresponding payments were received by VW Christopher Loubry-Boulanger, representing the International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Society. A total to-date of \$80,000 plus has been collected through our Grand Lodge's relief efforts, with the balance to be donated to the Grand Lodge of Ukraine and other related organizations once the recovery is safely underway.

**THE KHALED E. TABET MEDAL** was presented to the following deserving brother: RW Michael J. Siegel for his constancy and ardor for the Masonic Hall & Home and the Grand Lodge.

**THE GEORGE PETER MEDAL** was presented to the following deserving Brethren: RW Daniel J. DiNatale, RW

Robert Drzewucki and RW Eugene S. Olofson for their valued input and dedication to the Leadership and Educational Services Committee.

**THE WENDELL K. WALKER MEDAL** was presented to RW Marino Cesarini, RW Richard C. Friedman, and RW Joseph M. Keeler for their many years of perseverance and devotion for the Craft and the Grand Lodge.

**THE ROBERT R LIVINGSTON MEDAL** was presented to RW Peter C. Stein and RW Lawrence M. Kania in recognition of their tenured and steadfast professional ethics and fidelity to the Craft. In addition, the Robert R Livingston Medal was also presented to W Harry Barth, a 91-year young Past Master and dual member of Von Mensch Lodge 765 and Socrates Lodge 595.

**THE GRAND LODGE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT** was presented to the Illustrious Brother Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge Medal for Distinguished Achievement was presented by the Grand Master during the daytime Tiled Session of the Annual Communication on Monday, May 2, 2022.

I. **THE GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT** recommended the acceptance of the following addendum to the Committee's Report as published in the Annual Report Booklet and distributed at the Annual Communication via the Grand Secretary's Portal:

- a) The Committee on Law Enforcement had the opportunity to examine and review the Books, Accounts, and Records of Widow's Sons Lodge U.D.; and found everything to be in due and proper form. As such the Committee in concert with the Grand Secretary, Judge Advocate, and Chairman of the Charters Committee recommended to the Grand Lodge of New York with the consent of the Richmond Masonic District that a Charter be Granted and subsequently Issued to Widow's Sons Lodge 1197, F. & A.M.

**THE ABOVE ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTE OF GRAND LODGE.**

II. **THE GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS** after careful examination of the Petition to Change a Lodge's Name and its accompanying documentation pertaining to the proposed change of name of Consolidated Lodge 31 to Manhattan Lodge 31 within the First Manhattan District found the documentation to be in proper form. As such, the Chairman of the Charters Committee in concert with the Judge Advocate, and Grand Secretary recommended to the Grand Lodge of New York with the consent of the District Deputy Grand Master of the First Manhattan District that the name of Consolidated Lodge 31 be officially changed to Manhattan Lodge 31 with immediate effect.

**THE ABOVE ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTE OF GRAND LODGE.**

III. **THE GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS** recommended the acceptance of the following addendum to the Committee's Report as published in the Annual Report Booklet and distributed

at the Annual Communication via the Grand Secretary's Portal:

- a) The Charter of Poughkeepsie Lodge 266 in the Mid-Hudson Masonic District is declared surrendered by vote of Poughkeepsie Lodge 266 effective on March 29, 2022.
- b) Ark Lodge 33 and Geneva Lodge 965, both of the Ontario-Seneca-Yates Masonic District were consolidated effective on April 18, 2022 to be known as Geneva-Ark Lodge 33 in the Ontario-Seneca-Yates Masonic District.

*THE ABOVE ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTE OF GRAND LODGE.*

**IV. THE GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE ON THE CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK** recommended the acceptance of their multiple page report containing various and necessary adjustments and instructions for the Standard Work, Lectures, and the Masonic Ritual, as well as for the Grand Lecturer's Conventions.

*THE ABOVE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS WAS TABLED BY THE VOTE OF GRAND LODGE TO BE DISCUSSED IN MORE DETAIL AT A SUBSEQUENT GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION.*

#### **V. NEW PROPOSAL & REPORT:**

- a) **THE GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** recommended the passage of the following proposed 12-month Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Budget of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of the State of New York (June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023):

#### **OPERATING REVENUE & OTHER SUPPORT:**

Fees & Dues	\$1,108,387
Lodge Services (Net)	110,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUPPORT:</b>	<b>\$1,218,387</b>

#### **OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Annual Communication	\$202,000
Print & Distribution of Proceedings	35,000
Transition to New Grand Master	9,500
Salaries and Related Costs	1,023,571
Grand Lodge Office Expense	528,500
Grand Lodge Officer's Travel	162,350
Grand Lecturer's Costs	40,000
Committee Expenses	147,500
Insurance	116,000
Other Masonic Endeavors	104,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$2,368,421</b>

#### **CHANGE-NET ASSET BEFORE NON-OPERATING REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:**

(1,150,034)

#### **NON-OPERATING REVENUE & OTHER SUPPORT:**

Investment Income	\$280,000
Grand Lodge Fund	3,000
Other Income (Net)	890,500
Transfer to Reserve Fund	(20,000)
<b>TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUE &amp; OTHER SUPPORT:</b>	<b>\$1,153,500</b>

Change in Net Assets	\$3,466
<b>GRAND TOTAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$3,466</b>

*THE ABOVE PROPOSED BUDGET WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTE OF GRAND LODGE.*

#### **VI. NEW PROPOSAL AND AMENDMENT FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS:**

- 1) **THE GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS** received a Proposition to Amend Section 503 of the **CONSTITUTIONS** and Section 628(b) of the Masonic Law submitted by the Deputy Grand Master's Advisory Committee as follows:

Current Language of Section 503 of the **CONSTITUTIONS** and Section 628(b) of the Masonic Law read:

Section 503: No Lodge shall meet on Sunday for Masonic Labor other than the obsequies of a Mason.

Section 628(b): On Sunday, no Lodge shall meet on Sunday for Masonic Labor other than the obsequies of a Mason.

The Proposed Amendment for Section 503 of the **CONSTITUTIONS** and Section 628(b) of the Masonic Law shall be as follows:

Drop Section 503 and renumber Sections 504 through 509 to become Sections 503 through 508.

Section 628(b) of the Masonic Law shall become Null and Void.

*THE ABOVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED ON THE SECOND READING AND FINAL VOTE OF GRAND LODGE.*

**VII. THE GRAND MASTER** entertained a motion, which was seconded and affirmed by the vote of Grand Lodge, to accept the following Annual Reports submitted and printed in the two Annual Report Booklets distributed at the 240<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge via the Grand Secretary's Portal and not verbally presented during this Annual Communication due in part to time constraints: Reports of the Deputy Grand Master, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Historian, the Trustees of the Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library, the Directors of the Masonic War Veterans, and the Committees on Awards, Camp Turk, George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Grand Lodge Convention, Guarding the West Gate, Leadership & Educational Services, Masonic Benevolence, Masonic Fellowship, Masonic Fraternity on Campus, Masonic Hall Tours, Masonic Youth, NorthStar Program, Observant Masonry, Ritual Renaissance, Surviving Spouses & Loved Ones, VA Hospital Military Outreach and the report of the Grand Post of Masonic War Veterans.

*THE ABOVE REPORTS WERE APPROVED BY THE VOTE OF GRAND LODGE. {PDF AND PRINTED COPIES OF THESE REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. A LIMITED NUMBER OF PRINTED COPIES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO ATTENDEES AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION AND PDF COPIES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S PORTAL}*

**VIII. THE GRAND MASTER** further called upon the following Officers, Committees and Entities of Grand Lodge to present oral reports: Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home, Directors of the Masonic Medical Research Institute, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, Judge Advocate, Proctor, Charters Committee, Constitutions Committee, Correspondence & Relations Committee, Custodians of the Work, Finance Committee, Law

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Enforcement Committee, Masonic Brotherhood Fund, and the Necrology Committee.

**THE ABOVE REPORTS GIVEN ORALLY WERE APPROVED BY THE VOTE OF GRAND LODGE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK, WHICH WAS TABLED BY GRAND LODGE.**

**IX. THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE** reported that the said Standing Committee oversees the actions of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master to ensure that they do not violate our Constitutions and Masonic Law. This particular report is rather unique because it covers only the last six months from our last Annual Communication held on October 23, 2021. This as you know was due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, where the Grand Lodge's Annual Communication in May 2021 was opened, reports received and then it was called from Labor to Refreshment to be reconvened when safe to do so by order of the Governor of the State of New York.

Unfortunately, just a short two months later after the Grand Master was installed, the Grand Master's lovely wife Joanne passed away on December 27, 2021. On behalf of the Past Grand Masters and their wives, we again express our condolences to the Grand Master and his family.

The Committee approves of the continuing use of the Maxwell Leadership Program whose goal is to "Train the Trainer", to provide future leaders and provide members and Lodges with easy to follow guidelines for thinking and speaking about Grand Lodge and Freemasonry in the New York Jurisdiction.

The Committee also approves of the update to the Grand Lodge's website, which hopefully will ensure that our mission statement is consistent with our principles and tenets. The update will also present a uniform presence to not only convey our purpose and message but will distinguish us from the competition.

The Jurisprudence Committee also approves the Grand Lodge's continuing work with the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and with the addition of two new charities, the "Teddy Bear for Vets" program introduced by the Masonic War Veterans, whereby a needy veteran can have a Teddy Bear sent to his home. Also, the "Battle Within" Program, which the Grand Master's late wife Joanne Kessler held dear to her heart. This program was conceived by our Harmony Lodge 699 in honor of a fallen member of their Lodge together with other veterans who fall victim to PTSD and Suicide.

The Jurisprudence Committee also approves the Grand Lodge's continuation to provide disaster relief to States and Countries needing assistance. The latest being the State of Tennessee where a series of tornadoes wrecked havoc across the State causing much devastation. Further, we approve of the Grand Lodge's concerted efforts in providing much needed financial and humanitarian assistance to the Grand Lodge of Ukraine in their country's war with Russia.

The Jurisprudence Committee looks forward to the continued recognition of our members through the new "Brother Theodore Roosevelt Masonic Award for Exemplary Civil Service".

The Jurisprudence Committee also approves of the Grand Master's handling of the Budget to date, but want to caution the Grand Master in going forward. The Committee has looked at the projected membership numbers for the next two years. The Grand Lodge's membership is projected to be fewer than 24,000 members, which would result in a decrease in income for the Grand Lodge of over \$119,000. This would seriously impact the Grand Lodge's Programs. At the present time the outlook for the following years are just as bleak.

Due to this downward trend, we recommend that the Grand Master look toward placing more emphasis on a program for retention. There is always a lot of talk about retention and the Grand Master has this program in his Address, but this Committee has never seen an effective retention program. We are good at bringing in Masons, but we are still losing more out the back door. We can never gain membership, if we cannot retain our Brothers. The Committee is also concerned with the Social Media and the various items posted that seem to reflect the position of Grand Lodge and this Craft. Therefore, the Jurisprudence Committee approves of continuing to enforce Past Grand Master Jeffrey M. Williamson's Edict on Social Media, which has been underlined in the Grand Master's Address.

These continue to be very difficult times, indeed. Just when we thought the Virus was under control with the use of vaccines and boosters, another strain has caused a spike in COVID-19 related cases, which again has caused health and safety concerns with the need for a possible second booster injection.

As we go forward, the Committee on Jurisprudence prays that you and your families will continue to stay safe so that we may continue to practice Brotherhood with one another.

The Masonic Jurisprudence Committee represented by M W Gary A. Henningsen, Past Grand Master, respectfully asks that the Committee's Report be approved and spread upon the Minutes of these Proceedings.

**THE ABOVE REPORT OF THE MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTE OF GRAND LODGE.**

**X. THE COMMISSION OF APPEAL** tendered an oral Annual Report stating that there are no matters pending before the Commission this past year, and as such no decisions were rendered.

**THE ABOVE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF APPEALS WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTE OF GRAND LODGE.**

**The Grand Secretary announced** that the Annual Reports of Grand Lodge can be accessed through the Grand Secretary's Page on the Grand Lodge's Website at <https://nymasons.org/site/grand-secretarys-page/> using the Password **GLProc2021**.

**THE GRAND MASTER ANNOUNCED** that those Masonic Lodges whose names and numbers were read during the Annual Communication and reported by the Grand Secretary as continuing to be delinquent in filing the previous year's Grand Lodge Per Capita Dues, Grand Lodge Fees, Annual Returns (Census Report), current IRS Form 990 and/or 2021 Certificate of Elections required by the *Constitutions* and the Grand Master's Edict, **have until the close of business on**





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# GRAND SECRETARY



**B**rethren, the 240<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication is now behind us. It is full speed ahead for the Grand Lodge of New York. In this edition of the *Empire State Mason* magazine you will find the Be It Known Summary letter that provides a general report on the decisions and election results of the Annual Communication.

