



19 East



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# 19th District

## April District Newsletter



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### District Headlines



#### 19th District West Highlights!



Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge appoints a new Worshipful Master, Senior Warden & Treasurer Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. R. W.: Michael S. Gagne was installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Marcel Laberge was installed Senior Warden & R. W.: Edmond Gordon was installed lodge Treasurer. Wor. Bobby Roderiques & Bro. John Kareores were thanked for their service as Master and Senior Warden and awarded honorary membership.

#### 19th District East Highlights!



Star in the East lodge Tuesday 4/4/26. During a fraternal visit from RW Peter Webster Ham Wor. Donald F. Valenti Jr. was awarded the Joseph Warren medal. Afterward all the Joseph Warren recipient to a photo in the East.

### Lodge of Instruction March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Lodge of Instruction in March was David Brody discussing his two books "The Oath of NIMROD" and "Watchtower of Turtle Island". These two books discuss Freemasonry and the Ancient Giants of America.

Next Month: Bro. Shaun Shubert: Motivation-Conquering Fear. Sign up for dinner at [19thmasonic.com](http://19thmasonic.com).

## A message from DDGM 19<sup>th</sup> East

Dear Brethren,

Gratefully, I have made fraternal visits to all lodges in the 19 East District. Thank you for your heartfelt stories of what brought you to your lodge—such an amazing number of stories that have brought more light to our time together. It is amazing to see how friendship bonds have been created and are sustained when we visit other lodges and brothers in person and virtually. We are reminded that we are part of a larger community.

As many of you know, I am a beekeeper with my wife, Carol. We have begun to nurture a new hive this spring after having seen to it that the new queen is nestled safely within the hive. When the weather is cool, the workers do not venture too far from the hive but use that time to surround the queen to protect her as well as to make honeycomb to store nectar, pollen and to cradle new larva from the eggs laid by the queen. In the warmer weather, they are bustling with activity. It is amazing to watch how each worker has a job to perform. The health of the hive is dependent on the bees going away from the hive to procure pollen, nectar and water. I find a similar parallel to our lives...when we routinely practice the many elements of health as part of a community, we are healthier. Yes, when there are storms, we need to take shelter from the inclemency and draw from the supplies we have stored in our respective shelters. When the storms subside, we have the opportunity to go out of the safety of our shelter and seek to renew our supplies. Using our twenty-four-inch gauge, I would urge each of you to consider the benefits of extending ourselves to visit other brethren, physically and virtually. I continue to look forward to calling those brethren I have not seen in a while as I travel to and from lodge meetings.

When we routinely practice the tenets of our institution with others, we as well as our brethren, become healthier. Let our choices of how we invest our time manage the health of ourselves, our lodges and our great fraternity. I look forward to our time together. Let our light so shine so that we continue to be examples to our lodges, community and beyond.

Cordially & fraternally,

*Right Worshipful*

*Peter Webster Ham*

District Debuty Grand Master 19<sup>th</sup> East Masonic District

## A message from DDGM 19<sup>th</sup> West

### **What is a Volunteer Organization?**

Our organization is one of volunteers.

**Volunteer (noun):** *A person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.*

But what does that truly mean?

Does it mean *when you find the time*?

Does it mean choosing this over that?

Or does it mean feeling as though you were “*voluntold*”?

We can look to the dictionary for a definition (as provided above), but in truth, there are always secondary meanings, those shaped by experience, expectation, and environment. So, the question becomes: how is it defined by you? By me? Or by those around us?

I was sitting in a lodge meeting recently when a brother rose and, in my view, defined it perfectly.

To volunteer is to live up to your obligation to your lodge.

To uphold the bylaws of your lodge.

To fulfill the duties of your office and your station, regardless of whether you are appointed or elected.

In some lodges, as a Past Master your new obligation may be that of the, guiding the floor with experience. In others, the Chaplain may be a Past Master, sometimes the most recent, serving as a steady hand to support a new Worshipful Master in the East.

If you are an elected officer, you were placed there by the vote and trust of your brothers. In that moment, the word *volunteer* takes on a deeper meaning. It is no longer casual; it is committed. It aligns directly with the responsibility of the role you accepted.

Much like a subscription, the office you hold includes all that comes with it in the other bought Tiers of that box.

Volunteering in our organization is not a matter of picking and choosing.

It is a matter of living up to your word as a member of this Fraternity.

