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

# bulletin

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## JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> STATED COMMUNICATION "VIRTUAL" MEETING

# MASONIC ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Our first meeting of 2021, on January 12th, will begin at 7:30 pm and end at 7:55 pm so that we can invite our family members to join us as we "Show & Tell" our most interesting Masonic Collectibles and memorabilia. Just as our honorable fraternity is based on symbols, every Mason becomes a collector of those various keepsakes and souvenirs that have a deeper meaning for them.

So, this will be your big opportunity to share those mementos and the stories of them with your Greater Masonic Family. Some are well-known Masonic Antiques like the Dudley Watch, which was featured on an Antique Roadshow episode, and the George Washington Gavel which was used to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol. But there are many other examples of interesting craftsmanship or reminders of our friends that incorporate Masonic symbols which would not be recognizable unless you were in the Craft.



The magic of meeting 'virtually' enables us to invite folks into our homes and to show off that prized trophy wall or collection of photographs, or keepsakes. We look forward to a huge attendance for what promises to be a remarkably interesting evening. Please be prepared to share your Masonic Antique or scanned photograph.

You will receive the Zoom 'link' for this meeting when you RSVP on our APP or email [Secretary@sgbf45.org](mailto:Secretary@sgbf45.org)



## Light From the East

By Burt Levy

My Father (Morris Levy), his Brother (Manny Levy), His Brother-in-law (Aaron Strichartz), my Cousin (Mark Strichartz), my Uncle (Harry Wechsler) were all Masons! I was born at the end of 1940, so my first 20 years spanned the 40's and 50's eras, a time when racism and anti-Semitism were still very much a part of every-day life. Yet, if a man was a Mason, he was part of a greater Brotherhood of men whose fraternal affiliation put them above and beyond race or religion! Being an "accepted" member of that Brotherhood often transcended the petty differences of race, religion, and national origin. But it went even further than that! All my Father's friends, most of his customers (Wholesale Produce), and most of the businessmen he dealt with were also Masons. All our social activities were with those good men and their families. So, I had the feeling of growing up within an incredibly large extended family.

I remember trying to be the first to grab the mail when the Lodge Bulletin was delivered so I could read the reports of the wonderful events of the past month and the plans for upcoming events. We always looked forward to the annual picnic in Rock Creek Park, the Shrine Circus, the Night of Thrills, etc. I always turned to the "Gossip Column" where I could keep up with who was being Bar or Bat Mitzvah; getting married; going on vacation, or graduating!

Now, having said all that, I must admit that one of my biggest disappointments is that I waited until my Father passed before I decided to seek admission to his Lodge. I do not know how all those years went by and not one of those Masons, not even my Dad, had encouraged me to become a member of their great Fraternity. I came to realize that they had all been instructed to never ask or "recruit" members. The "rule" was that if a man wanted to be a Mason, he had to first ask a Mason! As membership numbers began to wane, and Lodges began to merge to stay viable, it became obvious that we should at least let our family members know the benefits of becoming a member of our Lodge. I can only imagine the pride that my Father would have felt in watching my progress through the Lodge Officer Line and to see me become the Master of his lodge. Then to be Coroneted a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite, a Past High Priest of my Royal Arch Chapter, and now assuming the "Oriental East" for the second time in his Mother Lodge. But it does not take a lot to imagine how he would have felt, because I am now feeling the intense pride of seeing My Son progress through the Officer Line. Allen is your Junior Warden this year and "Lord Willin" I will see him become Worshipful Master in just a few years. Allen loved his Grandfather very much, so I simply told him how he could honor his Grandfather's memory by petitioning his Lodge. I did not mention what it would mean to me to have him do so!

I hope that my experience will lead you to enjoy the many blessings that can be realized by encouraging your eligible family members and close friends to seek the Degrees of Freemasonry and to become a part of our Masonic Family.

The old rule still stands. We are NOT to ask anyone to "join" or to become a "member". We are much more than a "club." One cannot simply decide to "join" and expect that paying dues will entitle him to membership. We let them know the many benefits of Petitioning for the Degrees in the hopes that they can become a part of our larger family of "better men." Tell your Sons, Nephews, Brothers, Uncles, etc. how they could bring honor to you, themselves, and to the other Masons in your family if they Petition and are "taken and accepted" into the Brotherhood of Freemasonry.

*A Petition for the Degrees of Freemasonry is included with this mailing. Please use it to share the good of our noble fraternity with your family and friends.*

The Covid-19 virus has wrought many changes in the practice of Freemasonry, but as it turns out, we may have realized several benefits from our new "Zoom" meeting format.

