



Please remember to notify the Treasurer of any change of address, or seasonal address.

# HARMONY LODGE NUMBER 9, F. & A.M.

## TRESTLEBOARD

December 2010

### Message from the Worshipful Master

#### NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Doric Association will be held during the December 2010 Harmony Lodge meeting at approximately 8:15 PM

#### REGULAR COMMUNICATION

6:30 PM—Dinner

Turkey Dinner

Reservations required by December 4, 2010

Donation will be \$7.00

Please call Bro. Steve Reali for reservations at 401-484-0863

or email dinnerwithsteve@gmail.com

*Correct change will be appreciated*

7:30 PM—Lodge opens for such business as shall regularly come before it.

Proper Dress is required.

- Jacket & Tie or Military Uniform

#### COLLATION

Visit us on the web at [www.harmony9.org](http://www.harmony9.org)

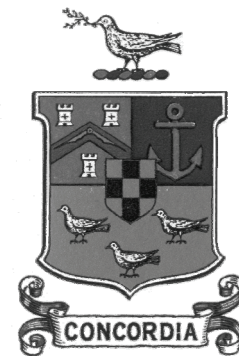
Brethren and Friends,

Let me start by wishing you all a very happy and safe holiday season. It is a wonderful thing as the days grow short, to come together with family and friends, put aside our differences, and truly enjoy one another.

We are off to a fast start this term, and I would like to thank everyone for the support you have shown thus far, lets keep up the good work. Please take a moment and look at the calendar in your notice or online for dates and times of the many upcoming events.

I would also like to give a special thanks to Brother Pat Connor, one of our newest members. Pat has worked tirelessly on the new website and his effort definitely shows.

I would like to bring a couple of small changes to your attention. The first is that I will be holding regular office hours in the Lodge every Monday night this year (with a few exceptions). Please feel free to stop by or call if there is anything you feel



needs my attention. The hours will vary slightly from week to week, so please check the calendar on the back of your notice, or on the new website. I'm hoping this new policy will work to everyone's benefit.

I would also like to bring to your attention our charity program for the year. You may have noticed when you received your notice there was an envelope included.

We will continue to donate \$250 each month to our selected charity, but we will also give one half of any mailed in donations for the month as well. The remaining half will be use to set up a fund to help our membership in need.

It is no secret that things have gotten very hard for many people, and this touches many of our own as well.

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**The Regular & Special  
Communications of Harmony Lodge  
# 9 F & A.M. will be held in the  
Doric Masonic Center  
1237 Reservoir Avenue,  
Cranston, RI  
(401-942-9883)  
for the transaction of such business  
as shall regularly come before the  
membership**

**Regular Communication**  
First Tuesday of each month with the  
exception of July & August

**Annual Communication**  
Third Tuesday of November

**Dispensation Granted**  
May 6, 1805

**Charter Granted**  
June 24, 1808

**Constitution**  
September 20, 1808

**Incorporated**  
February, 1809

Doric Lodge #38  
Merged—2003

Nathanael Greene Lodge #45  
Merged—2005

Rhodes Lodge #44  
Merged with Nathanael Greene Lodge #45  
—1988

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J. William Spicer, P.M.—**Music Director**  
Adam Aquilante—**Tyler**  
Stephen Charron, P.M.  
—**Master of Ceremonies**  
Alfred Anton—**Sentinel**  
Jesse H. Edwards III, P.M.—**Marshal**

Perhaps this fund will help fill a widow's oil tank, or help a brother avoid foreclosure on his home, or feed his children.

Each of us has stood empty-handed before the lodge, and the first charge placed upon us as a mason was to remember this lesson and offer our charity to those less fortunate.

I enjoy, as much as anyone, the look of terror on the treasurer's face each month as the change rings against the collection plate, but I also fear we have in many ways put our amusement ahead of our intention. It is my sincere hope that you will embrace this new program with the zeal it deserves.

Each month our charity project will be listed in the notice, along with a short description of what purpose it serves. This, I hope, will allow you to judge for yourself the worthiness of the cause.

This month's charity will be "Keep the Heat ON - RI". This is a local organization dedicated to helping those less fortunate through the winter months by providing grants for gas, oil, and electricity. Their website is listed on page 3 if you would like more information. If you have any suggestions for a charity for future months, please contact me.

Finally I would like to add a reminder to anyone bringing an application before the Lodge for membership that they must be turned in and read at the December meeting in order to be balloted upon in January for degrees. Please give any applications to Brother Alan French before the meeting.

