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HAPPY SECOND BIRTHDAY DNL!



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19th District

March District Newsletter



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19th District West Highlights!



Noquochoke Lodge Saturday January 31st, 2026. During a fraternal visit from R. W.: Stephen Spark, Bro. David Allen was presented the Robert Johnson Distinguished Service Award! Dave goes above and beyond at the lodge from cutting the lawn, planting flowers, cleaning the outside of the building, running the Golf Tournament etc. His most recent venture will be a Cribbage Tournament on Saturday March 21st. Don't miss it!

19th District East Highlights!



R.: W.: Peter Webster Ham presented Wor. Gunner Berg his 60 years past Master Award! Gunner has been an active member of the lodge for over 70 years!! Three generations of Bergs are members of his lodge!!

Lodge of Instruction February 26th, 2026



Lodge of Instruction on February 26th was canceled due to the amazing amount of snow that fell during the Blizzard of 26. Many brethren had over 30 inches of snow fall Sunday into Tuesday night causing school cancellations, store closing, King Philip Lodge business meeting cancelled, well as our district LOI.

Next Month: David Brody gives a presentation on Templar History/Mystery talk. Sign up for dinner at 19thmasonic.com.

A message from DDGM 19th East

Dear Brethren,

I cannot thank you enough for the heartfelt stories you have shared during my fraternal visit with you and members of your lodge. Your stories brought a personally powerful perspective as you shared your memories...vivid memories of the past which were so richly brought to the present as you shared them. Your story is kept alive by sharing it.

I have heard the opinion that in a hundred years, no one will remember you. Really? I suppose if someone does not invest their time, energy and resources into something...this comment could hold some truth...and in practice, even become a reality. Our time on this earth affords us the opportunity to choose how, where and with whom we will spend that time. Our dependency on one another allows us to fulfill the duties to which we obligated ourselves.

There was a period of time when I was less active in attending lodge. It was a time when I had to commute a significant distance from home as well as attend many events to support the jobs mission. Yes, I was industrious and busy, but on reflection, I was not being mindful of investing in other parts of my life as thoughtfully as I could. I was not making use of my twenty-four-inch gauge. What is curious during this time, I remember receiving some calls from the lodge brothers. They did not ask me why I hadn't attended lodge, but instead wished me a happy Masonic birthday, but also wanted to know about my time as Master as well as some of the other brethren that I knew as mentors. They also kept me informed of events the lodge was holding. Hmm...during those calls, I was telling stories that no longer lingered in the past but were being brought forth into the present...they were not forgotten-they were being remembered.

I so look forward to hearing more about your lodge and the stories you keep alive...verbally, in writing, and even perhaps in video. Let us continue to find ways that strengthen the bond that binds and inspires us. Let us be the mentors to our future generations to share our stories. As Marcus Aurelius wrote from The Meditations, "All that exists is the seed of what will grow from it." How do we want our light and our time to shine for mankind?

Fraternailly & courteously Right Worshipful

Peter Webster Ham

A message from DDGM 19th West

Brotherhood: More Than a Word

We call each other Brother.

We shake hands and say, "Great to see you, Brother."
We answer the phone with, "Hey Brother..."

But what does it really mean to be a **Brother**?

Is it just a word?

A definition?

Or is it something more, something we are called to live?

I would be interested to hear how each of you defines it.

To me, the word *Brother* should never be passive. It is not simply standing beside a member of our fraternity when things are easy and stepping away when difficulty arrives.

Brotherhood is real.

Brotherhood is being present when a man is tired... when he is losing.

It is sitting next to him and saying, "Get up. I'm here."

It is holding one another to a standard, not out of obligation, but because we genuinely care.

Because we see what a man is capable of, even when he may not see it himself.

Brotherhood does not allow a man to remain where he is if he is capable of more.

Nor does it tear him down, or those around him.

It lifts.

It supports.

It challenges.

It means sitting with a brother in his time of need, and crossing the invisible lines of Lodges and Districts to assist where and when it matters most.

Brotherhood does not lower the standard.

It helps men rise to meet the standard of our Craft.

