

The Regular and
Special Communications of
Harmony Lodge #9 F & A. M.
are held in the
Doric Masonic Center
1237 Reservoir Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
401-942-9883

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

Merged - 2005

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

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HARMONY LODGE

TRESTLEBOARD



No. 9, F. & A. M.

JULY, 2020

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Harmony family & friends,

I cannot believe the craziness of the events of the past few months, more especially the past few weeks. We saw the worst in mankind with the rioting & destruction across our nation, which tried to overshadow the peaceful protests. We witnessed law enforcement & military alike, show that they support the cause for action against racial inequality. With the news bogging down every station with nothing but upsetting news, we actually saw a glimpse of hope for mankind's future. No, I'm not talking about actor John Krasinski's SGN (Some Good News). Though during the pandemic he did make me laugh & cry with his SGN video clips. I talking about the great success of the SpaceX mission to launch two American astronauts back into space. We saw mankind push the boundaries of what is possible. SpaceX not only launched the astronauts into space on a reusable rocket but they docked with the International Space Station and returned to Earth successfully! Those moments watching with my children gathered around the television reminded me of my youth watching the U.S. Space Shuttle launches. It also harkened the famous John F. Kennedy speech from Rice University when he said, "We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard; because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one we intend to win, and the others, too."

How inspiring are those words at a time when Harmony will have to work hard over the next few months to get our work done. This pandemic has really tried to take the wind from our sails but we refuse to let it keep us adrift aimlessly. We have continued our long standing tradition of having a Past Masters meeting in June virtually. I know everyone is bummed that we couldn't meet & celebrate with our usual festivities; with our Steak Fry. It was awesome feeling to be able to work together with Worshipful Ed Diggle, who appointed me in the Officers line! I bet you never thought in a million years that you would be leading a virtual meeting as a Past Master, but you did and did an excellent job! Unfortunately, we will need to **Postpone** our Annual Picnic originally scheduled for Sunday, July 12th and we're hoping to be able to reschedule it for a date in August when the Governor has lifted restrictions to enable a larger groups to

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Appointed to Harmony Lodge #9, F. & A. M. 2019 - 2020

Ralph Carlini	Chaplain	Frank Castellone	Musical Director
Jeremy Newton	Senior Deacon	W.: Donald Aquilante	Tyler
James Lafitte	Junior Deacon		Sentinel
William Laliberte	Senior Steward	Armen Avagyan	Marshal
Jan Zukowski	Junior Steward	W.: Merrill Torgan	Master of Ceremonies

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meet in public again. Please check our calendar on our website, Harmony's Facebook page and your inbox for an email from Harmony, regarding dates, times and venues for events that had to be rescheduled. Harmony is also planning to have a Masonic Memorial Service for those Brothers & the Brother's families who weren't able to have a service due to the restrictions caused by the pandemic. I have spoken to Wanda Hopper and we're looking to schedule this event for Saturday, August 15th which would allow her & family the time to travel back up to Little Rhody, while also planning for it when restrictions will allow more of us to be able to attend and pay our respects to our departed Brethren. More details to come on this and many events in the very near future!

As for Harmony's Degrees, we are looking to schedule our Fellowcraft Degree as soon as we have restrictions lifted for being able to meet publicly for more than 15 people. This may happen towards the end of July or early August. As I mentioned before, keep checking those resources listed above for any date changes that will occur. I've also been talking with Worshipful Earl Mann of Ionic Lodge #28. He has expressed wanting to participate with Harmony to do a Master Mason Degree together. We both feel very strongly about getting our Lodges to partner together to make a spectacular degree. We'll be working closely with our Brothers from Ionic to perform the ritual and to have a full-cast, including having 12 Fellowcraft. Obviously will also be working closely with our new Assistant Grand Lecturer, Dave Sousa on the ritual and plan to make this a truly unique event.

As I said when I was first installed, Harmony is one big family. We help one another, console one another and we celebrate in each other's accomplishments & successes. No matter how hard things get, Harmony rises to the occasion to demonstrate the very best of Freemasonry.

Love & Respect,

Patrick Connor


Worshipful Master

Harmony Lodge #9 F.&A.M.



Notice

Harmony Lodge #9, F. & A. M. will be holding a Virtual Meeting

Via  zoom for Members and Master Masons on


Tuesday July 7th, 2020 at 7:30 PM

The link to the meeting will be available on our Website (<https://harmony9.org>), our Facebook Page (Harmony Lodge #9), and via email for those members on our email list. If you are not on our email list, or have any questions, please reach out to our Lodge Secretary W:.. Robert Kempf at bobkempf@hotmail.com


**Harmony Lodge will follow the
Grand Master's Protocol for Virtual Meetings.**

**Please take the time to familiarize yourself with
the new protocols, which you will find elsewhere
in this issue.**

HELPFUL HINTS FOR NEW zoom USERS:

***If you are attending via a tablet or mobile device, you can download the  zoom app from Apple's App Store or Android's Play Store.



