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Lodge No. 45 F.A.A.M

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and December, (second Sunday)

January Stated Communication



President Benjamin Franklin



Samuel Gompers

Founders Night

In 1925, a group of Brethren approached the Grand Lodge of DC about founding a lodge named after the recently-deceased labor icon, Brother Samuel Gompers. But why was the lodge created? What was the status of Masonry in general in 1925? What was it like to be a Jewish Mason in the 1920s that led to the desire for a uniquely Jewish Lodge? Find out these answers and much, much more about from whence we came at our January Stated Communication.

Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 is rapidly approaching its centennial... Join us on January 11, 2022, to see where the journey began. Our January Stated Communication will feature a program from our Historian, Joshua Rubin, PM on the founding of our Lodge. WB Rubin has made extensive efforts to scan our Lodge records and his talk will illuminate our interesting history. This will be the first meeting with our new line of officers.

Please plan on attending.

A boxed dinner will be served beforehand. Please RSVP to the Secretary. Dinner at 6:30 pm, the gavel comes down promptly at 7:30 pm.

Compliments of
SAMUEL GOMPERS-BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
LODGE NO. 45, F.A.A.M.



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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Outgoing Speech on Leaving the East

As I turn over the gavel of authority to our new Worshipful Master, I feel a great sense of gratitude for having had the great honor of being elected to lead Samuel Gompers - Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 for a second time.

I looked forward to the opportunity to put forward some of the concepts that I hoped would make our Lodge even better. I would like to proclaim “mission accomplished” – but that wouldn’t be entirely true. I didn’t get it all done.

The first 6 months of this Masonic Year were a continuation of the 6 previous ones during Worshipful Brother Keilsohn’s year where we were forced to conduct all our meetings in ‘virtual’ – or coronavirus mode. So – it was quite different from the Masonry that we had all come to know and love.

Nonetheless, we persevered and had some very interesting programs. As a matter of fact, we came to realize that there may have been an unexpected bonus to being allowed to use a provisional ritual to conduct our meetings on the Zoom teleconferencing platform. We found that Brethren who had been separated from us by having moved far from the Lodge Hall could now join us from the comfort of their homes (or, in some cases, from their automobiles). We learned that we could conclude Lodge Business and then invite Brethren to ask their family members to enjoy some of our programs. This accomplished one of my goals which were to make Masonry a family matter by having more inclusive events.

Our January meeting featured members ‘show and tell’ of their Masonic Antiques & collectibles with a very interesting presentation from our Past Master and RWB Michael Greenwald who collects Masonic timepieces and is an expert on the famous Dudley pocket watch. This was such a good presentation that our Grand Lodge featured RWB Greenwald, PM in their Voice of Freemasonry publication.

February was one of my favorite events with members and their significant others sharing their wedding pictures and other family photos, mementos, and stories. This was perfect for Valentines’ month.

Our program in March was titled ‘The Legend of Freemasonry’ and drew the largest attendance. We even had Brothers attending from Lebanon and other remote places. We traced our origins through the ages from the building of the Pyramids in Egypt to King Solomon’s Temple and all the way to the magnificent churches and temples of Europe and the United Kingdom. We also hosted a virtual chocolate seder with Passover-themed

candies!

In April, we restored our once-popular Sports Night with a visit from local sportscaster Alex Flume. Alex is a part of our greater Masonic Family owing to his mother being a member of the Torchinsky Family. Alex was extremely enjoyable, and we look forward to inviting him back.

May continued our Family activities with a ‘virtual piano party’ by Dan Binstock who is the son of Shelton Binstock of blessed memory and the brother of Jonathan Binstock! Dan was a big hit and had everyone singing and yes - even dancing. That event alone was worth a year’s dues in entertainment value.

In June, we were able to resume ‘in-person’ meetings.

We also conducted Masonic business by initiating and passing two Brothers who learned their catechisms from our incoming Master.

Our social outreach was extended even further with the efforts of our tiler and meet-up chairman – Brother Hal Henig.

Our Bulletin continues to be one of the best in our Grand Jurisdiction thanks to the efforts of our able Secretary and Past Master Raymond Horn. At my urging, we restored our once-popular Gossip Column now penned by Brother Allen Levy (my Son). I also had the honor of presenting Allen with his Lewis Jewel, which proudly commemorates a three-generation family continuation of Masonry.

