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19th District

May Newsletter



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2025

District Headlines



19th District West Highlights!

Ladies Night
Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge
Thursday May 1st, 2025



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!

19th District East Highlights!

~The Art of Knowing~

AN EXTRONDINARY EVENING WITH BROTHER JON STETSON



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.

Lodge of Instruction April 24th, 2025



Worshipful Mark Z. Stought gave an interesting presentation on Civil War Masons. Including some interesting facts concerning freemasonry at the time: At 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 wartimes led to an elitist belief about masons among the profane. Most Worshipful Fellows was the Grand Master of Louisiana at this time.

If you're missing LOI, you are missing out!!! Make your reservation for next month meeting at 19thfmasonic.com today!

A message from DDGM 19th

Brethren,

The past months have been a testament to the unwavering commitment of our members. As brothers, we have had many educational programs and events. The bonds forged and formed during these activities have extended beyond the Lodge Room walls and into our daily lives. We have also had opportunities to serve our community and make meaningful connections with our cities and towns. Our charitable endeavors and outreach programs have left an indelible mark, showcasing the benevolence and compassion inherent in the hearts of our brethren.

As we move forward, let us carry this spirit of unity and Brotherhood into the future. May the amazing Band of Brothers that is the 19th district continue to grow and inspire generations to come.

Finally, as we approach Memorial Day, may we pay tribute to those who have Paid the Highest Price to be called Americans. Our great Fraternity is filled with Veterans and service members who have gone to the celestial lodge above. Let us keep them in our deepest thoughts.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless our great fraternity and may the light of Freemasonry continue to shine brightly within the hearts of our esteemed Brothers.

Fraternally Right Worshipful

Joshua David Bumpus

A message from DDGM 19th

My brothers,

with the Masonic year coming to an end? I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the brothers of the 19th West. You are what makes Masonry the organization it is. Your efforts to strengthen your lodges, your charitable works, and your brotherly bonds are inspirational. I am truly grateful to be able to share the experience of Masonry with you.

As June approaches Lodges will be having elections, finishing degree work and some will vote to go dark for the Summer.

This doesn't mean that there won't be activity throughout the district and Jurisdiction. From the events surrounding the 250th celebration and the Grand Masters Family Fun Day to local Lodge cookouts and fun family events. Masonry never goes dark. Take advantage of these events and spend time together in the summer sun. I will see you all in June and look forward to seeing you at summertime activities.

Fraternally Right Worshipful

Lawrence Steven Santos Jr.

Greetings from the DNL Team

It's that time of the month again and with it is the next DNL. You've spoke and we've heard you. Welcome to your bigger, clearer newsletter. Additional pages have been added so you more easily read it! We are also working on cropping pictures better to help cut down on distortion. What else would you like to see? Please write into us at Bro.Ian.Harcourt@gmail.com with comments, constructive criticism and ideas on how we can improve and make this a better read. As you know since inception our goal at the DNL team is to keep you informed. Please talk to your lodges Master & secretaries about sharing all lodge events and degrees with us. WE WANT TO MAKE YOUR EVENTS A SUCCESSFUL & WELL ATTENDED! Also, the DNL team is now hiring! If you would like to be part of the creative process of making this newsletter all it can, be please reach out the Bro. Harcourt. He can be reached at 978.551.5782. As always, our goal is to spread the word on freemasonry throughout the entire district. Thank you for your continued support. "Long live the 19th Masonic District!"

Bro. Ian Michael Harcourt

District Information Office
19th East & West Masonic Districts

Lodge of Instruction

Thursday June 26th, 2025



Lodge of Instruction
Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge Fall River MA
Speaker: Bro. William Adams
Subject: The Magic Lantern Talk
Reservations are Required. Dinner @ 6pm/LOI Starts 7pm
 Call Michael Cordeiro
 (508)-636-2234 email: medjs4u@gmail.com
 Public & Open to everyone

Online Dinner Reservations

[Please click here to secure your meal](#)



