

Living Past Masters

George Mayhew Jr.	1974
Walter E. Schweim	1979*
Lance W. Murphy	1981*
Raymond A. Geer	1982
Robert E. Jacques	1983
John L. Holliday, Sr	1984, 2002
Harold T. Prosser, Jr	1985
John H. Williams, III	1990
V. Lehman Woods	1991
Edward A. Lowe	1992, 2022
Arnold J. Daly	1994
Leverett F. Andrews, Jr.	1995
Brian E. Thorp	1996
Jerry I. Duhamel, Jr.	2004, 05, 06
Timothy J. McLellan	2007, 08
David E. Crandall	2009
Robert F. Raby	2010#
Edwin G. Hoffman	2011
Galen "Skip" Hoffman	2012
Paul E. DeRita	2013
Daniel M. Rzewuski	2014
David W. Shafovaloff	2015
Eric B. Ross	2016
Ralph E. Brunson	2017, 20#
Joseph P. Giancaspro	2018
Brett C. Marggraff	2019, 21
John G. Grossomanides (Honorary)	
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2023

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FRANKLIN LODGE #20

Chartered May 25, 1857



Memorial of our first Worshipful Master of Franklin Lodge #20. Grave site in Norwich CT.

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MASTERS MESSAGE

Wardens & Brethren,

AGGRESSIVE ENTHUSIASM

When asked what his theme for the Masonic Year will be, he summed it up in two words that you see above.

He selected the following passage for his first communication:

“ The next time you feel a rush of enthusiasm about doing something, carefully formulate your intention. So as not to slide into unrealistic over-enthusiasm, limit the scope of your goal. Either commit to a certain amount of time on your project (without a preconceived notion how much will get done) or commit to a quality task of getting a project finished (without a time limit).”

The February meeting will be a kick-off for what will be a busy Masonic year. We have one Entered Apprentice and 2 and possibly 3 candidates for the degrees in the wings. Attendance at practices on Tuesday evenings will be essential to providing these fine men with the ritual experiences they deserve. There will need to be 3 investigating committees needed to facilitate the entry of the candidates. If you haven't done one, it is a gratifying experience to share your feelings about Freemasonry and the Franklin Lodge experience with someone who is knocking at our door.

The Washington County Fair is Aug 16-20 this year. Plan time in your vacation schedules now to work at our booth, either in preparation for the Fair or during the Fair itself. It is one of the principal fund raisers in support of the Westerly Masonic Foundation and our other charitable activities.

Fraternally yours,
Wor. Robert E. Caron

NEXT REGULAR COMMUNICATION FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Dinner: 6:00 Lodge Opens: 7:00

Menu: Baked Ham with a Maple Horseradish Sauce/Glaze, Mashed Potatoes and Roasted Squash

Program:

Presentation by RW Ray Geer, Grand Lodge Historian

“Wor. James H. Hoyt, our First Presiding Master”.

Sunday's ritual practice has been moved to Monday's at 3:30pm.
Officer rehearsals Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

Members' Breakfast, 2nd Sunday morning each month, 9-11 am. Menu: Pancakes, bacon. Home fries, Juice, coffee. ALL are invited. SAVE THE DATE FEBRUARY 12.

Message from the Secretary

With a great deal of trepidation I assumed the job of Secretary of Franklin Lodge. For the past 8 years, and many more before that, the Lodge has benefited from superb Masons who have sat in this seat. Wor Dan Rzewuski, in my estimation the best of the best, has yielded the seat to pursue new and big things in his Masonic career. Fortunately, he has provided me with many great tools to get the job done and is always available as I stumble through these first awkward months. Any success I have is his and any failings are my own. I will endeavor to reach out to every one of our 78 active members in the course of this year to make acquaintance and offer any assistance that the Lodge can provide.

NEWS OF INFIRM BRETHERN

On Saturday Feb 4, our Worshipful Marshal, Tommie Stafford took a tumble and broke his left ankle. At this writing there were plans to discharge him from L&M Hospital. Get well cards and other expressions should be sent to his home at 24 Tum-a-Lum Circle in Westerly.

Masonic Birthdays

David Gernhard 2/23	John Payne 2/15
Anthony Pelloni. 2/7	Richard Scharninghausen 2/25
Michael Slosberg 2/25	V. Lehman Woods 3/4

DATES TO REMEMBER

MT. VERNON #4 MAR 2

CHARITY #23 MAR 2

HOPE #25 MARCH 8

WESTERLY MASONIC FOUNDATION FEB. 13, 7 PM

MONTHLY LODGE BREAKFAST. SUNDAY FEB 12, 9AM-11

Appointed Officers

Chaplain:	W: Edward A. Lowe 401-829-8801	Lady: Kathy
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Historian:	R: W: Raymond Geer	

Committees

Trustees

W. David Shafovaloff

W. Eric Ross

R. W. Jerry Duhamel Jr.

Finance Committee

Br. Benjamin Headley

Br. Anthony Pelloni

By-Laws Committee

R.W. Ray Geer

W. Eric Ross

W. Edward A. Lowe

W. Paul DeRita

Visiting Committee

All Members