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Lodge No. 45 F.A.A.M

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and December, (second Sunday)

93rd Installation OF OFFICERS

Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45, F.A.A.M.



Please Attend

Join us for our Open Installation of our
2022 Officers

Everyone is welcome to attend
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sunday, December 12th, 2021

1:00 PM
Takoma Masonic Center
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Washington, DC

Installation Chair:
Sheldon I. Rapoport, P.M., D.S.M.

Dress code for installation:
Officers in Tuxedo, Brethren dark suit
suggested, alternatively shirt tie sport coat
and slacks accepted

Congratulations

**to our newly
elected
2020 Line Officers**

Installation of our new officers
will be held Sunday at our Stated
Communication, December
12th at the Takoma Masonic
Center, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Lodge will conduct a
short meeting following the
last opening by our out-going
Worshipful Master, Burt Levy,
P.M. The Lodge will go to recess
so that all family and friends
who are present can observe
the installation. Refreshments
will follow the installation while
our new Master closes the
Lodge for the first time. This will
be a festive event and a number
of presentations will be made
at the installation. Please plan
on bringing your spouse and
family so we may meet them
and we can all participate in
the fellowship which will follow.

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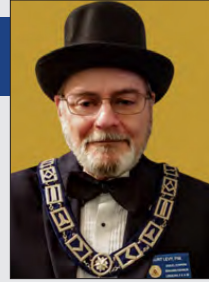
Your father or uncle
may have been a Mason

Your grandfather probably was a Mason

To learn more about Masonry:
**We meet the second Tuesday night
at Takoma Masonic Center**

Raymond Horn, *Worshipful Master*, wm@sgbf45.org
Robert Greenwald, *Senior Warden*
Jerry Keilsohn, *Junior Warden*

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Master's Report To The Grand Lodge

Brethren,

I am proud to have the honor of addressing you and to report on the progress and Masonic successes of Samuel Gompers – Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 for the year 2021.

Despite the ongoing challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, we have continued the Degree excellence; solid programming; charitable endeavors; and the advancement of the tenets and principles of Freemasonry which have been a long tradition of this Lodge.

We conferred the Entered Apprentice's Degree at a Special Communication on Sunday, August 8th where we initiated two of our candidates and one as a courtesy to St. Johns Lodge, #11. We conferred the Fellowcraft Degree at our November Stated Communication.

Brethren, the Worshipful Masters' view from the Oriental East affords him a grateful and appreciative picture of the dedication and hard work of the Lodge Officers and Past Masters who give generously of their time and effort to make Masonry work. These are truly the 'better men' that the Fraternity boasts of. This year, we held all of our Officer's Meetings through teleconferencing which enabled us to 'construct our plans and execute our designs' for the greater good of the Lodge and Freemasonry in general.

Among our programs this year were the very interesting 'Masonic Antiques Roadshow' which included a presentation from our Past Master (your Jr. Grand Steward) Michael Greenwald who gave a presentation on the Dudley Masonic Watches. Our February Valentine's Day event was a wonderful one

where our brethren shared photos of their significant others and reminisced their weddings and special events. There were prizes for the best romantic stories, but the winners decided to donate their winnings to your charity – Bread for the City! Adding to our Masonic Education, our March event was on the 'Legend of Freemasonry' which I deeply researched. This presentation got the highest attendance we had for virtual stated communication. Our April event brought back our very popular Sports Night where we enjoyed broadcaster Alex Flum's lively discussion of all our local teams. Another most entertaining event following our May meeting was a virtual piano party hosted by Jonathan Binstock's Brother Dan who had us all singing along and requesting our favorite songs. Our June stated communication was our first one back in our Lodge Room 'in person!' It was great to be returning to some semblance of normalcy! Most Worshipful, I don't have to tell you of the generosity of #45, with our annual Thanksgiving Basket program usually being the one where all our members pitch in to make this one of our 'signature' events every year. Our other gifts to various charities are numerous.

We are currently organizing a group of our members and their families to make our mark on your Grand Lodge Blood Drive.

The members of Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge, #45 enjoy several opportunities to commune socially. Our tiler, Hal Henig has been finding interesting activities for our monthly 'meet-ups' that are well received.

