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19th District

May District Newsletter



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District Headlines



19th District West Highlights!



Saturday May 2nd, 2026 Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge presents: Ladies of the Table in honor of Mary Tucker Howland. A night of fantastic food, fellowship and of the ladies. This was a night many will not soon forget.

19th District East Highlights!



Saturday May 10th, 2026 George H. Taber Lodge hosted their Fifth Annual Cigar Event. Over 40 men, mostly brothers, attended the cigar event of the year. Cyd's cooking, "games of chance" & stoggies! A blast for everyone who attended. Next year: It will be held in the Fall. Stay tuned for more information.

Lodge of Instruction April 23rd, 2026



Lodge of Instruction in April was hosted by Social Harmony Lodge with guest speaker Bro. Shaun Shubert discussing his book "Fighting Fear". Eric Berg introduced Shaun to the brethren. Shaun delivered a few ways to conquer fear and use the feeling as a tool for success such as breathing techniques, training & finetuning muscle memory. April 23rd just happened to be RW Eric Berg's birthday, and it was arranged to have his family sneak in and surprise him with cake and balloons for collation. A truly memorable moment for everyone. Shaun Shubert's book is available on Amazon and wherever books are sold.

Next Month: The Men's Health Group comes to the main stage Lodge of Instruction. Speakers include Bro. Robert Caldas, Bro. Brad Anselmo, Wor. Brian Fernandes & RW Peter Webster Ham. Sign up for dinner at 19thmasonic.com.

A message from DDGM 19th East

Greetings Brethren,

This message expresses many opportunities of thanks.

I wanted to thank you for your support and participation at the Lodge of Exemplification this month. The Grand Lecturer sent me a letter expressing his appreciation for the remarkably successful work of all who participated. He felt that the brethren of our District "had put in the work to study the degree and presented with feeling and in such a manner that would impress any candidate."

Thank you to the representatives from the 19th District Lodges who took time after the Lodge of Exemplification to begin to put together a calendar of events for the coming Masonic year. Their efforts will continue to create further efforts to support each other and, in turn, support our district. I look forward to learning more about the upcoming events for the coming year. You have so much to offer.

Thank you to your lodges for extending an invitation to me to participate in your lodge's activities...it has been such a wide variety of opportunities. I look forward to our time together going forward. Your efforts in lodge and in the community continue to shed light on the tenets of our institution. Thank you for being the implements of that light.

In closing this month's message, I want to extend my heartfelt "thank you" to the families and friends who have lost a loved one in support of our Country. There really can be no words that adequately fill that space that has been lost. There really can be no actions that bring back those loved ones. Memorial Day is that time that we come together as individuals, friends, families, communities...and as a Nation to choose to care and memorialize their ultimate loss...and remind ourselves that their lives matter beyond this one day.

Respect...honor...remember.

Cordially & fraternally,

Right Worshipful

Peter Webster Ham

District Deputy Grand Master 19th East Masonic District

A message from DDGM 19th West

Brethren,

Titles in Freemasonry are temporary.

The lessons attached to them should not be.

Every gavel is eventually passed. Every office is someday filled by another. No man remains in the East Forever either, and time has a way of humbling even the strongest ambitions.

Yet too often, men become consumed with temporary authority while forgetting the permanent impression left behind by their conduct.

Long after titles fade, people rarely remember who sat where. They remember how a man carried himself. They remember whether he created harmony or division, whether he served quietly or sought recognition, whether he elevated those around him or diminished them.

Traveling upon the Level of Time reminds us that positions are only borrowed for a season. Character is what remains after the title no longer does.

In the end, a man's legacy within the Craft will not be measured by the office he held, but by the conduct he displayed while holding it.

Fraternally,

Right Worshipful

Stephen Sparks

District Deputy Grand Master 19th West Masonic District

Greetings from the DNL Team

Greetings Brethren of the 19th District,

I hope you and your family are all doing well. The weather here in New England has taken a turn towards sunnier and warmer days which means Summer is right around the corner. This also means that many of our lodges will be going dark for the months of July and August. The June newsletter will be our last edition for this masonic year. Rest assured that the DNL team of the 19th District will still be working through the Summer to provide you with information regarding any summer activities happening around the district. Also, keep your eyes peeled for a summer newsletter around the end of August. Please visit our Facebook page and website 19thMasonic.com for all up to date information around the district.