*Right Worshipful*

*Stephen Sparks*

District Debuty Grand Master 19<sup>th</sup> West Masonic District

# ***Greetings from the DNL Team***

Hello brethren,

Happy Spring! As we FINALLY come out of winter and head to summer, my term as District Information Officer comes to a close. This has been the highlight of my masonic career thus far. The creative freedom and the ability to capture all of our wonderful moments on film brings joy to my heart. Being a part of this wonderful committee isn't a heavy lift. A small comitment of 6 hours a month is all it takes. Please, if this sounds like something you might be interested in...LET US KNOW! You can reach out directly to me 978.551.5782. Thanks for everyones attention this month. "Long live the 19<sup>th</sup> Masonic District!"

You can also email [19thDistrictNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:19thDistrictNewsletter@gmail.com). Thank you for your attention. Enjoy the read!

*Bro. Ian Michael Harcourt*

*District Information Officer / 19<sup>th</sup> East Masonic District*

## Lodge of Instruction

**Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**



### Lodge of Instruction

**Host Lodge: Social Harmony Lodge**

**Speaker: Bro. Shaun Shubert**

**Subject: Conquering Fear / Motivation**

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

Call Michael Cordeiro

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

### Online Dinner Reservations

Please click here to secure your meal



[19thmasonic.com/loi](http://19thmasonic.com/loi)

#### Future Lodge of Instructions:

May 28<sup>th</sup> Massasoit-Narraganset lodge – The Men's Health Group

June 25<sup>th</sup> Noquochoke lodge – Family Cookout (Open)

## CANIDATES CORNER

<b>Entered</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Raised</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Carlton Page -Quittacus</li> <li>*Ryan Dale Potter -Quittacus Lodge</li> <li>*Daniel Raymond Roy -Star in The East Lodge</li> <li>Alfred Rego *Noquochoke Lodge</li> <li>Logan Avelar *Noquochoke Lodge</li> <li>Jacob Piskara *Noquochoke Lodge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Jeremy David Leandre -Quittacus</li> <li>*Franis Joseph Rogan IV -Star in The East Lodge</li> <li>*Walter Winfield Alford III -Star in The East Lodge</li> <li>*David Robert Allen -Star in The East Lodge</li> <li>Michael Jason Nash *Abraham Howland Lodge</li> <li>Christopher Scott Thrasher *Abraham Howland Lodge</li> <li>Timothy Daniel Raymond *Abraham Howland Lodge</li> <li>Sergio Rodrigues Moreira *King Philips Lodge</li> <li>Gilberto Duarte Franco De Moura *King Philips Lodge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Daniel Harry Andrews -George H. Taber Lodge</li> <li>Rondald Michael Linhares *George H. Taber Lodge</li> </ul>

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## *Topics with Travers:*

Greetings Brethren,

Hope you and your family are all doing well. Some of you may and some of you may not know, but as of August 2026 Bro. Ian Harcourt will be stepping away from the 19th District Newsletter (DNL) so that he can concentrate more time on his duties as the DD Grand Marshal for 19th District - East. I'm sure you all share with me the most heartfelt thanks and gratitude for Bro. Harcourt in his time, devotion, and creation of the 19th DNL over the last two years. Since that time, this publication it has gone from its infancy of two pages to a fifteen-page newspaper. The DNL has been recognized across other districts in the state and even other states around the country motivating others to start their own. Bro. Harcourt with brotherly love, we the brethren of the 19th District thank you! We'll take the helm from here.

Over the next few months, I will be transitioning into the position of lead editor. My future newsletter articles will be concentrating on such things as reminding everyone of deadlines for submissions, content of articles, event information, keeping content updated and accurate, etc... I will not be taking on this endeavor myself though, the newsletter will be bringing on two other brethren to assist with the monthly task of putting this together. Please join me in welcoming Bro. David Allen of Star in the East Lodge and Bro. Andrew Riggs of George H. Taber Lodge. They will be assisting me monthly to produce the newsletter starting in September 2026. R.W. Joshua Bumpus will continue to oversee operating and maintaining the 19th District website.

The DNL team is still looking for two more creative and ambitious brethren to join us. I assure you there's no heavy lifting especially with the addition of other brethren. Five to six hours of your time per month is all that will be needed from you to help with the collecting of photos, cropping, creating short recaps on Masonic happenings, event postings, etc... We have two brethren from the East District and we're hoping to recruit two brethren from the West District. If you are interested and/or have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to Bro. Ian Harcourt @ 978-551-5782 or myself @ 508-496-5996. Thank you for your support.