Fraternally,

Robert J. Kempf

We can only know the fullest joys of Masonry when we truly walk the paths of service and of hard work in the quarries. -George E. Burow



### REMINDER

All petitions must be brought in and read by the December meeting in order to be balloted in January.

Only successful ballots through January can join the January class.



### Annual Sick & Shut-In Visitation

Saturday December 11, 2010  
Breakfast @ 8:00 AM  
Visitations continue until 1:00 PM

Contact Bro Mike Dixon @  
(401) 480-6382



### Annual Family Christmas Party

Saturday December 4, 2010  
Doric Masonic Center  
1237 Reservoir Ave, Cranston, RI

Fun Begins at 12:00 Noon  
Lunch Served at 12:30 PM

Reservations by November 27  
Call Bro Shaun Hazard  
@ (401) 484-8471



### December Trestleboard Club

Thursday December 16, 2010  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Our discussion for December will be about the appendant bodies of Freemasonry

All Master Masons are welcome to attend. Call Bro Shaun Hazard at 401-484-8471 with any questions.



## Harmony Happenings

### Get Well Wishes

Merill I. Torgan 269 Harrison Avenue Warwick, RI 02888

Antonio Oliver 280 South Road East Greenwich, RI 02818

Robert K. Page Harbourside Healthcare 270 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02888

Wor. William Savasta 74 Hazleton Street Cranston, RI 02920

Wor. Harry J. G. Grattage 958 Atwood Avenue Johnston, RI 02919

Wor. Daniel A. Falvey 2626 Lancaster Drive Sun City Center, FL  
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Robert Wiggins 65 Dayna Drive West Greenwich, RI 02817

Hugh Thompson 72 Fox Ridge Crescent Warwick, RI 02889

Robert Tilley P.O. Box 201 Rumney, NH 03266

Frank Allen, Jr. 65 Ethan Street Warwick, RI 02888

Allan Reynolds 16114 Patriot Way West Greenwich, RI 02817

Walter Ball 134 Wendell Road Warwick, RI 02888

Some of these sick and shut-in Brothers would enjoy a visit, a call or a card.

### In Memoriam

Clifford A Baxter Jr.  
Admitted—1958  
Died—January 1, 2010  
Age—Seventy-Five

### Request For Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to assist at the RI Veteran's Home.

Please contact Wor. Robert Kempf at 401-641-5172 if you are able to help out.

### December Charitable Contribution

#### Keep The Heat On—RI

Providing heating assistance to those who have exhausted all other public and private means of assistance.

visit [www.heatri.com](http://www.heatri.com)

# December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 9:00 AM Woodridge Assembly IORC  <b>12:00 PM Family Christmas Party</b>
5	6 <b>6:00PM to 9:00 PM Master's Office Hours</b>  6:00 PM Cranston Rainbow Alumnae	7 <b>6:30 PM Dinner</b>  <b>7:30 PM Harmony Lodge Regular Meeting &amp; Doric Annual Meeting</b>	8	9 6:00 PM Harmony Royal Arch/Doric Council Meeting	10 6:00 PM Fidelity Chapter DeMolay Meeting	11 <b>8:00 AM Sick &amp; Shut-In Visitations</b>  11:00 AM Providence Chapter OES
12	13 <b>5:00PM to 7:00 PM Master's Office Hours</b>  <b>7:00 PM Doric Board</b>	14	15 <b>7:00 PM Fellowcraft Club</b>	16	17 6:00 PM Woodridge Assembly IORG	18 11:00 AM Providence Chapter OES
19	20 <b>6:00PM to 9:00 PM Master's Office Hours</b>	21	22	23 <b>7:00 PM Trestleboard Club</b>	24 6:00 PM Fidelity Chapter DeMolay Meeting	25
26	27 <b>5:00PM to 7:00 PM Master's Office Hours</b>  <b>7:00 PM Officer's Meeting</b>	28	29	30	31	

events in bold are Harmony Lodge events

## Upcoming Events

Entered Apprentice Degree—January 29  
 Grand Lodge Cigar Dinner—February 5  
 Annual Cape Cod Getaway Weekend February— 18-20  
 Deposits are due by the January meeting!

## Harmony Lodge Website

Check out the new  
 Harmony Lodge  
 website at  
[www.harmony9.org](http://www.harmony9.org)