There is much more about #45 that I am proud of, but I'll just cut it short and say thank you, again for all of your participation and work to support our Lodge.

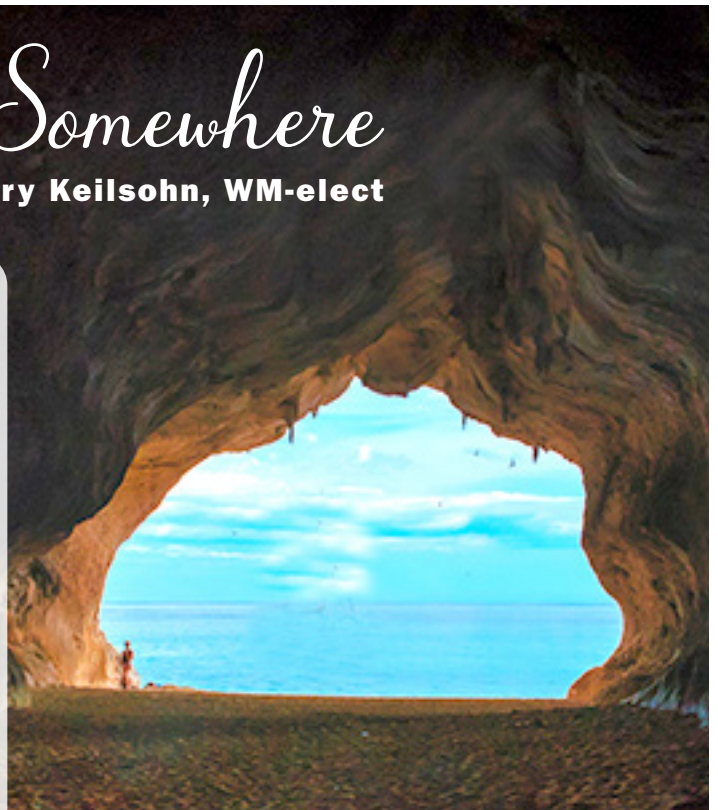
Burt

View from Somewhere

Jerry Keilsohn, WM-elect

I have not done this in a while but felt a need to share some of my thoughts from the last few days.

I am not sure where to start, so I will just dive in. I have been the Master of Ceremonies for this year. The view of the Lodge is again different from sitting in the East but not by much. You just do not sit up as high. And the Worshipful Master is behind you. I have been supposed to be doing the same role at the Scottish Rite, but have not done the job yet. Either because the meeting was virtual, or I moved up a chair because somebody else was unable to attend. I am happy to report that I have been able to do the job a few times at our lodge.



The MC is an interesting job. While escorting the Chaplain to the Alter in the opening and closing is part of the job, the more exciting part is being the MC during a degree. The entire ritual team follows your lead. I have now done that twice. The second time was yesterday during our Fellowcrafts degree. I have always liked doing the Senior Deacon role in the degrees. Actually, it is my favorite part. The MC role is very similar, just no lines.

This last time was special to me for other reasons. I have been the Catechism instructor for the Brother that was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Other than short briefings for work-related things, I have not had much opportunity to do any teaching since I was in graduate school, a very long time ago. I have two wonderful Catechism students and found that I still enjoyed teaching. I have found that I have followed in both my parents' footsteps when it comes to teaching. I find it more rewarding to teach somebody how to do something and then see them actually do it, than actually doing it myself. I am looking forward to working with my two students as they continue to progress to becoming Master Masons. Our first meeting after they are raised is going to be really interesting.

And speaking of Raising, mark your calendars for Sunday, January 30th at 1:00 PM, where we will be

having a Special Communication for conferring a Master Mason's degree.

Another interesting thing that has happened in the last few days, is that I have once again been elected to be Master of the Lodge. The specifics on why this happened and the reasoning are complicated. But the really short answer is, I volunteered. I had never planned to be Master again. I am honored that I was chosen. I am looking forward to doing it. Maybe this time the world will be a little kinder to me?