Fraternailly Right Worshipful

Stephen Sparks

Greetings from the DNL Team

Good Evening brethren,

Another year bites the dust. Two amazing years has gone by and thankfully for R.: W.: Lawrence Steven Santos has given me the honor to help serve the districts in this unique way. I'm eternally grateful. Thank you to R.: W.: Peter Webster Ham & Stephen Spark for allowing me to continue in this role! Like all good things, nothing last forever. I'll be passing on the torch to Bro. Bill Travers next year and he needs support. Please brethren all, we need two maybe three newer brothers to step in and carry the torch of this amazing newsletter we have all embraced and created together. Who will answer the call? My phones always on if you'd like more information 978.551.5782. You can also email 19thDistrictNewsletter@gmail.com. Thank you for your attention. Enjoy the read!

Bro. Ian Michael Harcourt

District Information Officer / 19th East & West Masonic Districts

Lodge of Instruction

Thursday March 26th, 2026



Lodge of Instruction

Host Lodge: Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge

Speaker: Bro. David Brody

Subject: Templar History Mystery Talk

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:

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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *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 Michael Jason Nash *Abraham Howland Lodge Christopher Scott Thrasher *Abraham Howland Lodge Timothy Daniel Raymond *Abraham Howland Lodge Rondald Michael Linhares *George H. Taber Lodge Sergio Rodrigues Moreira *King Philips Lodge Gilberto Duarte Franco De Moura *King Philips Lodge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Daniel Harry Andrews -George H. Taber Lodge

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Topics with Travers:

Greetings Brethren,

I hope all of you and your families are doing well. So last month I asked for your help in creating this article by having you submit any questions or topics you may have regarding Freemasonry. It could be anything: secretary topics, lodge protocols, bylaws of lodges, reviews of lodge events, etc... Unfortunately, my request went unanswered, but I'm hoping that'll change for future articles. My brethren, I want this to be your article, so please submit to me your questions or topics via email: 19thDistrictNewsletter@gmail.com or text/phone call: 508-496-5996.

Well, I guess this month leaves me with the question; What do I talk about this month? So, I guess we'll talk about the secretary of the lodge. I'm sure you've all heard by now during lodge what the duties of the secretary are: 'To carefully observe the proceedings of the lodge, keep a true and perfect record of the same, receive monies from the hand of brethren and pay them to the treasurer, taking his receipt thereof' What if I told you that the role of the secretary is so much more...would you believe me? Here are just some of the detailed duties that secretaries are responsible for, and many of those duties aren't even mentioned.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- **Administrative & Records Management:** Takes detailed minutes of all meetings, maintains the official membership roster, and handles all lodge correspondence.
- **Member Communication & Records:** Sends out due's notices, receives all monies (dues/fees) and transfers them to the Treasurer, and updates records for member degree progression.
- **Meeting Preparation:** Issues the "summons" or notice for meetings, including the date, time, and agenda, and assists the Worshipful Master in organizing proceedings.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Prepares the annual report for the Grand Lodge and ensures compliance with both Grand Lodge by-laws and local lodge by-laws.
- **Advisory Role:** Sits to the left of the Worshipful Master and frequently assists them with procedure and protocol.

The secretary of a lodge serves as the chief administrative officer, often considered the "backbone" or Chief Operating Officer (COO). When I was asked almost two years ago to be the secretary of the lodge I accepted the position honorably. Little did I know then what I know now about the significance of the position and what duties it entailed. In the short almost two years that I stepped into the role as secretary of my lodge I've learned a lot, made mistakes, dropped the ball...but I strived to improve myself to be the best secretary I could be for my lodge. Along the way I received lots of help and guidance from brethren and Grand Lodge and I thank you all!

So, the next time you see the secretary of your lodge or any lodge in Freemasonry make sure to shake their hand or give them a pat on the back, I assure you it'll be greatly appreciated. I leave you with this poem generated by Microsoft's Copilot AI using only these 12 words "Write a poem about the job role of the Masonic Lodge Secretary"

'KEEPER OF THE RECORDS'

In hallowed halls where Brethren meet,
Where wisdom, virtue find their seat,
One stands with pen both sharp and true,
The Secretary, whose task accrue.

He keeps minutes, line by line,
Recording memories for all of time.
Noting the votes, the words, the deeds,
He tends the lodge's written needs.

