



19th District January Newsletter

Print Date: January 15th, 2025

District Headlines



19th District Highlights

Noquochoke New Years Eve Party 12/31/24 – 1/1/25



The second annual NYE party was unforgettable. Great food, Music, Fellowship, the addition of board games & of course door prizes! Don't miss out on next year's NYE with Noquochoke Lodge!

Lodge of Instruction December 19th, 2024



Wor. Fernandes led us on his Downtown Masonic Walking tour of New Bedford with hot chocolate in hand and Christmas caroling in ear!
Merry Christmas from the LOI TEAM!!

19th District Highlights



Pythagorean Lodge hosted an Entered Apprentice Degree on three candidates on Tuesday 1/14/25. Wor. McTague delivered the First Degree Charge to end the degree. Stay tuned for information on these EA's 2nd degree!

A Note from the District Deputy Grand Master's

East

Constant Improvement

The phrase "Making Good Men Better" is used often to describe Freemasonry. Each mason is on his own path to improvement. The ritualistic teachings of the craft are presented to every brother as they are entered, passed, and raised through the 3 degrees. It is up to each individual to apply those teachings to his own life. We should ever be seekers of light. We are all workers in the quarries of Freemasonry. We are all a much-needed part to the betterment and the future of our craft. Never be complacent with our work. Ask **"What can I do to be better?"** for those around me, my lodge, & myself. What we do today shapes the future for those who come tomorrow. May you ever be inspired for constant improvement. I am grateful to you, my brother.

Fraternally yours,

RW Joshua David Bumpus
DDGM 19th District East

West

My Brothers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season. I first want to thank everyone for the support they have shown me as District Deputy. As we enter 2025, there are a variety of events that will be coming up. With the approach the 250th Anniversary of our Country's Independence, our Grand Lodge has planned a series of meaningful and celebratory activities to honor this historic occasion. These events will not only celebrate our nation's legacy but also highlight the deep-rooted involvement and enduring values of Freemasonry that have played such a significant role in shaping our nation's history. I'm also excited for the upcoming Masonic Family Fun Day, this will be a wonderful opportunity for Brothers, their families, and friends to once again come together in fellowship and create lasting memories. More details, including event schedules and participation opportunities, will follow soon. I encourage all of you to join us in making these celebrations truly special.

Thank you for your dedication to our Craft, and I look forward to sharing these moments and memories with each of you.

Fraternally yours,

RW Lawrence S. Santos Jr.
DDGM 19th District West



Lodge of Instruction

Thursday February 27th, 2025



Lodge of Instruction

King Philip Lodge Fall River/Somerset MA @ 6pm

Topic: Ladies Night Dinner

Speaker: TBA

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

Call Michael Cordeiro

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

Open to Mason & their significant others

Online Dinner Reservations

Please click here to secure your meal



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CANDIDATES CORNER

Entered	Passed	Raised
<p>*Camron Jay Lewis- Noquochoke Lodge</p> <p>*Christopher Michael Fitzgerald -Social Harmony Lodge</p> <p>John Robert Gaskey -Social Harmony Lodge</p> <p>James D'Arcy Hill -Pythagorean Lodge</p> <p>Michael Richard Ferron -Pythagorean Lodge</p> <p>Daniel John Curtin Jr. -Pythagorean Lodge</p>	<p>* Anthony Z. Casiano – Social Harmony Lodge</p> <p>*Kenneth William Flugel – Star in The East Lodge</p> <p>*Heron Goncalves DaSilva – Star in The East Lodge</p>	<p>* Robert Carl Gonsalves Jr. – Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge</p> <p>* Tom Paul Barry - George H. Taber Lodge</p> <p>* Caleb Joseph Cook– Social Harmony Lodge</p> <p>* Connor Liam-James Dahill – Social Harmony Lodge</p> <p>* Alfred Sarmento – King Philip Lodge</p> <p>*Michael Sarmento – King Philip Lodge</p> <p>*James Frederick Estudante– George H. Taber Lodge</p> <p>*Kristian Vilhelm Berg – George H. Taber Lodge</p> <p>*Frederick Wells Haines – Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge</p> <p>*Cameron Albert Fryer – Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge</p> <p>* Joshua Michael Tomkiewics – Social Harmony Lodge</p>

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

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Upcoming District Events

Help make your lodge event a success!
Email: bro.ian.harcourt@gmail.com with your info

Kale Soup SALE!