More detail can be found on the Annual Reports web portal on my Grand Secretary's Page of [www.nymasons.org](http://www.nymasons.org). The link is <https://nymasons.org/site/grand-secretarys-page/>. Once you click on the button for Annual Reports, enter the password: **GLProc2021**. You can then see this year's reports by clicking on the line for 2022 Annual Reports. Feel free to review and download the reports; you will also find Annual Reports from 2019, 2020 and 2021 on this site.

Due to the pandemic lockdown there was no Annual Communication held in 2020. Therefore, despite the Grand Lodge of New York celebrating our 241<sup>st</sup> year in 2022, this was officially our 240<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication rather than the 241<sup>st</sup>.

The Communication went very smoothly. The Grand Lodge Convention Committee, under the leadership of RW Donald Mattson, did extensive planning and organizing. Our Grand Master, MW Richard J. Kessler, and the entire Grand Line were very instrumental in making everything work.

I want to thank my office staff for pulling together and doing the little things that assisted in making it work both days.

Additionally, it was nice to be back in the Grand Lodge

room at Masonic Hall and see the large turnout at the Masonic events. Now it is back to making Masons and to holding Lodge, District and family events that increase and maintain our members' participation.

The Grand Master has announced several events, including a Masonic Cruise for next February. We will be hosting the International Grand Lecturers' Convention in January 2023 and we're planning the resumption of our Florida Sojourners Luncheons in early January 2023, as well.

I am quite honored and happy to continue as your Grand Secretary over the next year, and God willing, future years. I hope my office can continue to improve our procedures, responsiveness and assistance. I am expecting increased membership activity and hope to bring some of that activity into the Grand Secretary's Office.

Before signing off, I want to continue to promote Brotherly Love to our membership. Try to assist those Brothers who need it most; rejoice in their commendations and achievements; and, most of all, make them feel your love for them, either in outward expression or in the caring way you treat them. Thank you, my Brothers, for all the love you have shown me.

**the 30th of June 2022 to resolve these issues.** Otherwise, those Lodges that remain delinquent beyond that date will be subject to the suspension of their respective Charters by order of the Grand Master, which notice of suspension once ordered will be sent to each member of the suspended Lodge advising of their suspension.

**THE GRAND MASTER** ANNOUNCED that, in accordance with Section 103 of the *Constitutions*, the Most Worshipful Grand Master will convene a **Special Communication** of the Grand Lodge at a place and location to be determined on **Saturday, October 29, 2022** for the transaction of such business as will be specified within the "Call Letter".

**THE GRAND MASTER** ANNOUNCED that, in accordance with Section 103 of the *Constitutions*, the Most Worshipful Grand Master would convene the **241st Annual Communication** of the Grand Lodge at the Masonic Hall, New York City, on **Monday, May 1st and Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023**. The Grand Master further announced that the Minutes of the 240th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge would appear in the published Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

**THE GRAND MASTER** CAUSED the names of the Grand Master's

appointments for the offices of the Appointed Grand Line to be read as taking effect on May 3, 2022 and the names of all other appointments made by the Grand Master will be distributed to the membership at a later date. Further it was announced by the Grand Master that the District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Staff Officers currently in office shall remain as re-appointed for their respective Districts. It was further announced that the annual observance of the St. John's Day Weekend we be held at the Masonic Care Community in Utica, New York, commencing during the weekend of June 25 and June 26, 2022.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS**, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Richard J. Kessler, closed the 240th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of the State of New York on May 3, 2022. Given under my hand and Seal of the Grand Lodge of New York, this 12th Day of May 2022, A.L. 6022.



Richard T. Schulz  
 Grand Secretary

# CITATION

## III. PETER J. SAMIEC, 33°

### Distinguished Achievement Award 2022

Once again, it is with a sense of great pride and distinct honor for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, through its Grand Master, to pay tribute and homage to the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of Freemasonry by conferring upon our Illustrious Commander the Grand Lodge Award of Distinguished Achievement.

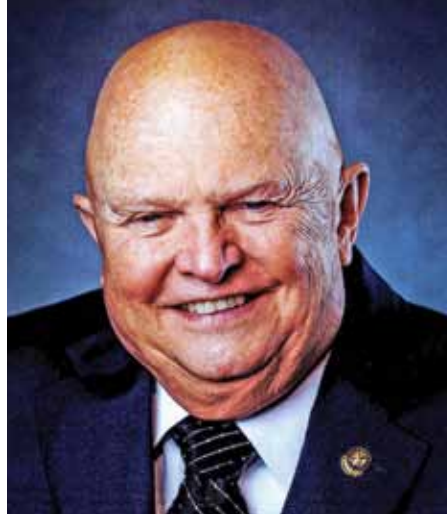
This auspicious occasion coincides with the establishment, 100 years ago, of the Fund to erect the building of the Scottish Rite Cottage for Girls on the grounds of the Masonic Home in Utica, NY. The fund for the Scottish Rite Cottage was tendered on behalf of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the State of New York by the Illustrious John Lloyd Thomas in pursuit of the action taken at the Council of Deliberation held at the Masonic Home in Utica, NY on July 29, 1921. It was resolved that the "Scottish Rite Cottage and Endowment Fund" amounting to some \$20,000 be conveyed to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund for the express purpose of building and maintaining a dwelling for the older girls residing at the Masonic Home, wherein they would learn the practical and wholesome duties of homemaking.

In the words spoken a century ago by then Grand Master Robert H. Robinson,

*"I am sure the members of the Grand Lodge and indeed all of the members of our Fraternity throughout the State will appreciate, as do I and the Trustees, this very magnanimous gift, so timely and so useful, which has such a far vision in its influence in the future life of the home. Does it not awaken in your mind, as it did in mine, cherished recollections of days now gone when in childhood we knew the joys of home and hearth...?"*

How apropos it is that we now revisit the magnanimous and didactic concordant body of the Scottish Rite and its dynamic leader. Especially, in light of this historic anniversary involving the Scottish Rite.

The story of our dear recipient begins in 1947, a special year that had produced several notable events: Edwin Land introduced the invention of the Polaroid Land Camera; Jack Benny hosts the 19th Annual Academy Awards Ceremony for the first time at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles; Captain Chuck Yeager, a U.S. Air Force test pilot breaks the sound barrier for the first time flying the Bell X-1 Rocket Plane; William Shockley of A.T. & T Bell Laboratories introduces the first practical radio/electronic transistor; and Jackie Robinson signs with the Brooklyn Dodgers to become



Ill. Peter J. Samiec, 33°

the first African-American to play in Major League Baseball.

The year 1947 also ushered in the birth of several renowned personalities such as Richard Dreyfuss, the actor; Bobby Douglas, the former Quarterback of the NFL's Chicago Bears; David Letterman, the famed Television Talk Show host; Stephen King, the famed Novelist; and Arnold Schwarzenegger, the actor and former Governor of California. All were born in 1947.

But most importantly, February 11, 1947 was the day that our esteemed award recipient Ill. Peter J. Samiec was born in the little city of Batavia, New York, approximately 30 miles southwest of Rochester, to his proud parents Francis L. and Ruth E. Samiec. Peter was welcomed

into the Samiec family together with his late maternal brother Frederick and two sisters Susan nee Johnson and Sandra nee Reeg.

Our genial and distinguished recipient, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, graduated with a Regents Diploma from the public school system at Batavia High School in 1964. Ill. Peter Samiec pursued further education at the New York State University at Buffalo earning in 1968 a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Continuing his pursuit in Education, he studied and obtained a Master's Degree in Education Supervision at the New York State University at Oneonta in 1975.

Upon graduation from the SU College at Buffalo in 1968, Ill. Samiec applied his newly earned degree and began his teaching career as a Technology Education Teacher at the Gloversville Enlarged School District. Eventually, he advanced to the position of Department Chairman, a position he held from 1991 until his retirement in 2001. Subsequently, Ill. Samiec also served as an Adjunct Instructor for the Fulton-Montgomery Community College from 1997 until his retirement in 2001. Lastly, Ill. Samiec was employed as a Proprietor at the Subcontracting Services Company from 1982 until his retirement in 2013.

The Ill. Peter Samiec settled into domestic life, marrying his lovely bride Gail from Ft. Johnson, NY on August 10, 1968. They were a match of kindred spirits as Gail Samiec, too, served their community in the field of education, where she was a Special Education Teacher. This union was blessed with a daughter named Carrie B. Samiec, who later married James D. Hempel, and added their cherished son Nathan Patrick Hempel to the family. The Samiecs enjoy membership and



religious devotion at their local Methodist Church.

Professionally, Ill. Peter Samiec has been recognized as the Regional Teacher of the Year in 2001 by the New York State Technology Education Teachers Association. He was also inducted into the prestigious Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity in 1997, whose mission is to recognize high academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders.

Rounding out his personal life, Ill. Samiec has developed many interesting hobbies and leisure pursuits, which include collecting die-cast automobile replicas, and collecting Masonic artifacts, books and memorabilia. He also finds personal satisfaction in photography, especially wildlife and landscapes. And without restraint, he is an avid fan of the Buffalo Bills.

The Illustrious Peter J. Samiec has been a devout and faithful brother Mason for 40 years. He began his Masonic journey on March 4, 1982 upon being Initiated an Entered Apprentice by St. Patrick's Lodge 4. He was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on April 1, 1982 and was raised a Master Mason by St. Patrick's Lodge 4 in Johnstown, New York on May 20, 1982. He served the Lodge in his capacity as its Secretary for five years, culminating with his service as the Worshipful Master of St. Patrick's Lodge 4 in 1991, where he presided during the Lodge's 225th Anniversary.

Ill. Peter Samiec affiliated with Gloversville Lodge 429 in 1985, where he served as the Worshipful Master for two terms. He is also a plural member of Amsterdam Lodge 84 and Kosciuszko Lodge 1085. Ill. Samiec also affiliated for a brief period with St. George's Lodge 6 from 2008 until he was granted a Dimit in 2014. Ill. Samiec was elected a "Life" Member in 2012 of Bannack Historic Lodge 3-7-77, A.F. & A.M., under the warrant of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

Ill. Peter Samiec served in various District offices and positions in the Fulton-Montgomery District. He served as the Chairman of the District Brotherhood Fund from 1988 to 1989; the District Supervisor & Advisor from 1994 until the Present; the Treasurer of the District from 1994 to 2004; the Editor of the District Newsletter from 1993 to 1998; and as the Secretary & Treasurer of the Past Grand Lodge Officers Association from 1996 until 2005.

From the Grand Lodge, the Ill. Peter J. Samiec served the Craft as the District Deputy Grand Master from 1992 to 1994. He also served as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Benevolence from 1994 until 2007 and the Grand Lodge's Educational Assistance Program from 2001 until 2009. Ill. Peter Samiec also was nominated and elected a Director on the Board of the Masonic Medical Research Institute (then known as the MMRL) from 2015 to 2016.

As can easily be ascertained by digesting Ill. Peter Samiec's Masonic resume, he had acquired quite a thirst for Masonry and more Light in Masonry. Our honoree sought to quench this prolific thirst by immersing himself into both the York Rite and the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Fraternity as well as other related Masonic organizations.

A small portion of the Ill. Peter Samiec's Masonic interests include the following: He was exalted on November 20, 1983 into Johnstown Chapter 78 of the Royal Arch Masons and then became affiliated with Sacandaga Chapter 116. He served as King of Johnstown Chapter 78 in 1989. He was received

into Johnstown Council 72 of the Royal and Select Masters (Cryptic Rite) on March 19, 1984, where he became the Deputy Master in 1990. He also affiliated with St. George's Council 74, R & SM. He was knighted a member of Holy Cross Commandery 39 of the Knights Templar on October 27, 1984. He affiliated with St. George's Commandery 74 and the Empire State Commandery 83, where he served as a Commander in 2011. He was initiated into St. Mark's Conclave of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine on June 30, 2007.

Further, Ill. Peter J. Samiec was initiated in 2001 into the Charles Harry Copestake Council 69 of the Allied Masonic Degrees. He served the Council as Junior Warden from 2003 to 2010, being granted a Dimit in 2016. He then affiliated in 2016 with Giles Fonda Yates Council 22 of the A.M.D. He also held membership in the New York College of Masonic Rosicrucian from 2007 until 2016. Since 2009, Ill. Samiec has been a member of the "Masonic Society."

Ill. Peter J. Samiec has been honored with several coveted Honorary Memberships including the following: Honorary Membership in the Supreme Council of DeMolay International on June 18, 2010; Honorary Membership in the Supreme Council of Poland, A.A.S.R. on January 31, 2009; Honorary Membership in the Valley of Rochester, NY, A.A.S.R. on October 15, 2009; Honorary Membership in the Valley of Jamestown, NY, A.A.S.R. on August 18, 2013; and Honorary Membership in the New York State Council of Deliberation, Prince Hall Affiliation on October 31, 2011.

