

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

Officers 2019- 2020

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Patrick M. Connor, Jr.

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HARMONY LODGE

TRESTLEBOARD



No. 9, F. & A. M.

SEPTEMBER, 2020

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Harmony family & friends,

As many of you may have heard, we are slowly opening Harmony Lodge to conduct the work of the Craft! With that said we want to reassure our membership that Harmony will follow the guidance from both our Governor & Most Worshipful Grand Master. As of now we can have 25 people in our building together with social distancing. We will also update the amount of people with the current policies issued by our Governor & Grand Master.

Moving forward we'll need to utilize our Reservation system in order to allow members wishing to attend the opportunity to do so. The Lodge has already been marked with designated places to sit in accordance to social distance policies. Upon arrival to the Doric Masonic Center everyone will need to answer the COVID-19 screening questionnaire & have their temperature taken. We have a contactless form to fill out on your mobile device and have an infrared forehead thermometer on hand. If you've passed the screening you'll be able to be admitted with a mask that will need to be worn when closer than 6ft. We ask everyone to maintain social distancing. Use of the hand sanitizers & washing our hands are best practices. If you did not pass our screening because of a high temperature or an answer from the questionnaire in the affirmative, you will be instructed to contact the Worshipful Master. The measures have been put in place to help with the safety of our membership.

I am excited to announce that our Officers delivered a fantastic Fellowcraft Degree on Tuesday, August 18th! Congratulations to our Class of 2020 for being Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft! With that said, there are many people to thank. Thank you to Wor. Brother Steve Reali, Brother Senior Steward Bill Laliberte & Brother Junior Deacon James Lafitte for keeping the class engaged and continuing their Masonic education. Thanks to the Class of 2020 for hanging in there and weathering the storm until we could start ritual again. I hope the degree imprinted wise & serious truth on your memory. Thanks to all the Officers for their fine work. A big thank you to Wor. Brother Mickey Torgan & Brother Senior Deacon Jeremy Newton for a great Middle Chamber! I cannot forget our AGL, Wor. Dave Sousa, who gave up taking his wife out for their 25-year anniversary to be at our degree! You are a brave man and we thank you for being selfless with your time.

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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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Many people have asked, How do you feel about your year? You must be bummed that you could not have the year that you planned? Would you want to repeat your year? To that, of course I am bummed and upset that this pandemic ruined what was to be the pinnacle of my years as an Officer of Harmony. Yes, it was hard to watch each event get cancelled or postponed, some multiple times due to social distancing measures. No, I would not want to repeat another year as that would be selfish. Many Brothers before me have been called to preside over their Lodge and dealt with the draft, war, loss of a loved one or a family member and did not repeat. We will continue in our traditions and look at the positives. We were forced to utilize technology in new ways and will adapt to use them as we move forward. We have learned a lot and will be better prepared if this pandemic continues into the next Master's year. I am confident that Brother Senior Warden Dave Desplaines will be able to navigate Harmony forward amongst this pandemic or whatever else may come his way. We are blessed to have the family that makes up Harmony Lodge and I'm grateful for all the help & support I have received thus far during my tenure as your Worshipful Master.

We do look forward to inviting our membership to our Master Mason Degree with Ionic Lodge in the Fall. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting Degree. If you are interested in taking a part in our Master Mason Degree please speak to any of our Officers or our Master of Ceremonies Wor. Mickey Torgan.

Love and Respect,

Patrick M. Connor, Jr

Worshipful Master

Harmony Lodge No. 9, F. & A. M.





Harmony Lodge No. 9 F.&A.M

Regular Communication

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7:30 PM

No Dinner Due to COVID-19 Restrictions

We have spoken to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and we are able to open our Lodge for up to 66% of our capacity with practicing social distancing. With that said, there will be no reservations needed as we never hit that capacity at our Regular Communication attendance. This message differs from the notice that went out by snail mail. We apologize, as you are all aware with the current pandemic, the situation changes on a weekly and at times a daily basis.

Officers & Members attending the actual meeting are required to follow social distancing measures. Masks, gloves & sanitizer will be available at the Lodge.

For members who would rather social distance and remain safe at home, we will be able to join us via Zoom just after we open Lodge to just before we close Lodge. Just use the link below on the night of Tuesday, September 1st at 7:30 pm and Wor. Brother Secretary Robert Kempf will admit you.



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zoom

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98636924714>



PROTOCOL FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THEM PRIOR TO DIALING IN

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 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.

