

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 2020-2021

Worshipful Master
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HARMONY LODGE

TRESTLEBOARD



No. 9, F. & A. M.

FEBRUARY, 2021

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brothers, the holidays have passed, and spring gets closer every day. Lodge activities are basically at a standstill apart from our monthly virtual meetings. Hopefully, we will be in full swing soon.

As many of you have heard, our brothers at Prince Hall had a devastating fire that destroyed their Grand lodge building at which most, if not all, of their lodges met. Our Grand Lodge is coordinating all donations through Grand Lodge (please see a copy of the Grand Master's letter in this issue).

Harmony stands ready to help once we know what is needed and they are closer to rebuilding. We are in the process of identifying surplus regalia that may be useful, and as more information becomes available, we will keep the membership informed. Luckily, the building was empty at the time of the fire and no one was hurt. Please keep our Prince Hall Brothers in your thoughts and prayers as this was a devastating loss for them, and for their community.

Looking forward to spring I am planning on us being able to meet and socialize in person. I will be planning events so we can get together and catch up on one another's lives and enjoy each other's company.

Be safe.

Stay healthy.

Dave Desplaines

Worshipful Master

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

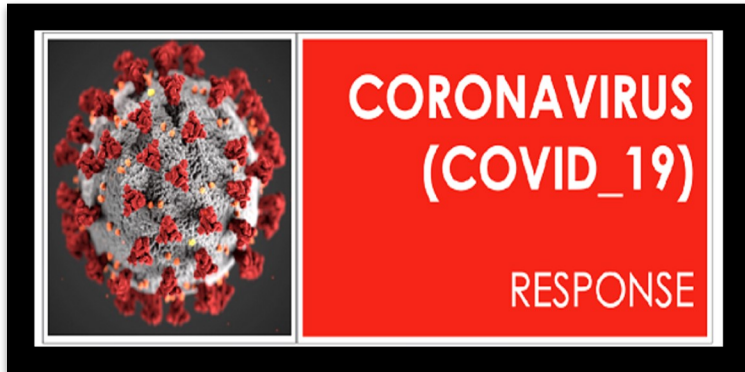
Our Brothers who are Sick and Infirm.....

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
Wor. John Cirelli 3624 Cinnamon Fern Loop , Clermont, FL (401) 595-6683

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)



NOTICE

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
As events are able to be scheduled again,

**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>



You've asked and we've listened!

The current Officer Line has been exploring online payment options and more information on this will be communicated soon!



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

Regular Communication

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 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 February 2nd at 7:30 PM and Wor. Brother Secretary Robert Kempf will admit you.

Reminder: Per Grand Lodge Virtual Meeting protocol, Virtual Backgrounds are **NOT** allowed.

 Powered by **zoom** Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91366688468>



In Memoriam

**Brother
George Mihailides**

*Initiated as an
Entered Apprentice
September 12, 1955*

*Passed to the
Degree of Fellowcraft
November 14, 1955*

*Raised to the
Sublime Degree of a
Master Mason
December 12, 1955*

*Admitted to Membership
Rhodes Lodge #44
January 9, 1956*

*Died December 28, 2020
Aged 92 Years*

**Brother
Richard Stanley Urquhart**

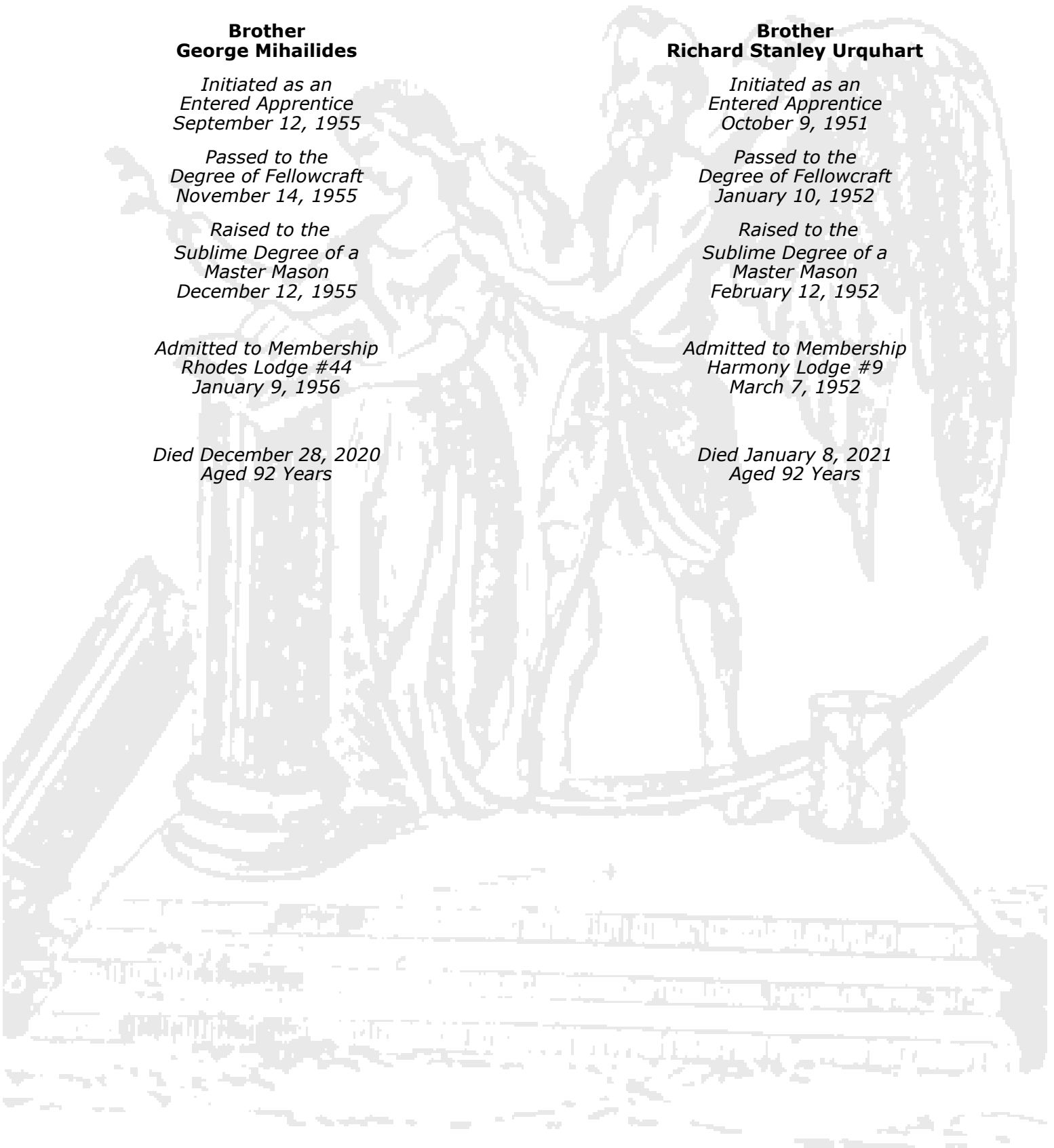
*Initiated as an
Entered Apprentice
October 9, 1951*

