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19th District

February District Newsletter



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District Headlines



19th District West Highlights!



R. W.: Stephen A. Sparks FIRST Fraternal Visit at his mother lodge Mount Hope Lodge Tuesday January 13th, 2026.

19th District East Highlights!



R.: W.: Peter Webster Hams FIRST Fraternal Visit to his mother lodge Star in the East Tuesday February 3rd, 2026. Bro. Robert Caldas receives Robert Johnson Service Award.

Lodge of Instruction January 22nd, 2026



Lodge of Instruction last month took place at Gifts to Give. This organization is no stranger to freemasonry as the fraternity has been visiting and helping for the past 19 years. This is thanks to the steadfast leadership of Wor. August Cote. Thirty-nine brothers showed up to support this charitable endeavor by sorting clothing by size, clean and sorting shoes. Every month one thousand pounds of items are donated to Gifts to give and hundreds of volunteers sort, clean, organize and pack these goods to be donated to families in need in the community. There are over 8,000 children without shelter this year and this organization goes a long way to ensuring that get what they need to survive. To volunteer please visit Giftstogive.org, call 508.717.8715 or email contactus@giftstogive.org. Thank you to everyone who showed up to support this night of charity!

Next Month: Wor. Michael Cordeiro gives a talk on Masonic Conspiracies at Pythagorean Lodge. Sign up for dinner at 19thmasonic.com.

A message from DDGM 19th East

Brethren,

Our gift of time is a commodity in which we have the choice to decide how to invest it. A quick AI definition of time is: “the continuous passage of moments, from what has happened (past) to what is happening now (present) and what will happen (future).” Our Craft has taught us to divide our time into three parts: a part for the service of God and a distressed worthy Brother, a part of our usual vocations, and a part for refreshment and sleep. I wonder how often do we take the time to review how we invest our time?

Do we even take the time to assess how we invest our time during the day or at some point during the week? As J.R.R. Tolkien writes in *The Fellowship of the Ring*, “All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.” And there it is. We have the power...the choice on how to invest our time. I would encourage each of us to regularly schedule a time to review how we invest our time and then...take the time to look at how we spend it. The dividend of what we make on our investment of time could be most empowering...because we can always adjust how we spend that investment. All of us play a part in our investment in time with our great Fraternity. Our past experiences and relationships counsel us in making our plans for the present...and in doing so, we navigate towards our future. Truly, when we gather together, each with our own strengths, we become a powerful light of inspiration.

Thank you to the brethren who so amply invested their time preparing for us to be together during the fabulous dinner feast and the first boisterous fraternal visit on February 3rd...and yes, the wedding anniversary celebration of Carol and mine. Thank you to those who were able join us in person and in spirit. I remain overwhelmed in pride for our District and for our great Fraternity. As the inspirational coach Michael Altshuler comments, “The bad news is time flies. The good news is you’re the pilot.”

Thank you all for your gift of time and deciding, what are we here after?

Cordially & Fraternally,

*Fraternailly Right Worshipful
Peter Webster Ham*

A message from DDGM 19th West

My Brothers,

We have heard for years that we need to reach out to our members. We have been reminded often that there should never be a reason an elderly Brother demits whether he has been with us a short time or for over fifty years. From those reminders came encouragements: start phone trees, check in more often, reach out not just to our brothers but to their families, and make sure no one slips away unnoticed. All of this is good. It is standard, sound, and well intentioned. I am not here to push another program or prescribe another system. Instead, I would like to offer this in a different way of thinking.

Brotherhood gets easy when the room is full.
It gets real when the chairs start emptying.

When a brother grows quiet, our first instinct is often to explain it away. Life gets busy. Health declines. Seasons change. Sometimes those explanations are true. Other times, silence is something harder to name grief, fatigue, pride, or the quiet sense that one’s presence no longer matters as much as it once did.

Silence stretches. One missed meeting becomes two. Two become distance. Distance, left alone, becomes absence. And this rarely happens suddenly. It happens quietly, without malice, and often without anyone realizing the moment when care should have reached a little further.

