



19th District Newsletter

August: Family Fun Day Edition

District Headlines

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From the East

Brethren,

As the autumn season approaches and we prepare for our return to Lodge, I hope that each of you had an opportunity to enjoy the summer months with your family and friends. September marks a time of transition and reflection. It is a great time of year for our lodges as we are welcoming our new line of officers and transitioning into a new masonic year. We have an opportunity to reflect on our past and impart our wisdom into the future. In Freemasonry we are builders, building ourselves to be better, building our lodges to be stronger, building our bonds and helping others. We are the mentors for tomorrow. It takes many hands to make light work. This is the nature of making good men better through self-growth and always seeking light.

DDGM Joshua David Bumpus

District Deputy Grand Master 19 East Masonic District

From the West

Brethren

Welcome back, as we embark on a new Masonic year together. I trust your summer was filled with joy, relaxation, and cherished moments with loved ones. As we gather once more in the spirit of unity and brotherhood, let us carry forward the rejuvenation of the past months into the tasks and triumphs that await us. The coming year promises to be a tapestry of opportunities for growth, learning, and shared experiences. With renewed energy and commitment, let us embrace the challenges ahead and continue to build upon the strong foundation of our Lodge. Here's to a year of meaningful endeavors and steadfast fellowship.

R.W. Lawrence S. Santos, Jr.

District Deputy Grand Master 19 West Masonic District

MASONIC FAMILY FUN DAY!

Lodge of Instruction

LOI will resume on...
Thursday September 26th, 2024



Lodge of Instruction

Online Dinner Reservations

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19thmasonic.com/loi

CANDIDATES CORNER

Entered	Passed	Raised
*Thomas Paul Barry – Taber *Anthony Casiano – Social Harmony	*Caleb Joseph Cook – Social Harmony *Connor Liam-James Dahill - Social Harmony *Joshua Michael Tomkiewics – Social Harmony *Thomas Cook – Mt. Hope *Robert Carl Gondalves - Abraham H. Howland	*Bruce Ulric Makie – Howland *William Thomas Morin – Taber *Owen Campbell Burr – Taber *Louis Ronald Dutton – Taber *Chance Logan Negalha – Taber *Hunter Franklin Berg – Taber *Elijah David Dickess – Social Harmony *Frank Anthony Evangelista – Social Harmony *Zacharias Douglas Massa – Social Harmony *Jason Michael Meachen – Social Harmony *Jesse Lee Carvahlo – SITE *Christopher John Scully – SITE *Deryk Thomas Meehan – Quittacus *Mark Cloutier – Quittacus *Craig James McGregor – Quittacus *Mark David Estes – Quittacus

<<<Congratulations to all the new Master Masons of the 2023-2024 Masonic year!!>>>



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MASONIC FAMILY FUN DAY!

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENT

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



SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 AT 9 AM – 2 PM
RW Marquis de Lafayette 200th Anniversary Parade
 Public - Event by Massachusetts Freemasonry

For more info contact RW Bryan Simmons

Eastern Star Lodge



4th Annual Steak & Clay Fundraiser

Please join us for a day of shooting, good company, and good food. A steak and clay event involves shooting 50 clay targets on a sporting clay course which is typically referred to as "golf" with a shotgun. Followed by a steak dinner.

No shotgun? No worries! We will supply shotguns as needed.

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Sunday, September 22nd

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Event starts at 11am

Dinner at 1:30pm

Tickets Cost \$150 Per Person *Sales End September 8th

Cost Includes Ammo, Targets, use of a shotgun if needed, and dinner

<http://www.esslodge.org/easternstar/>

Any questions, please contact Aaron DeBois at 508-726-1584

All Proceeds to Benefit Eastern Star Lodge Charities

Quittacus Lodge
Presents
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TACO FRIDAY

September 20, 2024
5:30pm-7:30pm
435 County ST. New Bedford

\$15 for Adults \$5 KIDS under 7
includes Tacos, Chips, Salsa, Guacamole

All Proceeds go to the funding of Thanksgiving
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Josh Rankin 774-251-8544

Masonic Con 2024



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Quittacus Lodge Presents

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10.19.2024
GRAND LODGE ONE DAY CLASS
SEIZE THE DAY
WORCESTER MASONIC BLDG.



George H Tabor
Masonic Lodge
presents
Cookie Decorating & Caroling in the Lodge
Visit with Santa
Saturday, December 7th
5-8 p.m.
All Welcome!!

Meet Your New Master

*Wor. Robert A. Hughes: Quittacus Lodge

1.) Introduce yourself for brothers that don't know you.

Bob: Worshipful Robert A. Hughes. I've been masonry since 2000. March 14th, 2000 I did my Master degree. It was done at Mayflower Lodge in Middleboro. I forget the year I transferred over to Quittacus, but that's where I am now.

