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19th District

JANUARY District Newsletter



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District Headlines

19th District West Highlights!

Noquochoke's 3rd Annual New Years Eve Party



The NYE party is Noquochoke's premier event. Starting at 6pm and continuing well into the New Year. DJ Pauly 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/cutter combo, 4 bottles of wine and an electric bottle opener, two scotch glasses and a ball ice maker, a double set body massager, a huge gift set consisting of candy & food and a Nintendo switch 2 with Mario World DLC. Will there be another party next year? Noquochoke lodge is close lipped on the subject as of now...

19th District East Highlights!

Star in the East Lodge DOUBLE HEADER DEGREE'S

The Bell Ringers Degree - Tue 12/02



Special Fellowcraft Degree - Tue 12/16



Wor. Fernandes outdid himself with The Bell Ringers Degree. A mock degree for all bell ringers to enter them into the Bell Ringer Guild. This was followed by a special 2nd degree invoking all the senses including incents (smelling), a physical flight of winding stairs (touching), special lighting (seeing), a sung prayer (hearing) and a candy cane (tasting).

Lodge of Instruction December 18th, 2025



An amazing night at the 19th District Lodge of Instruction. The DDGM's prepared fantastic dinner, Chicken Parm, salad and garlic bread. This was followed by an ice cream bar with all the fixings. R. W. Bumpus had the honor to present the Grand Lady Award to Carol Pilkington and the 65-year pin to Wor. Richard Pilkington. R. W. Santos & R. W. Bumpus were presented a framed collage of their last Official by Masters of their mother lodges. Santa & Mrs. Clause judged a Gingerbread decorating contest for the kids. A truly memorable night.

A message from DDGM 19th East

To the Members of the 19th East District,

It is hard to believe that the oldest son of a Pastor and a Nurse from a small grain town in South Dakota would have the opportunity to represent our Grand Master. It is amazing how my parents, after they were first married, moved from their families in New England to a community in which they did not know a soul. The stories of them being welcomed and them fostering relationships continue to inspire me. I do not accept this appointment as District Deputy lightly. The values and sense of community are something I learned at a young age and have come to value deeply.

Our Craft fervently kindle friendships that have been made and those still to be made.

When we first began our journey by making a demand in our respective lodges, we were greeted by a stranger who we would soon come to find was our conductor in whom we could trust. This example of mentorship has been a hallmark in our Masonic journey, but I also see the powerful example it can provide in all our transactions. I certainly have valued the many mentors in my life that have and continue to shape me.

The lodges in our district are full of activities for the coming year and foster this sense of community such as a Table Lodge, Indoor Golf, Friday night socials, post-holiday gatherings, Men's health groups, and an invigorating dip into the Atlantic to name a few. I will do my best to attend as many activities and events as I can—certainly look forward to greeting each of you. My first activity was the Polar Plunge that took place on January 1st at Fort Phoenix and then I attend a hearty breakfast back at George H. Taber Lodge.

As you may be aware, District Deputies need to first have a fraternal visit to their mother lodge before visiting other lodges in their District. As such, my first visit will be to Star in the East Lodge on February 3, 2026. There will be a dinner prior to the fraternal and I look for it to be a semi-public event. It is amazing when I think of my past and present family, friends and mentors in my life. I want to thank all my family, friends and mentors that have shaped me with the values and sense of community that contributed to make me the man I am today. We are all so much better when we surround ourselves with those who inspire and care for us. The District Resource Team stands ready to be supportive and helpful. I hope each of you reading this message will reflect on those who have cared for you and have inspired you in your life. Let each of us be examples of inspiration to others.

Additional Fraternal Visits:

- Monday February 9th - George H. Taber Lodge Fairhaven
- Thursday February 12th - Quittacus Lodge New Bedford
- Friday March 13th - Social Harmony Lodge Wareham
- TBD - Pythagorean Lodge Marion

I look forward to our time together in bringing light to our District and beyond.

Fraternally Right Worshipful

Peter Webster Ham

A message from DDGM 19th West

Brethren,

Through this column, I hope to offer my thoughts on what Freemasonry means to me and how we, as Masons, are called to live its values in today's society.

