

Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin
Lodge No. 45 F.A.A.M

bulletin

Takoma Masonic Center
115 Carroll Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012

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Meets Third Sunday of February, May, August, November
and December - Gavel at 3PM.



The Importance of the Master Mason Degree

In the life of every lodge, there are special evenings that mark a true milestone—not only for the candidate, but for the Craft as a whole. The **upcoming Master Mason Degree** is one of those occasions.

This degree represents the culmination of a brother's journey through the symbolic lodge, where the lessons of **duty, fidelity, and brotherly love** are brought into sharper focus. It is at this stage that a brother is made, in a profound way, of the moral and spiritual obligations he has assumed as a Mason, and of the high standards to which he is now called to live.

Your **presence and participation** are what truly make a real difference. A well-filled lodge, our attentive Brethren on the sidelines, and a strong support of all help to impress the deeper meanings of the work upon our candidate's mind and heart. The officers and cast have been diligently preparing, and they will offer their best efforts—but it is the warmth and strength of the assembled brethren that truly bring the degree to life.

We therefore **cordially invite all Master Masons** to attend this important event on **Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**, to be held at **Takoma Masonic Center**. Come to encourage our newest brothers as they take this significant step, to support the cast who have labored in preparation, and to renew your own appreciation for the timeless teachings of the Master Mason Degree.

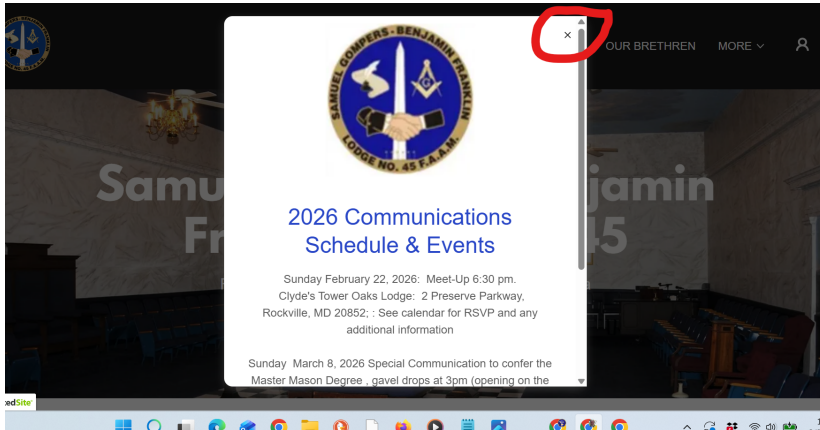


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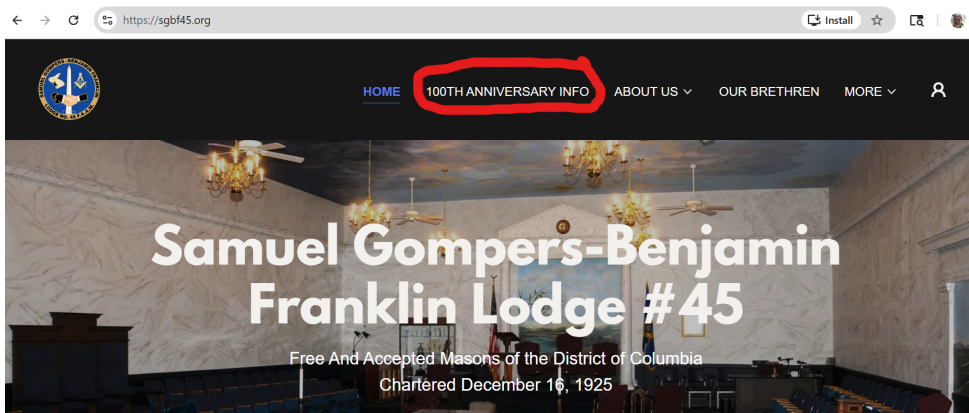
I want to update everyone on the workings of the Lodge web site. If you haven't checked it recently, you will find some changes.