And just a random thought to finish. This is the time of year when my commute changes. I go from seeing the sunrise to seeing it set. Thank you Daylight Saving Time. And now that it is lighter in the mornings, for the time being, I get to see the wonderful color show Mother Nature is putting on as the leaves change colors. It will be a little sadder in a few weeks when all the leaves fall off and all I see are bare sticks. But for the next few days, I get to enjoy one of the wonders of the world. Thanks, Mother Nature!

A thought for Thanksgiving:

"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around." – Brother Willie Nelson

The Gossip Column

By Allen Levy

So, remember last month in this space **MWB Robert H. Starr** told us of his daughter **Lara** and **Bro. Lee Barton's** 18th Wedding Anniversary? He passed this note along to The Gossip Column:

Lara and Bro. Lee Barton celebrated their 18th Wedding Anniversary on Oct 12th. Lee met Lara when he flew over to Paris to visit her. Lara, the daughter of Vickie and MWB Robert H. Starr had accompanied her parents when they attended the Grand Loge Nationale Francais in December of 2002. Mazel Tov!

At the time I wrote the article I asked **MWB Starr** for clarification, specifically how **Lee** met **Lara** in Paris if he was flying there to visit her. Like, how do you plan a trip to visit someone you have yet to meet? I did not get a response in time for publication, and I made my own assumptions, but have since spoken to **Robert**, so here's the full story:

Lara and **Lee** met online, playing games, but never IRL (in real life) in 2002. They had developed an online friendship for quite a while. Then **Lara** told **Lee** that she was going to Paris in December of 2002. Lee asked if he could visit her in Paris, which would be the first time they would meet in person. She agreed and that's how it happened. Also, to clarify, Lee was not a Mason at the time. Finally, **Robert's** wife **Vickie** knew **Lee** was special because she told **Robert** while they were all touring Versailles that **Lee** was "the one"! **Vickie** was right, for the trip was in December of 2002, and **Lara** and **Lee** were married the following October 2003.

WB Jerry Keilsohn finally got the opportunity to personally deliver **Brother Edward Hinkle** his 65 year Years of Services award (see picture). He was raised on April 24th, 1956, two weeks after his 26th birthday.

Brother Hinkle is 91 years old, a veteran, and until COVID put a damper on things very active in the Shrine. Brother Keilsohn noticed that he even had the **Almas Temple** custom license tags on his vehicle. Here's our **Brother Penn** update from Chicago: **Hal Henig** and **David Torchinsky** spoke to Burton Penn, PM, and his wife, **Dr. Betsy Jane Cooper**, recently. They are both doing well and send their regards to everyone.



Bro. Hinkle



In an unexpected twist, Bro. Jeff Greenwald learned that our Thanksgiving Basket Program served as the basis for a Bar Mitzvah project. Alex Belouin, his parents Sean and Tami as well as their friends delivered the baskets to the Revitz House for his project and then thanked the Lodge and JSSA for making it possible to be in service to others.

A Hybrid THANKSGIVING 2021



Hybrid does not refer to half zoom and half in-person, but rather to our delivery of Thanksgiving meals to the needy members of our community as part of the William Boker Annual Thanksgiving Basket Program. This year, we decided to continue to provide the baskets full of turkeys and accouterments to the majority of the recipients. This occurred over the weekend of November 20th and 21st, wherein we filled bags for 70 families that were then delivered by JSSA volunteers. 24 families from a DC Charter school also received baskets.

The many pictures attached, of course, are worth a thousand words. In addition, we provided a “meals on wheels” program on November 23rd to a select group of 30 recipients. This included fully cooked turkey meals with stuffing, gravy, vegetables, and dessert.

All in all, this was our largest ever event and we hope to continue to expand over the coming years. Many Masonic volunteers were involved to include most of our SGBF officers as well as a few sideliners and family members. We also received many monetary contributions from the membership of our Lodge and a significant contribution from Washington Daylight Lodge to help us achieve such great success.



A Hybrid THANKSGIVING 2021

We would like to thank our partners at JSSA, Safeway, The Eagle Academy, Sunflower Bakery, Maryland Lodge 198, Washington Daylight Lodge, and all of our volunteers who have made this such a successful community service event.

