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

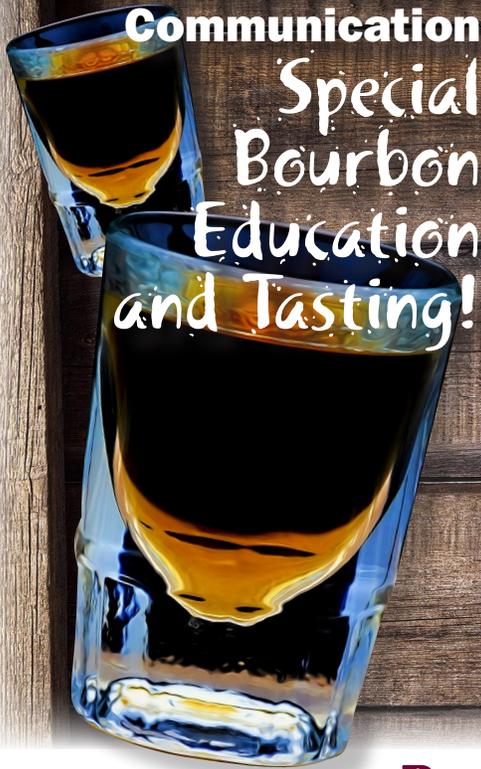
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**Takoma Masonic Center
115 Carroll Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012**

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

January Stated Communication Special Bourbon Education and Tasting!



For our January Stated Communication, our JW Jeff Greenwald has arranged a great program to immediately follow an accelerated Lodge Meeting. Once our important business is complete, see the Trestleboard, we will close and retire upstairs for the program.

A slide show and bourbon tasting! Rabbi Charles Arian of Kehilat Shalom in Gaithersburg will present his excellent program of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail that explains the history and manufacturing process of bourbon whiskey, and then lead us in a tasting of five different bourbons.

Besides being the pulpit rabbi of Kehilat Shalom, Rabbi Arian is a bourbon hobbyist and collector who has been quoted as an expert on bourbon by the New York Times. His programs are interesting and always enjoyable. This program is open to Masons only.

All attendees are asked to make a donation of \$10.00 or more to the E-K Charitable fund and an RSVP is requested as we need an accurate headcount. All attendees who make a donation will receive a Samuel Gompers - Benjamin Franklin Lodge Shot Glass.

When: January 14, 2020, Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Where: Takoma Masonic Center

RSVP to the Secretary. Checks should be made out to "Engleberg-Korman Charitable Foundation"

Please RSVP before January 9, 2020

Bucket List Time

January Social as promised by the Worshipful Master will be an outing to the new iFLY in Gaithersburg, MD on Sunday, January 26th at 2:00 p.m.; \$60 a person; your check reserves your space.

Do something out of the ordinary with your family and friends. Be thrilled with an experience you will never forget, no batteries required. The gift of flight is perfect for ages 3-103 and guaranteed to put a smile on anyone's face. We have a special group rate for this event. We know everyone has seen the strange-looking building on 270N and has heard about being lifted on a column of air in a giant wind tunnel. When else would you get to experience this!

Where: iFLY Montgomery, 9400 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD, 20877

Lots of information: <https://www.iflyworld.com>

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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

By Jerry P. Keilsohn



Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful, Worshipful, Brethren, Family and Guests, Good afternoon. I think I got everybody. Almost, Hi Mom!

There is one, who is sadly not with us, that I wish was, my father-in-law and Brother Gerald Tolpin. Hopefully, Zayda, you are watching us from the Celestial Lodge above.

I am honored to be standing here this afternoon, and humbled by the thought that the Brethren of this Lodge have placed their trust in me to lead this Lodge for the next year.

A little over five years ago, I was in this very same place, sitting in the North-East corner of the Lodge, having just been initiated, with Willie, as Entered Apprentice Masons. To be honest, I was not really sure what I was going to contribute or receive from being a Mason. My experience has changed my life. Many of you have read about some of it in my monthly *Bulletin* articles.