With careful hand, he guards the roll,
Ensuring each brother's name is whole.
He sends the summons, clear and fair,
So, all may gather, and lodge repair,

He reads the letters sent from afar,
Brings tidings near, from lands bizarre.
In correspondence, he is the voice,
In every matter, he guides the choice.

Bills and dues, he tracks with care,
Ensuring all accounts are square.
The keeper of traditions old,
He stewards secrets never told.

With silent pride and humble grace,
He serves the Craft in every place.

Bro. William Travers

Assistant District Information Officer
19th East & West Masonic Districts

Upcoming District Events

Help make your lodge event a success!

Email: 19thDistrictNewsletter@gmail.com with your info

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!

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.

QUITTACUS LODGE & MAYFLOWER LODGE
 103rd JOINT MEETING
Fellowcraft Degree
 Conferred on two candidates
 (one from each lodge)
 Thursday, April 9th
 New Bedford Masonic Temple
 Please RSVP with:
 Wor. Bob Hughes
 508-889-3976

Spring 2026 Reunion - Saturday, April 11, 2026
 Dear Master Mason,
 Are you ready to further your Masonic experience and join the Scottish Rite? Become a 32° Mason this spring. The Scottish Rite is the principal branch of Freemasonry in which a Master Mason may perfect his knowledge, and enrich his comprehension of its philosophy and symbolic teachings he received when he was initiated into Freemasonry. Find out more about Scottish Rite at scottishritemj.org.
 If you are ready to join the Scottish Rite, apply for our next class at srjoin.org/insert or scan this QR code.
 If you are already a Scottish Rite Mason, you can be an Ambassador! Look on the other side.
 Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/scottishritembrstj

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

\$40.00
Fundraiser for Fall River King Phillip Lodge
 Saturday April 18th, 2026
 Starting at 6:30pm

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!

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. LODGE
LADIES AT THE TABLE
 IN HONOR OF MARY TUCKER HOWLAND
 MAY 2 2026 4:00 P.M.
 RSVP WOR. ADAM MIRANDA
 ARM66@LIVE.COM
 508-789-2650

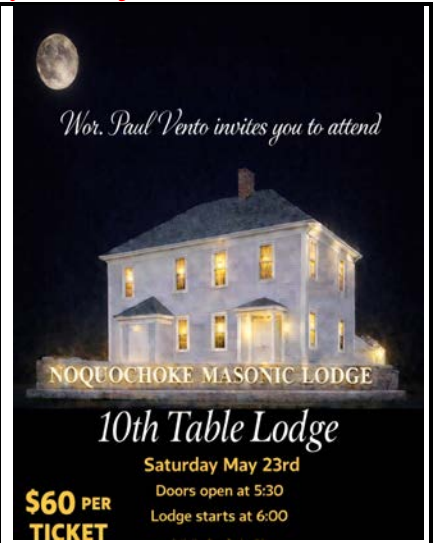
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 FUN FROLIC FAMILY SERVICE FELLOWSHIP BROTHERHOOD PHILANTHROPY
 TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON INTERNATIONAL
 WWW.MASSASOIT91.COM
TALL CEDARS CEREMONIAL
 SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026
 EZEKIEL BATES LODGE
 71 N. MAIN ST. ATTLEBORO
 Interested in joining us?
 WWW.MASSASOIT91.COM/JOIN
 MASTER MASONS WELCOME
 HELPING CHILDREN WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY SINCE 1981

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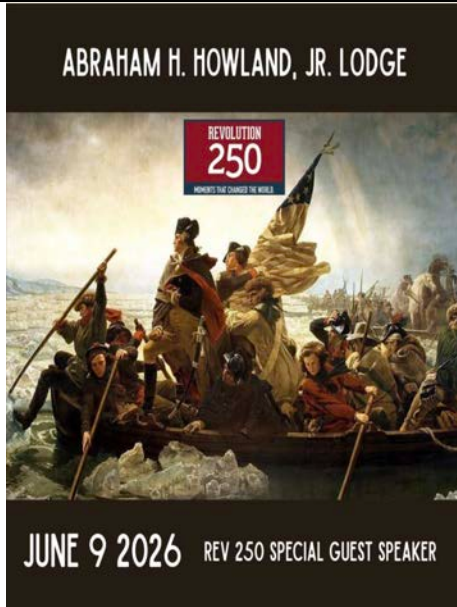