In the meantime, the DNL team will be meeting to assure a smooth transition for the upcoming masonic year. Moving forward myself, Bro. David Robert Allen, Bro. Harold Riggs, and Bro. Joshua Moniz will be taking charge of the organization and publishing of the 19th District Newsletter every month starting in September. I will officially be stepping into the role of District Information Officer and editor of the DNL at this time. R.W. Joshua Bumpus will continue to maintain and operate the district website. Officers and members of the lodges, if you have any events, notices, flyers, meetings, articles, etc... that need our attention or promotion please feel free to email us at: 19thdistrictnewsletter@gmail.com. Also, don't hesitate to contact me anytime if you're in need of assistance. I can be reached day or night via phone @ 508-496-5996

In parting, I just want to acknowledge Bro. Ian Harcourt for his vision and single-handed creation of this newsletter almost two years ago. In that time, this newsletter has gone from one or two pages to over ten pages every month and continues to grow. Thanks to Bro. Harcourt's vision, handwork, and dedication our newsletter is now being recognized and duplicated not only statewide, but across the country as well. Brother, I personally want to thank you for entrusting me with your masterpiece. It is an honor and a privilege to continue with your vision, and I promise you that I won't let you down my brother, thank you.

Bro. William Travers

District Information Officer - 19th West Masonic District

Lodge of Instruction

Thursday May 28th, 2026



Lodge of Instruction

Host Lodge: Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge

Speaker: Multiple Speakers hosted by Wor. Fernandes

Subject: The Men's Health Group

Reservations are Required. Dinner @ 6pm/LOI Starts 7pm

Call Michael Cordeiro

(508)-636-2234 email: mcdjs4u@gmail.com

Online Dinner Reservations

Please click here to secure your meal



19thmasonic.com/loi

Future Lodge of Instructions:

June 25th Noquochoke lodge – Family Cookout (Open)

CANIDATES CORNER

Entered	Passed	Raised
*Daniel Raymond Roy -Star in The East Lodge Alfred Rego *Noquochoke Lodge Logan Avelar *Noquochoke Lodge Jacob Piskara *Noquochoke Lodge Jacob Mallen *Noquochoke Lodge	*Jeremy David Leandre -Quittacus *Franis Joseph Rogan IV -Star in The East Lodge *Walter Winfield Alford III -Star in The East Lodge *David Robert Allen -Star in The East Lodge *Sergio Rodrigues Moreira -King Philips Lodge *Gilberto Duarte Franco De Moura -King Philips Lodge *Christopher Scott Thrasher -Abraham Howland Lodge *Carlton Page -Quittacus *Ryan Dale Potter -Quittacus Lodge	*Daniel Harry Andrews -George H. Taber Lodge *Rondald Michael Linhares -George H. Taber Lodge *Michael Jason Nash -Abraham Howland Lodge *Timothy Daniel Raymond -Abraham Howland Lodge

/G\ Recommend a Good man to become BETTER! /G\

For up-to-date information, please visit 19thmasonic.com

Lodge of Exemplification May 16th, 2026



A beautiful spring Saturday morning was started with brethren from the entire 19th District enjoy coffee, donuts and muffins from Market Basket. LOE was held in the Egyptian room. A Masonic Activity Meeting was conducted afterwards.

- 1.) Mount Hope Lodge – Opening with Three Officers.
- 2.) Star in the East – Opening in Due Form.
- 3.) King Philip – First Section part 1 (2 Candidates).
- 4.) Quittacus Lodge – First Section part 2.
- 5.) Pythagorean Lodge – First Section part 3.
- 6.) Noquochoke Lodge – First Section part 4 (Finish).
- 7.) George H. Taber Lodge – Second Section part 1.
- 8.) Abraham H. Howland – Second Section Part 2.
- 9.) Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge – Second Section Part 3 (Finish).

10.) Social Harmony Lodge – Receiving DD on Official Visit; Change Degree up & Down; Honors (Public & Private); Change Lab/Ref, Ref/Lab. Close in Shortest legal Form.

For up-to-date information, please visit 19thmasonic.com

Upcoming District Events

Help make your lodge event a success!