The classic answer to what is Masonry is that it makes good men, better. That may be the essence of the Masonic experience for some. A little too esoteric for me though. I think the biggest surprise for me was how rewarding getting to meet so many men, who otherwise I never would have met. Sitting down, having a meal, because Masons just like Jews, always eat, and having a discussion with men I have nothing in common with other than that we are brethren, has made my life better. I have had the opportunity to get to know some really interesting and awesome men that make up our Fraternity.

I have found that I get more out of our charitable work than perhaps the people we help. Several years ago, I had the opportunity to deliver some of the Thanksgiving baskets. Brother Ray and I rang the doorbell of an apartment. This little tiny woman, she could not have been 5 feet tall, opens the door, and her face lights up. We offered to carry the basket and the Turkey, which probably weighed about a 1/3 of what she did, inside for her, which she gladly accepted. The whole time, she just kept thanking us. She had this tiny kitchen with a tiny oven. I often wonder how she got that Turkey in that oven and how many she was feeding. The smile on

her face made my day.

Five years ago, two brethren approached me.

“How would you like to be the Junior Steward?” No ritual to learn, just stand up and sit down at the right time.”

Sounded easy.

“You might be interested in attending an Officers meeting? Maybe you want to learn the Steward part in the next degree?”

That was all the classic, Masonic bait and switch. I have now sat in every one of the line chairs except, the Senior Steward’s, and the oriental chair behind me in the East, which I am about to occupy for the next year. As I have observed before, each time you change chairs the view changes and ones’ perception of the Lodge grows too.

It has been the custom of the incoming Master to talk about his plans for the coming year. Mine are pretty simple. We are going to continue to do the things that have worked in the last few years. That means we are going to continue to do the charity work we have been doing.

Baskets with JSSA; Rosh Hashanah, Passover, and Thanksgiving. We had an impressive show of help for the Thanksgiving baskets three weeks ago. We are going to continue the VA visitations. And if we can, Super Sunday with the Jewish Federation at the women’s shelter. We are going to do Sukkah construction and deconstruction for The Jewish Foundation for Group Homes. We are always looking for more volunteer opportunities, where just another pair of hands makes a difference.

We are going to continue to do excellent Ritual work, and initiate, pass and raise, new Masons. Our Lodge is known for doing excellent degrees. We are going to continue that tradition. If you have not been to one of the degrees in recent years please add it to your calendar.

We are going to travel to other Lodges. We will be traveling at least once a month. And not just to the other DC Lodges. Check the Lodge app for the schedule, and my last-minute decisions to travel.

We are going to continue to do the social activities; fishing, a hockey game, baseball game,

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the theater, and something we have never done before, that should be exciting, Indoor Skydiving.

We are going to try to have at least two Festive Boards, including one where significant others will participate.

We will do the monthly meet-ups.

We have some exciting programs planned for the coming months.

- December is a family and friends outing to Olney Theatre there are still tickets available.
- January is a Bourbon Tasting after our Stated Communication.
- February will be an Entered Apprentices Degree.
- March will be one of the Festive Boards open to family and friends, this one, possibly, with a Jewish twist.

Watch the *Bulletin*, the App, and your emails for details.

Now, I did not get here without many brethren's help, support and assistance. I am depending on the same to carry me through the coming year.

I really cannot go any further without acknowledging and thanking these wonderful people.

First, my awesome line of officers. We have an interesting mix for this year. Several long-time Masons, a father-son pair, and one who was just raised. There is over a 50 year age difference between us.

Next the Past Masters of this Lodge. Many have always been willing to offer advice and wisdom.

In the last four years, there has been a change in how this Lodge functions. That is because the last three Masters of this Lodge, WB Greenwald, WB Horn, and WB Greenwald, set the bar very high. They are going to be a hard act to follow, but I know I can always count on their advice and support, just as I have in the last few years. And for that, I am eternally grateful.

