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Lodge No. 45 F.A.A.M

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Meets Second Tuesday of each month except July and August (no meeting),
and December, (second Sunday)

Valentine's Day Dinner Party

Following our brief February Stated Communication

Brethren, we will be serving a special dinner, to our Life Partners RSVP today! This event promises to be both memorable and enjoyable.

Dinner is open to our loved ones. Please let the Secretary know of any dietary issues beforehand.

Tuesday, February 13th

Takoma Masonic Center
Stated Communication: 7:30 PM
Dinner Party: 8:00 PM



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LODGE NO. 45, F.A.A.M.**



Your father or uncle
may have been a Mason

Your grandfather probably was a Mason

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**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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Light From the East

WM Aaron A. Kamerer 2024



Valentine's Day is commonly associated with romantic love and affection between couples. However, beyond its commercialized expressions, the true meaning of Valentine's Day transcends romantic relationships and emphasizes the broader concept of love in all its forms. It serves as a reminder to express appreciation and affection not only to romantic partners but also to friends, family, and loved ones. This day encourages people to celebrate the bonds that enrich their lives, fostering a sense of connection and warmth in relationships.

While romantic love is undoubtedly significant, the importance of family cannot be overstated. Family forms the cornerstone of emotional support, providing a sense of belonging, security, and unconditional love. The bonds forged within a family unit contribute significantly to an individual's emotional and psychological well-being. Family members share in each other's joys and sorrows, creating a network of support that withstands the challenges of life. Beyond biological ties, chosen families and close friends also play pivotal roles in providing a sense of belonging and love.

Valentine's Day serves as an opportune moment to extend love and gratitude to family members,

recognizing the profound impact they have on one's life. It underscores the idea that love is multifaceted, encompassing romantic relationships, friendships, and familial bonds. By celebrating these connections, individuals not only strengthen their interpersonal relationships but also contribute to the overall well-being of their communities, fostering a culture of love, compassion, and understanding.

We, as Masons, take this concept and the deeper meaning of this holiday even further by always practicing it, everyday, without exception. Brotherly love, characterized by a deep and unbreakable bond, is a fundamental aspect of Masonic familial relationships. It goes beyond the conventional notions of love, encompassing understanding, shared history, and a mutual commitment to each other's well-being. Brothers often stand as pillars of support in times of joy and adversity, fostering an environment of trust and companionship. Celebrating brotherly love everyday provides an opportunity to express gratitude for the unique and enduring connection that Masonic siblings share, emphasizing the importance of familial ties in shaping one's identity and providing a sense of belonging, security, and an unrelenting love of the Craft we hold so close to our heart.

Aaron



Allen J. Wright, PM
October 25, 1925 - January 24, 2024

Brethren –

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our dear Worshipful Brother Allen J. Wright, a 70-year Mason, Grand Lodge Gold Fidelity Medal holder, and distinguished Past Master of Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 45. WB Wright ascended to the Celestial Lodge Above last night, at home with his loving family.

Worshipful Brother Wright was initiated into Freemasonry on January 27, 1953 in Samuel Gompers Lodge No. 45, where he was then passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on February 24, 1953 and, ultimately, raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 12, 1953. He served as Samuel Gompers' Worshipful Master in 1963.

Worshipful Brother Wright was tireless in service to his Lodge, where he continued to attend and be involved in Degree work—even as the years inched on. He exuded Brotherly Love and Kindness, leaving a noticeable impact on everyone he met. Accordingly, he was honored by the Brethren of this Jurisdiction when he was elected to receive the Grand Lodge Gold Fidelity Medal at a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge on August 14, 2021.