You should now see a **“pop up” window** that overlays the home page when you first visit. This pop up window highlights events for the current month or a significant event for the Lodge. You can close the pop up window by clicking on the **“X”** in the top right-hand corner of the window. In many cases, the message will direct you to check the **Calendar** for more event information. This helps keep the pop up window streamlined and easy to read, especially when viewing on a mobile device such as a cell phone or small tablet.



The next item I will point out is the new tab along the top of our web page, **“100th Anniversary Info”**. This tab will take you to a new page that has all the latest information related to the upcoming 100th Anniversary Gala.

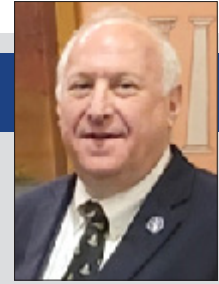
This page will include a **fillable RSVP form**. You will be able to complete the form and submit it directly from the web page. There is a form currently on this page, but it is only a **DRAFT** version, so please do not use it yet if you see it marked **“DRAFT.”**



The Lodge “Calendar” on the Web Site

View From the East

W.B. Jerry Kielsohn, P.M.
February 2026



Happy Anniversary.

The Lodge is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. While I had not planned to sit in the East this year, here I am. More on this further down.

During the last 100 years, there have been 139 brethren that have had the honor of sitting in the Oriental chair in the East. The numbers are slightly confusing. 46 of the brethren were Masters of Benjamin Franklin Lodge. There have been seven brethren that have sat in the chair more than once. Five of them have done it twice. The first was Worshipful Brother William Broker, who eventually did it three times. Brother Broker also went the longest between times, 34 years (1966 to 2000). Two of us have done it in successive years. I am the only one that has sat in the big chair four times.

As you can read elsewhere in this bulletin, plans for our 100th anniversary celebration and banquet are underway. Everybody should have gotten the "Save the Date" for Sunday May 3rd. Watch your mail, as real paper invitations will be arriving in the next few weeks. This is a once in the history of the Lodge event, and a once in a lifetime event for the brethren. Very few Lodges make it to 100 years.

One of my goals this year is to have something related to the number 100 as swag at every meeting. December was a 100th anniversary cake and matching plates, etc. February was the special 100th Anniversary Candy Bars. My rule is you have to come to lodge to get the swag.

There is also another big anniversary happening this year. The United States is celebrating being 250 years old. The Grand Master has made the 250 celebrations a key part of his programs this year. Watch the weekly announcements from the Grand Lodge for the specifics.

Sitting in the East for the fourth time has been a bit of what Brother Yogi Berra said: "It's like déjà vu all over again." The ritual of opening and closing the lodge feels more relaxed, or rather I am not as stressed out about it. I still have not gotten it perfect but have come really close a few times. I have unfortunately confused some of my officers with the not straight ritual stuff. The planning part is still a struggle for me, especially when we make last minute changes.

I still have been traveling. For reasons I have yet to figure out, I have been appointed as the Tyler in two different lodges. On a personal note, standing (sitting) outside and missing the opening and closing is extremely boring.

The ritual team has been working really hard for the upcoming Master Masons Degree, on March 8th. Please plan on attending, and watch/participate in raising two new brethren.

My quote to end this is from one of my favorite cartoon characters, who was voiced by Brother Mel Blanc:
"If nothing goes right... try going left."
– ***Bugs Bunny***

Jerry

THE HISTORIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR OUR



Year!

Our 2026 Officers

Worshipful Master
Jerry P. Keilsohn

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|------------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| Senior Warden | | Ryan A. Simon |
| Junior Warden | | Jeffrey R. Greenwald |
| Secretary | | Raymond Horn, P.M. |
| Treasurer | ..... | Robert Starr, P.M. |
| Chaplain | ..... | Burt Levy, P.M. |
| M.-of-Ceremonies | ..... | Allen Levy, P.M. |
| Senior Deacon | ..... | Lee R. Silverman |
| Junior Deacon | ..... | Charles A. Oshinsky |
| Tiler | ..... | Hal I. Henig |
| Degree Director | ..... | Sheldon L. Rappeport, P.M., D.S.M. |
| Trustee | ..... | Michael Greenwald, P.M. |
| Trustee | ..... | Jeffrey R. Greenwald |
| Trustee | ..... | Julien P. Hofberg, P.M. |

Installing Master . . . Sheldon Rappeport, P.M., D.S.M.
Installing Mast. of Ceremonies . . . Michael Greenwald, P.M., S.G.W.

