

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

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Takoma Masonic Center
115 Carroll Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012
Meets Second Tuesday of each month except July and August (no meeting),
and December, (second Sunday)

Take Note: May Meeting Change of Venue

NOT here:



but HERE:



Important News: Our W.M. Jerry Keilsohn has often felt the need to offer appreciation to the Masonic Lodge that makes our annual Thanksgiving Basket Program possible. Kensington-Bethesda Lodge, #198 lends us the use of their building and parking lot every year on the Sunday preceding the holiday. This allows us to assemble and distribute the Baskets. The idea was to pay them a visit to give our personal thanks for their graciousness. But – since their stated meetings are on the same night as ours, the only way to make this happen was to ‘call-off’ our own ‘stated’ meeting and, instead – invite all our members and officers to ‘travel’ to the Kensington Masonic Hall to join our Maryland lodge brothers for their May meeting.

W.B. Keilsohn hopes that we will travel ‘en masse’ for this excellent Masonic experience.

Here are the details – **‘Mark your Calendars’**

WHEN:

Tuesday May 10th
Dinner 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:30 pm

WHERE:

Kensington Masonic Lodge Hall
4315 Howard Ave,
Kensington, MD 20895

As a ‘bonus’ – K-B Lodge, #198 will be conducting a Fellowcraft Degree on the night of our visit. This will afford us all the opportunity to witness ‘ritual’ as interpreted under the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Brethren – this is a ‘Do not Miss’ event - - TDNAGYA - !

It would be appreciated if you would kindly email W.M. Keilsohn with your intention to attend this event so that we can give KB Lodge a count for dinner and for travel arrangements. Contact him at: wm@sgbf45.org or 301-570-0446.

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



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may have been a Mason

Your grandfather probably was a Mason

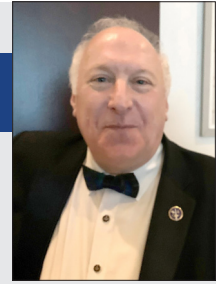
To learn more about Masonry:
**We meet the second Tuesday night
at Takoma Masonic Center**

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

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View From the East

Jerry Keilsohn, W.M. 2022



A few days ago, as I was cutting the grass for the first time this season, a great idea for this article came to me. What follows is not that idea, because I cannot remember what it was! Oh, well:

Spring is finally here. While I am not a “dirt always on the hands” type of gardener, I do enjoy mowing the lawn - I have no idea why. But, when I put on the noise protection earmuffs, the world goes noticeably quiet except for the muffled hum of the engine. Then I get to work, and for the next hour or so I am in my own world.

This past month has been interesting, Masonically. As a result of a personal issue that one of our brethren was dealing with, I ended up sitting in the East for the Entered Apprentices degree. The last time I did this was three years ago when I was Senior Warden. Our standard ritual rotation has the Senior Warden in the role of Worshipful Master for the EA degree. Making new Masons is an interesting and rewarding experience. The second time around was just as rewarding as the first time.

As you will read elsewhere in this bulletin, we also did a Masonic “mitzvah” (good deed) by including a courtesy degree for a candidate from another lodge. Everybody knows that I like to travel and visit other Lodges, but I had never visited Anacostia-Pentalpha #21, yet. I did meet their Worshipful Master at another Masonic function which he - along with a few of his other brethren attended and I got to meet several more of our DC brethren, which is always a wonderful experience.

And speaking of ritual parts, two months ago I got an email forwarded to me from a Brother who had gotten it forwarded to him. One of our Lodges was struggling to put on an Entered Apprentices degree

and was looking for brethren to assist. I volunteered and ended up being the Senior Steward. That is an interesting role. It has a few lines, but - most importantly, you are the first contact the candidate has with our Masonic rituals. There was just one candidate that evening, and he was genuinely excited about becoming a Mason.

One of the responsibilities of the Worshipful Master is to impart Light to the Brethren, so here goes:

- There are several holidays in May. “Ms. Google,” says there is at least one holiday every day in May. Some days have a dozen or more! Personally, I have three that always interests me:

- The fun one is Star Wars Day: May the Fourth (be with you).

- The serious one is at the end of the month – Memorial Day. It is one of the Monday holidays and is unofficially the start of summer for many of us. The actual reason for the holiday often gets lost. Memorial Day is for mourning all the U.S. military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the United States armed forces.

- My favorite holiday in May is Mother’s Day. I am extremely fortunate that my mom is still alive. She is ninety-one, and she is still able to live on her own. She has slowed down a bit recently, but she is still my mom. To all the brethren, please wish all the moms in your life a Happy Mother’s Day for me.

