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Lodge No. 45 F.A.A.M

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June Stated Communication

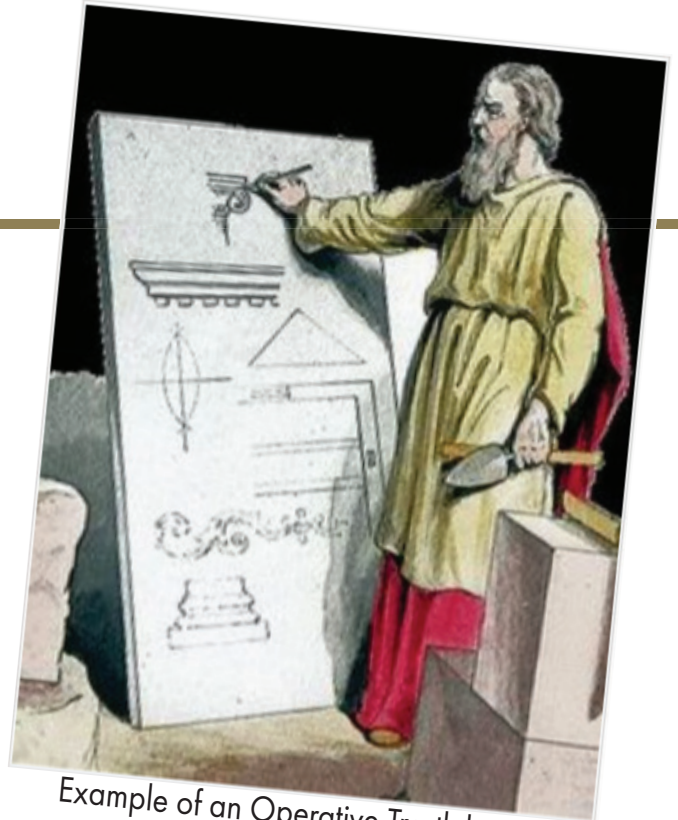
MODERN OPERATIVE MASONRY TOOLS

Tuesday, June 13th, 2023

We, as Freemasons have wrought in Speculative Masonry only. We learn the symbolic meaning of the Masonic Working Tools. These include the twenty-four-inch gauge, the square and compasses, level, and plumb, among others. Freemasonry represents these tools with symbols of the ancient versions used by Operative Masons thousands of years ago. This program explores the differences and improvements made to these tools and imagines how Freemasonry might represent them if our craft originated in these modern times. We will also have a short presentation on the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) by the Grand Physician. Our Lodge has an AED which was recently donated to the Takoma Masonic Center for use in the Lodge Room.

Please join us at our June Stated Communication on Tuesday, June 13th for this visual presentation given by Worshipful Master Allen Levy. This is a topic that has intrigued Brother Levy since he became interested in Mechanical Drafting and recognized the square and compasses in his grandfather's Masonic ring, the same tools he used in his high school drafting classes. Along with the discussion of these tools, a demonstration of current computer-aided drafting programs will be presented that will show just how far we have come from the use of the ancient trestle board.

Please RSVP to our eVite or Secretary. Dinner: 6:30 pm,
Meeting: 7:30 pm.



Example of an Operative Trestleboard



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Light From the East

WM Allen Levy 2023



I will make a presentation during this month's Stated Communication that I have been thinking about for a while now. As you probably know from reading this column this year, I have made Computer-Aided Drafting my profession, but have been interested in drawing since I was young.

I received an elegant drafting tool set from an uncle when I enrolled in mechanical drafting classes in high school.

I remember being intrigued by the intricate pieces that fit perfectly into felt-covered slots within the hard shell case, not knowing what all the pieces were used for, but excited about all the possible designs I could create. The toolset included several compasses, and when I see the square and compasses in our Freemasonry symbols, I always think of how I have actually used these tools in my profession.

I started out "on the board" which means I worked on drafting boards with pencil and paper.

