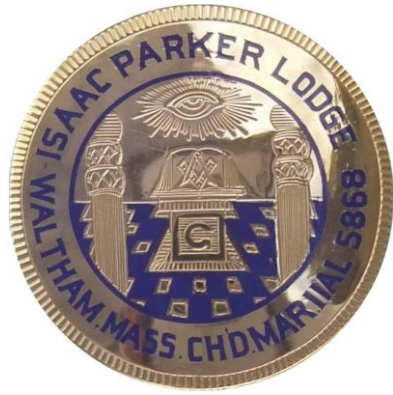


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Preface

This Preface will be unusual in that it will seem overly long. That reflects how unusual this entire booklet is. This booklet is not meant to be a history of Waltham Triad Lodge. Instead, it is a record of the celebration of its two hundredth anniversary that spanned calendar year 2020 (and, it turns out, 2021). It does include an abstract of the history IES of Waltham Triad Lodge with more recent events added.

To those unaware, Waltham Triad Lodge is a consolidation of four previously existing Massachusetts Masonic Lodges, namely Monitor Lodge, Isaac Parker Lodge and Waltham Lodge, all of Waltham; and Victory Lodge of Watertown.

In the 200 years spanning December 13, 1820 to December 13, 2020, there have been no less than eleven official histories written about the four constituent lodges that formed Waltham Triad Lodge. One of the purposes of this Preface is to make the reader appreciate the dedication of those men in their pursuit of Freemasonry.

They are:

Monitor Lodge (precedence December 13, 1820)

1920: A history by Bro. Alexander Starbuck for the 100th anniversary. Bro. Starbuck was born in Nantucket and raised in Monitor Lodge in 1880 while a watchmaker in Waltham. He served as Secretary from 1884 to 1895.

1945: A history by R.W. Hiram Alton Roark for the 125th anniversary. R.W. Bro. Roark was born in Kentucky and raised in Monitor Lodge in 1905 while a physician in Waltham. He served as Worshipful Master in 1922, went on to be District Deputy Grand Master in 1926 and 1927 and was also a charter member and the founding Worshipful Master of Waltham Lodge in 1929.

1970: A history by Wor. Clyde Frederic Joslyn, Jr. for the 150th anniversary. Wor. Bro. Joslyn was born in Vermont and raised in Monitor Lodge in 1940, was an accountant and worked as treasurer of Carbert Manufacturing in Waltham. He served as Worshipful Master in 1955 and 1987.

Isaac Parker Lodge (precedence April 23, 1867)

1892: A history by Wor. Ambrose Webster for the 25th anniversary. Wor. Bro. Webster was born in Southbridge and raised in Monitor Lodge in 1860 while a “master mechanic”. He became a charter member and the founding Worshipful Master of Isaac Parker Lodge in 1867, then went on to be District Deputy Grand Master in 1884, 1885 and 1886.

1917: A history by Bro. George Liggett Ward for the 50th anniversary. Bro. Ward was born in Lawrence and raised in Isaac Parker Lodge in 1915, a mere two years before he undertook to write the 50th anniversary history. He was an English teacher at Waltham High School.

1942: A history by Wor. Leo Alfred Wells for the 75th anniversary. Wor. Bro. Wells was born in New York and raised in Isaac Parker Lodge in 1911 shortly after he started the Wells (book) Bindery on Main Street. He served as Worshipful Master in 1918 and 1919.

1967: A history by Wor. Charles Baker Janes for the 100th anniversary. Wor. Bro. Janes was born in Waltham but was raised in Bezaleel Lodge #100 in Hanover, NH in 1915. A draftsman by trade, he affiliated with Isaac Parker Lodge in 1917 and served as Worshipful Master in 1929.

Victory Lodge (precedence February 16, 1920)

- 1945: A history by R.W. George Harold Dale for the 25th anniversary. R.W. Bro Dale was born in New Brunswick and was raised in Pequossette Lodge in 1905 serving as their Worshipful Master in 1913. Like Wor. Bro. Webster of Isaac Parker Lodge, R.W. Bro. Dale was also a “master mechanic.” He became a charter member and the founding Worshipful Master of Victory Lodge in 1919, having just completed two years as District Deputy Grand Master.
- 1970: A history by Wor. Roland Kenneth Humphrey for the 50th anniversary. Wor. Bro. Humphrey was born in Maine and was raised in Victory Lodge in 1951 while working at Western Electric. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1958.

Waltham Lodge (precedence June 12, 1928)

- 1953: A history by Wor. Frederic John Christiansen for the 25th anniversary. Wor. Bro. Christiansen was born in Wisconsin and was raised in Waltham Lodge in 1947 and was an engineer by trade. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1957.
- 1978: A history by Wor. Peter James Kennedy for the 50th anniversary. Wor. Bro. Kennedy was born in New York but also lived in North Carolina, Illinois and Connecticut before coming to Massachusetts and eventually being raised in Waltham Lodge in 1975. He was a well-loved music teacher and choral director at Waltham High School for almost 20 years. He served as Worshipful Master in 1980 and 1981.

I go to great lengths to identify and personalize these authors because they are the true heroes that make our celebration and pride possible. These Brethren went the extra distance *for us*. They did it so we would know, fifty,

one hundred, two hundred years after the beginning, what transpired to bring us to this point on this day in our Lodge. To them, our gratitude. I urge you all to read these original histories which may be found at the Grand Lodge library, online at MasonicGenealogy.com, or in print.

But they did not act alone. That these histories even exist and that we have them as gifts for us was the work of another group of men. It will be difficult, but I will try to identify them as well. Difficult because I will no doubt leave some out, or not even know of some who were involved in preserving this history. So I want to emphasize that my role in this is not as author, but as editor and reporter. My only endeavor is to bring together all the facts and materials that already existed to give the reader a comprehensive view of Waltham Triad Lodge at two hundred years old.

In addition to those authors mentioned above for their respective histories, they credited others for assistance. Perhaps the greatest assistance granted was by Bro. Isaac Parker himself. For almost 15 years during the anti-Masonic period of the 1800s, he preserved the property and records of Monitor Lodge until it could safely resume operation. Following that, he served as the Lodge's Worshipful Master for 12 years once it came back into the light in 1846. Ambrose Webster credits R.W. Sereno Nickerson, then Grand Secretary, for assisting him with Isaac Parker Lodge's 25th anniversary history. Webster, George Ward and Leo Wells all credit Wor. Brothers George Hopkins and Warren G. Addison, long time Secretaries of Isaac Parker Lodge, for their excellent record keeping which allowed such rich histories to be written.

For Victory Lodge, Roland Humphrey credits Wor. William Holdsworth and Wor. Vartkis DerBoghossian for their assistance and they all wish to pay tribute to Secretaries Bro. Wallace Shipton, Bro. Arthur Schmall, Wor. Stuart Fay

and Wor. Archibald Mills for their most complete and well-preserved records without which a history would have been impossible.

As much as Al “Doc” Roark was a larger-than-life figure in Waltham Masonry, so was his side-kick and Waltham Lodge’s second Worshipful Master, Fred Hitchcock. Together they were the *movers and shakers* for many years.

I now must list the names of some contemporaries I have discovered played a role in maintaining and preserving the legacies of these lodges as well. My first mention goes to Wor. Benjamin E. Bloomenthal of Waltham Triad Lodge. Ben was Worshipful Master in 2016 and got there, no doubt proudly, with the support of his father, Wor. Robert T. Bloomenthal, who was Worshipful Master of Isaac Parker Lodge in 1981. In his spare time (as they say), Ben went through Clyde Joslyn’s 150-year history of Monitor Lodge written in 1970, and updated it. He extended many parts of it with new data from 1970 to present and added some interesting additional items. Ben credits Wor. C. Robert Jingoian, Wor. Fred Robinson, R.W. Harry Sneider, Wor. Harlan Tewksbury, Wor. Robert C. Thayer, Bro. Oliver Stone and Mrs. Frank (Debbie) Albee for assistance and information.

I next have to extend significant thanks to R.W. Walter H. Hunt. Walter was twice Master of Mount Hollis Lodge, twice Master of Norumbega & Brookline Lodge and is currently Grand Historian and Librarian of the Grand Lodge. In 2009, Walter created a website using Wiki technology called MasonicGenealogy.com. Since then, he and a staff of volunteers have been turning it into a Fort Knox of Masonic data for Massachusetts. Among the volunteers is our own Wor. Scott Sherman who frequently enhances content about us. R.W. Bro. Hunt has also extended the use of this Wiki-

powered repository to any other Masonic jurisdiction who might be interested in doing the same.

And last but certainly not least, besides those specifically named, I must thank all our Secretaries who, over the years have assembled and maintained records and other source material that was eventually shared with others, including Walter Hunt, to make its way into an accessible vault of information just waiting to be used.

It is our collective responsibility to make sure those looking to celebrate two hundred years from now also have our captured history to use.

– *Wor. Robert A. Caron*

“To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?”

– *Marcus Tullius Cicero*
(106 BC – 43 BC)

An Abstract of the
Histories of
Waltham Triad Lodge

COMPILED FROM ALL THE SOURCES
LISTED IN THE PREFACE WITH
RECENT EVENTS ADDED.



PART ONE: 1820 THROUGH 1840

In the fall of 1820, the Masonic year began as usual for most lodges, but not in Waltham as there was no lodge there chartered. Waltham was first settled in 1634 as part of Watertown and was officially incorporated as a separate town in 1738, but still had no recognizable town center until the 1830s. In 1820, Waltham's population was 1,677.

As was occurring frequently in small New England towns, groups of Masons routinely met with expansion on their minds. We learn from the records that Monitor Lodge was first prepared to be made a Masonic Lodge in the hearts of twenty-one worthy Brothers who were all members of lodges in surrounding towns, but lived or worked in Waltham. After several preliminary meetings in a building at the corner of Elm and Main Streets, they signed a petition and presented it at the regular quarterly communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, December 13, 1820, asking for permission to form and open a Masonic Lodge in the Town of Waltham, to be known as Monitor Lodge. This petition was endorsed by Hiram Lodge (MA) (then located in Lexington) and Amicable Lodge (of Cambridge). It was received by Most Worshipful Samuel Phillip Prescott Fay and referred to the Committee on Charters. The Committee reported at that same quarterly communication, recommending that the petition be granted, and the Grand Lodge immediately approved the report and decreed the Charter to date from that day – December 13th.

The petitioners were thrilled and convened again Saturday the 16th to form a By-Laws committee consisting of Brothers Reuben Allen (acting as Chairman), Joshua Swan, Isaac Bemis and Asahel Adams. The Brethren then agreed to meet again on the “first Monday preceding the full of the moon in January,” to hear the report of this committee and to make their choice of officers for the ensuing year.

The first regular communication of Monitor Lodge was held on January 15, 1821, when the Brethren voted the adoption of the code of By-Laws as reported by the committee, and unanimously elected their first line of officers as follows:

Worshipful Master – Joshua Swan
Senior Warden – Robert Smith
Junior Warden – Albigence W. Fisher
Treasurer – Asahel Adams
Secretary – Isaac E. Markham
Senior Deacon – Isaac Bemis
Junior Deacon – Daniel Emerson
Senior Steward – Luther Richardson
Junior Steward – Andrew Poor
Marshal – Reuben Allen

Three petitions for the degrees were received: the first from Thomas Borden, the others from Nathan Oliver and William D. Mason.

From January, 1821, to October, 1827, Monitor Lodge initiated seventy candidates, but of this number, less than forty became members of the Lodge. At that time candidates were balloted on before taking each degree, as well as for membership.

From October 29, 1827, to November 22, 1831, no petition for degrees or affiliation was received. This was the beginning of the period known as the Morgan excitement. Lodge attendance decreased to less than ten attending communications. Then followed the most depressing period Masonry has ever known in this country. No record of Monitor Lodge appears after the November 22, 1831 communication . . .

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PART TWO: 1840 THROUGH 1860

As 1840 rolled around, Monitor Lodge was not heard from in quite a while. The last recorded communication occurred on November 22, 1831.

The Masonic world was in the midst of something called the Morgan incident period. It seems that one William Morgan of Batavia, New York claimed to have been made a Master Mason while he was living in Canada, but the Brethren in New York questioned the validity of that. Angered at his rejection, Morgan announced that he was going to publish an exposé titled “Illustrations of Masonry,” critical of the Freemasons and revealing their secret degree work in detail. Before he could, however, Morgan mysteriously disappeared in 1826. Scurrilous and unproven rumors abounded attributing Morgan’s disappearance to various nefarious acts of angered Masons. Various protests and anti-Masonic sentiments pervaded the country for decades. Such consternation did not die down until nearly the end of the century.