Fraternally,

*Bro. William Travers*

*District Information Officer  
19<sup>th</sup> West Masonic District*

# Upcoming District Events

Help make your lodge event a success!

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**QUITTACUS FAMILY NIGHT!**  
**★ FREE EVENT! ★**  
**Saturday, April 25th**  
 Starts at 3:00 PM

POTLUCK SUPPER!  
 MOVIE: NATIONAL TREASURE  
 BOUNCY HOUSE FUN!  
 LACTOSE-FREE SUNDAES!

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

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

IN 2026 SAY YES TO...  
 FUN PROLOGUE  
 FAMILY SERVICE  
 FELLOWSHIP  
 BROTHERHOOD  
 PHILANTHROPY

MASSASOIT FOREST #91  
 TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON INTERNATIONAL  
 WWW.MASSASOIT91.COM

**TALL CEDARS CEREMONIAL**  
**SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026**  
 EZEKIEL BATES LODGE  
 71 N. MAIN ST. ATTLEBORO

Interested in joining us?  
[WWW.MASSASOIT91.COM/JOIN](http://WWW.MASSASOIT91.COM/JOIN)  
 MASTER MASONS WELCOME

HELPING CHILDREN WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY SINCE 1993

QUESTIONS?

**KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY**



**YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US!**

**SATURDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
 5:00-9:00  
 WEARY TRAVELERS CLUB  
 77 VALLEY BARS ROAD  
 BOURNE, MA

PROPER DERBY ATTIRE ENCOURAGED  
 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED \$35.00

CONTACT BOB BUCHENAN  
 508-364-3989 or [bob.buchanan@verizon.net](mailto:bob.buchanan@verizon.net)

King Philip's Lodges  
**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**  
 Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>



*Bring the Whole Family!*

masonic cigar event  
**aficionado**

PREMIUM CIGARS  
 GOURMET FOOD  
 FINE FELLOWSHIP

**G.H.T.'S**  
 FIFTH ANNUAL CIGAR EVENT  
 SATURDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
 NOON TO 4

TICKETS ARE LIMITED  
 \$60.00 PER GUEST  
 R.S.V.P. BY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

20 CENTER ST FAIRHAVEN, MA

Jeremy Lavender  
 @JeremyLavender

**LODGE OF EXEMPLIFICATION**  
 Fellowcraft Degree



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**SATURDAY • MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON  
 NEW BEDFORD MASONIC TEMPLE

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
 ALL OFFICERS OF ALL LODGES  
 ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND

Let's shoot TRAP!!!

May 17<sup>th</sup>  
 1:00 pm start  
 Fin Fur & Feather  
 Mattapoisett MA  
 \$30 for the first round



000000 SCORE

**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 <i>In honor of Elaine</i>	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
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**IMPACT THAT MATTERS**  
 Blood donations raised in last 59 drives

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

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Wor. Paul Vento invites you to attend



**SOLD OUT!**

19th Table Lodge  
 Saturday May 23rd  
 Doors open at 5:30  
 Lodge starts at 6:00  
**\$60 PER TICKET**  
 To purchase your ticket, reach out to Wor. Vento or Bro. Harcourt.

MOUNT HOPE LODGE  
**CIGAR AND NOSH NIGHT**



152 COLUMBUS DRIVE  
 FALL RIVER, MA 02720  
**SATURDAY, MAY 30**  
 6:30 - 10:00 PM



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



A COOKOUT LIKE NO OTHER

GEORGE H. TABER LODGE  
**JUNE MEETING**

Beautiful Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven, Massachusetts  
 AMERICA 250 Monday, June 8th





**MEETING INFORMATION**  
 Meeting Starts at 6:00 PM  
 Transportation from GHT to Fort Phoenix will be provided  
 (Meet at the Lodge at 5:45 PM)  
 There will be a food truck providing dinner at Lodge at the conclusion of the night.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING**  
 Fairhaven Historical Society Presentation on the Civil War  
 Fairhaven Village Militia Presentation on the history of Fort Phoenix and the Revolutionary War  
 Fraternal Visit from Right Worshipful Peter Webster Ham