Email: 19thDistrictNewsletter@gmail.com with your info

TOGETHER WE REFRESH. Together We Thrive.

Spring CLEANING WORK PARTY

AT THE FALL RIVER MASONIC LODGE
152 COLUMBUS DRIVE, FALL RIVER, MA 02720

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2026
SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 2026
SATURDAY, MAY 30TH, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM - NOON

LOCATION: Fall River Masonic Lodge
152 Columbus Drive
Fall River, MA 02720

Let's come together TO FRESHEN UP OUR LODGE FOR THE SEASON!

Join fellow members for a productive and rewarding day of cleaning, organizing, and camaraderie.

Refreshments WILL BE PROVIDED!

Bring: YOUR WORK GLOVES, A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, AND ANY HELPFUL TOOLS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK - your help is appreciated!

TASKS INCLUDE:

- GENERAL CLEANING
- ORGANIZING STORAGE AREAS
- MINOR REPAIRS
- OUTDOOR CLEANUP (DECKED PATIO/FRONT)

FOR OUTSTANDING OR TO RSVP:
Bro. Charles William Travers
508-416-1016

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:
FIRE ARMS

Planetary Stewards

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers Needed!

2026

April 26 Sunday	May 30 Saturday	June 20 Saturday	July 18 Saturday
Aug 15 Saturday	Sept 27 Sunday	Oct 17 Saturday	Cancelled if raining.

9AM to 11AM

Parking on New Street
Fall River, MA

Free T-Shirt for all Volunteers
While supplies last

For more information please call or text

Star in the East
Last Business Meeting of the Year

HOT Dogs and Hot DOGS Cookout

June 2nd
Dinner at 6pm

\$15 per person. Make reservations no later than 5pm Monday June 1st

Topic: Dog adoption and dog walking volunteering. Good for human and Dog alike.

Lodge meeting at 7pm



GEORGE H. TABER LODGE JUNE MEETING

Beautiful Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven, Massachusetts
America 250 Monday, June 8th at 6pm

MEETING INFORMATION
Meeting at the Lodge at 5:30.

There will be a dinner at the Lodge at the conclusion of the event.

A Fraternal Visit from The District Deputy Grand Master

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

SPECIAL GUESTS FOR THE EVENING
Fairhaven Village Militia
Presentation on the history of Fort Phoenix during the Revolutionary War.
Fairhaven Historical Society

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. LODGE

REVOLUTION 250
MOMENTS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD



JUNE 9 2026 REV 250 SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

GEORGE H. TABER LODGE BREAKFAST

Saturday
JUNE 13TH, 2026
FROM 8AM TO 11:30AM

\$10 PER PERSON



★ ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ★

Star in the East Lodge
-Special Communication-
Tuesday 06/16/2026

Master Mason Degree
Conferred on
Bro. Walter Winfield Alford III
Bro. David Robert Allen

Dinner @ 6pm (Please make reservation with Bro. Ian Harcourt 978.551.5782)

Degree starts at 7pm

QUITTACUS LODGE
SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

KNOCKING THE DOOR AT MIDNIGHT

TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD
STARTING 11:30PM

"KNOCK, AND THE DOOR SHALL BE OPEN UNTO YOU"

GEORGE H. TABER LODGE Grill cheese FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY JUNE 27TH 10AM to 4PM

FAIRHAVEN CENTER
(between William Street and Green Street).

The lodge will be cooking gourmet GRILLED CHEESES and selling them to raise money for the lodge.

Everyone is INVITED **Volunteers NEEDED TO HELP**

★ 2026 ★
FAIRHAVEN HOMECOMING DAY FAIR



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MASONIC FLIGHT OF HONOR
Honoring Our Veterans

A special charter flight dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of Our Military Veteran Guests of Honor. This mission includes our honored veterans along with dedicated support staff and caregivers.