So from 1832 until 1846, Monitor Lodge was silent, probably out of a sense of self-preservation, not wanting to become a local target of the anti-Masonic hysteria gripping the nation. But no one really knew for sure. Finally, on December 16, 1846, a group of Monitor Lodge brethren led by one Bro. Isaac Parker formulated and delivered to the Grand Lodge a petition as follows:

To the Most Wor. Grand Master, at the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Mass.

We the undersigned being Master Masons of good standing, and members of Monitor Lodge, Waltham, at the time said Lodge discontinued its meetings, respectfully represent: that we have the Charter, Furniture, etc. of said Lodge in safe keeping, that we believe the time has arrived when our meetings may be held with advantage to the Craft and for the good of Masonry generally. Therefore we respectfully pray for a revival of our Charter to enable us to hold our meetings and conform to the Laws and Regulations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth.

Dec. 16, 1846

(signed) Willard Adams, Horace Heard, Abijah Whitney, Abel Heard, Leonard Smith, Luther Harrington, Harvey Chapin, Isaac Parker

By unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge December 28, 1846, the prayer of the petitioners was granted. The next communication of Monitor Lodge was held January 18, 1847, with Wor. Lowell Adams, Past Master, presiding, and Brother Willard Adams acting as Secretary. Wor. Isaac Parker was elected as Worshipful Master and went on to serve in the East for eleven years!

The actions of Wor. Isaac Parker cannot be understated here. With Masonic lodges abandoning their existences and surrendering their charters under the torridness of the anti-Masonic sentiment, Parker is said to have collected all the important articles of Monitor Lodge and secreted them away in a safe place while this frenzy was abounding. Little did he realize that future Brethren would be so appreciative for

this they would memorialize him with a namesake lodge during his lifetime.

In 1856, Wor. Isaac Parker saw the relocation of Monitor Lodge to a new facility known as the Bemis block.

The road back was very difficult; virtually no one wanted to be associated with Masonry. But by the end of 1857, Monitor Lodge boasted a membership of 36 faithful Brothers. At the close of his service in 1858, Wor. Isaac Parker was presented with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of his preservation of Monitor Lodge during its dark period and his eleven years presiding for its rebirth.

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PART THREE: 1860 THROUGH 1880

The decade of the 1860s brought Masonry back to Waltham as it should be. In his 1861 year-end report, the District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. William T. Coolidge, said: “The suburban Lodges, Monitor Lodge of Waltham, Bethesda Lodge of Brighton and Pequossette Lodge of Watertown, though not doing a great amount of work, it is of the best materials and of finished workmanship.”

By 1864, history repeated itself in that Monitor Lodge Bro. William B. Bothamly and thirteen other Master Masons petitioned for permission to organize a Lodge in Belmont. Monitor Lodge unanimously voted its consent and thus Masonry was again propagated to a new town in Massachusetts.

Wor. Henry Mulliken who served as Master in 1861 and 1862 became a Junior Grand Deacon in Grand Lodge for 1863, 1864 and 1865, then was elected Junior Grand Warden for 1867.

Also in 1867, a petition was received from Bros. Ambrose Webster, Charles Moore, Henry N. Fisher and others, asking for permission to form what was afterwards named Isaac Parker Lodge. For whatever reason, Monitor Lodge was rejecting more applicants than it was accepting and many Brethren were not pleased with this. Thus the move to form a separate Lodge of like-minded Brothers who would accept applicants on their own terms. Many believe this was a rift

between factions divided by the Charles River. The “Waltham Watch” crowd on the south side seemed to have differences with those on the north side.

The By-Laws were adopted Feb. 18, 1868, and Lodge dues were set at \$4.00 per year. The Lodge was Constituted March 27, 1868 by the Grand Lodge and the Officers were installed by M.W. Charles C. Dame. During 1868 and 1869, 24 applications were received, and thirteen were made Master Masons. At the Constitution of the Lodge, Wor. Isaac Parker made a few appropriate remarks. On May 5, 1868 he was elected an Honorary member.

The presiding Master of Monitor Lodge in 1868 was Charles A. Welch. From this position he launched a most impressive Masonic career. Wor. Bro. Welch served as Master of Monitor Lodge for two years – 1868 and 1869. Shortly thereafter, he became R.W. Charles A. Welch as District Deputy Grand Master of the Cambridge Fourth Masonic District for 1872, 1873 and 1874. R.W. Bro. Welch then was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for 1875, 1876 and 1877. Incredibly, he was then elected Grand Master of Masons for 1878, 1879 and 1880. Thus, Waltham Triad Lodge in its incarnation as Monitor Lodge had its first Grand Master from its ranks, Most Worshipful Charles Alfred Welch.

We must bear in mind that these were simpler times. Things were done that would be unheard of today for a multitude of reasons. Such a thing happened in 1878. While Grand Master, and a member of Monitor Lodge, M.W. Charles A. Welch was on a committee to study the Masonic accommodations in Waltham. With Monitor and Isaac

Parker Lodges, and Waltham Royal Arch Chapter, it was getting crowded in the current building. The solution defies belief.

M.W. Bro. Welch proposed erecting a new building to be used as Masonic apartments at his own expense. It was to be built at the corner of Moody and Charles Streets. The Lodges and Chapter would lease the building from M.W. Bro. Welch for \$500 per year.

The new building was dedicated by Grand Lodge (led by M.W. Bro. Welch) on the Feast of St. John, December 27, 1879. It became known as the Charles A. Welch Block and marked the beginning of a period of meteoric rise in Masonry in Waltham.

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PART FOUR: 1880 THROUGH 1900

The period from 1880 through 1900 was a quiet, yet prosperous one for Masonry in Waltham and throughout the state. Not many new lodges were formed, but most grew greatly in membership.

Of note is that, at the time, it was common for Worshipful Masters and their officer lines to serve two-year terms, at least in Waltham.

On March 26, 1885, Isaac Parker Lodge opened a Special Communication for the purposes of conducting the funeral service for the late Bro. Charles A. Bond in New Hampshire and then proceeded to Claremont, NH. On Sunday, March 29, the Craft with the consent of the M.W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was escorted by fifty members of Hiram Lodge #9 to the service. On Monday they returned to Waltham. Little did they know at the time that this relationship with Hiram Lodge #9 of Claremont would continue.

On March 3, 1892, Isaac Parker Lodge celebrated its twenty-fifth Anniversary and was honored by the presence of Most Worshipful Grand Master Samuel Wells and the officers of the Grand Lodge. From 18 members, the Lodge had grown to 151 members and would continue to grow.

A young man named Melvin M. Johnson took his degrees in Monitor Lodge in 1892, standing 496 on the membership list. He was the son of Byron B. Johnson, the first Mayor of Waltham. Melvin started in the officer line and few suspected how far he would go.

Growth in Masonic bodies necessitated many to expand their meeting places. In neighboring Newton, Dalhousie Lodge and Gethsemane Commandery #35 found themselves building new Masonic Apartments in the village of Newtonville. As is the custom, Masons from a wide area always join in to celebrate and support such a venture. On September 23, 1896, Brethren from Monitor Lodge, led by Wor. Clarence Tebbets and Isaac Parker Lodge, led by Wor. Frederick W. Derbyshire traveled to Newtonville for the Cornerstone ceremony marking the start of construction (how ironic).

The Cornerstone Speech was delivered by M.W. Edwin Bradford Holmes, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. Taking a page from the Charles A. Welch playbook in Waltham, this Newton Masonic Building was designed and built by architects and engineers who were members of Dalhousie Lodge and Gethsemane Commandery!

In addition to the lodges from Waltham attending this ceremony, officers and members of Beth-horon Lodge, Belmont Lodge, Pequossette Lodge and Bethesda Lodge marched in procession. Renowned at the time for their talent, the Waltham Watch Company Band provided musical accompaniment.

A scant year later, on October 6, 1897, M.W. Charles Carroll Hutchinson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts brought the Grand Lodge back to Newtonville and opened a Special Communication of Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Hutchinson led the Grand Lodge Officers in performing the traditional Dedication Ceremony and delivered a Dedication Charge to the assembled Brethren.

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PART FIVE: 1900 THROUGH 1920

That young man, Melvin M. Johnson, who was raised in 1892, now a lawyer like his father, was elected Master of Monitor Lodge and served in the East for the 1902 and 1903 terms. In 1904 and 1905 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Waltham Fifth Masonic District. From there, he became Grand Marshal for M.W. John Albert Blake in 1906, 1907 and 1908. Following an old custom, he was then elected Senior Grand Warden for 1909.

To no one's surprise, Bro. Johnson was elected Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts for 1914, 1915 and 1916, thus giving Monitor Lodge (and now Waltham Triad Lodge) its second Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Johnson's Masonic credentials are lengthy and impressive. A noted author, lecturer and Masonic scholar, he went on to lead many other Masonic bodies, became Dean of the Boston University Law School, and was often referred to as the most well-known Mason in the world in his hey-day.

The twenty-five years following the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary in 1892 of Isaac Parker Lodge were prosperous ones and the Lodge was fortunate in having a succession of highly intelligent Masters who were deeply interested in their Masonic duties. Consequently, the affairs of the Lodge were conducted smoothly and efficiently. In fact, peace and harmony so prevailed throughout these years

that one of our most successful Masters held two ladies' nights in one year, which is something of a record. In 1914, the Lodge was growing so rapidly that a committee of ten was appointed to act with the Worshipful Master and to confer with a similar committee from Monitor Lodge. They were to work out ideas and consider places for new and larger quarters. However, nothing definite was decided until 1920.

Approaching this 50th anniversary, Isaac Parker Lodge had acquired a membership of 383 and was most prosperous. Accordingly, it was decided that this anniversary should be in keeping with the splendid condition of the Lodge. With this thought in mind, a committee of ten, with Wor. Edward C. Elwell as Chairman, decided that a three-day celebration should be observed.

Sunday, April 29, 1917, the Lodge marched in a body to the Methodist Emmanuel Church where the Rev. Brother Frank G. Potter, Chaplain of the Lodge, delivered a most appropriate sermon, choosing for his theme, A Masonic Round Table. Monday evening, April 30, 1917, as a part of the anniversary program, the Lodge held a very successful Ladies' Night at Nutting's on the Charles, where 620 members and their guests enjoyed a banquet, entertainment and dancing. The final meeting of the 50th anniversary was held Tuesday evening, May 1, the Lodge being honored by the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Leon M. Abbott, and members of the Grand Lodge.

But World War I was not kind to Isaac Parker Lodge. Forty members served with the Armed Forces. The Lodge voted to erect a bronze tablet in their honor. This tablet was unveiled

with appropriate ceremonies May 16, 1920. Two members served with such distinction that they were awarded high honors by our government. Worshipful Brother Arthur Hansen, (a Mayor of Waltham) received the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. Worshipful Brother George Furbush received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre and the Purple Heart. To our dismay, two Brothers made the ultimate sacrifice: Bro. Walter Thomas Jensen and Bro. Harold Boynton Leach.

While all this was happening in Waltham, a group of Brethren from Pequossette Lodge in Watertown were contemplating a second lodge for that town. It seems that Pequossette Lodge was overwhelmed with interest, receiving over 90 applications in one year. The membership complained that all they did was degree work and had no time for other business or activities! That small group continued to grow and meet and discuss what to do next, until . . .

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PART SIX: 1920 THROUGH 1940

Sixty Brethren in Watertown signed a petition, selected officers and decided on the lodge name “Victory” when they first met on February 16, 1920. They provided much needed relief to Pequossette Lodge in accepting applicants to Freemasonry. After successfully operating for nearly a year, the Grand Lodge granted them a Charter on December 8, 1920.

Most Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master, visited Victory Lodge on February 4, 1921 and officially Constituted them. This event brought out fifty-seven members and ninety-eight visitors.

On June 20, 1920, Monitor Lodge voted unanimously to cooperate with Isaac Parker Lodge and Waltham Royal Arch Chapter, in purchasing the Maynard Block. The Waltham Masonic Building Corporation was organized with representatives from each of the Masonic bodies on the board for the purpose of financing the purchase, furnishing and operating the Masonic building.

The one hundredth anniversary of Monitor Lodge was observed by a three-day celebration in commemoration of this important event in the life of our Lodge. Sunday afternoon, December 12, 1920, it began with Divine services at Asbury Temple, held for this special occasion. Attended by about five hundred members of Monitor and Isaac Parker Lodges, services opened with prayer, offered by Reverend

Bro. Edward F. Miller, Chaplain of Monitor Lodge. The sermon of the day was delivered by R.W. and Reverend Frederick W. Hamilton, who chose for his theme, "What Does All This Mean?" It was a very inspiring sermon, ending with the expressed hope that another hundred years would see Monitor Lodge in the condition of today and improving with the years (how prophetic).