IN MY MASONIC LIFE, I HAVE VISITED LODGES IN MANY LANDS,
AND I HAVE LEARNED THAT FREEMASONRY IN MANY
COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN LATIN COUNTRIES, IS THE
PRINCIPAL MEANS WHEREBY FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE, OF
THOUGHT, AND EXPRESSION IS PRESERVED.

Samuel Gompers

*Samuel Gompers Lodge
No. 45 was chartered on
December 16th, 1925
and held its first meeting
on January 26, 1926. It
was consolidated with
Benjamin Franklin No.
50 in 1983*



*The document above is the Charter for
Samuel Gompers Lodge,
No.45 which was gained by a dedicated
group of Brethren who wished to carve out a
place of their own in the Grand Jurisdiction
of Washington, D.C.
on December 16, 1925*



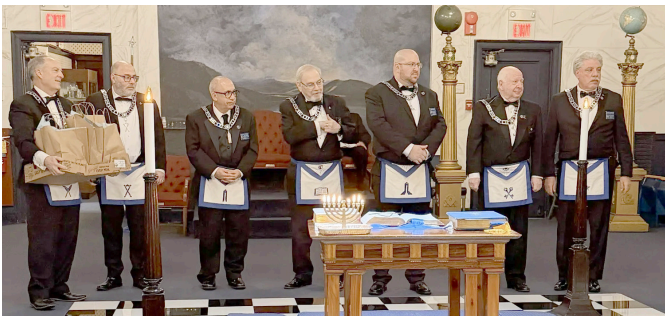
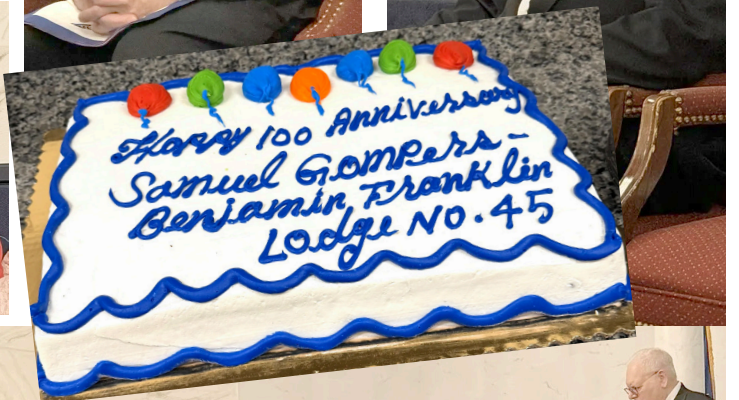
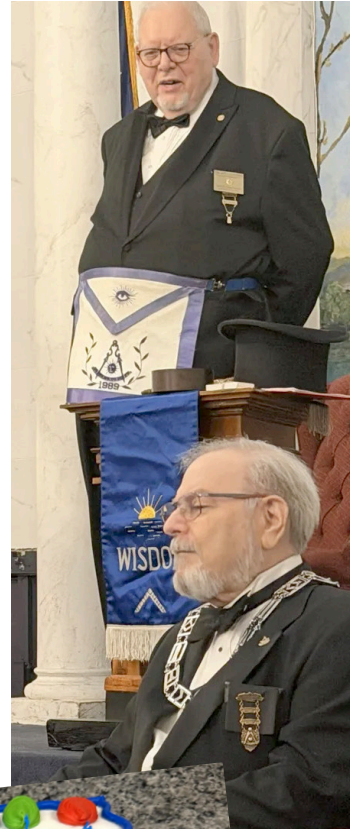
Our Worshipful Master

Freemasonry is built on a foundation of brotherly love, relief and truth. Worshipful Brother Jerry Keilsohn is an icon of every one of those principles, and more. We are most fortunate to have him lead our Lodge into its second hundred years. W. Bro. Keilsohn is indeed a "seasoned" Master. 2026 will be his fourth year in the "Oriental Chair".

