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Lodge No. 45 F.A.A.M.**

bulletin

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Sporting Clay Event

The Sporting Clay Event/tournament was a huge success. We had 20 people participate with members from two other lodges, two possible petitioners (one of them already gave me his petition) several visitors and our "EA" was in attendance.

The event was held at "The Point of Pintail" a premier shotgun range on the eastern shore. SPORTING CLAYS has been compared to "Golf with a gun" where you report to stations and shoot the "CLAY" pigeons that fly out from behind the blinds. Scores are kept for the most clay's broken.

We had wonderful weather and a great time. My son Zack was the big winner as he broke 44 out of 50 targets. 2nd place was me at a woeful 24 out of 50. Third place was a three way tie at 20 out of 50 targets. The third place winners were WB Adam Goldman from Benjamin F. French Lodge, SD J.D. Thomas from Justice Columbia Lodge and Terry Smith (Guest). We had quite a few attendees that had never handled a firearm, most had only fired a squirt gun. Everyone did a fantastic job and more importantly no one got hurt

One of the visiting brothers commented that they were impressed by our turnout and fellowship as they don't have 20 people show up for a free event. This, of course, made me smile.

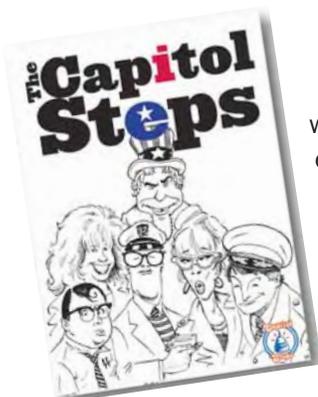
The BBQ Lunch was beef brisket and pulled pork with macaroni and cheese, coleslaw and salad and after lunch we had the award ceremony where Zack was presented a trophy.

The event ended at 2:00 PM. A few of us then drove to Alexandria where we participated at a Singleton event at "TopGolf". A good time was had by all. I think we will repeat the shooting event next year.



More Sporting Clay photos Beginning on page 8

A Large Turnout is Expected for Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge Night at the Capitol Steps



On Saturday Night, May 5th, at 7:30pm we will be attending the current production of the political satire performance group, Capitol Steps. With everything going on in politics today, regardless of your views, this should be a great time.

The Capitol Steps began as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people and places that

employed them.

The group was born in December, 1981 when some staffers for Senator Charles Percy were planning entertainment for a Christmas party. Their first idea was to stage a nativity play, but in the whole Congress they couldn't find three wise men or a virgin. So, they decided to dig into the headlines of the day, and they created

*See **Capitol Steps** continued on page 6*

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The information below is the most current that we have received. To give further or more up-to-date information, call **Sunshine Chairman Hal Henig at 301-681-3873.**

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Condolences:

Our condolences go out to...

The Goldman family for the loss of Bro. Martin Goldman; Estelle Hein, Paula, Debbie and Mark and Lenny Maites on the passing of Past Master Joeseeph Hein.

In Memoriam

Bro. Martin Goldman	Past Master Joseph E. Hein
Born: April 7, 1930	Born: September 21, 1930
EA°: April 13, 1954	EA: January 27, 1953
FC°: June 8, 1954	FC: February 24, 1953
MM°: July 13, 1954	MM: April 14, 1953
Died: March 25, 2018	WM: 1965
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Fellow Craft Degree Save the Date June 12, 2018

The second step of Masonry, the Fellow Craft Degree will be conferred at the June Stated Communication, Tuesday June 12, 2018.

The symbolism of the Entered Apprentice degree emphasizes beginnings, spiritual birth, the first steps, youth, and orientation to the Light, which are all consistent with an initiation into the fraternity. The second degree of Fellow Craft symbolizes the methods of developing and progressing in the Craft and, in a sense, the emergence into spiritual manhood and maturity. Come and help our candidates continue their journey in Masonry.

Senior Decon Burt Levy be in the East, Junior Warden Jerry Keilsohn will be in the South and Senior Warden Bob Greenwald, will be in the West. You will want to come out and watch them guide the candidates. Rounding out the ritual team will be Degree Director and Master of Ceremonies, Sheldon Rappeport, PM leading the procession.