On Monday evening, December 13th, a regular communication of Monitor Lodge was held in Charles A. Welch Hall, with Wor. John M. Gibbs presiding. After receiving a report from the Grand Marshal, R.W. Frank W. Dobson, that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was ready to be received, the Worshipful Master appointed a committee of the Past Masters, Honorary and Life Members of Monitor Lodge, to escort into the Lodge Most Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, who was most cordially welcomed by the Worshipful Master. The Grand Master then assumed the East and was greeted by a song of welcome by the Pilgrim Quartet.

Worshipful Brother Gibbs then presented our own Most Worshipful Melvin M. Johnson, who delivered an impressive, formal address of welcome to his successor as Grand Master. The next business of the evening was the installation of officers. This ceremony was performed in a most excellent manner by the Grand Lecturer, Wor. Frederic L. Putnam, who was a particular friend of Bro. Howard S. Hatch, who was installed Worshipful Master.

Then followed an eloquent and interesting address by the Most Worshipful Grand Master that held the close attention of every one present until the last word was spoken. The

Grand Lodge then retired and the Lodge was closed at 10:15, with 450 members of the Fraternity in attendance.

The celebration closed on Tuesday evening when 760 members and guests assembled at Nutting's on the Charles to partake of a fine banquet and enjoy a very pleasant evening, with entertainment, music and dancing.

On June 12, 1928, it happened again! A group of Brethren organized and conducted the first meeting of a new lodge to be named for the city. Masonry was so prosperous this third lodge in Waltham would easily succeed. Over the next decade and more, Waltham Lodge gained the reputation of having the most loyal, active corps of Past Masters of any lodge in the area.

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PART SEVEN: 1940 THROUGH 1960

As 1940 rolled around, about the only thing people were thankful for was surviving the Great Depression (although not known by that term at the time). Not much Masonic activity was recorded in the previous ten years. About the last significant event to occur was the formation of Waltham Lodge in 1928, instituted, of course, with no idea that the U.S. was about to confront economic chaos.

One shining light, though, was that our own M.W. Melvin M. Johnson was Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite from 1933 to 1954. He died December 18, 1957 at the age of 87 and at the December 27, 1957 Quarterly Communication at Grand Lodge, M.W. and Reverend Thomas S. Roy, his fellow Past Grand Master, eulogized him during a Memorial Service, summing up his life as follows:

“For over fifty years our Brother had been an officer of this Grand Lodge. During these years he came to a position of world prominence in Masonry beyond that of any other man of his generation.”

There were happier times, though. The year 1942 brought about the 75th anniversary of Isaac Parker Lodge. On Sunday evening, April 19, 1942, divine services were held in commemoration of the anniversary at Christ Episcopal Church. Our Chaplain, Rev. Bro. George Ekwell, delivered the sermon, choosing for his text: “The fear of the Lord is the

beginning of wisdom, a good understanding have all they that do His commandments” (Psalm 111.10). On Tuesday, April 21, 1942, the Lodge celebrated the anniversary, being honored by the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Albert A. Schaefer, together with the other officers of Grand Lodge.

Although in the midst of World War II, Victory Lodge also found cause to celebrate their 25th anniversary in 1945. Even though many members and officers, including presiding Senior Warden Edward P. Furber, were called to service, those who remained still recognized the milestone. Towards the end of the decade, many returned from their service to pick up where they left off.

Monitor Lodge also observed an anniversary in 1945, its 125th. On Sunday, November 11, a special communication was opened at 3:15 pm and the Brethren processed to the First Baptist Church for a 4:00 pm service, escorted by the Knights of Sir Galahad Commandery #52, K.T. of Waltham. The following Wednesday, November 14, the Brethren gathered for a 6:30 pm banquet followed by an 8:00 pm program in the Lodge hall. M.W. Samuel H. Wragg, Grand Master, and Grand Lodge Officers were guests for dinner and were formally received into the Lodge hall for the program by the Master, Wor. Raymond S. Dolber. Monitor Lodge’s membership stood at 554 that year.

One of the interesting happenings in 1947 was the election of Bro. Benjamin B. Worth as Worshipful Master of Isaac Parker Lodge, and the following year, 1948, his identical twin brother, Burton W. Worth was elected as Master. A

happening not too frequent in Masonry: twin brothers presiding in succession.

In 1953, Waltham Lodge celebrated its 25th anniversary. Membership stood at 218 that year. The anniversary was observed on Tuesday, May 26. After dinner in the banquet hall, the program was held in the Lodge Hall under the guidance of M.W. Thomas S. Roy, Grand Master.

In December of 1954, Victory Lodge named a building committee to work with Pequossette Lodge in planning a new Temple. A fund-raising committee was appointed, and trustees were elected to the Watertown Masonic Associates; and on January 8, 1960, Victory Lodge held their first meeting in the new Temple at 32 Church Street.

In December 1954, the three Waltham Masonic Lodges formed a joint committee to establish a DeMolay Chapter for boys in Waltham. In May 1959, Victory Lodge voted to co-sponsor a DeMolay Chapter with Pequossette Lodge in Watertown.

On April 2, 1957, by permission of the Grand Masters of Massachusetts and the State of Washington, the great grandson of Wor. Isaac Parker, Bro. Isaac Curtis Parker, a member of Arcana Lodge #87, Seattle, Washington, was elected to Honorary Emeritus Membership in Isaac Parker Lodge. At the May 21st communication, he presented the original Past Master's Jewel of Wor. Isaac Parker to the Lodge. At this same meeting, his son, Bro. Isaac George Parker, who had taken his first two degrees in Arcana Lodge, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

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PART EIGHT: 1960 THROUGH 1980

As this is written in preparation for the 200th anniversary in 2020, the period from 1960 to 1980 is one that many readers today will remember. It should be humbling to the reader to realize that 70% of this Lodge's existence pre-dated this period, with fiercely loyal members fighting to maintain and expand the four Lodges' existences for posterity . . . and for the reader!

One thing readers who remember the Lodge's 1960s and 1970s will remember is more celebrations. Having four predecessor Lodges provided many special occasions, milestones and anniversaries as opportunities to rejoice. One such occurrence began this score of years when on September 19, 1960 in Isaac Parker Lodge, the Police Square Club of Massachusetts raised Brothers Frederick Porter and Joseph Boisvert, both members of the Waltham Police Department. Wor. Brother Boisvert went on to be Master a mere 8 years later. The Police Square Club Degree Team visited all our Lodges many times since, and Degree Teams in general became very popular.

At the June 1963 communication, Waltham Lodge Brethren enjoyed the first appearance of the Armenian Past Masters' Degree Team who were presented through the untiring efforts of Bro. Edward A. Kazanjian, Sr., long-time Lodge Secretary. Since that time Waltham Lodge had been host to many other degree teams including the Aleppo Temple Officers, the Kilted Craft, the Police Square Club and the

DeMolay degree teams, as well as the “Level Best” Degree Team, made up of Senior Wardens from the Brighton Fifth Masonic District.

Victory Lodge had an uncommon celebration in 1965. Bro. Percy M. Bond retired after 45 years as Tyler of Victory Lodge. That’s 45 years of continuous service as Lodge Tyler! An Honorary Member, Bro. Bond, assisted by R.W. Franklin Harris, had laid the first brick in the new Temple at 32 Church Street.

On the evening of Tuesday, November 9, 1965, the Great Northeast Blackout hit all of New England (except Maine), New York, New Jersey and parts of Pennsylvania and Canada – and Waltham Lodge. Freemasonry prevailed, however, and candidates Robert Sheridan and Joseph Streck were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in a Lodge room lighted only by candles!

The 50th anniversary celebration of Victory Lodge in March 1970 carried a sad note, however. Bro. Milton F. Ede, the chief planner of the 50th festivities was to be Master. This was not to be, however, as Brother “Milt,” as he was fondly known, on the eve of his installation met with an accident. And about a month later The Great and Beneficent Author of our existence saw fit to remove him from his earthly duties and take him “to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.” Wor. Bro. Ernest E. Fay accepted a second term as Master and carried out the plans laid down by Bro. Ede. It is interesting to note that just twenty-five years earlier, when Victory Lodge celebrated its 25th anniversary, Wor. Bro. Ernie’s father, Wor. Bro. Stuart J. Fay, occupied the East as Master.

The 100th anniversary of Isaac Parker Lodge was held in April 1967. The celebration opened with Divine services at Christ Episcopal Church on April 23rd under the direction of the Venerable George O. Ekwel, Lodge Chaplain. On April 29th, after dinner in the Banquet Hall, the Anniversary program was held under the direction of M.W. Thomas A. Booth, Grand Master. The historical address was given by Wor. Charles Janes and a vocal trio rendered several numbers. Lodge membership stood at 485.

On June 13, 1968, Pequossette Lodge and Victory Lodge held a joint communication with Grand Master Thomas A. Booth present for the purpose of burning the mortgage for the 32 Church Street Lodge building. Hooray!

In celebrating its 150th anniversary in November 1970, Monitor Lodge had become one of the oldest institutions in the Waltham community. Only two of the many churches could claim a longer life. The First Parish / Universalist-Unitarian is the successor to the First Parish established in 1696, when Waltham was part of Watertown, and which removed to Waltham in 1722. In 1820, it being recognized that the ministry of this church had become Unitarian, those members not in sympathy with this movement left to form their own church, the Trinitarian Congregational, which as the First Congregational Church also in 1970 celebrated its 150th anniversary.

Isaac Parker Lodge was proud to have Past Master Benjamin Worth appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Brighton Fifth Masonic District in 1970 and 1971. Victory Lodge was proud to see Past Master Shant Chebookjian appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the

Waltham Fifth Masonic District in 1979 and 1980. He went on to become Senior Grand Warden in 1983 and he appointed fellow Past Master Samuel McGolpin as his Grand Pursuivant. Monitor Lodge Past Master Brenton Tyler's appointment as District Deputy Grand Master in 1974 was interrupted when the newly elected Grand Master, M.W. Stanley F. Maxwell, asked him to become his Grand Marshal for 1975, 1976 and 1977. As is customary, he followed that in 1978 with a year as Senior Grand Warden when he appointed fellow Past Master Frank Mooney as his Grand Pursuivant. (R.W. Bro. Tyler was also elected as Massachusetts Consistory Commander-in-Chief in 1982-1983-1984 during which time he received his 33°.)

We close this period with the March 10, 1979 Gala Celebration of Waltham Lodge's 50th anniversary when we joined together for dinner and dance at the New England Aquarium. The planning for this event by Wor. Thomas Newton, Wor. Thomas Streck and Bro. Robert Caron was only possible through the foresight of then Master Wor. C. Robert "Bob" Jingoian and those present at the May 1968 communication who established the Fiftieth Anniversary Fund for this purpose.

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PART NINE: 1980 THROUGH 2000

Moving into the 1980s was a good time in Waltham and Watertown. Lodges were active and growing. By this time, 80% of the Lodge's existence preceded it, with ups and downs, but nothing could have prepared us for one of the most significant events in Lodge history that was about to occur.

Sunday, June 6, 1982, was a day of disaster for the Masons of Waltham. On that day, the Masonic building at 690-700 Main Street was destroyed by fire and water. The fire, called in by an off-duty policeman, caused the first of six alarms to be struck at 12:23 pm. Approximately 150 firefighters, including the entire Waltham department and firefighters from Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Lexington, Watertown and Weston and were called to the scene as five more alarms were struck. Even then, it took more than two hours to bring it under control. It was the first six-alarm fire in the history of the City of Waltham.

Wind whipped the fire up the rear stairway, shooting flames 20 feet into the sky. The roof caved in and destroyed the top floor, with water and smoke causing heavy damage to the first and second floors. A grandfather clock and a bible are among the few items that were recovered from the fire (and are now safe in Newtonville). The Masonic building in Roxbury had burned the previous December and the one in Salem had burned in February; arson was suspected in all cases.

Three Masonic bodies – Monitor Lodge, Isaac Parker Lodge and Waltham Royal Arch Chapter – had purchased the building in 1921 and after alterations, it was dedicated in 1922. When Waltham Lodge was formed in 1928, it joined the building association. Waltham Masonry had occupied the building for 60 years.

Monitor Lodge and Isaac Parker Lodge moved to the Belmont Masonic Hall. Waltham Lodge also moved to Belmont first and then five months later moved to the Watertown Masonic Hall (where Victory Lodge met). But more immediately, Bro. Nicholas J. Pappas who received his First and Second Degrees in Waltham in April and May was scheduled to receive his Third Degree on Tuesday, June 8, but due to the fire it was bestowed on him in Newtonville as Dalhousie Lodge welcomed Waltham Lodge with open arms.

