

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

# bulletin

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Meets Second Tuesday of each month except July (no meeting), and December, (second Sunday)

## Grand Visitation & Anniversary Night



**Most Worshipful Brother Charbel T. Fahed**

Most Worshipful Brother Charbel Fahed - Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia pays our lodge its Annual Grand Visitation on Tuesday September 10th.

The Lodge will be holding our annual Anniversary Night Program as part of the Grand Visitation.

The Brethren to be honored are:

- 70 Years - David Applestein, Jerrold Gordon, PM
- 65 Years - Frank Akman, Solomon Danzig, Marvin Kotz, Jerry Rosenthal
- 55 Years - Stanley Albert, Zalmon Chelec, Max Dekelbaum, Gerald Herson, Charles Stopak
- 45 Years - Ronald Rubin
- 35 Years - David Kahn, Robert Starr, PGM
- 30 Years - Alan Friedman, Julius Rudden
- 10 Years - Jonathan Cohen, Harold Henig
- 5 Years - Robert Greenwald, Thomas Henry, Jerry Keilsohn, William Keilsohn, Arik Shalom

Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m., and is expected to be at Recess by 9:15 p.m. when the Anniversary Night celebration will start. The Lodge meeting will be Masons only, but once the lodge goes to Recess, all friends and family members are invited into the Lodge for the Anniversary Night program.

All honoree Brethren will be receiving an invitation and questionnaires to the event by separate mail. Please return the questionnaire by September 1st so that you can be properly honored.

Anniversary Night program reservations can be sent by email to Jerry Keilsohn, the Senior Warden, at [SW@SGBF45.org](mailto:SW@SGBF45.org), by phone to 301-570-0446 (leave a message), or by good old US Mail to: Jerry Keilsohn, 3718 Monitor Place, Olney, MD 20832

Dinner only reservations should be sent to the Senior Warden by September 5th, or posted on the Lodge App

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### Taken from “The Short Talk” bulletins

*By Robert Greenwald, WM*

For those of you who may not know, this year the Order of DeMolay is celebrating its 100th anniversary. It was founded on March 18th, in Kansas City, Missouri by Brother Frank S. Land and is an international fraternal organization for boys ages 12 through 21. It is affiliated with and served to prepare young men to become Masons. Many Masonic organizations support and fund DeMolay. It teaches leadership, citizenship, and patriotism through seven core values with which to shape their lives. President and Brother Harry S. Truman, was an advocate and an Honorary Past Grand Master of DeMolay. Should any brother has a desire for more information please contact the WM as an advisory council is forming to restart the Local Chapter of DeMolay, named for Robert le Bruce.

On another note, as a reminder we are hosting the GM of the District of Columbia and his Officers for our next stated Communication on September 10th. In addition there will be presentation of awards to our brethren. I hope you will mark your calendars and turn out with a showing in force.

Please read our Senior Warden’s column for a full report of our summer’s activity and you will enjoy his enthusiasm for Masonry in the District of Columbia. I am sure you will agree, that our Lodge will be in good hands next year.

Looking forward to seeing you all there for this important event. Please RSVP to Brother Secretary, Michael Greenwald, PM so we can have a good head count and to ensure an excellent meal.



### LODGE CHARTER FISHING TRIP



As last year’s Lodge fishing trip was so successful, the officers have scheduled a 2019 Charter Fishing on the Bay Event! We have a strong turnout already.

On Sunday, September 15th, the Lodge has chartered the same Captain and boat as last year. Our Captain will sail out of Deale, Maryland. This is a half day, morning charter. We will meet at 5:30 am, leave at 6:00 am and return about noon, spending the morning on the bay trolling.

The trip event is open to family, friends and prospective Masons and includes everything you need for fishing. There will be a contest for the largest legal fish taken. We will go out for lunch following the trip. The cost is \$100 a person which will include the cost of cleaning the fish and a tip for the mates on the boat.

To secure your reservation, your payment must be made in advance. Please make Ray Horn aware of your intent to go by September 3rd. Checks in the amount of \$100 should be made payable to Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 and sent to the Secretary.