When Computer-Aided Drafting was introduced, I was immediately drawn to it, taking courses on it, and even getting my first CAD Operator job while going to school. Though I received a degree in economics, I reentered the CAD profession after graduating from college.

Since then, I have always found it interesting how many Architectural, Engineering, and Construction methods have changed and how many of them have been the same since ancient times. These are some of the topics that I would like to explore during this program. Prior to my talk, I have invited Bro. Jean Marcelin, Grand Lodge Physician to provide the education session on the ease of use of the AED - Automated External Defibrillator which was announced in the Weekly Digest of the Grand Lodge. I hope you will attend and find what I present as interesting as I do.

Allen

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1981	Joel Shulman	2009	Jonathan M. Binstock	2020	Jerry P. Keilsohn
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Annual report to the Grand Master from Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 for Masonic Year 2023

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful, Worshipful, and Brethren all.

It is an honor and a pleasure to have you and the rest of your officers with us this evening.

Scheduling the Grand Visitation on in May has the advantage of a short annual report, for only five months have elapsed since I assumed the East in December.

Our Stated Communications have been well attended and hopefully interesting.

In **January** I created a presentation based on a photo album of our Worshipful Brother Allen J. Wright, recipient of a 70-year Service Award tonight. The impetus for this presentation came after a degree practice held at Brother Wright's house. When the practice ended and I was preparing to leave, I saw a photo album with gold embossed lettering:

Samuel Gompers Lodge
No. 45, F.A.A.M.
Allen J. Wright
Worshipful Master

It was a record in pictures of the year Brother Wright was Worshipful Master of our Lodge, in 1963. It also happened to be the most fascinating depiction of Freemasonry at its height in popularity and membership. I wanted to make sure that our Lodge had an opportunity to see these beautiful black-and-white photographs, so I asked Brother Wright if I could scan the photos and present them to the Lodge in the form of a slideshow. He gave me permission to scan the photos, which I did very carefully and with a very high-quality scanner. On the night of the presentation we had the honor of Brother Wright narrating and describing each of the photos, giving us a feel for what our Lodge was like in the early 1960's.

In **February**, our Stated Communication fell on the 14th, Valentines' Day, which gave us the perfect opportunity to have Ladies Night. Instead of having a night of dinner and dancing, we did something a little different. We had a rendition of the Newlywed Game in which we pitted four couples against each other to see who knew the most about their spouse. It was a fun night for all, and for those who were there, I think the

most dramatic and funniest answer given by one of the spouses that evening was "Baltimore"!

You had to be there to see the humor in that response. We gave out prizes to the winners. Along with our in-house DJ Sonny Garibay providing music and amplification which added to the "show's" production values, and the delicious Italian dinner, Ladies' Night was a very fun evening.

In **March**, our Stated Communication took the form of a Roundtable Discussion titled "Masonry Outside of the Lodge". I thought about having a program such as this since attending the Grand Lodge Leadership Conference this past summer. During that conference I participated in an interactive session about the Masonic Ethos, which inspired thoughts of how Masonry and Brotherhood are applied to life outside of the walls of a Lodge. I was curious what the thoughts of our other Brothers were on this topic and the Roundtable Discussion was a great way to explore those opinions.

In **April**, our Stated Communication conflicted with the Jewish Holiday of Passover, so we called it off. But we held a Special Communication for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on our new Brother Lee Silverman. By all accounts, we held an excellent degree. I also want to point out that one of the main highlights of that degree was the wonderful lecture given by the Grand Lecturer RWB Christopher Mahaney. Several Brothers met at the Bus Boys and Poets a/er the degree to toast our new brother.

I look forward to conferring the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees on Brother Silverman within this calendar year, and we are continually practicing and rehearsing in preparation to achieve that goal.

We have had several successful and well attended social events, or "Meet-Ups", arranged by our Tiler Brother Harold "Hal" Henig. In January we celebrated the Chinese New Year by meeting for dinner at P.F. Chang's in Tysons, Virginia. In February we had another dinner meet-up at Rancho Tex Mex Restaurant in Silver Spring, Maryland. And finally, in April, we had a meet-up at the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. Brother Henig has done an excellent job putting together these events.

