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

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Meets Second Tuesday of Each Month (Except July and August—no meetings;—December—first Tuesday)



2019 Chinese New Year Parade

The Chinese New Year Parade will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019, in Washington's Chinatown along H St NW. This will be the third year in which our lodge will attend this parade.

Our Chinese New Year Parade Meet-ups have been a big success. A large number of Brethren and guests joined in the celebration of the Chinese New Year. This is a great activity for the

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Valentine's Day Gala

Tuesday, February 12th at Takoma Masonic Center

Hoping to see you there!

Dinner Reservations Required:

Pre-Meeting Dinner at 6:30 PM

This year, Valentine's Day falls on Thursday, February 14th. For our first major social event of the year, we will be holding our Valentine's Day Dance on Tuesday, February 12th which coincides with our regular meeting. If you have attended the last two years, you will know that this is a no miss, very special social event.

Our wives (or "significant others") may conjure up visions of dinner, dancing, and otherwise romance-inducing activities to celebrate this romantic occasion. As a result, our Worshipful Master Bob Greenwald has scheduled a Special Gala Pre-Valentine's Day Event. A short Stated Communication will be followed by an evening that includes all of the delightful accoutrements that go into making a memorable and meaningful night that can be enjoyed by our members, their wives, significant others, and anyone else they wish to invite.

Of course, reservations are required, so please use your Lodge's smartphone appli-



cation to RSVP, or otherwise let our event Chairman, JW Burt Levy, know how many guests you will be bringing. His email is jw@sgbf45.org.

A "romantic" dinner is planned followed by a Ballroom Dancing demonstration given by none other than our twinkle-toed Master and his lovely partner who will then assist willing attendees and their partners in learning how to "glide with pride" around the dance floor. Think of how many of your family members or friends would like to partake in DINNER, DANCING, and SOCIALIZING and then make your reservations and look forward to the special night.

Family and friends are all welcome. Take a special note if a Kosher meal is required, all RSVP's should be in by February 5th.



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Robert Greenwald, *Senior Warden*
Jerry Keilsohn, *Junior Warden*

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Brethren, it is my privilege to greet you as your new Worshipful Master and extend a warm welcome. May I take a moment to introduce your newly elected Officers and appointed Brethren who are listed in the back of this *Bulletin*. Please make a point of thanking them for their service to the Lodge and introducing yourself if you do not know them.

We are here to serve you and will provide our best efforts to ensure this promise is kept.

Our lodge has become a progressive one; as such we must look to the future — more than the past. It behooves all of us to do everything we can to preserve it and preserve it well. Please take a moment at our next event and look around, everyone you see; we are the lodge. We must do all we can to ensure its existence. There is much to be

done and we cannot afford to stay inactive.

To paraphrase one of our great presidents - "Ask not what your lodge can do for you, ask what you can do for your lodge."

I want to thank you all for participating in the Lodge and hope we will have the pleasure of seeing you more often.

This month our February meeting will again be our Valentine's Day Event. Please plan on attending with your honey as we will have a wonderful meal and dancing. There is a meet up planned for the Chinese New Year's Parade and our ritual team is working hard to prepare for the EA Degree at our March Stated Communication. We have several new candidates this year and your attendance speaks volumes to them about our Lodge.

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A group of Brethren quickly signed up to once again support the Federation's community service at the N Street Village shelter. These Brethren will be working early on Sunday February 3rd, and do some good for our DC community before the big game! We'll prepare and serve healthy, delicious meals to homeless and low-income women in need at N Street Village. The 13 slots that the Lodge was able to reserve for this activity have already been filled!

December VA Visitation

The Brethren of our Lodge stepped up again to continue a tradition of Samuel Gompers–Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45, having a Christmas Eve visitation to the VA Hospital in Washington DC. We gathered early at the VA Hospital on Sunday, December 23rd and found our Tiler John Garrison along with WB Jerry Bauman already there ahead of us. We greeted the Veterans, gathered them for the service, then participated in the service, doing our best to follow the Christmas carols. We then accompanied the Veterans back to the residential area. This year there was a visiting music group who performed at the service making this year one of the best-attended services the Pastor could remember.