We are honored to gather today for the Centennial Installation of Officers of our beloved Lodge, marking 100 years of friendship, service, and dedication to the principles of Freemasonry. As we celebrate this historic milestone, we reflect on the legacy of our Lodge and look forward to a future guided by wisdom and virtue.



HISTORIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



The 100th Anniversary Gala

As noted in the "Save The Date" email Brother Secretary sent out on February 7, 2026, the Gala is scheduled for **Sunday, May 3, 2026**. It will be held at **Lakewood Country Club** in Rockville, MD.

The country club will have at least two (2) valet parking attendants for our event. Valet parking is free, and you may also park in the visitor parking lot at no charge. But why walk from the remote parking lot when you can step out of your car and right into the Country Club foyer?

The evening will begin with a **cocktail hour** in the reception area. There will be two (2) bars serving sodas and mixers, along with complimentary **beer and wine**. Mixed drinks and shots will be available for purchase at either bar. The bartenders will accept credit cards, as well as any tips you would like to bestow upon them.

During the cocktail hour, there will be **hot passed hors d'oeuvres and a cold display station** of cheeses and fruit. The cocktail hour will run from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

The **main dining room** will open at 7:00 p.m., and you will be free to sit where, and with whom, you would like. Dinner will be a **buffet** featuring:

- Four choices of starters (salads)
- A chicken main dish
- A fish main dish
- A beef carving station

There will also be a choice of **four sides**, including a **mushroom risotto** as the vegetarian option. To top it off, we will have **three dessert options** and an **event cake**.

Coffee, tea, and soft drinks will be available, and two (2) bars will be open in the dining room from **7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Beer and wine will continue to be complimentary during this time. We will also have a **champagne toast** during the evening's events.

The Worshipful Master will make his presentations, followed by music and dancing, with the evening concluding at **10:00 p.m.**

We are hoping to have a large turnout of our Brethren for this **once-in-our-lifetime event**. We have much to be proud of in our Lodge and its 100+ year history. Let us mark this Gala as the start of another hundred years of **SG-BF Lodge #45**.

How Do I RSVP?

The Lodge will be mailing a formal printed invitation via U.S. Mail to every Brother of the Lodge in the coming weeks. The invitation will include full **RSVP instructions**:

1. QR Code on the Printed Invitation

Near the bottom of the printed invitation, there is a QR code. Use your phone's camera to scan this QR code, which will open the RSVP form on your phone. You will only have a few boxes to fill in, and then you will click on the **Submit** button.

Once you submit the form, you will receive an automatic email response acknowledging your submission, along with a copy of the completed form for your records.

2. RSVP via the Lodge Website

Another option is to visit the Lodge website at <http://www.sgbf45.org/>. Once you have navigated to the site on your internet device, simply click on the **"100th Anniversary Info"** tab (as shown above in this article) and scroll down the page to the **RSVP Submittal Form**. Fill out the form and submit it online.

3. RSVP by Phone

Lastly, if you have any problems with either of the above methods, you can call Bro. Lee Silverman, at **301-648-8611**, and I will be happy to submit the RSVP form for you.

We hope that the RSVP process will be easy and convenient for everyone, whether you choose the QR code on the invitation, the web page RSVP form, or calling me directly. Your timely response will help us plan properly for this very special celebration of our Lodge's 100th Anniversary.