Addressing his many accomplishments within the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, the Ill. Peter J. Samiec, on November 6, 1982 was created a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Sigma Consistory, Valley of Schenectady, New York, AASR-NMJ, where he served as Commander-in-Chief for Sigma Consistory from 1995 until 1997. In 1991, he received the Meritorious Service Award at the New York State Council of Deliberation on June 15, 1991. He has served on numerous Valley committees and became the Deputy for New York from 2008 until 2013.

Ill. Brother Samiec was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, AASR-NMJ, in Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 29, 1998. He was crowned an Active Member of Supreme Council in 2003. He has served as Grand Lieutenant Commander under both Commander John William McNaughton and Commander David A. Glatly. He has served as the Grand Almoner since 2015. Ill. Brother Samiec was installed as the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Cleveland, Ohio on August 31, 2021. An office he lovingly and respectfully holds today.

Other offices that Ill. Peter Samiec has held within the Scottish Rite include the Director of the Children's Dyslexia Centers from 2005 to 2014; the Chairman of the Buildings & Properties Committee from 2005 to 2007; member of the Strategic Planning Committee from 2006 to 2015; the Grand Representative to the Philippines from 2004 to 2012; and the Grand Representative to Poland from 2012 to the Present.

Lastly, our dear recipient and honoree was presented with two very prestigious awards: The Knight Commander of the



Temple Jewel, which was awarded by the College of Honors of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar on September 15, 2012; and the Medal of Honor presented by the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ, on August 28, 2017.

Taking over the helm of the good ship Scottish Rite from the retiring Commander David A. Glattly, the Illustrious Peter J. Samiec rose to the occasion unveiling his flair for leadership and promoting education stated in his own words, “*We are living through one of the most invigorating and innovative times*

*in the history of the Scottish Rite. My passion for our Fraternity, coupled with the energy and vision of our staff, will keep us moving forward. We will not settle for the status quo. We will continue to aspire and build. We will continue to both lead and to serve. The year 2022 will be no less rich... And the acts of listening and taking care of our members remains our focus.*” Let us not be remiss in our unwavering duty but rather we must continue to be select, worthy, and deeply bound by our Core Values: Integrity, Justice, Service to Humanity, Tolerance, Devotion to Country, and Reverence for God.

## ILL. PETER J. SAMIEC, 33°

*We hail! — We salute! — And we proclaim you!*

*The Recipient of the Highest Honor*

*The Grand Lodge*

*of Free and Accepted Masons*

*of the State of New York*

*can confer upon anyone.*

### **The Distinguished Achievement Award**

*in the Year of 2022*

*which will now be presented by our*

### **Most Worshipful Grand Master**

**Richard J. Kessler**

*On May 2, 2022*

*Committee on Distinguished Achievement Award*

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# MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND

**G**reetings. We are coming to the end of the campaign; it was a strange start but we did get going. It started on a sad note with the passing of our First Lady, Joanne. She will be missed.

I must applaud your response to the Teddy Bears to raise funds for the "Battle Within." This effort is to assist our soldiers dealing with problems caused by the stress of battle. This was Lady Joanne's idea and she and the Grand Master put it in motion.

We are still seeing issues trying to get information to Brotherhood Chairmen. Even though automatically sending packages of Brotherhood Fund supplies stopped years ago, it is still happening. We have changes in Districts due to consolidations. I urge all District Deputies to inform Victoria at Grand Lodge of changes in their Brotherhood Fund Chairmen.

To place an order, call Victoria at 1-800-3-Mason-4 and select Brotherhood Fund from the prompt menu. She will write your request and the supply order will be filled out. When you receive your order it will include another supply form to be faxed to the Grand Lodge Office for your next order.

There will be a new donation insert and I see we are still receiving gifts from past campaigns. There will also be a new gift opportunity and that will be unveiled after this campaign ends.

I would like to thank the Brotherhood Chairmen, the Grand Secretary's office, the Brotherhood Fund office and staff. I look forward to seeing you soon.

## Joint Effort Makes Difference

**O**n Wednesday, February 2 Nortrip Lodge 998 visited our local Sleep in Heavenly Peace Chapter and pitched into their mission to see that no kids sleep on the floor. Their goal for the build was 20 to 25 beds. My Brothers and I shook off some pandemic dust and traded it for sawdust. We managed to build 40 beds, far surpassing their

expectations. This clearly proves once again that "Masons Make a Difference."

With any luck, we hope to rally some of the local Lodges and have them join in our contribution to this worthy cause. All it cost us was a little time and some sweat; we gained some great camaraderie and memories. Please check them out at [www.shpbeds.org](http://www.shpbeds.org).





# MASONIC CARE COMMUNITY



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## Camp Turk/Round Lake

This is an important year for our Camp Turk program. The 2020 camping session was cancelled entirely and last year's season was reduced significantly, both due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are very hopeful that we can return to close to normal in terms of the numbers of children attending camp. Our plans for this summer are shaping up nicely. However, we do need your help to achieve this goal. The Trustees are asking for all Lodges to consider sponsoring a child (or children) for the 2022 camping season. Additionally, we are asking all Masons to help in the recruitment of campers and/or camp counselors. Contact Mollie Denslow, Camp Turk Administrator at 315/392-2081 or [CampTurk@CampTurk.org](mailto:CampTurk@CampTurk.org) with names of individuals or simply ask how you can help.

This summer Camp Turk will be open for six weeks of youth camping—two weeks from July 3 to 16 for boys; two weeks from July 17 to 30 for co-ed camping; and two weeks from July 31 to August 13 for girls. Campers have the option to attend camp for one, two, three or four weeks this summer. Registration for youth camping is now in full swing with applications, medical forms and camp fees due on June 1. For additional details see <https://www.campturk.org>. The cost is \$500 per week.

To encourage, aid and assist campers from downstate to attend Camp Turk this year, the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home are sponsoring round-trip bus transportation from New Rochelle, NY to Camp Turk in Woodgate, NY at no cost to the campers. This is open to all camp families. The bus will depart New Rochelle on July 3, July 17 and July 31 to bring campers to Camp Turk. The bus will also be bringing campers back to New Rochelle on July 16, July 30 and August 13. Camp staff will be on board to supervise the campers on the bus trips. If you are interested in more information about bus transportation to/from Camp Turk, please contact Mollie Denslow.

Following the youth camping, the facilities at Round Lake will be open for the enjoyment of all Masonic families, Lodges and Masonic Care Community employees from August 22 to October 2. For additional information regarding Masonic family and Lodge camping, please contact Andy Croniser at 315/392-2422 and be sure to check out the following link: [Event Space Links | Masonic Care Community \(masonichomeny.org\)](#). See you at Camp!







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# MASONIC CARE COMMUNITY



## St. John's Day Returns to the Masonic Care Community

As the summer approaches, there is great excitement at the Masonic Care Community for the return of St. John's Day. It has been two years since we have held St. John's Day at the Masonic Care Community so we are thrilled and honored to once again host this historic and significant event on our campus.



We look forward to sharing with our St. John's Day visitors what the support of the New York Masonic Fraternity, the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund and our donors have made possible since many of you last visited our grounds. For the people visiting the Masonic Care Community for the first time, here are a few of the highlights:

- **Horticultural Center:** We continue to grow numerous types of lettuce and herbs at the Horticultural Center. Flowers are grown on the Greenhouse side of the Center and are replanted to create the beautiful hanging baskets hanging throughout the grounds. Residents enjoy supportive activities at the Center and our growing clubs from both the Health Pavilion and Wiley Hall. The outdoor patio has been opened and provides an additional space for residents to enjoy.
- **Bee Apiary Program:** The Bee Apiary Program is growing, thanks to the tremendous support of members of the Masonic Fraternity and DeMolay New York who have sponsored new, beautifully created custom hives. Many thanks go to the amazing Pat Imbimbo for all his help and support for the program, as well as his personal craftsmanship of these beehives. We started with one single beehive, and the colony has now grown to twelve. We also extend a special thank-you to supporters Fran and Ruth Pugliese who provided a generous gift to secure a new "Bee House" structure to properly enclose and protect the expanded number of beehives and for new equipment to support our honey production process.

- **Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel and the Administration Building:** Much construction activity has been underway on the Chapel and the Administration Building in preparation for St. John's Day, both inside and out. These improvements will make these spaces more viable for use by the Masonic brotherhood—not just this summer, but also for many years to come.
- **The Neighborhoods at Acacia Village:** All sixteen of the newly constructed Waterside Cottages and Garden Homes are now fully rented and occupied. All of the improvements, including new amenity features, have been completed in the Lodge Building of Acacia. These improvements and updates help make The Neighborhoods at Acacia Village an amazing option for independent senior living.

As more people visit this summer and join us for St. John's Day, they will share in our joy as we witness the continued return of our residents to the things they love. The residents will be back to walking outdoors, bike rides with our staff from Community Life, scooter clubs, lunches in the outdoor pavilion, gardening in our outdoor raised-garden beds and watching our newly developed outdoor bird habitats come to life.

Summer is certainly a special time at the Masonic Care Community and the return of St. John's Day this year will make it even more special. Thanks go to all of my Brother Masons for your continued support, for all that you do to make the Masonic Care Community what it is today, and for what it will be in the future.



# MASONIC CARE COMMUNITY



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## New Beginnings

As you read this, summer is upon us and we are excited about the return of St. John's Day to the Masonic Care Community. So much work and effort go into making St. John's Day an incredible event, and there are so many wonderful people that come together to make this celebration possible. From the food to the fireworks, from music to the parade—I'd like to thank all of the individuals who make St. John's Day special for all who attend. It certainly takes a village.

While St. John's Day is a long-standing historical and significant event, it does feel like a new beginning hosting it once again this year at MCC. We are also excited to showcase other new beginnings at MCC. Visitors during St. John's Day will see additional construction and other improvements across the campus.

One new beginning that we are also very proud of is the development of the new Masonic Care Community website. We encourage you to visit the site at [MasonicCares.com](https://www.MasonicCares.com) and share information about the site with your friends or family members who could benefit from our senior program and services. You may also register on the site to receive the Masonic Care Community newsletter and more information about our activities and charitable work. Simply complete the "Learn More About Our Services" form.

Another new beginning is that we can now accept ongoing, recurring donations in support of the Masonic Care Community. Over the years, many donors have expressed an interest in having this option for giving available and we are happy to share that we now have the capacity to do so. A monthly recurring donation allows MCC supporters to spread the financial impact of their giving across the entire year.

Monthly recurring donations are also extremely beneficial from an operational perspective. It is common for nonprofits to receive a majority of their donations at year-end, yet charitable activities and expenses are occurring year-round. These monthly recurring donations also protect a nonprofit during times of uncertainty or emergency, such as during a disaster or pandemic, which we have just experienced with the COVID-19 virus. This type of charitable giving program can help provide much-needed stability when unforeseen or emergency circumstances occur.

If you are interested in establishing a recurring gift donation you can do so online at <https://masonichomeny.org/giving/give/>. Under Payment Type, simply select "Monthly Donation" as the option. Your gift can also be designated to benefit specific areas including resident activities, the Horticultural Center, Camp Turk or our childcare program. General gifts, of course, are most welcome as they provide the greatest flexibility to use your donation where it is most needed.

If you would like information about creating a monthly giving legacy or other types of charitable giving instruments in support of the Masonic Care Community, our team welcomes the opportunity to assist you. Please reach out to me at any time, or Michelle Smith our Development Manager at 315/798-4768 or [smithmi@mccny.com](mailto:smithmi@mccny.com).

We join together again this year in celebration of new beginnings, including the return of St. John's Day to the Masonic Care Community campus this summer. As always, we are most grateful to our donors who make all of our work and our activities possible.

An advertisement for the new Masonic Care Community website. It features a background image of a hand holding a tablet displaying the website. Overlaid on the image is a white rectangular box with the text "SAY HELLO!" in large, bold, white letters, followed by "www.MasonicCares.com" in smaller white letters. Below this, the text "WE'VE GOT A NEW LOOK, EASY TO NAVIGATE AND UPDATED JUST FOR YOU!" is displayed in white and yellow. At the bottom, it says "CHECK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF AND SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER!" in white and blue.

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## Sixty Years Also Recognized

Before the Nassau District's Grand Lecturer's Convention opened at Paumanok-Port Washington Lodge 855 on March 28, Right Worshipful Laurence Tuck, Past Grand Sword Bearer, presented Brother William E. Kurz with his sixty-year anniversary apron and pin. Worshipful Brandon Sax, Master of Paumanok-Port Washington Lodge, escorted Brother Kurz east of the altar.