Fire insurance on the building was collected, the building razed and the land sold to a neighboring bank. The officers of the building association began at once to search for new quarters or land on which to build, but proved unsuccessful. Following their dispersal to Belmont and Watertown, the three Lodges still felt a profound sense of loss, not only for the building but for each other. Discussion on the possibility of a consolidation seemed a natural progression. A joint committee with five members from each Lodge was formed.

Their first meeting was held on June 29, 1987. Eleven meetings later, merger was agreed upon and Consolidation Day was set as June 10, 1988. The three Lodges were opened at 7:00 pm and M.W. Albert T. Ames, Grand Master, presided. The new Lodge name was initially to be “The Waltham Lodge,” but after much discussion led by Wor. C.

Robert Jingoian, the name “Waltham Triad Lodge” was agreed to. Wor. Bro. Jingoian had been instrumental in the recent merger of Royal Arch chapters into “Triad Royal Arch Chapter” and convinced the merger committee that a “matching” name would show fraternalism and add the emphasis of the origin in three former Lodges (as with the three former Royal Arch Chapters). Waltham Triad was born with a membership of 649 Brethren. Precedence was established as Monitor’s original December 13, 1820 date, residence was established as the Newton Masonic Building in Newtonville and the new Lodge was placed in the Brighton Fifth Masonic District.

The officers of Waltham Triad Lodge were then installed with Wor. H. Frank Albee as the first Master. Wor. Bro. Albee was raised in Monitor Lodge. Over the course of the first several years, brothers who presided as Master were all from the original three Lodges. It wasn’t until Wor. Daniel J. Vallucci, the seventh Master, that a Mason raised in Waltham Triad Lodge became its Master.

Prior to consolidation, Past Master Harry Sneider of Isaac Parker Lodge was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Brighton Fifth Masonic District for 1986 and 1987. In 1994 he was named a Grand Lecturer which position he held until his death in 2011, save the year 2001 when he was appointed Junior Grand Warden.

Remember that trip to Hiram Lodge #9 in Claremont, New Hampshire in 1885 for the Memorial service of a departed Brother who lived in New Hampshire? Well, Wor. H. Frank Albee, the new Master of the new Waltham Triad Lodge, had a residence in Claremont. So, on April 4, 1989, he arranged

for Waltham Triad Lodge to make a pilgrimage to Claremont to exemplify the Second and Third Sections of the Third Degree for Hiram Lodge #9. He was also able to have M.W. Albert T. Ames, Grand Master of Massachusetts, and M.W. Phillip L. Hall, Grand Master of New Hampshire attend! A few years later, Wor. Bro. Albee became Master of Hiram Lodge #9 and brought that Lodge to Massachusetts to visit Waltham Triad Lodge several times.

All this while, Victory Lodge in Watertown continued to prosper. Past Master Stephen Kaloyanides was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Waltham Fifth Masonic District for 1985 and 1986. He went on to become Senior Grand Warden in 1998 and he appointed fellow Past Master Alan Jelalian as his Grand Pursuivant.

Then Wor. George Sarafinas, a Past Master of Dalhousie Lodge in Newtonville had been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Waltham Fifth Masonic District for 1997 and 1998, after which he became Master of Victory Lodge in 2001.

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PART TEN: 2000 THROUGH 2020

The issuance of this last part of our 200 year review has been delayed due to the astonishing situation we find ourselves in with the Coronavirus pandemic. This delay was to allow us to include as much of what has happened in 2020 as possible, as startling changes seemed to be occurring weekly.

Here we have come to the last part of this 200th anniversary retrospective – the “final score of years” as Abraham Lincoln would have put it. I’m sure most of you clearly remember much of the last 20 years, so you can be sure not everything you remember will be reviewed here.

Since consolidation in 1988, Waltham Triad Lodge continued to operate in a truly united manner. Certainly there were stories of past events and escapades of the former individual Lodges, but there was a true sense of unity among the membership. But Waltham Triad was not immune to the malaise that started to strike Masonry in Massachusetts. Average age of membership rose as numbers of new, young candidates fell.

Victory Lodge of Watertown was experiencing the same. After visits were made, brotherly conversations were had and committees set up and met, Victory Lodge decided it wanted to merge into Waltham Triad Lodge. As Victory was founded in 1920, and Waltham Triad had precedence to 1820, the nature of the merger dictated itself. Victory would surrender its Charter to Grand Lodge, its property to Waltham Triad, and all its members would become full-fledged, fully privileged members of Waltham Triad. Waltham Triad also extended the courtesy of making all Victory’s Past Masters Life Members of Waltham Triad.

Grand Lodge was petitioned to this effect and approved the petition on March 12, 2003. June 10, 2003 was set as the Consolidation Date. On that date, Waltham Triad Lodge and Victory Lodge were opened by their presiding Masters. A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was opened by M.W. Donald G. Hicks, Jr. The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers were received and proceeded with the merger ceremony.

The unification of four Lodges now ensured there was an ample supply of Past Masters to fill whatever chairs were empty. And indeed, Past Masters from each of the four original Lodges have filled the East of Waltham Triad Lodge as well as members raised in Waltham Triad Lodge.

Waltham Triad continues to “hold its own” and continues its allegiance to Waltham. Members often volunteer at Waltham charities (such as the Salvation Army), march in Waltham parades, produce a booth at Waltham Day festivities and the Lodge always invites the Mayor of Waltham to its major events.

During 2015, presiding Master Benjamin Bloomenthal created an “exploratory committee” to look forward to December 13, 2020 and investigate how to celebrate a Lodge’s 200th anniversary. Two years later, Wor. Mark Collins formalized the “Bicentenary Committee” that has guided the 200th anniversary activities, celebrations and publications.

In 2018, Past Master Kenneth Brown, who was raised in Waltham Triad Lodge and had served two years as Master in 2014 and 2015, was asked by Grand Master to consider the position of District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth Masonic District for 2019 and 2020 (in 2003 a re-districting eliminated the Brighton/Waltham split in the Fifth District). In accepting, he thus became the first “native” Past Master of Waltham Triad Lodge to receive such an appointment.

R.W. Bro. Brown is honored to wear the District Deputy Grand Master jewel of R.W. Benjamin B. Worth of Isaac Parker Lodge who served as District Deputy Grand Master in 1970 and 1971.

In January 2020, Waltham Triad Lodge kicked off what was planned as a year-long celebration of its 200th anniversary with a Gala Dinner at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library in Lexington. Despite a snowy New England night, 121 Brethren and Ladies attended, including the Grand Master and two Past Grand Masters.

Incredibly, in the last year of a 200-year history, the year 2020, what may turn out to be the most unforgettable disaster befell Waltham Triad Lodge – indeed all of Freemasonry. A world-wide novel Coronavirus pandemic brought Waltham Triad's and every other Masonic organization's activities to a screeching halt. On March 10, 2020, Massachusetts State Governor Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency that continues to prescribe a variety of restrictions on life itself in hope of controlling the spread of the Coronavirus that scientists have named SARS-CoV-2 which causes Covid-19 disease and can be fatal.

On March 10, 2020, following the declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, M.W. Richard Maggio, issued an emergency declaration suspending all Masonic activity in the Massachusetts Masonic jurisdiction until further notice. Grand Master Maggio assured all that this situation would be evaluated on a daily basis and any changes communicated forthwith. The next day, Grand Master Maggio issued another declaration returning control of Masonic activities to presiding officers of organizations, asking them to respect all safety recommendations and err on the side of caution. The Grand Master continued issuing periodic declarations

and directives essentially affirming that Massachusetts Masons should scrupulously follow state restrictions.

In July, the Grand Master issued additional guidelines for conducting business meetings through videoconferencing. Most significant was his declaration that Lodges need not obtain dispensations to cancel or reschedule meetings, and his issuance of a jurisdiction-wide dispensation allowing meetings to be held in July, August and other months whether or not permitted in individual by-laws. Eventually guidelines for remote balloting were also released. He also released guidelines modifying floorwork and physical contact during ceremonial activities.

By September, in-person Lodge meetings were allowed with indoor attendance not to exceed 25 persons, required face coverings and social distancing, and restrictions on food service. Outdoor, “open air” gatherings were limited to 50 attendees with face coverings and social distancing. But news reports began to suggest that some scientists and medical professionals feared that the virus would rebound and more severe restrictions would become necessary again.

The fear continuing among the older membership, “hybrid” meetings became the norm. The core officers would hold the meeting at the Lodge Hall and would “broadcast” it, most often on the Zoom video communication network, which allowed Brethren from the comfort of their home to not only see and hear the meeting but to converse with the officers in the Lodge room. This technique soon spread to other Masonic activities such as Lodges of Instruction and York Rite and Scottish Rite meetings and Eastern Star. As far as our youth organizations, DeMolay and Rainbow, well, their members are usually in touch with each other online every day anyway (Facebook, Twitter, SnapChat . . .)

The incredible irony of this is that the Zoom platform in many cases actually increased “attendance” at meetings

both in number and in distance away. One Fifth District Lodge of Instruction was attended by three Brethren from Massachusetts lodges located in the Republic of Chile in South America. A Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication was attended by Brethren of the District of China from a Tokyo, Japan lodge.

As the end of 2020 came near, the only 200th anniversary celebration activity that took place was the January Gala and Dinner. A planned church service, table lodge and rededication ceremony were all postponed to dates unknown at this writing, but most certainly not before the year 2021. The Lodge was able to hold its September meeting at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, but not as planned. It could not be a multi-day event with ladies accompanying the Brethren, an overnight stay, and a festive dinner. Instead, less than fifteen officers and members traveled to Rindge only for the afternoon.

By December, virtually all medical authorities were warning of a resurgence of Coronavirus infections, owing to the cooler, drier weather and the population being compelled indoors by the weather. Of some, but little, consolation was the fact that the medical community was learning more effective treatment techniques making the death rate go down. The quest for an effective, generally available vaccine against infection would be elusive until sometime in 2021. At this writing, the Governor “rolled back” permissible activity to a more restrictive level in response to the expected resurgence becoming actual. Waltham Triad Lodge has moved to online-only meetings until further notice. We can only hope and pray that conditions will allow the completion of our anniversary activities in the coming year. We trust it will make for a very interesting opening chapter in the next Waltham Triad Lodge history that is written.

One hundred years ago at Monitor Lodge's 100th anniversary, R.W. and Reverend Frederick Hamilton in his sermon ended with the expressed hope that another hundred years would see Monitor Lodge prospering and improving. In spite of the upset inflicted upon us by the pandemic, we believe it has!

**CONTINUING . . .
(IT'S UP TO YOU TO WRITE THE
NEXT CHAPTER!)**

The Lodge Halls of Waltham Triad Lodge

We've all heard the old adage that a Lodge is not the building, but the men that belong. True as that is, a dedicated location to call its own is a big asset for a Lodge.

In the history of Waltham Triad Lodge, it and its four predecessor Lodges have occupied ten different Lodge Halls. Some rented, some leased, some owned by Masonic building associations.

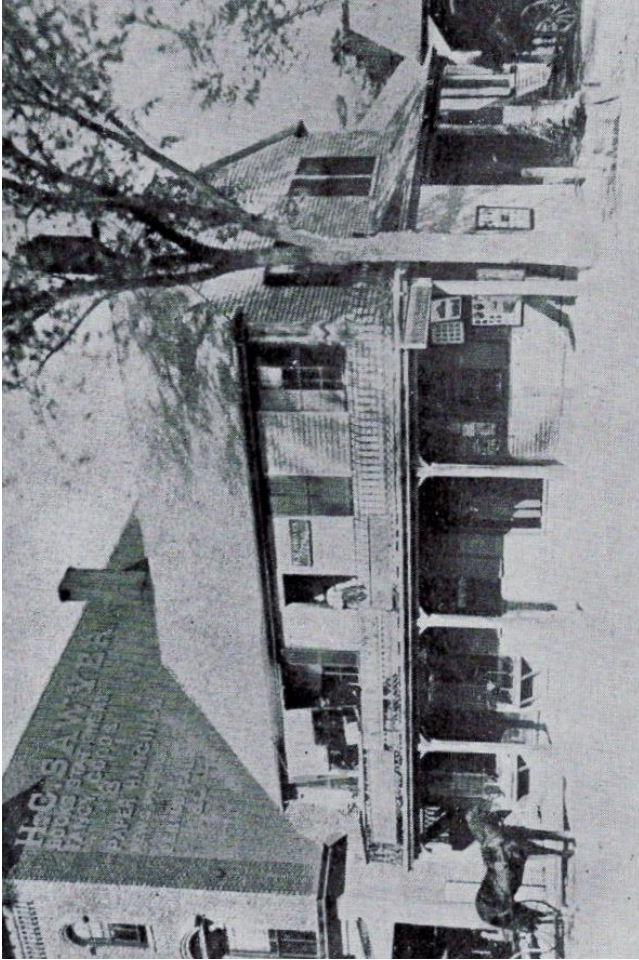
There are occasions where a Lodge will use a special venue for a special occasion. For example, all Lodges are invited to have one of their communications in the Grand Lodge building. And some Lodges have used outdoor venues. We're not counting those occasions when counting Lodge locations.