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CANDIDATES CORNER

Entered	Passed	Raised
<p>*Carlton Page -Quittacus</p> <p>*Francis Joseph Rogan III -Star in The East Lodge</p> <p>*Walter Winfield Alfred IV -Star in The East Lodge</p> <p>*Daniel Raymond Roy -Star in The East Lodge</p>	<p>*Wilkinson Julian -Noquochoke Lodge</p> <p>*Camren Jay Lewis -Noquochoke Lodge</p> <p>Richard James D'Arcy Hill -Pythagorean Lodge</p> <p>*Michael Richard Ferron -Pythagorean Lodge</p> <p>*Daniel John Curtin Jr. -Pythagorean Lodge</p> <p>*Victor Manuel Cantu Silva -Howland</p> <p>*Chris Anthony Costa -Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge</p> <p>*Jeremy Leandre -Quittacus</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 III – -Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge</p> <p>*Cameron Albert Fryer – -Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge</p> <p>*Joshua Michael Tomkiewics - Social Harmony Lodge</p> <p>*Harold Rigg -George H. Taber Lodge</p> <p>*Kenneth William Flugel -Star in The East Lodge</p> <p>*Heron Goncalves Da Silva -Star in The East Lodge</p> <p>*Christopher Michael Fitzgerald -Social Harmony Lodge</p> <p>*John Robert Gaskey -Social Harmony Lodge</p> <p>*Anthony Z. Casiano -Social Harmony Lodge</p>

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

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

Upcoming District Events

Help make your lodge event a success!

Email: bro.ian.harcourt@gmail.com with your info



Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge
Memorial Day Wreath
Laying Ceremony
Monday May 26th
10:00 am
Rural Cemetery
149 Dartmouth Street
New Bedford MA
(All are welcome to join in the ceremony)



The Golden Gavels 2025
Saturday May 31st
Dinner, Awards Ceremony,
Live Music & Dancing
31 Hampshire St
Mansfield MA, 02048



June Business Meeting
Tuesday June 3rd

Dinner @ 6pm Cookout
Business meeting @ 7pm
Jeopardy

Work of the evening election of officers
for 2025/2026 Masonic year
To RSVP contact Bro. Harcourt
978.551.5782 or email
Bro.Ian.Harcourt@gmail.com



Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge
Master Mason Degree
Tuesday June 10th
Dinner 6PM / Meeting-Degree 7PM
on Bro. Victor Silva (Howland), Bro.
Camron Lewis (Noquochoke) & Bro.
Wilkinson Julian (Noquochoke). To
RSVP for dinner please reach out to
Bro. Rob Miranda 508.789.4489



Grand Lodge Quarterly
Communication
Wednesday June 11th
Grand Lodge of Mason
Massachusetts
186 Tremont Street
Boston MA, 02111
Starts at 1:30pm Suite & Tie
required

JOIN US IN THIS HISTORIC EVENT

THE FIRST

GRAND MASTER'S CLASS

of Initiates into the

Order of the Eastern Star in Massachusetts

To be held at the Grand Lodge

186 Tremont Street

Boston MA

June 14, 2025
11:00am



MW George F. Hamilton
Grand Master

A catered buffet with sandwiches, sides, beverages, and dessert will be held in the Grand Master's Room immediately following the initiation.
\$40 or \$50 with a parking voucher
Reservations required

9:30am	Tours of Grand Lodge Free, must sign up
10:30am	Candidates Arrive
11:00am	Opening

Reception of Grand Master
Initiation
Lunch \$40
advanced reservations required

Reservations for lunch and tour:
Brother Eugene Nichols
12 Harrison Road
Easton MA 02331
Deadline: May 31, 2025
Check website for more details
Or Venmo: @ExplorersofHope
Register for the Day www.masoessnews.com
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Find a Chapter near you
at
www.masoessnews.com



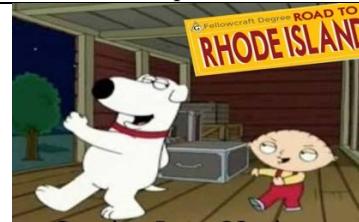
S.I.T.E: The Men's Health Group
Tuesday June 17th

7pm

Topic: Emotional Health
Speaker: TBA

The MHG is made to help men refocus on
their health so they can better take care of
their families and communities.