Brother Jeff Greenwald has been the engine behind our benevolent efforts and has updated and improved several of our traditional charitable events. He is to be commended for all that he has done in these endeavors. He also serves as a Trustee.

RWB Sheldon Rappeport, PM has given his home and his time and his ritual expertise to see that we put on meaningful degrees for our candidates.

Brothers Aaron Kamerer and Derek Gould have always done whatever we asked of them wherever they were asked to do it.

All-in-all our Lodge is healthy and strong as I transfer its leadership to WB Keilsohn. I do not doubt that with his guidance it will be even healthier and stronger at this time next year when he passes the gavel to his successor, and I will be here with ‘bells-on’ to proudly witness my son accept that great responsibility.

Burt

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Light From the East

Jerry Keilsohn, W.M. 2022



Incoming Master Welcome Speech

Most Worshipful's, Right Worshipful's, Worshipful's, Brethren, Family, and Guests.

I think I got everybody.

Two years ago, I stood in this very spot doing exactly the same thing I am doing today. That turned out to be one very messed up year. The Zoom year.

Often the person standing here says they want to continue what the previous Worshipful Master did and have another great year. The first part of Worshipful Brother Burt's year had the same issues I did the year before. He did a wonderful job keeping us together and did some wonderful programs over Zoom. But let us be honest, not being able to meet in person stinks. The second part of the last year was better as we finally got to meet in person. And even got to make some new Masons.

The definition of a mulligan, a term most associated with golf, is a 'do-over,' a second try after your first has gone awry. To repeat, to revise, to re-do.

It would be easy to say I want to do the things I did not get to do the last time I had the privilege of sitting in the East. I think that is a huge cop-out. This is a new year, and a chance to do new things. Plus the world is a different place than it was last year or two years ago. Some of the things we are going to do will be the same as the old ones, and maybe even some of the things that we missed in the last two years.

This is just a shortlist of things I want to try and accomplish this year.

First, we need to need to turn our two Fellowcraft Masons into Master Masons. Both of them have waited a very long time for that to happen and we need to do that. This one I have a date for, January 30th.

We have at least one candidate who wants to become a Mason. We need to start to make that happen. If you are counting, this means we are going to do four degrees this year.

Everybody knows that I love to travel to different Lodges. I am going to do that, and all of my brethren are encouraged to tag along. My goal is at least twice per month. Maybe more.

We are going to do fun non-masonic stuff too. A hockey game in February, a baseball game some time during the summer. Maybe more than one. And not just a major league team. If you have never been, it is a lot of fun to see minor league teams play. And who knows, one of those players might someday be in the Hall of Fame.

We are going to go fishing. Two years ago we did indoor sky diving. Maybe this time zip lining or maybe indoor Rock climbing— Other than me, I am not sure how many of the Brethren would be interested.

One of the things we often forget about is that in addition to our Masonic Family, most of us are part of other family units. Our biological families, significant others, kids, siblings, cousins, and even parents make up our families. I am working on an event for the PLUS Ones, which make our life better. A dinner for all that make up our families.

It has been hard to plan for this upcoming Masonic year. There is still great uncertainty in actually meeting in person. What are going to be the rules in June or October? All unknowns.

When trying to figure out a schedule for this year, we have

something that does not happen very often. None of our normal, second Tuesday of the month, Stated Communications occur on a Jewish Holiday in 2022. Interpret that to mean we have an opportunity to have an additional meeting this year.

One of the responsibilities of the Worshipful Master is to give light to his Lodge. We will do that in January with a special speaker.

We are going to do Memorial night. We have not done this in over two years. And sadly the person who usually organized this event is going to be one of the brethren we need to honor.

This year's Grand Master has indicated that he is not going to do the traditional Grand Visitations. Which means we get another additional night for a meeting or not. In the past, we have piggy-backed Anniversary night off of Grand Visitation and asked the Grand Master to assist with presenting the awards. We will do Anniversary night with or without the Grand Master.

The Wardens will get their night to step up, in the Fall.

The rest of my schedule for the year is more of a wish list than anything else. We shall all see how it turns out. It should be an exciting journey.

There is one last item I need to take care of right now. I do not know about the rest of my brethren, but one of the questions I get asked at home, usually at dinner on Sunday night is 'What is your Masonic schedule this week?'

