

FRANKLIN LODGE #20 F&AM
20 Elm Street Westerly RI 02891
FEBRUARY 2026 TRESTLEBOARD



The Regular monthly Communication of Franklin Lodge will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at Westerly masonic Building, 20 Elm Street in Westerly, MA. Dinner at 6pm. Menu: Beef Bourguignon, vegetable and mashed potato; Caesar salad. Cost \$15. Lodge opens promptly at 7 pm.

The following items of business:

1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the January 17, 2026 Annual meeting
2. Installation of Brother Robert Boucher as Senior Deacon
3. Request for reinstatement of Brother Billy Lee Hannah, 201 Marina Drive, apt. 413, Tuscaloosa AL 35406. Br. Lee demitted in good standing when he relocated from Rhode Island several years ago and requests reinstatement.
4. Report of delinquency of 3 members for nonpayment of dues and vote to suspend.
5. Presentation of Franklin Lodge operating budget for 2026.
6. Report of the Investigation Committee on the following applicants for the degrees:
 - a. Bryan Thomas Keilty, 20 Oak Hill Gardens, Pawcatuck CT
 - b. Angus (Gus) Hugh Gorman Brouillard, 448 Ocean Ave, Block Island, RI
 - c. Robert Joseph Towner, 102A White Rock Rd, Westerly, RI
 - d. Donald Edward Dumsar III, 6 Beacon St. Westerly RI.

Presentation for the evening: Presenter: Timothy Culhane, GL Director of Masonic Education: Masonic Officer Duties and Courtesies.

MASTER'S MESSAGE

My Brothers:

I want to thank all of you for contributing in whatever way to our Annual Meeting on January 17, 2026. The Lodge building was clean and shiny, the Lodge room was set up beautifully, the dinner was out of this world and the aftermeeting collation was top shelf (many thanks, Brett Marggraff!). Our floor work was excellent, reflecting the prior rehearsal direction by DDGM RW Goff and GMC W. Andrew Brown who also did a superb job of installing officers. The Grand Master Ric Baccus was highly impressed by the evening.

The next month will be dedicated to preparing to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on our 5 candidates, to be held **Saturday morning March 7 at 10 am**. I trust we will have a full attendance of officers and members for this most important occasion. Remember that the most important Masons in the Lodge are the men you have just initiated into the Craft. Regular attendance at Tuesday evening rehearsals is a must if we are to perform ritual expertly and inspire our candidates. This is the work of a Master Mason.

As I look forward to this next year in the East, I will try to keep my life calm and unruffled. This is my task for the short time I have in the east as your master. I must find peace and serenity. I must not harbor disturbing thoughts. No matter what fears, worries or resentments, I will endeavor to act with constructive thoughts until calmness settles in, for only when we are calm and happy as a Lodge can we be a channel for the spirit of the Craft. Please help me build this bridge of Brotherly Love with our families and the community more so among ourselves.

Thank you for putting your faith in me for another year in the East
WM Robert Caron

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

There are still 35 members who have not met their dues obligation to the Lodge. If this message applies to you, your payment is now LATE. We collect only a small amount of money that goes directly to Lodge expenses and every timely payment is crucial to operating the Lodge. As a reminder, Senior members: \$77, all other members \$120.

You may have wondered about the image of the commemorative pin at the top of this month's communication. The Grand Lodge 250th Committee is planning a big event for Saturday, May 2 to commemorate RI's Act of Renunciation which passed on May 4, 1776, a full two months before the Declaration of Independence was signed (We were first at renouncing the King's rule!). There will be a parade down Taunton Avenue followed by an Occasion Session of GL and lunch to follow. There will be a dispensation request to form a new Lodge to be named Semiquincentennial Lodge #250. This commemorative pin will be distributed to all Masons.

Other dates to record on your calendars:

Lodge rehearsals: February 3, 17, 24 and March 3. 7pm.

Mt. Vernon Lodge: Regular meeting Feb. 6, Annual meeting Feb 22

Charity Lodge: Regular meeting February 26

Hope Lodge: Regular meeting February 11, DDGM visitation March 11.

Grand Lodge 250th celebration: May 2, 2026

Birthdays:

Robert Bridges February 11

David Gernhard Feb 23

John Payne Feb 15

Anthony Pelloni Feb 7

Michael Slosberg Feb 25