First, there is the obvious, we can all attend Lodge meetings without having to change into a suit or tuxedo. We don't have to drive to the Lodge Hall. We don't have to worry about finding a parking space, we don't have to worry about what the weather will be on our meeting days. By now, just about everyone has learned how to "join" a Zoom meeting. It is quite simple, and you can do it from your camera-equipped desk-top or lap-top computer. Of course, you can use your iPhone or Android too. The greatest benefit, I believe, is that ALL members can now attend meetings no matter where they are.

So, this removes all reasons for not being able to be a full and active member of your Lodge! *A list of Committees is also included herein. Participants of committees will be able to feel the pride of contributing to the improvement of our Lodge programs.* I can even imagine, for example, our Florida contingent participating in committees and sharing their experiences in our regular meetings. My goal for 2021 is to bring back the close "greater family" feeling we once enjoyed, and which was the most valuable benefit of our Lodge. We will endeavor to expand the warmth of our unity through events that will enable us to meet and connect with our Masonic Family members.

Finally, I would be remiss to not mention the outstanding leadership of our now Immediate Past Master, Jerry Keilsohn. A year marred by Covid-19 is not what he planned for. However, before the shutdown, he managed to have several of his Officer Line "take-a-dive" for him, Indoor Skydiving in a giant wind tunnel, and he held a fine Purim celebration too. Then, after the Covid lockdown, he led the way and forged what would be our new way of handling Lodge activities in the digital world. Jerry is the warmest and most generous person I have ever met and is always genuinely happy to spend time in interesting conversation. Now that he has agreed to be our Master of Ceremonies, I will look forward to the continued inspiration he gives to all who know him. A hard act to follow, but I am not worried because I know he will be here to help us achieve another good year for our Lodge.

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Jerry Keilsohn, *Junior Warden*

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## PAST MASTERS

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

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

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

\* - Deceased

† - Demitted

**MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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

**LODGE SILVER FIDELITY MEDAL**

Jerold Gordon, PM, MA

**GRAND LODGE VALENTINE REINTZEL MEDAL**

Robert H. Starr, 2001  
 \*Norman Barshai, 2002  
 Michael K. Greenwald, 2017

**GRAND LODGE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Walter F. Simon  
Sheldon I. Rappeport

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

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

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

- 1960 Louis Cooper\*
- 1961 Abe Rosenblatt\*
- 1962 Jack Hyman\*
- 1963 S.M. Goldsteiun, PM\*
- 1965 Henry Salus\*
- 1966 Morris Dworkin\*
- 1967 Arthur Sprintzin, PM\*
- 1968 Nat Levinson\*
- 1969 Harry Silverstone\*,  
Grand Lodge Fidelity Medal
- 1971 Leonard Weissmann\*
- 1972 David C. Buchalter, PM\*
- 1973 M.L. Greenberg, PM\*
- 1976 Murray L. Wolfe, PM\*
- 1978 Jack Rosenthal\*
- 1980 Jerry Jablow\*
- 1981 Abe Sperling, PM\*
- 1982 Harry Korb, PM\*

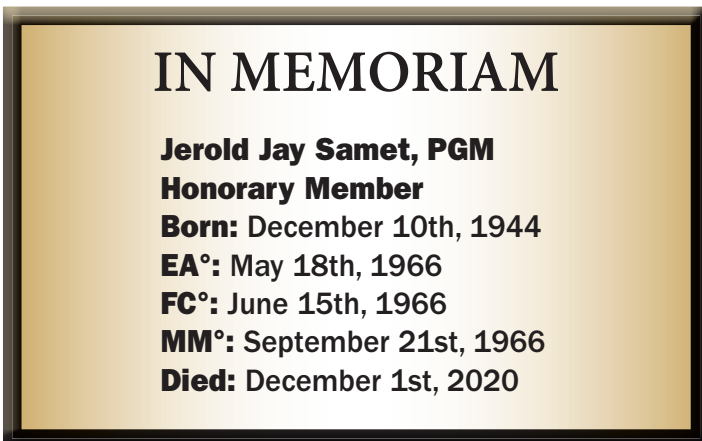
**EMERITUS LODGE OFFICERS**

- Secretary Emeritus.....Walter Simon, PM, DSM  
Jacob Sandler, PM\*
- Treasurer Emeritus.....Allen J. Wright, PM, MA  
Max Beloff, PM\*  
GL Gold Fidelity Medal  
Joseph Hurwitz, PM\*
- Historian Emeritus.....Harry Hofberg, MA\*
- Editor Emeritus.....Harry Hofberg, MA\*
- Chaplain Emeritus ..... Harry Silverstone, DA\*  
GL Gold Fidelity Medal