"These meeting have saved my life!" -Bro.
Harcourt



Date TBA more info to follow

Fellowcraft degree in RI

Washington Lodge #3 is the oldest Masonic
building in New England. Come see their
amazing Egyptian room. All Fellowcrafts &
Master Mason welcome to join. See Rhode
Island ritual at its best. Please contact Bro.

Harcourt 978.551.5782 or
Bro.Ian.Harcourt@gmail.com for more details.



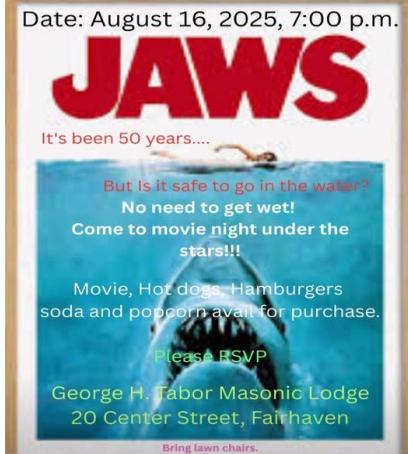
Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge
Master Mason Degree
Thursday June 5th

Fall River Masonic Building
Dinner 6pm / Meeting-degree 7pm
To RSVP for dinner please contact
Wor. Antonio Costa 508.509.4665

Upcoming District Events

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<p>Bunker Hill 250th Anniversary</p>  <p>Monday June 16th "Two Centuries of Glory" - Monument Cornerstone 200th Anniversary Commemoration 8:30 am to finish</p> <p>Tuesday June 17th 250th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Bunker Hill 1pm to 8pm</p>	<p>Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts presents</p>  <p>MASONIC FAMILY FUN DAY! American Heritage Museum - 568 Main St, Hudson, MA 01749 - Aug 10th, 2025 Sunday 10am - 4pm Save the Date!!! Circus tent graphic</p>	<p>Date: August 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m.</p>  <p>JAWS It's been 50 years.... But is it safe to go in the water? No need to get wet! Come to movie night under the stars!!! Movie, Hot dogs, Hamburgers soda and popcorn avail for purchase. Please RSVP George H. Tabor Masonic Lodge 20 Center Street, Fairhaven Bring lawn chairs.</p>
<p><i>~What a Knight ye shall have~</i></p>  <p>Saturday October 25th A viewing of the Cult Classic Monty Python & the Holy Grail. More info to follow...</p>	<p>Quittacus Lodge & The 19th Masonic District present: <i>The 7th Annual Thanksgiving Meal Outreach</i> Wednesday November 26th Meeting at the New Bedford Masonic Temple</p> 	<p>2025's Ringing of the Bells Saturday December 6th (Date subject to change) Volunteer your time ringing the bells to support the New Bedford & Fall River Salvation Army Last year the district donated \$5,300 <u>Past Battle of the Bells Champions:</u> TBA - 2025 Noquochoke Lodge - 2024 Quittacus Lodge - 2023</p>
 <p>Noquochoke Lodge presents The New Years Eve party</p> <p>Wednesday December 31st 6pm to 1am Door Prizes, live music, fantastic finger foods. This will be a night to remember...</p>	 <p>Coming March 2026...</p>	 <p>Star in the East's Next Big Event Coming 2026...</p>  <p>The Masonic AMAZING RACE More info to follow...</p>

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 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: 4th 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!



The Michael Oullette Memorial Pin

\$10 per pin

All monies collected go to the family



Star in The East 200th Anniversary Coin

\$20 per coin

Contact Wor Pimentel 508-245-4068 or bro.adam.pimentel@gmail.com



Mount Hope Lodge "Spinner coin" 200th Anniversary

\$25 per coin

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



NEW Star in the East coin

\$20 per coin

Contact Bro. Harcourt 978.551.5782
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LODGE FUNDRAISER???