Ian: Awesome Bob. Thank you for that.

2.) What's your goal for the Masonic year?

Bob: To keep the lodge HAPPY!

Ian: Hahaha that's a good answer!

Bob: I don't know if I have goals, just harmony. I want to keep the lodge going forward. Cause as the Master I must look at myself as the caretaker if you like. It's the officer lodge, it's the members lodge. It's not up to me to change course or correct anything, in a sense. It's up to them to put ideas in and bring everything along. So it's...A lot of evolvement. We have some good brothers in the lodge. Keep it going in the right direct.

Ian: You're going to have a great line going forward. You'll be able to build that five-year line, if you keep bring people in. That's awesome.

3.) How long have you been a Freemason?

Ian: So, you've already answered this. You were raised March 14th, 2000.

Bob: Yes.

4.) Is there something you want to change or bring back to masonry?

Bob: Like I said, I don't really want to change anything. The biggest thing to try to bring back is Past members. Maybe, and I don't know how I'm going to do it but have a more public appearance. To teach people more about us. Something like that. If there is a way to get more involve with the community than we already are. We are so involved already. It started with Larry, then Scott and Bobby. We have all done things for the community. Just to carry on with this a keep us out there.

Ian: YES! I agree with that. I think If you look at the world nowadays, you really need masonry because it brings that professional, gentleman back to life. You know what I mean? Everyone is out there; it feels like everyone is out there to hurt people.

Bob: Absolutely

Ian: and take advantage of people.

Bob: That's very true. It would be good to get back to basics. Get back to harmony.

5.) What role will family or significant others play in your year in the east?

Bob: So, I think it's important to involve family members cause the last thing you want is your wife, girlfriend or significant other saying "You're going to that damn lodge again." You know? It happens, you know it happens. So, we really should have some family events. All the events this year will be open to family. It's important they don't look at it as a black hole where their Husband/daddy disappears for this or that meeting and everything else. I'll get in trouble for this but it's home, work then masonry.

Ian: Your absolutely right. That's a good point. masonry is all about giving back. If you can't keep your home life & money straight, how can you give back? Charity starts at home.

6.) Do you have any special events planned for this year?

Bob: A Taco night, A Mac & Cheese Horror Movie night (Kid friendly). The Christmas Party and the Turkey Drive.

Ian: I love the Turkey event! The Turkey Drive & The Ringing of the Bells were the first two events I did as a Fellowcraft with Star in The East, and I love them! There's nothing better than handing these meals to the needy.

Bob: It's an eye opener to see how much these people really need this. I don't think they realize how much is in that box. It's enough for a whole week.

7.) What are some of your hobbies outside of the Masonic realm?

Bob: I do photography.

Ian: Do you really? I didn't know that.

Bob: Freelance photography for the Standard Times for the last 18 years.

Ian: Wow, I had no idea.

Bob: I do event photography as well. At the beginning I used to do 110 events a year.

Ian: Wow. So, like Wedding season, graduation everything?

Bob: No, like fundraisers. Everything from the Visiting Nurses Associations had a dinner at Xavier School in Acushnet for \$5 a plate, to the New Bedford Whaling Museum having a \$250 black tie event. And everything in between. There's that many organizations trying to raise funds in this area. My favorite is Grandparents Raising Grandkids. Which is where the parents disappeared and the grandparents' step in to raise the kids.

8.) Do you have any candidates for degrees this upcoming year?

Bob: I don't think we have any candidates right now, but we have two prospects.

9.) What are your thoughts on the Masonic Family Fun Day and the upcoming Masonic Con?

Bob: So, I've never been to Family Fun Day.

Ian: You've never went huh?

Bob: No, I should have. Again, It's family. Getting the family involved. You'll have to explain to me what Masonic Con is.

Ian: Let me start by saying, I've never been. What I gather is that Masonic Con is a weekend long event where masonic vendors and speakers get together and have a Comic Con like experience. Basically, everything masonry all in one spot on one weekend. Eb1870.org has all the information about this event. It's going to be cool. I'm going to be selling all the 19th District challenge coins there.

Bob: I'll put it in my calendar.

10.) Why should brothers come to your lodge meetings, events and get to know you better?

Bob: Because we're the best! haha

Ian: haha

Bob: Again, it's going out to other lodges and see what's going on. People think it's "Ohh I have to join a lodge to go visit." You only have to join to become an officer. It's important that we get out there and see each other. Otherwise, when would we do it?

Ian: Exactly.

Bob: Make a dinner appointment. Masons are notorious for not making dinner appointments. Why should they come to our lodge? Cause we can do with the support. There is nothing worse than you're sitting in the east. You're about to open and there's four guys in the sideline or your trying to fill a spot. Someone's out sick, stuck at work or whatever. It happens. That's the biggest part. Just sit on the sideline. Just be part of your lodge. Support your lodge. Don't be nuts and become an officer like us.

