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 JODGE

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No. 9, F. & A. M.

MARCH, 2021

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brothers, the snowy month of February has come to a close and we are one step closer to Spring.

I am happy to announce that the Grand Master is allowing Lodges to re-open for in-person meetings beginning on February 22, 2021. Therefore, our March Regular communication meeting will be held in—person. As seating capacity is limited to 40% room occupancy, we will open a Zoom meeting for the business portion of the meeting, so that those unable to attend in person can still participate.

As an added bonus, this meeting will be the official visitation to Harmony Lodge by the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master for the Central District, R.: W:. Eric Grist, who will be accompanied by his Worshipful Grand Master of Ceremonies, W:. John Kent, III. We look forward to welcoming them both.

Now that we can hold in—person meetings, we plan on finally doing the Master Mason degree sometime in March so our perpetual Fellowcraft can continue on their journey.

We have a couple of by-law change proposals that will be discussed at the March meeting so please plan to attend and be part of the conversation.

We are proposing to change the Harmony Annual to a Saturday. The past five Annuals were on a Saturday and Bro. Senior Warden Josh Edwards has indicated he will do the same. The other changes are to the MacIntosh Scholarship by-laws, which have not been updated for a number of years. We are updating them to make more available to Brothers and their families. More details will be provided at the meeting.

It has been a long and tough few months with winter and COVID-19 restrictions, having to stay home and not seeing the brothers in person has been a challenge. Hopefully March will bring better weather and fellowship.

I look forward to seeing you and being able to sit in the East for the first time as Master of Harmony Lodge.

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.....

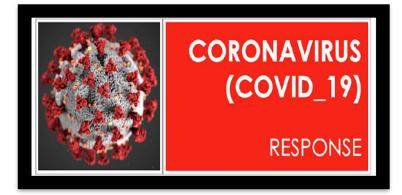
A card or call would be much appreciated.

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



Regular Communication

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:30 PM

This meeting will be held IN PERSON (up to 40% Lodge Room capacity). Please review the updated in person meeting protocols elsewhere in this issue!

For those unable to attend in person, the BUSINESS portion of the meeting will be broadcast via ZOOM.

There will be NO Dinner OR Collation.

Note that this meeting is the **official visitation** of R:.W:. Eric Grist, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master for the Central Masonic District. Please make every effort to attend, whether in person or by Zoom, to show your support!

Anyone attending via ZOOM 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 March 2nd at 7:30 PM and Wor. Brother Secretary Robert Kempf will admit you.

As a reminder, per Grand Lodge Virtual Meeting protocol, Virtual Backgrounds are NOT allowed.





In Memoriam



Initiated as an Entered Apprentice February 13, 1957

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft May 8, 1957

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason May 25, 1957

Admitted to Membership Doric Lodge #38 June 12, 1957

Died January 22, 2021 Aged 91 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS



NEWS OF

The Monthly Meeting of the Doric Board



Will be held via Zoom on Tuesday March 9, 2021

At 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/95216524972

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



The Monthly Meeting of the Fellowcraft Club

Will be held via Zoom on Wednesday March 17, 2021

At 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/98199902878?
pwd=dURvN3JpNGJoYXNsRjN5OGxjSStEZz09

Proposed By-law Change MacIntosh Scholarship Program

2a: The Fund shall be administered by the Finance Committee of Harmony Lodge #9 F&AM with the Treasurer serving as Chairman

2b: Not more than eighty (80%) per cent of the earned income of the Milton R. Macintosh Memorial Scholarship Fund shall be expended annually to provide educational aid and scholarship for:

First: Current Members in good standing, Children of current members in good standing or deceased members and grand-children of current members in good standing.

Second: The members or alumni of Fidelity Chapter, Order of DeMolay and the members or alumni of Woodridge Assembly, Order of Rainbow.

Third: If none of the above, The members of the Order of DeMolay and Order of Rainbow in Rhode Island.

Scholarship awards shall be capped at fifteen (15) per year with the monies equally distributed among all applicants. If there are less than fifteen (15) applicants the following formula may be used at the discretion of the committee after a unanimous vote: 1-5 applications 50% of allotted award, 6-10 75% and 11-15 100%.

The scholarship committee may by unanimous vote modify the provisions of 2B at their discretion as circumstances arise

Scholarship awards may be granted to an applicant to an accredited College, Community College, Technical or Trade School upon approval of the Scholarship Committee.

Section 2c A committee of three (3) members in good standing of Harmony Lodge # 9 F&AM shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master upon enactment of this by-law whose duty it shall be to determine recipients and respective amounts of such education aid or scholarships each fiscal year. Members shall be appointed as follows 1- 3year term 1-2year term and a one-year term. The most senior member of the committee (committee service time) will be the Chairman. The Worshipful Master shall appoint a new member for a three (3) year term at the annual communication and shall appoint a replacement member as needed to serve out the remainder of the term of the member replaced. No officer elected or appointed of Harmony Lodge #9 F&AM shall be a member of the committee with the exception of the Treasurer and Secretary of Harmony Lodge #9 F&AM who will serve as ex-officio members with no voting powers. No member shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms but after a member has at least a one (1) year break in service he is eligible for reappointment.

