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Lodge No. 45 F.A.A.M

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and December, (second Sunday)

THE GRAND LODGE, F. A. A. M.
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



**SAMUEL GOMPERS-BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
LODGE NO. 45
September 10th, 2024 - 7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER STATED COMMUNICATION
GRAND VISITATION & AWARDS NIGHT**

Brethren,

Our Annual Grand Visitation and Awards Night will take place on Tuesday, September 10th.

7:30 PM at Takoma Masonic Center
(113 Carroll St. NW).

The lodge opened on the EA degree.

A wonderful dinner preceded our communication commencing at 6:30 PM.

Dress for Lodge is dark suit and tie for Brethren, Tuxedos for Officers.

6:30 PM Dinner at the refectory.

7:30 PM Lodge opens on the
1st Degree



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Your father or uncle
may have been a Mason

Your grandfather probably was a Mason

To learn more about Masonry:
We meet the second Tuesday night
at Takoma Masonic Center

Raymond Horn, *Worshipful Master*, wm@sgbf45.org
Robert Greenwald, *Senior Warden*
Jerry Keilsohn, *Junior Warden*

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Light From the East

WM Aaron A. Kamerer 2024



“The search for light is the true purpose of Freemasonry, and it is through that search that we come to understand ourselves and the world around us.”

— Manly P. Hall

Samuel Gompers - Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 held an outstanding Fellowship Dinner at Busboys and Poets for our members. It was well attended providing a great evening of brotherly love but also an opportunity for the Brethren to reflect on the past, present, and future of the lodge. Myself and Worshipful Brother Keilsohn spoke on these topics with my focus on the present and his on the future.

The members were attentive to the discussion on how the lodge should proceed in the future and receptive to many of the wonderful suggestions shared by Worshipful Brother Keilsohn with some less active members showing interest in future participation. There were many stories shared and

opinions expressed with the end result shedding light on the fact that changes need to be made to continue the lodge into its next centennial of existence. It was a night of enjoyment for all who were fortunate enough to be able to attend and those who could not were deeply missed.

Regardless of your attendance at our Fellowship Dinner or regular participation, To be a part of the future of our Lodge, contact myself or WB Keilsohn. There are many ways to build fellowship.



SAMUEL GOMPERS-BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 45, F.A.A.M. LIVING PAST MASTERS

1974	Aaron S. Teitel
1974	Donald M. Stein
1979	Michael J. Rinis
1979	Burton Penn
1981	Jules S. Tepper, PGM
1981	Joel Shulman
1983	Julien P. Hofberg
1989	Sheldon I. Rapoport, MA, DSM, GL-E
1990	Robert H. Starr, PGM

1995	Burt Levy, HPSGD
1997	Adam Forman
2001	Sheldon I. Rapoport, MA, DSM, GL-E
2002-2003	Jeffrey Sherman
2009	Jonathan M. Binstock
2010	David B. Torchinsky
2011	Joshua L. Rubin
2012-2013	Erik F. Milman
2014	Adam Forman

2015	Randy A. Schoch
2016	Leonard Rubin
2017	Michael K. Greenwald, SGD
2018	Raymond E. Horn
2019	Robert Greenwald
2020	Jerry P. Keilsohn
2021	Burt S. Levy, HPSGD
2022	Jerry P. Keilsohn
2023	Allen R. Levy

Fellowship Dinner

The Lodge held a Membership Fellowship Dinner in preparation of our Lodge's 100th Anniversary. Samuel Gompers Lodge No. 45 was first Chartered, Dec. 16th, 1925, it was Constituted Jan. 26th, 1926, and Consolidated with Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 50 on June 14th, 1983. While our Centennial, will occur on Dec. 16th, 2025, we are eager to celebrate and ensure the continuity of our Lodge

Worshipful Master Aaron Kamerer welcomed all the Brethren and challenged everyone to renew their dedication to the Lodge in honor and in preparation of the 100th Anniversary of the Chartering of Samuel Gompers – Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45.