George H. Tabers Final Business Meeting of the year: Live from Fort Phoenix

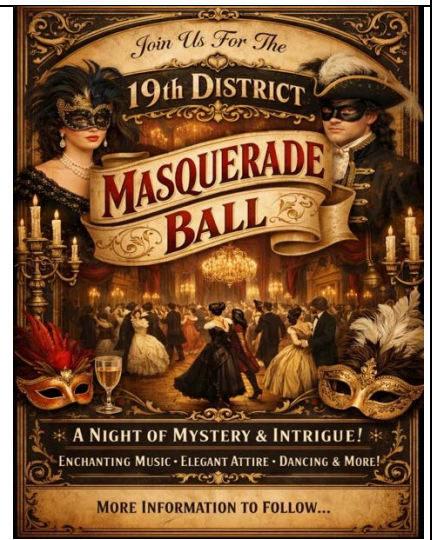
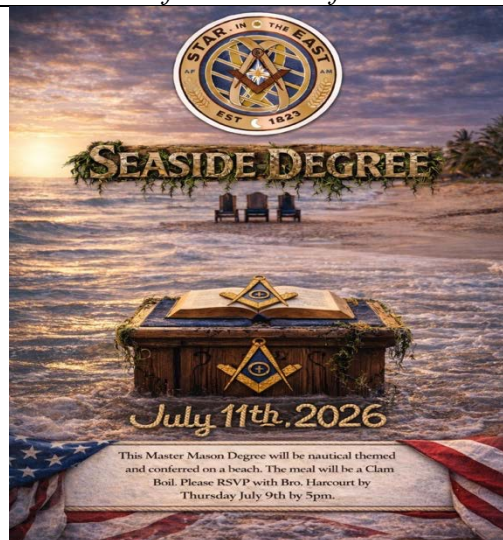
Monday 6/08/26



More information to follow...

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



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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: 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

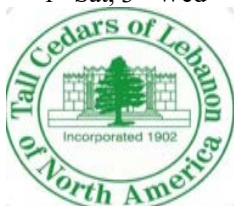


DeMolay: Phoenix Chapter/Middleboro Chapter

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)

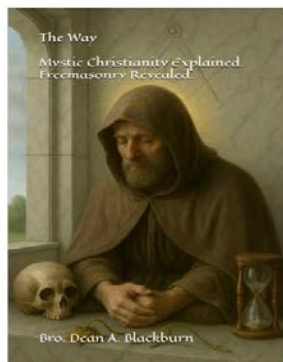
Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the Month (Location Moves)

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The Corner Store

Available on Amazon

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

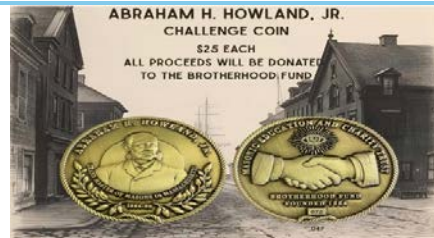


NEW Kindle \$3 / Paperback \$19



The 2025 Noquchoke Challenge Coin

SOLD OUT!!!



Abraham H. Howland Jr. Coin

NEW

\$25 per coin

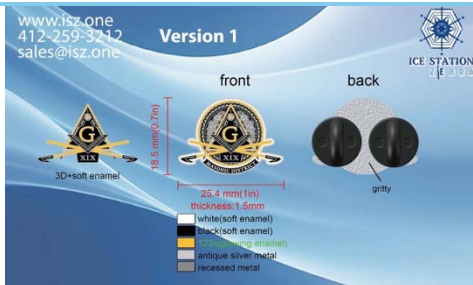
Contact Wor Miranda 508-789-2650
ALL proceeds go to the Brotherhood Fund!



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

Join us for
3rd Friday Cigar Night
at Pythagorean Lodge

~ TONIGHT! ~
Doors Open at 6:30 pm

No charge; bring a stick (...or two ...or three), maybe a beverage, and enjoy some fraternal fellowship. It's that simple.

*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 minute of your time helps, be the best part of our fraternity!



Thank you for being a part of this amazing journey!! Without all of you reading & supporting, **NONE OF THIS** would be possible! *Thanks again!*



Happy 2nd Birthday District Newsletter!!

“Long live the 19th Masonic District!”



