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NOVEMBER STATED COMMUNICATION

“VIRTUAL” MEETING

ELECTION & MASONIC JEOPARDY

Our November Stated Communication will again have several unique activities. Our election is being conducted virtually, through an online vote. In keeping with the Grand Lodge directions, we are conducting our election on-line using the Grand View Program and will set aside some time during our meeting to allow Brethren to cast their vote. This year, as our voting process is different and access to Grand View is not familiar to everyone, we will allow voting from the evening of November 1st until we address it during our meeting on November 10th.

Following our vote, WM Jerry will be hosting a special activity, Masonic Jeopardy which promises to make for a fun and engaging meeting. Jerry promises to wear his best Alex Trebek look. Brethren should feel free to dress like Jeopardy! contestants, so anything goes.

As a reminder, every Brother has their own Grand View Account. The instructions on how to vote are included in this bulletin. The details of how to access Grand View were printed in our October Bulletin and were emailed to all the Brethren for which we have email. Please check our website, sgbf45.org where we post all of our Bulletins without the Trestleboard for reference if needed.

“This... is... Jeopardy!”

Those iconic words from Johnny Gilbert were uttered for the first time to open the premiere episode of Jeopardy! on September 10, 1984. “A fast-talking Alex Trebek explained the rules of the game, and we were off on a journey that would span over 8,000 episodes (and counting)!”





Light From the East

By Jerry P. Keilsohn

As the days get short, so does the amount of natural light from the east (south and west too). For those that have not seen it, the Grand Master of Masons for DC has decided to continue the ban on in-person meeting through the rest of his year. That means we will not be meeting until January at the soonest. Although I suspect that the incoming Grand Master will probably extend the exclusion as well.

The current situation has caused people to adapt in ways we had never thought about previously. For example, we will be doing the election of officers for next year virtually. Please see the instructions for logging into GrandView and casting your ballot elsewhere in the Bulletin. The Grand Lodge plans to use the same process for the Grand Lodge officers.

I expect that the installation of officers for our Lodge will be done virtually. Again something we have never done, but should be interesting.

One of the responsibilities of the Worshipful Master is to give light. At home, that responsibility extends to making sure the lights work. We have an under cabinet light over the desk that nobody uses as a desk in our kitchen. My wife observed that the switch that turns it off and on was not working properly. It works sometimes and not others. This should have been what my Dad would call a "10-minute job". I turned the breaker off and disassembled the switch. To find that the switch was actually broken in half. I am a little concerned because all of the other switches in the house are the same age. Although I have replaced many of them mostly for aesthetic reasons. When we first moved into the house I replace all of the ones in the kid's rooms with the larger paddle style as they are easier for little hands. I swapped out the switch and turned the power back on. My 10-minute job, including finding the replacement in a box in the basement. Job done, or so I thought.

A few days later, my wife observes that it does not appear to be working again. This time it is behaving a little differently. I try it and of course, it works for me. My wife tried it and of course, it does not work all the time for her. Maybe the switch again? I swap it out again, but that does not fix it. I play with it a while. It is a fluorescent fixture with just a single tube. I swap the tube end for end, and that makes it worse. That probably means it is the ballast. \$25.00 for a replacement ballast or \$30.00 for a new setup with a never have to change the bulb again LED. The LED one wins. I order it online. The order confirmation says it

will arrive in two-plus weeks. OK, there is no rush. It shows up four days later. I swapped the fixture out, and now I have a light over the desk. So much for it being a ten-minute job.

While Free Masonry is considered the oldest of all fraternal organizations, there are many others. Most notably the Fraternities and Sororities on college campuses. I myself belonged to one when I was in college.

My daughter was Archon (President) of her sorority, Phi Sigma Sigma last year. They elect officers on a calendar year and not the school year, which in itself is interesting. As such she missed being the virtual president. When her school closed all in-person activities, the Chapter just did what we did and moved to hold virtual Zoom meetings. They meet once a week. She has started classes for the fall quarter. The school is still closed for all in-person classes, so she is home at the moment and her classroom is my dining room.