Flight Details
Date: June 28, 2026
Departure: Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, NH - 7:00 AM
Arrival: Washington, DC - 9:00 AM

Washington, DC Itinerary

- Military memorials & monuments
- Arlington National Cemetery tribute
- Reflection and camaraderie

Evening Program
Dinner & fellowship at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Return Flight
Return to Manchester, NH - 11:00 PM



SEASIDE DEGREE

July 11th, 2026

This Master Mason Degree will be nautical themed and conferred on a beach. The meal will be a Clam Boil. Please RSVP with Bro. Harcourt by Thursday July 9th by 5pm.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES
Give the Gift of Life

AT FALL RIVER MASONIC BUILDING
152 Columbus Dr.
Fall River, MA 02720

2026 BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE

APRIL 18	9:00 AM - 1:30 PM	In honor of Elaine
MAY 23	9:00 AM - 1:30 PM	
JULY 17	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM	
SEPTEMBER 6	9:00 AM - 1:30 PM	
NOVEMBER 28	11:00 AM - 5:30 PM	
DECEMBER 19	9:00 AM - 1:30 PM	

IMPACT THAT MATTERS

Blood donations raised in last 59 drives

1,372	59	23	69
UNITS COLLECTED	BLOOD DRIVES HELD	UNITS PER DRIVE (AVERAGE)	LIVES IMPACTED/SAVED PER DRIVE

Every donation can help save lives!

WHY DONATE?
Be part of something bigger - your community is counting on you!

JOIN US. GIVE BLOOD. SAVE LIVES.
WALK INS WELCOME OR SCHEDULE AHEAD!

Contact Bro. Arthur Dill (774) 634-5571 for more info

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE PRESENTS

THE A-MASON' RACE!

Saturday July 25th, 2026
Downtown New Bedford

- Adventure through downtown New Bedford
- Locate Historic Sites
- Perform Challenges & Solve Clues
- Be the First to Complete the A-Mason' Race!

Do You Have What It Takes?
Gather your team & compete for bragging rights!

AMERICAN 250

MOUNT HOPE LOGE
CIGAR AND NOSH

AUGUST 15, 2026 • 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM • \$60 PER PERSON



Star in the East Lodge

-Special Communication-

Tuesday 08/18/2026

Entered Apprentice Degree

On two new candidates

Dinner @ 6pm (Please make reservation with Bro. Ian Harcourt 978.551.5782)

Degree starts at 7pm

NOQUOCHOKO HALL PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY

COME DRESSED IN COSTUME for the experience and a night of fun!

\$25 Each Adult \$15 For Children 12 and over
RSVP BY 9/30

OCTOBER
SATURDAY 3 AT 6 PM

305 Hixbridge Rd Westport
RSVP TO MICHAEL GAGNE
508-496-4852
Venmo @Michael-Gagne-32

Apple Peach Festival

Saturday September 12th & Sunday September 13th

2026
from 10am - 6pm
SELLING COLD BREW ICED COFFEE

Admission to the fair is free, however to do this event and promote our districts we need volunteers.

2 HOUR TIME SLOTS 3 TO 4 BROTHERS A TIME SLOT

to volunteer please reach out via text to Bro. Boucher 774-263-5644

Join Us For The

19th DISTRICT MASQUERADE BALL

A NIGHT OF MYSTERY & INTRIGUE!
ENCHANTING MUSIC • ELEGANT ATTIRE • DANCING & MORE!

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW...

For up-to-date information, please visit 19thmasonic.com

IN SEARCH OF MORE LIGHT?

Check out the Appendant bodies...



Eastern Star: Cortez Allen Chapter No. 161

Contact: (Chapter Secretary) PGM Judith A. Goss
508.493.3419

Dues: \$50

Meetings: 2nd Wed. of the month @ Noquochoke Lodge
Westport. *Open to all Master Masons and Ladies W/
Masonic affiliation*



Rainbow Girls: 13th Assemble Taunton MA

Contact: Mathew Westgate 508.330.8544

Dues: \$25 a year to pledge group 7yo-10yo / 11yo-20 yo
member.