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YEAR IN REVIEW

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19th District March Newsletter

Print Date: March 26th, 2025

District Headlines



<p>19th District Highlights</p>  <p>Pythagorean Lodge welcomed the Grand Master of Massachusetts Most Worshipful George Forest Hamilton & Grand Master of Rhode Island Most Worshipful Andre H. Faria, MW Faria is a member of Pythagorean lodge. He awarded MW Hamilton the Bearer of Light Award for his outstanding term as Grand Master. He also awarded to Pythagorean lodge on behalf of Worshipful Brother Manuel "Doc" Rosenfeldt.</p>	<p>Lodge of Instruction Thursday February 27th, 2025</p>  <p>PGM Judith A. Goss spoke about the Order of the Eastern Star apparatus body, which is the largest fraternal organization of both men and women in the world. They support The American Heart Association, The Shriners Hospital, The Alzheimer's Organizations as well as many others. The MW Hamilton and his wife are members, and he feeds so passionately about the organization there will be the first ever Grand Master Class to join based at Grand Lodge on Saturday June 14th at 11am. To register visit https://forms.gle/X0w67D596TSP1599</p>	<p>19th District Highlights</p>  <p>Star in the East lodge meeting with two special guests. First, we had the pleasure of having Carl Alves speak during dinner about PAMCA. Followed by a presentation from award winning journalist Maureen Boyle who authored the books <i>Shallow Graves</i>, <i>Child Last seen & The Ghost</i>. She is most known for writing on the New Bedford Highway Serial Killer which were honored by the public Safety Writers Association.</p>
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District Headlines Continued

<p>19th District Highlights</p>  <p>On Saturday March 8th from 1-4pm the 19th District lead by Star in the East's Bro. Fernandes & Bro. Anselmo once again bowled for a Cause. Over \$700 was raised and a check for \$100 was donated to the Worder Bowl Youth League to keep inner city children off the street.</p>	<p>19th District Highlights</p>  <p>Star in the East Presents: Indoor Mini Golf This was a family fun event! On Saturday March 1st SITE had 55 golfers. It was so popular that the course stayed open till 4:30pm. All the proceeds went to the newly funded SITE Brotherhood Fund to help brothers with their dues. Indoor Mini Golf will return next winter...</p>
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May Newsletter

District Headlines

<p>19th District West Highlights</p> <p>Ladies Night Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge Thursday May 1st, 2025</p>  <p>Members of the Rainbow's Taunton Assembly & Middleboro Assembly performed the Rose lecture. Brayden Connors of DeMolay performed the Flower Talk beautifully. A night of great food, fantastic ritual and fellowship. What else can you ask for? Great job done by all!</p>	<p>19th District East Highlights</p> <p>~The Art of Knowing~ AN EXTRORDINARY EVENING WITH BROTHER JON STETSON</p>  <p>Members of George H. Taber Lodge, the 19th District & beyond were blown away by Jon Stetson. Truly a once and a lifetime experience of magic, wisdom and entertainment.</p>
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Lodge of Instruction April 24th, 2025

Masons Started the War! (well, not really)



Worshipful Mark Z. Stought gave an interesting presentation on Civil War Masons. Including some interesting facts concerning freemasonry at the time. A that time there were roughly 30 million Americans of that 500,000 of them were freemasons. However, masons made up 11% of the military on both sides of the war. A "southern gentleman" by the name of John Quincy Adams Fellows would visit brethren in jail during the war and deliver food, clothing and other needs. This difference in treatment of prisoners during the war times led to an elitist believe about masons among the profane. Most Worshipful Fellows was the Grand Master of Louisiana at this time.

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19th District April Newsletter

Print Date: April 23rd, 2025

District Headlines



<p>19th District East Highlights</p>  <p>Star in the East April 1st meeting A nice dinner of homemade Chicken Pot Pie, a moving presentation from George Baskley head of Mobile Ministries. Three candidates were voted to take their degree's and then the craft was called from labor to refreshment. Accoutant VFW HERE WE COME!</p>	<p>Lodge of Instruction Thursday March 27th, 2025</p>  <p>Lodge of Instruction in March was held by Quince's lodge and was an Eden, Clifton & Secrets. Bro. Mark Penrose Gave the lecture. Don't miss the any of the great content of Lodge of Instruction!</p>	<p>19th District West Highlights</p>  <p>Star in the East lodge and Pythagorean lodge reconnected and restored a tradition of visiting each other's lodges each masonic year. This ending about 10 years ago. To commemorate this, Star in the East lodge present Pythagorean lodge with a NEW Chain or Sincere Affection. The original was lost after visitation ended. Also, Star in the East qualified for and obtained Pythagorean's traveling level.</p>
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A note from the District Deputy Grand Master's