Ian: If you don't want to come to meetings, don't! just come to an event and support your lodge in some way. Call each other. How can you just not do anything? There're a million things on Facebook. You don't want to do anything?

Bob: I think some new members get the wrong idea of masonry. I think when you join.

Masons should wait two years before you join an appendant body. It hurts blue lodge. I know everyone is hurting for members, but please wait to join an appendant body it hurts blue lodges so much.

Thank you Wor. Robert A. Hughes. For this wonderful interview. See Wor. Hughes and all of the great members of Quittacus lodge on the second Thursday of each month! New Bedford Masonic Temple. 6pm for dinner / 7pm Lodge Opening.

Meet Your New Master

Bro. Brian Fernandes: Star in The East Lodge

1.) Introduce yourself for brothers that don't know you.

Brian: My name is Brian Matthew Fernandes. I am the Worshipful Master of Star in The East Lodge. I'm also a member of Abraham H. Howland Jr. Lodge.

2.) What's your goal for the Masonic year?

Brian: Wow that's a tough question. Goals? I want every single member of Star in The East lodge to be engaged with the lodge in some way. That my goal.

Ian: That's huge!

Brian: Again, I think we have measured engagement in lodge by attendance at business meetings. That's not my metric. I would like to see people come to events we do outside of our business meeting. I consider being engaged with the lodge, as an elderly brother who has a cable tow brother he talks to every month and has a relationship with as engagement with the lodge. I feel every single member can be engaged in some way. I also want to see all of our members needs be meet.

Ian: that's huge. When you say every member, needs being met. What do you mean?

Brian: Brothers needs have not always been meet. Whatever they came to masonry seeking, ensuring that there is a vehicle for them to fill those needs they are looking for. If they came to be charitable, we are going to make sure there are way for them to be charitable. If they came to be social, we want to make sure there are opportunities for them to be social. If they are coming for a self-improvement Mechanism, we want to make sure that opportunity is there. It is in the hands of the individual mason, but we want to make sure the opportunities are there.

Ian: Yeah, you don't want them to make their opportunities. You want to make sure they are there.

Brian: Correct, or if they have an idea, we are going to encourage them to run with it and facilitate it any way I can.

Ian: That's a good answer. I like that. That's great.

3.) How long have you been a Freemason?

Brian: So I'm in my 9th year of my masonic journey. The first time I remember wanting to be a mason I was 21 years old. I was in the Marine Corps. This is one of the things I wanted to do when I got out was continue the brotherhood I had in the military. To be honest with you, I felt it was a secret society unattainable for people like me. I live a few blocks from here. Everyone has heard this story before. I've driven by this building 1000 times looking at it is saying, "How do I get in there". Then I started raising a family. Then the Benjamin Franklin commercials came out. I started to get interested again. I never knew a mason and didn't know how to proceed. Then I turned 50 and I said to myself there's a lot of things I wanted to do and never did, Im going to start doing it. Not a bucket list per say. I was telling this story at my church during coffee hour to someone and they said you know Bob Lytle is a mason. I talked to him and he said "We will get you in". He was a member of Abraham H. Howland jr. Lodge. Bob had a discussion with Ray Lance. He is also a member of my church and a fellow Marine. Ray said "you gotta let me bring him to Star in The East." So, Ray was my sponsor. In 2015 I made my first and second degree in Fall River in June and July. I was given the option to finish my degrees in August with the people I started with or do it in my own lodge in October. My 50th birthday was in October. So I was raised in New Bedford October 6th, 2015.

Ian: Wow. I hope I make it up there. To the East.

Brian: Because I came to masonry so late in life I thought Id be 60 before I became Master. I thought if this what I wanted to do. Thankfully, it took this amount of time and I didn't skip steps so you are as prepared as you should be when you get to the other end.

4.) Is there something you want to change or bring back to masonry?

Brian: No there's nothing I want to change. You're not really supposed to change anything. I do have some ideas within the guidelines to make things more interesting. To put my own stamp on things. Just like I did when I was Senior Deacon, I put my own flare on things and how I acted it out. Of course you can't change the ritual, but there's nothing wrong with putting some flare on it with floor work or positioning and stuff like that. I did the same thing when I was Junior Warden giving the lecture and walking around the room. I actually learned that from Manny Fernandes of Abraham H. Howland Jr Lodge. I feel like it makes a better connection to the candidate. I did the same thing as Senior Warden. As Master I would like to do the same kind of things. I would like to do that with the degrees too. I have an idea for an outdoor degree. Again, not any changes, just some little twists that will make it more interesting.

Ian: Put your stamp on it make it yours.