Now, turn the table for a moment.

Imagine yourself fifty years from now. Imagine your pace slowed, your health uncertain, your nights colder and your world smaller than it once was. Imagine no longer being able to attend as you did before. Imagine waiting not for ceremony or recognition but simply for a voice that remembers you.

What would Brotherhood look like then?

We speak often about outreach as a system—phone trees, committees, reminders. Those tools have their place. But Brotherhood is not a process. It is a relationship.

A call without an agenda.
A note without expectation.
A visit without formality.

These are not administrative acts; they are fraternal ones. They say, *You are still one of us—whether or not you are able to sit in lodge.*

There should be no such thing as an elderly Brother demitting because he feels forgotten. Not after five years. Not after fifty. And not because the cable tow quietly shortened without anyone noticing.

The cable tow was never meant to be a fixed length. It stretches through seasons of illness, age, hardship, and silence. Our obligation is not to measure how far it extends, but to ensure it never goes slack.

Brotherhood is not proven in the moments when everything is well attended and easy. It is proven in the quiet spaces—when we choose to extend care without pressure, presence without expectation, and fellowship without condition.

That is the work before us. And it is work worthy of the name Mason.

*Fraternailly Right Worshipful
Stephen Sparks*

Greetings from the DNL Team

Greeting brethern,

Join our team! The DNL is hiring. We are actively looking for two more brothers to join our team. This is a minimal commitment of 3-6 hours a month mostly consisting of collecting information from the lodge pillar officers, cropping photos, word processing and things of that type. This position would be ideal for new members to get their feet wet and learn how the district operates. Please feel free to reach out to us for more information at 19thDistrictNewsletter@gmail.com or you can call/text me personally at 978.551.5782. Thank you for your continued commitment to this piece of work and our craft. "Long live the 19th Masonic District!"

Bro. Jan Michael Harcourt

*District Information Officer
19th East & West Masonic Districts*

Lodge of Instruction

Thursday February 26th, 2026



Lodge of Instruction

Host Lodge: Pythagorean Lodge

Speaker: Wor. Michael Cordeiro

Subject: Masonic Conspiracies

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:

March 26th Abraham Howland lodge – Templar History Mystery Talk – David Brody

April 23rd Social Harmony lodge – Shaun Shubert Motivational

May 28th Massasoit-Narraganset lodge – The Men's Health Group

June 25th Noquochoke lodge – Family Cookout (Open)

CANIDATES CORNER

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

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

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Topics with Travers:

Greetings Brethren,

I hope all of you and your families are doing well? Spring will be upon us sooner than later, regardless of what a groundhog may have told us! 🐻. Before I dive into this month's article I just wanted to gratefully and personally thank R.W. Peter W. Ham, R.W. Stephen A. Sparks, and Bro. Ian Harcourt for allowing me the opportunity to be part of the 19th Masonic District Newsletter team. I look forward to serving the district and all of you my brethren...thank you.

So last month I did a personal introduction article on myself and at that time it was a struggle as I am not the type of person to speak of myself, let alone my accomplishments over my years as a Mason. I pride myself on actions being stronger than words. So, you can only imagine the panic in my eyes when I was asked to write an article every month going forward for our District Newsletter. If there is anyone more worthy of having his own article every month it's Bro. Ian Harcourt. He along with the help of others has created an amazing and informative newsletter for our district which has captured the attention of other lodges throughout Massachusetts and is spreading across the country as a model for other Freemasons to follow. Bro. Harcourt, thank you for your hard work, time, and dedication every month without you none of this would be possible.

Well, I guess this still leaves me with the honor and privilege of creating an article every month and honestly, I don't know what to write about?! (laughing to myself). I've had many ideas and thoughts along with suggestions such as I.E. secretary topics, lodge protocols, bylaws of lodges, topics bout Freemasonry, reviews of lodge events, etc... Honestly, I thought all of these ideas were great, but it didn't feel right for some reason. You may ask why? Well I'll tell you why. After thinking long and hard I have decided to not make this article about one singular subject, it will instead be about the brethren of the 19th District and what they want to talk about, explore, question, learn, etc... with that being said, I am dedicating this article every month to you my brothers. Every month I invite you my brothers to submit to me anything that you'd like me to talk about, research, answer questions, anything, etc... that I will write an article about each month.