I have a gift for the person who asks that question. My wonderful wife Leah.

I have a really short story about buying flowers for Leah. Many, many moons ago, when we were dating, I would stop at the same flower shop on my way from work to see Leah and buy flowers. It was often a Friday and late in the day, sometimes only a few minutes before closing. I got to know the manager, and she would make up a bouquet of whatever she had laying around. They always looked great. I know that what I was paying was nowhere near what they were really worth. One afternoon she looks at me and asked when I was going to marry that girl. I have no idea why she picked that day to ask, but I was planning on asking the big question in about an hour. I showed her the ring, and she made me promise to let her do the flowers for our wedding. I kept my end of the promise and she did too.

Many of you have observed that I often close my bulletin articles with a quote. I think one of our namesakes, Brother Benjamin Franklin may have summed up my thoughts on the coming year.

'Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.'

This afternoon as I reflect on how I ended up standing in the same spot today, perhaps a better quote to describe what I am feeling right now, as I am about to sit in the big chair for another year, would be one of my Grandmom Roses', everybody called her Rosie, favorite expressions – Oy Vay

Jerry



This year, as you may have heard, the Grand Lodge Membership Banquet had a Broadway theme. Our Lodge filled two tables and while we were asked to be ready to sing a song or talk about Fiddler on the Roof and West Side Story, we were not asked to perform.



Aaron and Hal



Aileen and Ray



Aileen, Leah, and Dinky



Allen and Jules



Bob and Roberta



Bob and Vickie



Burt and Jerry



GL Banquet



Jerry and Leah



Roberta and Lisa



Sheldon and Dinky



Sheldon



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INSTALLATION

OF OUR
2022

OFFICERS

Sunday, December 12th, 2021
Takoma Masonic Center
115 Carroll Street, N.W.
Washington, DC



Our 2022 Officers

Worshipful Master
Jerry P. Keilsohn

- Senior Warden* Allen R. Levy
- Junior Warden* Derek Gould
- Secretary* Raymond Horn, P.M.
- Treasurer* Robert Starr, P.G.M.
- Chaplain* Burt Levy, P.M.
- M.-of-Ceremonies* Robert Greenwald, P.M.
- Senior Deacon* Aaron Kamerer
- Junior Deacon* Jeff Greenwald
- Senior Steward* Ryan Simon
- Junior Steward* TBD
- Tiler* Hal Henig
- Degree Director* Sheldon I. Rappeport, P.M., D.S.M.
- Trustee* Sheldon I. Rappeport, P.M., D.S.M.
- Trustee* Jeffrey Greenwald
- Trustee* Julien P. Hofberg, P.M.

Inst. Chair. Sheldon I. Rappeport, P.M., D.S.M.
Program Burt Levy, P.M.





Grand Lodge Installation of Officers

by Burt Levy, PM

On Saturday, December 11th, The Grand Lodge held its 3rd Annual Communication for the purpose of installing Officers for the 2022 Masonic Year. Mercifully, the event was scheduled for 5pm which allowed time for those attendees who had attended the Banquet the night before to sleep off their revelry. The Installation was held in the newly refurbished ballroom at the Almas Shrine Temple on K Street, downtown. The renovations, while aesthetically pleasing, do not offer a proper venue for a Masonic Meeting. In fact, the ballroom no longer has a Masonic, or even a Shrine connection! Almas struck a deal with the Hamilton Hotel which gave them (the hotel) a 99 yr. lease on the facility, but with the agreement that it could be used by the Shrine or other Masonic entity if not otherwise booked. The problem with using that venue for a Grand Lodge Meeting is that the seating is not auditorium style, so if someone sits in front of you, your view of the proceedings will be blocked.