For those that like to comment on our weather this time of year, Brother Mark Twain has an interesting observation:

“In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather - - - inside of 24 hours.”

Jerry

ENTERED APPRENTICES DEGREE

Burt Levy, P.M



Attending the degree: Paul Hayes, Sec (#21), Sheldon Rappeport, PM, WM Juan Torrico, (#21)Wadi Yakhour (#21), DeMario Montez Butts (#45), WM Jerry Keilsohn, Allen Wright, PM, Hal Henig, Burt Levy, PM, Ryan Simon, Chuck Oshinsky, (#180), Aaron Kamerer, RWB Chip Mahaney, Robert Greenwald, PM, RWB Michael Greenwald, Derek Gould.

At our April 12th Stated Communication, our Degree cast conferred a meaningful Entered Apprentices Degree on two candidates. On his first admission into a Masonic Lodge our new member, Mario M. Butts was accompanied by Wadi Yakhour, a “courtesy” candidate from Anacostia-Pentalpha Lodge #21. W.M. Jerry Keilsohn remained in the East and took on the duties of the conferring Worshipful Master. Prior to the Degree, Brother Ryan Simon was installed as our Senior Steward and was immediately tasked with the responsibility of preparing the candidates. Your writer had been Brother Simon’s catechism instructor and was filled with pride at seeing his admirable performance.

The entire cast put forth a great amount of dedication in learning and rehearsing their roles in the Degree which were as follows:

- WM: Jerry Keilsohn
- SW: Derek Gould
- JW: Jeff Greenwald
- SD: Aaron Kamerer
- JD: Michael Greenwald, PM
- SS: Ryan Simon
- JS: Burt Levy, PM
- MC: Robert Greenwald, PM
- Tiler: Hal Henig
- Lecture: RWB Sheldon Rappeport
- Charge: Derek Gould, J.W.

If you missed this chance to welcome our new member, please be sure to attend his Fellowcraft Degree which is scheduled for June 14th.

Happy Birthday

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

Joel Shulman 2	Thomas A. E. Ebilane..10	Brigham D. Callam..... 18
Charles G. Meyers 5	Raymond E. Horn12	Samuel Bauman 19
Craig D Oppenheim 8	Richard J Sincoff 12	Gerald Herson.....21
Randall A.Schoch..... 9	Zivan Cohen.....17	Lee Barry Barton..... 23



We have only a few tickets left. This film screening is a fund raiser for NPR and WAMU and we can still get additional seats if you register now!!

If you have ever listened to the Saturday or Sunday Night Radio Shows on WAMU, you are certainly going to enjoy this film showing. Please let the Secretary know if you will be attending.

For the fans of WAMU's long running radio show, **The Big Broadcast**, there will be a film screening of a 1938 musical comedy film showcase of popular musical acts from the time.

We have secured a block of tickets. This event is open to Brethren and Significant others, family and friends. The tickets are \$30, face-value. To buy one or more of the Lodge tickets, please let the secretary know and send a check or electronic payment for the \$30/seat to the secretary. You can of course buy the tickets on line as well. These are general admission seats.

The group will go to a local restaurant beforehand

<https://donate.wamu.org/page/39527/event/1?mode=DEMO&locale=en-US>

Join WAMU and Murray Horwitz, host of The Big Broadcast, for a special film screening of *The Big Broadcast Of 1938* on **Thursday, May 19, at 7:45 pm at the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center** in Silver Spring, Md. This musical comedy film showcases the joys of old-time radio and stars Bob Hope, W.C. Fields, Martha Raye and Dorothy Lamour.

Ticket Fee

\$30 per ticket. Non-refundable.

Please note: All tickets are general admission and seating is first come, first served.

When

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Movie starts at 7:45 p.m.

The film has a runtime of approximately one hour and 30 minutes.

Where

AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Md., 20910



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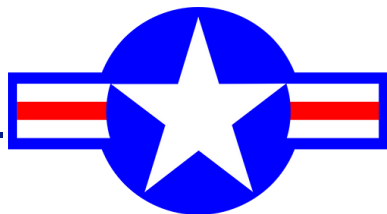
Stained Glass Pub

by Hal Henig

On Monday evening, April 25, Samuel Gompers had our monthly Meet-Up at the Stained-Glass Pub, not far from the Glenmont Metro. Seven Brethren and guests participated that evening. Our Meet-Up started at 6:30 pm and lasted until 9.