Third, a huge thank you goes to RWB Rappeport. His endless guidance and instruction have enabled me to not only learn our Ritual but have an understanding of why we do what we do. Every week he opens his home for us to practice. Brother Sheldon has agreed to continue to be the Master of Ceremonies this year. I talked about the view changing. This will be the first time I will not be able to see him, the disappointed look he gives me when I make a mistake in the Ritual.

Next is WB Allen Wright. He has been my go-to person when I have struggled to learn some of the more complicated parts of the Ritual. He always seems to be able to take the time to help me. His wisdom and guidance have been invaluable to me. Thank you, and please tell Scooter that I still have a few treats left in the box.

My Masonic Spirit Guide the last five years has

been WB Burt Levy. Burt and I started with me sitting across the desk from him as my Catechism instructor while trying to learn my first piece of ritual. We have come a long way, but in a few minutes, in what is truly going to be what Yogi Berra called "It's like déjà vu all over again" he is going to stand in the West, across from me, and we are going to execute the ritual that closes the Lodge.

Finally, I would like to introduce and thank my family, starting with the person responsible for me being here, my Mom, Marlene Keilsohn; My wonderful daughter Monica; another person responsible for me being here today, my outstanding son Brother William Keilsohn. Our roommate Pat Williamson or as the kids call her Aunt Pat. And lastly, my wife of almost 30 years, Leah. Who every week asks me what nights she is going to be a Masonic widow.

I have a really short story to tell you. Leah and I were married by a "rent-a-rabbi." The Rabbi who was supposed to marry us, passed away the day before our wedding was planned. Since the "rent-a-rabbi" had never met us, he spent a few minutes with each of us separately, just before the ceremony, trying to get to know something about us. He asked me what it was that made me want to marry Leah. I do not really remember my answer, but somewhere in my reply, I mentioned that she has a great sense of humor.

When he asked Leah, her answer was "Cute butt." Love you, honey.

I have something else to share. Neither Leah nor Pat have been able to wrap their minds around that the proper title for this position is "Worshipful Master" and instead have taken to calling whoever has this position and now me, the Grand Poobah. Thank you Fred Flintstone, Barney Rubble and the brethren of Water Buffalo Lodge No. 26 in Bedrock A.M. (Ancient Freemasons). My research suggests that the word "Yabba-dabba-doo" may have had some Masonic ritual significance during that pre-historic era of Masonry.

Everybody that reads my monthly article in the *Bulletin* knows I like to close with a quote. And why should this afternoon be any different?

This one from Astronaut and Brother Buzz Aldrin. I spotted this one by accident the other night when I was researching a software problem for work.

"I know the sky is not the limit, because there are footprints on the Moon – and I made some of them! So don't allow anyone to denigrate or inhibit your lofty aspirations. Your dream can take you higher and much farther than anyone ever thought possible!"

Thank you.

Looking out

It is customary for the Master's article in January *Bulletin* to be a copy of the speech he gave at installation. I am following that custom, so look elsewhere for my thoughts on becoming a Worshipful Master.

I wanted to add just a few thoughts, on the last month leading up to installation. I got to attend three other installations and by the time you read this one, a fourth. While we all follow the same structure set down by the Grand Lodge, each was different and wonderful to attend. Congratulations to all newly installed Masters.

And yes hearing the other Masters speak gave me some ideas for my speech. Which turned out harder to write than I thought. What order to put things in? Should thank you's come first, last, in the middle? Plans for next year. Look for the schedule elsewhere in the *Bulletin* and

on the app. A good story somewhere? Eventually, I got it all aligned. Then I did not like it, so I rewrote part of it again. That sounded better and that is what you heard if you attended.

And I had a really nice surprise. Both of my kids were able to attend the installation as was my Mom. I put the other Brother Keilsohn to work, keeping track of the Gavels, and then he sat in as the Senior Steward for the closing.

I found some advice for an incoming Worshipful Master.