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. 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
Irving Leon Shein**

*Initiated as an
Entered Apprentice
April 17, 1952*

*Passed to the
Degree of Fellowcraft
April 28, 1952*

*Raised to the
Sublime Degree of a
Master Mason
June 9, 1952*

*Admitted to Membership
September 8, 1952*

Rhodes Lodge No. 44

*Died June 6, 2020
Aged 89 Years*

**Brother
Richard Eugene Harris**

*Initiated as an
Entered Apprentice
December 13, 1972*

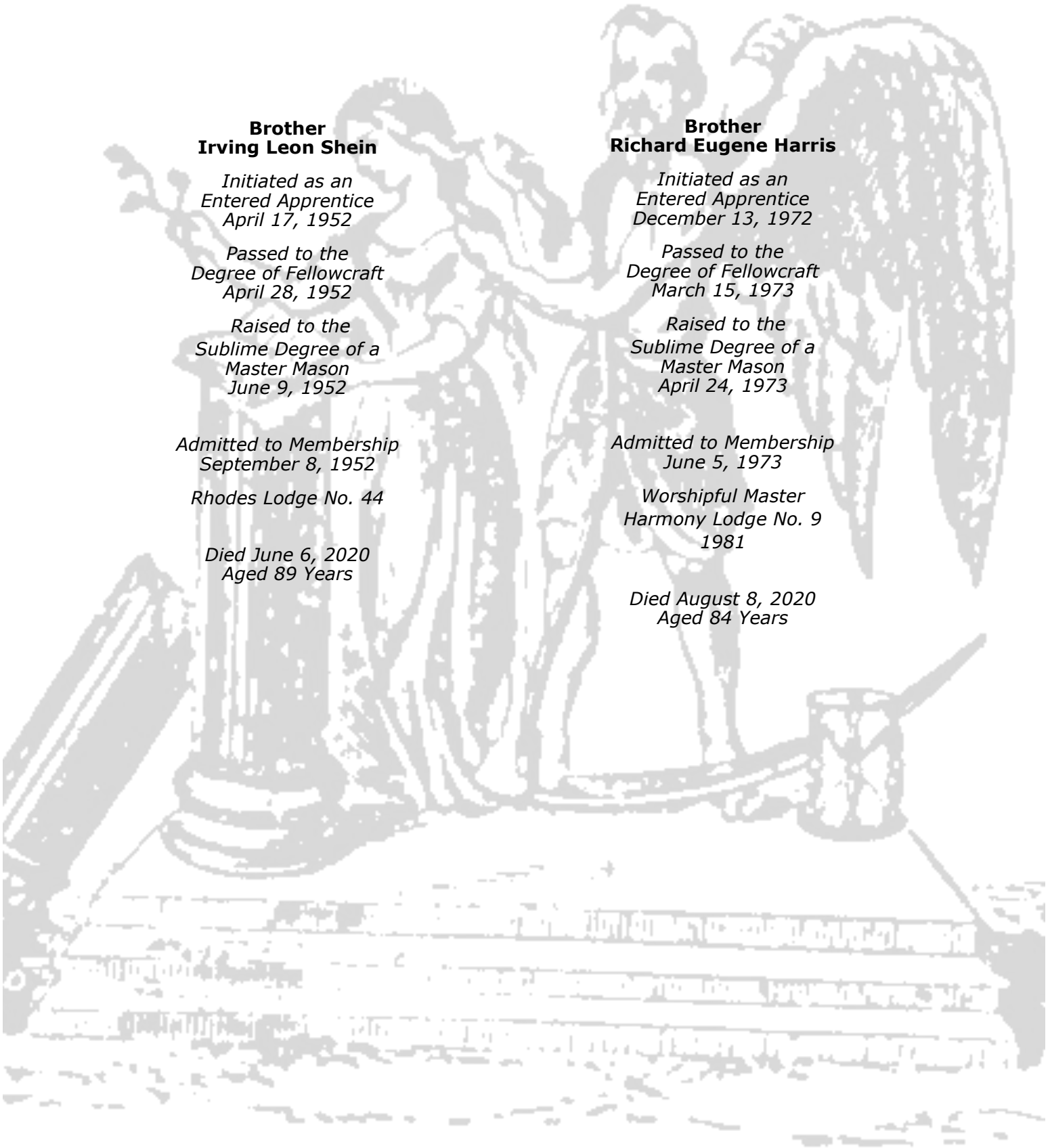
*Passed to the
Degree of Fellowcraft
March 15, 1973*

*Raised to the
Sublime Degree of a
Master Mason
April 24, 1973*

*Admitted to Membership
June 5, 1973*

*Worshipful Master
Harmony Lodge No. 9
1981*

*Died August 8, 2020
Aged 84 Years*



***WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR BRETHREN
GUIDELINES BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OR GRAND LODGE***

- Harmony's Lodge Room shall not exceed 25 people (includes Officers and AGL).
- A contact tracing log indicating the name of every person entering the building for each meeting must be recorded in the Secretaries minutes.
- Anyone seeking admission will have their temperature taken via contactless thermometer. Temperature must be recorded on the contact tracing log.
- 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 Senior Deacon 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.

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. Diggle	2013
*Russell M. Birtwistle	1963	*Robert E. Harrop	1980	M. W. Kenneth F. Poyton, PGM	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. Jurmann	1971	*Robert W. Bourne	1983	Timothy P. Madden	1995		

* Deceased † Demitted ^ Non-Member

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