***If you are new to using  zoom, you may find the following YouTube video helpful (additional videos are also available):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIdodM2dvxA>

***Please note that you will be required to enter your FIRST and LAST Name, along with honorific and Lodge Number, when signing in.

This information allows the moderator to quickly identify you as eligible to attend, or to reach out to you for additional information.

"Bullwinkle's iPad" as your Name will not get you very far.



GARY S. KAUFMAN
GRAND MASTER
2020-2021

THE GRAND LODGE
of Free and Accepted Masons for the
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



PHONE: 401/435-4650
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DISPENSATION

By the power invested in me as Grand Master of Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, I do, by these presents, grant permission to:

ALL MASONIC BLUE LODGES

Allowing the Officers and Brethren of each Masonic Lodge to dress in business casual (collar shirt and khaki type pants) at their Regular Communications *only when degree work is not being performed* for the months of June, July and August, as an option. This option is available for both in-person and Zoom communications.

Witness by my hand and seal this 28th day of May, A. .L. .6020 at the Grand East in the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.



Gary S. Kaufman

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Grand Master

cc: Deputy Grand Master
Senior Grand Warden
Junior Grand Warden
District Deputy Grand Master
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DISPENSATION

By the power invested in me as Grand Master of Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, I do, by these presents, grant permission to:

ALL MASONIC BLUE LODGES

Allowing all Blue Lodges to have Regular Stated Communications during the months of July and August, as an option, even if the lodge By-Laws indicate the Lodge will be at refreshment or recess during these months.

Witness by my hand and seal this 28th day of May, A. .L. .6020 at the Grand East in the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.



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**MEMBER REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND AND REMAIN
IN A VIRTUAL MEETING**

"Best Practice" and/or "Preferred Protocol" shall be that members sign into the meeting 10 to 15 minutes prior to the meetings published start time so they can socialize, help each other with any technical issues, and allow adequate time for the host to verify them prior to the start of the meeting. This advance time shall be used by the host to correct and/or remove any members not properly vetted, dressed, etc. prior to the official start of the meeting.

Proper lodge etiquette for attire must be followed. This includes wearing an apron, tie and jacket.

All members must have a functioning video feed at all times during the time the meeting shall be open.

The video feed will be used in verifying the member's identity and confirm they are in a reasonably secure location (e.g. attending a meeting from the local coffee shop, or while out shopping is **not** acceptable).

Virtual backgrounds shall not be permitted in any manner.

Members shall **not** turn off or darken their video feed unless the meeting is in recess.

Members **must** use their proper names as their screen name so they can be easily recognized. Nicknames, internet handles, and the like are not be acceptable and must be corrected or rejected by the meeting host.

VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCT

Virtual meetings should be treated with the solemnity they deserve and shall operate in the same manner as an in-person Masonic Lodge meeting, unless specifically noted otherwise in the appropriate approved ritual.

All Brethren in the meeting shall attest, on their honor, that they are properly tiling their location. This should be monitored by all in the meeting with any concerns sent as a private message to the host and/or the Worshipful Master.

No eating or drinking shall be allowed during the meeting. No talking out of turn while in a meeting. If attention is required by an individual member, a chat message may be sent to the Host or the Worshipful Master during the meeting.

GRAND LODGE COVID-19 Control Plan

Masonic Lodge Guidelines – Phase II

If you feel ill, think you are ill, came in contact with someone that is ill, or believe that you might become ill if you attend lodge especially if you are older than 60 years, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND LODGE. If you are not willing to follow the guidelines described below, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND LODGE.

Each lodge building being different, it may be necessary to apply additional rules to ensure the safety and well-being of our brothers. Each lodge should use this as a guide and add any other rules that they may deem appropriate.

This guide is for conducting a business meeting only. Other considerations are being worked on for degree work which may not be available until the next phase.