In Waltham Triad's case, the tragic destruction of the Waltham building by fire in 1982 caused the three lodges in Waltham to seek temporary quarters in nearby towns. Their intent was always to return to Waltham and buy or build a new Lodge Hall. So we're not counting that temporary relocation either.

But there's no place like home, and here are the ten homes Waltham Triad Lodge has known.

First Location

The first location used by the Brethren who formed Monitor Lodge was only used to meet and organize a petition to the Grand Lodge and to establish the Lodge and its first slate of Officers.



- Easterly corner of Elm and Main Streets, Waltham
- Choate & Richardson grocery store
- Upstairs room rented for four months from October 1, 1820 to February 1, 1821 for a grand total of \$6.40
- First Communication of Monitor Lodge held Monday, January 15, 1821

Second Location

Little is known about the second location used by the newly formed Monitor Lodge. Photographically reproduced on the following two pages is the lease, but is somewhat hard to read. Here is the best transcription we could create:

“-This Indenture, made the second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one Witnesseth, That Nathan M Intier Jr. of Waltham in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Permitter does hereby lease, demise, and let unto the officers and members of Monitor Lodge of free masons the Hall and adjoining rooms to the south, together with the privilege of passing into the south door of the house on the road leading to Newton at all times & to have the key to said door

TO HOLD for the term of five years from the first day of April instant yielding and paying therefor the rent of thirty five dollars

And the said Lessees do promise to pay the said rent in equal quarterly payments and to quit and deliver up the premises to the Lessor, or his attorney, peaceably and quietly, at the end of the term, in as good order and condition, reasonable use and wearing thereof excepted, as the same now are, or may be put into, by the said Lessor, and to pay all taxes and duties levied, or to be levied thereon during the term, and for such further time as the Lessee may hold the same, and not make or suffer any waster thereof; and that the Lessor may enter to view, and make improvements, and to expel the Lessee, if he shall fail to pay the rent as aforesaid, or make or suffer any strip or waste thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above said (signed) Nathan M Intier Jr

Signed sealed & delivered in presents of us (signed) Daniel Emerson (signed) Nathan Obrien”

This Indenture, made the

second day of April

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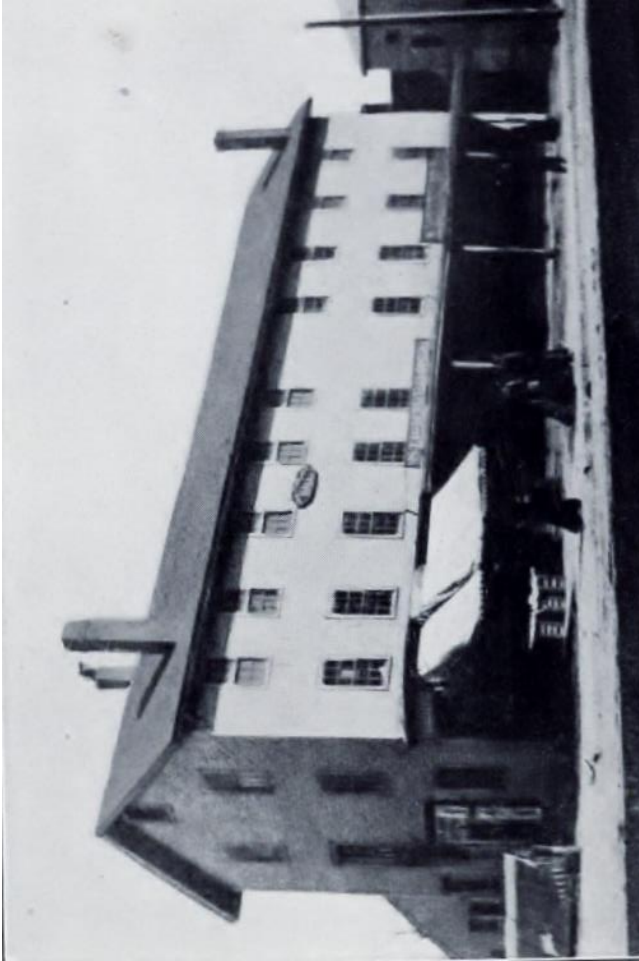
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Third Location



- Northeast corner of Main and Newton Streets, Waltham
- Second Communication of Monitor Lodge held Monday, February 12, 1821

Fourth Location



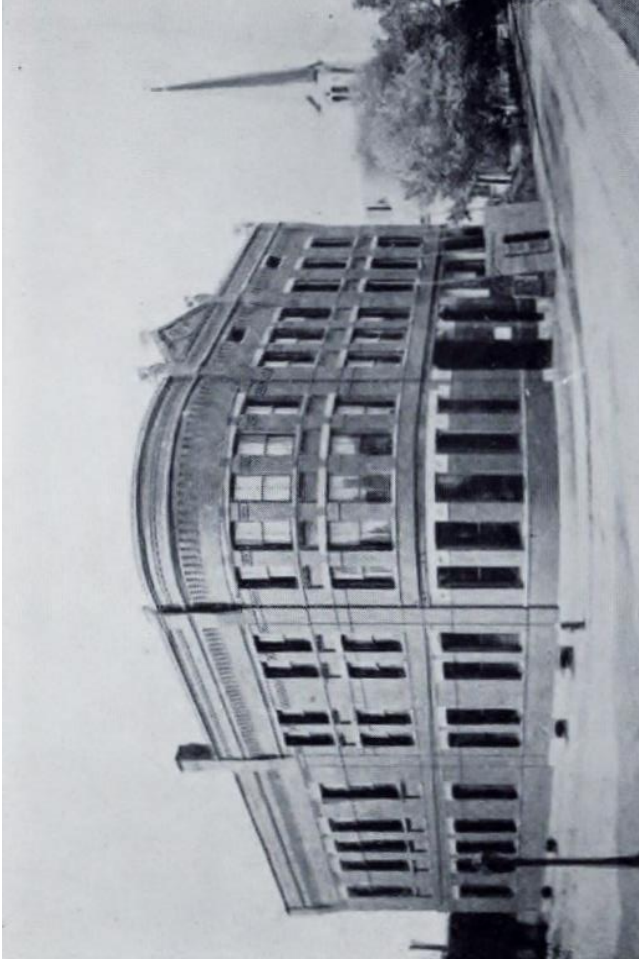
- Southeast corner of Main and Newton Streets, Waltham
- Stearns & Crehore Block, third floor (Odd Fellows Hall)
- First used by Monitor Lodge Monday, January 18, 1847

Fifth Location



- Main Street near the Common, Waltham
- Eagle Block, second floor (originally named Bemis Block)
- First used by Monitor Lodge Monday, April 10, 1865

Sixth Location



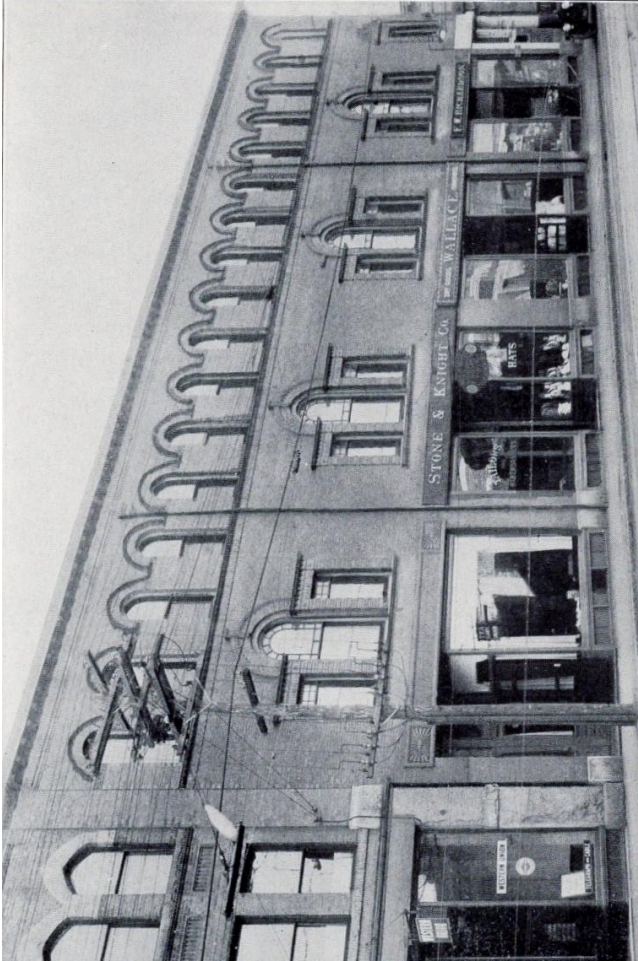
- Corner of Moody and Charles Streets, Waltham
- Charles A. Welch Block
- First used by Monitor Lodge and Isaac Parker Lodge Saturday, December 27, 1879 in a joint meeting, building dedication and double installation of officers

Seventh Location



- Watertown Square
- Otis Building
- Victory Lodge was Constituted here Friday, February 4, 1921
(Pequosette Lodge had met here since January 21, 1914)

Eighth Location



- 690-700 Main Street, Waltham
- Maynard Block
- First used by Isaac Parker Lodge Tuesday, September 6, 1921
- First used by Monitor Lodge Monday, September 12, 1921
- First Communication of Waltham Lodge held Tuesday, June 26, 1928

Ninth Location



- 32 Church Street, Watertown
- Watertown Masonic Temple
- First used by Victory Lodge Friday, January 8, 1960

Tenth and Current Location



- 460 Newtonville Avenue, Newton
- Newton Masonic Building
- First Communication of Waltham Triad Lodge held Friday, June 10, 1988

The Past Masters of Waltham Triad Lodge

Where would we be without our Past Masters? Much has been written and said about the position and the men who occupy it, often by the very men who occupy it.

Past Master is:

The most rewarding position
or
The most frustrating position . . .
The most loved position
or
The most despised position . . .

Whichever you believe, the only certain thing about it is whoever occupies it makes it uniquely his own, using it for whatever he believes is the good of the Craft and to the benefit of his Lodge's members.

A word about terms of office and dates –

Over the years and because of differences in lodges and by-laws, the term of office for a Master has varied as to when it begins and ends, and its duration. For consistency and brevity, the year a Master served is reported here as only the *ending* year of the one-year period during which he served. This is the *de facto* standard in use by Grand Lodge, although many do not follow it.

Summary of Past Masters

Lodge	In existence	Past Masters
Monitor	167 years, 5 months, 29 days	108
Isaac Parker	121 years, 1 month, 19 days	89
Victory	83 years, 3 months, 18 days	62
Waltham	59 years, 11 months, 30 days	55
Waltham Triad	since June 10, 1988	20
Waltham Triad	200 years, unduplicated	329

Extensive research was performed to verify the complete and accurate names of the Past Masters, the years they served, and any Grand Lodge offices they may have held.

Over the years, numerous transcriptions and reproductions of printed lists of names had resulted in significant errors in the roster of Past Masters. In each case, the actual Grand Lodge record was examined in proofing these lists. In some cases, additional research of public documents helped discover or corroborate names.

God bless our Past Masters!

