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

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

Next Stated Communication

Our November meeting, we will hold elections for the ensuing year as well as confer on our Fellowcraft Brethren the Master Mason Degree. The Degree cast has been very busy preparing for this important passage for our class of four FC. Please plan on attending.

This time of year there will be several community service and social activities you will find listed in our *Bulletin* and on our App.

*And
the
Sukkahs
went
up...*



On Sunday, October 13th, after carbo-loading at the Bagelry, the Torchinsky Clan (Dave, PM, Shira, and Joey Dekelbaum) and the Greenwald Clan (Jeff and Zach) along with Brothers Burt Levy, PM, Hal Henig, and Jake Fogel a friend of Hal. The impressive group performed feats of strength and architectural prowess by putting together Sukkahs at four Jewish Foundation Group Homes. The pictures can't completely describe how proud we were to represent SGBF #45 in this most worthy project. The residents at the group homes were treated to Challah and Grape Juice while we greeted the Holiday of Sukkot with prayers and revelry. An awesome time was had by all.

And the Sukkahs came down...

On Sunday, October 27th, the call came to deconstruct the Sukkahs that we erected just 2 weeks earlier. Once again, the Brethren of SGBF #45 answered the call. In a short 2 hours, 7 Sukkahs (3 more than we constructed) at the Jewish Foundation Group Homes were brought down with sweat and skill. The Brethren then met at Bagel City to re-charge and get ready for the next big event, the Thanksgiving Basket Program. I hope to see many of you there on November 23rd and 24th to start the celebration by providing Thanksgiving food goodies for over 100 needy families.

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Light From the East

By Robert Greenwald, WM



Brethren for three years now we have been doing our best to bring to you interesting meetings and better social activities to stimulate your involvement. The nucleus of our lodge is always there working for you. Where are you, my brothers?

Why are you not contributing and investing in your lodge? Why are you not joining us as we visit other lodges? These thoughts have been bothering me for some time now and sadly I have no answer. Why do I have no answer? Because you, my brothers have the answer. Well, I am coming to you for answers. Write to me, call me lets discuss this sad situation and find ways to improve ourselves because if you don't, you are encouraging a great loss.

I have always believed in the evolving of fellowship. Of how great is to meet once a month and catch up on each other's doings, how our families have grown etc. For those of you that are housebound, there are many ways to contribute. It all starts with you. There is always something that needs to be done and your help will be greatly appreciated.

On Monday, October 14 we visited Federal Lodge #1 because 2 of your brothers were conferred their Fellowcrafts degree as a courtesy. Our Congratulations to Brothers Eblin and Van

Vollenhaven. What was so amazing was that 15 candidates were being conferred that evening. RW Brother Chip Mahaney did an outstanding job with the lecture and charge as well as organizing the procession which almost burst the Lodge Room because of its size. Once again our Lodge was there in a show of force for our brother candidates. Thank you Worshipful Brothers Simon, Horn, and Greenwald, and Bro Gould and SW Keilson for attending with me. This was truly a memorable ceremony. Many of our Brethren as well as myself served as conductors.

We also had a strong showing of Brethren at the Grand Lodge Picnic at Glen Echo Park. The picnic food was plentiful, music, dancing, and activities for the children. This event is always enjoyed by everyone who attends. Many of our Brethren also attended the Grand Lodge Thanksgiving program which was held at the George Washington Masonic Temple in Virginia.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Lodge at November 12th Stated Communication for our Election and to support our Brethren as we raise four new Master Masons. Come out and contribute to the strengthening of our Lodge.

Notice of Intent to Serve Elected Office Secretary Must Have Letter by November 7th

Any Brother wishing to have his name announced as desirous of being considered for an elected office in Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 45 F.A.A.M. for the 2020 Masonic year may submit a letter to this effect indicating the office in which he wishes to serve. No Brother may serve as Master of the Lodge unless he has served at least one year as a Warden and meets the other requirements stated in the Grand Lodge Code. Letters should be submitted to the Secretary by November 7th for them to be read during our Elections Night and have their name appear on the election ballot.

Incumbent elected officers do not need to submit letters expressing their intention to move up in the officer line or be re-elected in their current position (for non-progressive office). An elected

officer, not wishing to move up or serve again in a non-progressive office, should so notify the Secretary by November 7th and this information will also be announced on Election Night.

On Election Night, the Secretary will read the names of all eligible members who have expressed an interest in seeking elected positions and those officers not seeking re-election or election to the next higher office, if any, and their names may also be printed on the ballot as interested in that office. There is NO requirement to submit a letter to be elected to any office as a member may vote for any member in good standing for any elected office. The submission of a letter in this manner shall not be construed to be a mandatory prerequisite for election to office.