The part I find interesting, this is the time of year that the Fraternities and Sororities do RUSH. The program at Drexel for the Sororities is very structured. They have a RUSH week, where the ladies visit as many of the sororities they choose. It is a weeklong open house and is run on a strict schedule. At the end of the week, each woman submits their bid for which sorority they wish to join. The individual sororities make their top choices. Then there is a team that attempts to line everybody up. It sounds terribly confusing, but my daughter says it works really well.

For this year, nobody is on campus, the houses are closed, so how do you do RUSH? The answer is Zoom. Utilizing the Zoom Rooms for each sorority, they managed to pull it off. My daughter did her part and helped with getting everybody into the right rooms at the right time. A rather amazing feat. I am told that they have worked out a way to do virtual pledging and possibly a virtual initiation.

While I am on this subject, I found it interesting that Senator Kamala Harris' sorority sisters have pulled together to support her run for Vice President. How have the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha done this when they, like us, are supposed to not be political? In addition to a huge get out the Vote program, by donating \$19.08 to her campaign. Why \$19.08? Because 1908 is the year AKA was founded.

As I always do, I will close with a quote.

"If you don't vote, you lose the right to complain." – George Carlin.

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GRAND VISITATION EVENT

Most Worshipful Brother Michael D. Nicholas, Sr., Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, made his annual Grand Visitation accompanied by Officers of the Grand Lodge. In this most unusual event, 86 Masons participated in a sequence of Lodge Meetings where each Master gave an abbreviated annual report, introduced their officers, their Secretary introduced the Past Masters and their Fidelity Medal holder. The GM opened the Grand Lodge at the start of the Visitation, made his remarks, introduced his line of officers, and had the Grand Masters present introduced. He then closed the GL and opened William R. Singleton-Hope-Lebanon #7, the Anacostia-Pentalpha #21, then opened SG-BF #45. The GM received the report of our Worshipful Master, honored the Lodge's Past Masters and Fidelity Medal holder. The full text of our Master's report is included in the Bulletin.

Our Lodge was well represented with twelve Past Masters and ten Officers. The Past Masters attending: WM Allen J Wright, 1963; MWB Jules S. Tepper, 1981; WB Walter F. Simon, 1982; MWB Robert H. Starr, 1990; WM Burt Levy, 1995; RWM Sheldon I. Rapoport, 2001; WB Jerrold Gordon, 2006 & Lodge Fidelity Medal Holder; WB Rabbi Randy A. Schoch, 2015; WB Michael K. Greenwald, 2017; WB Raymond E. Horn, 2018; WB Robert Greenwald, 2019; Honorary Member MWB Roman Volsky. Officers who attended: WM Jerry P. Keilsohn, SW Burt S. Levy, JW Jeffrey R. Greenwald, SD Allen R. Levy, JD Derek Gould, SS Aaron Kamerer, Master-of-Ceremonies Sheldon I. Rapoport, Treasurer Robert H. Starr, Chaplain Walter F. Simon and Aide to the Master Hal Henig.

Our Fidelity Medal Holder, Jerrold Gordon, PM was honored by the Grand Master. Brother Jerry reminded us that this is his 77th year as a Mason, having been raised in 1949 to help his progress toward becoming a better man.

Other Lodges being visited that evening were Freedodom Military Lodge #1775, Lodge of the 9 Muses #1776, and lastly, Italia Lodge #2001. Toward the end of the evening, MWB Robert H. Starr was asked to provide his comments, as the Senior PGM in our Lodge.

The full text of his comments is included below.