Remember my brethren, this is going to be your article, so please submit to me via email: 19thDistrictNewsletter@gmail.com or text/phone call: 508-496-5996. Please have your submissions to me no later than the first Friday of every month so that I have adequate time to research and address your submissions. I look forward to serving you my brothers and remember that the success of this article is dependent on you...thank you again till next month.
Fraternally,

Bro. William Travers

Assistant District Information Officer
19th East & West Masonic Districts

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Upcoming District Events

Help make your lodge event a success!

Email: 19thDistrictNewsletter@gmail.com with your info

THE ROAD TO RHODE ISLAND FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE
LAFAYETTE LODGE #47
Thursday February 19th @ 6PM
Welcome to Cumberland, RI

NOQUOCHOKE HALL ASSOCIATION
SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER
FEBRUARY 21, 2026 • 6 PM
\$10.00 PER PERSON

★ **SOCIAL HARMONY LODGE** ★
TABLE LODGE
LODGE OF ENTERED APPRENTICE AND ONE OF TABLE INSTRUCTION
FEBRUARY 21, 6 PM
★ **\$60** ★

★ **MASSASOIT NARRAGANSETT BRUNCH** ★
Sunday February 22nd from 10:30 to 1pm
Fall River Masonic Lodge Building
152 Columbus Drive
Open to the public and all Masons are welcome!

The Noble Degrees
A Commonwealth-wide Invitation
In commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Noble Train of Artillery, Major General Henry Knox Lodge extends an open invitation to all Lodges throughout the Commonwealth to send qualified candidates to any or all of the following degree events.
These degrees will be performed under dispensation to allow as many qualified candidates as can be registered.
Each degree will be conferred by one of Massachusetts Freemasonry's premier degree teams, ensuring an educational and inspirational experience befitting this historic anniversary.
Historic Education and Lodge of Instruction following each of the first two degrees:
• Historical presentation related to Henry Knox and the Noble Train of Artillery
• Regular Lodge of Instruction covering the lessons in the degree received.
RSVP and Contact:
R: W: Michael Shawn Nemeth, Event Coordinator
NobleDegrees@massmasonry.org
COME AND BE A PART OF HISTORY!

1st Destination - January 26th @ 7 PM
Entered Apprentice Degree
Presented by "The Unspoken Degree Team"
RSVP by January 15th
East Longmeadow Masonic Building
43 Chestnut Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

2nd Destination - February 28, 2026 @ 10 AM
Fellowcraft Degree
Presented by "The Colonial Craftsmen"
RSVP by February 21st
Framingham Masonic Building
400 Concord Street, Framingham, MA 01702

3rd Destination - March 18th @ 3 PM
Master Mason Degree
Presented by Mg. Gen. Henry Knox Lodge
RSVP by February 21st
South Boston Convention Center
415 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210

This Once-in-a-Lifetime Third Degree event will be followed by a 5 PM reception and a catered dinner at 6 PM including a ceremony featuring distinguished dignitaries and past masters.
Cost for Dinner and Reception is \$76.

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SAME MEN, DIFFERENT TIMES

PLEASE JOIN OUR
19th District Masonic Bowling 4 A Cause
Saturday, March 7
1 pm - 4 pm
Wonder Bowl Lanes
66 Hathaway Road
New Bedford, MA 02745
Food available for purchase
<https://forms.gle/y6vdrbae7BLU4e5>
SCAN ME or visit
\$30 per Bowler
Family & friends are welcome
We Hope You Can SPARE Some Time for a Great Cause!
This is a Masonic Charity Event
All proceeds will be donated to Wonder Bowl Youth League

GRAND LODGE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION
Wednesday March 11th, 2026
1:00pm
186 Tremont St
Boston