Past Masters of Monitor Lodge

(Year term ended; © = Charter Member)

© Joshua Swan, 1821, 1822, 1823	Austin Sherman Hale, 1934
© Robert Smith, 1824	Benjamin Sanderlin Battye, 1935
© Isaac Bemis, Jr., 1825	John Leslie Campbell, 1936
Abijah Whitney, 1826	Lawrence Addison Brewer, 1937
Lowell Adams, 1827	Raymond Luckey Clapp, 1938
Timothy Davis, 1828	Harold Barrows Colpitts, 1939
© Ephraim Allen, 1829 to 1832	Reginald LaMert Cahill, 1940
<i>Lodge dark</i> 1832 to 1846	Webster Fiske Harrington, Jr., 1941
Isaac Parker, 1847 to 1858	Frank James Mooney, Jr., 1942
Marcus Aurelius Moore, 1859, 1860	Herbert Stengel Morang, 1943
Henry Mulliken, 1861, 1862	Sumner Alger Millard Lewis, 1944
Hiram Myron Britton, 1863, 1864	Raymond Sumner Dolber, 1945
Charles Henry Houghton, 1865	Leslie Harrison Lewis, 1946
Samuel Otis Upham, 1866, 1867	Augie William Johnson, 1947
Charles Alfred Welch, 1868, 1869	Carl Oscar Christenson, 1948
Louis Antonio Felix, 1870	Russell Porter Wentworth, 1949
Albert Thompson Bacon, 1871, 1872	Maurice Lafayette Upham, 1950
Henry Walker Hartwell, 1873, 1874	Andrew Brown Robertson, 1951
Luman Newell Hall, 1875, 1876, 1877	Louis Joel Kirsch, Jr., 1952
William Shakespeare, 1878, 1879	Victor Christian Harnish, 1953
Nathan Warren, 1880, 1881	Everett Fay Bishop, 1954
Rufus Green Brown, 1882, 1883	Clyde Frederic Joslyn, Jr., 1955
William Henry Anderson, 1884, 1885	Paul Dexter Wentworth, 1956
Charles Winfield Parmenter, 1886, 1887	Harold Aubrey Downing, 1957
James Wallace Follett, 1888, 1889	Harlan Burton Tewksbury, 1958
Frank Kendall Porter, 1890, 1891	Robert James Larcome, 1959
Alonzo Stevens Locke, 1892, 1893	Paul Burton McKenney, 1960
James Noble Greenwood, 1894, 1895	Henry Melvin Ferrick, 1961
Clarence Tebbets, 1896, 1897	William Isadore Milesky, 1962
Arthur Putnam Smith, 1898, 1899	Bernard Pierce Alden, 1963
Frederick Plympton Rutter, 1900, 1901	Robert Williams Phillips, Jr., 1964
Melvin Maynard Johnson, 1902, 1903	Brenton Eugene Tyler, Jr., 1965
Frank Otis Locke, 1904, 1905	Henry William Lingley, 1966
Robert Bell Johnson, 1906, 1907	Donald Raymond Lester, 1967

Charles Newton Brodrick, 1908, 1909	Louis Joel Kirsch, III, 1968
Arthur Hial Paul, 1910, 1911	Frank James Mooney, III, 1969
Charles Joseph Shepard, 1912, 1913	Robert Stephen Douthart, Jr., 1970
Louis Agassiz Phillips, 1914, 1915	Robert Harding Bauer, 1971
Fred Clarence Tebbets, 1916, 1917	Samuel Scheinfeldt, 1972
Fredrick William Sawyer, 1918	James Alden Wentworth, II, 1973
Charles Frederick Bliss, 1919	Garnett Dewitt Bailey, 1974
John Mellen Gibbs, 1920	George Edward Mitchell, 1975
Howard Sumner Hatch, 1921	Donald Kingsley Miller, 1976
Hiram Alton Roark, 1922	Richard Alan McKenzie, 1977
Ernest Woodworth Burckes, 1923	Ernest McKenzie, Jr., 1978
Albert Wilder Bullock, 1924	Wallace Weston Spracklin, 1979
Joseph Allen Hurd, 1925	Edward Sprague Cobb, 1980
Lyman Hayden Matthews, 1926	Frederic Houghton Robinson, 1981
Robert Elmer Larcome, 1927	Paul Travis, 1982
John Thompson, Jr., 1928	Walter Maxwell Bailey, 1983
Adelman Eldredge Clarke, 1929	Richard Stephen Milesky, 1984
Edwin Young Willey, 1930	Loren Lee Jenkins, 1985
Harry Austin Starr, 1931	Warren Wentworth Rand, 1986
Paul Winfield Bartel, 1932	Clyde Frederic Joslyn, Jr., 1987
James Sidney Stone, 1933	Robert Lawrence Cook, 1988

Past Masters of Isaac Parker Lodge

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© Ambrose Webster, 1867, 1868	Mathew Francis Ruane, 1940
© Henry Noah Fisher, 1869, 1870	Warren Emerson Terrell, 1941
© Charles Moore, 1871, 1872	Charles Frank Carbee, 1942
© Laroy Browne, 1873, 1874	Merton Augustine Hosmer, 1943
© John Elihu Whitcomb, 1875, 1876	Ernest Harrison Young, 1944
Leonard C. Lane, 1877, 1878	George Scott Hill, 1945
Zimri H. Cobleigh, 1879, 1880	Roy Winsor Patterson, 1946
© Henry Noah Fisher, 1881	Philip Walter Ham, 1947
Charles Hambleton Davidson Stockbridge, 1882, 1883	Benjamin Butman Worth, 1948
John Everett Glidden, 1884, 1885	Burton Wallace Worth, 1949
Samuel Friebe, 1886, 1887	James Everett Faulkner, 1950
George Clark Moor, 1888, 1889	Warren Grant Addison, 1951
Charles Clarence Byam, 1890, 1891	George Reynolds Dixon, 1952
Newell Webster Havener, 1892, 1893	Paul Humphrey Drisko, 1953
Lavater Willard Powers, 1894, 1895	Carl Sigfrid Carlstrom, 1954
Frederick William Derbyshire, 1896, 1897	Alfred Herman Gledhill, Jr., 1955
Harvey Smith Hartwell, 1898, 1899	Richard West Frizzell, 1956
Edgar Finch Webster, 1900, 1901	Howard Parker Strum, 1957
William Claflin Henry, 1902, 1903	Norman John Blaiklock, 1958
Orlow Vincent Moore, 1904, 1905	Richard Erling Olson, 1959
William Furness Jarvis, 1906, 1907	William Herbert Russell, 1960
Arthur Franklin Hurd, 1908, 1909	Donald Wallace MacDougall, 1961
George Hopkins, 1910, 1911	John Thurston Pugsley, 1962
Walter Willis Gough, 1912	Halvar Alfred Peterson, 1963
Edward Clifton Elwell, 1913, 1914	John Edward MacKenzie, Jr., 1964
Winthrop Newton Crocker, 1915, 1916	William Arthur Titus, 1965
Hiram Edwin Tuttle, 1917	Clarence Maxime Christian, Jr., 1966
Leo Alfred Wells, 1918, 1919	Elwin Hugh Holman, 1967
Fred Hale Hitchcock, 1920, 1921	Edgar Lee Bittle, 1968
John Walfred Ekwall, 1922	Joseph Alfred Boisvert, 1969
Charles Edward Hamlin, 1923	Jordan McDonald Jenks, 1970
Richard Steele, 1924	Stanley Cecil Whynock, 1971
Frank Lovejoy Kirkley, 1925	William Richard Wilcox, 1972
Harry Bower Hartley, 1926	Gerald Millard Coulter, 1973

Arthur Leslie Derbyshire, 1927	William Whitney Melanson, 1974
George Winslow Furbush, Jr., 1928	Christos John Anastos, 1975
Charles Baker Janes, 1929	Harry Edward Sneider, Sr., 1976, 1977
George Kimball Gordon, 1930	Phillips Brooks Carpenter, 1978
Ramon Sulloway Kelly, 1931	William James Orpin, 1979
George William Baxter, 1932	Richard Ernest Martin, 1980
Arthur Alexander Hansen, 1933	Robert Theodore Bloomenthal, 1981
Carleton Walker Owen, 1934	Christos John Anastos, 1982
Frank Jacob Pontz, 1935	William James Orpin, 1983
William Heslit MacKenzie, 1936	Harry Edward Sneider, Sr., 1984
Dana Bryden Whipple, 1937	Stanley Cecil Whynock, 1985
William Leslie Dixon, 1938	Robert Crawford Thayer, Jr., 1986
Guy Cook Drury, 1939	Thomas Alan Sneider, 1987, 1988

Past Masters of Victory Lodge

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© George Harold Dale, 1921	Ernst Ragnar Larsson, 1961
© Guy Horace Nason, 1922	Stanley Bocon, 1962
© James Bailey, 1923	Leonard Johnson, 1963
© Hugh Goddard, 1924	Archibald Frank Mills, 1964
© George Warren Ayer, 1925	Edward Albert Stadtman, 1965
© Hugh Goddard, 1926	Vartkis Paul DerBoghossian, 1966
© Herbert Lawrence Baxter, 1927	Austin Morrison Avery, 1967
© William Scotney Holdsworth, 1928	Stephen Kaloyanides, 1968
Joseph Wilfred Hood, 1929	Ernest Edward Fay, 1969, 1970
Francis Dee Taylor, 1930	James Mgrdich Tutunjian, 1971
Ralph Waldo Mason, 1931	Samuel David McGolpin, 1972
Harold Everett Smith, 1932	Clyde Melvin Armstrong, 1973
Frederick Dean Shaw, 1933	Shant Leo Chebookjian, 1974
Paul Ellsworth Chase, 1934	Samuel David McGolpin, 1975
Edward Everett Clark, 1935	Roy Ashley Wallace, 1976
William James Constable, 1936	Douglas Brian Muttart, 1977
Ralph Carl Thulin, 1937	Vartkis Paul DerBoghossian, 1978, 1979
Thomas Morton Dowell, 1938	Peter Amershadian, 1980
William James Coumans, 1939	Samuel David McGolpin, 1981
Albert Edward Norbury, 1940	Douglas Brian Muttart, 1982
George Sterling Bacon, 1941	Stephen Kaloyanides, 1983
George Edward Esslinger, 1942	Francis Leroy Dalrymple, 1984
William Ripley Beale, 1943, 1944	Herbert Steven Sakowich, 1985
Stuart Johnstone Fay, 1945, 1946	Richard Thomas Bartley, Jr., 1986
Franklin Eugene Harris, 1947	Carlos Jose Simon Akmakdjian, 1987
Lawrence Miles Gentleman, 1948	William Paul Asadoorian, 1988, 1989
Julien Thompson Williams, 1949	Herbert Steven Sakowich, 1990
Lloyd Isaac Schaeffer, 1950	Carlos Jose Simon Akmakdjian, 1991
Keywood Chesley Minty, 1951	Douglas Brian Muttart, 1992
Kenneth Benjamin Cotton, 1952	Francis Leroy Dalrymple, 1993
Paul Hallett Drury, 1953	Alan Haig Jelalian, 1994, 1995
Erle Leroy Chase, 1954	Carlos Jose Simon Akmakdjian, 1996
Herman Hurd Sanderson, 1955	Herbert Steven Sakowich, 1997
Gilbert Arthur Drackley, 1956	Alan Haig Jelalian, 1998

Stewart Ross Ramsay, 1957	George Leonard McIntosh, 1999
Roland Kenneth Humphrey, 1958	Bruce Morton Newman, 2000
Robert Charles Dowell, 1959	George Anthony Sarafinas, 2001
John Alden Pulsifer, 1960	Shant Leo Chebookjian, 2002, 2003

Past Masters of Waltham Lodge

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© Hiram Alton Roark, 1929	David Myer Faller, 1959
© Fred Hale Hitchcock, 1930	Howard Grant VanAlstine, 1960
© Allan Vinal Mosher, 1931	Charles Webster Sherman, 1961
© William Arthur Higgins, 1932	William Etsell Larssen, 1962
© George Franklin Hughes, 1933	Russell Dawes Arnold, 1963
© Charles Henry Morton, Jr., 1934	Charles Goldstein, 1964
© Warren Ames, Sr., 1935	Oliver Edgar Coffin, 1965
© Earle Paul MacGillivray, 1936	George Raymond Herrick, 1966
George Walter Varney, 1937	Nils Edward Nelson, 1967
Warren Herbert Hanson, 1938	Charles Robert Jingoian, 1968
Leonard Weeden Ricketson, 1939	Harvey Jay Resh, 1969
Clifford Martin Isaacson, 1940	Eric Alfred Johnson, Jr., 1970
George Artemas Reed, 1941	Norman Henry Poirier, 1971
William George Noke, 1942, 1943	Joseph Julius Streck, 1972
Edmund Francis Noke, 1944	Arsene Garo Bajakian, 1973
Robert Harding Mosher, 1945	Robert Bruce Thursby, 1974
Edgar Joseph Boardman, 1946	John Avram Zorka, 1975
Ralph Archibald Alexander, 1947	John Harvey Russell, Jr., 1976
Milroy Johnston, 1948	Edward Avedis Kazanjian, Jr., 1977
Robert Lewis Vaughan, 1949	Thomas Joseph Streck, 1978
Owen Whitman Semple, 1950, 1951	Thomas Michael Newton, 1979
Helmer Bertil Kruse, 1952	Peter James Kennedy, 1980, 1981
Howard Joseph Abrahamson, 1953	Robert Alfred Caron, 1982, 1983
Robert Woodbridge Adams, 1954	Hugh Donald MacDonald, 1984
Lawrence Dennison Kinsley, 1955	John Harvey Russell, Jr., 1985
Clarence Gunnar Isaacson, 1956	Steven Arthur Gaudet, 1986
Frederic John Christiansen, 1957	Scott Matthew Sherman, 1987
Frederick Arthur Woodside, 1958	Nicholas Joseph Pappas, 1988

Past Masters of Waltham Triad Lodge

(Year term ended)

Herbert Frank Albee, 1989
Harlan Burton Tewksbury, 1990
Scott Matthew Sherman, 1991
Robert Leslie Anderson, 1992
Jaak Juhansoo, 1993
Salvatore Stephen Privitera, 1994
Daniel Joseph Vallucci, 1995
Norman Paul Poirier, Sr. 1996, 1997
Scott Matthew Sherman, 1998
Roger Eric Berthold, 1999
Brian Howard Sherman, 2000, 2001
William Roger Melick, 2002
Norman Paul Poirier, Sr., 2003
Robert John Jingoian, 2004, 2005, 2006
William Paul Asadoorian, 2007, 2008, 2009
John Houvnas Asadoorian, 2010, 2011
Joseph Lawrence Wooters, Jr., 2012, 2013
Kenneth Louis Brown, 2014, 2015
Benjamin Elliot Bloomenthal, 2016
William Waldemar Dahlbeck, Jr., 2017
Mark John Collins, Sr., 2018, 2019
William Paul Asadoorian, 2020
David Edward Anthony Ferrazzoli, 2021, 2022

Grand Lodge Honors



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts is governed by Massachusetts Masons who are elected or appointed to their positions. Naturally, it is a great honor to become a Grand Lodge Officer and every Massachusetts Lodge takes pride in those of its membership who attain such an honor.

