



**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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[drd6970@gmail.com](mailto:drd6970@gmail.com)

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# Harmony Trestleboard

Harmony Lodge Number 9, F. & A.M.

**May, 2021**

## Master's Message

Brothers,

Spring is here and the days are getting longer and warmer. It's definitely a welcome sign. I am planning to have an EA degree in May to start some candidates on there journey. This date will be scheduled and communicated soon. As always, please look at the Lodge website at [harmony9.org](http://harmony9.org), the Lodge Facebook page, as well as the upcoming Trestleboards for your latest news and updates.

The June meeting is typically our Past Masters meeting and steak fry. Covid will not stop this event and it will go on.

Mike Lawson is in the process of planning the golf tournament for July 17<sup>th</sup> at Crystal Lake. This will be a 1:30 PM shotgun start, and more details to follow.

On July 11<sup>th</sup> I have reserved the Masonic Youth Center in Buttonwoods for our annual picnic. Mark you calendars! This will be a family event and you will be well fed! This should be a fun day.

To the officers of Harmony Lodge, I want you to know I appreciate your hard work and dedication to the Lodge. These gentlemen are out multiple nights a month and sometimes multiple nights a week. They do a lot of things behind the scenes to make the Lodge run smoothly. These brothers serve the Lodge tirelessly and ask for very little in return and for that I thank you.

David 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



# Tenets of the Fraternity

## Our Brothers who are Sick and Infirm

As Freemasons, we have a duty to offer words of encouragement, to reach out when needed, to listen and understand, and to honor our Brothers with our commitment and dedication. ***No one likes not being home, please visit or send a card, which would be much appreciated.***

### Home

- **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 34714 (401) 595-6683
- **Wor. Ed Carlson** 150 Vera Street, Warwick, RI 02886 (401) 739-5351
- **David Hobday** 241 Magnolia Street, Cranston, RI 02910 (401) 204-7591

### Care Facilities

- **Walter Connery** RI Veterans Home, 480 Metacom Ave. , Bristol, RI 02809 (401) 253-8000
- **David H. Clark** South County Nursing & Rehab, 740 Oak Hill Rd., North Kingstown, RI 02852 (401) 792-8462 (Claire)

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

You will not 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)

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>

## **In Memoriam**

**Brother William C. Harrison, Sr.**

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice - February 10th, 1972

Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft - March 16th, 1972

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason - April 13th,  
1972

Admitted to Membership June 6th, 1972

Died April 11th, 2021

Aged 83 years

Visit Harmony Lodge #9 F.& A.M. at [www.Harmony9.org](http://www.Harmony9.org)

We are also on Facebook as Harmony Lodge #9



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

Trestleboard, May 2021

# Regular Communication

Tuesday, May 4, 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 May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM as Wor. Brother Secretary Robert Kempf will admit you.

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

 Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98301568879>





# Upcoming Events

## **Memorial for Jim Hopper**

Harmony Lodge will be holding a memorial for Jim Hopper on **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Because of covid restrictions we are limited to the number of people that can attend. The family has requested that it be invitation only so that family members can attend as well as brothers. Please do not feel offended if you did not receive an invitation, the building can only hold so many people, some of whom are coming from out of the state. Any and all questions, comments, and concerns can be directed to the Worshipful Master.

## **The Monthly Meeting of the Doric Board**

**Will be held via Zoom on Tuesday May 11, 2021**

**At 7:30 PM**

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96138076813>

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 Tuesday May 19, 2021**

**At 7:00 PM**

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93595080958?pwd=V1V4bm9DeHZkb256MHVGZ0hCcFY4QT09>

## **MacIntosh Scholarship**

**Deadline to submit application is May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Information about the scholarship can be found on the Harmony Lodge website:  
[https://harmony9.org/?page\\_id=291](https://harmony9.org/?page_id=291)

Application can be downloaded from the Lodge website:  
<https://harmony9.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Macintosh-Scholarship-Application-2021.pdf>

Applications can be emailed to W:. Secretary Robert Kempf at: [secretary@harmony9.org](mailto:secretary@harmony9.org)

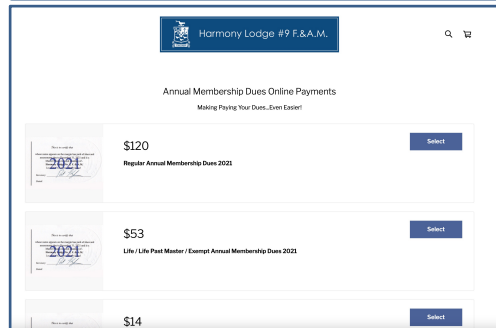
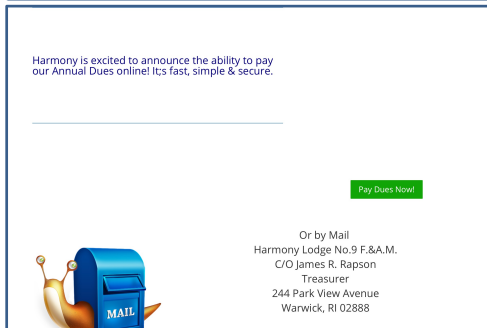


# Harmony Lodge No. 9. F. & A.M. Trestleboard, May 2021

## Paying your dues just got easier! No checks. No stamps!

- 1) Access the payment screen from [harmony9.org](https://harmony9.org) and scroll down until you see the page below, or you can access directly by entering:  
<https://harmony9.square.site/>

- 2) Select your Dues category (as indicated on your dues notice) on the screen below, and then follow the prompts to enter your payment information!



Questions? Please reach out to W.: Patrick Connor or Lodge Treasurer, Bro. James Rapson

### 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 – USN / USMC / USA / 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 : [jrapson@cox.net](mailto:jrapson@cox.net) or call: (401) 374-1813



## 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 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.



## 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	R.W. Kenneth F. Poyton	1997	Steven Waxman	2014
* Arthur G. Irish	1964	* Richard E. Harris	1981	Carmine DePetrillo	1998	Alfred Anton	2015
* Arthur J. Dennis	1965	* Josef A. Polichetti	1982	Kenneth A. Angilly	1999	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. Calverley, Jr., PGM.	1969	† Richard R. Galipeau	1986	John H. Cirelli	2003		
* R.W. James A. Malcom	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 Pereira	1990	Stephen A. Charron	2007		
* Carl W. Johnson, Jr.	1974	* Robert F. Aguiar	1991	James I. Ogilvie	2008		
* Harry Liese	1975	Edwin T. Carlson	1992	* Jesse H. Edwards's 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. Paniccia, 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. Bowser	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. Bostrom	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. Cokely	1984
* Russell Salisbury	1965	* Carl F. Diaz	1975	* Charles C. Cokely	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	* Charles R. Bonnemont, PGM	1988
* Victor H. Persson	1969	^ Allyn L. Larson	1979		

## PAST WORSHIPFUL MASTERS of NATHANIEL 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. A. Sheffield Reynolds, PGM	1961	* Anthony A. Pusateri	1973	Christopher J. Dawley	1985	Charles E. Goins II	1997
* Frank D. Whorf	1962	R.W. Robert J. Steans	1974	Donald G. Scott	1986	^ Alan A. Abbott	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. Jurmman	1971	* Robert W. Bourne	1983	Timothy P. Madden	1995		