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

PAST MASTERS

1926 Henry Gompers*	1951 Lester Goldberg*	1969 Milton Korn*	1989 Sheldon I. Rapoport, 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*	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,	Donald M. Stein	2000 William D. Boker*
Joseph Fromberg*	PGM*	1975 L. Paul Cornell*	2001 Sheldon I. Rapoport, MA DSM, GL-E
1938 Joseph Hurwitz*	1957 Eugene J. Hellman*	Robert P. Reid*	2002 Jeffrey Sherman†
A. H. Ostrow*	E. S. Chayt*	1976 Theodore M. Kahn, PGM*	2003 Jeffrey Sherman†
1939 Jacob Sandler*	1958 Morton H. Oppenheim*	Harry Korb, DSA*	2004 William D. Boker*
L. T. Johnson*	S. M. Goldstein, DSA*	1977 Jaison I. Green*	2005 Stanley Jordan*
1940 Frank Paley*	1959 Morris Silberman*	Ernest Gold*	2006 Jerrold Gordon, MA, LFM*
B. M. Klevit*	Murray L. Wolfe, DSA*	1978 Richard A. Levine*	2007 Merriman F.C. Parkinson*
1941 Saul G. Lichtenberg*	1960 Jerome W. Golomb*	Morris I. Apple*	2008 William J. O'Brien*
Abe Coonin*	Milton Fields, DSM*	1979 Michael J. Rinis	2009 Jonathan M. Binstock
1942 Harry A. Oliker*	1961 Benjamin Schendell*	Jerome E. Bauman, MA	2010 David B. Torchinsky
I. P. Bauman*	David Goldberg*	Lodge Fidelity Medal	2011 Joshua L. Rubin
1943 Samuel B. Block*	1962 Arnold S. White*	1980 Max Beloff*	2012 Erik F. Milman
D. E. Snyder*	Arthur Sprintzin, DSA*	Gold Fidelity Medal	2013 Erik F. Milman
1944 Michael J. Cohen*	1963 Allen J. Wright, MA*	Burton Penn	2014 Adam Forman
W. D. Newrath*	Gold Fidelity Medal	1981 Jules S. Tepper, PGM	2015 Randy A. Schoch
1945 Bernard Barzune*	M. L. Greenberg, DSA*	Joel Shulman	2016 Leonard Rubin
M. A. Ostrow*	1964 Jerome L. Saidman*	1982 Walter F. Simon, DSM,	2017 Michael K. Greenwald
1946 Matthew Tepper*	Abe Sperling, DSA*	GC-E*	2018 Raymond E. Horn
L. C. Silverman*	1965 Joseph E. Hein *	Harold Levy*	2019 Robert Greenwald
1947 Bernard Easterson*	Harold Levy*	1983 Julien P. Hofberg	2020 Jerry P. Keilsohn
S. S. Kaltz*	1966 William D. Boker*	Harold Levy*	2021 Burton S. Levy
1948 Irvin J. Footer*	I. M. Engel*	1984 Edwin S. Nachlas	2022 Jerry P. Keilsohn
D. C. Buchalter, DSA*	1967 Robert A. Frank*	1985 Norman Barshai*	2023 Allen R. Levy
1949 Saul Weiss*	Philip L. Silver*	1986 Donald S. Jacobs*	
H. R. Wittenberg*	1968 Arthur J. Rapoport*	1987 I. Rocky Rachlin*	
1950 Sigmund Ades*	Harvey I. Chidel*	1988 Ronald L. Forman*	
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, Jean-Paul Dongmo, Sr.

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. Rapoport, PM DSM
1980	Benjamin Davis*	2019	Jerome M. Bauman, PM
1981	Benjamin Rinis*	2022	Jeffrey Greenwald
1982	Arthur Rubinstein*		

LODGE SILVER FIDELITY MEDAL

Peter Frank, 2022
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. Rapoport

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

Milton D. Korman*, 1969	Jules S. Tepper, 2003
N. Norman Engleberg*, 1972	Roman Volsky, 2017
Theodore M. Kahn*, 1985	Alan L Gordon 2021
Robert H. Starr, 2002	

* - Deceased

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

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Editor Emeritus	Harry Hofberg, MA*
Chaplain Emeritus	Harry Silverstone, DSA*
Lecturer Emeritus	Sheldon I. Rapoport MA, DSM

GRAND 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*



**Washington Capitals
Lodge Night
Sunday, February 11th, 1:30 PM
vs Vancouver Canucks**

Our Lodge has secured a block of seats for the Sunday afternoon, Feb. 11th game. We will make Superbowl Sunday a full Sports day, as the Caps game will end well before kickoff.



Tiler Hal Henig, Sheldon Rappaport, PM, WM Aaron Kamerer, Burt Levy, PM, Treasurer Robert Starr, PGM, PM, Harold Granger, PHP, Brother Lee Silverman, Phillip Taylor, Lisa Henig, and Vickie Starr.

Pre- New Years Eve *Meet-Up* at Riderwood

Tiler Hal Henig, Meet-Up Chairman

On December 30, our monthly 'meet-up' was held at the Village Square Restaurant in the Riderwood Senior Residences facility. RWB Sheldon Rappaport is a resident there and very graciously arranged for us to have a private room for our dinner and also contributed all of his unused dinner credits which enabled all attendees to enjoy a sumptuous meal at no cost!

Ten Brethren and Guests attended the evening social held two days before New Year's. This was the last Meet-Up for 2023. Participating Brethren were Tiler Hal Henig, Meet-Up Chairman, Sheldon Rappaport, PM, WM Aaron Kamerer, Burt Levy, PM, Treasurer

Robert Starr, PGM, PM, Harold Granger, PHP, and our newest Master Mason, Brother Lee Silverman. Harold Granger is also a Riderwood resident and was happy that he joined us. Guests were perspective member Phillip Taylor, Lisa Henig, and Vickie Starr.

The photo shows the Brethren and Guests at the Riderwood Meet-Up. Everybody at this social enjoyed the three-course meal which included appetizers, and entrees, and dessert. Credit should be given to Sheldon for organizing the Meet-Up at Riderwood. I am looking forward to the 2024 Masonic Year and our Meet-Ups.

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- For the Worshipful Master Ryan Simon
 - For the Senior Warden Lee Silverman
 - For the Junior Warden..... Alan Karpas

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Calendar for Masonic Year 2023—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 Allen Levy about all events (see page 2)

Date		Event	Open to
February	13	Stated Communication, 7:30 PM	Masons only
	26	Meet-up 6:30 PM	Family and Friends

Date		Event	Open to
March	12	Stated Communication, 7:30 PM, The Purge	Masons only
	25	Meet-up 6:30 PM	Family and Friends

Date		Event	Open to
April	9	Stated Communication, 7:30 PM, The EA Degree	Masons only
	22	Meet-up 6:30 PM	Family and Friends