East
Spring is one of my favorite seasons. It is a season of Renewal, Growth, Progress, & Balance. The RE-NEWAL of nature reminds us of the potential for personal, fraternal & communal renewal. It gives us an opportunity to reflect, refresh, and renew our commitments to self-improvement, fraternal improvement, and community-improvement. Spring is a time of Growth. As Freemasons, we are forever growing our knowledge, our lodges, and our community. I encourage you to pause to appreciate your PROGRESS, always look forward to new possibilities. Ever progressing in our journey in life. Spring and the Vernal Equinox is seen as a time of perfect BALANCE in nature, this mirrors our pursuit as Freemasons to have balance in our lives. Spring is a great time to feel refreshed, build stronger bonds, support each other, get engaged in our community, build our lodges to new levels. Use our teachings and virtues as our guide. We are our future, together let us become renewed and stronger than ever before.
District Deputy Grand Master - RW Joshua David Rumpus

West
Spring is HERE. After a cold long winter and a rainy few weeks Spring as spring and Summer is right around the corner. First, thank you for all the officers who attended at our District Exemplification. The ritual was fantastic, and everyone brought their A game! Last week, Revolution 250 a few landmark events: The lighting of old North Church, The 250th commemoration of the Battle of Lexington and Concord. These were truly special and hopefully many of you were able to experience them. There are so many things happening and the 19th Masonic District as a hole right now and I can't name them all. I will mention to remember to mark your calendars for August 10th Family Fun day. If you attended last year, you'll know why. This upcoming year you can expect a more attractions, more fun and more food options. Thank you for everything all of the brothers do in the district to make us unique and special!
Fraternally yours,
District Deputy Grand Master - RW Lawrence Santos

Summer Newsletter

District Headlines

<p>19th District West Highlights</p> <p>Welcome the newest member of Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge Victor Manuel Camu Silva and the newest members of Noguechoke Lodge Wilkinson Julien & Carmen Jay Lewis! A fantastic Master Mason Degree was conferred on June 12th, 2025. Victor's father was in attendance all the way from Mexico! He was able to share some Mexican Masonic traditions with us! A true night that we will never forget.</p> 	<p>19th District East Highlights</p> <p>Men's Health Group: Tuesday June 17th, 2025, which introduced the topic the Circle of Health. Bro. Brad Anselmo & Wor. Brian Fernandes were the co-speakers for this meeting. The Circle of Health is a holistic model that represents the interconnectedness of various aspect of the persons wellbeing. It's a framework that encourages you to consider all parts of your life when thinking about health; and how those parts influence each other. It demonstrates that health not only applies to our physical condition but that our mental, emotional, social, spiritual and environmental health are all intertwined. You're at the center of the circle. You are in control of your health, no one else.</p> 
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Lodge of Instruction June 26th, 2025

Stacey Fraser from the Scottish Rite Museum gave a presentation on the museum, some of their artifacts and announced some upcoming events. This year's Lodge of Instructions were very entertaining, informative and interesting. 2025/2026 LOI season are starting out strong with a salute to the US Army, US Navy & US Marine Corp. and their involvement with the American Revolution. DON'T MISS THESE as we ramp up the Rev 250!



[It was the FIRST LOI of the masonic year. Don't miss out on next year LOI's. To Make your reservation for September]

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George H. Taber Lodge Monday September 8th, 2025. Wor. Gunnar Berg was returned to the east to open his lodge for the first time in 60 years. Father & son sharing the east together. RW. Eric Berg's last night as Worshipful Master.



Abraham H. Howland lodge Tuesday September 9th, 2025. Wor. John Reed Gardner received his 50 year past master award. RW. Lawrence Santos asked Wor. Gardner to sit in the East of his lodge one last time. A truly memorable night for all in attendance!