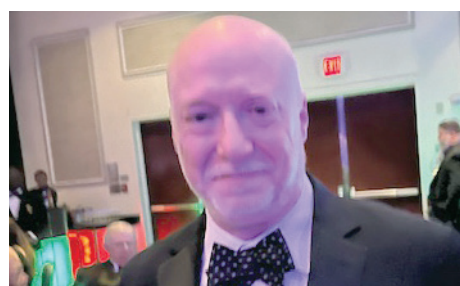
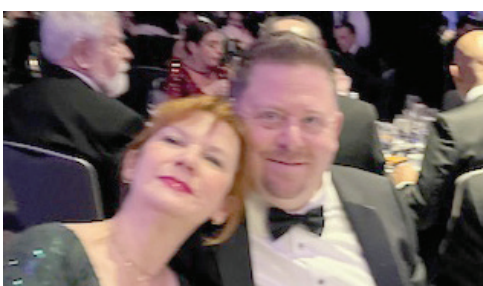
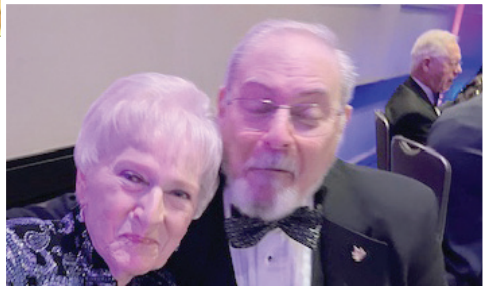
THE GRAND LODGE OF
WASHINGTON, D.C.

2025

Membership Banquet

Friday, December 12

J.W. Marriott Hotel - Washington, D.C.



Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 45, F.A.A.M.

PAST MASTERS

1926 Henry Gompers*	1951 Lester Goldberg*	1969 Milton Korn*	1989 Sheldon I. Rappeport, MA DSM, GL-E
1927 Maurice Blum*	E. H. Chayt*	Irwin T. Rosenblatt*	1990 Robert H. Starr, PGM
1928 Samuel Feldman*	1952 Arthur Zinnamon*	1970 Robert F. Goldberg*	1991 Robert W. Husemann*
1929 A. Ken Armstrong*	Paul Hyman*	Elliott M. Kessler*	1992 Robert Haber*
1930 I. Albert Peake*	1953 Irving Schwartz*	1971 Harry L. Levin*	1993 Michael Niddam*
1931 Louis J. Raebach*	Samuel Levine*	Nathan Leiderman*	1994 Joseph N. Synder*
1932 Louis Goldberg*	1954 Robert H. Silberg*	1972 Morris Gevinson*	1995 Burt Levy
1933 A. D. Abrams*	L. L. Litvinsky*	George G. Jaffe*	1996 Michael Simon*
1934 M. A. Goldberg*	1955 Hyman Sandler*	1973 Howard H. Ziegler*	1997 Adam Forman
1935 Myer C. Rosendorf*	L. N. Palder*	Joseph Sagal*	1998 Robert Hixon*
1936 Alfred L. Bennett*	1956 Joseph R. Berger*	1974 Aaron S. Teitel	1999 Albert Hemmerdinger*
1937 Milton D. Korman, PGM*	N. Norman Engleberg,	Donald M. Stein	2000 William D. Boker*
Joseph Fromberg*	PGM*	1975 L. Paul Cornell*	2001 Sheldon I. Rappeport, MA DSM, GL-E
1938 Joseph Hurwitz*	1957 Eugene J. Hellman*	Robert P. Reid*	2002 Jeffrey Sherman†
A. H. Ostrow*	E. S. Chayt*	1976 Theodore M. Kahn, PGM*	2003 Jeffrey Sherman†
1939 Jacob Sandler*	1958 Morton H. Oppenheim*	Harry Korb, DSA*	2004 William D. Boker*
L. T. Johnson*	S. M. Goldstein, DSA*	1977 Jason I. Green*	2005 Stanley Jordan*
1940 Frank Paley*	1959 Morris Silberman*	Ernest Gold*	2006 Jerrold Gordon, MA, LFM*
B. M. Klevit*	Murray L. Wolfe, DSA*	1978 Richard A. Levine*	2007 Merriman F.C. Parkinson*
1941 Saul G. Lichtenberg*	1960 Jerome W. Golomb*	Morris I. Apple*	2008 William J. O'Brien*
Abe Coonin*	Milton Fields, DSM*	1979 Michael J. Rinis	2009 Jonathan M. Binstock
1942 Harry A. Oliker*	1961 Benjamin Schendell*	Jerome E. Bauman*, MA	2010 David B. Torchinsky
I. P. Bauman*	David Goldberg*	Lodge Fidelity Medal	2011 Joshua L. Rubin
1943 Samuel B. Block*	1962 Arnold S. White*	1980 Max Beloff*	2012 Erik F. Milman
D. E. Snyder*	Arthur Sprintzin, DSA*	Gold Fidelity Medal	2013 Erik F. Milman
1944 Michael J. Cohen*	1963 Allen J. Wright, MA*	Burton Penn	2014 Adam Forman
W. D. Newrath*	Gold Fidelity Medal	1981 Jules S. Tepper, PGM	2015 Randy A. Schoch*
1945 Bernard Barzune*	M. L. Greenberg, DSA*	Joel Shulman	2016 Leonard Rubin
M. A. Ostrow*	1964 Jerome L. Saidman*	1982 Walter F. Simon, DSM,	2017 Michael K. Greenwald
1946 Matthew Tepper*	Abe Sperling, DSA*	GC-E*	2018 Raymond E. Horn
L. C. Silverman*	1965 Joseph E. Hein *	Harold Levy*	2019 Robert Greenwald
1947 Bernard Easterson*	Harold Levy*	1983 Julien P. Hofberg	2020 Jerry P. Keilsohn
S. S. Kaltz*	1966 William D. Boker*	Harold Levy*	2021 Burton S. Levy
1948 Irvin J. Footer*	I. M. Engel*	1984 Edwin S. Nachlas*	2022 Jerry P. Keilsohn
D. C. Buchalter, DSA*	1967 Robert A. Frank*	1985 Norman Barshai*	2023 Allen R. Levy
1949 Saul Weiss*	Philip L. Silver*	1986 Donald S. Jacobs*	2024 Aaron A. Kamerer
H. R. Wittenberg*	1968 Arthur J. Rappeport*	1987 I. Rocky Rachlin*	2025 Jerry P. Keilsohn
1950 Sigmund Ades*	Harvey I. Chidel*	1988 Ronald L. Forman*	
C. M. Pascal*			

