

Living Past Masters

Thomas E. Melanson	1965
Neil H. Thorp	1970
William S. Penhallow	1972
George Mayhew Jr.	1974
Joseph Brearley*	1980
Raymond A. Geer	1982
Robert E. Jacques	1983
John L. Holliday, Sr	1984
Harold T. Prosser, Jr	1985
Fredrick J. Krus, Jr	1989
John H. Williams, III	1990
V. Lehman Woods	1991
Edward A. Lowe	1992
Thomas R. Gatten	1993
Arnold J. Daley	1994
Leverett F. Andrews, Jr.	1995
Brian E. Thorp	1996
Charles L. Niles, Jr.	1997
John Holliday, Sr.	2002
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 DeRita	2013
Daniel Rzewuski	2014
David Shafovaloff	2015
John Grossomandes (Honorary)	

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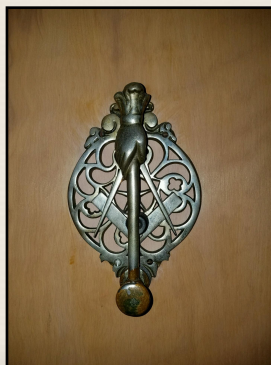
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Masters Message

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing;....And now abideth, faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

The first thing we teach our brothers in Fellowcraft degree is to have charity. The lesson is from 1st Corinthians, Verse 13. Most translations of the verse substitute "love" for "charity"; the original Greek uses "agape". Agape is "love: the highest form of love, charity; the love of God for man and of man for God." Agape is different than "philēo", or brotherly love; agápē embraces a universal, unconditional love that transcends phileo and serves regardless of circumstances.

The practice of charity should be more than reaching into your pocket for a few dollars to put in the plate. I know I struggle with figuring out how to best serve others. As the verse points out it doesn't matter how much money, possessions, or smarts you may have, if you are not seeking ways to serve others and bring some light to their existence, you really have nothing.

We should be seeking out ways to serve others, whether individually or as a lodge. We had a proposal presented at the April communication to participate in St. Andrews Supper Table. This is an opportunity for us to practice outside the lodge those great moral duties which are inculcated in it. Please give this idea consideration.

On another note, Bro. Brett and I attended an information session on a Rhode Island PBS project called "Our Town". PBS will be doing a show on Westerly, and it seems like a great venue to showcase how Franklin Lodge is a part of the fabric of Westerly. Brett and I are open to any ideas you have on what parts of the lodge or our history we could highlight. Our next meeting with PBS is May 18th.

Fraternally,
Bro. Eric B. Ross
Worshipful Master, Franklin #20

NEXT COMMUNICATION MAY 10, 2016

Dinner 6:00 Lodge will open at 7:00

Dinner : Clam Cakes and Chowder care of The Hitching Post

Program:

DDGM Visitation and Officers Forum
with the Director of Masonic Education
Paul Kokolsky

From the Secretary

Your dues may now be paid by credit card either in person or over the phone.

Also, if you don't but would like to receive your notice by email contact me.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS RAISED

Kenneth Bickford	5/9/72	
W. Arnold Daley	5/19/89	
Stephen Goodyear	5/8/90	
Edwin Greene	5/16/78	
David Greene	5/16/78	
William Dorr	5/14/74	
W. Edwin Hoffman	5/12/70	
Craig Nichols	5/16/78	
Peter Pinkhover	5/9/72	
Michael Slosberg	5/9/72	
Angelo Sposato	5/15/73	
Stanton Terranova	5/3/55	61 years
W. Brian Thorp	5/9/89	
John Williams III	5/9/72	
Albert Maggs	5/5/55	61 years

DATES TO REMEMBER

Westerly Masonic Foundation

Monday May 9, 7:00 PM

Charity #23 Thurs May 19

Hope #25 Wed May 11

Mt. Vernon #4 Thurs May 5

Grand Masters Visitation
(Mother Lodge)

St. Andrews #39 May 12

Grand Lodge Annual May 23

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Appointed Officers

Chaplain:	Br. Bill Hannah	465-9730	Lady: Rose
Senior Deacon:	Br. Brett Marggraff	378-6474	Lady: Elaine
Junior Deacon:	Br. Carlo Ferraro	741-4034	Lady: Cheryl
Senior Steward:	Br. John Huhtala	322-4034	
Junior Steward:	Br. Robert Tierney	714-1673	Lady: Laura
Marshal:	W. Br. Tommy Stafford	348-2072	Lady: Doreen
Musical Director:	W. Br. Leverett Andrews	322-7948	
Sentinel:	Br. S. Benjamin Headley	742-3867	
Tiler:	W. Br. Edwin Hoffman	377-2899	Lady: Diana
Historian:	Br. Scott Bill Hirst	377-4643	
Ritual Advisor:	W. Br. Ray Geer	860-608-5265	Lady: Sue

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W. David Shafovaloff
W. Eric Ross

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W. Leverett F. Andrews, Jr.
W. William Penhallow
Br. John G. Grossomanides

By-Laws Committee

W. Neil H. Thorpe
Br. Brad Johnson
W. Edward A. Lowe
RW. John H. Williams

Visiting Committee

W. David Crandall
W. Leverett F. Andrews Jr
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