

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.
APRIL, 2021

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brothers, it was great to meet in person for the March meeting and to welcome R.: W.: District Deputy Grand Master Eric Grist and W.: John Kent on their official visitation to Harmony Lodge. It was also nice to see W.: Patrick Connor receive his well-deserved Past Master's Certificate, as well as the presentation of the gifts for M.: W.: Past Grand Master Ken Poyton on behalf of the Grand Lodge Officers from his year. All in all, it was a great night!

As regulations are being relaxed, we have started moving forward with planning activities. I am in the process of planning a Ladies Luncheon for May or early June. I will send out details when they are finalized.

On May 8th, 2021 we will be having a memorial service at the Lodge for James "Jimmy Jim" Hopper. More details to follow.

We have several applications for candidates, and we will be holding the degrees over the upcoming months. We will be getting a late start this year so I will be reaching out for help with the degrees as it will put more pressure on the officers of Harmony, but we are up to the challenge.

Enjoy the warmer weather and stay safe and 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

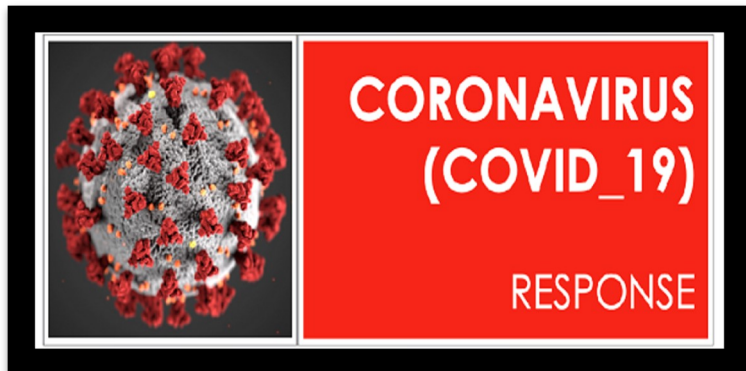
Our Brothers who are Sick and Infirm.....

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
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Wor. Bo Widergren 160 Cumberland Rd., Warwick, RI 02886 (401) 884-9579
Wor. John Cirelli 3624 Cinnamon Fern Loop , Clermont, FL 34714 (401) 595-6683
Wor. Ed Carlson 150 Vera Street, Warwick, RI 02886 (401) 739 -5351

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>



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

Regular Communication

Tuesday, April 6, 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.

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 April 6th 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.



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zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98603594075>



UPCOMING EVENTS



NEWS OF INTEREST

The Monthly Meeting of the Doric Board

Will be held via Zoom on Tuesday April 13, 2021

At 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92760490653>

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 in person and via Zoom on Wednesday April 21, 2021

At 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting Link: [https://zoom.us/j/99685790248?
pwd=V292MDdwU0dSWG9jRndtK3d0UVVBZz09](https://zoom.us/j/99685790248?pwd=V292MDdwU0dSWG9jRndtK3d0UVVBZz09)



Petitions for Membership

The following petition for membership
has been received by Harmony Lodge:

David Cabral, 56, Warwick, RI

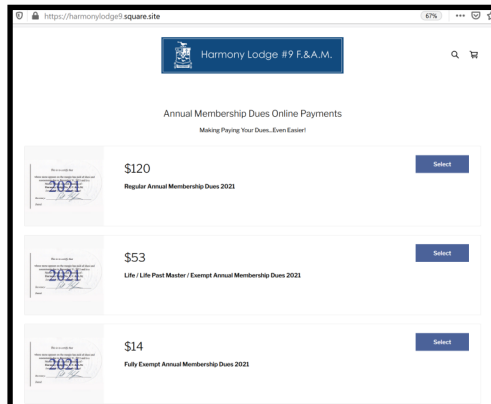
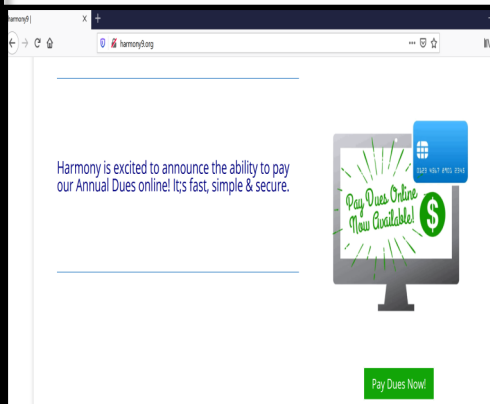
PAYING YOUR DUES JUST GOT EASIER!

NO CHECKS, NO STAMPS!

1) Access the payment screen from harmony9.org and scroll down until you see the page below, or you can access directly by typing in <https://harmonylodge9.square.site/>

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

3.) 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

- ⇒ 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.
 - ⇒ 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 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 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.
- Note that these guidelines are subject to change by order of the Grand Master, or direction from the State of Rhode Island.*

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.

Proposed by-law change

ARTICLE VII – Memorial Funds Section 2 The Milton R. MacIntosh Memorial Scholarship Fund

Section 2b:

Currently Reads:

The net income of the Milton R. MacIntosh Memorial Scholarship Fund shall be expended annually to provide educational aid and scholarship for:

First: The children of present or deceased members of Harmony Lodge.

Second: The lineal descendants of present or deceased members of Harmony Lodge.

Third: The members or alumni of Fidelity Chapter, Order of DeMolay and the members or alumnae of Cranston Assembly, Order of Rainbow.

Fourth: The members or alumni of the Order of DeMolay and Rainbow in Rhode Island.

Changed to read:

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 grandchildren 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.

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Proposed by-law change

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Section 2c:

Currently Reads:

A committee of three (3) members of Harmony Lodge shall be appointed by the Master upon enactment of this by-law whose duty shall be to determine the recipients and respective amounts of such education aid or scholarships each fiscal year. The first member of such committee shall be appointed for a three (3) year term, one appointed for a two (2) year term and one appointed for a term ending with the next Annual Communication. At each Annual Communication thereafter the incoming Master shall appoint a member of Harmony Lodge for a three (3) year term. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Changed to read:

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 one 3 year term, one 2 year term, and one 1 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.

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