Meeting: 1st Sat @ Mayflower Lodge

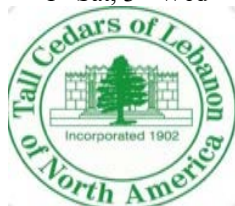


DeMolay: Phoenix Chapter/Middleboro Chapter

Contact: Dad Mathew Westgate 508.330.8544

Dues: \$35 life membership ages 12yo -20yo

Meetings: Phoenix 1st & 3rd Mondays / Social Harmony
Lodge
1st Sat, 3rd Wed



Tall Cedar of Lebanon: Massasoit Forest #91

Contact: Mathew Brodeur 774.263.5018

Dues: \$50 Membership Fee \$50

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month



Scottish Rite: Valley of Southeastern Mass

Contact: Wor. John Ruggles 508.690.0013

Dues: \$200 to join / \$100 yearly

Meetings: Monthly changing nights / online at Nite at the Rite



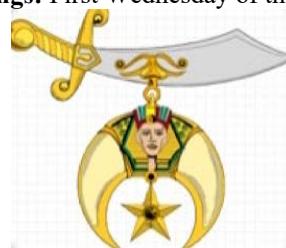
York Rite: New Beford

Contact: Wor. John Ruggles 508.690.0013

Dues: \$100 for Application

Chapter: \$65 **Council:** \$65 **Commentary:** \$125

Meetings: First Wednesday of the Month



Shrine: Aleppo Shriners (Willington MA)

Contact: RW Michael Gagne 508.496.4852

Dues: \$400 to join / \$80 yearly

Meetings: are quarterly at the Ceremonials



Grotto: Azab Grotto

Contact: Wor. Adam Pimentel 508.245.4068

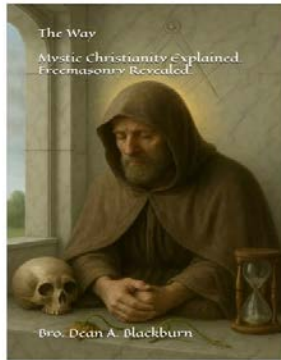
Dues: \$150 to apply (Includes Fez / \$50 a year for membership)

Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the Month (Location Moves)

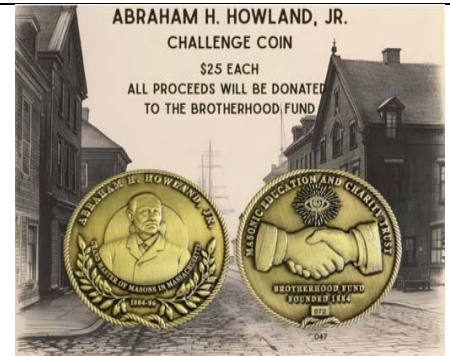
The Corner Store

Available on Amazon

The Way: Mystic Christianity Explained. Freemasonry Revealed. <https://a.co/d/937dgfT>



\$19 on Amazon



\$25 Each

All proceeds support Brotherhood fund!



\$5 Each

All New Mason Get theirs for free!



\$15 Each



*1st Friday @ Social Harmony lodge in Wareham *****NEW TIME NOW STARTING AT 6PM*****

*3rd Friday @ Pythagorean Lodge in Marian starting at 6:30pm

No RSVP needed bring your favorite cigars and good conversation. Need more information? Contact Wor. McTague

For up-to-date information, please visit 19thmasonic.com



SPIN WITH JOSH



Midweek Reset • High Energy • Real Results

Wednesdays | 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM



WHY JOIN JOSH'S SPIN CLASS?



Burn Calories Fast



High-intensity intervals help torch calories in just 30 minutes



Boost Cardio & Endurance



Reset Your Mind



Low Impact, High Results



Great Music & Motivation



Energizing playlists and positive keep you going strong



BEGINNER FRIENDLY • SET YOUR OWN PACE

- Fast-paced, guided ride
- Intervals, climbs, and sprints
- All fitness levels welcome
- You vs. you — go at your own pace



JOIN US

Every Wednesday at 5:30 PM



Bring water. Bring energy. Leave stronger.

For up-to-date information, please visit 19thmasonic.com

✚ ****Charity within the Lenth of your CableToe...✚***

Every little bit helps, every minute of your time can be utilized for the good, be the best part of our fraternity!

USED CLOTHING DROP OFF

Noquochoke Masonic Lodge

305 Hibridge Road
Westport, MA 02790

Fall River Masonic Associates, Inc.