Noquochoke Lodge's CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER
\$15 PER PERSON
305 HIXBRIDGE ROAD
WESTPORT, MA 02790
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026
5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 11, 2026
TO RSVP scan the QR code or call
Wor. Paul J. Vento Jr. at 774-263-6472

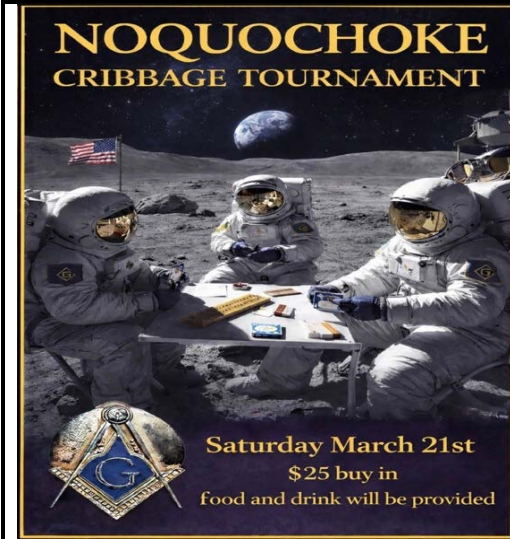
THE FALL RIVER MASONIC BUILDING ASSOCIATION
SPRING CLEANING
Saturday, March 14th & Saturday, March 28th
9am to Noon
152 Columbus Dr - Fall River, MA
Free Breakfast to ALL Workers!
Bring the Entire Family!

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

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NOQUOCHOKE
CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

Saturday March 21st
\$25 buy in
food and drink will be provided

NOQUOCHOKE MASONIC LODGE



LODGE OF EXEMPLIFICATION
Workshop
Fellowcraft Degree

Learn the correct wording as this workshop is designed to help furthering brethren.

SATURDAY • APRIL 4TH, 2026 • 8 AM TO NOON
SOCIAL HARMONY LODGE WAREHAM
All officers are invited to attend.



Post-Easter Egg Hunt & Ham Dinner
April 11, 2026 • 5:00-7:00 PM

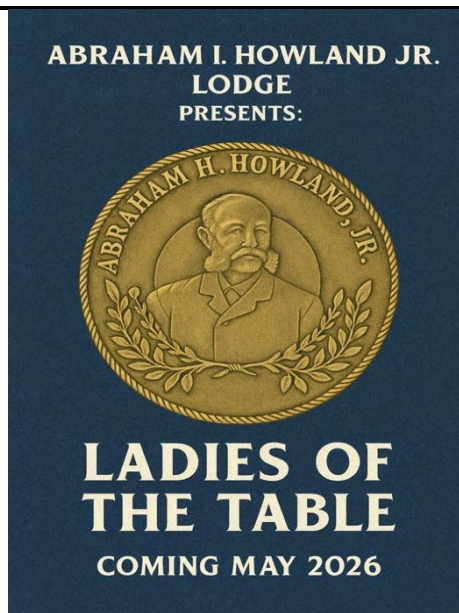
The Easter Bunny Will Be There!

Mount Hope Lodge AF&AM
152 Columbus Drive • Fall River, MA
Reservations: brotherandrewliss@gmail.com



King Philip's Lodges
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
Sunday, May 9th

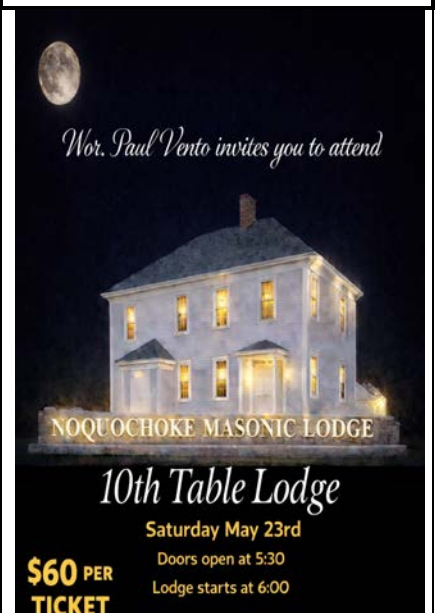
Bring the Whole Family!