Light From the East



Brethren, we have had another full month of activities which included an Entered Apprentice Degree, a Meet-up at Bagel City and the Parkway Deli, a big social activity Shooting Clays, Visitations to Naval Lodge#4 and Harmony Lodge#17's Festive Board, and the Emergent Communication for Joe Hein PM.

We have plans for an even busier month ahead as we have our own Festive Board on May 8th, a social night out with the Capital Steps on May 5th and our participation in Good Deeds Day on April 29th. I look forward to seeing everyone at these activities.

Our Good Deeds Day volunteer work this month is an interesting engagement for our Lodge. We are aligned with the Jewish Federation through Jconnect to support a program for Disabled Veterans at the DC Veterans Hospital. Jconnect is the social outreach program of The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. They sponsored and organized the meals program at the N Street Shelter that several Brothers participated during February and they are the local sponsor for Good Deeds Day. Of course, the Lodge has participated for a very long time in the Veterans Hospital visitations and this past year we renewed our old tradition of making our visitation the Sunday prior to Christmas when we know the other Lodges are busy with their own families and could not attend. Brothers Jeffrey Greenwald and David Torchinsky, PM continue to organize our community activities.

This month we are also continuing our efforts to increase the Fellowship opportunities by engaging in sporting and other social activities of interest. Last month we attended a Washington Capitals Game, and as of the time I write this, the Capitals are still in the playoffs! GO CAPS!! And this month Michael Greenwald PM, led a large group for a Skeet Shooting outing. Later this month we will also have a large gathering for our night at the Capitol Steps. Regardless of your political affiliations, this year is ripe for political satire and I am sure we will not be disappointed. And next month, in June, we will be attending a Washington Nationals Game. These activities are perfect opportunities to join your Brethren, many are open to family and friends and we are again experiencing an interest in participation by non-Masons who find something of value for them in the Fellowship and Brotherhood of our Lodge.

Consider who among your family and their friends might join us for these activities as we look to rebuild our membership.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Raymond Horn, *Worshipful Master*



Take me out to the Ballgame! Nationals 6/10 with your Brethren at a Discount!

GO NATS! The Lodge has secured a block of tickets for the Sunday, 4:05pm, June 10th home game against the San Francisco Giants. Our seats are located in the Right Field corner and the Lodge is discounting them by 20%!! Seats are \$30 each and you can bring friends and Family. This is going to be a great game, with great seats!

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In the South

By Jerry Keilsohn, JW

Several weeks ago, I got invited to a Festive Board at Harmony Lodge #17. My experience with past Festive Boards was mixed. I had been to a few good ones, and a few that were not so good, and at one the food was awful, but the associated program was terrific.

After RSVPing “yes,” a day before the event I got an email from the Worshipful Master of #17. I had been “voluntold” that I would have the honor of giving the response to the toast for “All Visiting Brethren.”

**** I muttered a few expletives, some of which might not have even been appropriate even for the all-male Festive Board, and I undertook the task of needing to figure out what to say.

After a quick consultation with my friend, Google, I found lots of stuff.

I even found a 7-step set of rules for replying to the Visitor Toast. And not really surprising, I found lots of discussion on the topic.

One of the hotly discussed topics was: Formal response or not? Since this was going to be a formal occasion, and I was going to have to put on my Tux, something like this, but in a British accent: (since I borrowed it from a British Lodge’s web site)

“This evening I find myself a welcome visitor in your Lodge. We are all visitors on this sublunary abode and as the humble representative of those who are now visiting your small part of it, I thank you for your welcome and for the pleasure of your company”

Way to stuffy for me [Yes I had to look up that word too].

Or, maybe I should go with more of an informal response. You can probably tell which direction this is going.

Another hot topic – Tell a joke or do not tell a joke. I even found a few good jokes. But I’m a lousy joke teller, so no joke from me.

Another recommendation, comment on the Welcome you received. Oh, an easy one. I could do this one. I could just say “The Brethren of Harmony Lodge always make all visitors welcome.”