**GRAND LODGE FREEMASONRY MEDAL OF HONOR**

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

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



\* - Deceased

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



**95<sup>TH</sup> INSTALLATION  
of  
OFFICERS**

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



**Burt Levy, W.M.**

Our incoming Worshipful Master will be back at the helm. Worshipful Brother Burt Levy was initiated, passed, and raised into our Fraternity in 1980. Many of his family members were Masons and he had looked forward to joining them. Burt became Worshipful Master of Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 45 for the first time in 1995 and will be serving as Worshipful Master again for the ensuing Masonic Year. Previously, he used the slogan "reviving 45 in '95." He is proud to have brought new energy to the Lodge in '95 and in revitalizing the "Sunshine Committee" which became an active group that year. But most important to Burt, he had the high honor of raising his son, Allen Levy, into the Lodge during his year as Master. This year's slogan is "Helping No. 45 to be the '1' in 2021"

Burt has a deep love of Masonry, he is active in the Scottish Rite and was named Master of the Royal Secret on April 27th, 1991. He continued in the Scottish Rite as a Knight Commander in the Court of Honor and was coroneted 33<sup>rd</sup> Inspector General Honorary in 2009. In 2006 he became one of the charter founding members of Jerusalem Lodge No. 3000, and on May 12th, 2018 was admitted into the Almas Shriners. Burt has served as an instructor for these Lodges and Masonic Bodies.

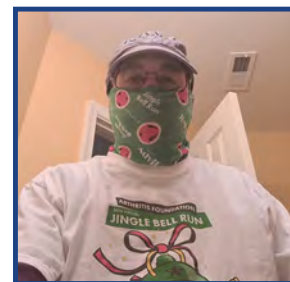
Burt leads a full and active life. He graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School in 1958, studied Pharmacy for two years before being drafted into the Army where he first managed the hospital pharmacy at Ft. McPherson in Atlanta, Georgia, and later was made manager of the Cardiology Clinic as an EKG technician. His son, Allen Levy, was born in 1965, and his daughter, Suzanne, was born in 1968. He has had a variety of managerial positions, which started with managing a local drug store. When Burt retired, he started his own business specializing in services for the blind and visually impaired. Burt is proud and eager to assume the Oriental Chair of the Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 45 again. We are looking forward to a productive year under Burt's leadership during this very challenging time, preparing for our 100th Anniversary Year in 2025.

**TIS THE SEASON.....**

To donate and volunteer! Have you been getting multiple emails and phone call solicitations about matching a gift to your favorite charity? Or donating your time to help out your favorite organization during these pandemic times? How do you respond? How should you respond?

One of the tenets of freemasonry is to help out those in need. The brethren of SGBF#45 have proved over and over again that they do respond either with a monetary donation or with time and effort or both. December is usually the month that we visit the VA Hospital and escort veterans to the Christmas Church Service.

Unfortunately, we can't do that this year, so instead we made a monetary donation for the support of a Christmas Day Brunch at several Men's Shelters in the DC area. In addition, some of us participated in Laura's Army at the Jingle Bell Run to raise money for Arthritis research. We will continue to look for venues that will allow us to help others. Any ideas are welcome to continue our Lodge's program of service to the community. Have a safe and healthy new year.



SW Jeff Greenwald getting prepared for the Jingle Bell Run

# NEWS OF THE BRETHREN (aka The Gossip Column)

by Allen Levy

Senior Warden **Jeff Greenwald** was one of the first health care workers to receive the emergency authorized **Pfizer COVID vaccine**. He was a little sore in the arm, but no other complications. (See attached photo). As many Brethren know, Dr. Jeff Greenwald, M.D. works at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD has served there as a Navy Doctor his entire career. Jeff retired from the Navy but continues his work at Walter Reed taking care of the children of Active-Duty and Veterans. I like the cool "Operation Warp Speed" seal on the back wall. He has to get a second dose in January, and still needs to wear PPE at the hospital and maintain social distancing with facial covering outside of the hospital, but there is **a light at the end of the tunnel!**



SW Jeff Greenwald receiving his vaccine

Brother **Jerome (Jerry) Bauman** turned **91!** on January 4, 2021. Also, in a few months, he will reach an incredible milestone: **70 years as a mason**. He was the **second** brother raised in Benjamin Franklin #50. Who was the first? **Happy Birthday and Congratulations Jerry!**

Wonderful news about Brother **Raymond Horn**: His daughter **Risa** completed her **Master of Fine Arts** degree at the Dutch Art Institute in **Amsterdam, Holland**. She started this year with in-person classes but had to soon move to remote classes and odd social distanced workshops. The not so wonderful news: Risa cannot travel back home for the holidays. If she did, she would not be able to return to Europe.