Lodge of Instruction September 25th, 2025



Wor. Vento gave an informative talk about the United States Army, it's origin and how they were pivotal in winning the Revolutionary War. This is the first of three informative talks on the armed force. Next month will be a talk on the US Navy followed by a talk on the US Marine Corp. DON'T MISS THESE, as we ramp up the Rev 250 in 2026!

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"Thank you! We are so appreciative of all those who came out to help support this amazing event. We started out with a couple of brothers helping a handful of families 10 years ago and now it has grown into this!" Over 600 people, 100 families, 18 contributing organizations, 11 cities, 3 languages. "We could not impact these many lives without this great fraternity and the community." THANK YOU!

Lodge of Instruction November 20th, 2025



Wor. Brian Fernandes gave a wonderful talk "A Salute to the Marines" at the last Lodge of Instruction. He started out with the history of the Corps & their involvement with the US Revolution. Then he touched on the many famous



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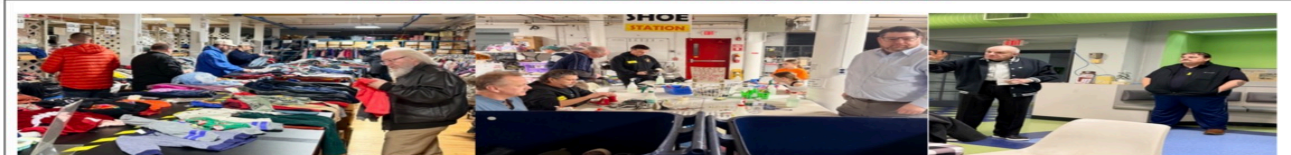


R. W.: Stephen A. Sparks FIRST Fraternal Visit at his mother lodge Mount Hope Lodge Tuesday January 13th, 2026.



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.

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Sunday 11/9/25 Noguechoke Lodge Presents: The 2nd Annual Veterans Day Dinner. Thank you to Wor. Paul Vento, his family and all that helped prepare the meal and serve it. Thank you to all who have served our country.



Tuesday 11/4/25 Star in the East Lodge during an official visit from RW Brampus gave out the Grand Lady Award to Jacqueline Teixeira & the Past Master Award to Wor. Fernandes.

Lodge of Instruction October 23rd, 2025



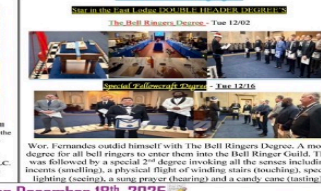
Wor. Steven Sparks gave a fantastic talk on the history of the US Navy, their involvement with the American Revolution. He made a wonderful keynote on how the principles of freemasonry are expressed and practiced in all branches of the service. Many important members of the US Navy were brothers of the craft. This was a great night!

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The NYE party at Noguechoke's premier event. Starting at 7pm and continuing well into the New Year. DJ Party provided music, Karaoke & music videos projected on the wall and a mood that couldn't be ignored. Door prizes included a portable cigar case with four cigars and a lighter/cigar combo, 4 bottles of wine and an electric bottle opener, two scratch glasses and a ball for malar, a electric car body massager, a huge gift consisting of candy & food and a Nintendo switch 2 with Mario World DLC. Will there be another party next year? Noguechoke lodge is close behind on the subject as of now.



Wor. Fernandes could himself with The Bull Hingers Degree. A mock degree for all bull hingers to enter them into the Bull Hinger Guild. This was followed by a special 2nd degree invoking all the senses including invents (smelling), a physical flight of winding water (touching), special lighting (seeing), a sing prayer (hearing) and a comic game (tasting).

Lodge of Instruction December 18th, 2025



An amazing night at the 19th District Lodge of Instruction. The 23rd's prepared fantastic dinner, Chicken, Pork, salad and terrific event.

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

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19 East District: Bro. Walter Alford (Star in the East Lodge)



Walter Winfield Alford III was born in Dover Delaware in 1979, then moved to Pittsburgh, PA in 1994 where lived for 30 years. He recently became a resident of New Bedford, MA along with his two sons, Selassie and Fela Alford as a result of his entrepreneurial endeavors.