Time: 12pm-2pm / Date: Saturday, 1/25
 Cost: \$5 bowl - \$10 quart / Open to: EVERYONE
 Location: NB Masonic Temple
 Eat at the lodge or take to go!
 RSVP are not need, but are appreciated
 Made with Wor. Pimentel (509)-245-4068

GEORGE H. TABOR MASONIC LODGE
 20 Center St, Fairhaven, MA 02719

OPEN TO ALL MASONS, THEIR
 FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
 SNACKS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE
 BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING
 SOMETHING.

**GAME
 Night**

GAMES AVAILABLE OR BRING YOUR OWN
 RACK 'EM UP ON OUR NEW POOL TABLE!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025
 6-9 P.M.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

SAVE the DATE!
Grand Master's Class

Saturday, February 8, 2025
 At the historic Worcester Masonic Temple
 1 Ionic Way, Worcester, MA

M.W. George F. Hamilton
 Grand Master

Conferral of the Mark Master Mason, Past Master,
 Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Degrees

For more information about Capital Masonry
 please visit the Massachusetts Grand Chapter website
 or email: bro.ian.harcourt@gmail.com

**Social Harmony
 Annual Table Lodge**

Saturday February 8th, 2025

- *6 course meal with 7 toasts
- *Starts at 6pm
- *\$50 a ticket.
- *Suits are required

Tuxedos for Officers of the lodge
 To purchase tickets please see
 Bro

Tuesday 2/18/2025

Daylight Lodge

**New Bedford
 Masonic Temple**

**Tuesday
 At Noon**

Lunch
 Following
 Meeting

*brother that can't
 attend at night
 *fellowship
 *rusty brothers

Mason Mini Golf

In the
 Egyptian room
 Of the New Bedford
 Masonic Building

\$10 per round
 All monies go to the
 S.I.T.E. Brotherhood fund

Saturday March 1st 9am to 3pm

PLEASE JOIN OUR

**19th District Masonic
 Bowling 4 A Cause**

Saturday, March 8

1pm - 4pm

Wonder Bowl Lanes
 66 Hathaway Road
 New Bedford, MA 02745
 Food available for purchase

SCAN ME or visit
<https://forms.gle/y6vd5ae7BLUWd6q6>

Ticket Price Includes:
 3 HOURS OF BOWLING
 SHOE RENTAL INCLUDED

\$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
 the Wonder Bowl Youth League

Grand Lodge Quarterly

3/12/2025

1:30pm

**The Grand Lodge of Mason
 In Massachusetts**

**186 Tremont Street
 Boston MA, 02111**

**A suite & Tie are required to
 attend**

Open to all Master Masons

Noquochoke Lodge's

**CORNER BEEF &
 CABBAGE DINNER**

\$15 PER PERSON

**305 HIXVILLE ROAD
 WESTPORT, MA 02790**

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025
4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

RSVP by Thursday, March 13, 2025 by
 scanning the QR Code or by calling
 Bro. Ian Harcourt at (978) 551-5782

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



Upcoming District Events

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 <p>Men's Health Group Date: March 18th, 2025 Subject: Spiritual Health Speaker: Peter Ham Location: New Bedford Masonic Bld. 7pm</p> 	 <p>Grand Council Royal & Select Master Masons of Massachusetts</p> <p>SAVE the DATE! Grand Master's Class Saturday, March 22, 2025 <i>At the newly rededicated Wakefield Masonic Building</i> <i>370 Salem St, Wakefield, MA</i></p>  <p>M.W. George F. Hamilton Grand Master</p> <p>Conferral of the Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master Degrees</p> <p>For more information about Cryptic Masonry please visit the Massachusetts Grand Council website or email bro.ian.harcourt@gmail.com</p>	<p>25 years in the making...</p>   <p>NOQUOCHOKE MASONIC LODGE</p> <p><i>9th Table Lodge</i> SATURDAY MARCH 29TH, 2025 DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM LODGE OPENS AT 6PM</p> <p>\$60 PER TICKET VISITOR: SUIT & TIE OFFICERS: TUXEDOS</p>
 <p>Star in the East Lodge Tuesday 4/15/2025 Master Mason Degree on two brothers Dinner 6pm Degree 7pm For meal RSVP's please reach out to Bro. Harcourt at (978)-551-5782 or Email Bro.Ian.Harcourt@gmail.com</p>	<p>Azab Grotto</p> <p>Join us the third Wednesday each month *6pm Meeting /7pm dinner *Location Changes Monthly **Freemasonry's playground" *See Wor. Pimentel for more information and to join! *We are currently Dark January & February starting up again Wed. March 19th, 2025</p> 	<p>~What a Knight ye shall have~</p>  <p>More Information to follow...</p>
 <p>SAVE THE DATE APRIL 12, 2025 MOUNT HOPE LODGE AF & AM & 200TH ANNIVERSARY GALA FALL RIVER, MA</p>	<p>Lodge of Exemplification</p>  <p>Entered Apprentice Degree April 24th, 2025</p>	<p>Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts presents</p> <p>MASONIC FAMILY FUN DAY!</p> <p>American Heritage Museum - 568 Main St, Hudson, MA 01749 - Aug 10th, 2025 Sunday 10am - 4pm</p> <p>Save the Date!!!</p> 