Participants present were Tiler and Meet-Up Chairman Hal Henig, Dave Torchinsky, PM, Burt Levy, PM, Allen Gordon, PGM of the Washington Grand Lodge, and now an affiliated member of our Lodge. Also present were JD Jeff Greenwald, Brother Steve Dekelbaum, and guest Stuart Zitomer. Four women we know, Lisa Henig, Laura Torchinsky, Sharon Zitomer, and her daughter Renee Zitomer had their own Meet-Up at another table nearby.

The Brethren enjoyed the half-priced pizza offered by the restaurant on Monday Evenings, along with salads and appetizers. The Brethren and Stuart enjoyed each other's company. Attached is a picture of the Brethren enjoying themselves at the Pub. Hal Henig was absent from this photo since he was the photographer.



Vet's Corner

by Robert Greenwald, PM

MILITARY RETIREES & VETERANS EVENTS SCHEDULE

The Military Retirees & Veterans Events Schedule is intended to serve as a one-stop resource for retirees and veterans seeking information about events such as retirement appreciation days (RAD), stand-downs, veterans town hall meetings, resource fairs, free legal advice, mobile outreach services, airshows, and other beneficial community events. The events included on the schedule are obtained from military, VA, veterans service organizations, and other reliable retiree\vetterans related websites and resources.

The current Military Retirees & Veterans Events Schedule is available in the following three formats. After connecting to the website, click on the appropriate state, territory, or country to check for events scheduled for your area.

- **HTML:** http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html.
- **PDF:** http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.pdf.
- **Word:** http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.doc.

Note that events listed on the Military Retirees & Veterans Events Schedule may be canceled or rescheduled. Before traveling long distances to attend an event, you should contact the applicable RAO, RSO, event sponsor, etc., to ensure the event will be held on the date\time.



LODGE CHARTER FISHING TRIP

This Spring we are organizing a Lodge fishing trip!

On Friday, May 27th, the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend, the Lodge has chartered the same Captain and boat as in prior successful years. . Our Captain will sail out of Deale, Maryland.

<http://www.sportingwoodcharters.com/directions.htm>

This is a half-day, morning charter. We will meet at **5:30 am**, leave at 6:00 am, and return about noon, spending the morning on the bay trolling.

The trip event is open to family, friends, and

prospective Masons and includes everything you need for fishing.

There will be a contest for the largest legal fish taken. We usually go out for lunch following the trip.

The cost this year is \$125 a person which will include the cost of cleaning the fish and a tip for the mates on the boat.

To secure your reservation, your payment must be made in advance. The last day to reserve is May 25th. This will again be a great time and full of fellowship. Please make the Secretary aware of your intent to go.