152 Columbus Drive
Fall River, MA 02720

REDUCE WASTE IN LANDFILLS
CLOTHING USED FOR DONATION



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Call: 774 552-2199 or visit: www.capecodhelp.org

Cape Cod HELP, Inc., is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that seeks to match donated new/gently used durable medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, motorized beds, bathroom devices, etc.) with people who need them. Donations of such equipment (in "mom-ready" condition only) are also accepted. The organization is run by Freemasons from local Cape Cod Lodges, but no Masonic affiliation is required to borrow equipment from Cape Cod HELP. There are no deposits or rental fees associated with our products and we simply request you return them to us when they are no longer needed. We also appreciate cash donations, which help us maintain the equipment and operate our storage facility. **If you wish to make such a donation please make your check payable to "Cape Cod HELP" and mail to: PO Box 463, Falmouth, MA 02541.** The storage facility is located at 1989 Falmouth Rd. (Rt 28) in Centerville and is open to the public for pickups and donations every Saturday (except major holiday weekends) from 10AM to noon.



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King Solomon's Quarry by R.: W.: Stephen Sparks

The Adventures of
EA, FC & MM

EPISODE: [THE QUARRY]

King Solomon's Quarry—Where good men were built long before there were group chats.

1 IN KING SOLOMON'S QUARRY...

WOW! LOOK AT ALL THIS HARD WORK!

THIS IS LIKE A GIANT WORKOUT PLAN.

EVERY STONE HAS A PURPOSE, BROTHERS.

2 ENTERED APPRENTICE (EA)

SO... I JUST HEW THE STONE AND HOPE FOR THE BEST?

LEARNING THE BASIC TOOLS AND THE VALUE OF LABOR.

3 FELLOWCRAFT (FC)

I'VE GOT THIS. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PERFECT ANGLES.

YES... BUT THE PERFECT ANGLE IS HUMILITY.

LEARNING THE SCIENCE, DISCOVERING YOUR PLACE IN THE WORK.

4 MASTER MASON (MM)

NOW I SEE. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT ME... IT'S ABOUT BUILDING SOMETHING ETERNAL.

LEARNING TO BUILD OTHERS AS YOU BUILD YOURSELF.

5 MODERN DAY MOMENT

CAN I POST THIS ON INSTAGRAM?

WAIT... IS THIS ON THE LODGE GROUP CHAT?

PUT THE PHONE DOWN AND LIFT THE STONE UP.

6 THE LESSON

THEN, AS NOW—THE QUARRY IS LIFE. THE TOOLS ARE VIRTUES. AND THE BUILDER... A GOOD MAN.

7 FINAL THOUGHT

DIFFERENT TIME. SAME WORK. SAME PURPOSE. BETTER US.



FROM THE ANCIENT QUARRY TO TODAY'S LODGE ROOM...

THE STONES CHANGE. THE BUILDERS DON'T.



KEEP WORKING. KEEP LEARNING. KEEP BUILDING.

SEE YOU IN LODGE, BROTHER.



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SCENSE FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT!



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Inside the lodge: Meeting the members of the 19th District

Each month, we will showcase one brother from the West district and one from the East District. This will highlight their personal and masonic backgrounds, accompanied by a photograph. This will foster greater understanding and connection among the members.

19 East District: Bro. Harold Riggs (George H. Taber Lodge)



Harold Rigg was born and raised in Torrance, California, and from an early age was an avid beachgoer. Whether fishing, surfing, or freediving, he spent most of his childhood in and around the ocean. As he grew older, Harold developed a fascination with marine life and decided to pursue it as a career.

In 2018, Harold moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, to begin his studies in Marine Biology. After earning his B.S. degree in 2022, he accepted a position out of Woods Hole as a Marine Fisheries Observer with National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). For two years, Harold worked aboard commercial fishing vessels, sampling and weighing fish as part of federal fisheries research programs. He later transitioned into an instructor and data analyst role within NOAA as a federal contractor.

Throughout his teenage years, Harold was very active in volunteer service through his church group, the Boy Scouts, and as a docent at the Aquarium of the Pacific. After relocating to Massachusetts, he sought new opportunities for community involvement and eventually discovered Freemasonry as an outlet for service and fellowship. Harold petitioned George H. Taber Lodge for membership in late 2024 and, in 2025, became the lodge's Junior Deacon.

Outside of work and volunteer activities, Harold enjoys playing guitar and fiddle, particularly bluegrass music, as well as hiking, fishing, mushroom hunting, and cooking French and Italian cuisine.