ADDRESS OF PAST GRAND MASTER ROBERT H. STARR TO THE GRAND MASTER FOR GRAND VISITATION 2020

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Back in 1983, my daughters had just joined the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. I could not attend their meetings, because even as a parent, back then, you had to be either a Mason, Eastern Star, or majority member. So I asked my good friend, the late Worshipful Brother Norman Barshai, how I could join (I figured if I didn't like it, I could quit). Norm gave me a petition and the gift of a lifetime! One that I could never have imagined. It changed my life forever. That gift of a Masonic journey brought me, friends and Brethren, from all over the world. They greeted me as long lost members of their families whenever and wherever we met. They are all men of honor and of whom I respect. The more Masonic organizations I joined, the more of these wonderful Brethren I came to know.

On October 12th, we celebrated the 17th Wedding Anniversary of my oldest daughter, Lara, and Son-in-law, Brother Lee Barton. While on a visit to the GLNF in December 2002, my daughter accompanied us, and a young man, whom she had met on the internet, flew over to meet her. Another Masonic gift.

When my wife, Vickie, and my daughters became members of the Eastern Star. I was too busy as an officer of my Lodge to join with them. Many years later, Vickie told me that she decided to go up line in her Chapter. I told her of my support for that endeavor. She said that when she became Worthy Matron, she expected me to be her Worthy Patron. In the same breath I said, "I guess I have to join, don't I?" Another wonderful masonic gift that led to another phase of my Masonic journey, now with new Sisters and Brothers to meet from the world over.

That petition given to me by Worshipful Brother Norman gave me opportunities that I could never ever have imagined. I have had

the opportunity to give that gift to friends and I encourage each of you to share your gift of a petition with others. The more friends and Brethren we have, the more enjoyable life becomes.

MW Grand Master, I am sorry that you didn't get to enjoy your term as much as you should, while being amongst your Brethren, because of the pandemic. You had a very busy and probably taxing year. Because of your leadership and decisions, however, our Brethren were able to remain active and to keep in contact with each other during these trying times. You also took steps to help our Brethren and their families that were in need because of COVID. We all appreciate the time and effort that you have devoted to serving as our Grand Master.

Finally, Grand Master, approximately 30 years ago, on October 30, 1990, MWB Charles S. Iversen, as Grand Master and his Grand Lodge Officers paid their official Grand Visitation to Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge. I was the Master at that time. I only remember four things about that event. First, before the meeting, we fed over 200 Brethren, and more arrived for the meeting. Ours was the only Lodge being visited. The Lodge's gift to MWB Iversen was a pair of cobalt blue cocktail glasses, one with a silhouette of Benjamin Franklin and the other of Samuel Gompers. Those glasses are on display at our Scottish Rite. The Lodge had 1184 members that year. One of the last members to leave the Visitation was then RWB Junior Grand Warden, George R. Adams.

He went to the coat rack to retrieve his coat. When he put it on, the sleeves only came halfway down his arms. I learned a valuable lesson that evening. Never ever leave your car keys in the pocket of a coat that you are putting on a coat rack.