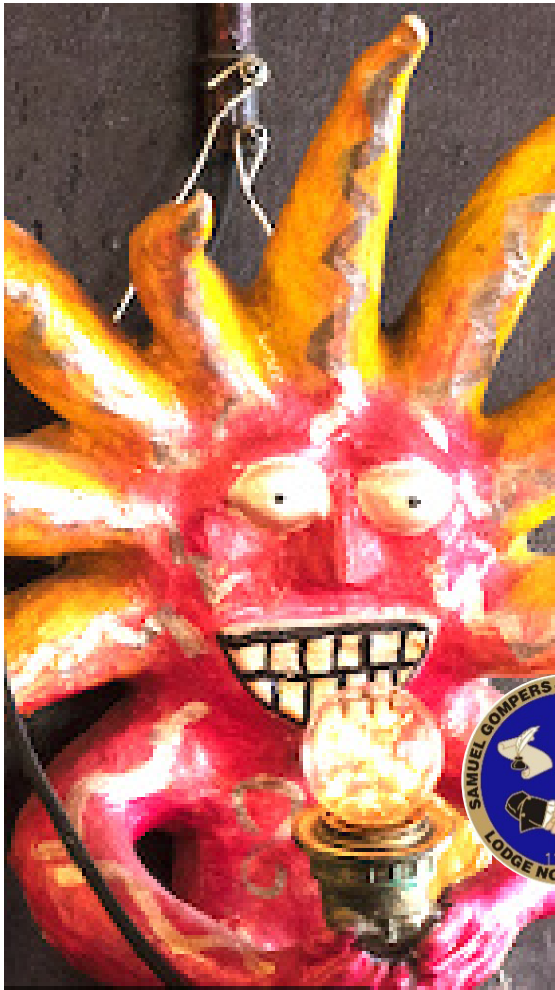
PASSOVER BASKETS SERVICE EVENT

Jeff Greenwald

WM Jerry Keilsohn and JD Jeff Greenwald arrived at the Berman Hebrew Academy on Arctic avenue on the early morning of April 10th to witness and participate in an amazing fete. Over 500 bags loaded with Passover goodies were lined up inside the building and needed to be brought outside and transferred to the many cars that would be delivering these bags to needy families of the Greater DC community. The two of us did most of the work with a few JSSA volunteers contributing. Our Treasurer, Most Worshipful Bob Starr, PGM came towards the end to cheer us on. Our Tiler, Hal Henig also came towards the end but graciously agreed to deliver 5 bags that were otherwise unaccounted for.

As we were finishing up, it was apparent that we were missing about 30 bags that normally would have been delivered up-county by members of Kehilat Shalom Synagogue. Over the past several years JD Greenwald was involved in bringing those bags to Kehilat Shalom, but unfortunately, he had to deliver the bad news instead, that the bags were not to be found. Lo and behold, however, about 2 hours later, the bags were found in a small room adjacent to the equipment room at the Hebrew Academy, so brother Greenwald returned and picked them up. Fortunately, the members of Kehilat Shalom re-grouped and eventually delivered the bags. WM Keilsohn also delivered 2 bags to the remote areas of Ft. Washington and Bowie.

Bottom line..without the help of SGBF#45, this event may not have happened. Great job to those that participated. In the fall, we will be doing the same to help JSSA distribute Rosh Hashanah baskets, then, of course, our signature event, The William Boker Memorial Thanksgiving Basket event will round out the year. Hope we can have more brethren help for these upcoming events.



Our Worshipful Master
Jerry P. Keilsohn requests the honor of your presence
at the Our Lodge Membership –

Plus One Dinner

All members in good standing of
Samuel Gompers – Benjamin Franklin Lodge#45
And one guest are invited

**Sunday, the Twelfth of June
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two
At six thirty o'clock
in the evening**

Bus Boys and Poets

235 Carroll Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20012

Happy Hour 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Toasts and Fellowship to Follow

RSVP secretary@sgbf45.org

Prior to June 5, 2022

Please Put Plus One Dinner in the Subject

RSVP

Jerry P. Keilsohn, W.M.

RSVP is an initialism derived from the French phrase Répondez s'il vous plaît, literally meaning "Respond, If-You-Please", or just "Please Respond", to require confirmation of an invitation.

Before every communication, the secretary sends out multiple invitations, including an eVite. Less than half of the brethren reply. During the last several months, there have been a growing number of brethren that reply that they will attend and then do not. This is costing the Lodge money.

Why you ask? Prior to each meeting, whoever volunteers to coordinate the meal before the meeting, uses the number of Yes responses to figure out how much food is needed to make sure there is a meal for everybody that attends. All the Jewish mothers in my family would come back and haunt me if there was not enough food for everybody who attended.

But we are having the opposite problem. Which is getting expensive and causing a terrible waste of food. Recently, we had a confirmed count of 28 attending. We had 20, and one of them was a surprise visitor. This means that nearly a third of those who promised to attend failed to notify us of their change of plans.

Dinner is expensive! And not getting any cheaper. Even something as simple as Pizza costs more than \$10 a person. A full meal costs two to three times that. When a third of the brethren who confirmed that they would attend do not, that cost per person goes up 50%.

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Calendar for Masonic Year 2022 – Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45

For the most up-to-date information, please check the Trestleboard or www.sgbf45.org. If anyone is interested in any of these events and wishes to obtain more information, please contact WM Jerry Keilsohn about all events (see page 2)

Date	Event	Open to
May	10 Visitation, Kensington-Bethesda Lodge, #198, 7:30 pm, Masons Dinner: 6:30pm	Masons
	11 Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication, 7:30 pm, Almas Temple	Masons Only
	14 Masonic Education Workshop, Entered Apprentice Degree, 9:45 am, Zoom	Masons Only
	19 The Big Broadcast of 1938 Movie Night, May 19, 7:30 pm, AFI Theatre, Silver Spring	Open
	27 Lodge Fishing Trip, Deale, MD, 5:30 am	Open

Date	Event	Open to
June	10-11 Universal Brotherhood Celebration	
	12 Membership Plus One Dinner - Bus Boys and Poets, 6:30 pm	Members and Guest
	14 Stated Communication, Fellowcraft Degree, 7:30 pm	Masons Only
	27 Meetup, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Masons and Candidates