Attending this event from our Lodge, along with WB John Garrison, WB Jerry Bauman, was WB Burt Levy, Bro. Hal Henig, Bro. Derek Gould, WB Raymond Horn, WB Michael Greenwald, WB Allen Wright, SD Jeff Greenwald, and WB David Torchinsky. Special thank you to Brother Jeff Greenwald who organized the event.

Following the event, a number of the Brethren went out to enjoy some good fellowship at Goldberg's Bagels. Please be aware that in the ensuing year of 2019, our Lodge will have two dates for visitation including the Sunday prior to Christmas. We hope to

see you at one of these visitations. Thank you to all of our veterans for their service to our nation.



Please check out our Lodge's website:
<https://sgbf45.org>
which has been updated for the ensuing year!

This was not the article I had planned to write this month. I was going to write about sitting in the West and how my first real experience of doing so went. My view changed.

One of the responsibilities of the Senior Warden is to take over if the Worshipful Master cannot attend a Lodge meeting. Unfortunately, the Worshipful Master was ill for our very first meeting, and I ended up in the East. The rest of this should probably be titled, From the East!

I had a few days warning that I was going to be in the East. I spent just about every waking moment afterward, going over the Opening and Closing Ritual. I did not want to embarrass myself. But I stumbled. I got to a point where my mind went blank and had no clue what the next line was. Fortunately for me, one of our Past Masters quickly reminded me, and with the quick prompt, my memory kicked back in and I was able to continue.

After I got the Lodge opened, I was presented with a bunch of ritual and meeting order, I had not practiced for. As the Right Worshipful Brother Alan L. Gordon, Senior Grand Warden of the District of Columbia came to visit by order of the Grand Master, he was to be properly received. I managed to use his proper title and was able to receive him properly.

Next, we had to install our new Treasurer, Robert Starr, PGM and then a series of items to conduct the other business things that need to be done during a Lodge meeting. Thanks to our Brother Secretary, we got through them without too many problems.

We had many guests visiting, all of whom wanted to hear WB Adam Goldman, PM talk. I have known Adam for the last few years, and have heard him speak before. So I too was looking forward to hearing him. As usual, he did not disappoint and was a wonderful speaker.

Although I had practiced the closing (a lot), I asked the Senior Grand Warden to do it for me

which he did and he closed in Ample Form.

And so ended my first experience in the East. I was exhausted. And while I was prepared and knew what to expect, the first time doing it was quite an experience. I am confident, the next time I do it (Warden's Night in I think October) I will do it a little bit better, and maybe not be quite as nervous about it.

I had planned to close the meeting with a quote. In preparation, I thought I would look for one from our namesake Samuel Gompers. I did a Google search for Gompers' quotes. There are lots of good ones. Unfortunately, almost all of them are about labor unions and issues associated with them, their formation, and function. None of them seemed to me to be appropriate for closing a Lodge meeting. I then looked for ones from our other namesake Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Franklin. As expected, there are hundreds of Franklin quotes. I selected one that I thought would be great to end my first time in the East.

Since I never got to use it, I will share it here.
"Never ruin an apology with an excuse".



*WB Adam Goldman and our WM for the day
Jerry Keilsohn*

Monthly Lodge Meet-Up at China Gourmet

On Christmas Eve, while Santa Claus was delivering gifts to children that were needy and nice, we held our December Meet-Up. The Meet-Up was held at the China Gourmet Restaurant in Kensington, Maryland. This is part of the American Jewish tradition of going to Chinese restaurants during the Christmas Season. “No other restaurants are open.” Brother Hal explained.