*Passed to the
Degree of Fellowcraft
January 10, 1952*

*Raised to the
Sublime Degree of a
Master Mason
February 12, 1952*

*Admitted to Membership
Harmony Lodge #9
March 7, 1952*

*Died January 8, 2021
Aged 92 Years*



UPCOMING EVENTS



NEWS OF INTEREST

The Monthly Meeting of the Doric Board

Will be held via Zoom on Tuesday February 9, 2021 At

7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99260167959>

Be sure to sign in 10 minutes early so W:. Kempf
can let you in and the meeting can start on time!



NOTICE OF PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

A proposed By—Law change will be put forward for membership vote at the March Regular Communication on Tuesday March 2, 2021.

Over the past several years, Harmony's Annual Meeting has been moved to a Saturday. Most moves have required Dispensation from the Grand Master, and based on the number of times the date has been moved, it makes more sense to update our By—Laws.

Change: Day of Annual

ARTICLE II – Title -- Section 3

Currently Reads: "The Annual Communication for the election and installation of officers and the presentation of annual reports shall be held on the third Tuesday in November in each year".

Proposed Change: "The annual communication for the election and installation of officers and the presentation of annual reports shall be held on the **second Saturday in November** in each year".



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE 2021 GAME DINNER

As Rhode Island continues to battle the COVID—19 virus and restrictions on large gatherings are still in effect as of this writing, we wanted to let everyone know that the Henry Rossi Memorial Game Dinner will NOT be held in 2021.

We do not make this decision lightly. The health and safety of our members and guests is paramount, and we look forward to hosting the Game Dinner in 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Worshipful Master David Desplaines.



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 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.



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

FAX: 401/435-4423

January 7, 2021

Brethren:

The outpouring of support for our Prince Hall Brothers after the devastating fire that destroyed their building on Eddy Street has been heartwarming. Individuals and lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction have donated funds and paraphernalia to help our brothers on the road to recovery and restoration. The response has been in keeping with the highest ideals of brotherly love and relief that distinguish our Craft.

In order to facilitate this effort, Grand Lodge has set up a procedure for you to use if you or your lodge wishes to make a contribution.

For financial donations, please make the check payable to "Masonic Grand Lodge Charities of Rhode Island" and put on the memo line "Prince Hall Relief". The check may be mailed to the Grand Lodge office at 222 Taunton Ave., East Providence, RI 02914-4556.

If your lodge wishes to donate lightly used regalia or paraphernalia, we ask that you prepare a list of those items and send it by email to the Grand Secretary at grandlodge@rimasons.org. There are many items of paraphernalia that have been offered and we don't want to build up a large inventory of duplicate items. The Grand Secretary will let you know if your items can be used and instruct you on where and when to deliver them.

Thank you for your generosity and sincere concern for our Prince Hall Brothers.

Fraternally,

Gary S. Kaufman
Grand Master

PAST WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF HARMONY LODGE #9, F. & A. M.

*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		

PAST WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF DORIC LODGE #38, F. & A. M.

*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		

PAST WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF RHODES LODGE #44, F. & A. M.

†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				

PAST WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF NATHANAEL GREENE LODGE #45, F. & A.M.

*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 Worshipful Masters, please visit harmony9.org