- No lodge room shall exceed 15 people.
- No dining room shall exceed 15 people.
- A contact tracing log indicating the name of every person entering the building for each meeting must be recorded in the Secretaries minutes.
- The following is the tool that should be used for screening prior to entry into the building:
 - **HAVE YOU HAD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS IN THE PAST THREE DAYS?**
 - **COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING**
 - **FEVER, CHILLS, MUSCLE PAIN**
 - **SORE THROAT, HEADACHE, NAUSEA OR VOMITING**
 - **DIARRHEA**
 - **RUNNY NOSE OR STUFFY NOSE, FATIGUE**
 - **RECENT LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL, POOR FEEDING OR POOR APPETITE**
 - **Have you been in close contact (less than six feet) with anyone with COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?**
 - **Have you traveled anywhere outside the 50 United States in the past 14 days?**
 - **Have you traveled to Rhode Island from another state for a non-work-related purpose in the past 14 days?**
 - **Have you been directed to quarantine or isolate by the Rhode Island Department of Health or a healthcare provider in the past 14 days? If so, when does/did your quarantine or isolation period end?**
- **IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED "YES" TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ABOVE, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE BUILDING. Please call to discuss when you can return to this facility.**
- Hand sanitizer and soap for washing hands will be available.
- All brothers shall practice social distancing by doing the following:
 - No physical contact such as hand shaking or hugging.
 - Maintain 6 foot distance between each other.
 - Must wear face mask if within 6 feet of another person.
 - Must wash hands frequently.
 - Use hand sanitizer provided by the lodge as needed.
- No contact will be made during the Opening and Closing ceremonies and the following is required:
 - The SD must wear a mask and latex or substitute gloves during the arranging and disarranging of the lights.
 - The Chaplain must wear a mask and latex or substitute gloves when attending the altar.
- After the lodge is closed, brothers will not linger in groups larger than 5 and social distancing rules still apply.
- After the lodge is closed, the lodge room, dining area, and bathrooms will be sanitized by assigned brothers as needed.
- **HARMONY LODGE SPECIFIC PROTOCOL:**
 - In addition to the Grand Lodge Protocols listed above, Harmony Lodge will also institute temperature checks on anyone seeking admittance.
 - Temperature will be taken electronically using a non—contact infrared thermometer.

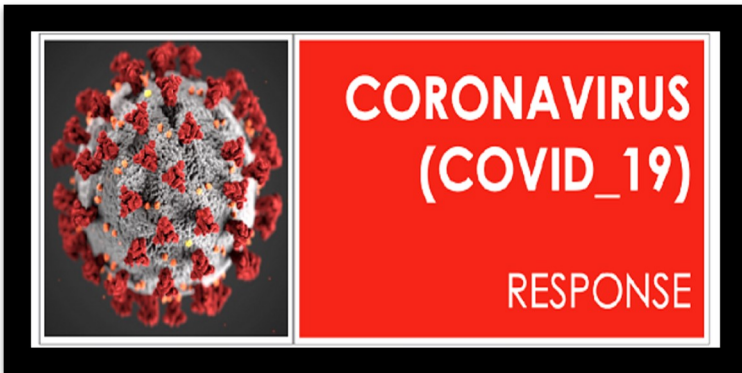
Our Brothers who are Sick and Infirm.....

A card or call would be much appreciated.

Wor. Steve Charron 203 Van Buren Drive, Dalton , GA 30721 (401) 919-8459
Wor. Herchell Talan 195 Lewis Farm Road, East Greenwich, RI 02818 (401) 884-3328
Ken Scanlan 109 Burnside Street, Cranston , RI 02910 (401) 226-7773
Wor. Edwin E. Fielder 85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816 (401) 397-5637
Wor. Richard Harris 51 Grant Avenue, North Kingston RI 02852 (401) 295-1412
Wor. Bo Widergren 160 Cumberland Rd., Warwick, RI 02886 (401) 884-9579

No one likes not being home, please visit or send a card.

Walter Connery RI Veterans Home, 480 Metacom Ave. , Bristol, RI 02809
(401) 253-8000
William Harrison, Sr. Greenwich Farms , 75 Minnesota Ave., Apt. 112, Warwick, RI 02888
David H. Clark South County Nursing & Rehab, 740 Oak Hill Rd., North Kingstown, RI 02852
(401) 792-8462 (Claire)
Richard Urquhart Alpine Nursing Home 557 Weaver Hill Rd., Coventry, RI 02816 (401) 397-5001

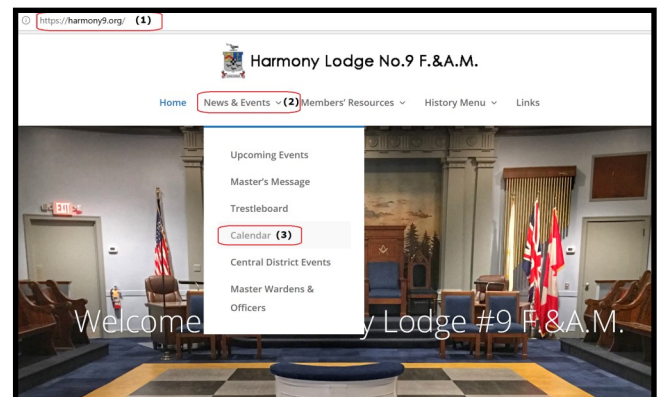


SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

You will note that there is no calendar of upcoming events in this issue.