Participating in the building of the baskets:

WB Burt Levy, SW Jeff Greenwald, Robert H Starr, PGM; Derek Gould, JW-elect, David Torchinsky, PM, Joel Van Vollenhoven and his wife Paula and daughters Sammie and Jacky (not pictured), and Vickie Starr, Worthy Matron of Naomi Chapter OES.

Participating in the distribution of the baskets:

SW Jeff Greenwald, Derek Gould, JW-elect, David Torchinsky, PM, Jerry Keilsohn, WM-elect, Raymond Horn, PM, Hal Henig, Tyler, Bro. Brigham Calem, Bro. Sonny Garibay.

Participating in the distribution of the hot meals: Bob Starr, Burt Levy, Jerry and Willy Keilsohn, Hal Henig, Dave and Shira Torchinsky, and Jeff and Dara Greenwald. We put together bags of the prepared meals consisting of turkey, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, carrot souffle, cranberry sauce and gravy right inside the Harris Teeter, added Desserts from Sunflower Bakery, then had somewhat of an adventure delivering to 30 families distributed all over the county. Many stories will come out of this...ask Dave Torchinsky the next time you see him!



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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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Harvey S. Fenster *	Harry Levin	Joel Sanger	
Jules Fink	Burt Levy	Stanley Schechter *	

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 Robert Greenwald.



Evening Meet-Up at **OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE**

On Monday evening, October 25, Samuel Gompers - Benjamin Franklin Lodge No.45 held the monthly Dinner Meet-Up at Outback Steak House located off Georgia Avenue in Aspen Hill, Maryland, near Olney. This was the first time that a lodge monthly Meet-Up was organized at an Outback Steak House. The evening of the Meet-Up it was pouring outside, but luckily we ate inside where it was warm and dry.

This Meet-Up was attended by seven Brethren and one guest. The Brethren that joined this social event were Tiler Hal Henig, Meet-Up Chairman, WM Burt Levy, PM, WM-elect Jerry Keilsohn, PM,

SW Jeff Greenwald, Sheldon Rappeport, PM, Dave Torchinsky, PM, Bro. Steve Deklebaum, and our frequent guest to our Meet-Ups Stuart Zitomer. All the attendees enjoyed the food offered by the restaurant. The attendees started arriving before 6:30 pm and stayed there until after 8:30.

Attached please find the Brethren and Stuart posing for a photo taken by one of the servers. This was the sixth Dinner Meet-Up that was held this year after the Grand Master permitted regular face-to-face activities to resume this past spring.



ELECTION AND FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

*WM Burt Levy,
Bro. Steven
Deckelbaum*

Our November Stated Communication featured both elections and the Fellowcraft Degree. Samuel Gompers – Benjamin Franklin Lodge No.45 elected its next line of officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

Congratulations to Bro. Steven Deckelbaum on being passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft and to all of officers who were elected and will be installed at our December Stated Communication.

Officers elected for the 2022 Masonic Year

WM:	Jerry Keilsohn
SW:	Allen Levy
JW:	Derek Gould
SD:	Aaron Kamerer
JD:	Jeff Greenwald
Treasurer:	Robert H. Star, PM, PGM
Secretary:	Raymond E. Horn, PM
Trustee (2024):	Sheldon Rappeport, PM

Fellowcraft Degree

Fellowcraft Candidate: Steven Dekelbaum
Conductor: David Torchinsky, PM

Cast:	First Section
WM:	Derek Gould
SW:	Jeff Greenwald
JW:	Allen Levy
SD:	Aaron Kamerer
JD:	Burt Levy, PM
SS:	RWB Michael Greenwald, PM
JS:	Alex Rieser
Tiler:	Hal Henig

Cast:	Second Section
WM:	Jerry Keilsohn, PM
SW:	Michael Greenwald, PM
JW:	Burt Levy, PM
SD:	Allen Levy
JD:	Derek Gould
SS:	Aaron Kamerer
JS:	Alex Rieser
Sec:	Raymond Horn, PM
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Charge:	Allen Wright, PM