And so goes the story of Jewish Christmas in a tiny capsule. For many Jewish Americans, the night before Christmas conjures up visions, not of sugar plums, but plum sauce slathered over roast duck or an overstuffed plate of beef lo-mein, a platter of General Tso’s Chicken, and (maybe) some hot and sour soup. Jewish Christmas, in many ways, could very much be seen as a modern affirmation of faith. After all, there



are few days that remind American Jews of their Jewishness more than Christmas in the United States.

Four people attended this Meet-Up: Brother Hal Henig, Meet-Up Chairman, Robert Starr, PGM, PM, his wife Vickie and Allen Friedman, PM. All four of us enjoyed the food offered by the Restaurant. China Gourmet has a good reputation in providing quality Chinese Food. In addition, the restaurant was crowded that evening. Fortunately, the Meet-Up chairman made a reservation in advance.

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family and friends. 2019 is interestingly the year of the Pig!!

So, put this fun Meet-Up event on your calendar and you will not be disappointed. This event celebrates the contributions Chinese Americans have made to both the Washington Metropolitan Area and the nation. This parade is sponsored by the Washington DC Chinese Taipei Community and the DC Government.

The parade will start at 2 pm and end at 4 pm. Please plan on meeting between 1:15 pm and 1:30 pm in front of the Walgreens located at 801 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001. This is close to the Capital One Sports Center near the Gallery Place Metro Stop. Please use text or our app to

find each other as this is a very popular event for families in the District.

Once the parade ends around 4 pm, we will have an early dinner at Tony Cheng’s Restaurant. Reservations had been made at Tony Cheng for 4:30 pm. Address of the restaurant is 619 H Street NW, 20001. Be advised that INCLEMENT WEATHER will affect this event.

Please click on the app, text Hal (301) 919-1250, or email hhenig@comcast.net, if interested in attending. Guests are also invited.



VISITATION TO Amicable-St. John's 25

On January 3, 2019 a number of Brethren of our Lodge attended the Installation of our sister Lodge, Amicable – St. John's Lodge No. 25 as our own Jules Tepper, PGM was to be installed as the Master of ASJ.

The installation ceremonies were held at the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Maryland in Corinthian Hall at 7:00 pm. A reception catered by Ikaros followed the installation in the lower lobby and the Brethren and their visitors enjoyed a fine Greek meal.

Attending from Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin were Derek Gould, Michael Greenwald, PM and Raymond Horn, PM. As our WM was sick he sent his regrets.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland has a beautiful facility and we were able to renew our friendships with the members of ASJ including RW Bro. Mark Pearlstein who conducted our Table Lodge last year. We wish the new WM a good year as he takes another turn in the East.



The new Worshipful Master Jules Tepper, PGM, Amicable – St. John's Lodge No.25



Raymond Horn, PM, WM Jules Tepper, PGM, Michael Greenwald, PM

Death by Dessert INVITATION



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salad, rolls, desserts, coffee, tea and soda.

Please RSVP by February 3rd to:

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Dorothy Todd 301-776-5119 or oesdot@aol.com