With that spirit in mind, I would like to take a moment to address my Brothers of **A.H.H. Lodge**. I am fully aware that your meeting night coincides with my First Fraternal Visit with Mount Hope Lodge. While I will be unable to join you this year, please know how much I value the important work you will be doing—particularly the presentation of your well-deserved scholarships. That work embodies the very best of Masonry, and I applaud you for it. I give you my sincere word that I will be present next year to take part in this meaningful tradition. It is important to me that every First Fraternal Visit, whether with A.H.H. or any other Lodge in the 19th West Masonic District, be approached with the same reverence, respect, and care. I intend to treat each Lodge in this District as if it were my own Mother Lodge. Each has its own history, traditions, and contributions to the Craft, and each deserves to be honored accordingly. With that in mind, I encourage all brothers reading this communication to RSVP with the Lodges hosting my First Fraternal Visits and to join me as members of my Suite on the following dates:

- **Tuesday January 13** – Mount Hope Lodge Fall River
- **Saturday January 31** – Noquochoke Lodge Westport
- **Thursday February 5** – Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge Fall River
- **Tuesday February 10** – Abraham H. Howland Lodge New Bedford
- **Tuesday March 24** – King Philip Lodge Fall River

Charity is often misunderstood in today's world. Many think of it only as a financial act—giving money to a cause or supporting a charitable organization. But in Masonry, Charity has always meant something far deeper. It is the expression of love toward God and humanity; it is kindness, compassion, patience, and the sincere desire to uplift those around us. It is a virtue that asks us not only to open our wallets, when possible, but more importantly, to open our hearts.

In modern society, we are witnessing a troubling shift. **Charity is becoming scarce, not because people lack the ability to give, but because many have forgotten how to be kind.** Instead of using our words to uplift, too many use them to tear down. Instead of extending understanding, patience, and forgiveness, we too often rush to criticize, judge, or dismiss others. We are increasingly influenced by voices that emphasize division over unity, competition over compassion, and self-interest over service. As Masons, we are called to live differently.

True Charity means choosing words that **heal rather than harm, build rather than break, and encourage rather than diminish.** It means recognizing that every person we encounter is fighting a battle we may never see and therefore deserving of respect and compassion. Charity reminds us to slow down, to see the humanity in others, and to treat each person—Brother or otherwise—as worthy of dignity and kindness.

Charity is humility in action. It is the quiet strength to place others before ourselves. It is generosity not just in gifts, but in **time, patience, understanding, forgiveness, and love.** It is caring for our brothers, their families, our widows, our communities, and especially for those who feel forgotten or unseen. When charity lives in our hearts, it naturally flows into our actions, and those actions become powerful testimonies to what Masonry truly represents.

Brethren, if there is ever a time the world needs Charity, it is now. Let us lead by example. Let us be the men who choose kindness over cruelty, humility over ego, unity over division, and love over indifference. If we live Charity not just as an obligation, but as a daily practice, we will not only strengthen our Lodges—we will strengthen the world around us.

Fraternally Right Worshipful

Steven A. Sparks

Greetings from the DNL Team

Greeting brethern,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. As we prepair to embark on 2026, let us remember that we are all faces of Freemasonry. What we do, how we act, how we speak all showcases the public perception of this great fraternaty. We must be the best men we can be. To survive we must grow, to grow we must attract, to attract we must give the men of our sociaty something worth straving to be apart of. The best way to grow masonry is to be a good men and repersent masonry correctly. Let's get back in the church. Lets keep a tongue of good report. Lets practice charity. Be the man that you envision masons to be, prior to joining this fraternaty. We love you all. "Long live the 19th Masonic District!"