Military Pay & Benefits

by Robert Greenwald

Update 10: Drastic Changes Needed To Meet Rising Personnel Costs

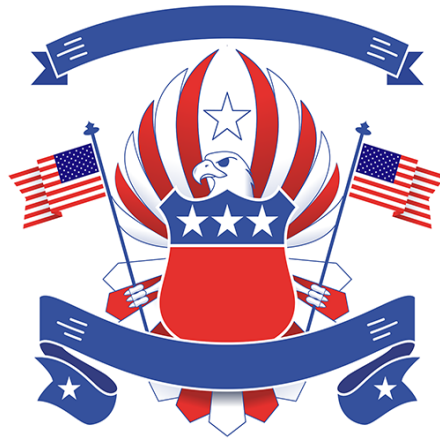
To counter ever-rising personnel costs in the ranks, defense officials should consider radical changes to troops' compensation packages like replacing annual pay raises with more targeted bonuses and mandating 25 years of service for full retirement benefits, according to a new budget analysis released this week. "While today's U.S. military is near its smallest size since the end of World War II in terms of active duty end strength, personnel costs are at a historic high," wrote Seamus Daniels, associate director for Defense Budget Analysis at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). "Left unaddressed, high personnel costs may limit resources for Department of Defense modernization initiatives and could threaten the long-term sustainability of the force."

The CSIS report notes that as military manpower totals have decreased over time, personnel costs for the department have continued to rise. From 1952 to 2016, end strength numbers for the military fell by more than 64 percent, but total DOD personnel spending rose by 110 percent. The average cost per active-duty servicemember for the department in fiscal 2021 was \$136,000. That takes into account things like basic pay, specialty bonuses, housing stipends, and medical benefits. Adjusted for inflation, that figure is down slightly from the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, when it peaked at around \$142,000. In fiscal 2001 the cost per troop for the military was about \$89,000, and in fiscal 1991 it was about \$70,000.

The report said part of that expense is due to a rise in the percentage of officers in the services over the last few decades since they receive higher pay and benefits. Officers made up less than 14

percent of total active-duty end strength in fiscal 2001 and nearly 18 percent this fiscal year.

Defense officials in the past have struggled with the issue of rising personnel expenses and constrained military funding. After 2013, when the Budget Control Act capped annual military spending (along with other federal agencies), Pentagon planners backed smaller-than-expected annual pay raises for troops to save funding for modernization and training priorities. But after a few years of that plan, lawmakers overrode administration plans for flattened pay raises, arguing that the potential injury to families' finances and troops' morale outweighed the budget flexibility advantages. The report proposes several policy changes defense leaders should consider to address the problem, or at least to keep the issue of rising costs at the forefront of future budget discussions.



They include offering smaller annual military pay increases and boosting more specialty pays and bonuses, to "reduce turnover for high-skilled occupations while similarly increasing it for low-skilled occupations, where retention is not as important." It also suggests capping pay for service members after several years if they fail to gain promotions, and "gradually" increasing the years of service for full military retirement benefits from 20 years to 25. In 2015, Congress' Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission backed both ideas. "DoD has a sacred responsibility to adequately pay and provide for service members and their families, which are the core of the U.S. military," Daniels wrote. "But the current cost of personnel is unsustainable and must not be accepted as an immutable fact."

The full report is available on the CSIS website at [Source: ArmyTimes | Leo Shane III | September 10, 2021 ++]

Happy Birthday

The following Brethren observe their birthdays on the **DECEMBER** dates shown. Be sure to wish them well on that day.

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For the Senior Warden Aaron Kamerer
For the Junior Warden Yoel Gittleson



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Calendar for Masonic Year 2021 – Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45

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Date		Event	Open to
December	2	Courtesy Fellowcraft Degree for Brigham Callam – Jerusalem Lodge #3000, 7:30 pm, Grand Lodge Building, 5428 MacArthur Blvd, Washington, DC 20016	Masons
	10	Annual Banquet of the Grand Lodge, of the District of Columbia, 7:00 pm, J.W. Marriott Hotel	Masons and their Guests
	12	Stated Communication, Installation, 2:00 pm	Masons and Guests
	20	Meet-Up, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Masons and Candidate

Date		Event	Open to
January	11	Stated Communication, Founders Night, 7:30 pm	Masons
	24	Meet-Up, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Masons and Candidates
	30	Special Communication, 1:00 pm	Master Mason Degree, Masons