Service Appreciation Lunch for Ray Friedman

By Hal Henig, Meet-Up Chairman



On Sunday afternoon, September 22nd, exactly one week before Rosh Hashanah, a lunch appreciation was held for Ray Friedman, PM for his service in the US Army during the 1940s. Ray entered the US Army just one year after World War II ended. He served as an Audiovisual Radio Operator in the US Army from 1946 to 1949 and was discharged as a Sergeant. After his Army Service, Ray attended Capitol Technology College in Washington, DC for two years and later worked as an Audio Visual Specialist with the federal government.

The Appreciation Lunch was held in the Conservatory Room at the Wasserman Hebrew Home in Rockville, Maryland. The food served during the lunch consisted of a platter, from Moti's Kosher Super Market, which is also located in Rockville. Ray and his family were highly grateful for this appreciation

lunch and our Lodge.

Eleven people attended the service appreciation lunch for Ray Friedman. The Brethren present were Hal Henig, Organizing Chairman, JW Burt Levy, PM, SD Jeff Greenwald, SS Allen Levy, Allen Friedman, PM son of Ray and of course Ray Friedman, PM. Other attendees were Hal's wife Lisa Henig and other members of Ray Friedman's Family including his wife Adele. Ray and Adele Friedman are undergoing rehab at the Hebrew Home.

Attached is a photo of the attendees of Ray's Appreciation Lunch at the Hebrew Home. I look forward to more Appreciation Meet-UPS for other I members of Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 that served our country, during World War II.



Arthritis Foundation Jingle Bell Run

This year, Laura's Army will be participating in the Jingle Bell Run that will take place on Saturday, December 14 at Seneca Creek Park in Gaithersburg.

This is a walk/run followed by some fellowship and is appropriate for the whole family.

<https://events.arthritis.org/team/laurasarmy2019>

Brethren, first some updates. I have had the pleasure of attending a few more Warden's nights. It is interesting, that with 40 plus Lodges in DC, Warden's night at some Lodges only had two visitors #45 and maybe two other visitors. Recently we attended Warden's Night at Federal Lodge #1. Besides Warden's night, they hosted a wonderful Festive Board. There were about 150 brethren and it was a great night. Truly one of the things that Masonry is all about.

When is Warden's night at #45? As happens every few years, the Jewish holidays stepped (more like it slammed) our schedule again this year. Warden's night would have probably been the canceled October meeting, which ended up on Erev Yom Kippur. The next Warden's night will be October 2020 and will include a Festive Board as well. More on next year's schedule in next month's Bulletin.

Discussing Federal Lodge #1, they did a courtesy Fellowcrafts degree for two of our Brethren. But this was unlike any Fellowcrafts degree I have ever been to. There were 15, yes you read that correctly, 15 Brethren passed to the degree of Fellocrafts. Federal meets at the Odd Fellows Hall, and the lodge room is a bit smaller than the one at Takoma Masonic Center. So getting 15 candidates, their 15 conductors, and the rest of the supporting cast, 35 plus people, all in the right spots for the degree was amazing. For me, being able to participate in the degree as a conductor, was even more amazing.

While on the subject of Degrees, put November 12th on your calendar for our Master Mason Degree. The cast has been working hard, so it is going to be an outstanding degree.

I recently attended the Grand Lodge's, 2019 Masonic Day of Thanksgiving & Remembrance. This year it was held at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial. An interesting building, and worth the visit if you have never been. Since this was a Friday evening, the logistics for me getting there was an adventure. After a 45-minute car ride from work to the Glenmont Metro Station, I work

just east of Columbia, I took the Red Line to Gallery Place. Then changed trains to the Yellow line, got off at the King Street station, and then I had a 20-minute walk up the hill to the building. Fortunately, there are lots of walkways with several hundred steps to get from the bottom to the top of the hill which the Memorial sits on.

The featured speaker for the evening was Melanie Kirkpatrick. Her talk was titled "Thanksgiving: the Holiday at the Heart of the American Experience." It had never really occurred to me that Thanksgiving, complete with Turkey is an American (as in the United States) holiday. Just like the 4th of July. Several other countries celebrate Thanksgiving, but the premise for the holiday is not a feast with the locals. She drew a wonderful timeline describing the history of the holiday, from the Pilgrims to modern times. And she managed to stitch in how some of our Masonic Brethren influenced the holiday. Including one who tried to change the date from the last Thursday of the month to the week before, because in 1939, there were five Thursdays in the month, which significantly shortened the number of shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There is an ad for a television show that stole my quote for this month. So I am going to use a different one from the same author.