ALL MASONS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED


ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. LODGE


**JUNE 9 2026** REV 250 SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



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



**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.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE PRESENTS

**THE A-MASON' RACE!**



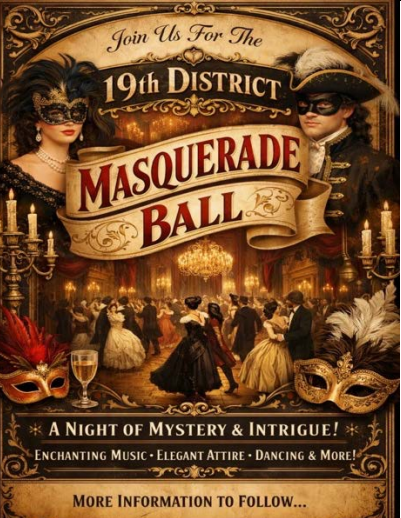
Saturday July 25th, 2026  
 Downtown New Bedford

- 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

Join Us For The  
 19th DISTRICT  
**MASQUERADE BALL**



\* A NIGHT OF MYSTERY & INTRIGUE! \*  
 ENCHANTING MUSIC • ELEGANT ATTIRE • DANCING & MORE!  
 MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW...

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



**Rainbow Girls: 13<sup>th</sup> Assemble Taunton MA**

**Contact:** Mathew Westgate 508.330.8544

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

**Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat @ Mayflower Lodge

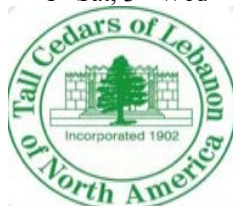


**DeMolay: Phoenix Chapter/Middleboro Chapter**

**Contact:** Dad Mathew Westgate 508.330.8544

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

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



**Tall Cedar of Lebanon: Massasoit Forest #91**

**Contact:** Mathew Brodeur 774.263.5018

**Dues:** \$50 Membership Fee \$50

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

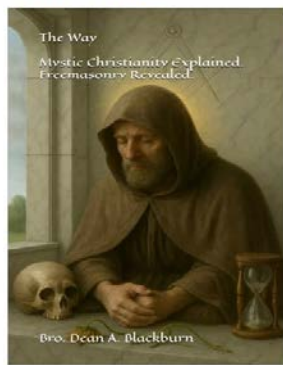
**Meetings:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month (Location Moves)

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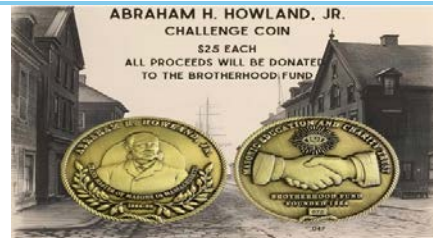
# The Corner Store

Available on Amazon

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



**NEW** Kindle \$3 / Paperback \$19



Abraham H. Howland Jr. Coin

**\$25 per coin**

Contact Wor Miranda 508-789-2650  
ALL proceeds go to the Brotherhood Fund!

*Have something to sell as a fundraiser? Promote it **HERE!** Email*

[19thDistrictNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:19thDistrictNewsletter@gmail.com)

*And have it featured in the DNL monthly!*

**New 19<sup>th</sup> District Pin**

**\*Given to new EA's**

**\*\$5 a pin for MM**

All monies support the entire 19<sup>th</sup> District!



George H. Taber Challenge coin!

Only \$15 each  
Available at ALL future business meeting or by contacting RW Eric Berg 774-328-0321 or Bro. Jeremy Lavender 508-454-3052

\*1<sup>st</sup> Friday @ Social Harmony lodge in Wareham **\*\*\*\*NEW TIME NOW STARTING AT 6PM\*\*\*\***

\*3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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**\*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 WORK ONLINE

## FREE TO THE PUBLIC! HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

Call: 774 552-2199 or visit: [www.capecodhelp.org](http://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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## 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 chaperons.

**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

# GOT TABS?

**Call R.W. STEPHEN SPARKS**

**WHY TABS?**

- Aluminum tabs = funding for transportation
- Helps patients get to care
- Easy way to give back

Supporting patient transportation—**one tab at a time.**

**OFFICIAL TAB COLLECTION POINT**

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# SCENE FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT!