Bro. Ian Michael Harcourt

*District Deputy Grand Marshall / District Information Office
19th East Masonic District / 19th West Masonic Districts*

Lodge of Instruction

Thursday January 22nd, 2026



Lodge of Instruction

Host Lodge: George H. Taber Lodge MA

Speaker: R.: W.: Ham & R.: W.: Sparks

Subject: Performing Charity

Location: Gifts to Give New Bedford

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

Call Michael Cordeiro

(508)-636-2234 email: mcdfs4u@gmail.com

Online Dinner Reservations

Please click here to secure your meal



19thmasonic.com/loi

Future Lodge of Instructions:

February 26th Pythagorean lodge

March 26th Abraham H. Howland Jr. lodge

April 23rd Social Harmony lodge

May 28th Massasoit- Narraganset lodge

June 25th Noquochoke lodge

CANDIDATES CORNER

Entered	Passed	Raised
<p>*Carlton Page -Quittacus</p> <p>*Ryan Dale Potter -Quittacus Lodge</p>	<p>*Jeremy Leandre -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>*David Robert Allen -Star in The East Lodge</p>	<p>*Daniel Harry Andrews -George H. Taber Lodge</p>

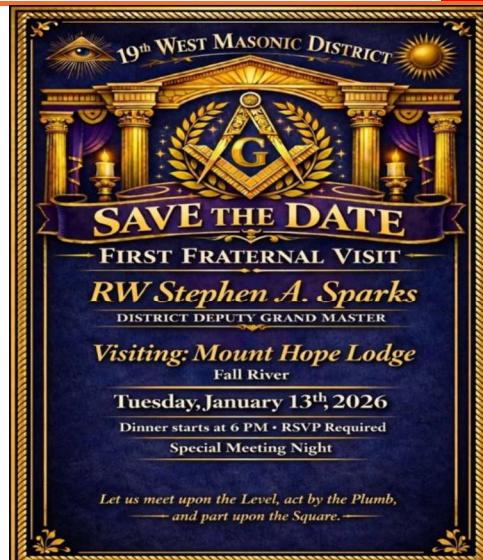
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For up-to-date information, please visit 19thmasonic.com

Upcoming District Events

Help make your lodge event a success!

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



ROAD TO RHODE ISLAND
WASHINGTON LODGE #3
Warren, Rhode Island

MASTER MASON DEGREE
Sunday, January 18th, 2026
Starting @ 10:00 AM

STAR IN THE EAST
EST. 1823
FAMILY NIGHT
Presented by STAR in The EAST LODGE
Everyone Is Welcome!
Tuesday, January 20th
6:00 PM
MASONIC TEMPLE
Indoor Mini Golf
Board Games
Air Hockey Tables
Large Game Room
And More!
PIZZA PARTY!

George H. Taber Lodge
Entered Apprentice Degree
Special Night Tuesday 2/16/26
Dinner @ 6pm
RSVP with R.: W.: Berg
(774)-328-0321
Degree @ 7pm.

Welcome our newest member to the craft! All EA's of the district are welcome to attend!

MASONIC MINI
MINI GOLF
OPENING TUESDAY
JANUARY 20TH 6PM
during S.I.T.E. Family Night
till end of March
EVERY WEEKEND!

The Noble Degrees
A Commonwealth-wide Invitation
In commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Noble Train of Artillery, Major General Henry Knox Lodge throughout the Commonwealth to send qualified candidates to any or all of the following degree events.

These degrees will be performed under dispensation to allow as many qualified candidates as can be registered.

Each degree will be conferred by one of Massachusetts Freemasonry's higher degree teams, offering an educational and inspirational experience befitting this historic anniversary.
Historic Education and Lodge of Instruction following each of the first two degrees:

- Historical presentation related to Henry Knox and the Noble Train of Artillery
- Regular Lodge of Instruction covering the lessons in the degree received.

RSVP and Contact:
R.W. Michael Shawn Nemeth, Event Coordinator
InvolveDegrees@raesfremasonry.org

1st Destination – January 26th @ 7 PM
Entered Apprentice Degree
Presented by "The Unspoken Degree Team"
RSVP by January 19th
East Longmeadow Masonic Building
43 Chestnut Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

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

3rd Destination – March 13th @ 3 PM
Master Mason Degree
Presented by Maj. Gen. Henry Knox Lodge
RSVP by February 21st
South Boston Convention Center
415 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02120

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

King Philip Lodge
Entered Apprentice Degree
Tuesday 1/27/26
Dinner @ 6pm
RSVP with Bro. Romero
(774)-294-1016
Lodge opens @ 7pm
Degree to follow.