Thank you Harold, for allowing us to showcase yourself for all interested brethren to get to know you better!

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19 West District: Bro. Josué Romero (King Philip Lodge)

Josué Romero (First name pronounced as Hoez-Way) better known as Bro. Josh was born and raised in The Bronx, NY by a single mother alongside his 2 sisters. Since he was a young child, he was brought up in the Spanish Pentecostal Church. From an early age he was interested in discussions about religion and the deeper meanings in some of the passages he read. He had a fascination with the Book of Revelations (Apocalypse) and what the signs spoken within it meant. As he grew older around the age of 15, he left the Church and began to explore the secular World. Although outside the Church, those teachings, doctrines and lessons were instilled in him. After graduating High School in 1998, he came to Massachusetts to visit his older sister. Finding Fall River a completely different then the fast-paced life of The Bronx, he really liked it. That Summer “vacation” has lasted nearly 30 years. During that initial time, he met a group of friends that till this day are more like family. One of which would become his future wife. Fast Forward a decade or so, they met up again but this time it was different, this time he saw her as more than just a friend. There was always something about her but never pursued it due to fear it ruin their friendship. After many years of not seeing each other, they rekindled their connection and one Mother’s Day he sent her a message, and the rest was history. In June of 2014 they were Married in Central Park, NYC and have been happily married since. They have four wonderful children ages, 23, 21, 15 and their youngest is 7. Josué is a lover of History and Esoteric knowledge. He currently works as a Quality Assurance Inspector and enjoys it. He is a Christian who loves God and loves people, he strives to always be a helping hand and a comforter when needed. He loves with all his heart and when he calls you brother or friend, he genuinely means it. Growing up with only sisters there was always a desire to have a brother, now as a Freemason he has millions worldwide.



Thank you Josué for allowing us to showcase yourself for all interested brethren to get to know you better!

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THE TRAVELING MAN

***Every month, we are looking to feature a brother that has traveled outside the 19th District and tell their story.
(Email 19thdistrictnewsletter@gmail.com with pictures & trip info).**



ON MONDAY R.: W. PETER WEBSTER HAM AND BRO. HARCOURT VISITED ST. MARTIN'S LODGE FOR A FRATERNAL VISIT OF R.: W. WILLIAM H. AMARU.

*****Do you have a Traveling Man story that you would like to share with the district? YOU COULD BE NEXT... Please reach out to The District Newsletter Committee @ 19thdistrictnewsletter@gmail.com and share your story. You could be featured in the next Traveling Man!*****

Peter and I decided to make a road trip to Chatham MA prior to the summer rush to visit and support RW Amaru on Monday April 20th, 2025. We were treated to a delicious meal of Pork chops, baby potatoes and green beans. RW Amaru was received into the lodge room and took the East. He thanks all the members of his resource team for all they have done to support him. He spoke about the fraternity and what it meant to him. RW Ham and I were brought to the east and presented challenge coins from the Worshipful Master Lee Brigham. Afterwards, RW Amaru presented RW Ham with a special coin for the SS Pendleton Rescue 70th Anniversary dated 18

Feb 2022. The lodge room was an old church in town that had been moved to its current location. The floors are beautifully polished wood. This was the most welcomed I felt visiting a lodge. I received several emails welcoming me and the brethren comped my dinner. Thank you, St. Martins Lodge! Plan your visit next month!

St. Martin's Lodge

52 Old Harbor Road

Chatham MA, 02633

21st Masonic District

Meets third Monday of the month



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The 19th East District Lodges

Social Harmony	Wareham	1883	2nd Friday
Star In The East	New Bedford	1823	1st Tuesday
Quittacus	New Bedford	1857	2nd Thursday
Pythagorean	Marion	1861	2nd Tuesday
George H Taber	Fairhaven	1872	2nd Monday

The 19th West District Lodges

Mount Hope	Fall River	1824	1st Tuesday
King Philip	Fall River	1866	4th Tuesday
Noquochoke	Westport	1878	Saturday on or before Full Moon
Abraham H Howland Jr	New Bedford	1915	2nd Tuesday
Massasoit- Narragansett	Fall River	1915	1st Thursday

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