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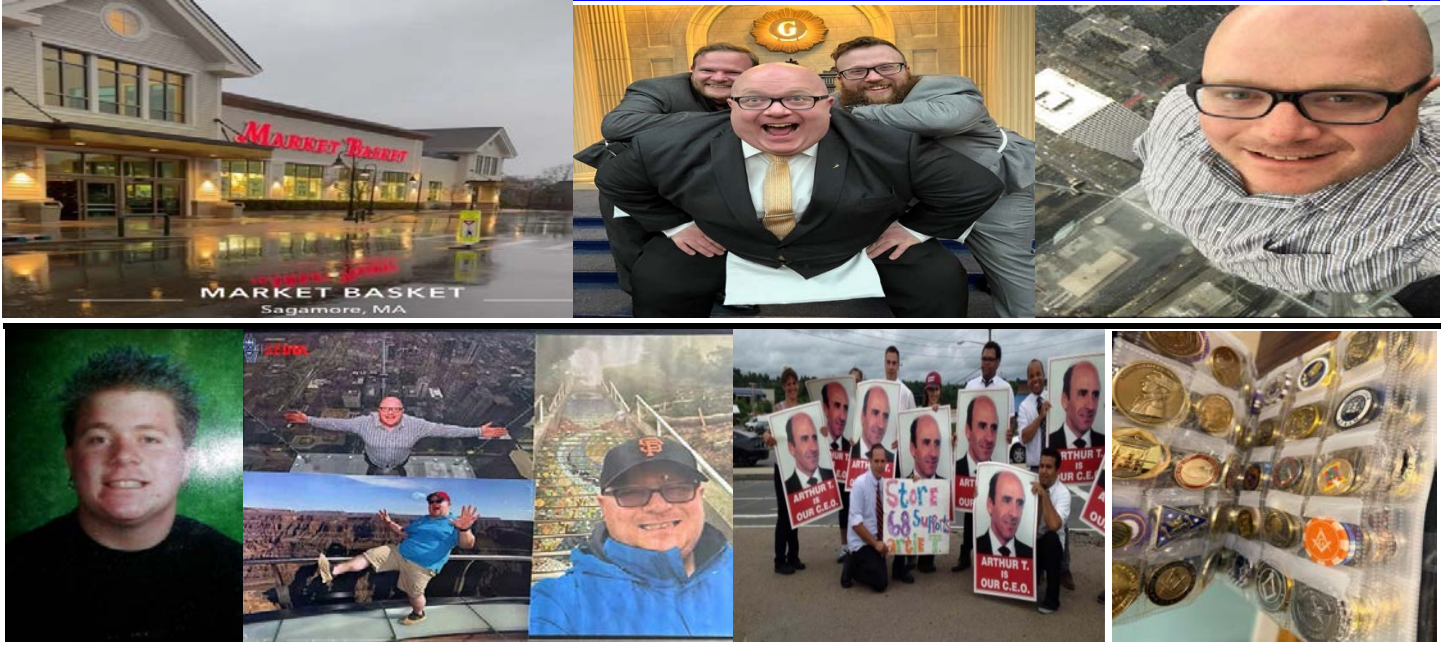
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## *Inside the lodge: Meeting the members of the 19<sup>th</sup> District*

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. Ian M. Harcourt (Star in the East Lodge)**



Born in Boston to two Somerville locals in a cold January 1985. Ian Harcourt came home to a small apartment in less than desirable conditions. We would later move to Everett where we would live until I was in second grade. After lots of hard work and many overtime shifts, my parents would save up and buy a house in Tewksbury mass. This house they designed and built. I would attend Tewksbury Memorial high school and eventually get my first job at Market Basket. I fell in love with a company instantly. After graduation, in 2004, I would attend Middlesex community college. Not having a major, I would eventually drop out and go full-time at Market Basket. That's where the story really begins. As I worked hard and put in many hours, and received multiple promotions eventually the ask would be to relocate and help open new locations. Said location would include Oxford, Manchester New Hampshire, Bourne, New Bedford and Brockton. After six months of commuting from Lowell to Brockton, I would relocate to Taunton. That's how I ended up on the South Shore. After 20 years with the company working in over 10 locations, my dream will come true and I was promoted to store director on January 25, 2021, in Bourne Massachusetts. As challenging and exciting as this role would be, I eventually mastered it and grew the business from 80 million in sales to 111 million in just three years. August 28th, 2025, the sisters of Arthur Demoulas and majority owners of Market Basket would stepped in and suspended him and his manager team. Four months later they fired him. After many hard nights, I eventually resign my position there on September 8, 2025. Why would I do such a thing you ask? loyalty! In 2014 there was a work stoppage event that occurred at Market Basket to save Arthur T Demoulas job as CEO. This struck a chord with me because I've been loyal to the family my entire career. This time was no exception. In 2014, members of the company came around with petitions asking members of management to sign them. This petition stated, "if they did not allow Arthur T Demoulas to come back, we would quit." I signed that paper that day and for me that statement has no expiration date. After leaving MB, I will go on to work for Roche Bros and now Stop & Shop, quietly waiting for the day when Arthur Demoulas comes back. THAT'S LOYALTY!! As far as hobbies go.