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1926 Henry Gompers*	1950 Sigmund Ades*	1967 Robert A. Frank*	1984 Edwin S. Nachlas
1927 Maurice Blum*	C. M. Pascal*	Philip L. Silver*	1985 Norman Barshai*
1928 Samuel Feldman*	1951 Lester Goldberg*	1968 Arthur J. Rappeport*	1986 Donald S. Jacobs
1929 A. Ken Armstrong*	E. H. Chayt*	Harvey I. Chidel*	1987 I. Rocky Rachlin*
1930 I. Albert Peake*	1952 Arthur Zinnamon*	1969 Milton Korn*	1988 Ronald L. Forman*
1931 Louis J. Raebach*	Paul Hyman*	Irwin T. Rosenblatt*	1989 Sheldon I. Rappeport, DSM
1932 Louis Goldberg*	1953 Irving Schwartz*	1970 Robert F. Goldberg*	1990 Robert H. Starr, PGM
1933 A. D. Abrams*	Samuel Levine*	Elliott M. Kessler*	1991 Robert W. Husemann
1934 M. A. Goldberg*	1954 Robert H. Silberg*	1971 Harry L. Levin*	1992 Robert Haber*
1935 Myer C. Rosendorf*	L. L. Litvinsky*	Nathan Leiderman*	1993 Michael Niddam*
1936 Alfred L. Bennett*	1955 Hyman Sandler*	1972 Morris Gevinson	1994 Joseph N. Snyder
1937 Milton D. Korman, PGM*	L. N. Palder*	George G. Jaffe*	1995 Burt Levy
Joseph Fromberg*	1956 Joseph R. Berger*	1973 Howard H. Ziegler*	1996 Michael Simon*
1938 Joseph Hurwitz*	N. Norman Engleberg, PGM*	Joseph Sagal*	1997 Adam Forman
A. H. Ostrow*	1957 Eugene J. Hellman*	1974 Aaron S. Teitel	1998 Robert Hixon*
1939 Jacob Sandler*	E. S. Chayt*	Donald M. Stein	1999 Albert Hemmerdinger*
L. T. Johnson*	1958 Morton H. Oppenheim*	1975 L. Paul Cornell*	2000 William D. Boker*
1940 Frank Paley*	S. M. Goldstein, DSA*	Robert P. Reid*	2001 Sheldon I. Rappeport, DSM
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1941 Saul G. Lichtenberg*	Murray L. Wolfe, DSA*	Harry Korb, DSA*	2003 Jeffrey Sherman†
Abe Coonin*	1960 Jerome W. Golomb*	1977 Jaison I. Green*	2004 William D. Boker*
1942 Harry A. Oliker*	Milton Fields, DSM*	Ernest Gold*	2005 Stanley Jordan*
I. P. Bauman*	1961 Benjamin Schendell*	1978 Richard A. Levine*	2006 Jerrold Gordon, MA Lodge Fidelity Medal
1943 Samuel B. Block*	David Goldberg*	Morris I. Apple*	2007 Merriman F.C. Parkinson*
D. E. Snyder*	1962 Arnold S. White*	1979 Michael J. Rinis	2008 William J. O'Brien*
1944 Michael J. Cohen*	Arthur Sprintzin, DSA*	Jerome E. Bauman	2009 Jonathan M. Binstock
W. D. Newrath*	1963 Allen J. Wright	Max Beloff*, Lodge Fidelity Medal GL Gold Fidelity Medal	2010 David B. Torchinsky
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M. A. Ostrow*	1964 Jerome L. Saidman*	1981 Jules S. Tepper, PGM	2012 Erik F. Milman
1946 Matthew Tepper*	Abe Sperling, DSA*	Joel Shulman	2013 Erik F. Milman
L. C. Silverman*	1965 Joseph E. Hein	1982 Walter F. Simon, DSM	2014 Adam Forman
1947 Bernard Easterson*	Harold Levy*	Harold Levy*	2015 Randy A. Schoch
S. S. Kaltz*	1966 William D. Boker*	1983 Julien P. Hoffberg	2016 Leonard Rubin
1948 Irvin J. Footer*	I. M. Engel*	Harold Levy*	2017 Michael K. Greenwald
D. C. Buchalter, DSA*			2018 Raymond E. Horn
1949 Saul Weiss*			
H. R. Wittenberg*			