None the less, the Grand Lodge Officers for 2022 were installed in a properly dignified ceremony. Here is a list of the Elected Officers:

Grand Master: MWB Daniel A. Huertas
Deputy Grand Master: RWB Annas F. Kamara
Senior Grand Warden: RWB Jacob M. Bressman
Junior Grand Warden: RWB Morgan P. Corr
Grand Secretary: MWB Jeffrey D. Russell, PGM
Grand Treasurer: RWB George J. Stoklas, Jr.
Grand Lecturer: RWB Christopher K. Mahaney
Senior Grand Deacon: RWB Chetin Durak
Junior Grand Deacon: RWB Jean-Paul Dongmo
Senior Grand Steward: RWB Michael K. Greenwald
Junior Grand Steward: RWB George S. Nicol

A long list of Appointed Officers were also installed. We are proud to see the commencement of these worthy Masons, but our pride is enhanced by seeing our very own PM, **Michael K. Greenwald** move to the second step of his seven-year trek to the Grand East. We know that R.W. Bro. Greenwald will bring honor to our lodge as he lends his strong management skills and love of the Fraternity to the Grand Line.

A sumptuous buffet by Atlantic Caterers followed the proceedings.

The Gossip Column

By Allen Levy

Vickie and **Robert H. Starr**, PGM celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on December 26th. Robert writes that ‘they were married in Winter Park, Florida before Disney!’ Walt Disney World in Florida opened in October, 1971.

Sam Bauman visited his father **Jerry Bauman** at the Landow House where he is now residing.



The **Takoma Masonic Center** building manager **Neal Jarvis** has retired. I have never met him, but enjoy your retirement Neal, thank you for the work you’ve done for TMC.

The **Eagle Academy PCS** was very appreciative of **Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45** help in meeting their community’s needs with the distribution of 20 Thanksgiving baskets. Here are some photos from the event at Eagle Academy, which is located at Congress Heights and the Capitol Riverfront in the District of Columbia:



HOCKEY NIGHT



Make your reservation now!

Wednesday, February 2nd, 7:00 pm, will be our Lodge Hockey Night at Capital One Arena when our Caps take on the Edmonton Oilers.

The Capitals are in contention again for their division championship and as always, this will be a great game. You will want to buy your seats now before we sell out the section 433 Ticket Block that the Lodge has reserved. We have a block of \$65 seats which the Lodge is supporting, making the cost to the Brethren only \$45 a person.

Don't miss seeing your Washington Capitals in action, Ovechkin has been busy this year putting his name in the record books for his career goal scoring.

Note that this year our tickets do not include a meal, and refreshments will be on your account.

The game is open to interested members, family, and friends. Your payment reserves your seat.

Please let the Secretary know how many seats you want and send a check or electronic payment by our January meeting.

Not Your Average Joe's Meet-Up, Way Better Than Average!

by Hal Henig

On Monday evening, November 22, we had our Monthly Meet-Up at Not Your Average Joe's Restaurant in Bethesda. This Meet-Up at the popular casual dinner was held three days, before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Family members were also invited to this Meet-Up.

Ten Brethren and guests participated in this Meet-Up. Brethren present were Tiler and Meet-Up Chairman Hal Henig, current WM Burt Levy, PM, WM-Elect Jerry Keilsohn, PM, SW Jeff Greenwald, Dave Torchinsky, PM. The guests were Lisa Henig, Laura Torchisky, Sharon Zitomer, Stuart Zitomer, and Reenie Zitomer. The Brethren, and guests had an enjoyable dinner and fellowship with the good food and company of our Lodge family.

I invited the wives to the November Meet-Up because our WM Burt recommended doing



something special for the holiday in November. So, for our November Meet-Up, I decided to invite our wives and significant other guests to attend this festive event, before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

I Look forward to seeing everyone come out for our future Meet-Ups and please make some suggestions of how to keep these events fun and interesting.

AFTER VET DEATH GUIDE *Part One*

What to Do Afterwards

Whether you're a spouse, a dependent who has recently lost your military veteran or you're a retired military veteran looking to make sure all your "ducks are in a row" for your next of kin in case you pass away — knowing what to do when a military veteran or retiree dies is important.

In this guide, we'll address how to prepare for the event of a military veteran passing, who you need to contact, required documentation and more.

Where to Start if a Military Retiree or Veteran Has Died

First, you may need to contact the following agencies about the military member's death:

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS)

- Your local Casualty Assistance Office
- Veterans Administration
- Social Security
- Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS)
- FEDVIP/BENEFEDS

Contact the Defense Finance and Accounting Service

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is the military pay agency. You will need to make an initial verbal report of the retirees/veteran's death immediately. You can contact DFAS by:

- Calling 1-888-332-7411 or 1-800-321-1080
- Reporting online on the DFAS website.