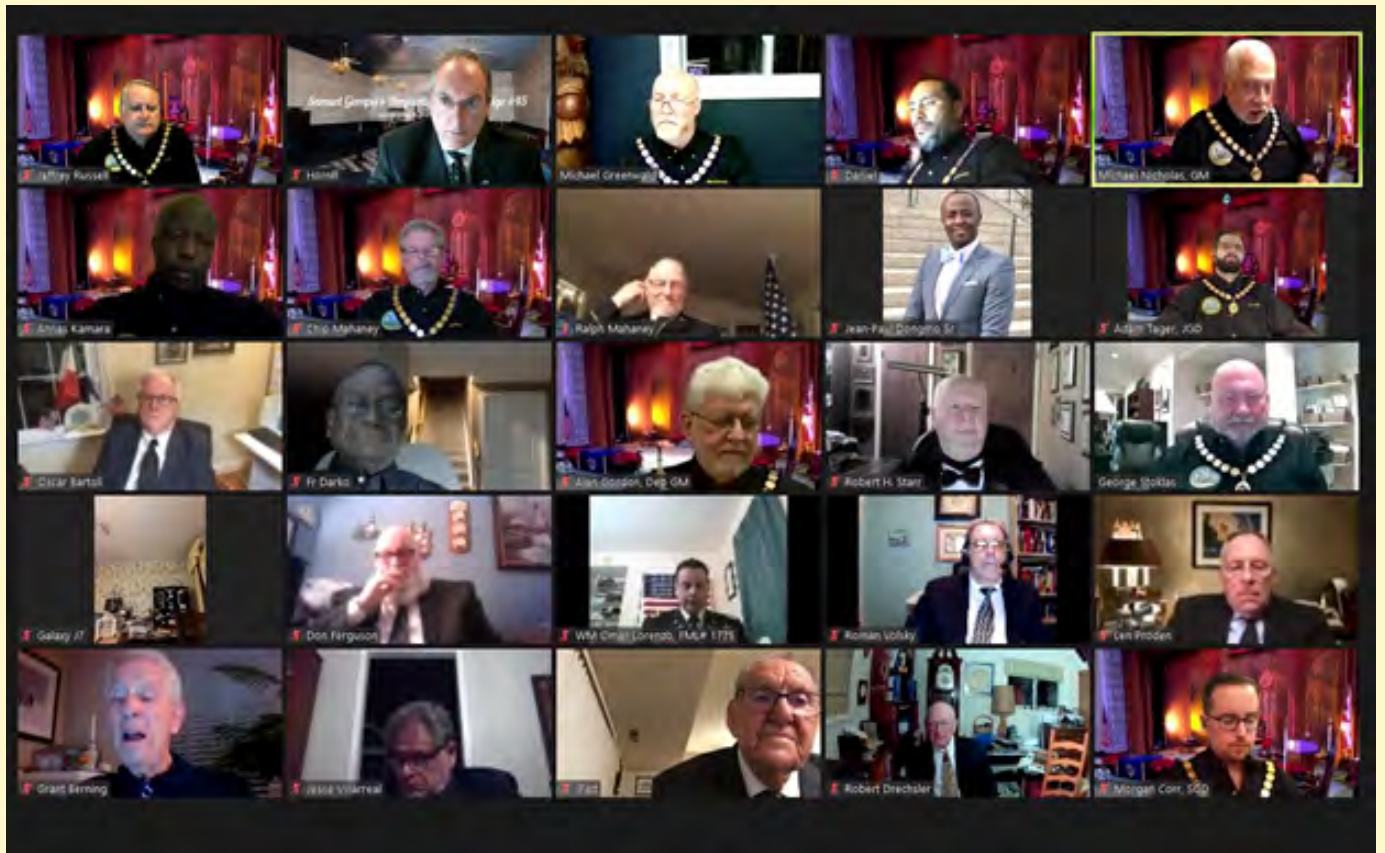
Thank you, Most Worshipful, for the opportunity to address the Brethren at this Grand Visitation.



Most Worshipful Brother Michael D. Nicholas, Sr



WM Jerry Keilsohn giving his annual report



A Large number of Masons attended the Grand Visitation.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GRAND MASTER FROM SAMUEL GOMPERS - BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LODGE No. 45 FOR MASONIC YEAR 2020

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

As the world collapsed around us back in March, due to the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the plans we had for Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 for 2020 collapsed with it.

As a result of some fortunate timing and some fast work by the officers of the Lodge, Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 held the first in the jurisdiction, Virtual Stated Communication on Tuesday, May 12th. The Grand Masters Decision to allow us to do so, happened just a few days prior. For this unique night, we had a surprisingly great turn out, even considering we pulled the whole thing together in just a few days.

We have since had virtual Stated's in June, September and October. While we are normally dark for July, we did an informal meeting complete with a wonderful talk by MWB Walter Benesch on Stone Circles.

One of the advantages of doing Zoom meetings is we are able to have brethren attend that, for a variety of reasons would not be able to attend. We have had Brethren attend that are hundreds of miles away, ones that are confined to home for health reasons, and some that just had not attend a Lodge meeting in a very long time. At one of our meetings, I observed that there was a 70 year difference in age between the oldest and youngest. At our first virtual, we had three father-son combinations present, in each, the fathers and sons were over 50 miles away from each other.

