

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.  
DECEMBER, 2020

### MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brothers, let me start by saying, "Thank you", for electing me as the Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge. It has been a long and fulfilling journey that I believe has helped prepare me for this next year. I look forward to serving the Lodge and working with the officer line and our membership to make it the best year possible.

I would like to congratulate all the officers of Harmony Lodge for a successful year and moving up into their new chairs! Let us congratulate our newest officer, Mike Meier, as he begins his journey through the chairs! Let us congratulate and thank our newest past master, Pat Connor, on finishing his year in the East! The pandemic may have slowed us down but, Pat never gave up and we continued to move forward thru these past months; even with all the covid restrictions.

As we look to the future, there is still a lot of uncertainty in the coming days and months ahead regarding what we will be able to do and not do together in person. We, at Harmony, will continue to try to be creative and make the best of what comes our way to the best of our abilities. **Since it is difficult to make definitive plans as rules continue to change some items may not make the Trestleboard so, please watch email, the website calendar and/or the Facebook group for updates regarding upcoming meetings and/or events.**

I hope to be able to see everyone in person and in the Lodge building soon. Meanwhile, I hope all the brothers and their families stay safe and healthy during these challenging times. We shall get thru this!

Thank you,

Dave Desplaines

Worshipful Master

Harmony Lodge #9 F.&A.M.

#### **Appointed to Harmony Lodge #9, F. & A. M. 2020 - 2021**

W.: Robert Fish	Chaplain	Frank Castellone	Musical Director
James Lafitte	Senior Deacon	W.: Donald Aquilante	Tyler
William Laliberte	Junior Deacon		Sentinel
Jan Zukowski	Senior Steward	Armen Avagyan	Marshal
Michael Meier	Junior Steward	W.: Merrill Torgan	Master of Ceremonies



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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November 13, 2020

Brethren,

I wish I had better news. However, as the number of coronavirus cases continues to rise past the 900 mark per day in Rhode Island, I must continue to keep our lodges closed for the foreseeable future.

This decision does not come lightly, and has been made in consultation with the Grand Council. Our main concern is the health and safety of our brethren. With the Rhode Island numbers skyrocketing, the probability of someone coming into our lodges either as asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic is extremely high. We do not need to be the next "Super-Spreader". So, this decision is out of an abundance of caution.

I have been hearing lately that many lodge Zoom meetings are poorly attended. I get it. We are all Zoomed out. But here is the thing. If you do not attend the monthly communication by Zoom, your lodge may not make it through this serious storm. We need all brethren to do their parts to make sure Freemasonry survives this pandemic.

As your Grand Master, I work daily to keep you, the brethren engaged. We are one of the first jurisdictions to perform ritual openings and closings. This is to keep brothers proficient and active in doing what we do in lodge, but on Zoom. If we skip over our rituals now, we will be unprepared to reopen when it is safe to do so. Please consider that your lodge may depend on your Zoom meeting attendance.

Brethren, as soon as the numbers of coronavirus cases per day declines significantly, I will re-evaluate our status.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy!

Fraternally,

Gary S. Kaufman  
Grand Master



Harmony Lodge No. 9 F.&A.M

# Regular Communication

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:30 PM

**This will be a VIRTUAL meeting via Zoom.**

Members and Master Masons Only

Anyone attending must adhere to the Grand Master's Virtual Meeting Protocol located elsewhere in this issue

Please sign in 15 minutes early using the link below on the night of Tuesday, December 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/96522791635>



## 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  
Dean Tallman, 15 Adams Dr., Coventry, RI 02886 (401) 828-5995  
W.: David DiCecco, 167 High Service Ave., No. Providence, RI 02911 (401) 426-0662  
Kenneth Bell, 115 Red Top Rd., Wallkill, NY 12589 (845) 895-1760

*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](http://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>

# ***PROTOCOL FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS***

***PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THEM PRIOR TO SIGNING 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.



UPCOMING  
EVENTS



MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!

**DORIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

TO BE HELD DURING HARMONY LODGE'S DECEMBER REGULAR COMMUNICATION

*TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2020*





## Heading South for the Winter?

Please give your Winter address to:  
James Rapson, 244 Park View Ave.  
Warwick, RI 02888  
401-781-5879 / [jrrapson@cox.net](mailto:jrrapson@cox.net)

### **HARMONY LODGE NO. 9, F & A M**

### **VETERANS HONOR ROLL**

All Brothers of Harmony Lodge who proudly served their country  
are asked to send the following information to the Lodge:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service – USA / USMC / USN / USAF / USCG

Years of Service – 19\_\_\_\_ to 19\_\_\_\_ to 20\_\_\_\_ to 20\_\_\_\_

Highest Rank or Rate held \_\_\_\_\_ (not pay grade)

This information will be for Harmony Lodge use ONLY.

Email your information to : [jrrapson@cox.net](mailto:jrrapson@cox.net) or call: (401) 374-1813



## LIVING PAST 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	Patrick M. Connor, Jr.	2019
†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 PAST 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 PAST 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 PAST WORSHIPFUL PAST MASTERS NATHANAEL GREENE #45, F. & A.M.

### And Recently Deceased Past Masters of Nathanael Greene Lodge

*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		