Brother Kurz and his family have been pillars in the community for generations. Congratulations go to Brother Kurz as we look forward to his sixty-five-year presentation.



## Seventy-five-year Award in OH

Kenneth Hawks, Secretary, Roman-Hatheway Lodge



(l-r) RW David Williamson, Past Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of NY; Brother Kenneth Hawks, Secretary, Roman-Hatheway Lodge 223; RWB Paul Weglage, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of OH; Brother Kenneth K. Snively, 75-year member of Roman-Hatheway Lodge 223; Karla Miles, Brother Snively's daughter; W John Milo, Master of John Darst Lodge, Dayton, OH; Brother Jason Russi Jr., Steward, Beaver Creek Lodge 753; RW Alan Booker, District Deputy Grand Master, 8<sup>th</sup> District-West; RW Jackie D. Butler II, District Deputy Grand Master, 8<sup>th</sup> District-East; W Ken Brown, Past Master, Beaver Creek Lodge 753; W Steve Scarpelli, Past Master, Beaver Creek Lodge 753.

I had the honor and privilege of going to Dayton, Ohio on March 2 and presenting a seventy-five-year award to Brother Kenneth K. Snively. Brother Snively is 104 years old. I am a member in good standing of Beaver Creek Lodge 753 and I asked my friend Brother Allan Booker to see if a Brother or two could join me in making the presentation. In the process of planning, I learned that Brother Booker was now RW Allan Booker, DDGM of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ohio District. He certainly came through with Brothers to support Roman-Hatheway Lodge 223 in New York.

The event was also posted on the 8<sup>th</sup> District webpage: <http://8thmasonicdistrict.org/>. Brother Snively was thrilled to be recognized by our Lodge. To have such a distinguished group of Masons there to honor him was a real lifetime event. Masonry is indeed a Brotherhood.

## Seventy Years a Mason

On the evening of Monday, March 28 at Paumanok-Port Washington Lodge 855 the Brothers witnessed a treat. During Nassau District's Grand Lecturer's convention, RW John T. Hansen, District Deputy Grand Master of the Nassau Masonic District, presented Brother Edward G. McIlhenny his Proclamation, seventy-year-anniversary apron and pin. Worshipful James O. Brew, a sixty-four-year Mason and student of Brother McIlhenny from high school, accompanied him.

Brother McIlhenny thanked the Brothers for the accolades and added that not only was he receiving his apron, but also earlier in the month he had achieved his 99<sup>th</sup> year of life on earth. Brother McIlhenny is and has been a pillar in Port Washington for many years as a Master Mason, an auxiliary police officer, a long-time educator and a volunteer in many organizations. Congratulations on another milestone go to Brother McIlhenny.





# CAMP TURK



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**2022 Sessions / Dates:**

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**Boys - July 10th to July 16th**

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## DSA Nominations open in September

Recommendations for the 2023 Dedicated Service Award will be accepted from September 1, 2022 until the cutoff date of November 12. Be aware of the cutoff and get recommendations in early. Last year several recommendations were lacking the required Member Profile from the MORI system. Please read the requirements and conform to them.

The committee will continue to provide information through its Empire State Mason article. It also provides information and forms on its webpage at the Grand Lodge website. At the end of August, a letter with updated information, timetable and form for the 2023 Dedicated Service Award and various Community Service Awards will be sent to the DDGMs, Staff Officers and Secretaries of Lodges. If you do not receive it by the middle of September, go to the website where you will obtain all the information.

### DEDICATED SERVICE AWARD REQUIREMENTS

The Dedicated Service Award Program enables Lodges to obtain Grand Lodge recognition for Brothers and Past Masters who year after year support their Lodges and their District with their presence, time and talent by attending Lodge and District meetings and participating in Degrees and programs, with or without holding office. This does not exclude Past Masters. These are the Brothers who often serve to inspire and motivate others to emulate their examples of true Masonic dedication.

The guidelines provide that a Brother be a member of the Fraternity for at least ten years. A Right Worshipful, a Very Worshipful and those who are reasonably expected to be recommended for the Purple are not eligible and should not be recommended for the Dedicated Service Award. Current Masters and current Secretaries are not eligible and should not be recommended.

The committee scrutinizes each recommendation. Every item must be completed, the form appropriately signed and the Lodge Seal affixed. Accurate ages and years of membership are requirements for Grand Lodge statistical purposes and cannot be omitted. If the applicant has dual or plural membership, please list all Lodges. Attach the Members Profile from the MORI system with the recommendation form. If the Lodge is not on the MORI system a copy can be attained from the Grand Lodge Registry Department. Attach any additional pertinent information to the form.

The committee is interested in facts supporting each recommendation, not conclusions such as "He is a dedicated Mason." What has the Brother done that truly demonstrates his dedication to his Lodge and the District? Recommendations that fail to show why the Brother is nominated are rejected. Being a Tiler for a number of years is simply not sufficient;

neither is the opinion of the Master that the Brother deserves the award. Equal consideration is given to a Brother's support of his District and District programs. Masonic affiliations and community endeavors may be considered only if they are in addition to his regular Lodge and District work.

Recommendations for the award must be initiated by the Brother's Lodge on the form provided. All recommendations must be entered on a form dated for the proper year. The form must be signed by both the Master and Secretary and the Lodge Seal affixed. One nominee per year per Lodge is permitted. Because there is much preliminary screening and work, the committee will not be able to consider recommendations postmarked later than November 12, 2022. Mail to: George R. Wacob, Chairman, Committee on Awards, 13 Floyd Street, North Babylon, NY 11703-1808. The Lodge nomination will be reviewed at committee meetings in December. The recommendations will be forwarded to the Grand Master for his final approval.

A District's allotted number of awards per year is no more than one-fifth of the Lodges in a District (as of the last Grand Lodge Convention) and to the nearest whole number. Example:  $1/5^{\text{th}}$  of 16 = 3 awards,  $1/5^{\text{th}}$  of 17 = 3 awards and  $1/5^{\text{th}}$  of 18 = 4 awards.

The committee will inform the District Deputy Grand Masters of the nominations received from the Lodges. Immediately after its meetings, the committee will communicate with the Grand Master. Lodges will be notified of the Grand Master's decisions by the Grand Secretary in January. A letter congratulating the Brother chosen as recipient of the Dedicated Service Award (DSA) will come from the Grand Master at the same time. A letter will be sent by the committee to the DDGMs at the same time, listing the recipients in their District.

If desired, and with appropriate advance notice to the committee Chairman, an attempt will be made to have a committeeman attend the presentation and relate the history of the award. The form of the award is a distinctive white apron with silver and purple trimming.

An invoice and order form for the certificate, lapel pin, apron and case, pocket badge and chest medallion will be mailed to the Lodge Secretary. The certificate, signed by the Grand Master, is included when ordering the above. The Awards Committee recommends that all DSA certificates be framed before presentation to the recipient. Additional information, including forms, timelines and DSA history, is available on the Grand Lodge website: <https://nymasons.org/site/committees-departments-programs/awards-committee/>.

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## FROM THE WEBMASTER

We did not see it coming. I am not talking about the pandemic, social unrest or political insanity. In the long read of history those are found in every chapter. I'm talking about a fundamental shift in human existence. The 20<sup>th</sup> Century philosopher Hannah Arendt writes in *The Human Condition* how society evolved over the ages. Distinctions and boundaries between private and public life shifted. Most people had no power or rights; few had a public or political voice.

Changes occurred due to the availability of printed books, telephones, Internet. Some causes were economic, be it feudalism, a merchant class growing in power and place or a free market. There have been disparities—castles and mansions versus serfdom or crop sharing or non-enfranchised factory labor. Town squares did not always exist. Everyday interactions were mostly private and social reach was often limited to a day's travel.

Freemasonry was a fundamental influence in what we consider a free society. It was a long journey from white male landowners to the rest of us, but the seeds of equal ability to participate in public and political life were planted by the Founding Fathers who had learned such things from Lodge life. Anyone who wished (in theory at first) could be given time at the podium, if someone cared to transcribe it into the news or could print and deliver enough pamphlets.

In 1968, Arthur C. Clarke's *2001: A Space Odyssey* predicted world peace when long-distance telephone calls would become so affordable that housewives in America and Russia could complain about their husbands to each other. It did not happen that way or not nearly enough, given language constraints and lack of personal connections.

But even Hannah Arendt did not see coming what happened in the last decade. In spite of being in a web-based profession, I didn't see it either, and only recently realized the magnitude of its implications. Nearly everyone in the world is now connected at any moment as much as they like. Conversations on any subject with people from around the world are on tap. The bulk of political and social discourse is not at rallies or talk shows or round tables. It is everywhere online. And it is no longer journalists or millionaires or experts or officials, but

anyone and everyone.

Clark got it wrong, too. A whole planet of people started talking to each other but it became both a blessing and a battleground. Vetted library collections were replaced by a wave of endless information and disinformation in which few know how to swim. The good, bad and ugly of the world became amplified instead of tamed. The Internet did not make us worse—it laid bare human nature itself.

No one prepared us for this. Our parents never experienced any such thing. Native computer users (those younger than me) are not faring much better. We are failing to manage free speech and censorship, privacy and incivility, undue public shaming and shameless insults. We never had such a megaphone or exposure to a cacophony of ideas and facts of such widely varying veracity.

Privacy as we once knew it no longer exists. Branding and public relations are more about influence than ownership or control. Non-participation equals isolation and ignorance. And yet, with full access we self-impose ideological bubbles and fanatical views and deny personal responsibility for that. Locker room talk, mean-spirited whispers and neighborhood gripes are now public and eternal. And we do not seem to care.

Freemasonry existed long before these changes; even before the public and political spheres merged into the Republics it inspired a quarter millennium ago. What of such timelessness survives and continues to teach us? Our values.

Internet or not, we are given arguments for prudence and secrecy that still stand. Even in a debate-focused medium Truth is a virtue that demands that of which we do not know we need not have strong opinions on. Lessons against narrow individualism guide us when navigating a billion voices as much as in our local dealings. And tolerance cannot be mere lip service when confronted with global diversity. Assuming everyone shares (or should share) your view on economics or salvation or any issue is both intolerant and intolerable.

Maybe it is too late for some of us. But we must pass on something useful to new generations in this new human condition. The answer can be found in Freemasonry if we would only look. And maybe we won't do so badly ourselves if we choose to apply it.

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The coveted chest medallion is available for past-DSA recipients. Secretaries may order from Lodge Services. The price is \$20 plus tax and shipping.

The Community Service Awards (DeWitt Clinton, Jacob Morton and Grand Lodge Certificate of Excellence in Service to the Community) have no cutoff date. These will be processed as they are received. The Lodge will be notified within a short period of time if the nominee has been approved to receive one of these awards.

I thank the Awards Committee team for the time and efforts they put into examining all of the recommendations and fairly determining who will receive the awards. They are, from the Metropolitan Region: RW Gregory Noulas, Vice Chairman, and RW Joseph T. Entler; from Mid-State: RW Thomas L. Jenison and W Alfred W. Ferguson; in the Hudson-Champlain Region: RW Charles E. Knapp Jr. and RW Robert L. Hogan Jr.; and in the Western Region: RW William H. Greene and RW Douglas D. Airth.

# Concordant Bodies Page - Spotlight on: Royal Arch Masons



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Leaders of Grand Chapter in the State of New York are pictured above. Some you may recognize, but all are very approachable and enjoy serving Grand Chapter for the close to 3,000 members in the 70 Chapters around New York State in 17 Capitular Districts. To be a Royal Arch Mason, you need only to be a Master Mason.

## Why would I want to be a Royal Arch Mason?

- To learn how to receive my wages from the Senior Warden
- To learn the *True Word* of Master Mason
- To be a member of the oldest Rite in Freemasonry
- I didn't want to stop at the 2.5 Degree – I want to complete the Third Degree
- I want to learn all the Secrets of Freemasonry
- I read the first 3 Chapters and I want to finish the book
- To make new friends from other local Lodges
- To participate in some of the most beautiful rituals in Masonry

## District Deputy Visits Alcyone Lodge



On Tuesday, April 22 the RW District Deputy Jeffrey Santorello and the RW Grand Sword Bearer Robert Licata journeyed to Alcyone Lodge 695 for their Official Visit. An excellent turnout of Brothers from across Long Island helped fill the room.

Along with the Grand Master's message, which was spread upon the minutes of the communication, RW Santorello gave personal remarks. He spoke about his journey through Masonry and his years of serving as Secretary to various organizations.