By reporting the military member's death, you are notifying DFAS to stop military retirement pay. It is important to do this immediately, otherwise DFAS will recoup the payments later.

After they halt payment, DFAS will send out a packet for the surviving spouse or dependent to request survivor benefits payments. This packet will include:

- DD Form 2656-7
- Standard Form 1174
- FMS Form 2231
- Form W-4 or W4-P

Once you have completed these forms, return them to:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service U.S. Military Annuity Pay
8899 E. 56th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1300

Be sure to include a copy of the military member's death certificate

Contact the Casualty Assistance Office

The casualty assistance office is in charge of taking requests as well as scheduling military funeral honors for the veteran who died. Funeral honors details will perform military rites for veterans, retirees and current service members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard.

The Casualty Assistance Office will require a copy of the completed DD Form 214.

In addition to funeral honors, the casualty assistance office may be able to help the family cope with the loss of their veteran, understand their entitlements

and apply for various benefits.

Most often, funeral directors request a local veteran organization to provide funeral honors, but if specific arrangements are requested, talk to your Casualty Assistance Office about these requests.

The Casualty Assistance Office will need the following information in order to assist you:

- Full name, rank and social security number of the deceased service member
- Branch of service (Army, Navy, etc.) and component (active duty, reserve or National Guard)
- Date and place of death
- Circumstances of death (natural causes, accident, military service injury/illness, etc.)
- Name, address and phone number of the funeral home that is handling the details
- Location, date and time of the memorial service at which the military honors are needed — don't stress if you don't have this information yet, you'll still want to call to give them the information mentioned above and call back with these details once you know.

[Source: Military Wallet | Jessica Gettle | November 17, 2021 ++]



Special Communication – Master Mason Degree

**Please join your Brethren in welcoming new
Master Masons who will be raised in our Lodge**

Sunday, January 30th, 2022

Lunch: 12:00 pm, Gavel: 1:00 pm

The Takoma Masonic Center

115 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC 20012

WM Jerry Keilsohn, PM has called a Special Communication to be held Sunday, January 30th, 2022 at 1:00 pm, at The Takoma Masonic Center, to conduct Lodge Business and Confer the Master Mason Degree to our two Candidates and a requested Courtesy Degree.

Our Lodge is growing, and these candidates have been very patient to become Master Masons, your brothers have been diligently practicing and we are again able to enjoy fellowship in person. We are holding this degree on a Sunday afternoon. Come out and join your Brethren and help welcome our new Master Masons.

We will provide a boxed lunch at 12:00 pm for everyone who RSVP's prior to January 18th. The gavel will come down promptly at 1:00 pm.

Please RSVP to the Secretary.