Meetings

Thanks to the skill and perseverance of our Zoom Wizard, WB Raymond Horn, we have done Zoom virtual meetings for Stated's, Officer Meetings, and meet-ups. Brother Ray is the Lodge Secretary and also the Lodge Bulletin Editor. Even with the printer we had been using essentially closing up, Brother Ray has still managed to incredibly get our Lodge Bulletin out every month.

Zoom meetings change the dynamic of the meeting, and while we are still learning, it has been a great tool. We have tried talks, short presentations, longer presentations, open discussions. Sometimes combining more than one into the same evening. A great example was our September Stated.

It has been the custom at #45 for the last few years to give not just the Grand Lodge's 50, 60, and 70 years of service awards, but a Gompers-Franklin award and pin for every five years of service as a Mason. In the past, we have tried to schedule Anniversary Night on the

same evening as the Grand Visitation so that the Grand Master can hand out the awards. This year we did it at our September Stated. And then had a wonderful talk by WB Jacob Bressman.

October was Warden's Night. Senior Warden Burton Levy, PM sat in the virtual East. He is the Lodge photographer, and has been the Grand Lodge photographer in the past. He presented hundreds of pictures of Masonic events. He led a lively discussion on them. Or as one brother called it, old guys in tuxes night.

Under the topic of the most unusual virtual event, we had a virtual magician one evening wow us with her magic. She was quite remarkable, and very uplifting. Plus gave us all something to distract ourselves just as things were going from bad to worse in the world.

We held in-person Lodge meetings in January and February. In March instead of a Stated we held a Purim themed Festive Board, complete with groggers (noisemakers) and with the traditional hamantaschen for dessert. We had planned to be dark for April, so the shutdown did not impact us in April.

Social

Special Assistant to the Master, Brother Hal Henig has done an outstanding job keeping our Meet-Ups happening. The Lodge Meet-ups are usually on the fourth Monday of the month. They are very informal and usually involved dinner someplace. We did manage to have one in January and February.

With no in-person events, Brother Hal moved the Meet-ups to a virtual Zoom event. In March even before we had really figured out the whole virtual ZOOM meeting, we did a, "How ya doing night". It was great just to see and talk with our fellow brethren. Many of the brethren shared what is was like to be either still going to work, or adjusting to working from home.

At the Memorial Day special meet-up, we did a program, "name the baby". I asked the Brethren to share a baby picture or two of themselves. Then using the magic of Zoom, we shared the photo and asked the Brethren to guess who it was. Once the guessing was done, the brother shared a little bit about when and often why the photo was taken.

Several of the Meet-ups have been on a specific topic up for open discussion. One of the more popular ones was "tell us about your hobby". Brother Hal found a way to do several nature hikes, while maintaining social distancing and other precautions.

Events

Pre COVID-19 and we were able to interact in person, we saw the one man play “A Christmas Carol” at the Olney Theater in December. We went sky diving in February. Brother Senior Steward Aaron Kamerer organized an afternoon event at iFly, the indoor sky diving. This was a family included event. We had a great turnout and everybody got to do a possible “bucket list” event. It was hard to match the smile on the younger sister of one of our youngest brethren, Junior Deacon Derek Gould, after she flew for the first time.

Our Lodge sponsored, Hockey night with the Capitals, happened in February. We all got to witness Alex Ovechkin be presented with an award for his 700th goal, plus watch him win the game with a goal in a shoot-out. We were unable to do any of the planned baseball games during the summer nor several of the other sporting events we had on our schedule.

Finances

Samuel Gompers- Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 is in great shape financially. The specifics are in the Treasurer’s report. Our investments continue to grow are a rate greater than the rate we are spending them. The three Trustees, Julien Hofberg, PM; Jerome Bauman, PM and Jeffrey Greenwald and the chairman of our investment committee, Allen Wright, PM have and continue to do, even in these uncertain times, 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.