Comment on your shared history. I could do this one too – “Many of us have been to several of Harmony Lodge’s meetings to hear and participate in their interesting programs, maybe we are not really visitors?”

Finish with a meaningful Masonic Quote – I ran out of time to find a good one, so I elected to skip this step. ****

And now, you the reader, are trying to figure out what I actually responded with?

I just cheated on this month’s article. Because if you go back and read this again, starting and ending at the ****s, fixing the tense when appropriate, you just read my response to the Visiting Brethren Toast.

I’ll close with something I saw on a sign the other day, and is some food for thought:

“Moses was the first person, with a tablet, that downloaded data from the cloud.”



Visitation to Naval Lodge #4

Several Brethren including MWB Tepper, MWB Volsky and WB Michael Greenwald, attended a fantastic program at the Naval Lodge #4 on Thursday, April 5th. Naval Lodge was honored to host Worshipful Associate Grand Historian and Archivist James Morgan, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of DC, Worshipful Brother Mark Brown, Worshipful Master of Eureka 5 MWPGLDC, and their delegation during this Stated Communication. Worshipful Brother Morgan delivered a presentation on Prince Hall Freemasonry, detailing when it was started and by whom. It was a fascinating presentation complete with a slideshow. WB Morgan was able to trace his family’s roots through Masonry. If you are able to attend this presentation in the future,

you will not be disappointed. Naval Lodge has been “on fire” recently with fabulous programs. If you have not visited this lodge building before, you are missing out. The decor is nothing like you have seen in this jurisdiction.

Visitation to Harmony Lodge #17 Festive Board

The WM of Harmony, John Paul Dogmo knows how to run a Festive Board. In attendance from our lodge was RWB & WM of Maynilad Lodge Sheldon Rappeport, WB Michael Greenwald, PM and JW Jerry Keilsohn.

The event was held at Guapo's Restaurant which is just down Wisconsin Avenue from the Singleton Masonic Center where the Lodge meets. The upper floor of Guapo's was reserved for the event, which really was a who's who's of Masonry in our jurisdiction. There were no less than 5 Past Grand Masters, plus the current Grand Master in attendance



and countless other Grand Lodge Officers.

The brotherly love was felt by all. The Brethren of SG-BF #45 were honored to have been invited to such a fine evening. And JW Jerry Keilsohn was given the additional honor of being one of the assembled brethren to give the response to the Visiting Brethren Toast.

After the festive Board, a large number of the brethren went to Civil's (a cigar lounge next to Mazza Gallery) where the night continued until we closed the establishment down @ 2:00 AM.



FEAST OF ADAM'S RIB: MASONS & LADIES WELCOME

Tuesday, May 8 - 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

From time immemorial, Freemasons have enjoyed meeting about a "Festive Lodge" loaded with the fruits of their labor. The lodge feast carries out a custom, which was old when the pyramids were built. From the idea of a feast in which brethren broke bread together and drank in common, came the table lodge of the late 17th and 18th centuries. The result of these table lodges was that the masonic fellowship was well-founded. Friendship, brotherly love and affection could and did flourish. Toasts and song were an integral part of these table lodges.

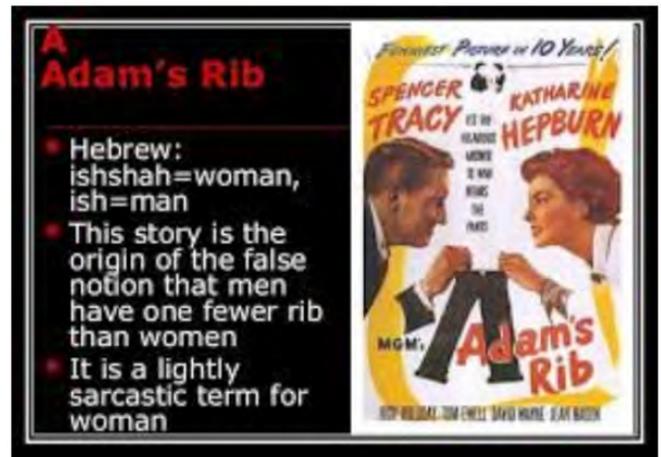
We have endeavored to change this ceremony only enough to allow us to invite our ladies and non-masonic friends to a table lodge we now call "the Feast of Adams Rib" which will promote "good-fellowship" with all the fun and frolic for which the fraternity is known. You will be instructed in the art of toasting. This feast, developed from the traditional table lodge will be conducted by Mark Pearlstein PM of Amicable-St. John's Lodge #25 and will include members of our sister Lodge. This Festive Board will occur on our usual meeting date, but will be held at Positano Ristorante Italiano in Bethesda, on Tuesday May 8th. We are not charging our Brethren and guests.