Brian: Yeah. This is for people who have seen these degrees a hundred times. Keep it interesting. One thing I will bring to the lodge is a spiritual feeling to the lodge. One thing I would like to bring to the lodge is to help each other become healthier spiritual, mentally and physically.

Ian: it's almost like you take care of yourself last. Take care of the family and everyone else, then yourself.

Brain: Right, Part of what we want to do is take care of men's health and make that a program we run through the lodge.

Ian: That's exciting. I'm looking forward to that

5.) What role will family or significant others play in your year in the east?

Brain: I hope a lot. Other people have tried. Better people than me. I'm putting together a group; my wife will lead it. She is going to be our family relations coordinator. I would like to get some other brothers in the lodge whose partners are involved. I just want to make sure this women's guild or whatever you wanna call it, it is reaching out to all of the families. Just like we want to have all the brothers engaged. I think we must do pastoral calls to all of the family members to make sure they are not neglected because of masonry. To make sure they do not have grievances against masonry. Hopefully in the end to bring them in to be a participant in masonry. I've invited all of the families to our installation and not many of them are coming. If you neglect your wife or your family because of masonry, I don't blame them for not liking it. Masonry has kept me away from my wife and my family quite a bit. I don't blame masonry or my wife if she is upset with me. It's my fault for not keeping my passion within due bounds. I'm making sure my family is cared for and that masonry is just a part of it. It's hard to get family involved if they are the victims of masonry. If every time masonry is brought up its just time away from the family. I want to make sure it doesn't break up families. My wife and I are going to try to make sure we don't hurt their families. I want to be hyper aware of people's time. Making sure events and meetings are streamlined. Just being conscience of their time. Even you single guys need time outside of masonry to meet people and have a social life.

Ian: I think its good your wife is going to be involved and help bringing everyone's significant others into this as much as you can. It's good to show your partners that it's not just a group of guys smoking cigars and drinking. I hope that this helps things. I know Maria was involved. How would this look.

Brian: I want to have family events among fellow masons. I want to reach out to wife's and see how everyone is doing. Wife's committee could address widows. There's a lot of things that could come of this.

6.) Do you have any special events planned for this year?

Brian: So, I'm still working on special events. Maybe have a short meeting and have families here. My wife would have an event in the conference room like a wine and cheese thing or whatever women are into. This would be a women's program while we do the business we have to do. Then we do something together afterward. I have some ideas. I've seen what doesn't work and I want to try something else that may or may

not work. A lot of stuff that goes on in lodge meeting doesn't have to be done in a tiled lodge. Then we can have lectures, fun, etc.

Ian: Exactly. We can do other things outside a tiled lodge room.

Brian: If you look back to the minutes from the 1800's these guys met weekly, and their meetings were like five minutes long. They did the things they needed to do to keep the lodge going. The rest was a social event that the wife's and kids were part of it.

Ian: So, you think these meetings are too long?

Brian: I think Adam did a good job with his meetings. Everyone has his own style. Let's see what happens if we do something differently. Let's see what happens.

7.) What are some of your hobbies outside of the Masonic realm?

Brian: Work, I work.

Ian: haha that's not a hobby.

Brian: I like to read. Although I just collect books. Someday I'll have time to read. I like everything the whole gambit. Two things I really like to read. I like horror. I'm a big Stephen King Fan. I also like stories of inspiration. Stories of overcoming adversity. People trying to find themselves or overcoming unbelievable odds. People coming out on the other side of challenges. I still have the first comic book I ever bought at eight years old. I was a big collector of comic books. I was very into that. My dad worked all the time, and my mom was raising four kids. Three of them were five, seven and eight years older than me. the whole Marvel Universe was my family and my escape. This is where my fantasies went.

Ian: You also had your own store, didn't you?

Brian: I did for three years. That was my lifelong dream.

Ian: that's awesome.

Brian: Fil used to come to my store as a little kid. I wanted to create a different environment for a comic bookstore. I was used to going to a newsstand and the guy behind the counter didn't know the first thing about the books. When I opened my store, it was very interactive. We had writers there. People dressed up as comic book heroes. We would discuss what happened in the books and what should have happened. We had birthday parties there with huge samurai swords. When Marvel turned 50, we had a huge birthday party at the store. We just did a ton of stuff. There was also stuff we would do to engage people. I would have kids bring in their report cards and for every "A" they would get a free comic book. Cause my mom used to do this for me. My mother encouraged that. I learned a lot of big words from comic books. Stan Lee didn't talk down to kids. He would cover social issues. Peter Parker having a pimple. This is real life problems for kids. I saw people being heroic and it helped me form my morals in life. I wanted to encourage kids to read. We did a lot of stuff. How ever you can get positive message to kids.

Ian: Why did you close.