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We have several other events planned and scheduled for this year, including a fishing trip on the Chesapeake Bay later this month. I am also planning the first annual (maybe) Worshipful Master Cookout at my house this year on Memorial Day.

One of our charitable projects that comes about this time off year is our assistance for the Jewish Social Services Agency, or JSSA, with their distribution of Passover Baskets. This year we helped load over 500 bags filled with Passover goodies into the many cars that arrived early in the morning at the Berman Hebrew Academy the weekend before the holiday. Our Brother Jeff Greenwald has done an admirable and award-winning job throughout the years coordinating these events.

The other charitable events that Jeff will coordinate in the upcoming year are the Rosh Hashanah Basket distribution, and our signature event, The William Boker Memorial Thanksgiving Basket distribution.

I'll conclude with a report on our Lodge's membership and finances.

The Lodge has 119 Master Masons and one Entered Apprentice, five honorary members, and we approved a

petition for affiliation for Brother Alexandros Modiano who resides in Greece.

Finally, Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 is in excellent financial condition. Our investments continue to grow at a rate greater than the rate we are spending them. The three Trustees, Julien HoMerg, PM; Sheldon Rappeport, PM and, Jeffrey Greenwald continue to do an outstanding job managing the situation with our professional money manager.

We have been exceptionally fortunate to have MWB Robert Starr as the Lodge's Treasure this year. In addition to keeping our finances straight, Brother Starr has been an invaluable resource to me on way too many topics to list.

I have been honored to be Worshipful Master of the Lodge that my Grandfather and Father belonged to and am looking forward to the rest of the year being successful and enjoyable, and am forever grateful to my officers who continue to help me immensely.

Respectfully submitted,
 Allen R. Levy
 Worshipful Master

Happy Birthday

*The following Brethren observe their birthdays on the **JUNE, JULY and AUGUST** dates shown. Be sure to wish them well on that day.*

JUNE

David M. Davis 04	Kevin C. Stemp 18	William G. Applestein 23
Steven D. Foreman 12	Kenneth L. Cohen 19	Larry A. Bram 27
Michael K. Greenwald 16	Alexandros Modiano 21	Barton M. Shapiro 29

JULY

Steven E. Rosner 03	Max E. Dekelbaum 21	Michael Ben Canaan 27
Richard A. Trencher 03	Peter H. Frank 21	David L. Kahn 29
Derek R. Gould 06	Michael A. Cohn 22	Aaron A. Kamerer 29
David B. Torchinsky 11	Jean-Paul Dongmo 23	
Donald M. Stein 12	Steven R. Riemer 23	

AUGUST

Jeffrey Nadel 04	Yoel M. Gittleson 13	Julien Hofberg 25
William A. Keilsohn 05	Donald L. Mallorej 14	Jacob L. Dekelbaum 28
Burton Penn 05	Joshua L. Rubin 18	Edward I. Weinstein 30
J. Luis Frenk 10	Adam L. Forman 19	
Howard G. Politzer 10	Joseph N. Snyder 19	

JOIN IN, VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS IN AMERICA EXHIBIT OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

On exhibit at the Library of Congress, December 16, 2022 – December 31, 2023, highlights a large number of groups and associations as well as information on how these groups were formed in the early days of our country and the observations of Alexis de Tocqueville whose work is highlighted in the book *Bowling Alone*, by Robert Putnam. Of course, Freemasonry, Prince Hall Freemasonry, and the Order of the Eastern Star are included as part of this exhibit.

The following are excerpts from the Library of Congress Website.

<https://www.loc.gov/exhibitions/join-in-voluntary-associations-in-america/about-this-exhibition/a-nation-of-joiners/fellowship/freemasonry/>

America has been called “a nation of joiners.” In their daily lives, in their communities, and in their work and play, Americans have long joined voluntary associations to connect with others, pursue shared goals, and spur social change. *Join In: Voluntary Associations in America* explores this impulse to join together for a common purpose through a selection of items from the Library of Congress collections representing organizations from across the nation and across time. The associations featured cover a vast range of interests and goals and include faith-based organizations and benevolent societies, chambers of commerce, professional associations, and labor unions, voluntary emergency service providers, groups advocating social and political change, as well as clubs for service, sports, and hobbies.