Welcome our newest member(s) to the craft!

19th East DDGM
R.W. PETER W. HAM
Star in the East Lodge
New Bedford, Massachusetts
February 3, 2026
First Fraternal Visit
Semi-Public
Dinner 6 p.m.
Visitation 8 p.m.

Reservations thru the 19 East District Website

A Pioneer Lodge Event:
Paint Nite!!
Friday February 6th

Social hour 6pm
Instruction at 7pm
Cost \$40

Reach out to Wor. John Bell for more info 781.630.1057

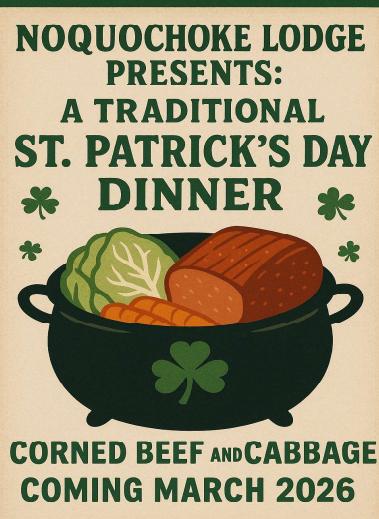
Upcoming District Events

Help make your lodge event a success!

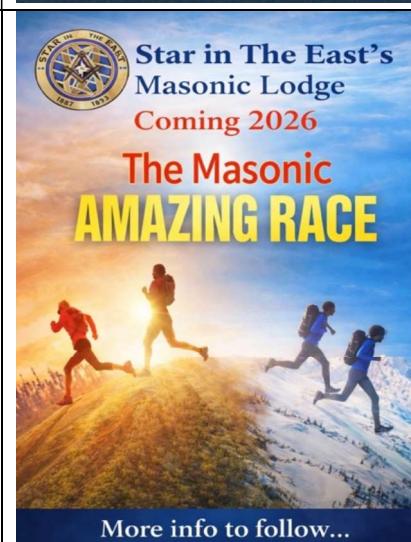
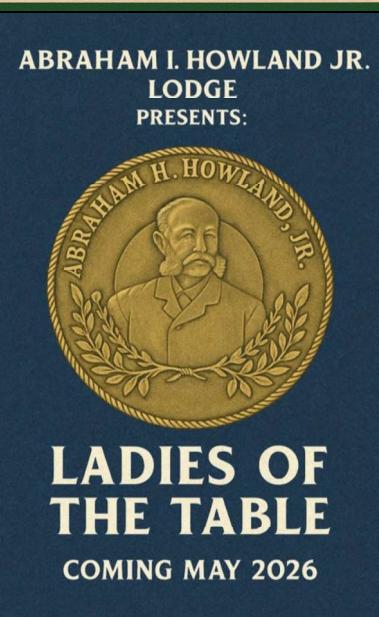
Email: bro.ian.harcourt@gmail.com with your info



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



More information to follow...



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

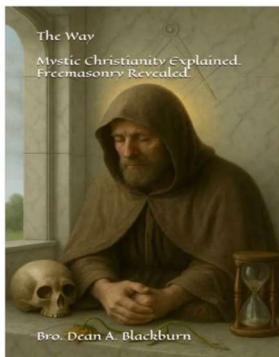
Dues: \$150 to apply (Includes Fez / \$50 a year for membership)

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

The Corner Store

Available on Amazon

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



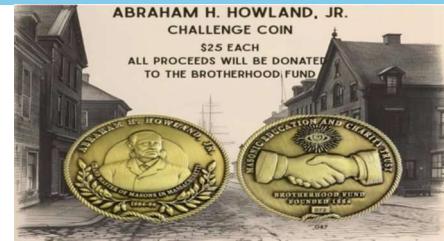
NEW Kindle \$3 / Paperback \$19



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

\$15 per pin

All monies collected goes to 150th Anniversary fund!