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*-Deceased †-Demitted

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

1970 Sam Rodis*	1982 Arthur Rubinstein*
1971 Sam Berger*	1983 Eli Berkowitz*
1972 Ted Rothman*	1984 David Shapiro*
1973 Ted Zinnamon*	1985 Fred Gordon*
1974 George Zillig, DSM*	1988 Phil Berg*
1975 Erich Frank*	1992 Max Smith*
1976 Jeffrey Rothman	1993 Jerrold Gordon, PM
1977 Stanley Schecter*	1999 Frank Gantz*
1978 Howard Kouzel*	2000 Milton VanGrack*
1979 Harry Hofberg*	2017 Allen Wright, PM
1980 Benjamin Davis*	2018 Sheldon I. Rappeport, DSM
1981 Benjamin Rinis*	

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1960 Louis Cooper*	1971 Leonard Weissmann*
1961 Abe Rosenblatt*	1972 David C. Buchalter, PM*
1962 Jack Hyman*	1973 M.L. Greenberg, PM*
1963 S.M. Goldsteiun, PM*	1976 Murray L. Wolfe, PM*
1965 Henry Salus*	1978 Jack Rosenthal*
1966 Morris Dworkin*	1980 Jerry Jablow*
1967 Arthur Sprintzin, PM*	1981 Abe Sperling, PM*
1968 Nat Levinson*	1982 Harry Korb, PM*
1969 Harry Silverstone*, Grand Lodge Fidelity Medal	

LODGE SILVER FIDELITY MEDAL Jerrold Gordon, MA

GRAND LODGE VALENTINE REINTZEL MEDAL Robert H. Starr, 2001 Norman Barshai, 2002 Michael K. Greenwald, 2017

PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Milton D. Korman, 1969	Robert H. Starr, 2002
Theodore M. Kahn, 1985	Jules S. Tepper, 2003

WREATH LAYING

On February 18, 2018, Washington Daylight Lodge #14 will continue the long tradition of laying a wreath at Brother George Washington's tomb at his Mount Vernon Estate.

All masons are welcome to join the Lodge procession from the front entrance of Mount Vernon to the tomb and back. The procession starts at 10:30 am, when we march to the tomb, lead by a bagpiper, engage in the ceremony of laying a wreath, and then we return in procession to the Mount Vernon Visitor's Center.

After this, we will have a tour of Mount Vernon and lunch in the Mount Vernon Inn. Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, February 12th to MWB Jesse Villarreal, email jv1301@aol.com, cell phone 703-282-6366. Email notification is preferred.

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The Lodge was full for our January Meeting.

January Stated Communication



WB Josh Rubin asking a question during the lecture



SW Jerry Kellsohn, acting WM with Senior Grand Warden: RWB Alan L. Gordon



Enjoying our dinner before the meeting

For our recent January Stated Communication, Adam Goldman, PM was the invited speaker. As our WM Bob Greenwald was ill, the officers were required to move up a chair, proving that the Lodge is in good hands for the following year. SW Jerry Keilsohn donned the top hat and sat in the East for the first time. He is to be congratulated for man-

aging the business of the Lodge, efficiently receiving Grand Lodge Officers and introducing a number of visiting Brethren including Grand Lodge Officers, sitting masters of other lodges as well as visiting Brethren.

Adam Goldman, PM gave a lecture entitled Jewish Magick or Kabbalah, which centered on the mystical interpretation of the

Bible using esoteric methods. His lecture unveiled where a divine feminine element has been included in Masonic ritual but hidden from view. I don't think any of us had heard that interpretation in our traditional Hebrew School education nor will we view the commemoration of Purim the same way again.

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Calendar for Masonic Year 2019 – Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45

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Date	Event	Open to
February	3 Community Outreach, N Street Village	Everyone
	10 Chinese New Year Parade	Everyone
	12 Stated—Ladies Night & Valentine's Dance	Everyone
	18 Wreath Laying at Mt. Vernon with Washington Daylight No. 14—10:30 am	Masons Only

Date	Event	Open to
March	12 Stated—Entered Apprentice's Degree	Masons Only
April	7 Good Deeds Day, Rockville JCC	Everyone
May	14 Stated Communication	Masons Only
June	11 Stated—Fellowcraft Degree	Masons Only