TOCQUEVILLE, A VIEW FROM OUTSIDE

Almost two centuries ago, Alexis de Tocqueville, a French nobleman and astute observer of American society, was struck that people in the United States had a remarkable tendency to organize themselves in pursuit of shared goals. In his book *Democracy in America*, Tocqueville wrote, “Americans of all ages constantly unite. Not only do they have commercial and industrial associations, in which all take part, but they also have a thousand other kinds: religious, moral, grave, futile, very general and very particular, immense and very small.”

Tocqueville visited the United States during 1831 and 1832 and observed that those he encountered were living through a time of rapid change, when populations were moving and building new communities, transportation and the postal service were improving,



Strobridge & Company, lithographers. Washington as a Freemason, Commander of the American Army, 1775, President of the United States, 1789, Initiated, November 4th 1752, in Fredericksburg, Lodge No. 4, Virginia. Cincinnati, Ohio: J. H. Powers & Co., Fraternity Publishers, ca. 1870. Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress (027.00.00)

These powerful impulses to join, while not unique to the United States, have been shaped in part by the nation’s geography and diversity. The history of voluntary associations reveals the aspirations Americans have had for themselves and their country. It also reflects American society’s exclusions, discriminations, and divisions. Throughout, Americans have shown a remarkable ability to use the tools of association building, self-organization, and self-governance to achieve their goals. The wide variety of organizations they have created, at times benefitting from government, show independence and enterprise critical to the social fabric of this country.

and political party organization was expanding.

Influenced by these changes, Americans continued to develop their tools for association-making to meet the diversity of their goals. Americans created associations of all sizes, interests, and complexities, from small clubs with little internal order to vast national networks with structures that imitated the relationship between state and federal governments. Writing for a French audience, Tocqueville argued that citizens in a democracy rely on associations to bring them into shared concerns with their neighbors and to empower them with a voice to influence public opinion. Association-making, he claimed, was the “mother science” in a democratic society, the piece of social know-how that makes a democracy flourish.



Tiler Hal Henig, Membership Chairman, WM Allen Levy, SD Jeff Greenwald, Jerry Keilsohn, PM, and Brother Sonny Garaby. Our Guests: Sharon Zitomer, Stuart Zitomer, Phillip Taylor, and not pictured, Brother Sonny's Friend Guy.

NATIONAL AIR & SPACE April Meet-Up

Tiler Hal Henig , Meet-Up Chairman

On Sunday Afternoon April 23, Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge had its Monthly Meet-Up at the National Air and Space Museum near the National Mall in Washington, DC. The inside of the museum has been renovated and includes some new exhibits designed for the 21st Century. These renovations are not going to be fully completed until 2025. The Museum has at least two museum stores and the Mars Cafe where visitors can purchase snacks. Since renovations are still not completed, passes were required before patrons were permitted to enter the museum.

Nine Brethren and guests participated and enjoyed visiting the museum. Attached is a photo of the Brethren and Guests standing next to the Starship Enterprise Model used on the Original Star Trak Series. Brethren attending: Tiler Hal Henig, Membership Chairman, WM Allen Levy, SD Jeff Greenwald, Jerry Keilsohn, PM, and Brother Sonny Garaby. Our Guests were Sharon Zitomer, Stuart Zitomer, Phillip Taylor, and Brother Sonny's Friend Guy. Guy was the person that took the photos from my smartphone and is also interested in joining our lodge.

Brother Hal, Phillip, Sharon, and Stuart went to see two Planetarium Shows: Worlds Beyond Earth and Dark Universe. The four of us later had snacks at the Mars Cafe downstairs. The rest of the Brethren dispersed after the attached photo next to the Star Trek Exhibit was taken. We were very excited at the exhibits at the Air and Space Museum.