Waltham Triad Lodge is honored to have its fair share of Grand Lodge Officers as well.

On the following pages will be listed Grand Lodge Officers who became Master Masons in Waltham Triad Lodge or its predecessor Lodges.

This list of names is only as good as the record keeping behind it, so we apologize in advance if a name does not appear. In addition, records of all appointees are not necessarily kept, so some short term or District level appointments will not be known.

Waltham Triad Lodge is fortunate enough to claim two Grand Masters among its membership. In the year 2022, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has been in existence 289 years and has chartered 584 Lodges. There have only been 90 Grand Masters. To be able to claim two among our membership is indeed an honor.

Charles Alfred Welch 40th Grand Master – 1878, 1879, 1880

Charles Alfred Welch was born at Boston on January 30, 1815. He graduated from Harvard College in 1833. Upon graduation he was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa. He taught Greek and Latin for two years at Baltimore College and on his return to Boston studied law and passed the Bar in 1837. He then formed a law partnership with Edward D. Sohier. This firm was connected with the famous Webster-Parkman murder case of 1849. (Professor John Webster of Harvard College and Harvard Medical School was, in 1849, charged with the murder of Dr. George Parkman, member of a prominent Boston family, over money matters. Webster was convicted and executed in 1850. The justice of his sentence is still debated to this day.)

Brother Welch moved to Waltham in 1846 and resided on Linden Street. He took his degrees in Monitor Lodge in 1861 and was elected to membership on September 16, 1861. He served as Master of the Lodge for two years – 1868 and 1869.

Brother Welch was District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District in 1872, 1873 and 1874. He went on to become Deputy Grand Master in 1875, 1876 and 1877. He then became Grand Master for the years 1878, 1879 and 1880.

Most Worshipful Charles A. Welch's years as Grand Master were highlighted by his action to pay off the debt incurred in building the Grand Lodge structure which had been dedicated in 1867 in the presence of Brother Andrew Johnson, President of the United States.

This Grand Lodge building was built on the corner of Boylston and Tremont Streets following the 1864 destruction of the former Temple by fire. While M.W. Bro. Welch's program was successful in paying off the debt, this building

also burned on September 7, 1895. The fire burned from the fifth floor up, the lower floors received only water damage. However, a new and grander Temple arose on the same site which was dedicated in 1899 prior to M.W. Bro. Welch's death.

M.W. Bro. Welch was a member of both the York Rite and Scottish Rite and was a charter member of Waltham Royal Arch Chapter. He received the Honorary Thirty-third Degree in 1876.

He moved to Boston and Cohasset in 1880 and died at Cohasset on January 22, 1908. He was survived by two sons and is buried at Mt. Feake Cemetery, Waltham.

Melvin Maynard Johnson 54th Grand Master – 1914, 1915, 1916

Melvin Maynard Johnson was born May 11, 1871 in Waltham, son of Byron and Louisa Johnson. Melvin's father Byron became the first mayor of the newly incorporated City of Waltham in 1884. Melvin attended Waltham public schools, graduating from high school in 1888. He went on to Tufts College and earned both an A.B. (Bachelor of Arts) and a Ph.B. (Bachelor of Philosophy) in 1892. After a year of travel, he entered Boston University Law School from which he graduated in 1895, receiving the degree of LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws), magna cum laude. He was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

Immediately after graduating Boston University Law School he began the practice of Law, specializing in corporation law, but in 1918 returned to Boston University Law School in a teaching capacity and eventually retired as Dean of the Law School in 1943.

Melvin Johnson's Masonic career began when he took his degrees in Monitor Lodge in 1892 and was raised a Master Mason on December 19th. He was elected Master of the Lodge and served the two Masonic years 1902 and 1903.

Brother Johnson was District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District in 1904 and 1905. Following that he served as Grand Marshal in 1906, 1907 and 1908 and Senior Grand Warden in 1909. He was elected Grand Master for the years 1914, 1915 and 1916,

Most Worshipful Melvin Maynard Johnson was a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite and was Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite from 1933 to 1954. He held many honorary degrees as well as Masonic honors from the Lodges of both this country and from Europe.

M.W. Bro. Johnson is recognized as an outstanding Masonic Historian both here and abroad, producing hundreds of articles and books on Freemasonry. M.W. Brother Johnson died at Boston on December 18, 1987. His remains are buried in the family plot at Mt. Feake Cemetery, Waltham, where also rests his father, Waltham's first Mayor.

To quote briefly from the Memorial Service conducted by M.W. and Reverend Thomas S. Roy on December 27, 1957 at Grand Lodge:

“For over fifty years our Brother had been an officer of this Grand Lodge. During these years he came to a position of world prominence in Masonry beyond that of any other man of his generation.”

Deputy Grand Master

Charles A. Welch (Monitor) – 1875, 1876, 1877
Francis D. Taylor (Victory) – 1944

Senior Grand Warden

Melvin M. Johnson (Monitor) – 1909
Brenton E. Tyler, Jr. (Monitor) – 1978
Shant L. Chebookjian (Victory) – 1983
Stephen Kaloyanides (Victory) – 1998

Junior Grand Warden

Henry Mulliken (Monitor) – 1867
Harry A. Starr (Monitor) – 1946
Harry E. Sneider (Isaac Parker) – 2001

Grand Lodge Board of Directors

Stephen Kaloyanides (Victory) – 1995 to 2003

District Deputy Grand Master

Charles A. Welch (Monitor) – 1872, 1873, 1874
Ambrose Webster (Isaac Parker) – 1884, 1885, 1886
Frank K. Porter (Monitor) – 1896, 1897
Melvin M. Johnson (Monitor) – 1904, 1905
William F. Jarvis (Isaac Parker) – 1908, 1909
George H. Dale (Victory) – 1918, 1919
H. Alton Roark (Monitor) – 1926, 1927
Harry A. Starr (Monitor) – 1936, 1937
Francis D. Taylor (Victory) – 1938, 1939
Fred H. Hitchcock (Isaac Parker) – 1942, 1943, 1955
C. Frank Carbee (Isaac Parker) – 1956, 1957
Franklin E. Harris (Victory) – 1958, 1959
Benjamin B. Worth (Isaac Parker) – 1970, 1971
Brenton E. Tyler, Jr. (Monitor) – 1974
Shant L. Chebookjian (Victory) – 1979, 1980
Stephen Kaloyanides (Victory) – 1985, 1986
Harry E. Sneider (Isaac Parker) – 1986, 1987
John B. MacKay (Victory) – 1989, 1990

George A. Sarafinas (Victory) – 1997, 1998
Kenneth L. Brown (Waltham Triad) – 2019, 2020

Grand Marshal

Melvin M. Johnson (Monitor) – 1906, 1907, 1908
Brenton E. Tyler, Jr. (Monitor) – 1975, 1976, 1977

Grand Chaplain

Francis D. Taylor (Victory) – 1943
Francis D. Taylor (Victory) – 1945 to 1962

Grand Lecturer

Harry E. Sneider (Isaac Parker) – 1994 to 2000
Harry E. Sneider (Isaac Parker) – 2002 to 2011

Senior Grand Deacon

Charles W. Parmenter (Monitor) – 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893
George H. Dale (Victory) – 1916
H. Alton Roark (Monitor) – 1924
George W. Baxter (Isaac Parker) – 1939
Benjamin B. Worth (Isaac Parker) – 1968
Shant L. Chebookjian (Victory) – 1976

Junior Grand Deacon

Henry Mulliken (Monitor) – 1863, 1864, 1865
Mathew F. Ruane (Isaac Parker) – 1942
Leonard Johnson (Victory) – 1965
Brenton E. Tyler, Jr. (Monitor) – 1969

Senior Grand Steward

Charles W. Parmenter (Monitor) – 1888, 1889
Charles J. Shepard (Monitor) – 1916
Fred H. Hitchcock (Isaac Parker) – 1931

Junior Grand Steward

Henry N. Fisher (Isaac Parker) – 1878, 1879, 1880
John M. Gibbs (Monitor) – 1921
Harry A. Starr (Monitor) – 1934

Ralph C. Thulin (Victory) – 1955

Grand Steward

Scott M. Sherman (Waltham) – 1999

Grand Sword Bearer

Frank O. Locke (Monitor) – 1909, 1910, 1911

Grand Standard Bearer

Raymond S. Dolber (Monitor) – 1951

John B. MacKay (Victory) – 1986

Grand Pursuivant

Samuel Friebe (Isaac Parker) – 1890

Leonard Johnson (Victory) – 1975

Frank J. Mooney, III (Monitor) – 1978

Samuel D. McGolpin (Victory) – 1983

Alan H. Jelalian (Victory) – 1998

Grand Representative, Bahia, Brazil

Stephen Kaloyanides (Victory) – 2001 to 2018

Grand Representative, Mato Grosso, Brazil

C. Frank Carbee (Isaac Parker) – 1964 to 1978

Grand Representative, Ecuador

Francis D. Taylor (Victory) – 1940 to 1962

Grand Representative, Estonia

Jaak Juhansoo (Isaac Parker) – 2011 to 2017

Grand Representative, Lithuania

George A. Sarafinas (Victory) – 2011 to present

Grand Representative, Maine

George A. Sarafinas (Victory) – 2002 to 2010

Grand Representative, Chiapas, Mexico

Harry A. Starr (Monitor) – 1951 to 1971

Grand Representative, Tamaulipas, Mexico

Shant L. Chebookjian (Victory) – 1981 to 2004

Grand Representative, Missouri

Alan H. Jelalian (Victory) – 2001 to 2008

Grand Representative, Panama

Melvin M. Johnson (Monitor) – 1932 to 1957

Grand Representative, Prince Edward Island

George H. Dale (Victory) – 1929 to 1939

Grand Representative, Rhode Island

Brenton E. Tyler, Jr. (Monitor) – 1976 to 1996

Grand Representative, Scotland

Melvin M. Johnson (Monitor) – 1929 to 1957

Grand Representative, Turkey

Benjamin B. Worth (Isaac Parker) – 1972 to 1989

National Honors



The preceding section titled “Grand Lodge Honors” lists members who have gone beyond the boundaries of the Lodge and served Massachusetts Freemasonry at District and Grand Lodge levels. But aside from Freemasonry altogether, we are proud to claim a member who served his country and went beyond those boundaries to be recognized with the highest military honor the United States of America can bestow, the Medal of Honor, first authorized in 1861.

Before becoming a Mason, George Henry Maynard suffered and survived through the harrowing encounters of the Civil War. He had seen action in the battles of Fredericksburg (Virginia) and Antietam (Maryland) in 1862 and Marianna (Florida) in 1864.

Maynard entered the U.S. Army as a Private in 1861 and rose to the rank of Major in 1865, being mustered out in September 1866.

As was often the case in these early days, the awarding of the medal was long delayed while the slow process took place. Brother Maynard was awarded his Medal of Honor in 1898, some thirty-six years after the battles he fought.