I'm a huge video game person. I collect video game consoles and classic games. I own almost every gaming system known to man. Currently, I'm playing the new Resident Evil Requiem. I love the travel and have been all over the US. I am currently planning a trip to Europe next year. When I travel, I collect ugly fridge magnets as Memento of my journeys. The door of my fridge is completely covered. Music, especially live music is a huge passion of mine as well. No matter the genre I'll give it a listen. Nine Inch Nails is my favorite band of all time. I've seen them live at least seven times. Finally, you all know my love for challenge coins. I carry four with me daily and have a collection well over 300 coins. Back in my high school years, the clean-cut Ian you all know today was very different. First off, I had hair... lol. Secondly, I was very much in the goth movement. It wasn't uncommon for me to have parachute pants, black nail polish and blue or pink Spike hair, and a black band shirt on. If you were to close your eyes the same Ian shined right through that dark exterior. They say you're a mason before you join the fraternity. I don't think I was any exception. I'm told I'm a very loving and caring person. Loyal to a fault. Although I started out as a very shy person, both work in masonry has brought out the extrovert in me. I am so grateful for all the brothers I have met. My goal in this fraternity is to make brothers feel as I do, that we all have each other's back. We're all there to listen and help each other. We are all one tight nit community. It's never good to be the smartest person in the room. From that situation, what can be learned? I have so many people in this fraternity that I call mentors and that I look up to. This gives the chance to learn from them and to be challenged daily. That's why when you see me in a lodge there is nothing less than an almost giddy smile on my face. Thank you for reading and long live the 19th Masonic District!

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

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## *Inside the lodge: Meeting the members of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 West District: Bro. Gilberto DeMoura (King Philip Lodge)**



Bro. Gilberto Moura was born on January 30, 1993, in Espírito Santo, Brazil. Coming from a traditional family of builders, he grew up surrounded by the smell of wood and the sound of tools, which awakened in him from an early age a passion for transforming raw material into something solid and lasting. A carpenter by profession and by heart, he found in construction not just a trade, but a true vocation.

Married and the father of a son and a daughter, Gilberto finds in his family his greatest pride and the strongest foundation of his life. He has lived in the United States for six years, and for the past three years has put down roots in Fall River, Massachusetts, where he has become part of the vibrant local community.

Owner of Gilbert Home Solutions, he has built an excellent reputation among his clients for the quality of his work and his dedication. He takes special pleasure in building decks: seeing families enjoying the new space at the end of the day is, for him, one of the greatest rewards of his profession.

An independent student of Geography and History, with a special interest in the stories of wars, Gilberto seeks to understand the conflicts that have shaped the world and human character. He has visited centuries-old Catholic churches in the interior of Spain and traveled to approximately 50 towns and villages in Portugal — a country for which he holds great affection — including churches and castles. Since arriving in the United States, he has explored the Freedom Trail in Boston and the historic Old North Church, where lanterns lit in the steeple in 1775 signaled the beginning of the American Revolution. These experiences lead him to reflect deeply on the strength and resilience of the human spirit, while also revealing its vulnerability and the fleeting nature of life.

As a simple man, he values a simple life alongside his family. A servant of Jesus Christ, he seeks, through the hands that build and the mind that studies, to live with gratitude for the country that has welcomed him. In the Masonic fraternity, he continues to learn and contribute according to the same principle that guides his life: honest work, sincere dedication, and the desire to leave something positive for the generations to come.

*Thank you Gilberto, 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 19<sup>th</sup> District and tell their story.  
(Email [19thdistrictnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:19thdistrictnewsletter@gmail.com) with pictures & trip info).**



**ON MONDAY MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> 2026 R.: W. PETER WEBSTER HAM AND BRO. HARCOURT VISITED SIMON W. ROBINSON LODGE TO BE ON R.: W. JOHN C. NICHOLS SUITE.**

**\*\*\*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](mailto:19thdistrictnewsletter@gmail.com) and share your story. You could be featured in the next Traveling Man!\*\*\***

Wor. Allen M. Cox received his 50 year Veteran's Medal. Wor. Cox was raised in Beaver Lodge that later merged with Simon W. Robinson lodge. Allen's entire family was in attendance for this presentation. He said he was so appreciative of this award. He commented that "The greatest honor in his life was being called Worshipful Master." A truly touching moment.

Simon W. Robinson Lodge

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14<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

Meets first 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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