RWB Burt S. Levy, HPSGD and GM Cindy Weakland

Recent Grand Honors for Our Chaplain

During the Order of the Eastern Star Grand Session, which was held on Saturday, May 6th. WB Burt S. Levy was presented and installed by Installing Grand Marshall, Cindy Weakland as the Grand Chaplain for 2023-2024.

And, at the recent Grand Lodge Semiannual Communication WB Burt S Levy that awarded the title of RWB Honorary Past Senior Grand Deacon by the Grand Master of Mason, MWB Annas Fadludeen Kamara.

Grand Visitation and Anniversary Night Honoring Masonic Years of Service

At our May Stated Communication, Most Worshipful Brother Annas Fadludeen Kamara, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia made his annual Grand Visitation accompanied by Officers of the Grand Lodge. As is customary, the Grand Master received the report of our Worshipful Master Allen Levy, which is reprinted in the Bulletin, and he assisted in honoring the anniversaries of our members.

This is the list of Service Awards for our Awards Night:

Name		Years	Raised	Attending
Brother	Derek R. Gould	5	1/13/2018	*
Brother	Larry A. Bram	10	10/8/2013	
Brother	Peter A. Riley	5	6/28/2008	
Worshipful Brother	Erik F. Milman	15	4/8/2008	*
Worshipful Brother	Burton S. Levy	35	9/29/1988	*
Brother	Howard L. Blum	40	4/26/1983	
Brother	David S. Rosenblatt	40	3/10/1983	
Brother	Jeffrey Nadel	45	5/23/1978	
Brother	Martin C. Flaum	50	5/8/1973	
Brother	Stephen S. Kremer	50	5/8/1973	
Brother	Jerry M. Robbin	50	5/8/1973	
Brother	Irwin B. Pescov	60	9/3/1963	
Brother	Barton M. Shapiro	60	2/12/1963	
Brother	Donald H. Roxenberg	70	8/11/1953	**
Worshipful Brother	Allen J. Wright	70	5/12/1953	*

* Brothers who were able to attend Awards night

** Brother Donald H. Roxenberg was not feeling well on the night of our Grand Visitation and his 70-year award was made later in the week.



WB Allen J. Wright received his 70-year award. WB Jerry Keilson, WB Robert Greenwald, WB Allen J. Wright, MWB Annas F. Kamara, WM Allen Levy, MWB Jeffrey D. Russell, WB Sheldon Rapoport, WB Raymond Horn

Grand Visitation and Anniversary Night Honoring Masonic Years of Service



**Bro. Donald H. Roxenberg
and his 70-year award**



**WB Burt Levy Received his 35-year
award from MWB Annas F. Kamara**



**SW Derek R. Gould received his 5-year
award from MWB Annas F. Kamara**



**WB Erik Milman received his 15-year award, MWB
Annas F. Kamara, WM Allen Levy**



**Bro. Brigham Callem received his Master Mason Certificate from
MWB Annas F. Kamara, and WM Allen Levy**



FROM THE ARCHIVES: A LOOK AT OUR LODGE'S PAST

By Joshua L. Rubin, PM, Lodge Historian
June 2023: Growth and Decline, Part 2

Last month, I related the raw numbers that emphasized the great size of Samuel Gompers and Benjamin Franklin Lodges prior to their 1983 merger. This month, I would like to do a direct comparison of two events that highlight this demographic shift. As the Lodge held an almost-annual Birthday Party for decades, celebrating another year of the lodge's existence, this will be our event. Because of the availability of data kept by both the secretary and published in the

bulletin, we will compare the Birthday Parties of 1961 and 1980.