So, she is staying in Amsterdam for the next year to work. Even though there is a European shutdown, she is starting her own business as a personal chef and instructor. **Congratulations Risa! Congratulations Ray!**

Hanukkah celebration with MWB **Robert (Bob) H. Starr**: Bob and his wife **Vickie** celebrated the 4th night of **Hanukkah** with their daughter **Lara** and son-in-law Bro. **Lee Barton** and grandsons **Alex** and **Aaron** in Warrenton, Virginia. Vickie fried 5 lbs. of latkes along with dozens of cheese blintzes for an enjoyable lunch. The fun afternoon continued at sundown with the lighting of the menorahs.

Congratulations are also for **Robert and Vickie** as they celebrated their **53rd wedding anniversary** this December 26th! I looked it up: a flower gift for a 53rd wedding anniversary is a Cherry Tree! A whole tree! **Mazel Tov and many more!**

Early in January 2021 WB **Burton Penn** and his family relocated to the Windy City. Here's to a new and better 2021 in **Chicago, Illinois!** We will miss you, Bro. Penn.

PM **Allen Wright** and his wife **Mary** kept their **holiday dinner** down to 8 this year to stay safe from the virus. Their daughter **Bev** came up from where she now lives in Berlin, Maryland (right outside of Ocean City, Maryland) for the Hanukkah and Christmas dinner celebration.

Bev also brought her two Havanese pups to stay overnight.

And this past September **Allen and Mary** celebrated their **50th wedding anniversary!** (See attached photo). I looked it up: the 50th is the Golden Anniversary, and oddly enough the traditional gift is also a cherry tree! Just kidding, it's gold. **Mazel Tov and many more!**



Allen Wright, PM and Mary at their 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

If you have any news or gossip that you would like published here in the *Bulletin* in the coming months, email Allen Levy at [jw@sbf45.org](mailto:jw@sbf45.org)

**Mazel Tov and many more!**

# BROOKSIDE GARDENS NATURE WALK

On Sunday Morning November 29, Meet-Up Chairman Hal Henig held our third COVID, socially distanced nature walk at Brookside Gardens. Previous Nature Walks were at Sligo Creek and Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens which were held in late June and early September respectively.

Five Brethren and guests participated in the November walk. We met in front of the Brookside Visitors Center at 10:45 in the morning. Brethren present were Hal Henig, Meet-Up Organizer, our new Worshipful Master Burt Levy, PM, Senior Warden Jeff Greenwald, and Brother Sonny Gariby. Our guest was Steve Levin, who is a good friend of Hal.



The weather was a typical late fall day, clear and in the high 40's. Everyone who participated had their masks on and maintained social distancing. All of us enjoyed walking on the nature trails and we all had a good time. We saw trees, animals, and other people passing by. This nature walk event only lasted for one hour and was a success.



Above is a photo of the participating Brethren and our guest. Hal Henig is not in this photo, since he was the one shooting the picture.

This was the last Nature Walk for 2020. Colder weather in January and February will make it impractical to have another walk until spring. In 2021, we look forward to being able to resume the monthly restaurant Meet-Ups and other events, once a COVID vaccine will become fully available to all of our Brethren.



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Date	Event	Open to
January	<i>Stated Communication</i> <i>Virtual Meeting</i> <i>Masonic Antiques Roadshow</i> Lodge opens on the EA Degree at 7:30 pm Request link from the Secretary if you plan to attend <a href="mailto:Secretary@sgbf45.org">Secretary@sgbf45.org</a>	Masons
	<i>Degree Practice and Discussion</i> <i>Virtual Meeting</i> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Masons
	<i>MLK Day of Service, Service Event</i>	Everyone
	<i>Degree Practice and Discussion</i> <i>Virtual Meeting</i> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Masons
	<i>Virtual Meet-Up</i> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Everyone

Date	Event	Open to
February	<i>Stated Communication</i> <i>Virtual Meeting</i> <i>A Valentine's Salute to our Ladies</i> Lodge opens on the EA Degree at 7:30 pm Request link from the Secretary if you plan to attend <a href="mailto:Secretary@sgbf45.org">Secretary@sgbf45.org</a>	Masons & Significant Others
	<i>Degree Practice and Discussion</i> <i>Virtual Meeting</i> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Masons
	<i>Masonic Education</i> <i>Virtual Meeting</i> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Masons
	<i>Virtual Meet-Up</i> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Everyone