"To talk well and eloquently is a very great art, but that an equally great one is to know the right moment to stop." - Brother Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Lodge Night with the 2018 Stanley Cup Champion Washington Capitals

The Details: February 25th, Washington Capitals vs. Winnipeg Jets, Game time 7:00 p.m. Section 427 and 426, \$60 a person.

This year to help celebrate the unbelievable season the Caps had last year we have reserved 20 passes for the Cap's Devil's Backbone Group Pack. This package includes an entrée with a side from Rocklands BBQ, unlimited beer, wine, soda and water, and a Caps t-shirt courtesy of Custom Ink. The Devil's Backbone BBQ & Beer Pack will start an hour before puck drop and run through the start of the 3rd period in our 400 level lounge area located behind section 429/430. We can enjoy the food and drink in the Lounge or take it back to our seats.

This is a great event to invite a prospective member to. Please let the WM know if you are inviting a potential candidate.

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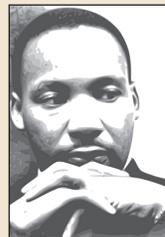
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MLK Day of Service

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required! This is a way to show our support of the great city that our lodge is a part of. Questions: [mailto: jw@sgbf45.org](mailto:jw@sgbf45.org)

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PAST MASTERS

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

HONORARY — R. A. Bogley, Sr., P.G.M.,* 1914; I. Rosenthal, D.S.M.,* 1932; J. Lann,* 1940; R. F. Cavalier, 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 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 Schechter*	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*	

LODGE SILVER FIDELITY MEDAL

Jerold Gordon, 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

Robert H. Starr, 2002

*N. Norman Engleberg 1972

Jules S. Tepper, 2003

*Theodore M. Kahn, 1985

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*, Grand Lodge Fidelity Medal	

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, DSA,
GL Gold Fidelity Medal

My Farewell Address

by Robert Greenwald, PM

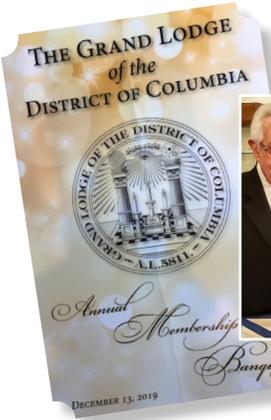
I can hardly realize that a year has passed since I first appeared before you to take my oath of office as Worshipful Master of this lodge. I guess that is what happens when you turn work into fun. I enjoyed my year as your Worshipful Master and I am grateful and particularly indebted to that loyal body of Brethren who worked so hard and faithfully with me. Their confidence, support, and good counsel made my tasks easier. You have been loyal and unwavering in your support. I trust you will give to my

illustrious successor that same degree of cooperation you have given me. You are a grand group of men and to each of you, I owe my affection, gratitude, and respect.

As I look back upon the past year I appeal to you to attend the meetings, get involved. Your presence will be the barometer for our efforts. It will spur us on to greater achievements. It will be more than an indication of support. It will be an inspiration for even better programs. The end of

this adventure will soon be upon me and I look forward to my next adventure.

We are most fortunate in electing Brother Senior Warden Jerry Keilsohn as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. It will be a joy all through the year to have him preside over our meetings. You can count on my cooperation during the year ahead. I have the greatest pleasure in now handing that gavel to him.



The Future is Now – Installation Of New Lodge Officers



The new Pillar Officers: Allen Wright, PM Installed SW Burt Levy, PM, WM Jerry Keilsohn, and JW Jeff Greenwald.

Our Lodge was proud to install WM Jerry Keilsohn and our new line of officers at our 94th Installation on Sunday, December 8, 2019. This installation saw the retirement of Robert Greenwald as Worshipful Master, the most senior of any Master to have served in our Lodge since its inception. Jerry Keilsohn and our new line of officers represent our return to a younger group and we all look forward to a renewal of attraction of younger candidates to become Masons. PM Robert Greenwald handled the job as Master with dignity reflecting the best quality of a retired US Marine Corps officer and he had the full support of his dedicated officers. His farewell address recognized those who he credited for any success he had. The future of the lodge is certainly in good hands under our new Master. During his ascent to Master, Jerry Keilsohn was a taskmaster who endeavored to see that the officers who would follow him attended rehearsals to perfect the Masonic ritual, which is the foundation to teach the principles on which our fraternity is based.