Abraham H. Howland Jr. Coin

NEW

\$25 per coin

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



Mount Hope Lodge "Spinner coin"
200th Anniversary

\$25 per coin

Contact Wor. Ferreira 774-955-8582 or lfreira01@gmail.com



~SOLD OUT!!!~
Star in the East coin

\$20 per coin

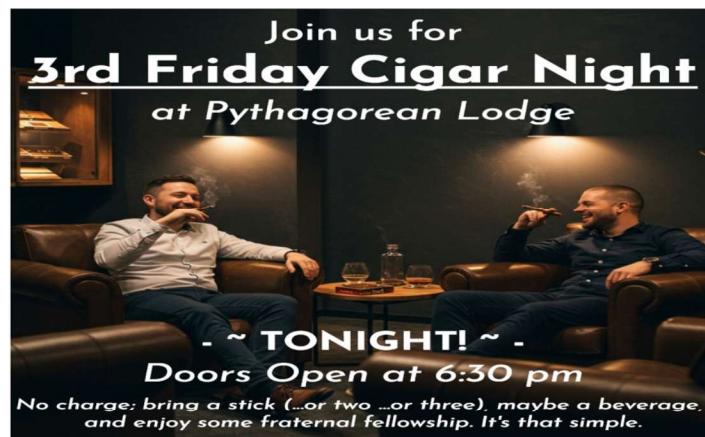
Contact Bro. Harcourt 978.551.5782
Or Email: Bro.Ian.Harcourt@gmail.com



NEW

Brand new **George H. Taber Challenge coin!**
Only \$15 each

Available at ALL future business meeting or by contacting RW Eric Berg 774-328-0321 or Bro. Jeremy Lavender 508-454-3052



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

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

Charity within the Lenth of your CableToe...

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

**USED CLOTHING
DROP OFF**

Noquochoke Masonic Lodge
305 Highbridge Road
Westport, MA 02790

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

REDUCE WASTE IN LANDFILLS
CLOTHING LIVED WORLDWIDE



LODGE of INSTRUCTION



Gifts to Give
Charity in real life

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2026

**Dinner @ 6pm
Work @ 7pm**

**Make your reservation at
19THMasonic.com**

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Masonic Leadership has a New yet familiar face

MASONIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Masonic Leadership Institute (MLI) is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts to strengthen leadership within our Fraternity and to contribute to the personal growth of Massachusetts Masons.

The MLI employs MLI graduates and leadership development professionals to strengthen leadership and interpersonal skills important at Lodge, work, and at home.

The program is open to all men belonging to a Massachusetts Masonic body, but the class size is limited. Masonic bodies are encouraged to sponsor MLI attendance for their promising officers.



THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP

Leadership in our Fraternity is essential to preserving its' values, inspiring growth, and guiding the Entered Apprentice of today to become the Master Mason of tomorrow. Masonic leaders are not defined by authority, but by their commitment to service, wisdom, and moral integrity. They lead by example, fostering unity and promoting the tenets of Brother Love, Relief, and Truth.

Strong leadership ensures that the teachings of Freemasonry remain relevant and impactful in today's world. By mentoring others and upholding traditions, Masonic leaders cultivate a legacy of character and purpose. In so doing, they not only strengthen the Craft, but also serve as beacons of light within their communities.



Leadership is as important now, as it was then.
Arguably, even more so now.
Are you ready to LEAD?

Sketches by: Brother Travis Simpkins



Learn. Grow. Lead.

THE R.W. DAVID C. KRAMER CLASS



JANUARY 23 - 25, 2026

MAY 30, 2026

OCTOBER 23 - 25, 2026

"Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better."

- MW Brother Harry S. Truman



A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Nearly 30 years ago, an idea was born to help usher in a new generation of leaders for our Beloved Fraternity. Since that time, The Masonic Leadership Institute (MLI) has broadened the variety of working tools available to those Brothers who have attended, participated in the projects, and completed the work.

The MLI has appeared in a variety of forms since those first days, but the mission of the Institute has never wavered: to offer programs that challenge and enrich those who take part and cultivate their leadership skills not only to be brought back to their Lodges, but their offices, places of worship, and all other areas of their lives.