## Successful Fellowcraft's Degree Held June Meeting



At our recent June Meeting we guided two of our Entered Apprentice brethren on the second step of Masonry. Senior Deacon Jeff Greenwald sat in the East, Junior Warden Burt Levy was in the South and Senior Warden Jerry Keilsohn, was in the West. Leading our preparations was our Master of Ceremonies, Sheldon Rappeport, PM. Congratulations to Aaron Alan Kamerer and Ryan Andrew Simon on their progress.



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The summer is almost over. When I was growing up, I always felt that summer was officially over when I went back to school. Yes there was a few more warm days, but then the holidays came, and that was in my mind the end of summer. That was the end of the short pants, no coat or jacket.

This year with the Jewish Holidays coming later, and I am long past going to school, maybe it will feel like summer stretches a few days longer. Mother Nature is probably going to let me know who is boss, when the trees start to turn their wonderful colors of autumn.

During the summer months I have done quite a few memorable Masonic Events. If I wrote about all of them, I would probably fill up the entire *Bulletin*. Some that I am skipping are in other articles.

Once again, we did a terrific Fellowcrafts degree. I had one of the easy parts this time around, sitting in the West. And speaking of ritual, the Grand Lodge this year has changed up how the School of Instructions are being conducted. This year, the first school, was all of the Wardens from many of the lodges in the jurisdiction doing an Entered Apprentice Degree. The Degree was hosted by Hiram Takoma, so it was in the Takoma Masonic center. Meaning I had a little bit of a home field advantage. The Grand Lecture asked what parts we wanted, and I was able to perform the Senior Deacon part in the degree. One of my favorite parts.

The Wardens also sat in the chairs for the opening and closing. The Grand Lecturer again asked what part we wanted. I said I would be happy to do any of the parts, but not the Chaplain. So guess which part he assigned to me. Fortunately for me, our other SG-BF#45 Warden, Burt Levy, PM was also taking part in the ritual. Our Lodge was the only one where both Wardens took part. As Brother Burt is this year one of the Deputy Assistant Grand Chaplains, we switched parts. We made our mother Lodge Proud! But I also learned something. I was slightly surprised how many of my fellow Wardens just were not sure where they were supposed to stand and how to perform other floor work. We at SG-BF#45 really do a great job on the degrees. Which gives me an opportunity to put in a plug for our Master Mason's Degree at the November Stated. Yes, it is election night too.

A few weeks later I got an email from the President

of the Masters and Wardens association. Can you be prepared to do the opening prayer at the meeting? I am not clergy, never ever was interested in doing that, have great respect for those that do – But why does everybody keep asking me to lead them in prayer?

My favorite activity of the last few months, had to be participating in the 4th of July parade through the Palisades neighborhood of Washington. The Grand Lodge participates in several of the 4th of July parades, including the big one on the Mall. Last year several of our Brethren convinced me to do the Palisades Parade down MacArthur Blvd. And I had a great time. This year was no different.

One of the traditions that the Grand Lodge follows, is we always march at the beginning of the parade. And we hand out American flags to everybody that wants one. I am not sure who got more out of handing out flags, me or all the little kids I gave flags too. It is just wonderful to see their faces light up when you hand them the flag. I am pretty sure I handed flags to a couple that this may have been their first 4th of July in the US. After the parade I ended up stuffing hot dogs in the buns which are given out in the park after the parade. I am sure I made many hundreds of them. And yes, I got a chance to eat one or two of them.

During the last few months I have attended several Warden's nights at several other Lodges. It is a great experience to travel to other lodges and get a glimpse of how things work. We are going to try to travel more this upcoming year.

The Grand Lodge held a Special Communication to change how they budget and the accounting works. I attended, but it sure was a confusing evening. More on that when the Secretary reads the minutes at our September meeting. After it concluded, I attended a Workshop for future Masters. I got some good information, and am making progress on doing the things I need to do should I be elected Master next year.

A few weeks ago, I was doing some research for work on a computer operating system issue, and clicked on the wrong link Ms. Google gave me. It lead me to this quote.