Brian: I got divorced and got custody of my two kids. I worked construction and would work the comic bookstore at night. I needed to take care of my children. So, I had to give up the store. When I opened the store the city had two stores. When closed three years later there were twenty stores.

8.) Do you have any candidates for degrees this upcoming year?

Brian: We could have seven.

Ian: That's strong. That's good.

Brain: We definitely have a class of two going through.

9.) What are your thoughts on the Masonic Family Fun Day and the upcoming Masonic Con?

Brain: The Masonic Family Fun Day I thought it was awesome. Then venue that they had it. I thought the weather was perfect. Like anything there's some things that could be worked out and get the kinks out. I'm sure they have committees working on that. I mean they had no idea how it was gonna turn out. Now they have a model and a template. I don't think anyone went and was dissatisfied. I don't know if I'd like it if they did it every year. I think it would be more special if every Grand Master did it once. So, it was every three years. I'm really excited about Masonic Con. Although I've found out recently, I have a conflict. I'm going to bring it up at my installation. I'm doing a walk at Roger Williams Park for Suicide prevention. Under the name Team Nick. If there is time I would like to go. I've been to Masonic con before. I would recommend it to anyone. It's awesome.

10.) Why should brothers come to your lodge meetings, events and get to know you better?

Brian: Brothers should come to my lodge meeting because they should be an active part in the growth of their lodge. They should take an interest in how the lodge does and have input into the lodge. I don't understand people who join things and are not a part of it. If you join be part of it. I don't think everyone should be a officer or a Master. Not to pat myself on the back, but all of my events have been a success. A lot of them have been mimicked by the district. The real reason you should come to events is how good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together. You must be an active participant in life and in your lodge. What are you doing? It's not all entertainment. Some events are more successful than others.

Ian: I think most events are grown because I hear Brian Fernandes is going and I say to myself I want to hang out with Brian so I'm going to go.

Brian: I think you should get to know all your brothers better not just me. I'm certainly willing to get to know any brother and share myself with any brother. The more people you expose yourself to, the better person you can become. I'll bring my son into this question. My son would enter a room and find the most different person in the room and go up to them and ask questions. He would want to know why they dressed like that and why they would express themselves like that.

Ian: This would be the most interesting person in the room.

Brian: Right. I was very introverted and I join masonry to be more like my son. To open up and be able to talk to people. The amazing thing about masonry is you have people of different backgrounds, religious and social economic backgrounds. For these moments we are all equal.

Ian: Great interview!

Thank you, Bro. Brian Matthew Fernandes, For this amazing interview! See Wor. Fernandes and all of the great members of Star In The East lodge on the first Tuesday of each month! New Bedford Masonic Temple. Lodge opening 6pm/ break for dinner at 6:15pm / Lodge resumed at 7:30pm.

Meet Your New Master

Bro. Darrell McTague: Pythagorean Lodge

1.) Introduce yourself for brothers that don't know you.

Darrell: Okay. Well, um, Daryl McTague 35 years old, so not the old, but not a baby. I was raised at marine lodge in Falmouth, I was 11 and a 1/2 years ago in June of 2013. Math is hard and uh, yeah, there was, I guess this kind of bleeds into it. I didn't step foot in a lodge for almost three years.

Ian: how come?

Darrell: My work changed when I was a member at marine lodge Falmouth, so I was managing Anytime Fitness in Mashpee. Which was hard and traffic was tough especially in the summer months. You know, the Cape is the Cape. There was a good 20-to-25-minute drive to get from the Gym to the Lodge.

My hours were long. I had to have the door open by 9am and I couldn't lock the door until 7pm. I would miss the meal and half of the meeting by the time I got there. Megan & I found a new place to live in Attleboro. At the time she was working in Providence and I opened the Anytime Fitness in Pembroke. So this was a good spot for us. Within a week Brian Simmons reached out to me and asked me to come to lodge.

2.) What's your goal for the Masonic year?

Darrell: Purpose, like why masonry with all the things that you could be spending your time on are you picking the go to lodge to spend your time there? To go to an event just to attending, never mind helping out doing work being an officer; and this is something that I deal within my work right? Time, what you're choosing to I don't have time. I apparently have so much time that it's all I do with my life. It's you know funny working at a 24-hour gym kind of gave a little perspective on that, because it's a 24 hour gym, you have key to the club. You can swipe in literally anytime. It's in the name, so I don't understand how you can sit there and say, I don't have time like, yes, you do you just aren't prioritizing it.

3.) How long have you been a Freemason?

Darrell: I've been in the fraternity since June of 2013.

Ian: Let me set the mood for everyone. This will be in the thing in the interview! We got cigars out here. we're on your front porch and there's a bit of drizzle or rain falling. We're drinking Bourbon Bullet and Jim Beam and enjoying the afternoon.