HONORARY — R. A. Bogley, Sr., P.G.M.*, 1914; I. Rosenthal, D.S.M.*, 1932; J. Lann*, 1940; Renah F. Camalier, P.G.M.*, 1952; George W. Feidt*; Stafford Appel, D.S.M.*, 1962; W. H. Rohrman, P.G.M.*, 1958; J. A. Johnson, Jr., P.G.M.*, 1960; C. B. Gilley, P.G.M.*, 1963; N. Norman Engleberg, P.G.M.*, 1972; Frank A. Kenyon, P.G.M.*, 1973; William E. Eccleston, P.G.M.*, 1975; Charles V. Brewer, P.G.M.*, 1977; Perry A. Lester, P.G.M.*, 1980; Elmer F. Stein, P.G.M.*, 1982; Donald Mallorey, P.G.M., 1983; William Miskovic, P.G.M.*, 1986; Charles S. Iversen, P.G.M.*, 1990; George R. Adams, P.G.M., 1993; Harold Grainger, D.S.M.*, 1995; Jerold J. Samet, P.G.M.*, 1996; Roman Volsky, PGM, 2018; Jean-Paul Dongmo, Sr.

AFFILIATED — A. D. Abrams*, 1937; Louis H. Lowenstein*, 1940; Edmund L. Oppenheim*, 1953; Melvin Mancher*, 1955; George Cambetes*, 1956; Alexander Teitz*, 1956; Harold Brenner*, 1957; R. B. Harris*, 1957; Albert B. Hemmerdinger*, 1958; Milton S. Fields*, D.S.M., 1960; Baird Michelson*, 1960; John Greenwood*, D.S.M., 1961, 1984; Louis Mesmer*, 1961; William M. Oppenheim*, 1961; Eugene N. Reiser*, 1964; Benjamin Nacht*, 1967; David B. Feder*, 1972; Alex Tobey*, 1973, 1981; Stanley Feder*, 1974, 1984; Blair Lewis*, 1979; Randall A. Schoch*, 1979; Dan L. Frederick*, 1987, P.G.M.; Raymond Friedman*, 1989, 1992; Alan D. Friedman, 1993; Merriman F.C. Parkinson*, 1994; Moe Lawrence Aitel*, 1995; J. Kenneth Gibala†, 1997; William J. O'Brien*, 1997; Jerold Coffee*, 1998; Harold W. Snider*, 2003, 2006; Nathan A. Lewis, 2003; Adam Tagert†, 2017.