Walter is an entrepreneur with a knack for identifying and creating opportunities to exploit weaknesses in markets. As the founder of Delmarvalous Entertainment, Felassie Carter Music Publishing, and What Iph Studio, Walter was able to translate that success into becoming the director of programming for 101TheBlaze.com which quickly became the number one rated internet radio station in Pittsburgh. From there, Walter transitioned into merchandising and product line development through strong manufacturing contacts he established by traveling to Asia to conduct market and product research. This enabled him to secure relationships with manufacturers of apparel, fragrances, cosmetics, hair products, and more.

With a keen eye for unique products, Walter found Precious Vodka then created a relationship with its maker which lead to becoming the national director of distribution and marketing for the brand. Upon establishing himself as an innovator by routinely traveling coast to coast in an effort to create market position in several key regions, Walter caught the attention of other distributors looking to have their alcohol brands enter into markets previously unknown to their brands. It was along this part of Walter's journey that he became familiar with the emerging Web3 platform, which has shown the ability to enables products, companies, and communities to establish and receive the true compensatory value of the experience with each of these consumer contact points.

Walter's interests are making music, traveling, and enjoying quality experiences with friends and family. Through his business pursuits, he has driven coast to several times. He feels those experiences helped to strengthen his appreciation for this beautiful country of ours and strengthen his relationship with God.

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

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19 West District: Wor. Patrick McNerney (King Philip Lodge)



Pat McNerney was born in Fall River and has been a lifelong resident of this city. He is the youngest of seven children. Pat became a Fall River Police Officer at the age of twenty. He received a Bachelorette Degree from Salve Regina University in Law Enforcement and Psychology, while concurrently working full time as a police officer.

Pat received the Medal of Valor from the Fall River Police Department for stopping an armed robbery, during which time one of the suspects attempted to take his service weapon. He was a thirty-five year veteran police officer before retiring.

Pat met his future bride, Peg, while taking a sign language class. They have been happily married for forty-two blessed years. Together, they raised two wonderful children: a son, Brendan, and a daughter, Melanie. Brendan fulfilled his childhood dream by becoming a Fall River Police Officer. Melanie pursued her passion and love for animals by becoming a veterinarian. Both are married and are raising families of their own in the Greater Fall River area.

Up until recently, Pat had been a Boy Scout leader for over twenty-five years. His most adventurous boy scout activity was a two-week trek (hike) with his teenage son and a crew of nine other scouts. Their trek culminated with a 9003-foot climb to the peak of the Tooth of Time, at the Philmont Scout Ranch, near Cimarron, New Mexico.

Pat enjoys camping, hiking, scuba diving, bike riding, reading, sudoku, and cryptograms, as well as manipulative puzzles. These days, Pat gains the most pleasure from spending time with Peg and playing with his five grandchildren, ranging in age from five years old down to five months old.

Pat and Brendan became Masons thirteen years ago and are members of King Philip Lodge. Pat joined Masonry because he wanted an opportunity to continue serving his community. He enjoys the camaraderie and friendship of Masonry. Pat was Master of King Philip Lodge for four years. In addition to being the Marshall for King Philip Lodge now, Pat is also the Marshall for the Right Worshipful Stephen A. Sparks District Deputy Grand Master for the 19th West Masonic District.

Pat is a member of the Southeastern Valley of the Scottish Rite and an active member of all three bodies of the York Rites.

Thank you Pat, 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 FEBRUARY 2ND, 2026 WOR. PAUL VENTO, BRO. AL REGO & BRO. IAN HARCOURT VISITED PIONEER LODGE. THIS WAS A FIRST DEGREE ON DALE LIMA. THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN R.: W.: MICHAEL R. DUROCHER & THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER R.: W.: JAMES FONTANE WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

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!

Bro. Al Rego, Wor. Paul Vento & Bro. Ian Harcourt traveled to Somerset MA to witness Dale Lima (Pioneer Lodge) & Joshua James Tradd (King David Lodge) join the craft. This was Wor. John Bell's first degree at master of Pioneer lodge, and in an effort for Noquochoke lodge to strengthen its bonds with Pioneer we made a showing for their degree. The officers did a great job with their ritual. The District Deputy Grand Master R.: W.: James Fontane was in attendance ahead of his fraternal visit to Pioneer lodge. The Senior Grand Warden R.: W.: Michael R. Durocher made an appearance as well.

Pioneer Lodge

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16th 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 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