Darrell: Yes, I feel you've painted a picture.

4.) Is there something you want to change or bring back to masonry?

Darrell: I want to see people really excited. Teaching people, not that they aren't being taught, but I want to see more people excited to come to lodge. I want to see more visitors excited to come and visit for our meeting. I want there to be something interesting and engaging in that makes them feel like this is worth their time. I want people to feel it's important. Not just because they like doing it, but because In some way shape and form what matters. Does that make sense?

Ian: Absolutely.

Darrell: I don't want to see the lodge accomplish things, I want to see everybody growing for having been there and done it. I want to see more engagement in the town outside of our four walls of the lodge. We happen to be visiting. You know, we did the Marian Independence Day parade. It was almost 2 months ago now. I think it was great we got up there. We did the marching with Social Harmony lodge from Wareham. All the pillar officers were in attendance. Plus Wor. Adam Pimental popped in. So we had the master of three lodges in attendance with us that day!

5.) What role will family or significant others play in your year in the east?

Darrell: I would like to say a big one. My wife Megan will be helping and trying to get the ladies of the lodge engaged. She is very familiar with the sorority life from college and she understands masonry and supports me in it. I would like to continue to support our widows and families of brothers.

6.) Do you have any special events planned for this year?

Darrell: Keep your calendar clear for our March meeting.

Ian: Okay...Tell me more.

Darrell: I don't know that I'm allowed to say anything yet, but I'm pretty sure Mike's got us situated for something really cool. So, that's going to be one hell of a meeting.

Ian: When's your meeting night again?

Darrell: The second Tuesday. Don't miss this October meeting!! I'm hoping that we can do some special stuff for a third degree as well. We have a cool idea playing with our maritime infinity concept. I really want to see that thing happen. The lodge has been talking about it for a few years now. Most Worshipful Hamilton was to a big proponent. He loves the idea! He was at the lodge talking about it with us, when he was senior Graham warden. I really want to see it happen. We implement some of that stuff this year.

7.) What are some of your hobbies outside of the Masonic realm?

Darrell: Well we've talked about the fitness and I love to run. I've, uh, I've got some of those stickers on the back of my car that are weather-beaten at this point, but I've done like double-digit number of marathons. I've done ultramarathons, which is anything longer than a marathon. Which is 26.2 miles long. So there's standard distances like 5K10K half marathon, full 5 mile a time. There're standard distances for ultra-marathons, too. They're just longer like 50K. One race ill talk about is the Anchor Down Ultra in Bristol. Usually, these races start in the morning. This particular ultra-marathon started at 7 PM Friday night.

Ian: Overnight. I couldn't do that.

Darrell: Yes, overnight. So you're getting through the night, the sun comes up in the morning and it's like breathes life back into everybody. It was great. The problem is that particular year it down poured overnight, Like it was a monsoon to start the race, so everybody is soggy clothes are soaked shoes are soaked. You're running through the woods for part of it. Then your on the bike path and then walking trail for part of it. All through the Colt state park. My God, it was rough. I didn't realize how difficult it was going to be wet. Through like that, but the blister issues and chaffing just became a big issue. Too much too much and then by noon, the Sun is blazing, so like overnight, it's cold, especially when you're wet and then the midday Sun hits you when you're 15 to 18 hours. I was literally putting ice in my hat to try to like cool down. We do that for fun.

8.) Do you have any candidates for degrees this upcoming year?

Darrell: We have 2 applications that I am working on finishing off their investigation process so that we can ballot on them. We would have balloted in July, but one of them were away for a lot of the months and the other one. didn't have their application complete.

Ian: That's exciting. Did you guy normally go dark for the summer?

Darrell: We don't have to. We have our bylaws, say we've got the option and to go dark July and August, which I think is probably how most lodgers is written some ligers, specifically say they are dark, but no, we have air conditioning. Yeah, we don't have to go dark.

Ian: You did your dark last year, correct?

Darrell: No, last year we did go dark for August. We thought we were going to be dark both months, but we had some business to take care of for July. I didn't want to be dark for both months personally, because you know, having a two-month gap can hurt attendance. I wanted to hit the ground running at the beginning of September. I felt like it was going to make lives a little more difficult bringing people back to lodge after two months instead of one.

9.) What are your thoughts on the Masonic Family Fun Day and the upcoming Masonic Con?

Darrell: I saw those questions under sheet and I'm like, of course, he's got to plug them. I'm glad that you asked because they should get plugged and I'm happy to tell you, I thought Masonic family fun day was awesome. I don't need to brown nose, I just thought it was great! It definitely had some of that "first time event stuff" that goes on with anything you try the first time. I'm sure people got ideas for how they would have done things better, how they'd set up and organize their own tent better. You know, ideas for what they could do next time for their little station. I'm sure the organizational team learned a lot from it. I thought the grounds were perfect even though. I think everyone thought "if we do another one, what could we do differently. Because I loved the heritage museum. Well, now we've kind of seen it.