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PAST MASTERS

1926 Henry Gompers*	1951 Lester Goldberg*	1969 Milton Korn*	1989 Sheldon I. Rappeport, MA DSM, GL-E
1927 Maurice Blum*	E. H. Chayt*	Irwin T. Rosenblatt*	1990 Robert H. Starr, PGM
1928 Samuel Feldman*	1952 Arthur Zinnamon*	1970 Robert F. Goldberg*	1991 Robert W. Husemann
1929 A. Ken Armstrong*	Paul Hyman*	Elliott M. Kessler*	1992 Robert Haber*
1930 I. Albert Peake*	1953 Irving Schwartz*	1971 Harry L. Levin*	1993 Michael Niddam*
1931 Louis J. Raebach*	Samuel Levine*	Nathan Leiderman*	1994 Joseph N. Snyder
1932 Louis Goldberg*	1954 Robert H. Silberg*	1972 Morris Gevinson*	1995 Burt Levy
1933 A. D. Abrams*	L. L. Litvinsky*	George G. Jaffe*	1996 Michael Simon*
1934 M. A. Goldberg*	1955 Hyman Sandler*	1973 Howard H. Ziegler*	1997 Adam Forman
1935 Myer C. Rosendorf*	L. N. Palder*	Joseph Sagal*	1998 Robert Hixon*
1936 Alfred L. Bennett*	1956 Joseph R. Berger*	1974 Aaron S. Teitel	1999 Albert Hemmerdinger*
1937 Milton D. Korman, PGM*	N. Norman Engleberg, PGM*	Donald M. Stein	2000 William D. Boker*
Joseph Fromberg*	1957 Eugene J. Hellman*	1975 L. Paul Cornell*	2001 Sheldon I. Rappeport, MA DSM, GL-E
1938 Joseph Hurwitz*	E. S. Chayt*	Robert P. Reid*	2002 Jeffrey Sherman†
A. H. Ostrow*	1958 Morton H. Oppenheim*	1976 Theodore M. Kahn, PGM*	2003 Jeffrey Sherman†
1939 Jacob Sandler*	S. M. Goldstein, DSA*	Harry Korb, DSA*	2004 William D. Boker*
L. T. Johnson*	1959 Morris Silberman*	Ernest Gold*	2005 Stanley Jordan*
1940 Frank Paley*	Murray L. Wolfe, DSA*	1978 Richard A. Levine*	2006 Jerrold Gordon, MA, LFM*
B. M. Klevit*	1960 Jerome W. Golomb*	Morris I. Apple*	2007 Merriman F.C. Parkinson*
1941 Saul G. Lichtenberg*	Milton Fields, DSM*	1979 Michael J. Rinis	2008 William J. O'Brien*
Abe Coonin*	1961 Benjamin Schendell*	Jerome E. Bauman, MA	2009 Jonathan M. Binstock
1942 Harry A. Oliker*	David Goldberg*	Lodge Fidelity Medal	2010 David B. Torchinsky
I. P. Bauman*	1962 Arnold S. White*	1980 Max Beloff*	2011 Joshua L. Rubin
1943 Samuel B. Block*	Arthur Sprintzin, DSA*	Gold Fidelity Medal	2012 Erik F. Milman
D. E. Snyder*	1963 Allen J. Wright, MA	Burton Penn	2013 Erik F. Milman
1944 Michael J. Cohen*	Gold Fidelity Medal	1981 Jules S. Tepper, PGM	2014 Adam Forman
W. D. Newrath*	M. L. Greenberg, DSA*	Joel Shulman	2015 Randy A. Schoch
1945 Bernard Barzune*	1964 Jerome L. Saidman*	1982 Walter F. Simon, DSM, GC-E*	2016 Leonard Rubin
M. A. Ostrow*	Abe Sperling, DSA*	Harold Levy*	2017 Michael K. Greenwald
1946 Matthew Tepper*	1965 Joseph E. Hein *	1983 Julien P. Hoffberg	2018 Raymond E. Horn
L. C. Silverman*	Harold Levy*	Harold Levy*	2019 Robert Greenwald
1947 Bernard Easterson*	1966 William D. Boker*	1984 Edwin S. Nachlas	2020 Jerry P. Keilsohn
S. S. Kaltz*	I. M. Engel*	1985 Norman Barshai*	2021 Burton S. Levy
1948 Irvin J. Footer*	1967 Robert A. Frank*	1986 Donald S. Jacobs*	
D. C. Buchalter, DSA*	Philip L. Silver*	1987 I. Rocky Rachlin*	
1949 Saul Weiss*	1968 Arthur J. Rappeport*	1988 Ronald L. Forman*	
H. R. Wittenberg*	Harvey I. Chidel*		
1950 Sigmund Ades*			
C. M. Pascal*			

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

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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

LODGE SILVER FIDELITY MEDAL

Jerome E. Bauman, MA, 2021
 Jerrold Gordon, MA*, 2014
 Max Beloff, PM*, 2000
 Harry Silverstone*, 1988

 William P. Jacobs*, 1938

GRAND LODGE GOLD FIDELITY MEDAL

Allen J. Wright, MA, 2021
 Max Beloff, PM, 2006
 Harry Silverstone, DSA

**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	Robert H. Starr, 2002
N. Norman Engleberg*, 1972	Jules S. Tepper, 2003
Theodore M. Kahn*, 1985	Roman Volsky, 2017

EMERITUS LODGE OFFICERS

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Date		Event	Open to
January	11	Stated Communication, 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

Date		Event	Open to
February	2	Hockey Night, Capitals vs Edmonton Oilers, 7:00 pm, Capital One Arena	Family and Friends
	8	Stated Communication, 7:30 pm	Masons
	21	Meet-up, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Masons and Candidates

Date		Event	Open to
March	8	Stated Communication, 7:30 pm	Masons
	20	Meet-Up, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Masons and Candidates