Attending the dinner:

- WM Aaron Kamerer, PM
- Raymond Horn, PM
- Alan Gordon, PGM
- Alan Karpas
- Allen Levy, PM
- Jonathan D. Cohen
- Charlie Meyers
- Chuck Oshinsky
- Derek Gould
- Howard Politzer
- Hal Henig
- RWB Jean Paul Dongmo, PM
- Jerry Keilsohn, PM
- Joshua Rubin, PM
- Jeff Greenwald
- Julien Hofberg, PM
- William Keilsohn
- Lee Silverman
- RWB Michael Greenwald, PM
- Phillip Taylor
- RWB Burt Levy, PM
- Robert Starr, PGM, PM
- Roman Volsky, PGM
- Steven Dekelbaum
- Steve Saidman





Lodge Community Service Rosh Hashanah Baskets & Sukkah Assembly



High Holidays are approaching, and our Lodge will again answer the call to assist JSSA, our Community Service Partner, to complete 500 food baskets, bring them to the delivery cars, and deliver the baskets to the Revitz House.

If you have participated in this event before, you know how much our help is needed to ensure these Baskets are delivered to JSSA's clients smoothly so that everyone can have a sweet New Year.

We will gather, Sunday, September 29th at 7:30 am. Please let our Community Service Chairman, Jeff Greenwald jrg57@comcast.net know if you can participate and which location where you would like to help. Ideally, 3 to 5 volunteers at both places.

- 200 baskets at Ohr Kodesh

- 300 baskets at JSSA Montrose

Of course, assembling and moving baskets means that it will soon be time to assist Makom, formally the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes assemble their Sukkah's. The construction crew will meet on the morning of October 13th. Please let Brol Jeff Greenwald know about your interest in helping to assemble the Sukkah kits. Many hands make for light work.

Both of these events are open to family and friends. If you would like to contribute to this worthy endeavor, you may contribute directly to JSSA. <https://www.jssa.org/donate/> Select Program to Support: Holiday Baskets. When you donate to JSSA, you are joining a community of people who care about our neighbors. Your support is crucial to making sure JSSA's doors are open to everyone who seeks our help.



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Sailing on The Chesapeake Bay

On Saturday August 24, Samuel Gompers - Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 45 sailed on the Chesapeake Bay. We met in the morning in front of the Selby Bay Yacht Club, which was established decades ago by Jewish boaters, due to other Yacht Clubs that barred Jews from joining. The weather was beautiful and not too hot, which was ideal for sailing.

This sailing event was organized by Julien Hofberg, PM and Brother Alan Karpas. The Brethren and their spouses sailed on both Julien's boat Phoenix and Alan's boat Hideaway. Sailing Phoenix were Julien, and his wife Linda who are both experienced in operating the boat.

Other Brethren and spouses on Phoenix were Tiler Hal Henig and his wife Lisa, and Brother Charlie Meyers and his wife Dawn. Brethren without spouses sailed with Alan and his wife Arlene on their boat Hideaway. The Brethren on Alan's boat were Sheldon Rappeport, PM, Burt Levy, PM, JW Jeff Greenwald, and our EA Philip Taylor.

While sailing on the Phoenix we observed several ships on the Chesapeake Bay waiting their turn to drop their cargo in Baltimore harbor. Also, we passed a lighthouse and many other boats sailing on the bay, including Alan's Hideaway. Each participant brought their lunch and both boats rendezvoused for lunch near Annapolis.

The sailing trip started at 10 AM and ended close to 5:30 PM or shortly thereafter. Certainly, a good time was had by all. Special thank you to our two Captains.



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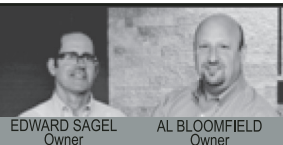
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For the Senior Warden Lee Silverman
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Calendar for Masonic Year 2023—Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45

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 Aaron Kamerer about all events (see page 2)

Date		Event	Open to
September	10	Stated Communication, Grand Visitation and Awards Night 7:30 PM	Masons only
	23	Meet-up 6:30 PM	Family and Friends
	29	Rosh Hashanah baskets, 7:00 AM, Family and Friends. JSSA Rockville Offices and Congregation Ohr Kodesh.	Family and Friends

Date		Event	Open to
October	8	October Stated Communication, 7:30 PM	Masons only
	13	Makom Sukkah Assembly, Family and Friends 9:00 AM. Location to be provided.	Family and Friends
	28	Meet-up 6:30 PM	Family and Friends

Date		Event	Open to
November	12	November Stated Communication, 7:30 PM	Masons only
	25	Meet-up 6:30 PM	Family and Friends

Date		Event	Open to
December	8	December Stated Communication, 7:30 PM	Masons only