"Always pass on what you have learned."

- Yoda



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Remembering Veterans Day and Acknowledging our Veterans Service and Sacrifice

Our Lodge has frequently printed the list of Brethren who served our county in the military which is reprinted below. Earlier in November, we observed Veteran's Day. Too often it seems as if this is just another "holiday" with many notices by retailers offering big sales. Therefore it is certainly appropriate that we as Masons stop and pause and reflect on the true intent of this important national holiday. Veteran's Day, what used to be called Armistice Day, marked the cessation of hostilities at the end of WWI on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. This year it is observed on Monday, November 11th.

While this holiday was originally intended to pay reverent respect for the men who died in that war which was intended to end all wars, today Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. We should again pause and reflect on this solemn occasion and give thanks to the Great Architect for the many, many rich blessings he has given us and the sacrifice of so many.

We owe so much to these men and women, past and present, for all that they gave of themselves and their dedication to preserving our liberties and our opportunities to work and to grow and to prosper and to be able to practice our gentle craft without fear.

Brethren Who Have Served Our Country
in the Military!

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| Jack Dichter | Marvin Kotz | Jerome Saidman |
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| Gilbert Fisher | Stanley Love | Frank Shechtman |
| Irving Fleishman | Irving Lipsky | Joseph Sher |

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Joseph Williamowsky
Milton Williams
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Gilbert Zellan
Jack Zellan
Howard H. Ziegler

This list will continue until all our Brethren, those with us and those who have passed, are listed. Please send those names and their stories to Raymond Horn, rhorn@sgbf45.org, 443-253-0605.



Team Rockville, Brothers Jeff Greenwald, Hal Henig, Jerry Keilsohn, Raymond Horn, Burt Levy, Alan Karpas and Sonny Garibay.



Team Chevy Chase: David Torchinsky, PM, Michael Greenwald, PM, Shira Torchinsky, Aaron Kamerer, Derek Gould.



SD Jeff Greenwald modeling the contents of the Rosh Hashanah Baskets. One lucky recipient might have gotten Jeff!



Doing what we do best.

There was a slight change with our annual JSSA Rosh Hashanah Basket program. This year, there were two distribution sites, one at Congregation Ohr Kodesh and one at JSSA's offices at the Rockville, JCC. JSSA plays an important role in our community and this year we helped fill 500 bags with challah,

honey cakes and whatever else was needed. After filling the bags, our brethren helped bring the bags to the curb for the many cars driven by the volunteers who were delivering the bags to the needy. Brother David Torchinsky, PM lead Team Chevy Chase and Brother Jeff Greenwald led Team Rockville. Our

Lodge covered both sites and we again made several deliveries to the Revitz House in Rockville. Of course, both teams immediately headed for the nearest lunch spot with Team Chevy Chase going to the Parkway and Team Rockville going to Bagel City.

The Grand Lodge Picnic

This past September 28th, the Grand Lodge held the annual Grand Lodge Picnic at Glen Echo Park.

A good time was had by all!



Jonathan "Klown" Binstock, PM



WB Robert Greenwald, SW Jerry Keilsohn, Walter F. Simon, PM, DSM, Adam Foreman, PM



The Grand Master and WB Adam Tager



Robert H. Starr, PGM and Vickie Starr, Lara and son-in-law, our Bro. Lee Barton and their sons Alex and Aaron, celebrating Bob's Birthday at the GL Picnic.



WB Robert Greenwald, SW Jerry Keilsohn, Walter F. Simon, PM, DSM, Robert H. Starr, PGM, JW Burt S. Levy, PM

Visitations and Traveling Men over the Last Month

We had a busy month and encourage all our Brethren to participate in the visitations.



Senior and Junior Wardens attending Warden's Night at Federal Lodge #1



Our Lodge's turnout for Federal Lodge #1 and the Curtesy Fellow Crafts Degree. Left to Right in the Front and then rear: Raymond Horn, PM, WM Robert Greenwald, New FC Joel Van Vollenhoven, FC Thomas Ebilane, Michael Greenwald, PM, Aaron Kramerer, FC Ryan Simon, SW Jerry Keilsohn and Derek Gould.



William R. Singleton-Hope-Lebanon Lodge No. 7 September 6 -Wardens' night was an absolute success last night at Singleton Lodge! The Wardens of Singleton presented beautiful suspenders to visiting Wardens followed by a thorough presentation encompassing the accomplishments and future plans of the Archives Committee. Attending are SW Jerry P. Keilsohn and JW Burt S. Levy, PM.



WM Larry A. Villegas-Perez, the officers, new Fellow Crafts and attendees of Federal Lodge #1.