ABRAHAM I. HOWLAND JR.
LODGE
PRESENTS:

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.

LADIES OF THE TABLE
COMING MAY 2026

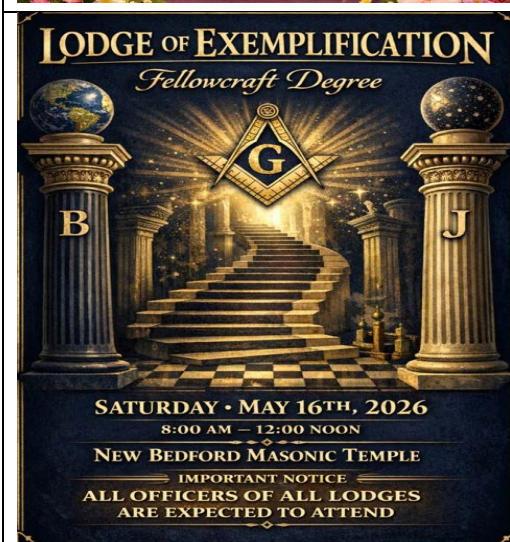


Wor. Paul Vento invites you to attend

NOQUOCHOKE MASONIC LODGE

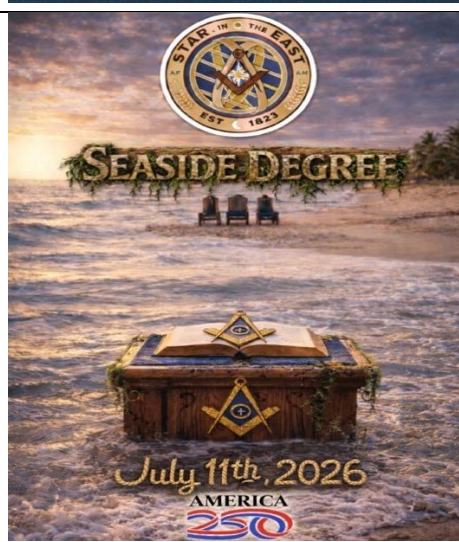
10th Table Lodge
Saturday May 23rd
Doors open at 5:30
Lodge starts at 6:00

\$60 PER TICKET



LODGE OF EXEMPLIFICATION
Fellowcraft Degree

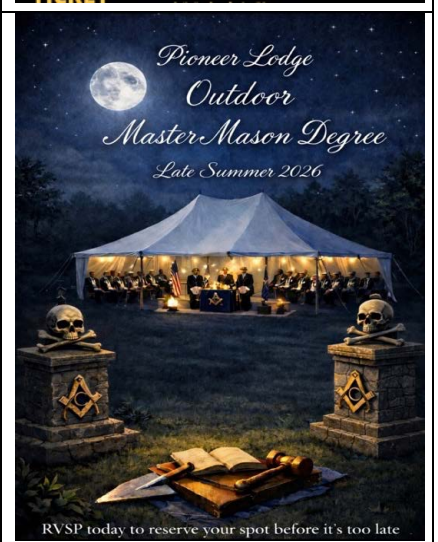
SATURDAY • MAY 16TH, 2026
8:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
NEW BEDFORD MASONIC TEMPLE
IMPORTANT NOTICE
ALL OFFICERS OF ALL LODGES
ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND



STAR IN THE EAST
EST. 1823

SEASIDE DEGREE

July 11th, 2026
AMERICA 250



Pioneer Lodge
Outdoor
Master Mason Degree
Late Summer 2026

RVSP today to reserve your spot before it's too late

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

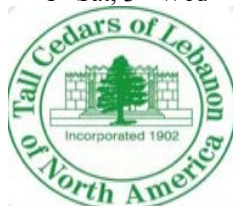


DeMolay: Phoenix Chapter/Middleboro Chapter

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

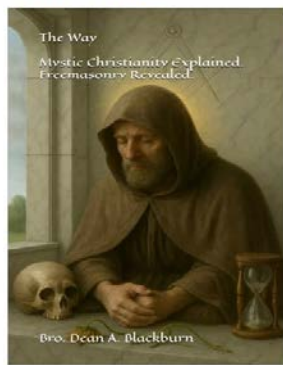
Dues: \$150 to apply (Includes Fez / \$50 a year for membership)

