

## 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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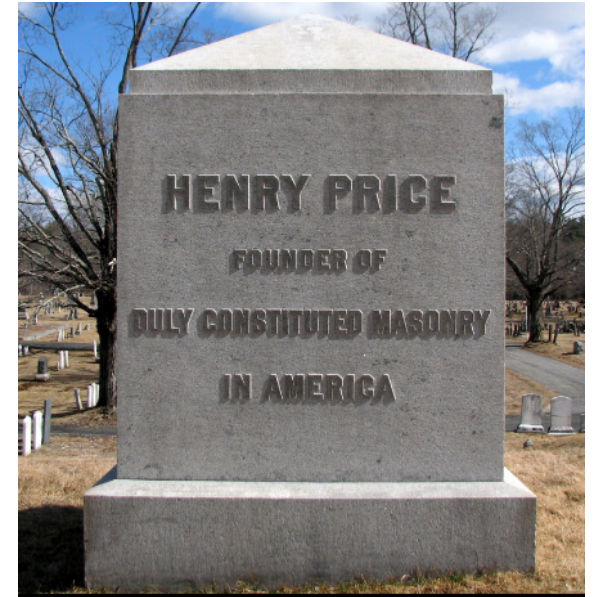
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# FRANKLIN LODGE #20

*Chartered May 25, 1857*



**Gravesite of First Grand Master of Masons in the Colonies,  
located in Townsend MA.**

**MW Price constituted the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts under  
the Grand Lodge of England in 1733 and was a member of Lodge of  
St. John, Boston**

**The base of this monument dedicated in 1888 is constructed of  
Westerly granite.**

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## The Worshipful Master's message

“In the Craft's hands”

When we look back, we see the things that come to us when we put ourselves in the hands of the craft - they work out better than we ever planned.

One day suddenly, the room lit up, it seemed to me, that in my mind's eye, that I was on a mountain top and there was a no air, but rather a spirit blowing. And then it burst upon me that I was a Freemason. Slowly, the ecstasy subsided in me as I awoke from this dream-like state, and I realized that I was actually in a new world of The Craft. I hope that this joyful experience finds all of you as Free and Accepted Masons.

Remember aggressive enthusiasm will always prevail. Continue to walk and act as a good Mason.

Minimotivator: Respond to a hard, difficult day in a new way. Instead of worrying or trying to hurry matters to change, adopt an attitude of *trust*. Slow down. Believe that events are happening for a purpose.

Upcoming dates to remember:

**Rehearsals: Sep 5, 19 and 26.** All

officers need to be there at 7pm

**September 29:** Ocean Community

Chamber of Commerce Spaghetti

Dinner fund raiser. All members and

wives need to assist in the kitchen.

## NEXT REGULAR COMMUNICATION SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Menu: Family style cookout picnic, 6 pm. Wives and families invited.

Lodge opens 7pm: Discussion of dues increase for 2024. Voting on application for affiliation, Br. Richard Jones, Westerly RI

Presentation at 7:45 by Mrs. Susan Ogle of the Villages of Westerly. Wives and family welcome for dinner and presentation

### **Birthdays**

Henry Collings. 9,21

Samuel French. 9/10

Stephen Goodyear. 9/14

Christopher Harrel. 9/20

Samuel headless 9/7

Craig Nichols. 9/20

Michael Rzewuski. 9/14

Richard Partelo. 8/29

### **Masonic Birthdays**

Zachary Bowman 9/26/20

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. Spouses are invited. SAVE THE DATE Sep 10. Menu: Pancakes and bacon.**

### Message from the Secretary

Wow, that was fast. We are back into our Masonic year with much coming up at Franklin Lodge. I am sure you will agree that summer is the shortest of the seasons.

RW Geer provided me with this photo of our First Grandmaster of the 13 Colonies. MW Henry Price. On Sep 5, the GM of Massachusetts will perform a Carpet Ceremony of Dedication of the newly names Henry Price Lodge in Boston. It is a fusion of 8 Lodges: The Consolidated, Germania, Revere, Henry Price, Abedour, Shawmut, Everett C. Benton and United. If you haven't witnessed a Carpet Ceremony, it is a memorable event.

If you have not sent your dues in, this is a gentle but firm reminder to bring your dues current. We have already paid the GL dues on your behalf

### 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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**MT. VERNON #4 SEP7**

**CHARITY #23 SEP28**

**HOPE #25 SEP 13**

**WESTERLY MASONIC FOUNDATION SEP 11, 7 PM**

**MONTHLY LODGE BREAKFAST. SUNDAY Sep 10, 9AM**

**SPECIAL FIRST DEGREE COMMUNICATION SEP 30, 10 am**

### Appointed Officers

**Chaplain:** W: Edward A. Lowe 401-829-8801 Lady: Kathy  
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**Junior Steward:**  
**Marshal:** W: Tommie Stafford 401-714-6453. Lady: Doreen  
**Musical Director:** Br. Richard R. Scharninghausen  
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