“Tell me and I will forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”

-WB Benjamin Franklin

The recent issue of "The Voice of Freemasonry" produced by The Grand Lodge of The District of Columbia celebrated this important event.



## Wreath Laying at the WWII Memorial Commemorating the D-Day Invasion

The Universal Brotherhood Celebration (UBC) was inaugurated this year on Friday morning, June 7th, 2019, with a solemn ceremony honoring the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion of Europe in World War II. Our Grand Master, Charbel T. Fahed presided over assembled brethren from across the jurisdiction and distinguished Masonic visitors from around the United States and the world at the National WWII Memorial on the National Mall. Joining him was U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen and U.S. Congressman Jamie Raskin, both from Maryland.

Together, they in turn, laid wreaths to honor two World War II veterans from their jurisdictions. After which, The Grand Master and the Senator along with our WM Robert Greenwald, JW Burt Levey and PM Michael Greenwald personally honored Bro. Herman Zeitchik (U.S. Army and S. Gompers-B. Franklin Lodge No. 45) and WBro. Jerrold Gordon (U.S. Navy and Past Master of S. Gompers-B. Franklin Lodge No. 45) for their service in the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres respectively with Freemasonry's Medal of Honor. A number of wreaths were presented by the visiting dignitaries.

An invocation was then offered in multiple languages in keeping with the Universal Brotherhood Celebration. Following the presentation, the officers spoke with Congressman Jamie Raskin about our Lodge Namesake Samuel Gompers.



All of the Brethren from our Lodge who attend the event along with the Spouses of our honorees. Rabbi Randall Scoch also participated.

# “Members of our Lodge who served our country in WWII and a little information about their service:”

**Medals- Awarded multiple Medals including French Legion of Honor**

**Jerrold Gordon, PM**

Branch- Navy  
 Rank- 3rd class Radio operator  
 MOS- Radio Man  
 Theater- South Pacific (DEPLOYED)  
 Medals- Good Conduct, and others

**Moritz A. Cohen Jr.**

Branch- Navy  
 Rank- Seaman 1st Class  
 MOS- Ship painting, Guard Duty  
 Theater- America (NOT DEPLOYED)  
 Medals- Good Conduct

**David Applestein**

Branch- Navy  
 Rank- 3rd class petty officer  
 MOS- Radar, Sonar transmission repair  
 Theater- America  
 Medals- Good Conduct, American Theater

**Norman G. Schikevitz**

Branch- Army Air Core  
 Rank- PFC  
 MOS- Trainer, training command 3705 #2  
 Theater- America (DEPLOYED)  
 Medals- Good Conduct, American Theatre

**Jack J. Klawans**

Branch- Navy  
 Rank- Corpsman  
 MOS- Medical Corpsman, aboard “The Shenandoah”  
 Theater- Pacific (Okinawa, Pacific Ocean) (DEPLOYED)  
 Medals- Good Conduct, Honorable discharge

**Raymond Friedman, PM**

Branch- Army  
 Rank- Sargent  
 MOS- audiovisual radio operator  
 Theater- America, (NOT DEPLOYED)  
 Medals- Good Conduct

**Daniel Baer**

Branch- Navy (enlisted out of high school)  
 Rank- signal man 2nd class  
 MOS- Signal man Patrol vessel, Sub chaser (ship named the Annoy)  
 Theater- Northern Pacific (Saipan, Iwo Jima) (DEPLOYED)  
 Medals- Good Conduct

**Charles H. Marcus**

Branch- Airforce  
 Rank- AFC  
 MOS- Paratrooper training  
 Theater- Hurt in training (NOT DEPLOYED)  
 Medals- Good Conduct

**Herman Zeitchik**

Branch- US Army  
 Rank- Sargent  
 MOS- Radio Operator.  
 Theater- Atlantic & European Theater. (DEPLOYED)  
 Countries- England, Belgium, France. Visited Dachau Concentration camp after the liberators, liberated Paris.  
 Battles- Normandy (landed on “D” Day “H” hour).  
 Battle of the Bulge  
 Medals- Awarded multiple Medals including French Legion of Honor