# CONCORDANT BODIES PAGE



## 32° SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASONRY

**Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite,  
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- Strengthens the community and believes that each man should act in civil life according to his individual judgment and the dictates of his conscience.
- Vision: We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members.
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- Ensure that activities are convenient. Provide enjoyable programs and fraternal fellowship.
- Visit our website, [www.scottishritenmj.org](http://www.scottishritenmj.org), to learn more about the Rite and to apply for membership online.
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## CRYPTIC MASONS

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons  
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- Learn the rest of the story of Hiram's Legend
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- See what happened during the final destruction of the Temple

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## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar  
of the State of New York**

### Benefits of membership as a Knight Templar:

- Study ancient Knights Templar history
- Learn who the Templars were and who they defended
- The opportunity to become Knighted as a Sir Knight
- The importance of King Solomon's Temple
- To continue the journey that you started
- Knights Templar members must have Christian beliefs and be a Royal Arch Mason

### To find out more regarding our Chivalric Order:

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# MASONIC YOUTH COMMITTEE



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**M**<sup>W</sup> Frank M. Totton served Grand Lodge as Grand Master during the years 1948 and 1949. He hailed from the Fifth Manhattan Masonic District. Roughly sixty years ago, in his honor an Essay Contest was established. It is now currently funded by the Fifth Manhattan District Endowment Fund with ten prizes awarded to the top essays. This contest is administered for them by the Masonic Youth Committee of Grand Lodge.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge Masonic Youth Committee, it is an honor and pleasure to announce the first place winner of this year's contest: Miss Avery Hudgins, of Brooklyn, New York. She is the granddaughter of our Brother W Mark Saidens, who is the current Treasurer of Suffolk Lodge 60, Suffolk Masonic District.



Avery Hudgins

Creative Writing Workshop at Simon's Rock. Avery lives in New York City with their parents and cat, Sen, and is planning to study history and written arts in college.

Avery Hudgins (he/they) is a senior at the Beacon School in New York City. He is a writer, amateur political organizer, theater techie, and horror fan. In 2021, Avery was published by their school's literary magazine, Beacon Ink, and received an honorable mention from Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for his prose. Additionally, Avery is a longtime student/intern at Writopia Lab, and has written for various student anthologies over the years, including the

## Totton Essay

One coach who has impacted me personally and academically is Audrey Korelstein, who works as a private tutor, runs the Hebrew school at our local synagogue, and to whom I feel close enough that I consider her family. She's wise, blunt, and self-aware. I don't know how she does it, but something lets Audrey wrench my thoughts from my mind to my tongue, thoughts that were previously half-baked, or of which I wasn't even aware.

I began working with her just before high school. I have a learning disability, and 9th grade would be my first year without a schoolwide support system for these challenges. I was petrified. But, refusing to give up as easily, Audrey provided me practice resources for math, test taking, and essay writing. Some weeknights she would work with me free of charge in exchange for dinner. Otherwise, she trusted I would rely on my own work ethic to get through this practice on my own. I am now going to a selective, rigorous public high school, and will graduate this June. I'm certain I would not have that opportunity without her guidance.

Our friendship has continued in the four years since. In pandemic years, I'll often visit Audrey on her porch, which in times of virtual teaching has become her connection to the world. She has seen me through awkward stages and witnessed me develop as a person, and whenever I reveal another piece of my identity to her, she accepts it without hesitation. She is a resource to this day, although not of math practice anymore; now we mainly exchange Yiddish authors and cultural opinions.

To me, what makes a good teacher is not their quantity of knowledge, but their awareness within an intergenerational space, in which they are the guide, not the leader, and the facilitator, not the director. Audrey exercises her authority by providing the means for her students to succeed, being present and available on both the students' terms and her own, and allowing her students independence as they improve and discover themselves.

## Frank M Totton Essay Contest 2022 Winners

First Place: Avery Hudgins,  
Suffolk 60, Suffolk District;

Second Place: Kaylee J. Pereira,  
Uhland 735/Middletown Assembly  
#16, 9<sup>th</sup> Manhattan District;

Third Place (Tie): Sophia I. Christofides,  
Floral Park 1016, Nassau District

Third Place (Tie): Alexandra B. Webster,

Olive 575, Chautauqua District;

Fifth Place: Hayden W. Auspelmeyer,  
Amsterdam 84, Fulton-Montgomery  
District;

Sixth Place: Julianna E. Lester,  
Star of the East 843, Suffolk District;

Seventh Place: Cassandra Cintron,  
Garibaldi 542, Tenth Manhattan District;

Eighth Place: Lillian G. Archangel,  
Aurora Grata Day Star 647, Third  
Kings District;

Ninth Place: Keisha C.V. Castillo,  
Knickerbocker 182, Ninth Manhattan  
District;

Tenth Place: Kaitlyn H. Chepak,  
Consolidated 31, First Manhattan  
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## Growth in the West

By Cassiopeia Triangle 202 and Lockport Triangle 128

On Friday, March 25, 2022 the members of Cassiopeia Triangle 202 and Lockport Triangle 128 came together to Initiate four new members into the Organization of Triangles. The Triangles in Western New York have continued to defy the pandemic and have been able to grow.

The room had a positive energy and excitement that was felt by everyone in attendance, most of all the new members. As they waited to come into the meeting, we heard giggles from outside the meeting room. Three of the four young ladies who joined are only ten years old. They have already formed a bond and will forever be tied together with their love of Triangle.

The room was full of support and we even had a surprise visit by our very own State Director, Mrs. Turri. It is not every day that the Triangles bring a large group of young ladies into the Organization.

There are plans for another Initiation to be held in Western New York. This time all three Triangles—Cassiopeia, Lockport and Fidelity Triangles—are planning to come together and perform Initiation. To find more information on the Organization of Triangles, please visit [www.ootny.org](http://www.ootny.org) to find the Triangle nearest you.





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## Johnson Finalist for DeMolay of Year

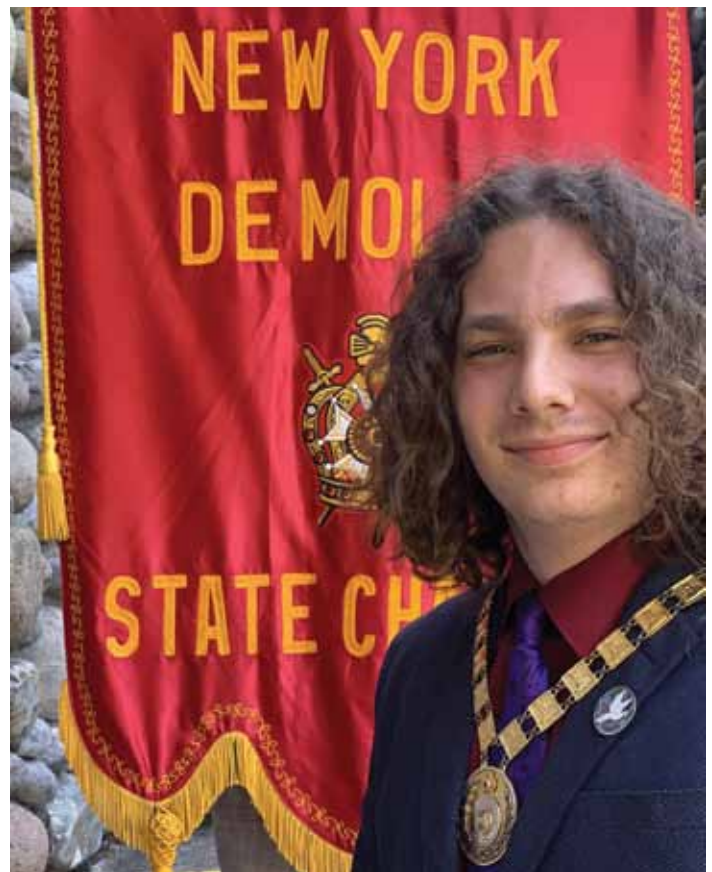
Brother Gavin Johnson of Olean Chapter has been selected by DeMolay International as one of four finalists for the International DeMolay of the Year contest. As the 2021 York Rite Tribune, Brother Gavin is the New York nominee for this international contest.

All of the DeMolay of the Year candidates from across the country are reviewed by a panel of senior leaders from DeMolay. They examine the paperwork, the support letters, and then they select five outstanding young men who they deem finalists for the International DeMolay of the Year. The Knights Templar Education Fund awards each finalist a \$1,000 scholarship; the international winner receives a \$2,500 scholarship from the DeMolay Foundation.

The list of Brother Gavin's services to DeMolay is voluminous, as the nomination narrative indicates. Yet, it is how Gavin serves that matters. Each of us has had the opportunity to see Gavin work for the betterment of the community, of DeMolay and of his Brothers. No task is too small or too great for Gavin to take on—be it Degrees at Camp DeMolay in Sodus Point, where he took on extra ritual parts, or helping to clean up after LeadCon's pizza-making class. Gavin does the work that is asked of him and volunteers for extra work. If it means staying up late or missing a fun event to ensure that the next event goes off without a hitch, Brother Gavin is there to serve.

Recently, Brother Gavin heard that Knickerbocker Chapter was hosting a shoe collection for their Day of Comfort. Gavin traveled with his family the 700-mile round trip to visit the Chapter and serve the less fortunate. Brother Gavin has been a key player for our service projects and events.

Every New York DeMolay event has a service component to it. As Frank Marshall wrote, "Our is an order based on service, not mere empty forms." Brother Gavin has been awesome at helping to make things happen. When we had to finish dog toys and several Brothers went off to do the water slides, Gavin stayed and ensured that the work was done and done well. At convention we had more flower pots to decorate for the residents at the Masonic Care Community. Brother Gavin stepped forward and decorated a few more (and did a stellar job) rather than join the others for S'mores. During LeadCon Brother Gavin helped organize all of the snack packs to go to homeless youth of Oneida County.



When our young men look to Brother Gavin they are inspired and they work harder. Brother Gavin also makes it fun. We see this not just on the state level but also on the local level. His Chapter's volunteer work has included everything from serving at Amaranth events to selling popcorn to support the local community to shoveling snow during the winter storms that New York is famous for.

In Brother Gavin we see a young man who truly lets his light shine before the world. His actions epitomize the ideal that Dad Land wrote about in the Degree of Chevalier: "He who acts nobly does God's will." Congratulations go to Brother Gavin.



## Crown City DeMolay Starts in Cortland

On March 26, 2022 DeMolay history was made when four young men joined the newly created Crown City Chapter. The new members are Nathaniel, Collin and Jacob Spencer and Haydn Kisner. They participated in a special set of Degrees preceding the conferral of the Legion of Honor and Hall of Fame induction in Utica, NY.

The Chapter is sponsored by the Cortland Shrine Club.

Advisory Council members include W Brother Tom Whitney, Brother Joshua Kisner, Brother Adam Bemis and Brother Isaac Spencer.

The day after they joined the young men enjoyed delicious pancakes. For more information about DeMolay in Cortland, please contact WB Tom Whitney at [tomwhitney41@yahoo.com](mailto:tomwhitney41@yahoo.com).



## Oneonta DeMolay Installs

On March 24, 2022 Elias Light Chapter Order of DeMolay in Oneonta, NY installed their new officers. The leaders are Master Councilor Brother Dylan J. Bellissimo, Senior Councilor Brother Noah J. Corrington and Junior Councilor Brother Ethan P. Ortega. The installation followed a delicious Brooks barbecue prepared by "Mom" Theresa Bellissimo, with a medley of cheesecake desserts.

Elias Light Chapter is named after the charter Master of

Oneonta Lodge 466. It provides a DeMolay experience for young men in Ostego, Delaware and Broome Counties. March 24 is a historic day for DeMolay as that was the date of the first meeting of the mother DeMolay Chapter in Kansas City in 1919.

The Chapter members look forward to the year. Brother Bellissimo has an exciting term plan of activities and events.



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New York Rainbow's first regular convention since the start of the pandemic was held at the end of March 2022. It started off like walking in a new pair of shoes for the first time as we were a little out of practice, but once everyone arrived we fell right back into our routine and had an absolutely amazing weekend. While not everyone was ready to return to full in-person events, we were honored to welcome the heads of every concordant body in our NY Masonic family at some point during our time together. These included Grand Master Kessler and Rainbow guests from Illinois, Maine and Texas.



The 2021 Grand Officers concluded their term of "Family is What You Make It" and we are excited to welcome our new Grand Worthy Advisor Sydney Dennerlein. She and the 2022 Grand Officers are to embark on their journey to "Be True to Who You Are" with new energy, enthusiasm and ideas.