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn" These words of Right Worshipful Brother Benjamin Franklin embody the goals and aspirations of the MLI best. This is not just another seminar. This is a chance to immerse yourself in leadership skill training and collaborative work. This is a chance to build teams and accomplish tangible things for you, your Lodge, and the Fraternity.

This is your chance to Learn. Grow. Lead. I hope you will apply for the upcoming MLI class and use your skills to help lead Masonry in Massachusetts!

Cordially and Fraternally,

George F. Hamilton
Grand Master

THE MISSION OF THE MLI

To deliver state-of-the-art leadership curriculum that includes classes, exercises and projects that cultivates the leadership skills of the participants

MLI COMMITMENT

Two full weekends (January 23 - 25, 2026 and October 23 - 25, 2026, plus a one day event on May 30, 2026) of learning, participating in small and large group activities, and broadening your potential. You will work closely with your team and advisor throughout the course.

This is a fun, fast moving program that requires active participation and commitment from each class member.

WHAT IS THE COST TO ATTEND?

The tuition for the MLI is \$995.00. \$500.00 of which will be due upon your acceptance, with the balance payable at the start of this first weekend in January.

This program offers a unique opportunity for local Blue Lodges and Appendant bodies to help shape the men who will be the next generation of leaders. It would be advantageous to each one to identify their bright and upcoming leaders, encourage them to apply, and offer whatever resources they may have available to sponsor their tuition.

The investment in their training today will pay dividends for your organization for years to come.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Scan the QR code or go to: massmasons.org/programs/mli



WHY SHOULD I ATTEND THE MLI?

By embracing and utilizing what is taught at the MLI, you will:

LEARN.

Even if you are already a leader in your Lodge, your place of Worship, even your workplace, there are always new skills and methods to learn! In the collaborative environment of MLI, you will garner new skills from the facilitators and fellow attendees. They may even learn something from you!

GROW.

In addition to growing your knowledge base of leadership skills during the course, you will grow your circle of friendships, have new people to work together with, and experience first-hand the incredible value that comes from the lessons of the beehive!

LEAD.

There is no telling where the lessons and projects you take on in the MLI will be of value. Whether you are working your way through the Officers' Line in your Lodge or trying to try gather what that missing X-factor is to get your next promotion, the MLI will give you skills that will help you organize and lead a team, a project, or even your every day life.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A LEADER?

INTEGRITY

VISION

COMMUNICATION

EMPATHY

ACCOUNTABILITY

SERVICE

ADAPTABILITY

EMPOWERMENT

CONSISTENCY

HUMILITY

Do these sound familiar?
Though these are not the only qualities it takes to be a leader,
the qualities that make a great leader
are the same that make a great Mason!

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

SCENSE FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT!



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Congratulations R.W. Peter Webster Ham

District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th East Masonic District



Masonic Bio

- Worshipful Master Wamsutta Lodge (merged into Star in the East)
 - Received the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal
- Worshipful Master Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Lodge (current Chaplain)
 - Received the Daniel Carter Beard Award
 - Member of The Scouters Lodge
 - Past Grand Steward for Grand Lodge
- Past High Priest of Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter
- Past Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter
- Current Senior Grand Lecturer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter & Member of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter Exemplification Degree Team
 - Received the Benjamin Hurd, Jr. Meritorious Service Medal
 - Received the Paul Revere Meritorious Service Medal
 - Member of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests
- Member of the New Bedford Council of Royal & Select Master Masons
 - Past Commander of Sutton Commandery #16
- Member of the Bay State Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine

Congratulations R.W. Steven Allen Sparks

District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th West Masonic District



Masonic Bio

Right Worshipful Brother **Stephen A. Sparks** began his fraternal journey in **1992** as a member of **James H. Gibson Chapter, Order of DeMolay**, in Farmington, New Mexico. Active in the Order from **1992 until he joined the Navy in 1998**, he demonstrated early dedication to leadership and service, embracing the core DeMolay principles of filial love, reverence, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness, and patriotism.