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

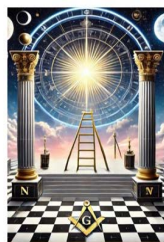
The Corner Store

Available on Amazon

The Way: Mystic Christianity Explained. Freemasonry Revealed. <https://a.co/d/937dgt1>



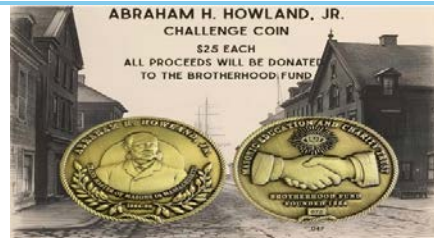
NEW Kindle \$3 / Paperback \$19



The 2025 Noquochoke Challenge Coin
~ONLY 6 Coins Remaining!~

\$15 per pin

All monies collected goes to 150th Anniversary fund!



Abraham H. Howland Jr. Coin

NEW

\$25 per coin

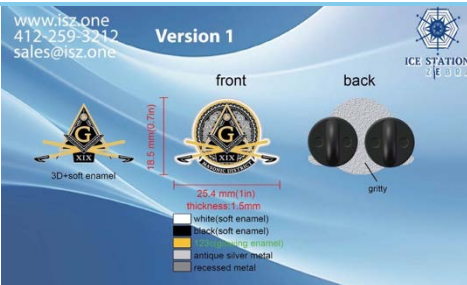
Contact Wor Miranda 508-789-2650
 ALL proceeds go to the Brotherhood Fund!



Mount Hope Lodge "Spinner coin"
200th Anniversary

\$25 per coin

Contact Wor. Ferreira 774-955-8582 or lferreira01@gmail.com



New 19th District Pin

***Given to new EA's**

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

All monies support the entire 19th District!



NEW

Brand new **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



*1st Friday @ Social Harmony lodge in Wareham / *3rd Friday @ Pythagorean Lodge in Marian
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

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

Every little article of clothing helps, every minule of your time helps, be the best part of our fraternity!

**USED CLOTHING
DROP OFF**

Noquochoke Masonic Lodge
305 Hixbridge Road
Westport, MA 02790

Fall River Masonic Associates, Inc.
152 Columbus Drive
Fall River, MA 02720

REDUCE WASTE IN LANDFILLS
CLOTHING IS THE WAY TO WARMTH



*On Saturday January 24th, 2026 members of Star in the East Lodge assisted Mobile Ministries in feeding, clothing and suppling the homeless and less fortunate across the street the Salvation Army in New Bedford. This has been a constant on the fourth Saturday of every five-week month for members of SITE to give their time. This month was no exception even in the subarctic weather.



*R.: W.: Stephen Sparks and Bro. Roger Lambert installing a generator for an elderly brother in Rehoboth Mass in their spare time.