PM Burt Levy created and printed the beautiful program as he has done in recent years and PM Julien Hofberg provided his expertise to assist and see that all of the jewels of office and all of the paraphernalia required were at hand at the correct time for the installation. It was my pleasure to serve as Installation Chairman and Installing Officer for the Master and several other officers.

Allen J. Wright, PM 1963



The Brethren and Visitors of SGBF #45 Installation for the ensuing year of 2020



Now Past Master, Robert Greenwald is seated in the Northwest corner of the Lodge among the many family members who attended.



The Three Wise Men of the Grand Lodge: RWB Adam Tager, RWB Christopher K. Mahaney, RWB George J. Stoklas, Jr.



Burt Levy, PM as the Master of Ceremony proclaims the new Master of Samuel Gompers – Benjamin Franklin Lodge!



Brother William Keilsohn received his 5 Year Pin.



Our new Brother Aaron Kamerer is escorted to the East to be installed as the Senior Steward by RWB Christopher K. Mahaney



JW Jeffery Greenwald received the 2018 Brother of the Year Award for his charity work and other contributions to the Lodge



Brothers Derek Gould and Aaron Kamerer display their new Master Mason Certificates.



Walter Simon, PM prepares the Jewels for the Installation



Visitors from East Gate Lodge came to welcome the new WM, Jerry Keilsohn who has visited there lodge many times



Jerry's children, Bro. William Keilsohn and Monica Keilsohn presented the new Master with a Gavel.



Our good Tiler, John Garrison being presented for the Tiler's Charge by RWB Adam Tager.



Newly installed JW Jeffery Greenwald



WM Jerry Keilsohn and Leia



Julien Hofberg, PM presents the Past Masters Plaque to outgoing Master Robert Greenwald



Julien Hofberg, PM presents the gavels for installation



The new and outgoing Masters exchange gifts



Our Tiler, John Garrison, PM



Leah Keilsohn was presented with flowers by the incoming Master Jerry Keilsohn



WM Jerry Keilsohn giving his inaugural address after being installed by Allen Wright, PM

Grand Lodge Banquet



There were a large number of officers and their family at the Grand Lodge Banquet



Jerome Bauman, PM and Burt Levy, PM deep in conversation



Bro Derek Gould, Aileen and Risa Horn enjoying the banquet



Sheldon I. Rappeport, PM, and Dinky



Robert Greenwald, PM and Roberta



Bro Joel Van Vollenhoven and his wife Paula



Michael Greenwald, PM and Kathy



PGM Robert H. Starr and Vickie



PGM Jules S. Tepper, and his wife Pat

2020 Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin #45 Calendar

- January 2020
 - o 14th – Stated – Bourbon Night
 - o 20th – MLK Day of Service
 - o 26th – Social - Indoor Sky diving
 - o 27th – Meet-up
- February 2020
 - o 2nd - JEWISH FOOD EXPERIENCE® AT N STREET VILLAGE
 - o 11th – Stated Communication & EA Degree
 - o 24rd – Meet-up
 - o 25th – Social - Hockey Game
- March 2020
 - o 10th – Stated Communication – Purim themed Festive Board
 - o 29th – Good Deeds Day
 - o 30th – Meet-Up
- April 2020
 - o 5th – Passover Baskets
 - o 12th – VA Visitation (Easter)
 - o 14th – Stated Communication – Called off - Passover
 - o 27th – Meet-up
- May 2020
 - o 12th – Stated Communication – Healthy Mind/ Healthy Mason w/ GL
 - o 13th - GL Semi-Annual Communication
 - o 25th – No Meet-up – Memorial Day
- June 2020
 - o 9th – Stated Communication – FC Degree
 - o TBD - Skeat Event
 - o 29th – Meet-up
- July 2020
 - o 12th - Memorial Afternoon
 - o 14th - Dark
- August 2020
 - o 11th - Dark
- September 2020
 - o 8th – Stated Communication – Warden's Night Festive Board for all DC Wardens
 - o 13th – Rosh Hashanah Baskets
- October 2020
 - o 11th, 12th, 18th or 19th – Anniversary Night @ a restaurant
 - o 13th – Stated Called Off
- November 2020
 - o 10th – Stated Communication – Elections & MM Degree
 - o 21st – GL Annual Communication
 - o 22nd – Thanksgiving Baskets