How interesting that while preparing for our NY Rainbow 81<sup>st</sup> Grand Assembly sessions, where we were celebrating 100 years of the founding of our organization, I came across an old *ESM* article from June 1976 with an interesting note from the editor regarding the youth groups speaking at the Grand Lodge annual communication! At that time DeMolay and the Totten essay winner would speak annually, and the (then three) girls Masonic youth groups would rotate their speaking years:

"...Every year the delegates and officers of Grand Lodge are completely captivated by the enthusiasm, poise, talent, and penetrating thought displayed by these beautiful young men and women. One message comes through their varied and

original presentations—a plea for support by and from Master Masons, Lodges, and Districts. It is not a plea for money, these young people give that themselves to our Brotherhood fund and to many worthy charities. It is not a plea for applause—these unassuming young people have demonstrated a competence and confidence that does not require praise to sustain them. It is not a plea for 'moral support'—the knowledge that some one is 'behind you' too often is accompanied by the realization that they are so far behind you that you can't find them. What these young people want, need, and fully deserve is our physical presence, active participation, and personal involvement in their Chapters, Assemblies, Constellations, and Triangles. They require advisors, not heavy-handed bosses; they need guidance, not arbitrary directives; they need helping hands, not someone to do *for* them, but *with* them." He concludes his thoughts by asking the question, "When are we going to get the message?"



Here we are forty-six years later and the same thoughts could still apply, as our Masonic youth groups are in desperate need of adults who are willing to serve as advisors and mentors. You can read about the good they are doing, their activities and programs, follow their social media posts, and possibly even support their charity efforts, but without adults to actually help and guide them, teaching them the love, caring and commitment of our Masonic family, memberships continue to decline. Rainbow has been building future leaders and helping to develop strong girls into powerful women for almost a century. We strive to teach confidence, integrity, leadership and service with our members as we instill core values and life lessons to carry them through life. With your help we will be around for another 100 years to do so.

Our slogan is "Rainbow Gets Girls Ready for Life!" Society only continues to grow great where men plant trees under whose shade they know they shall never sit. Please consider planting that tree as proof of your faith and hope in tomorrow and reach out to us to find out how you can become involved.





## Grand Master Honors Essayist

M<sup>W</sup> Richard Kessler, Grand Master of Masons, traveled to the Grand Assembly of New York, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. As part of his recognition he presented Rainbow Sister Kaylee Pereira with a certificate and check for \$1,000 for her second-place entry in the Totton Essay Contest. This annual competition is sponsored by the 5<sup>th</sup> Manhattan District. Congratulations go to Sister Kaylee.



## Beukendaal Hosts Youth Night

Beukendaal Lodge 915 hosted its annual youth night on March 22, 2022. As part of the program, DeMolay Brother Austin Altman, Past State Master Councilor, performed the Flower Talk for members of the Lodge and guests. The Flower Talk is a moving DeMolay ceremony that explains the important lessons of love of mothers. Brother Altman is internationally recognized for his tremendous ritual skills and his rendition of the Flower Talk moved several guests to tears.

Following the presentation, W Brother Justin P. Cook, a Senior DeMolay and Past State Master Councilor of New York DeMolay, hosted a fire-side chat. His chosen topic was the importance of Masonic youth in the lives of young people today.

If your organization is looking for an awesome program, consider inviting the DeMolay, Rainbow or Triangle. Representatives will come and present a moving ceremony.





## Surprise Recognition

The Masonic Renewal Committee promotes and shares membership growth and retention best practices among all Grand Lodges in North America. Each year this committee asks for nominations for a Brother to receive the Jack H. Jones Memorial Humanitarian Award. There is just one recipient each year.

Everyone remembers Brother Jack. He was Past Imperial Potentate 2008-2009, Honorary Past Grand Master of DeMolay International, Past Imperial Recorder of Shrine International, recipient of the Grand Lodge of New York Distinguished Achievement Award and more.

This year's recipient is RW George Filippidis of our own

Grand Lodge of New York. George is well known for his work with Toys for Tots, Food Drives and Clothing Drives, and of course as a valued Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Home. The announcement was made at the North American Conference of Grand Masters in Milwaukee, WI. The Chairman of the committee MW Pat Hart made the presentation to MW Richard J. Kessler at the conference.

But the story does not end here. MW Richard J. Kessler coordinated a surprise, in-person presentation to RW George Filippidis; and the surprise was evident. Congratulations go to George. His name will be enshrined at Shrine International in Tampa, FL.



## Seventy-five Years a Scout

On February 13, 2022 the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) held a special ceremony at the Plattsburgh United Methodist Church. The occasion was to commemorate RW Richard (Dick) Ward's seventy-five years in scouting. The BSA was founded in 1910. For seventy-five of those 112 years RW Dick Ward has been involved with the scouts.

Richard Walter Ward became a member of Pack 6 in St. Johnsbury, VT in the fall of 1946 and in 1953 he earned his Eagle Scout Rank. Later, while living in Connecticut, Dick served as a unit commissioner in West Hartford. After moving to Plattsburgh, NY, Dick began serving the Adirondack Council



as an Assistant Council Commissioner and later as Champlain District and Council Advancement Chair. He earned his Wood Badge Beads in 1972. Over his seventy-five years of scouting, Dick has been awarded the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award, the God and Service Award and Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award.

Dick is celebrating his fiftieth year as a Mason in 2022, having been Raised in Clinton Lodge 155 (now Fraternal Lodge 155) in June 1972. Dick is also a Trustee Emeritus of the Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library.

# Nassau Brothers Convene

By VW Michael LaRocco

One hundred and forty-nine Brothers came out to the Grand Lecturer's Convention held at the Polish American Citizens Association and hosted by the Brothers of Paumanok-Port Washington Lodge 55. All eleven Lodges were well represented and four Potts Awards were won. It was a great example of unity in the District.

We thank you, God, for the blessings that come to our lives and all mankind through the institution of Freemasonry. Love, connection and encouragement.



## “Masonic” Wedding

By W Ronald J. Seifried, DSA

It has been said many times that Freemasonry is not a secret Fraternity but a Fraternity with secrets—secret grips, secret passwords, secret meanings. But one item that does not usually fall into the “mysterious” category is secret wedding. That is, not until a recent Saturday afternoon in a Long Island Masonic Lodge.

On March 5 Brother Drew MacCallum and his “fiancée” Janet Schuellein tied the knot in the Jephtha Lodge Masonic Lodge room in front of a small gathering of family and friends, most of whom were not in on the secret ceremony. The members of the two families thought they were possibly attending an engagement party, but instead were treated to a surprise wedding. Only their parents knew about another secret, one that took place prior to the wedding in the Huntington Masonic Lodge.

Drew and Janet were secretly married in October in Las Vegas, NV by the King himself, Elvis Presley. Their nuptials remained a private affair until they could get their family and friends together after COVID restrictions were lifted. It was the bride's idea to use the Lodge, knowing how important it was to the Georgia-native groom, since it has become one of his new homes in NY.

The Masonic wedding was officiated by Jephtha Secretary Tim Tenclay, Pastor at the Community Reformed Church in Manhasset, NY. The meal was prepared by Brother Geoff

Cohen, who was completely unaware what was taking place in the Lodge room until after the ceremony.

The bride looked radiant and the groom was ecstatic. The couple's official announcement to the world soon after the wedding was, “So we did a thing and tonight, surprised our family with a wedding. Little did they know, we snuck away to Vegas in October and eloped—but tonight was for them.”

One guest posted on social media the following day: “Last night we thought we were meeting Drew's family and maybe a possible engagement. But instead, we were blessed with a surprise wedding! Our family gained a WONDERFUL brother-in-law, and we are over the moon for Janet and Drew!”





# MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE



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As we embrace this summer season here in Utica it seems Aspring has flown by and the Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI) has been incredibly busy. Reconstruction of our genetic research wing has recently finished, turning 5,700 square feet of disorganized, outdated research and storage space into a beautiful state-of-the-art research unit capable of supporting sixteen researchers and staff. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at St. John's weekend. This space was named in honor of two large Masonic benefactors, Brother Duff Neely and Brothers Franklin O.L. and Stephen N. Steinberg. We are very grateful to their estates for their generosity. We are now actively recruiting new primary scientific investigators and staff to fill this space, bringing our employment up to eighty individuals.

This past March we resurrected our Community Advisory Committee (CAC). We are partnering with some of the most prominent and powerful individuals, business leaders and corporations in the Mohawk Valley. By working together we can achieve great things for both the Utica area and MMRI.

The MMRI leadership continues to reach out to government agencies at both the state and federal level. Governor Kathy Hochul is very much aware of the great research being performed at MMRI and expressed her support for our institution, and others like it, in her State of the State Address. Substantial funding has been made available and we plan to tap into these funds to continue our mission.

New York Masons have been incredibly generous in their support of MMRI for over sixty-four years. It is my belief that other Grand Jurisdictions around the world should be made aware of what we are and what we do. To that end, I have initiated a 50-State Ambassador program. Dr. Maria Kontaridis, our Executive Director, and I were recently invited to speak before the Council of Grand Masters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Our message was well received and we are reaching out to the Grand Masters of each state to appoint an ambassador. These ambassadors will then communicate with both our development team and scientists to enable them to spread our name and work across the nation. If you would like to help in this regard, please reach out to me.

Additionally, we have expanded our research interests to include cancer, neurodegenerative diseases and lupus erythematosus. We are partnering with the Trustees of the Masonic Care Community to begin research on Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Grand Master RJ Kessler has been instrumental in this regard. We are also developing protocols for cancer research with a keen interest in prostate cancer, which as you know will affect one in eight of our Brothers.

The Masonic Medical Research Institute is truly a jewel of the Masonic Fraternity. We all remain 100% committed to making your MMRI the best it can be. Enjoy your summer; and I thank you again for your support.

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## Shekomeko Raises Money for MMRI

On Saturday, January 22, 2022 members of the Mid-Hudson District came together for an afternoon of bowling and fun. The outing was Shekomeko Lodge 458's annual Snow Bowl.

Together, participants and contributors raised \$1,391 for the Masonic Medical Research Institute's autism research. To participate next year, contact Shekomeko Secretary Auggie Dugger at [shekomekolodge@gmail.com](mailto:shekomekolodge@gmail.com).





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Dear Empire State Masons: as we shake off pandemic restrictions and emerge from a cold New York winter, the Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI) has been turning up the temperature on its own activity aimed at improving the health and quality of life for all humankind. To ensure we continue to perform innovative, groundbreaking biomedical research salient to the diverse needs of those suffering from disease, we have taken several critical steps. These include:

- *Re-introducing cancer research into the portfolio of diseases we study* with our recruitment of Dr. Myles Hodgson—a Postdoctoral Fellow serving in the Kontaridis Lab. Dr. Hodgson has an extensive background in prostate cancer research and will apply this expertise to performing cardio-oncology research, which considers the relationship between cancer and the heart.
- *Expanding our neurocognitive research program* to include research on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Alzheimer's Disease:
  - The NIH estimates 3.6% of U.S. adults had PTSD last year, with the severity of mental disorder ranging from mild-to-moderate-to-serious. PTSD—a mental health condition triggered by a terrifying event (either experiencing it or witnessing it)—has affected the Masonic population and we are grateful to MW Richard J. Kessler for bringing it to our attention as a critical area of research.
  - MMRI's close connection to the Masonic Care Community (MCC) and awareness of issues affecting those it serves catalyzed a discussion between our organizations regarding collaborating on an Alzheimer's research program. We look forward to sharing updates as this effort unfolds.

Beyond our plans for new areas of research I would like to

update you on some of our current research and academic programming and steps we are taking to advance both:

- *Principal Investigator Dr. Zhiqiang Lin* was recently awarded a \$3.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in support of his research identifying new ways to prevent heart-muscle death and reduce injury after a heart attack. The end-goal of Dr. Lin's research is to inform the development of new drugs that can reduce heart damage and increase post-heart-attack healing. This award from NIH—whose grants and applicant pool are highly competitive—is both a testament to Dr. Lin and to MMRI's scientific capabilities.
- *Beyond research, MMRI remains committed to fostering and educating the next generation of scientists.* The response we received this year from students interested in participating in our 2022 Summer Fellowship Program, an immersive STEM-based scientific-internship program, was nothing short of overwhelming: forty-nine applicants from local colleges and universities competed for ten openings. With gracious philanthropic support from both individuals and organizations, we were able to fund the ten students selected. They will begin their ten-week quest in May, to understand the molecular mechanisms of disease.

In line with the natural world's metamorphosis that arrives each spring, MMRI continues its own rebirth and period of upward growth. We express our gratitude to all of you who have stood by us on our journey and look forward to sharing news of our progress—so much of it fueled by your support—in the months ahead. Those interested in learning more about MMRI or in supporting our journey can contact me at 1-315-735-2217 and [mkontaridis@mmri.edu](mailto:mkontaridis@mmri.edu), or our Principal Development Officer, Stephen F. Izzo, at 1-908-477-7966 and [stephenizzo@mmri.edu](mailto:stephenizzo@mmri.edu).