Charity

One of the things we at Gompers-Franklin take great pride in, is our charity work. Sadly, this year we have had to cancel several of our in person events. We have managed to continue some of the others.

We were able to do, what is becoming an annual event, and assist the N-Street Village woman’s shelter with meal preparation on Super Bowl Sunday in February.

We had a great turn out, while also properly socially distancing, to assist the Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) with the distribution of Passover Baskets in April. Then in September, helping JSSA assemble and distribute over 1000 Rosh Hashanah Baskets. Both of these are an annual event for us and we have been doing both of them with our JSSA partner for many years.

We are on track to continue the oldest continuous philanthropic event in the entire jurisdiction this year; the William D. Boker Thanksgiving Basket program. As in past years, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will assemble and distribute, with JSSAs help, 100 full Thanksgiving meal baskets, turkey included, to those less fortunate in our community.

We did manage our Sunday before Christmas visit to the VA, but unfortunately we were unable to do our Easter Sunday visit.

Brother Junior Warden Jeffrey Greenwald has done a magnificent job this year and in past years coordinating these efforts.

The Lodge has made a donation to the Grand Lodge COVID-19 fund as have many of our members. It is a tradition at #45 at Grand Visitation, to make a donation to the Grand Masters favorite charity. Although the Grand Visitation will be virtually this year, and I will not be able to hand the check directly to the Grand Master, we will still be making the donation in his honor.

Master’s closing remarks

While we were sad to lose WB Michael Greenwald as the Lodge’s Secretary, we are exceptionally proud of the job he is doing this year as Grand Marshal.

This has not been the year I planned nor the year I expected. I believe we have done and continue to do an exceptional job in never before experienced circumstances.

The Brethren of #45 know I like to always close with a quote. This time a thought and then the quote:

I hope one day soon we will be able to again do in-person meetings, greet each other with a warm handshake, and possibly a hug.

In Yiddish: “Fun dayn moyl in gots oyern”. ‘From your mouth to God’s ears.’

Respectfully submitted.

Jerry P Keilsohn

Master

Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 45

IN MEMORIAM

Bro Havey Hurwitz

Born: March 15th, 1928

EA°: July 2nd, 1963

FC°: August 6th, 1963

MM°: September 3rd, 1963

Died: June 30th, 2020

Bro Stuart L Werner

Born: June 2nd, 1932

EA°: May 27th, 1958

FC°: June 24th, 1958

MM°: August 12th, 1958

Died: September 22nd, 2020

REPORT ON WARDENS' NIGHT

As advertised, our SW and past Grand Lodge Photographer Burt Levy provided an engrossing program for Wardens' Night by showing over 200 photographs and leading a discussion around who-is-who and when was in or that taken that was not to be missed. Included are only a sampling of the photos and apologies to anyone was in or had friends and relatives in other images that were not reproduced.





REMEMBERING VETERANS DAY AND ACKNOWLEDGING OUR VETERANS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE



Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who served. For this one day, we stand united.

Veterans Day was formally known as Armistice Day and was originally set as a legal holiday to honor the end of World War I which took place on November 11, 1918.

In 1954 the name was officially changed to include all veterans of war.

People sometimes confuse Veterans Day with Memorial Day. The difference is Memorial Day honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice during a war in battle or by other injuries due to the war. They gave their lives in service to their country.

Veterans Day is set aside to honor and thank living veterans who served their country in wartime and peacetime. So when you go about your day go up to a Veteran or someone in uniform and say thank you for your service and sacrifice. A special thing happens that touches you deep inside.

Always remember they walked the walk on the watch to ensure your freedoms.

To my fellow comrades and brothers thank you for your service and sacrifice.

WE are updating our list of Veterans, if you have served in the military (note which branch of the military) please let me know so I may maintain this list.