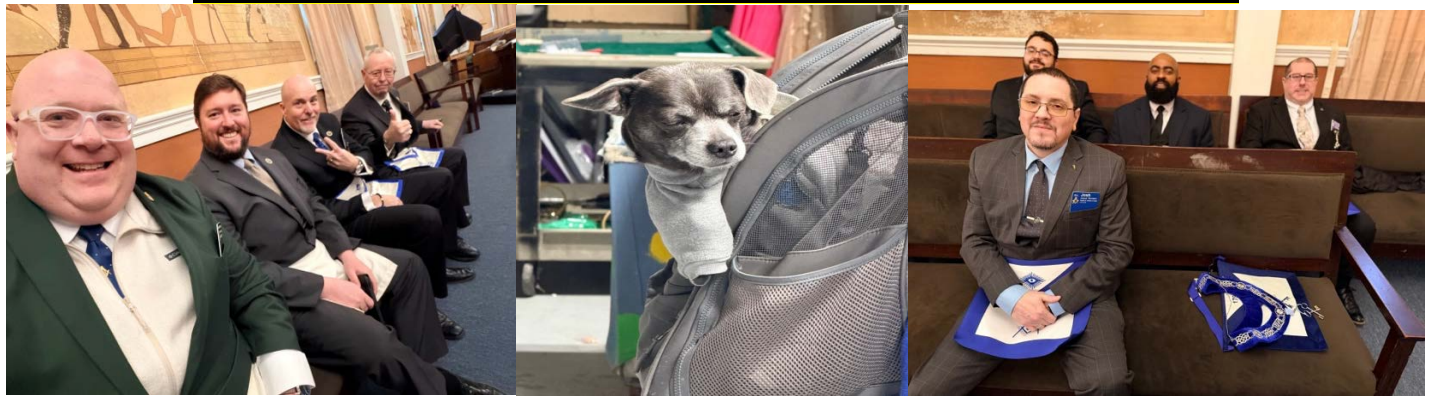
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Inside the lodge: Meeting the members of the 19th District

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19 East District: Bro. David Allen (Star in the East Lodge)



Dave Allen (David Robert Allen) is a New England-based performer and filmmaker whose work spans film, music, activism, and live performance. Refusing to be confined to a single lane, Allen has built a career rooted in creative range, social awareness, and an unwavering commitment to meaningful storytelling. His favorite genre is horror, a space where atmosphere, psychology, and moral tension converge—elements that strongly align with his artistic voice.

As an actor, writer, director, editor, and producer, Allen approaches filmmaking with a hands-on philosophy. His projects frequently explore human struggle, resilience, and moral complexity, themes shaped by his advocacy for prison reform, prisoners' rights, free speech, and a fair legal system. Whether working behind the camera or performing on stage or screen, his goal remains consistent: to tell stories that matter while challenging audiences to reflect more deeply on the human condition.

Allen's creative expression extends far beyond film. A lifelong musician, he is a drummer, singer, and guitarist, as well as a DJ with a strong appreciation for rhythm, energy, and crowd connection. Music is not a side pursuit but a parallel language—one that informs his instincts as a director, his pacing as an editor, and his presence as a performer.

Known for his sharp wit and infectious sense of humor, Allen is someone who jokes easily, laughs often, and instinctively brings levity to those around him. His ability to find humor in virtually any situation—often turning tension or adversity into a moment of shared laughter—has become one of his defining personal and professional traits, strengthening his connection with audiences, collaborators, and peers alike.

In addition to his artistic career, Allen currently earns supplemental income by performing, leading tours, and conducting ghost hunts at the infamous Lizzie Borden House in Fall River, Massachusetts. This work merges his love of horror, history, and live performance, allowing him to engage audiences through immersive storytelling rooted in one of America's most notorious true-crime locations.

At the center of Allen's life is his family. He is married to Callie Allen, his first love, and together they lead a blended household built on mutual respect and shared responsibility. Allen has a son and a daughter, while Callie has four daughters, and each parent proudly considers all six children their own. Fatherhood and partnership play a defining role in his perspective, grounding his creative ambitions and reinforcing his commitment to empathy, patience, and legacy—both on and off the screen.

Allen's worldview has been shaped by overcoming significant personal challenges. From a young age, he has lived with Tourette Syndrome and juvenile insulin-dependent Type 1 diabetes, experiences that required discipline, adaptability, and resilience well beyond his years. Alongside these physical challenges, he has been open about navigating mental health struggles—an ongoing journey that has deepened his empathy and strengthened his resolve. Rather than allowing these obstacles to limit him, Allen has used them as fuel for self-awareness, perseverance, and creative honesty.

In January of 2024, Allen relocated to the South Coast of Massachusetts, marking both a personal and spiritual turning point. Seeking brotherhood, accountability, and community among positive men with shared values, he began intentionally searching for deeper connection beyond his creative work. That search ultimately led him to join the Freemasons—a decision he considers one of the best he has ever made. Through Freemasonry, Allen found a sense of belonging, moral alignment, and personal growth that reinforced his commitment to integrity, service, and self-improvement.