Positano Ristorante Italiano
4948-4940 Fairmont Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814

HOST:
Samuel-Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45



This it is an open event with a cash bar that will begin at 6:30pm and the festive board will begin at 7:00pm. Please RSVP to the event by Friday, May 4 to insure that ample food will be available. The County parking garage is behind Positano with entrances on Old Georgetown Rd and Woodmont Ave. Please RSVP to the event in the App or to the Master, WM@sgbf45.org.



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song parodies & skits which conveyed a special brand of satirical humor.

VENUE

The group will perform at the Amphitheater of the Ronald Reagan Building located on the concourse level in a plush theater capable of seating 600. Parking is available in the building, and the building itself is Metro accessible (Federal Triangle or Metro Center). The show runs roughly from 7:30 pm until 9:30 pm.

The officers have secured a block of tickets which the Lodge is partially subsidizing so the cost will be \$25 for Lodge Members and their Guests. Your payment secures your seat, please RSVP before May 1st.

Please let me know if you will be coming and if you are bringing a prospective member. Make your payment by check or PayPal.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Raymond Horn, wm@sgbf45.org.



**Parade & Meet-Up
To Honor Those Who Served**

We will attend a Memorial Day Parade to be held in downtown Washington, DC on Monday, May 28 to honor the Men and Women that served and sacrificed their lives to defend our great nation. This parade has been organized by the American Veterans Center and will occur along Constitution Avenue from 2pm to 4pm.

This announcement is a change from last month's Bulletin, which stated the parade was going to start along Independence Avenue. Instead of meeting at Independence Avenue, we will meet at 1:20 PM at the Archives-Navy Memorial Metro Station on the Green Line. Then before 2pm, we will work our way over to Constitution Avenue to see the parade.

After the parade, we will have an early dinner at a restaurant along Pennsylvania Avenue. Choice of restaurant is still TBA. Please email Hal Henig at hhenig@comcast.net or text at (301) 919-1250. The Parade Meet-Up will be posted on the Samuel Gompers App on a later date. Open to all guests.

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Happy Birthday . . .

The following Brethren observe their birthdays on the May date shown. Be sure to wish them well on that day.

Joel Shulman	2	Leonard Heller	18
Irving Torchinsky	4	Samuel Bauman.....	19
Charles Meyers	5	Gerald Herson.....	21
Craig Oppenheim.....	8	Lee Barton	23
Randall Schoch	9	Eddie Eisenstein	23
Raymond Horn	12	Ivan Soroka	23
Richard Sincoff.....	12	Gerald Tolpin.....	23
Zivan Cohen.....	17	Albert Postal	26
Michael Leibelson	17	Jack Klawans	28

Lodge Annual Memorial Service

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 8 at 2:00 at Takoma Lodge for that is the day of the Annual Memorial Service. We will memorialize 16 of our brethren who have traveled to the realm of the Supreme Architect of the Universe last year. We owe our departed brethren the respect they deserve, so please turn out for that afternoon.

Cantor Michael Zosman will again join us to chant several appropriate songs and to issue words of comfort to the families who are in attendance. As this will be a Special, no business will be conducted and the service will commence at 2 PM. Light refreshments will follow. More information will follow in the next bulletin.