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## DDGM Visits St. Patrick's

On March 17, 2022 District Deputy Grand Master Michael J. Millias paid his Official Visit to St. Patrick's Lodge 4. Preceding the Stated Communication members of the Lodge held their traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner.

After a two-year absence due to COVID restrictions, it

was wonderful to have Lodge andvisiting Brothers enjoy a tremendous Official Visit. We all look forward to getting our Lodge and District up and running again under the awesome care of RW DDGM Millias.



# YEARS OF SERVICE

## 82 YEARS

0097 RENOVATION  
Lloyd F. Cliff

## 81 YEARS

0922 AMOS-FORT GREENE  
Arthur Sanders

## 77 YEARS

0634 SCOTIA JAMES  
Lowell Kopper

## 76 YEARS

0109 INSPIRATION  
Andrew Campbell  
George R. Morris

0341 CLYDE  
Roland C. Hurlburt

0434 PLEASANTVILLE HIAWATHA  
Peter J. Girardi

0557 JAMES M. AUSTIN  
George E. Story

0664 AMICABLE  
Robert H. Brown

0776 RELIANCE  
Frank William Zimmer

0796 DOLGEVILLE  
Arthur Knapp

0839 ATHELSTANE  
Ernest P. Cassis

## 75 YEARS

0006 ST. GEORGE'S  
George Clarke Peck Jr

0085 BETHLEHEM  
Harvey S. Sutton

0433 FORT PLAIN  
Owen R. Dievendorf

0620 CLINTON F. PAIGE-BEREAN  
Curtis R. Perkins

0694 BLAZING STAR  
Erwin K. Kent

0727 BUNTING-CHARITY  
William Kastner

0751 LA UNIVERSAL  
John Carnero

0902 MOUNT MASADA-GALAXY  
Samuel Woolf

0956 SPARTAN  
Edward Crabb

1057 SPRINGFIELD GARDENS  
Arthur F. Searby

1124 PAN-AMERICAN  
Robert F. Ricart

## 74 YEARS

0002 INDEPENDENT ROYAL  
Arch Stanley J. Ciaputa

0006 ST. GEORGE'S  
Eli Y. Leslie

0019 MIDWOOD FORTITUDE  
Norman Finkelstein

0200 GAROGA-SINCERITY  
Harold Bloser

0266 POUGHKEEPSIE  
Allen S. Brower

0342 WYOMING  
Philip J. Teubl

0513 MASSENA  
Sarkis K. Balukjian  
Robert Arthur Ingraham

0586 ADVANCE SERVICE MIZPAH  
Herbert Kaplan

0647 AURORA GRATA-DAY STAR  
Henry G. Kunz  
Walter Thomas Storck

0710 RIDGEWOOD  
Christian C. Troll

0750 SHAKESPEARE  
George J. Seaman Jr

0757 SILVER  
Marvin L. Smith

0776 RELIANCE  
Constantine J. Ballos

0922 AMOS-FORT GREENE  
Arnold Stern

0934 JOSEPH WARREN-GOTHIC  
Martin Ziserman

0981 AMHERST  
Ray D. Galbreath

## 73 YEARS

0046 HUGUENOT  
Robert W. Mottola

0146 WESTERN UNION  
Hugh D. Chamberlain Jr

0160 SENECA RIVER  
John R. Coniber

0167 TRI-TOWN  
Chris G. Bickos

0266 POUGHKEEPSIE  
David W. Cundy

0392 SODUS  
Edward J. Dehullu

0395 AMBER  
Carl E. Seymour

0445 CASSIA  
Burton Handelsman

0483 ZEREDATHA  
Gerald Safferman

0494 JEPHTHA  
Kenneth H. Gusovius

0511 KINGS COUNTY  
William R. Merkent  
William F. Nester

0573 DE PEYSTER  
Jesse R. Crawford

0588 CARPENTER-EMANUEL  
Victor J. Facio

0627 WALKILL  
Edwin J. Culver

0757 SILVER  
Lester H. Manning

0776 RELIANCE  
Alfred H. Jantzen Jr

0819 COMPOSITE  
Murray A. Rothbaum

0867 DAMASCUS  
Louis J. Savarese

0890 JOSHUA  
Edwin Fisher

0912 GREAT KILLS  
George W. Garbutt Jr

1034 VAN CORTLANDT  
Victor Gatto

1041 BROTHERHOOD  
Nathan Glasser

1174 SCHENECTADY  
Donald E. Forte

1175 FELLOWSHIP  
Jack R. Hendricks

1188 RENAISSANCE  
William R. Burger Jr

1193 TOWPATH  
John Bruce Long

## 72 YEARS

0014 ANCIENT TEMPLE  
John W. Heere

0020 MOUNT MORIAH  
Edward Simpson

0073 CHARLOTTEVILLE  
Charles L. Ossman

0134 LOWVILLE  
John H. Ross

0152 HANOVER  
Justin H. Niebel

0205 PHOENIX  
Theodore D. Veru

0223 ROMAN-HATHEWAY  
Maynard C. Cusworth

0226 QUEEN OF SHEBA  
James S. Morse

0250 WILLARD SYLVAN GROVE  
Antranig M. Ouzoonian

0301 DUNKIRK-IRONDEQUOIT  
Walter A. Hamlin

0306 CUBA-FRIENDSHIP  
Robert Howard Brooks

0352 HOMER  
James R. Cox  
George C. Wood

0381 HUGUENOT  
John A. Rener

0473 WHITE PLAINS  
Raymond E. Ebe

0483 ZEREDATHA  
Ashley Hoffman

0511 KINGS COUNTY  
William A. Heath

0582 WAWARSING  
John F. Geary

0588 CARPENTER-EMANUEL  
Joseph A. Gottlieb

0634 SCOTIA  
Edwin Yabrow

0653 JOHN JAY  
Walter Lilling

0689 WHAT CHEER  
James Ward Cotey

0699 HARMONIE  
Donald C. Brooks

0782 TRIUNE-OBED  
Henry A. Olson Jr

0787 GASPORT  
Paul N. O'Neill

0814 SCONONDOA-SHERRILL  
Gilman E. Alstad

0877 WEST POINT  
John R. Shaffer

1068  
JAMES W. HUSTED-FIAT LUX  
Marvin Hirshfeld

1174 SCHENECTADY  
Harry P. Coton Jr

1187 NORTH ROSE WOLCOTT  
Allen Mitchell

## 71 YEARS

0023 HANCOCK-DIRIGO-ADELPHI  
Martin Burger

0103 RISING SUN  
Samuel Sid Gordon

0110 SCIPIO  
David A. Brooks

0130 PORT BYRON  
Elmer Kilmer Jr  
Robert Rude

0145 MOUNT MORIAH  
Donald M. Englestad

0165 BOONVILLE-URIEL  
C Lee Fickbohm

0167 TRI-TOWN  
Seward G. Gilbert

0201 GENESIS  
Robert W. Smith

0205 PHOENIX  
Kostas Vellios

0211 POCAHONTAS  
Kenneth W. Padgett

0217 GOUVERNEUR  
John M. Scozzafava

0224 ORIENTAL-FAXTON  
John M. Haynes

0230 UNIVERSITY  
Barden Conroe

0285 GEORGE WASHINGTON  
Charles H. Wahler Jr

0349 PECONIC  
James F. Homan

0521 SULLIVAN  
Richard B. Gregory

0548 LAURENS  
William W. Frone

0586 ADVANCE SERVICE MIZPAH  
Donald Victor

0645 RIVERHEAD  
Jerome E. Shaw

0647 AURORA GRATA-DAY STAR  
George P B Outzen

0799 ORISKANY  
William J. Vandyke  
Richard C. Wood

0837 HESPERUS  
Donald G. Hart

0849 NORTH WOODS  
Albert W. Brussel  
Theodore L. Harwood

0855 PAUMANOK-PORT WASHINGTON  
Edward  
George McIlhenny

0890 JOSHUA  
Robert Bloomberg

0922 AMOS-FORT GREENE  
Morton J. Koplo  
Nathan Prusack

0977 AMITYVILLE  
Irving M. Messinger

1016 FLORAL PARK  
John M. Kern Jr

1041 BROTHERHOOD  
Theodore Newler

1057 SPRINGFIELD GARDENS  
William H. Kramer

1066 HARRY S TRUMAN  
Murray H. Warschauer

1111 WEST SENECA  
Wilfred P. Becker

1111 AMERICAN LODGE OF RESEARCH  
Francis J. Tutell

1185 WESTERN STAR  
Bruce F. Hawkes

## 70 YEARS

0007 MONUMENTAL  
HUDSON WIDOW'S SON  
Arthur Girard Smith

0020 MOUNT MORIAH  
Jerry Cedar

0066 STATEN ISLAND  
Roger E. Acker

0079 UNITY  
Col  
Warren Henry Wiedhahn

0085 BETHLEHEM  
Harry A. Sturges

0093 CROSSROADS UNITED  
Harvey E. Pierce

0154 ERAC  
Clarence J. Vanderzell Jr

0168 CORNING PAINTED POST  
Frank James Hamm Jr  
Donald E. Palme

0173 MONROE  
Loren E. Knab

0217 GOUVERNEUR  
Norton Warren Taylor

0229 ORIONA GROVE  
Keith C. Folts

0294 CANANDAIGUA  
William A. Morehouse

0301 DUNKIRK-IRONDEQUOIT  
Willard L. Fredricks

0320 UNION STAR  
Martin J. Reitz

0365 GOSHEN  
Herbert C. Mueller

0378 BIG FLATS  
C Robert Watson

0466 ONEONTA  
Ralph W. Knox

0486 GOLDENRULE CLERMONT MCKINLEY  
Herbert Schuman

0501 LIVERPOOL SYRACUSE  
William G. Crabb

0586 ADVANCE SERVICE MIZPAH  
A Kennedy Owens  
Russell F. Sweet

0588 CARPENTER-EMANUEL  
Hyman E. Matza  
Morris E. Matza

0611 ST. JOHNSVILLE  
Adam Klock

0648 MEMORIAL  
Olin D. Bockes

0739 MAIMONIDES-MARSHALL  
Donald W. Jacobs

0750 SHAKESPEARE  
Irving L. Goldenberg

0776 RELIANCE  
Robert Edward Moore  
Lewis Prono

0789 WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN  
George L. Riebel

0806 MATINECOCK  
Noel Vernon

0819 COMPOSITE  
Jack A. Rosenzweig  
Harvey Wilks

0877 WEST POINT  
Harry V. Dutchyshyn  
Edmund A. Thompson

0902 MOUNT MASADA-GALAXY  
Samuel J. Rosen

0922 AMOS-FORT GREENE  
Oscar Gole

1057 SPRINGFIELD GARDENS  
Robert N. Robson  
Earl C. Valder

1066 HARRY S TRUMAN  
Harvey S. Horn

1188 RENAISSANCE  
Thomas A. Miller Jr

## 65 YEARS

0003 MOUNT VERNON  
William H. White

0004 ST. PATRICK'S  
William D. Hutchens  
Peter Vandenburg

0006 ST. GEORGE'S  
Bruno Ammon  
Samuel Cummins

0010 KINGSTON  
Manfred M. Kastner

0013 APOLLO-KING SOLOMON'S  
Joseph W. Aichroth  
George P. Kyriazis

0031 MANHATTAN  
David J. Paterson

0046 HUGENOT  
Thomas F. Gorziska

0051 FIDELITY-HOBASCO  
Robert G. Bartholf  
Frank H. Overstrom

0056 ST. ALBANS  
Arthur C. Hulse Jr

0063 WANTAGH MORTON  
Charles G. Maass  
Houston S. Powell

0073 CHARLOTTEVILLE  
William Peter McDougall

0084 AMSTERDAM  
Paul H. Phillips

0085 BETHLEHEM  
Murray M. Jaros  
Edwin L. Phillips

0087 VAN RENSSELAER  
Raymond W. Lebrecht

0127 LAKE CITY  
Chris C. Gagas

0153 FRIENDSHIP  
Edward H. Milks

0172 CHAUMONT  
Donald Grafton Furst

0178 CORNERSTONE  
Joel Hillman

0217 GOUVERNEUR  
Bruce H. Gleason

0230 UNIVERSITY  
Frank Nania

0233 PACIFIC  
Lawrence C. Bassett

0236 PHILIPSTOWN  
Alistair James Nugent

0263 MOUNT VERNON  
Raymond G. Barber

0266 POUGHKEEPSIE  
James M. Longanacre Jr

0294 CANANDAIGUA  
Bruce M. Kennedy

0298 FISH HOUSE  
Elmer Michael Shamon

0305 FAYETTEVILLE CENTRAL CITY  
Basil Farbanish

0320 UNION STAR  
Norman J. Johnstone

0343 RONDOUT  
Robert C. Mould

0352 HOMER  
Robert E. Randolph

0393 WADDINGTON  
Roger L. McBath

0399 MAINE  
Gerald Gene Abbey

0406 HUMANITY  
Richard E. Myrick

0412 HOFFMAN  
John S. Volpe Jr

0473 WHITE PLAINS  
Theodore T. Mavrikes

0479 UNITY  
George L. Brege

0483 ZEREDATHA  
Arnold Fleischer

0494 JEPHTHA  
Joseph E. Malat

0537 GRAMERCY  
Edward J. Berliner

0581 WINFIELD  
Donald A. Butler

0586 ADVANCE SERVICE MIZPAH  
Earl L. Hassell Jr  
Herbert L. Khaner

0588 CARPENTER-EMANUEL  
George A. Levine

0611 ST. JOHNSVILLE  
Arthur V. Stock

0616 CAZENOVIA  
John A. Fox  
L Robert Freeborn

0627 WALKILL  
Leo A. Gildersleeve

0648 MEMORIAL  
Herbert N. Gerhardt Jr  
Gary H. Kall

0653 JOHN JAY  
Eli Goldowsky

0664 AMICABLE  
Robert A. Jones

0671 WAPPINGERS  
Richard E. Braun

0694 BLAZING STAR  
Carlton H. Baker

0695 ALCYONE  
Rudolf Lichtmann

0710 RIDGEWOOD  
Alfred M. Olsen

0718 ADONAI  
Ronald L. Tosti

0739 MAIMONIDES-MARSHALL  
Robert I. Hoffberg  
Bernard Savetz

0765 VON MENSCH  
Karl H. Hutans  
Heinz Maurer

0791 LIVINGSTON MANOR  
Raymond Cotton

0796 DOLGEVILLE  
Gerald H. Thompson

0814 SCONONDOA-SHERILL  
George L. Williams

0818 MELROSE  
Charles E. Stark

0820 ON DA WA  
Donald C. Streeter

0826 SUTHERLAND  
Ralph W. Warrender Jr

0834 LAKE PLACID  
Leonidas J. Hadjis

0839 ATHELSTANE  
Emil Willis Jr

0849 NORTH WOODS  
Raymond D. Philo

0877 WEST POINT  
Lawrence F. Pond

0879 CHARLES W. CUSHMAN  
Richard R. Haberl

0890 JOSHUA  
S E Melvin Hecht

0913 HEIGHTS  
Robert A. Strange

0917 IMA  
Ronald I. Cohen  
Elliott Schuman  
Stanley Stylianos

0922 AMOS-FORT GREENE  
Paul Morosoff

0942 FRATERNITY-DUNDERBERG  
Freemont Reif

0958 MORIAH  
Charles J. Manning