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Lamentations

“The road to heaven feels like hell, the road to hell feels like heaven” in this day and age not only the youth but the mature men and women of the human race have lost their sensitivity to not only this world, but the divine. The systematic demystification of everything in our society has led to an internal spiritual, logical, moral, and philosophical crisis. There feels to be nothing sacred or special in this world as there once was. The great 18th century German philosopher Frederick Nietzsche gave us a grave warning in the form of a statement “Gott ist tot” translated as “God is dead”. Meaning in a sense that when a society loses its moral standing, its devotion, its purpose it loses all reason to be. This path leads us down a scary road of perpetual nihilism, a road that has no purpose. A road with no purpose would have no beginning or end, for see the purpose of a road is technically to travel from one place to another right? This road of no end has led to a sense of loss, for if there is no reason or purpose to do anything why would you do anything? Or if you decide to do something why would you ever do the moral thing? On this road there is no judgment, so why not take the easy path? Why not just indulge, lie, steal, and be a glutton? This may sound exciting and interesting especially to the young of mind, but this should be a tremendous warning! Humanities attack and murder of God has led to the sharpest decline, we say that we can hold ourselves to these self proclaimed enlightenment morals but we can't! Take a look around at society currently. Do you not see the terrible divides that plague us? Do you not see the greed, the theft, the infidelity, the lack of care for the common good? This is the deep internal sickness humanity is facing, unfortunately at its own hand. Every Time the ancient Israelites built idols and disobeyed Adoni they were punished, cast into exile, the Lord would rain fire and overturn their leadership. Ever since we as modern people turned our backs, The Grand Architect has just allowed us to sit in our own filth, sit in our own empty void, and walk down this purposeless road. That is our eternal punishment I suppose. To have our youth grow up with no hope in humanity, no hope in the Lord. To suffer this purposeless existence. If we are to ever escape and revive and save our species from this path we need to refind the divine, refind our purpose. We have to take our sacred tools and start digging and milling a new pathway into that purposeless road. Creating a new pathway forward for our children to walk down, one with purpose, one our forefathers would be proud to see finally rediscovered. I am not calling for just blanket blind devotion to any idol or figure you can find, but a rediscovery of the one we all one day hope to return to. Do not continue this cycle of worshiping the self, worshiping the feelings. Not everything that feels good to the self is good to the soul.

By Henry W. Davis

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APPENDANT BODIES OF MASONRY



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 @ Noquchoke 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-21yo member.

Meeting: 3rd Friday



DeMolay: Phoenix Chapter/Middleboro Chapter

Contact: Dad Mathew Westgate 508.330.8544

Dues: \$35 life membership ages 11yo -21yo

Meetings: Phoenix 1st & 3rd Mondays / Middleboro 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 Bedford

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: 3rd Wednesday of the Month (Location Moves)

The Corner Store



New Bedford Library Benefactor Coin

\$30 each

Contact Bro. Rankin 774.251.8544 or

joshuarankin01@gmail.com

All proceeds fund the new Masonic Library!