* - Deceased

† - Demitted

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MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

1970 Sam Rodis*	1983 Eli Berkowitz*
1971 Sam Berger*	1984 David Shapiro*
1972 Ted Rothman*	1985 Fred Gordon*
1973 Ted Zinnamon*	1988 Phil Berg*
1974 George Zillig, DSM*	1992 Max Smith*
1975 Erich Frank*	1993 Jerrold Gordon, PM*
1976 Jeffrey Rothman*	1999 Frank Gantz*
1977 Stanley Schechter*	2000 Milton VanGrack*
1978 Howard Kouzel*	2017 Allen Wright*
1979 Harry Hofberg*	2018 Sheldon I. Rapoport, PM DSM
1980 Benjamin Davis*	2019 Jerome M. Bauman, PM
1981 Benjamin Rinis*	2022 Jeffrey Greenwald
1982 Arthur Rubinstein*	

LODGE SILVER FIDELITY MEDAL

Peter Frank* 2022
 Jerome E. Bauman*, MA, 2021
 Jerrold Gordon, MA*, 2014
 Max Beloff, PM*, 2000
 Harry Silverstone*, 1988

 William P. Jacobs*, 1938

GRAND LODGE GOLD FIDELITY MEDAL

Allen J. Wright, MA, 2021
 Max Beloff, PM, 2006
 Harry Silverstone, DSA

GRAND LODGE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Walter F. Simon*
 Sheldon I. Rapoport

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

Milton D. Korman*, 1969	Jules S. Tepper, 2003
N. Norman Engleberg*, 1972	Roman Volsky, 2017
Theodore M. Kahn*, 1985	Alan L Gordon 2021
Robert H. Starr, 2002	

* - Deceased

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

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 Sperlign, PM*
1968 Nat Levinson*	1982 Harry Korb, PM*
1969 Harry Silverstone*	

EMERITUS LODGE OFFICERS

Secretary Emeritus	Walter Simon, PM, DSM Jacob Sandler, PM*
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Historian Emeritus	Harry Hofberg, MA*
Editor Emeritus	Harry Hofberg, MA*
Chaplain Emeritus	Harry Silverstone, DSA*
Lecturer Emeritus	Sheldon I. Rapoport MA, DSM

GRAND FREEMASONRY MEDAL OF HONOR

Presented June 7th, 2019 to Brethren who served in WWII on the 75th Anniversary of D-Day

David Applestein
 Daniel Baer*
 Moritz A. Cohen Jr.
 Raymond Friedman, PM*
 Jerrold Gordon, PM*
 Jack J. Klawans*
 Charles H. Marcus*
 Norman G. Schikevitz*
 Herman Zeitchik*

February State Communication

The Lodge held a short meeting during which the progress of our two petitioners was addressed, we voted to pay our bills, progress on our 100th Anniversary Banquet was provided, and the WM called a Special Communication to confer the Master Mason Degree for our two Fellowcraft. The Special will be held, March 8th, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Immediately following the closing, the Lodge retired to the refractory where an enjoyable meal was enjoyed while listening to a Special Presentation by WB Walter Benesh. Talk delivered: "The Mystical Number of the Star Ship Enterprise" and "Masonry and Looney Toons".



Walter P. Benesch, 33o, Order of the Purple Cross, has been a Mason for over to 50 years, active in both York and Scottish Rites. He continues to be an active member of various Masonic bodies in the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. Currently he is the Dean in the DC Scottish Rite Collage of Philosophy, and trustee of other bodies. He is a Past President of the Maryland Masonic Research Society and the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club. He has published over 20 Masonic articles. He has 2 books, part of a "It's Me" series, available which are currently being reissued and would again become available on Amazon and elsewhere.