Ian: Yeah, I loved it too. That was the first time I've seen it. It was great.

Darrell: Yeah, I know what you mean, and that's the trouble that yet, you can get when you've got such a destination like that, it's like, hmm, once you've done it, you can see how people might not care a second time because they been there done that. I think the museum itself, the grounds were just part of the equation. I 'm sure there were a ton of people like me who didn't do the museum thing, they didn't leave their tent because they were too busy running them. Maybe they were having a good time engaging with people there or checking out the other tasks, so they never even had the opportunity to go to the museum, whether they wanted to or not. I think it's kind of perfect that you put Masonic Con and family fun day into the same question. It's like that one little edge I have that this is recorded. So, I think that above, maybe a different

venue next time, because we've done it, the Masonic Con kind of speaks perfectly to that. Five plus years in a row up all the way up to COVID in the same place, before Brian passed it over to New Hampshire.

10.) Why should brothers come to your lodge meetings, events and get to know you better?

Darrell: Maybe even entertain the thought of affiliating with us. The experience, you know, the helping to build up some people are at lodges that do almost too much. There's like always stuff to be worked on. We have been building up the calendar for this year. I'm getting so excited for it. Building up a line and getting rolling on degree work, making use of our space. Embracing the maritime affinity concept that's going to be a big one. At least, I'm really hoping it is. I think that can bring something really unique that it doesn't exist anywhere else in the jurisdiction. You've got some lodges that have a concept and it's very different to go and visit them. It's somewhere between a novelty and like a masonic experience and different event. A perfect example of that is the scouter's lodge and they're all in their scout uniforms and they meet outside. If things work different there, it's a whole different vibe. You know, you've got? But there's not a ton of them, just like you've got certain degrees, that like have a name, like the hill degree and the quarry degree. It's wild when somebody does something different with a degree and it makes you want to see it and experience it. Those sorts of things are some of the things that I'd love to encourage people to visit us for. This year we will work on developing them and see how they work. My first time there, I was a visitor I was, you know, helping with an installation, just like your first time at a lot of lodges and I saw something there maybe want to come back with. I've been there. I'm down in it. There's it's one of those things that it's tough to verbalize, you know what I mean. I was like the vibe. Whatever there is something special, it makes you feel like showing up.

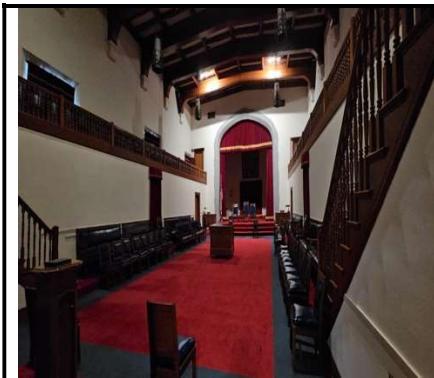
Ian: Thank you, brother, for the hospitality of opening up your home to me and to share some adult beverages with. It's been a real honor to interview you.

Darrell: Nothing beats a good conversation with a couple of brothers enjoying a smoke on the front porch of my house.

Thank you, Bro. Darrell McTague for this wonderful evening of fellowship. I hope you enjoyed this interview! See Wor. McTague and all of the great members of Pythagorean lodge on the second Tuesday of each month! 13 Spring Street Marion MA at the Masonic Temple. Dinner at 6:00pm / Lodge opens at 7:00pm.

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Q. Jesse, please tell me about your recent visit to this National Memorial.

A. I walk in and asked about a tour. The women at the front desk told you that unfortunately the tour is in an hour and a half. She then offered to give you a private tour.

Q. Was there anything unique about the George Washington Masonic Memorial?

A. Yes, there is a theater that was used in the movie National Treasure.

Q. I am hearing that you meet some brothers practicing for a upcoming degree.

A. I had my brother's bachelor party. Everyone was telling me to check out the Masonic Memorial. Well, I was down there I started checking out the building and I saw a peep hole in the door. So, I looked in and I saw five guys in the lodge practicing. At the time I thought maybe there were visitors like me. I soon discovered they were brothers like me. I opened the door and accidentally startled the brothers. We exchange dues cards to make sure we were on the level. There were practicing for an EA degree later that month. I sat there for a half an hour or so and watched to see how things were different than in Massachusetts. One thing I noticed was when they addressed the master, they do they do guard every time.