In addition to his creative pursuits, Allen remains a dedicated human rights activist. He regularly supports humanitarian and charitable efforts, using his platform to advocate for marginalized voices and systemic reform. This sense of responsibility is not performative; it is embedded in both his public actions and the narratives he chooses to bring to life.

An avid sports fan and student of competition, Allen draws inspiration from discipline, teamwork, and perseverance—qualities that mirror his own career path. His willingness to adapt, learn, and take creative risks has allowed him to evolve continuously while staying true to his values.

At his core, Dave Allen is a storyteller—one who believes art should entertain, challenge, and inspire. As his body of work continues to grow, so does his reputation as a creator unafraid to blur boundaries, speak honestly, and pursue projects with purpose.

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

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19 West District: Wor. John Bell (Noquochoke Lodge)



John grew up in Southie, as a teenager would moved to the “City of Champions” Brockton Massachusetts. After moving he started to go down the wrong path and his parents enlisted him in the US Army, where he became a Medic. John would go on to play semiprofessional Football in his 20’s & 30’s. He was also obsessed with Baseball. Starting in little league and continued up into his mid 40’s. This only ended when he injured his shoulder. John would go to school for nursing but wouldn’t end up pursuing that path. His professional career started in the Army, then he got a job at Jordon’s Furniture. Later, John would become a technician for Verizon were he has worked for the past 26 years. He covers technical problems for the entire state of Rhode Island. This is where John meets his current partner, Michelle. They both still work at Verizon. John was a Union Steward and Michelle fell and got hurt on the job. He brought her to the hospital and their connection started. Michelle and John started dating and in 2011 they had their son Aiden. Now, they have been together for 18 years.

John and his family live in Somerset MA.

He is the current Worshipful Master of Pioneer Lodge in the 16th Masonic district and the Chaplin of Noquochoke Lodge in the 19th West Masonic district.

He is also an active member of the York Rite in all three bodies.

Thank you John, 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 SUNDAY JANUARY 18TH DESPITE THE SNOWY WEATHER. NINE MEMBERS OF THE 19TH & 16TH MASONIC DISTRICTS VISITED WASHINGTON LODGE #3 IN WARREN RHODE ISLAND FOR A MASTER MASON DEGREE ON SIX WORTHY FELLOWCRAFTS.

*****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!*****

On a snowy wet Sunday morning in January, six of the nine traveling men meet at the Fall River Masonic building. Shortly afterwards they proceed to get breakfast at Hamilton's Diner located at 1641 Fall River Ave Seekonk MA. This place was packed for 8am on Sunday and the food was really good. Check it out if your ever in the area. 4 out of 5 stars in our book! We arrived at Washington Lodge #3 at quarter to 10.

Thankfully we were able to find parking, and we witnessed the degree. Their lodge room is Egyptian like New Bedford, however its quite different. A must see. This is the second oldest consistently used lodge building in New England and the second oldest in the country, only second to a lodge in Virginia. It is believed that many of the timbers used in the building are oak beams that were formerly part of the British Frigate Juno and other ships which were sunk in Newport harbor during the American Revolution. Brother Sylvester Child, a member of the building committee purchased the old ships and floated the timbers up Narragansett Bay and into the Warren River and his shipyard at the base of

Miller and Baker streets. The rib cuts in the oak plate beams can clearly be seen in the curvature of the ceiling in the lodge room.

In attendance: Wor. John Bell (Pioneer lodge), Wor. Mark Guilmette (Pioneer Lodge), Bro. Jay Lewis (Star in the East Lodge), Bro. Josue Romero (King Philip Lodge), Bro. Dean McCullian (Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge), Bro. Josh Moniz (King Philip Lodge), Bro. Jeremy Lavendier (George H. Taber Lodge), Bro. Ian Harcourt (Star in the East Lodge) & Bro. John Grocott (Pioneer lodge).



Washington Lodge #3

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Meets on the second Tuesday on 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