# D-DAY

*DC Grand Master Charbel T. Fahed and US Senator Chris Van Hollen (MD), as well as our Bro Rabbi Randall Scotch honor our WWII veterans, visitors and DC Grand Lodge members at the National World War II Memorial at the ceremony commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion.*



*WM Robert Greenwald and JW Burt Levy presenting a wreath during the ceremony*



*Bro. Herman Zeitchik (U.S. Army) and WBro. Jerrold Gordon (U.S. Navy and Past Master)*



*Michael Greenwald PM, RWB Adam N. Tager, Congressman Jamie Raskin and Bro Derek Gould*



Bro. Herman Zeitchik's photographs from D-Day.



Herman Zeitchik and his wife, Michael Greenwald, PM, Raymond Horn, PM and the color guard.



RWB Michael D. Nicholas, Sr., RWB Christopher K. Mahaney, and RWB George J. Stoklas, Jr.



Senator Chris Van Hollen greeting Bro. Herman Zeitchik and his wife.

## 2019 Universal Brotherhood Celebration Banquet

The 2019 UBC Banquet was held at The Almas Shrine Center, the Grand Lodge held a formal dinner with a DJ and Dancing. The Grand Master spoke about his education program for the year and honored visiting Brethren and their Spouses.



Attending the UBC Banquet from SGBF#45 with MWB Charbel T. Fahed, Burt S. Levy, PM, Bro. Derek Gould, Walter F. Simon, PM, DSM, Michael Greenwald, PM, WM Robert Greenwald, Bro Arron Kamerer, JW Jerry P. Keilsohn, Raymond Horn, PM.



WM Robert Greenwald, Aileen and Raymond Horn, PM.



Burt Levy, PM, Bro's Derek Gould and Aaron Kamerer



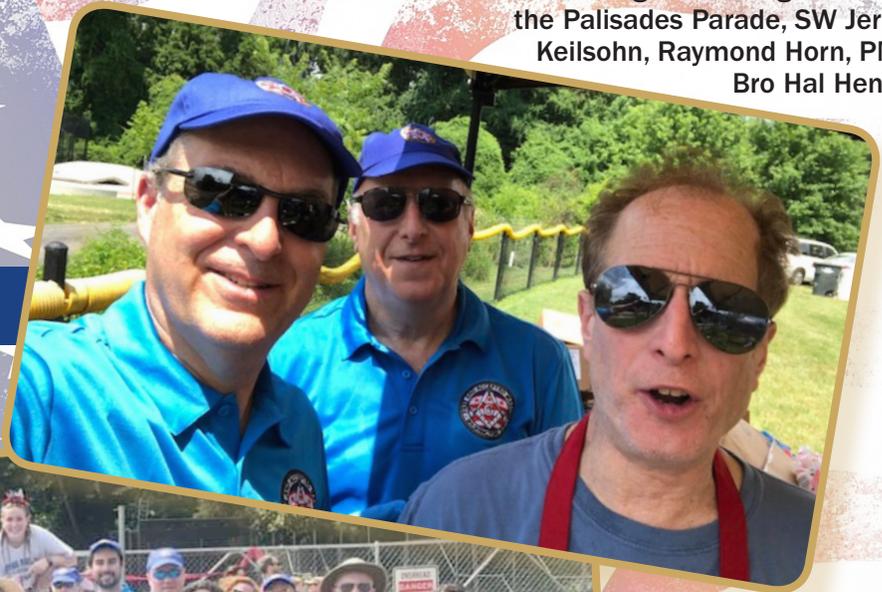
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Vicky and MWB, Robert H. Starr



## 4TH OF JULY PICNIC



Working the hotdog booth at the Palisades Parade, SW Jerry Keilsohn, Raymond Horn, PM, Bro Hal Henig



Brethren gathered for the Takoma Park Parade including our Treasurer, Robert H. Starr, PGM

## MEMORIAL EVENT

On July 7, at 1:00 in the Lodge Hall, we held our annual Memorial Service to remember and honor our brothers who have passed away last year. Our Chaplain Walter Simon opened the program with an Invocation, this was followed by a series of readings by our officers including the 23rd Psalm, led by W.M. Robert Greenwald. As is our custom, families present lit candles for their loved ones and members of the Lodge lit candles for those whose families are not present. We were honored to receive the families of Jerrold Michael and Marin Zitomer as well as a number of family members from our Lodge. Cantor Michael Zoosman took part again and sang El Mohle Rachamim and several other songs with his guitar and after other readings led by our officers, Rabbi Randall Scohch closed the event with a Benediction and prayer.