Due to the ongoing COVID—19 situation, all events previously scheduled are currently on hold until we receive guidance on when we can resume activities.

Please keep an eye on our online calendar at:
www.harmony9.org



**For more up to date information concerning COVID—19,
please visit the following websites:**

RI Dept. of Health: <https://health.ri.gov/covid/>

Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

In Memoriam

**Brother
Gilbert Whitman Gallagher, Jr.**

*Initiated as an
Entered Apprentice
March 15, 1956*

*Passed to the
Degree of Fellowcraft
September 13, 1956*

*Raised to the
Sublime Degree of a
Master Mason
October 9, 1956*

*Admitted to Membership
November 6, 1956*

*Died May 19, 2020
Aged 85 Years*

**Brother
James William Dowding**

*Initiated as an
Entered Apprentice
January 11, 1977*

*Passed to the
Degree of Fellowcraft
April 7, 1977*

*Raised to the
Sublime Degree of a
Master Mason
May 5, 1977*

*Admitted to Membership
June 2, 1977*

*Died May 20, 2020
Aged 90 Years*

**Brother
Edward August Eklof**

*Initiated as an
Entered Apprentice
March 8, 1961*

*Passed to the
Degree of Fellowcraft
May 10, 1961*

*Raised to the
Sublime Degree of a
Master Mason
May 27, 1961*

*Admitted to Membership
June 14, 1961*

*Worshipful Master
Doric Lodge No. 38
1998*

*Died May 21, 2020
Aged 85 Years*

LIVING WORSHIPFUL PAST MASTERS HARMONY LODGE #9, F. & A.M. and Recently Deceased Past Masters of Harmony Lodge

*George E. Lord, Jr.	1960	Elmer H. Palmer	1977	M.W. Richard L. Ault, Jr., PGM	1994	Todd P. Derksen	2011
*Ray C. Arnold	1961	Donald J. Parker	1978	Carl H. Liese	1995	Michael O. Dixon	2012
*Harrie N. Arnold	1962	*R.W. Raymond A. Hargraves	1979	Paul C. Liese	1996	Edward J. Diggie	2013
*Russell M. Birtwistle	1963	*Robert E. Harrop	1980	R. W. Kenneth F. Poyton	1997	Steven Waxman	2014
*Arthur G. Irish	1964	Richard E. Harris	1981	Carmine DePetrillo	1998	Alfred J. Anton	2015
*Arthur J. Dennis	1965	*Josef A. Polichetti	1982	Kenneth A. Angilly	1999	R.W. Michael A. Cunningham	2016
*R.W. Robert F. Poyton	1966	*Phillip G. Rollins	1983	*R.W. Joseph B. McGrath	2000	Merrill I Torgan, Jr.	2017
*M.W. Charles M. Menge, PGM	1967	*Ronald S. Page	1984	*Albert N. Phaneuf	2001	Robert P. Izzi, Sr.	2018
*Richard E. Archer	1968	*Daniel A. Falvey, Jr.	1985	^Scott W. Shippee	2002		
†M.W. C. A. Calverly, Jr., PGM	1969	†Richard R. Galipeau	1986	John H. Cirelli	2003		
*R.W. James A. Malcolm	1970	*Robert P. Gorman	1987	Philip N. Crawford	2004		
R. W. Earl E. Goodby	1971	R.W. R. David Armstrong	1988	Arthur J. Kurtz, Jr.	2005		
*Alfred G. Evans, Jr.	1972	Reginald Gotjen	1989	*Alan French	2006		
* L. Kimball Simmons, Jr.	1973	Antonio Perreira	1990	Stephen A. Charron	2007		
*Carl W. Johnson, Jr.	1974	*Robert F. Aguiar	1991	R.W. James I Ogilvie	2008		
*Harry Liese	1975	Edwin T. Carlson	1992	*Jesse H. Edwards, III	2009		
*Larry J. Farnham	1976	*Edwin M. Keenan	1993	Robert J. Kempf	2010		

LIVING WORSHIPFUL PAST MASTERS DORIC LODGE #38, F. & A.M. and Recently Deceased Past Masters of Doric Lodge