The number of programs and functions put on by Samuel Gompers Lodge #45 in 1980 is very similar to those which had been enacted in 1961, with the only change being the difference in hairstyles and plaid polyester clothing. Because of the peak membership in 1963 of over 1,450 members, the fact that the lodge averaged a membership loss of 42 people per year between 1960 and 1980 (see graph 2 from last month) did not slow the lodge down much. Of course, the decline was also offset by bringing in nearly 20 new members each year during this period, slowing the loss so that in the Masonic Year ending September 30, 1980, Samuel Gompers Lodge still had 1,000 members (yes, exactly 1,000). If our lodge were to lose an average of about 42 members per year today, we would very quickly become extinct, as our input is no longer anywhere close to 20 new members annually.

But even in 1980, this decline was being felt; after all, 1,000 members on paper isn't the same thing as having 1,000 people show up to the January 31, 1961, Lodge Birthday party at the Presidential Arms Hotel. The titles of articles from the bulletins leading up to the merger help tell the story. The March 1980 bulletin doesn't list the number of people who actually attended the February 16, 1980, Lodge Birthday Party, but the headline reads "Did you miss a party?" No figures are given in the Bulletin itself from that year, but a quick look at the receipts in the secretary's notes about monies received in the months leading up to the Birthday Party shows that only about 100-140 people attended. The chairman of the event, WB Julien Hofberg, confirmed to me that there were about 125 people at the event.

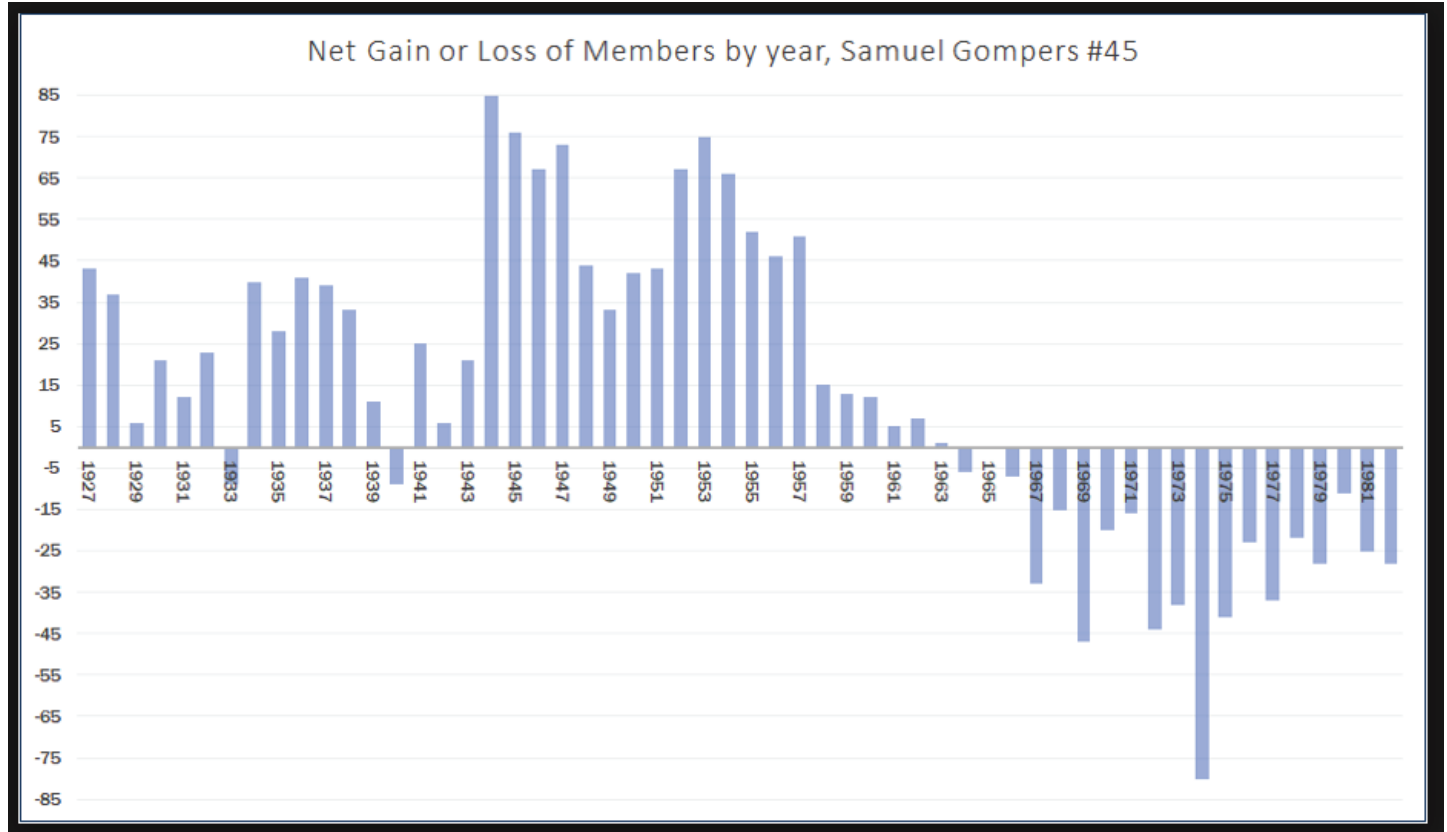
Why such a steep drop in attendance at one of the lodge's premier events that were held annually? Looking strictly at the numbers, if the lodge had 1,455 members at the end of the 1961 Masonic Year, and about 1,000 people attended the Lodge's Birthday Party, a fair representation would be that roughly 1/3 of the membership showed up to the Birthday Party with a non-member date (wife, girlfriend, etc). By that math, there should have been between 600-700 people attending the 1980 Birthday Party. What changed? Simply, members weren't as young as they used to be... and fewer were finding interest in the Craft in general.