Joseph E. Hein, PM., 1965 1930-2018

By Allen J. Wright, PM

Another of our senior Past Masters, Joseph E. Hein, answered the call of our Supreme Grand Master on April 2, 2018 and transited to the Celestial Lodge. Joe was born in Baltimore on September 21, 1930. His family moved to Washington when Joe was 2 years old and he graduated from Coolidge High School in 1948. He served in the United States Navy but his height restricted him to the class of ships on which he could serve. He and Estelle Skolnick were married on January 11, 1953, a few weeks before Joe was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Samuel Gompers Lodge. Estelle recalls the time Joe had to spend learning ritual in order to receive his degrees, even during their honeymoon. He was raised to Master Mason on April 14, 1953. They raised two daughters and a son; Paula who is married to Bruce, Debbie who is married to Jacky and Mark who is married to Susan. They have five surviving grandchildren.

Joe and his brother-in-law Lenny Maites both worked for Royal Furniture Company and, later for Royal Formal Wear. Many lodge officers in our area rented tuxedos and tails from them for lodge meetings.

Joe and Estelle took pride in their 41 foot Hatteras

cruiser, named Royal Lady, and sailed many weekends from their Piney Narrows Marina to destinations around the Chesapeake Bay.

Joe's year as Worshipful Master was highly successful and included very large attendance at lodge functions. For example, our Lodge held a free Birthday Party at Indian Springs Country Club attended by more than 700. More than 1200 attended the Annual Ladies Night at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Approximately 500 attended the Installation at the Scottish Rite Temple on 16th Street. A Fellowcraft Degree was held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia and 75 Brethren from Cornerstone Lodge of Maryland joined as our guests to witness the degree. To provide immediate assistance to widows, our Masonic Aid Association was formed and 300 Brethren joined during the initial month. The entire year was filled with superlatives.

Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge was privileged to have had Joe serve and we pray that his memory will forever be a blessing and an inspiration to all.



Post Passover Bagel City Meet-Up

The first Sunday Morning after Passover on April 8, four Brethren and one guest met at Bagel City Restaurant in Rockville for a late breakfast of bagels. Brethren present were Hal Henig, Meet-up Chairman, WM Ray Horn, JW Jerry Keilsohn, Jeff Greenwald, and WM Horn's son David,

Everyone had an enjoyable meal and pleasant fellowship during this Sunday morning of nice weather.

We were happy to eat bread and take a break from eating matzos, after celebrating eight days of Passover. The photo above shows us enjoying ourselves during the second Sunday in April. This was a nice Meet-Up, despite fewer people joining us. This time we did not meet other Masons in the Bagel restaurant.

We look forward to more Brethren and guests to attending our Sunday Morning Meet-Up at Bagel City in the future.



Well Attended Entered Apprentice Degree

The beginning of light for Masons, the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on our newest Brother, Derek Gould at the April Stated Communication, Tuesday April 10th, 2018.

Congratulations to our degree team who worked hard to learn their parts. Bro Jeff Greenwald donned the top hat for first part of the degree and JW David F. Soliven of Harmony Lodge No.17 provided the Lecture. Junior Warden Jerry Keilsohn was in the West, Senior Warden Bob Greenwald, in the South and Burt Levy, PM was the Senior Deacon. Rounding out the ritual team was the Degree Director and Master of Ceremonies, Sheldon Rappeport, PM leading the procession.

An excellent degree has helped to set our new Brother on firm ground on his first step in Masonry.



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Calendar for Masonic Year 2018—Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45

For the most up-to-date information, please check the Trestleboard or www.sgbf45.org. If anyone is interested in any of these events and wishes to obtain more information, please contact WM Ray Horn about all events (see page 3)

Date	Event	Open to
May	5 Social—7:30 PM—Capitol Steps	Everyone
	8 Stated Communication	CALLED OFF
	8 SOCIAL—6:30 PM—Knife & Fork Degree	Everyone
	28 Meet up—TBD	

Date	Event	Open to
June	10 Social—4:05 PM—Nats Game with your Brethren	Everyone
	12 Stated—7:30 PM—Fellowcrafts Degree	FC Masons ONLY
	24 Charitable—9:30 AM—VA Visitation	Everyone
	25 Meet-up—TBD	