*P. Richard Swajian	1960	*M.W. Julio A. Panniccia, PGM	1972	Stephen C. Markham	1984	Thomas P. Piscopio	1996
*Irvin D. Follett	1961	*Leland H. Wilson	1973	Donald M. Aquilante	1985	Thomas P. Piscopio	1997
*Kenneth F. Reed	1962	*George H. Marshall	1974	*Alexander Peligan	1986	*Edward A. Eklof	1998
*Erle D. Forrest	1963	†Melvin L. Ayers	1975	*Robert A. Wicklund	1987	*Ronald J. Boswer	1999
*Robert M. Smith	1964	*Michael H. Margolis	1976	M. Paul Rego	1988	†John K. Chin	2000
*David W. Blood	1965	William G. Strozier	1977	M. Paul Rego	1989	^Alan A. Abbott	2001
*John R. Curtin	1966	*Arthur Soder, Jr.	1978	†Alan L. Vogel	1990		
*Donald A. Bostrum	1967	*Melbourne R. Barden	1979	†Alan L. Vogel	1991		
*John W. Boardman	1968	†Robert A. Fife	1980	*James M. Thatcher	1992		
*William H. Hurry	1969	*Frederick F. Fairfield, III	1981	*Steven R. Hayes, Sr.	1993		
*Robert A. Wicklund	1970	*William Savasta	1982	*Steven R. Hayes, Sr.	1994		
*Oscar M. David	1971	*Leland H. Wilson	1983	Donald M. Aquilante	1995		

LIVING WORSHIPFUL PAST MASTERS RHODES LODGE #44, F. & A.M. and Recently Deceased Past Masters of Rhodes Lodge

†Robert A. Cottrell	1960	Herchell J. Talan	1970	*Richard J. Pollock	1980		
*George J. Leaver	1961	†James G. Johnson	1971	†Thomas G. Brown	1981		
*Michael Lezanic	1962	†Robert C. Johnson	1972	*Philip L. Kershaw	1982		
*Frank Allen	1963	†Lewis F. Salk	1973	*Richard J. Pollock	1983		
*Walter M. Anderson	1964	*Henry W. Fraser, Jr.	1974	*Charles C. Coakely	1984		
*Russell Salisbury	1965	*Carl F. Diaz	1975	*Charles C. Coakley	1985		
*Burton Salk	1966	Richard L. Wood	1976	Richard L. Wood	1986		
*James H. Winch, Jr.	1967	*Raymond H. Brown	1977	Richard L. Wood	1987		
^Herbert N. Clark	1968	*Raymond H. Brown	1978	*M.W. Charles R. Bonnemont, PGM	1988		
*Victor H. Persson	1969	^Allyn L. Larson	1979				

LIVING WORSHIPFUL PAST MASTERS NATHANAEL GREENE #45, F. & A.M. and Recently Deceased Past Masters of Nathanael Greene

*Milton A. Phillips	1960	*R.W. Earland W. Fielder	1972	James W. Dowding	1984	^Ronald L. Bernier, Jr.	1996
M.W. Sheffield A. Reynolds, PGM	1961	*Anthony A. Pusateri	1973	Christopher J. Dawley	1985	Charles E. Goins, II	1997
*Frank D. Whorf	1962	R.W. Robert J. Stearns	1974	Donald G. Scott	1986	^Alan A. Abbot	1998
*Douglas C. Brush	1963	*Charles E. Barker, Jr.	1975	*Ernest E. Widergren, Sr.	1987	*Joseph E. Thompson	1999
*R.W. William A. Carlow, Jr	1964	*Paul B. Alexander	1976	*Arthur F. Chapman, Sr.	1988	Mike Fox, Jr.	2000
†George W. Gange, Jr.	1965	*R.W. J. Elwin Wilcox	1977	*John V. Grieve	1989	*Arthur F. Chapman, Sr.	2001
R.W. Edwin E. Fielder	1966	*Harry J. G. Grattage, Jr.	1978	John H. Grover	1990	Ernest E. Widergren, Jr.	2002
M.W. Elmer F. Perkins, Jr., PGM	1967	*Hyman Lipet	1979	*Albert A. Abbott	1991	*Raymond R. Hogarth	2003
*Arthur B. Worden	1968	*Robert A. Siple, Jr.	1980	†Paul H. Giard	1992		
†Paul A. Kane	1969	*Mark A. Rosenholm	1981	William J. Kitson, III	1993		
*Walter M. Germond, Jr.	1970	*R.W. Gilbert A. Howard, Sr.	1982	Ernest E. Widergren, Jr.	1994		
*R.W. Fred S. Jurmman	1971	*Robert W. Bourne	1983	Timothy P. Madden	1995		

* Deceased † Demitted ^ Non-Member

For a complete list of Past Masters, please visit harmony9.org