Proposed By-law Change Harmony Lodge Annual Meeting

Change: Day of Annual

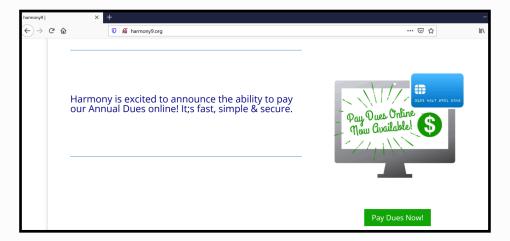
ARTICLE II - Title -- Section 3

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".

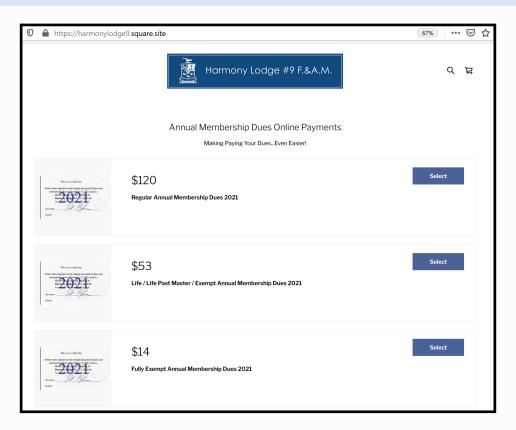
Proposed Change: "The annual communication for the election and installation of officers and the presentation of annual reports shall be held on the **second Saturday in November** in each year".

Paying Your Dues Just Got **EASIER!**No Checks, No Stamps!

Access the payment screen from harmonylodge9.square.site/



Select your Dues category (as indicated on your Dues Notice), and then follow the prompts for entering your payment information!



If you have any questions, please reach out to W:. Patrick Connor or Lodge Treasurer, Bro. James Rapson.

February 2021 Lodge Reopening COVID-19 Control Plan Masonic Lodge Guidelines

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ For the time being, dinners will only be allowed by using a licensed caterer and having a maximum of 30 people in the dining area if space allows.
- Having now reopened our lodges, we will not use the Virtual Opening and Closing Ritual in a live lodge. We will now use the modified live lodge ritual that was used prior to November 2020. Meaning, the usual cipher ritual will be used with the exception of the "passing of the word". There will be no contact when "passing the word". A bow will be appropriate.
- ⇒ No lodge building shall exceed 40% of its capacity with a maximum of 125 people. This is dependent on 6 feet social distancing rules.
- ⇒ A contact tracing log indicating the name of every person entering the building for each meeting must be recorded in the Secretaries minutes.
- One or two brethren shall be stationed at the entrance of the lodge to take temperatures, screen, and record the information for all who desire admittance with the following questions:
 - ⇒ HAVE YOU HAD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMP-TOMS IN THE PAST THREE DAYS?
 - ⇒ COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, OR DIF-FICULTY 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 Unit-

- ed 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?
- ⇒ <u>IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED "YES"</u> 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 covering if while in the Lodge building.
 - ⇒ 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 face covering and latex or substitute gloves during the arranging and disarranging of the lights.
 - ⇒ The Chaplain must wear a face covering 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.
- ⇒ Collation will not be offered after the meeting.
- ⇒ After the lodge is closed, the lodge room, dining area, and bathrooms will be sanitized by assigned brothers as needed.

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.



Saturday, March 13th at 7:30 pm



presents
Virtual Paint & Vino Nite!

FREE for those who would like to participate.

All materials will be supplied.

Reserve your spot today - **Deadline** for Reservations is **March 6, 2021**!

Contact Brother Senior Warden Josh Edwards phone: (401) 219-6782 email: joshedwards230@gmail.com

Petitions for Membership

The following petitions for membership have been received by Harmony Lodge:

Maximo Ivan Mugica Gonzalez, 25, Cranston, RI

Vinicio D. Cepeda, 39, Providence, RI

John James Belsky, 44, Cranston, RI

Antonio Mariano, 33, Cranston, RI



The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Jurisdiction of Rhode Island P.O. BOX 27900, PROVIDENCE, RI 02907

January 4, 2021

Giving Honor to our Supreme Being!

Greeting and Happy New Year to you! Hoping that this communication finds you and yours in good health. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Rhode Island suffered a devastating loss on Christmas Day. Our Grand East, located at 883 Eddy Street, was engulfed in flames. The building is a total loss. In addition to losing our building, our Lodges, OES Chapters and auxiliary bodies lost valuable inventory. Finally, our independent income tenant, The Acacia Club, that assisted the Grand Lodge in many ways, is now inoperable. Needless to say, the Prince Hall Jurisdiction of Rhode Island is shocked, overwhelmed and distressed!

Prince Hall Masonry (PHA) has been a part of the fabric of Rhode Island since the turn of the nineteenth century. Since 1964, the building at 883 Eddy Street has been the hub for the Prince Hall Masonic family in Rhode Island. The Prince Hall Grand East is more than just a meeting place. The African American community has accessed 883 Eddy Street for many years, to celebrate as well as mourn. Losing this precious resource will indeed impair if not "stall out" not just our PHA family but the community-at-large. It is imperative that we rebuild and restore this resource not just to its members but to the whole community.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Rhode Island hopes that you or your organization will consider assisting us in this massive effort to rebuild, and to continue our assistance to the community struggle. Donations to this effort can be forwarded to:

The Prince Hall Capital Campaign Fund PO Box 27900 Providence, Rhode Island 02907

Those who wish to give electronically can use the gofundme charity site: https://charity.gofundme.com/PHGLFA.

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		