During his DeMolay career, Brother Sparks served with distinction in numerous leadership roles. He was elected **State Master Councilor** for the **1997–1998** term and is recognized as a **Past State Master Councilor (PSMC)**. He also served in the **Order of Knighthood**, attaining the rank of **Illustrious Knight Commander**, and is honored as **Past Illustrious Knight Commander (PIKC)**. In recognition of his exceptional service and enduring commitment to the Order of DeMolay, he was invested with the **Degree of Chevalier in 1998**, the highest honor conferred by the Order of DeMolay.

Right Worshipful Sparks entered the Masonic Craft in **1998**, joining **Animas Lodge No. 15**, from which he later demitted. He was **raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in March 2005** in **Pioneer Lodge** and subsequently **affiliated with Mount Hope Lodge**, Fall River, Massachusetts, in **2015**.

In **October 2023**, he was elected and installed as **Worshipful Master of Mount Hope Lodge**, where he led the Lodge with a philosophy rooted in servant leadership, fellowship, education, and harmony. His term emphasized meaningful ritual, mentorship, community engagement, and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood. He also served in this position during the Bicentennial Year, marking 200 years of Freemasonry in Fall River and Massachusetts.

In recognition of his leadership and dedication to the Craft, Right Worshipful Brother Sparks was appointed **District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th West Masonic District in 2025**. In this role, he serves the Lodges of the district through fraternal visitation, guidance, and support, promoting unity, mutual respect, and fidelity to the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry.

A veteran of the **United States Navy**, Right Worshipful Brother Sparks brings the values of duty, discipline, and service into every aspect of his Masonic and civic life. He is married and the father of two children and comes from a **long family lineage of Freemasonry dating back to the mid-1800s**. He remains committed to community-centered service, education and mentorship, and charitable efforts that strengthen families, veterans, and local communities.

Grateful for the Light received through DeMolay and Freemasonry, Right Worshipful Brother Sparks endeavors to rule with equal regularity, govern with compassion, and walk uprightly as a Man of the Craft.

Please Welcome Bro. William Travers to the PNL Team



Masonic Bio

- Raised in Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge, Fall River MA on March 5th, 2009
- Past Masonic Home Representative for Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge 2010-2016
 - Past Inside Sentinel for Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge 2017-2019
 - Affiliated with Ezekiel Bates Lodge, Attleboro MA/16th District in 2017
- Current member of the Masonic Service Committee for Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge
 - Current Secretary for Massasoit-Narragansett Lodge since 2024
 - Current Secretary for Pythagorean Lodge since 2025
 - Current Assistant Secretary for Ezekiel Bates Lodge since 2025
 - Current Clerk for the Fall River Masonic Building Association
- 32 Degree Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Southeastern Valley
 - Member of Brothers of the White Ash (BWA)
 - Member of Brothers of the Dimpled Orb
 - Member of Brothers of the Single Malt
 - Member of Zealous Clay

A little bit about myself...I grew up in Somerset MA where I spent most of my life. Currently residing in Attleboro MA since 2012. Married to Carrie Travers and have one child, Cole Travers (22 years old), from a previous marriage. We have two dogs Junebug (golden retriever) and Abe (golden/terrier mix). I have been in public safety for the last 30yrs. Started in 1995 as an emergency medical technician (EMT) for Swansea Ambulance Corp till 2007. EMT for City of Fall River MA from 2002-2007. Started my current career as an emergency 911 dispatcher/reserve police officer with Somerset Police/Fire Department in 2001 till 2023. Currently employed by City of Attleboro Police Department since 2018 as 911/police dispatcher. In my free time I enjoy spending quality time with my family and friends. I'm an avid fan of a good cigar, good whiskey, and golfing...especially when all three are combined...lol. I want to thank R.W. Peter Ham, R.W. Stephen Sparks, and Bro. Ian Harcourt for the opportunity to be part of 19th District team. I look forward to serving the brethren of the 19th District. My lines of communication are always open to any brother. If there's anything I can do for you or help with, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you and blessed New Year to you and your families.

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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

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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