By Brother Bob Greenwald PM

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Lodge Elections – How to Guide

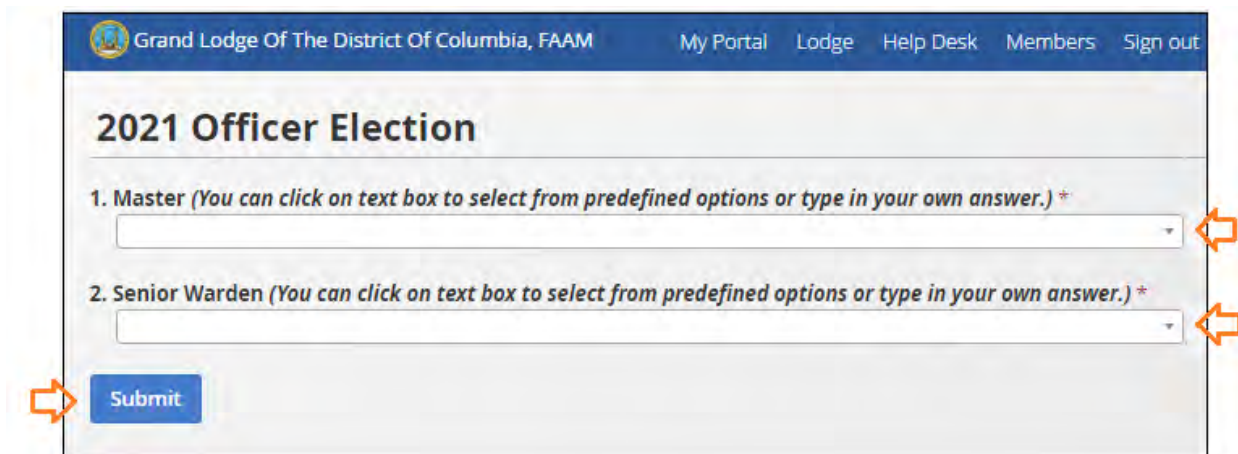
The following guide is provided by the Grand Lodge. We are conducting our Lodge Elections on-line from the evening of November 1st through our meeting on Tuesday, November 10th where we will close the election and announce the winning line of officers for our 2021 Masonic Year.

The following “How To” guide is meant to walk you through the process of voting in an online Lodge Officer election inside Grand View. *As always, please contact the Grand Lodge Office of the Grand Secretary if you have any questions or need assistance.*

1. Login to your Grand View Account. If you need help with this process, please ask your Lodge Secretary.
2. At the top of your profile screen after logging in, you will see a notice for each Lodge that has created and opened a ballot for Lodge Elections. Click the blue “Begin” button to access the ballot.



3. You will now see the full slate of offices that Lodge has up for election. Make your vote for each office by selecting your favored candidate from the drop-down box below the office you are electing for. If you wish to write-in a candidate, you may do so in the blank box and then either hit “enter” on your keyboard or click the response to lock it in to make that selection.
4. When you are finished with the entire ballot, make sure your selections are correct and then click the blue “Submit button” at the bottom of the screen. ****Once you submit your ballot, you may not change your selections.****



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Date		Event	Open to
November	10	<i>Stated Virtual Communication Elections Virtual Meeting</i> Lodge opens at 7:30 pm Request link from the Secretary if you plan to attend Secretary@sgbf45.org	Masons
	22	<i>William Bocker Memorial Thanksgiving Baskets</i> Kensington Lodge - See enclosed article Let Jeff Greenwald know if you can attend jw@sgbf45.org	Everyone

Date		Event	Open to
November	23	<i>Virtual Meet-Up</i> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm <i>Virtual Meeting</i> see the link or phone number in the App or email	Everyone
December	13	<i>Stated Communication - Installation Virtual Meeting, 1:00 p.m. Open on the EA Degree</i> Request link from the Secretary if you plan to attend Secretary@sgbf45.org ** Note - Lodge will go to recess after opening. Family & Friends are welcome for the installation.	Everyone
	21	<i>Virtual Meet-Up</i> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm <i>Virtual Meeting</i> see the link or phone number in the App or email	Everyone