Samuel Gompers Year End Meet-Up

by Hal Henig



Mamma Lucia Italian Restaurant

On Sunday evening, December 28, 2025, Samuel Gompers Benjamin Franklin Lodge held its final Meet-Up of the year at Mamma Lucia Italian Restaurant in Olney, Maryland. This gathering brought together Brethren and their families for food, fellowship, and conversation as we closed out the calendar year.

Eight Brethren and Guests participated in our December Meet-Up. The attending Brethren were Tiler Hal Henig, Meet-Up Chairman WM Jerry Kielsohn, PM, Alan Gordon, PGM, Julien Hofberg, PM, and Brother Howard Blum. Our Guests were Jane Blum, Iris Gordon, and Linda Hofberg. Their presence helped make the evening feel more like a family celebration than just a Lodge event.

Everybody enjoyed a nice and delicious Italian dinner, beginning with warm bread appetizers and followed by generous portions of classic Italian dishes. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly, with Brethren and Guests sharing stories and laughter throughout the meal. Conversations ranged from

sports and family updates to the many upcoming Masons' events being sponsored by other Lodges in our area. It was a good opportunity for newer members and long-time Brethren alike to connect outside the Lodge room and strengthen the bonds of friendship and Brotherly Love.

Attached is a photo of the Brethren and Guests, taken by our Server, capturing the spirit of the evening and the fellowship we all enjoyed together.

Unfortunately, our January Meet-Up at Stella Point Restaurant was canceled due to inclement weather, which brought nearly a foot of snow and ice to the area. While we were disappointed not to gather, the safety of our Brethren and their families is always our first concern.

We encourage all Brethren and their families to join us when they can. These informal gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to stay connected, share ideas, and continue the work of Masonry in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.



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 Senior Warden..... Ryan A. Simon
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 Master-of-Ceremonies.....Allen R. Levy, PM
 Senior Deacon..... Lee R. Silverman
 Junior Deacon.....Charles A. Oshinsky
 Senior Steward..... Pending appointment
 Junior Steward..... Pending appointment
 Trustees..... GL-E Sheldon I. Rappeport, PM, DSM, MA, (2027),
 Jeffrey Greenwald, (2028),
 Julien P. Holberg, PM (2026)

Fidelity Medal Recipient.....To be selected
 Historian.....Lee Silverman, Joshua L. Rubin, PM
 Tiler..... Hal Henig

2026 REPRESENTATIVES

Masonic FoundationJGS Michael Greenwald, PM
 Masonic & Eastern Star Home Raymond Horn, PM
 St. John's Mite Association..... Burt S. Levy, PM

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 Refreshment.....J.S., S.S.
 Relief W.M.,S.W., J.W.
 Sunshine and Monthly Meet-Up Chairman..... Hal Henig

2026 PROXIES

For the Worshipful Master..... Alan I.Karpas
 For the Senior Warden..... Charles A. Oshinsky
 For the Junior Warden..... Lee Silverman

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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 Jerry Keilsohn, about all events (see page 2)

Date		Event	Open to
March 2026	8	Special Communication, Sunday, 3:00PM Rescheduled! • Program: Master Masons Degree	MM Only
	19	Passover Baskets for JSSA, 7:30 am at Hebrew Academy on Arctic Ave.	Masons & Guest
Date		Event	Open to
May 2026	3	100th Anniversary Gala, 6:00 pm • Lakewood Country Club	Masons & Guest
	17	May Stated, 3:00PM	Masons Only

Date		Event	Open to
August 2026	16	August Stated, Sunday, 3:00PM	Masons Only
Date		Event	Open to
November 2026	15	November Stated, Sunday, 3:00PM • Elections	Masons Only
Date		Event	Open to
December 2026	20	December Stated, Sunday, 3:00PM • Installation of Officers	Masons and Guests