Our Pre-Thanksgiving Parkway Deli Meet-Up



Samuel Gompers-Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45 had its November Meet-Up three days before the Thanksgiving Holiday. We met up at The Parkway Deli, a popular restaurant for our Brethren and their guests.

Unfortunately, only three men attended the Parkway Deli Meet-Up. The meet up was held only one day after

the big Thanksgiving Basket program, which is our most popular lodge event. The timing for the event resulted in a small attendance as it was just before Thanksgiving.

Those of us who attended, had a light dinner, in preparation for the big Thanksgiving feast. Three attendees in the attached photo were SW, now WM Jerry Keilsohn, Hal Henig, Meet-Up Chairman and guest Stuart Zitomer. Later Stuart's mother Sharon and his sister Renie Zitomer showed up the restaurant.

There was no December Meet-Up, because of the Chanukah Holiday and the next Meet-Up will be in late January.

Happy Chanukah to our Jewish Brethren and their families and also Merry Christmas to our gentile Brethren. Happy New Year to everyone and may 2020 become a good year for Masonry.

Biography of Jerry Keilsohn, WM



We couldn't hope for a better leader than our incoming Worshipful Master. Brother Keilsohn was initiated into our Fraternity just 5 years ago and immediately set out to become the ideal of the "better man" that Masonry seeks to produce. His most recognizable assets are his generosity; willingness to learn; and ability to organize and get things done. His 'Brethren' follow his lead because they love and respect him. One of his early obstacles was learning the ritual 'work' required of Lodge officers. He struggled (as many do), but he worked hard at it and now, even those who mentored him consider him an equal (or better) practitioner of all things Masonic. Jerry graduated from Winston Churchill

January 2020

H.S., earned a BS in Chemistry at James Madison University, and then an MS in Analytical Chemistry at Indiana University and recently celebrated 20 years of employment at Telos Corp. where he is the lead engineer of their Secure Messaging product for the DoD (using neither of his impressive Degrees).

A JCC sponsored singles event resulted in a blind date with Leah Tolpin who almost changed her mind. Luckily, she kept the date and became Mrs. Keilsohn. They have raised two children: Daughter, Monica who is an engineering student at Drexel Univ. and is Archon (leader) of her sorority. And – Son, William who recently completed his master's degree and secured a position with Systems Applications & Products. It was Willie who wanted to honor his Grandfather 'Zaida' (Leah's Dad) – a 60 yr. Massachusetts Mason by joining the Fraternity. Jerry thought that was a good idea and they both were raised in the same candidate class. Thus, they have maintained a strong family history of Freemasonry: Leah's dad became a Mason because his Father-in-Law was one, and Jerry's Father was made a Mason by Grandfather William who was W.M. of Keystone Lodge, #235 in New York in 1965. And – Jerry's maternal Grandfather, Lewis Rosenberg was an enthusiastic Mason in Philadelphia.

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Date	Event	Open to
January	14 Stated Communication – Lodge opens 7:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.	Master Masons
	20 MLK day of service	
	26 Social, Indoor Sky Diving at iFLY Gaithersburg, MD, 2:00 p.m.	
	27 Meet up – 7:00 p.m.	Masons and prospective Masons
February	11 Stated Communication – 7:00 p.m.	
	24 Meet up – 7:00 p.m.	
	25 Lodge Social, Capitals Game with Dinner, Dinner 6:00 p.m., Game start 7:00 p.m.	