0968 PHILO-MOUNT SINAI  
Richard Alan Wells

0970 JOHNSON CITY UNITY  
Gerald F. Baird

0981 AMHERST  
Eugene Marshall Berger

1057 SPRINGFIELD GARDENS  
Richard J. Scheblein



1068 JAMES W. HUSTED-FIAT LUX  
Martin Leiser  
Alvin Murstein

1071 POTUNK  
Ronald L. Hulse

1118 LODGE OF THE UNITED SERVICES  
William R. Lowe

1175 FELLOWSHIP  
Marvin E. Ashburn  
Ronald F. Pfalzgraf

1180 DRUMLIN  
Square Phillip G. Allen

1187 NORTH ROSE WOLCOTT  
Harold H. Smith Jr

1193 TOWPATH  
Ernest Stelianou

## 60 YEARS

0004 ST. PATRICK'S  
Albert L. Bayless

0013 APOLLO-KING SOLOMON'S  
Kenneth Kelman  
Stephen Puzier

0019 MIDWOOD FORTITUDE  
Eugene Carlson  
David M. Reiter

0020 MOUNT MORIAH  
Abraham L. Shalo

0039 OLIVE BRANCH  
John Frederick Flint

0056 ST. ALBANS  
Robert D.S. Condit

0065 MORNING STAR  
Thomas Richard Wood

0066 STATEN ISLAND  
Warren E. Christensen

0079 UNITY  
Merrill James Wojcik Sr

0082 PHOEBUS  
Richard  
Woolsey Ackerman  
Ernest C. Emhof  
William R. Neuland Jr

0083 NEWARK  
Howard F. Combs

0084 AMSTERDAM  
Dennis H. Cline

0095 GENERAL SULLIVAN  
Norman E. Heyman

0105 HIRAM  
Edward M. Gralnik  
Louis Willis

0109 INSPIRATION  
Gerald A. Stahl

0111 ST. LAWRENCE  
Wayne G. Parish

0134 LOWVILLE  
Charles Albert Miller

0134 LOWVILLE  
James A. Windover

0136 HIRAM  
Verner M. Drohan

0138 OTSEGO  
F Robert Simmons

0139 MILNOR  
Glen O. Thon

0159 PULTNEYVILLE  
Roger James Fox  
Richard Montondo

0160 SENECA RIVER  
Harry E. Carson

0165 BOONVILLE-URIEL  
John D. deRoos

0172 CHAUMONT  
A. Richard Hills

0175 OXFORD  
Kenneth E. Miller

0195 FRANKLIN  
John W. Parris

0199 HARMONY  
Helmut B. Stelling

0201 GENESIS  
Thomas  
Allmond Kennedy  
Edwin Thorne Jr

0205 PHOENIX  
Constantine P. Kapassakis

0230 UNIVERSITY  
James A. Comes

0241 HARMONY  
Edward Gidseg

0250 WILLARD SYLVAN GROVE  
Frederick Clark

0252 ENCHANTED MOUNTAINS  
Howard V. Van Rensselaer  
Gerald C. Whiting

0266 POUGHKEEPSIE  
Walter O. Glasspool

0285 GEORGE WASHINGTON  
Wellington H W Lee

0294 CANANDAIGUA  
George N. Stanton Jr

0358 ANCIENT LANDMARKS  
Thomas C. Hendricks

0359 RANDOLPH  
David L. Wadsworth

0381 HUGUENOT  
William A. Von Seggern

0425 WARRENSBURGH  
William F. Maltbie

0445 CASSIA  
Carl Berkowitz

0458 SHEKOMEKO  
Hale T. Engel

0472 TRITOWN  
Jack Alan Mcherron

0473 WHITE PLAINS  
Howard I. Theall

0476 FAIRPORT-FLOWER CITY  
Jeremy A. Leichtner

0479 UNITY  
Cedric William Lodge

0483 ZEREDATHA  
George Peshkin  
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## Harmony & Friendship

Once I was asked to write an article about Harmony. I looked up Harmony in the dictionary, it is defined as follows: Harmony: A situation in which people are friendly and peaceful and agree with each other. Since the prerequisite of being in Harmony is being Friendly, I preferred writing an article on Friendship.

The word “friendship” immediately brings to our mind mutual love, respect, understanding and sacrifice. We have all heard the saying “A true friend is one who knows all about you and loves you just the same.”

A philosopher once said, “Friendship should be kept in a constant state of repair.” If you want a friend, be one yourself. Remember this law: “for love begets love and hate fosters hate.” By the same token, friendship begets friendship.

In our Craft, knowing many brethren does not necessarily mean having many brethren. True brotherhood is not based upon how many brethren we can call by their first name, but by what we have willingly done for each other. We may meet many brethren in the course of a short time and perhaps not see them for years to come. We recognize their faces but do not know their hearts. That is not brotherhood but a mere acquaintance, for there can be no real brotherhood where the heart is not involved or revealed.

To say that a true Brother lays an obligation on his Brother is a strange thing (but within the length of one’s cabletow), yet it is true that the expectations others have of us play a large part in our development and relationship. As we think of the qualities of brotherhood and friendship we should ask ourselves whether our brotherhood or friendship with others

carries any of these qualities or if it has any of these effects on our brethren. Friendship and brotherhood bloom only in the soil of noble and self-sacrificing hearts, where they enjoy an everlasting summer, diffusing a sweet atmosphere of love, peace and joy to all around.

Today, there is a greater need in our Fraternity for true friendship than perhaps at any other time in our history. Things seem so chaotic, people so careless, irresponsible and self-centered, spending more time on their mobile than anything else. We as Masons are drifting from the obligations we took upon the Sacred Altar. And yet:

- Are we doing all in our power to help cope with these strange but existing conditions?
- Are our Brethren losing faith in us because we fail to live up to the standard of true friendship?
- Are we true to our own convictions of duty and right, or are we just seeking popularity by walking with the crowd?
- Are we believers of “Walk the walk, talk the talk?”

During our Initiation, when each of us first entered this noble Craft we were blindfolded but we had a trusted friend who walked beside us. He held our hand and when we took off the blindfold we began to call him “My Brother.” The question that we must ask ourselves is Do we and this Brother still call each other “My Brother” with a genuine voice? Are we still friends? Do we still cherish the pledge to call each other “My Brother” with a clear conscience?

Remember, “He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare; and he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere.” Brethren, live in Harmony and Friendship.

## Pultneyville Earns Recognition

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund Committee bestowed a Special Recognition Award for 2020 – 2021 “for contributing the Most Money Donation in the Wayne District to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund.” The award was presented to Pultneyville Lodge 159. Senior Warden W John S. Erwin, (Master Pro-temp) accepted the honor on March 7, 2022 following the Entered Apprentice Degree.

W Raymond E. Camp, Wayne District Brotherhood Chairman, presented the award. The photo of the Brothers of the Lodge in attendance was taken by Christopher Fox, Grand Steward.







## Love, actually

**M**y Brothers, this is one of the strangest columns I have ever written. What makes it strange is that you will be reading this after my kidney transplant that should take place in May 2022, so I may not be with you by the time you read this. I am hoping that the good Lord will help me through this and that I will be your Grand Lecturer for years to come. That is the spirit in which I am writing this message.

Brothers, the key message and takeaway from our whole body of ritual boils down to two words: Brotherly Love. Love is the most used word in our ritual book and it is so for a reason.

Our founders understood that in unity there is strength. The Brotherly Love and affection described so beautifully throughout the entire text and lived so admirably by us as Freemasons is the cement that binds us together. It is a bond that transcends everything we do. As an example, Masons often disagree about things but for the most part do not become disagreeable. How many organizations can say the same about their philosophy?

That love is what has to be translated from your heart to

your mouth when rendering the ritual. You were first prepared to become a Mason in your heart. Your ability to translate that love in your heart to a candidate using the vehicle of the ritual is what makes a lasting impression on his mind. Make no mistake about it: if you cannot make our candidate feel the work through your presentation then you have missed the mark. The wise and serious truths that are passed from one generation of Masons to the next blossom in a man's mind when you can reach his heart with the ritual.

When you prepare to deliver a part of the ritual, first learn the words. Once you are satisfied that you have the words down pat, that is only the beginning of the real work. In a sense that is the phase that goes from mechanical to real-life application. Discover for yourself what those words mean to you. Once you feel it, work hard on translating what you feel to the words you have learned.

At the end of that process you will do work that will help galvanize our members' desire to learn and to emulate what you have done. Love, actually, is the key to it all. Gung Ho!

## DD Santorello Visits Connetquot



**T**he Brothers of Connetquot Lodge 838 in Sayville hosted the RW District Deputy Grand Master Jeffrey Santorello and Grand Sword Bearer RW Robert Licata for their Official Visit on Tuesday, February 28. The rest of the District Team accompanied them.

With more than thirty Brothers in attendance, W Avi Dicken received several delegations of visitors, recognizing them with Grand Honors and thanking them for their attendance. In advance of the meeting the brethren congregated for fellowship and a fine meal.

## Connetquot Steals Gavel



W Frank Miranda (r) presents the Gavel to Brother John Bundee and the Brothers of Connetquot.

On Thursday, April 7 the rank and file Brothers of Connetquot Lodge 838 in Sayville gathered together to lay claim to their first theft of the year. They descended on Suffolk Lodge 60 to steal the Traveling Gavel. With no senior officers able to attend, Connetquot's Junior Deacon led the group in their stealthy, triumphant quest.

## Years of Service at Dongan Patent



(l-r) W John J. McGarry, W John D Scappaticci, W Thomas F. Sauter, Brother James E. Calkins, Brother Ronald Kwoczka and W Stuart H. Smith.

W John J. McGarry and W John D. Scappaticci received their fifteen-year pins and Brother Ronald Kwoczka received his five-year pin from W Thomas F. Sauter, Master of the Dongan Patent Lodge 1134. The celebration took place on Thursday evening, March 10 in Smithtown, Long Island, NY.

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