



6:30 PM Dinner

Macaroni and Meatballs

Reservations required

Donation will be \$7.00

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

or email dinnerwithsteve@gmail.com

or register at www.harmony9.org

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** 

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

**TRESTLEBOARD** 

November 2011

## Message from the Worshipful Master

Brethren and friends,

How quickly the time has slipped by, and as we enter the last few weeks of this term, I feel I am blessed with the many memories I have gained during my time serving this Lodge. Having been an officer of Harmony Lodge, has truly been an experience that shaped my life and perspective. I would like to thank you all for that great honor.

There is much still to do this month. On the 1st we will have our regular monthly meeting, followed by our annual Halloween Party on Nov 5th. Each year I am amazed by the effort and dedication of Worshipfuls Kurtz and Ogilvie, as they offer their time and imagination to spook up the Lodge. Please contact Wor. Ogilvie with your reservations, so they may plan refreshments accordingly. He can be reached at 954-8334, jogilthorp@yahoo.com, or through the Harmony Facebook page. The cost for the night will be \$10, and as always is B.Y.O.B.

On the 15th of November, harmony will hold its Annual Communication, with the Lodge opening at 5PM sharp. Following the business meeting we will break for dinner, which will be followed by the Semi Public Installation of our new Officers Line. Wor. Jesse Edwards will be taking reservations for dinner, please contact him at 884-5129. As dinner for the annual typically sells out, I would encourage you to please make your reservations early.

The Grand Master's Visitation to the East Bay District will be held at Washington Lodge #3 on Nov. 8th, and for all those who would like to travel together, the officers will be meeting at 5:30 that evening at our Lodge. Grand Lodge will be holding its Semi-Annual communication on Saturday, Nov 19th at Freemasons Hall in East Providence, followed by its annual Fall Festival that evening.

Finally on the 26th of November Harmony will host its annual Banquet at the Shrine Imperial Room. Please Contact Bro. Jim Hopper with your reservations for this event, which I am certain will be a night to remember.

Visit us on the web at www.harmony9.org

The Regular and
Special Communications of
Harmony Lodge #9 F & A.M. will be held in the
Doric Masonic Center
1237 Reservoir Avenue,
Cranston, RI 02902
401-942-9883

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In closing my brethren, my friends, I would like to thank you all once more, for the memories past; for the memories to come; for your trust and confidence; for the honor you have given me; and most importantly for the privilege of calling Harmony Lodge my home.

Fraternally, Robert Kempf Worshipful Master

"The road,' wrote Cervantes, 'is always better than the inn.' Those who settle on fame or fortune, and having arrived, call it quits, miss the whole point of life. Realistically, there is no inn, no ultimate point of arrival. It is the road now and forever, finite man probing infinity, finding his way, endlessly. All that matters are the lessons learned along the way."

Leonard E. Read

#### Regular Communication

First Tuesday of each month with the exception of July and August

**Annual Communication** Third Tuesday of November

Dispensation Granted May 6, 1805

Charter Granted September 20, 1808

Constitution September 20, 1808

Incorporated

February, 1809 Doric Lodge #38 Merged - 2003

Nathanael Greene Lodge #45

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

#### Officers 2010 - 2011

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### **Get Well Wishes**

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

View From The West

My Brothers,

On the Level, I can tell each of you that there is nothing but astonishment at the thought of ascending to the East in just a few short weeks. Everything in this post will be based on the assumption of my election as the Worshipful Master of Harmony #9, established in 1805. Wow, to reflect on being elected as the leader of any organization that has been around for 206 years is more than overwhelming. I can only hope to live up to the expectations that have been set before me. As many of you have told me through whispered counsel, I am not traveling down the road alone. I will never be able to express the level of gratitude for those individuals personal support, so for now.....THANK YOU!

The Lodge has become a 2nd family to me, which helps frame my perspective on leading us forward. Our Lodge needs to be a beacon of light for all our brothers. Even though building our membership is an important task, it is my intention to invest an equal amount of time to look for the brothers that may have gotten lost along the way. At the Past Master's Dinner and the Organizational Meeting, I made my intentions very clear to everyone in attendance, we are responsible for making everyone feel welcome in our lodge and everything that we do in my year will support that statement.

Our busy season is kicking off with the following scheduled events. It is my intention with the assistance of Bro. Patrick Conner for the most up-to date information to be posted on our website, www.harmony9.org.

Todd Derksen Senior Warden

**Date Event Contact** 

11/15 (RSVP 11/9) Annual Comm/Installation Wor. Jesse Edwards PM 401-884-5129 11/26 (RSVP 11/26) Annual Banquet Bro. James Hopper 401-884-5129 12/3 (RSVP 11/27) Children's Christmas Party Bro. Mike Dixon 401-480-6382 12/10 (RSVP 12/3) Special Ladies Luncheon Bro. Ray Roy 401-821-2522 12/17 Sick & Shut-Ins Visitation Bro. Ed Diggle

# **Important Messages**

#### **Snowbirds**

The Treasurer asks that all who are planning on moving south for the winter let him know in advance about their winter address. We incur additional mailing expense for the returned mail and it is important to the Lodge to keep expenses to a minimum. Please let Jim Rapson know when you will leave and when you will return, his phone number and email address are printed on the second page of this notice.

#### **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

# November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	$F_{riday}$	Saturday
		1 6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Harmony Lodge Regular Meeting	2	3	4 6:30 <sub>pm</sub> DDGM Visitation Manchester Lodge #9	5 7:00 <sub>pm</sub> H <sub>armony</sub> H <sub>alloween</sub> D <sub>ance</sub>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 5:00 PM Harmony Lodge Annual Communication Dinner at 6:30pm	16 7:00 PM Fellowcraft	17	18	19 1:00 PM Grand Lodge SemiAnnual Communication 6:00 PM Grand Lodge Fall Festival Banquet
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 6:00 PM Harmony Lodge Annual Banquet
27	28	29	30			December 3 Harmony Lodge Annual Children"s Christmas Party