Q. Would you recommend visiting this historic masonic site?

A. 100%, there's a lot of historic items from Massachusetts on display there. It's a must see!





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Great Beyond

No man can ever be truly perfect, perfection is held and exhibited only by thy creator. I realized today that no man or mason will ever be perfect. I was asked by a mason's wife if I would be willing to visit her husband in his nursing home. This brother suffering from dementia has been completely distraught that his home lodge (mind you a lodge 15 minutes from his nursing home) would not visit, contact, or provide any aid or assistance to himself or his wife. I was immediately completely enraged when I heard of this from the brother and his wife. I wanted to crash into the lodge and ask every single brother there why were you even made a mason? What makes you a mason? True brothers know the answer to this question. Masons are meant to be pillars of strength, beauty, and wisdom. We are meant to stand tall and spread that luminous and glorious light just as the famed lighthouse of Alexandria once did. We are meant to care for our brothers in the craft till the day they walk into the great beyond, after that caring for their widows and orphans. The longer I'm in the craft the more I ask why are you a brother?

These actions and behaviors truly need to change. We are driving a dagger into our own hearts; we are violating those sacred and solemn obligations. Why must you betray me my brother? Why must you betray all of us? We all need to take the craft and our obligations more seriously. Especially because there will be tougher and tougher times upon us. We see it every single day, lodges shutting their doors, brothers demitting and leaving the craft. It makes me think that the craft has done something wrong, and this will be our long-awaited Egyptian exile. But there will be a day, when there is a brother to lift up his craft and bring them from the hands of pharaoh and back into its full glory. That day will not come until we try to heal ourselves from within. All we have to do is love thy brother, and love thy creator with all our heart, mind, and soul. Take care of that brother who is slowly beginning to dip his toes into the great beyond, for one day we will be there. Sad and distraught that our brothers were not there to comfort us in the dark.

-Henry W. Davis



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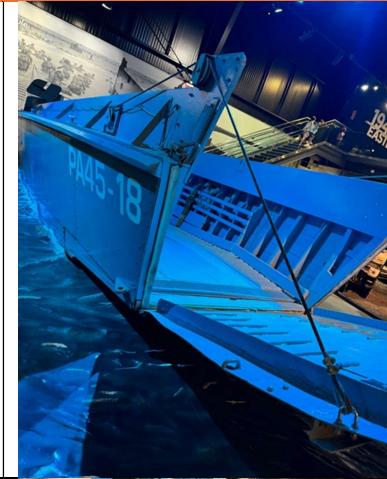
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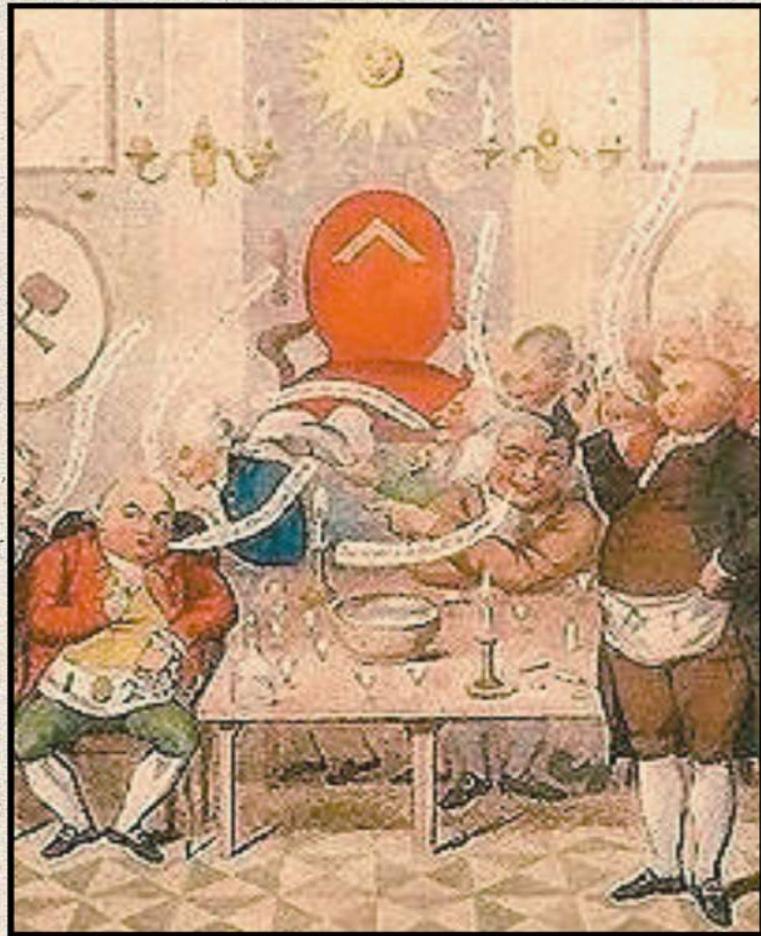
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