*Promote your challenge coins, clothing, pins and any other merchandise for sale by your lodge **HERE!***

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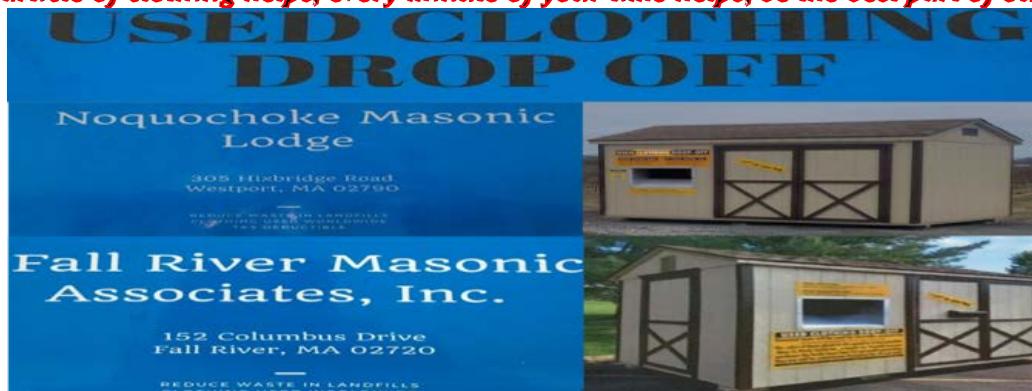


*1st Friday @ Social Harmony lodge in Wareham / *3rd Friday @ Pythagorean Lodge in Marian
No RSVP needed bring your favorite sticks and good conversation. Need more information? Contact Wor. McTague.

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!



Bro. Antonio Rodrigues donates clothing to Gifts to Give NB / Mount Hope Lodge volunteers their time to clean up around our roads and streets / Star in the East lodge volunteers their time working Mobile Ministries



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SCENSE FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT!



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Rebirth

Traveling a pathway from west to east, going against the grain. Against the common path of the star, we hold dear. Coming from the origin of darkness, being engulfed by it, living in it our whole lives knowing nothing different. Traveling towards the forever light, the radiant truth that lies in the east. We make this journey in life through our own free will and accord, of our own fruition. We enter in darkness, and we depart in light after a lifetime of work, study, and atonement. The path we walk is not traveled by many, we are the forever travelers. Hence why they call us traveling men. Men traveling to that eternal light of deity, The light of truth. This journey takes us through birth, adulthood, death, and rebirth. A cycle so represented and symbolized by the ouroboros. The forever dragon constantly eating at its own body, spinning and spinning for eternity.

During your birth you exited the sacred womb of your mother past two pillars. From darkness and shadows of the sacred womb into the light of the day! The pure emblematic innocence that you held in that moment could never be felt or projected again. An innocence as pure as the sacred lamb. Being entered and given partial light of the world.

In adulthood your light grows and grows each and every day with the constant study of those liberal arts and sciences. Doing our duty to deity and our country by becoming learned men, upright men, and pillars in our community. Raising families so that they too eventually stand as future pillars to come. With half-light we stand square and upright ready to adorn the day as one of deities' finest creations.

At the end of our adulthood, we stand as the MOST upright and just pillars. Pillars of wisdom to contrive, to lead and pushforward the next generation being the shining example of light! To most this is nearly the end. Soon a forever sleep will come over and bring them to peace. As travelers another phase has just yet begun. Our rebirth into the celestial lodge above. As we return to the ultimate form of light in the universe, THE LIGHT, THE ALL, THE DEITY.

Furthermore, more well before this time has come travelers pass through a symbolic death. One to remind us of our forever end, one that reminds us to find what was lost we need to return to our deity. Or was our deity what was forever lost? I wonder if we will ever know the answer to that.

By

Henry W. Davis

THE TRAVELING MAN

*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).



ON MONDAY MAY 5TH, BRO. HARcourt VISITED PIONEER LODGE IN SOMERSET MA. THE WORK OF THE EVENING WAS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE ON THREE CANDIDATES.

***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!!***

Wor. Riley Sanders made beautiful pulled pork, meat balls and chef salad for dinner. Newly entered brothers Matthew Raul Fernandes, Jonathan James Grocott & Billy Joseph Almeida were entered into the craft. Wor. Sanders performed the Junior Warden's lecture with poise and enthusiasm. Bro. Bell delivered the Senior Warden's lecture with perfection! All the officers did an outstanding job in their perspective roles. All visitors were welcomed in with open arms. After the degree, collations was held with a decadent chocolate cake and cigars.

Pioneer Masonic Lodge

145 Pleasant Street

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Meets on the first Monday on the month

16th Masonic District

19th Masonic District Organization

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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