**Promote your Lodge's or
Appendant bodies Merchandise
HERE!**

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Star in The East 200th Anniversary Coin

\$20 each

Contact Wor Pimentel 508-245-4068 or

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Mount Hope Lodge "Spinner coin" 200th Anniversary

\$25 each

Contact Wor. Ferreira 774-955-8582 or

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Social Harmony Polo's

\$40 each

Contact Bro. Westgate (508)-330-8544



Social Harmony 200th coin

\$10 each

Contact Wor Hartshorn 508-317-7845

or furface412@yahoo.com

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*Cigars & Fellowship at the Lodge



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

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

***Please Help within the Lenth of your cable toe...**



From the desk of M.W. George F. Hamilton, Grand Master

Happy Holidays!

As this year comes to a close, let us reflect on the values that unite us as Freemasons: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. These timeless principles make our Fraternity so special as they guide us every single day to foster deeper relationships, build stronger communities, and develop our character.

I hope you receive the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of God's love this holiday season.

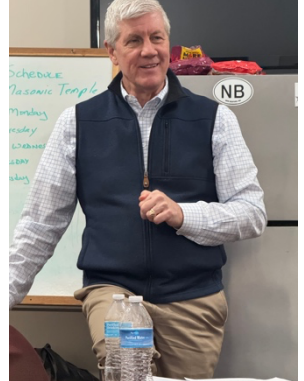
I look forward to seeing you at the Installation of our Grand Lodge Officers and the celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, or in the new year!

Sincerely & fraternally,
George F. Hamilton
George F. Hamilton
Grand Master



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SCENES FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT



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/G\ THE TRAVELING MAN /G\

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



WORSHIPFUL CORDEIRO VISITED MERIDIAN LODGE IN NATICK MASSACHUSETTS ON TWO OCCASIONS,

FIRST ON WEDNESDAY MAY 17TH, 2023 & AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20TH, 2024

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

- 1.) On May 17th, 2023, Meridian Lodge performed an Entered Apprentice Degree.
- 2.) On November 20th, 2024, Meridian Lodge also performed an Entered Apprentice Degree.



This special gavel was constructed and used by Brother Paul Revere.

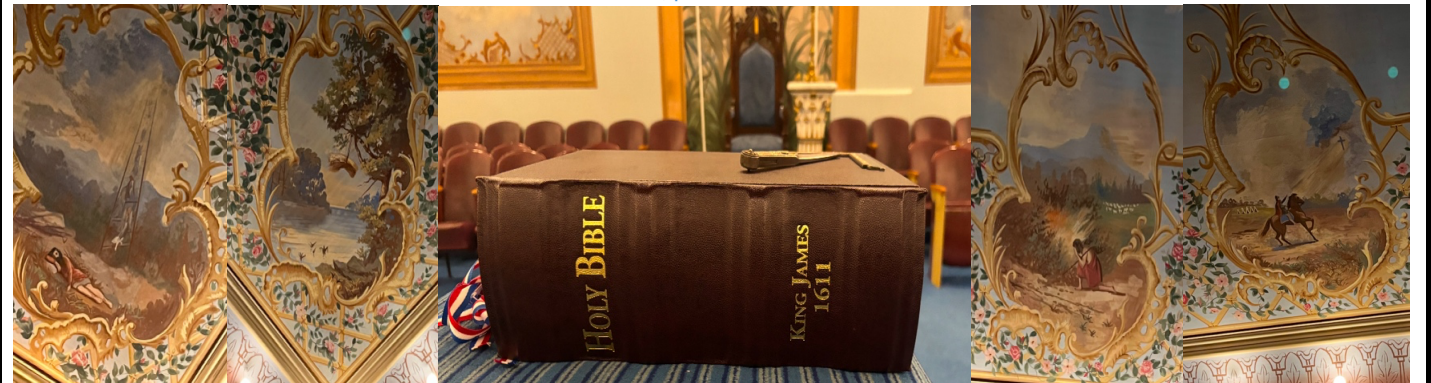
This lodge is absolutely beautiful and has many images painted on the walls and ceiling of the lodge room. This is a must-see lodge building if you're traveling near Natick Massachusetts.

Meridian Lodge is in the 15 North Masonic District and meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

📍 24 Main Street Natick MA, 01760

🌐 www.NatickMasons.org

For more information, please contact Wor. Cordeiro.



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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	*New Bedford	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	*Westport	1915	1st Thursday

***=Temporary Locations**