Those members who passed away last year and were honored:

**Charles S. Iversen, PGM, PSGIG, PP**  
**William C. Miskovic, PGM, PP**  
**Jerome Goldberg**  
**Eddie A. Eisenstein**  
**Joseph E. Hein, PM**  
**Martin Goldman**

**Jerrold M. Michael**  
**Marvin A. Kotz**  
**Theodore K. Smith**  
**Arthur M. Rosen**  
**Leonard Tash**  
**Martin Zitomer**

Thank you to our Chaplain Walter Simon, PM who organized and conducted this special event for the Lodge.

## June Meet-Up at Kosher Restaurant



**Chairman Hal Henig, Raymond Horn, PM, Dave Torchinsky, PM, Allen Friedman, PM, Bro Derek Gould, FC Aaron Kamerer, Stuart Zitomer, David Horn and Shira Torchinsky**



**The Meet-Up at the Hard Times Café in College Park**

**Hal Henig, Julien P. Hofberg, PM, David Torchinsky, PM, David's wife Laura and daughter Shira and Jeff Greenwald and Marty Zitomer**

Although Samuel Gompers Masonic Lodge is dark during the summer, it did not necessary mean that we didn't have any lodge activities. Our Monthly Meet-Ups were still continuing during the summer.

On Monday, June 26th, Samuel Gompers held its monthly Meet-Up at Max's Kosher Restaurant in Silver Spring. Total of nine Brethren and guests attended the Meet-Up in late June.

Brethren present were Chairman Hal Henig, Ray Horn, PM, Dave Torchinsky, PM, Allen Friedman, PM, Brother Derek Gould, FC Aaron Kamerer. Guests present were Stuart Zitomer, David Horn (Ray's son) and Shira Torchinsky (Dave Torchinsky's daughter).

The Brethren and guests had a good time, staying and talking at the restaurant for almost

two hours. The attached photo above shows the Brethren and guests sitting at the table. Shira Torchinsky was not present in the photo.

On Monday, July 22nd, the monthly Meet-Up was held at the Hard Times Café in College Park. Seven people attended including Chairman Hal Henig, Julien P. Hofberg, PM, David Torchinsky, PM, David's wife Laura and daughter Shira and Jeff Greenwald and Marty Zitomer.

Our lodge Meet-Ups activities continue during all four seasons of the year except during major Jewish Holidays and inclement weather. We look forward to seeing everyone at one of our Meet-ups in the fall.

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

For the most up-to-date information, please check the Trestleboard or [www.sgbf45.org](http://www.sgbf45.org). If anyone is interested in any of these events and wishes to obtain more information, please contact WM Robert Greenwald about all events (see page 2)

Date	Event	Open to
September	10 Stated Communication Lodge opens 7:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.	EA Masons welcome
	15 Lodge Fishing Trip—Families and Friends Welcome—6:00 a.m. at the dock see article	Open Event
	23 Meet up—TBD location 7:30 p.m.	For Masons and Potential Masons
October	8 Stated Communication – Called Off	
	13 Sukkah Build– 10:00 a.m.	
	23 Meet up –TBD location 7:30 p.m.	For Masons and Potential Masons
	27 Sukkah Take Down– 10:00 a.m.	

Date	Event	Open to
November	8 Stated Communication Lodge opens 7:30 p.m. dinner at 6:30 p.m	EA Masons welcome
	23 Thanksgiving Baskets, Truckload at Safeway 6:00 p.m.	
	24 Kensington Lodge —7:00 a.m.	
December	7 Jingle Bell Run — 9:00 a.m.	
	22 VA Visitation — 9:30 a.m.	