In 2006, when I was raised to Master Mason, I was the youngest person in the lodge at age 25. What I didn't realize at the time was that having an aging membership had been troubling the lodge for decades. I currently don't have access to a full database of all of our members and their ages from throughout the lodge's history, but let's take a look at the 1974 Masonic Year, which saw a drastic decline in membership. That year, we gained only 8 new members (3 new Masons, 4 affiliated members, and 1 reinstated after being dropped for nonpayment of dues), while we lost 88 members (15 withdrew their membership, 25 died, and 48 were dropped for nonpayment of dues). Losing a net of 80 members is going to have an effect on attendance at functions. But more than that, the 1970s were a fundamentally different time

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than the 1950s. Members brought in during the 1950s would be older, more set in their ways, and less likely to want to change “how things are done” by the 1980s.

So why weren’t members interested in the Craft anymore? In my previous column, I mentioned the national trend shown in research such as Bowling Alone, but where was Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 in that trend? Last month, my goal was to provide evidence of the decline; this month, my goal was to show the impact of the membership decline. In the next Bulletin, I will endeavor to provide one possible explanation as to why the decline affected our lodge in particular. I invite you to return at that time!



Graph2 (from last month’s Bulletin)

This year marks the 300th Anniversary of the 1723 Constitutions of the Free-Masons. Those Constitutions enabled the establishment of our fraternity in the colonies and inspired many of the Founding Fathers of our country in launching The Great Experiment in human governance. Our first President, Brother George Washington, put it best in 1791 when he wrote “we are engaged in the last experiment to promote human happiness.”



Accordingly, this year’s Universal Brotherhood Celebration will take place on June 23-24 (Saint John’s Day) with the participation of the Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England and Grand Masters of Grand Lodges of several of our States.

You are cordially invited to attend this tercentenary event commemorating the framework for our beloved Craft.

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Calendar for Masonic Year 2022—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 Jerry Keilsohn about all events (see page 2)

Date		Event	Open to
June	13	Stated Communication, 7:30 pm	EA Masons
	26	Meet-up, 6:30 pm	Masons and prospective Masons

Date		Event	Open to
September	12	Stated Communication, 7:30 pm	FC Masons
	18	Meet-up, 6:30 pm	Masons and prospective Masons

Date		Event	Open to
October	10	Stated Communication, 7:30 pm	FC Masons
	16	Meet-up, 6:30 pm	Masons and prospective Masons