September Meet-Up at Chuy's Tex-Mex



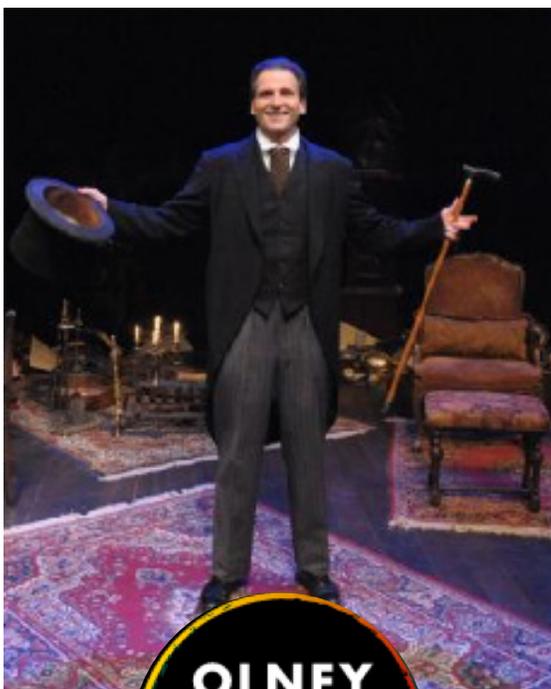
Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge had our Monday Evening Monthly Meet-Up at Chuy's Tex-Mex Restaurant in Rockville, Maryland on September 23rd.

Four Brethren and two guests attended last month's Meet-Up and enjoyed tasty Tex-Mexican Food. Brethren in attendance were Meet-Up Chairman Hal Henig, Senior Deacon Jeff Greenwald, Fellow Craft Aaron Kamerer, and WM Dough Stadler, the Worshipful Master of National-Stansbury-Dawson Lodge # 2 in Washington, DC. The guests at our dinner were Stuart and Rini Zitomer.

We started with tortilla chip appetizers which were followed by very large entries. The waitress was very helpful as Chuy's has some pretty spicy food. The entrance of the restaurant is decorated with photos of Elvis Presley and 1950's vintage automobiles.

Attached to the article is a photo of the six attendees that had a good time at last month's meet-up, which occurred one week before Rosh Hashanah. We look forward to more future monthly Meet-Ups and members of other lodges are always welcomed.

Lodge December Social - A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas



For a December Social, our prospective next Master is organizing a Theatre event for Sunday, December 29th, at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. One of Jerry's favorite plays at The Olney Theatre is the One Man Show by Paul Morella of A Christmas Carol. This activity is open to all Brethren and their families. The Lodge has reserved a block of tickets at the special price of \$25.00 per ticket and will obtain additional seats if needed for all RSVP's prior to November 30th. Following the performance, we will be going to a local restaurant for an early dinner.

The Holiday Tradition continues as Olney Theatre Center's favorite Paul Morella returns to bring his unique and memorable adaptation of A Christmas Carol to life in our most intimate space – the Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab. Experience the unforgettable characters and vivid imagery as Charles Dickens originally intended – in his own words – and rediscover this timeless classic presented in a masterful solo performance. Adapted from Dickens' original novella and reading tour, Morella's solo version will transport you back to Victorian England and into the heart of this classic morality tale.

Where is Olney? Getting here is easier than you might expect. We are located in Central Montgomery County, on Maryland Route 108 (Olney-Sandy Spring Road) in Olney, Maryland, one and a half miles east of Georgia Avenue (Route 97) and two miles west of New Hampshire Avenue (Route 650).

GPS Address: 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, MD 20832, Parking is FREE!

To reserve your tickets, please notify the SW Jerry Keilsohn and send your check to the Secretary for \$25.00 per ticket. Please advise Jerry if you will be joining the group for dinner afterward.

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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. 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
November	12 Stated Communication – Election of 2020 Officers and Master Mason’s Degree. – Lodge opens 7:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.	MM Masons Welcome
	16 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	
	23 Thanksgiving Baskets, Truckload at Safeway — 6:00 p.m.	
	24 Kensington Lodge, Assemble and deliver Thanksgiving Baskets — 7:00 a.m.	
	25 Meet-up, TBD location - 7:30 p.m.	Masons and Potential Masons

Date	Event	Open to
December	8 Lodge Installation of Officers	All Welcome
	14 Jingle Bell Run, Seneca Creek Park, Gaithersburg, MD - 9:00 a.m.	
	22 VA Visitation — 9:30 a.m.	
	29 Lodge Social, Olney Theatre, A Christmas Carol performance followed by dinner – 3:00 p.m.	