George Henry Maynard was raised a Master Mason in Monitor Lodge on August 12, 1867. He was born in Waltham and listed his occupation as watchmaker (what else!). He was also a member of the York Rite and a Knight Templar.

In addition to being a Freemason in the oldest Grand Lodge in the Western Hemisphere, Brother George was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, the oldest chartered military organization in North America. He was also a companion of the Massachusetts Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, formed in the immediate aftermath of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Of the over 3500 Medals of Honor awarded since its inception, Freemasonry in Massachusetts can be proud that 30 Medal of Honor awardees were raised Master Masons in Massachusetts lodges. And only ONE has been awarded to someone born in Waltham, Massachusetts – that to George Henry Maynard.



The medal you see on the preceding page is what his medal looks like. It wasn't until 1944 that the Medal was given the now familiar blue neck ribbon with 13 stars.

We invite you to view a commemorative plaque in the lodge building telling about his Medal of Honor action.

Family Affairs

Fathers Raising their Sons

It's not really an unusual occurrence in a Masonic Lodge that a presiding or past Master will be presented the opportunity to confer the three Masonic Degrees, or at least the Third Degree, upon a son. Many fathers have had the privilege of raising one or maybe two sons to the Third Degree, or have had unusual experiences associated with their son's raising. Here are a few.

But Wor. Bro. C. Robert Jingoian, who served as Master of Waltham Lodge in 1968 had the distinct pleasure of raising four sons to the degree of Master Mason. On November 14, 1978, he raised sons David Lee and James Matthew. David Lee was raised by the DeMolay Degree Team in short form and James Matthew was raised by the Armenian Past Masters' Degree Team in long form. Four Past Grand Masters were present to witness the work: M.W. Whitfield W. Johnson, M.W. A. Neill Osgood, M.W. Laurence E. Eaton and M.W. Herbert H. Jaynes.

On November 12, 1985, the ceremony was repeated for sons Michael Paul and Robert John Jingoian. Their father, with the help of the Armenian Past Masters' Degree Team, raised Michael Paul in short form and Robert John in long form. Five Past Grand Masters attended that meeting: M.W. David B. Richardson, M.W. Whitfield W. Johnson, M.W. Donald W. Vose, M.W. Stanley F. Maxwell and M.W. Arthur H. Melanson.

Continuing the family tradition, now Worshipful Robert John Jingoian who served as Master of Waltham Triad Lodge in 2004, 2005 and 2006 raised his son, John Robert Jingoian on October 3, 2016.

R.W. Harry E. Sneider, who served as Master of Isaac Parker Lodge in 1976, 1977 and 1984, had the pleasure of raising his third son, Thomas, in 1976, and his second son, Kenneth, in 1990. His first son, Harry Jr., was raised by fellow Past Master, Wor. Richard E. Olson in 1971.

Wor. Nicholas J. Pappas's son Jonathan was made a Mason at a Grand Lodge One Day Class. At One Day Classes, only one of the candidates is made an exemplar and actually goes through the full ceremony. Jonathan was not the exemplar so observed the degrees from the sidelines. But at the next meeting of Waltham Triad Lodge, Jonathan was made a candidate during a Third Degree so that his father could raise him and he could have the first-hand experience.

In a highly unusual happening, Wor. Scott M. Sherman was allowed to assume the East of Major General Henry Knox Lodge in Boston to preside over all three degree ceremonies for his son, Bro. Simon H. Sherman. Knox Lodge, of course, is a military-only lodge and Bro. Simon is a Navy veteran. Wor. Bro. Scott is not a veteran but is very active in the Second District (which includes Knox Lodge) through district activities and his serving as the first Master of the revived Boston University Lodge. He was allowed to be the only non-military person ever to preside in the East of Knox Lodge. At the conclusion of the work, Scott presented Simon with a three-tiered Lewis Jewel with Simon's name, his father Scott's name, and his father's name, Bro. Donald

Sherman. Grandfather Donald and father Scott were both raised in Waltham Lodge and Scott served as Master in both Waltham and Waltham Triad Lodges. Knox Lodge was so impressed with the quality of Wor. Bro. Scott's Master's work that they invited him to be the Installing Officer at their next installation of officers.

Past Masters and Brothers

Benjamin B. Worth, Master in 1948 and Burton W. Worth, Master in 1949 are identical twin brothers in Isaac Parker Lodge. Benjamin went on to become District Deputy Grand Master in 1970, 1971.

Russell P. Wentworth, Master in 1949 and Paul D. Wentworth, Master in 1956 are brothers in Monitor Lodge.

Past Master Fathers and Sons

Clarence Tebbets, Master in 1896 and 1897 and Fred C. Tebbets, Master in 1916 and 1917 are father and son in Monitor Lodge.

Frederick W. Derbyshire, Master in 1896 and 1897 and Arthur L. Derbyshire, Master in 1927 are father and son in Isaac Parker Lodge.

Robert E. Larcome, Master in 1927 and Robert J. Larcome, Master in 1959 are father and son in Monitor Lodge.

Allan V. Mosher, Master in 1931 and Robert H. Mosher, Master in 1945 are father and son in Waltham Lodge.

Thomas M. Dowell, Master in 1938 and Robert C. Dowell, Master in 1959 are father and son in Victory Lodge.

Frank J. Mooney, Jr., Master in 1942 and Frank J. Mooney, III, Master in 1969 are father and son in Monitor Lodge.

William G. Noke, Master in 1942 and 1943 and Edmund F. Noke, Master in 1944 are father and son in Waltham Lodge.

Stuart J. Fay, Master in 1945 and 1946 and Ernest E. Fay, Master in 1969 and 1970 are father and son in Victory Lodge.

Paul D. Wentworth, Master in 1956 and J. Alden Wentworth, Master in 1973 are father and son in Monitor Lodge.

William I. Milesky, Master in 1962 and Richard S. Milesky, Master in 1984 are father and son in Monitor Lodge.

C. Robert Jingoian, Master in 1968 in Waltham Lodge and Robert J. Jingoian, Master in 2004, 2005 and 2006 in Waltham Triad Lodge are father and son.

Norman H. Poirier, Master in 1971 in Waltham Lodge and Norman P. Poirier, Sr., Master in 1996, 1997 and 2003 in Waltham Triad Lodge are father and son.

Joseph J. Streck, Master in 1972 and Thomas J. Streck, Master in 1978 are father and son in Waltham Lodge.

Garnett D. Bailey, Master in 1974 and Walter M. Bailey, Master in 1983 are father and son in Monitor Lodge.

Harry E. Sneider, Master in 1976, 1977 and 1984 and Thomas A. Sneider, Master in 1987 and 1988 are father and son in Isaac Parker Lodge.

Ernest McKenzie, Jr., Master in 1978 and Richard A. McKenzie, Master in 1977 are father and son in Monitor Lodge (yes, the son before the father!).

Robert T. Bloomenthal, Master in 1981 in Isaac Parker Lodge and Benjamin E. Bloomenthal, Master in 2016 in Waltham Triad Lodge are father and son.

Robert A. Caron, Master in 1982 and 1983 in Waltham Lodge and David A. Caron, Master in 2019 and 2020 in Joel H. Prouty Lodge are father and son.

William P. Asadoorian, Master in 1988 and 1989 in Victory Lodge, Master in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2020 in Waltham Triad Lodge and John H. Asadoorian, Master in 2010 and 2011 in Waltham Triad Lodge are father and son.

Past Master Father, Son and Grandson

Louis J. Kirsch, Jr., Master in 1952 and Louis J. Kirsch, III, Master in 1968 are father and son in Monitor Lodge

Louis J. Kirsch, Jr., Master in 1952 in Monitor Lodge and Kenneth L. Brown, Master in 2014 and 2015 in Waltham Triad Lodge are father and grandson through Louis's daughter Lorraine Brown.

The Charter of Waltham Triad Lodge

Having been around for two hundred years, even the Lodge Charter has a story to tell.

The Charter of Waltham Triad Lodge is roughly 21 inches wide and 14 inches tall. It is reproduced here but is barely readable because of the size reduction. So we will begin by describing it for you.

The Charter is made of white lambskin parchment. Before you think of a classic lambskin apron like a new Entered Apprentice would receive, this lambskin is different. It's about the thickness of an index card and has a smooth, almost glossy finish. It's also somewhat translucent – you can slightly see what's printed on the front from the back.

Although printed in 1820, the Charter is actually a form much like we would see today. The majority of the text is “pre-printed” with blank spaces left to fill in particular details such as names and dates. This Charter was probably printed using hand lithography with a stone printing plate. Intaglio printing may have been used, but it was likely too expensive.

The Charter was originally issued by Grand Lodge to Monitor Lodge of Waltham on December 14, 1820 (5820) with the Lodge's date of precedence specified as December 13, 5820 (December 13, 1820). It was signed by Most Worshipful Samuel Philip Prescott Fay who, unusually, served only one year as Grand Master. That may have been due to his not having sufficient time to devote to the Grand Lodge. While Grand Master, he was also a Massachusetts State Representative for the Town of Cambridge, a member

of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention of 1820-1821 formed to consider amendments to the Constitution of Massachusetts, and was about to be appointed Judge of Probate for the County of Middlesex. Even in 1820, he wisely realized it might not be appropriate for a sitting Judge to be Grand Master of Masons for fear of allegations of partiality.

In that one year as Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Fay issued only two charters: the first to Seven Stars Lodge of Edgartown on September 13, 1820 and this one to Monitor Lodge of Waltham on December 13, 1820. Only ours survives today.

Ascribing it to the old saying “signed under seal,” it is interesting to note that Grand Master Fay signed the Charter under the ribbon that bears the wax seal of the Grand Lodge. One must lift the ribbon to see it.

It is also an interesting footnote that the Fay Family Genealogy lists the Grand Master as “Samuel Prescott Phillips Fay” (middle names reversed). And supporting his history of political activity, he is a direct ancestor of the George Bushes who were the 41st and 43rd U.S. presidents. Grand Master Fay was George Herbert Walker Bush’s great-great-great grandfather.

The Charter was also signed by the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. Unfortunately, the Senior Grand Warden’s signature is unreadable and carries the notation “P.Tem.” next to it, so we know it was not the regularly installed Senior Grand Warden. Most Worshipful Elijah Crane signed as Junior Grand Warden (before he became Grand Master) and Most Worshipful John Soley signed as Grand Secretary (before he became Grand Master).

First, we will transcribe the main text of the Charter located on the front. You will notice from the reproduction that the practice at the time was to use many different font styles and sizes. As printing was still somewhat of a novelty,

documents were often printed decoratively to show off the use of a printing press and pre-printed forms. For this transcription, we will use **this font** to represent the pre-printed portions and *blue italics to represent the filled in words*.

To all the FRATERNITY To whom these Presents shall come:

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, send Greeting:

WHEREAS, a Petition has been presented to us by *Reuben Allen, Russell Smith, N. Emerson, Robert Smith, Isaac Bemis Jun^r, Joshua Swan, Forrest Foster, Albigence W. Fisher, Abel B. Richardson, James Miller, Tilly Flint, Isaac E. Markham, Andrew Poor, John Smith, Daniel Emerson, Oliver H. Hawes, John Simonds Jun^r, Apollos Morris, Uriah Hagar, Luther Richardson & Asahel Adams*. –

all Ancient, Free and Accepted MASONS, praying that they, with such others as shall hereafter join them, may be erected and constituted a regular Lodge, of Free and Accepted MASONS –

KNOW Ye therefore, that we the Grand Lodge aforesaid, reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Prudence and Fidelity of our beloved Brethren above named, have Constituted and Appointed, and by these Presents, do Constitute and Appoint the said *Reuben Allen, Russell Smith, N. Emerson, Robert Smith, Isaac Bemis Jun^r, Joshua Swan, Forrest Foster, Albigence W. Fisher, Abel B. Richardson, James Miller, Tilly Flint, Isaac E. Markham, Andrew Poor, John Smith, Daniel Emerson, Oliver H. Hawes, John Simonds Jun^r, Apollos*

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a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted MASONS under the Title and Designation of – *Monitor* – Lodge, hereby giving and granting unto them and their Successors, full Power and Authority to convene as Masons, within the town of – *Waltham* – in the county of *Middlesex* and commonwealth aforesaid – to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise Master Masons, upon the payment of such compensations for the same as may be determined by the Grand Lodge. Also to make choice of a Master, Wardens, and other Office Bearers, annually, or otherwise, as they shall see cause; to receive and collect Funds for the relief of poor and distressed Brethren, their Widows or Children, and in general to transact all matters relating to Masonry, which may to them appear to be for the good of the Craft, according to the ancient Usages and Customs of Masons.

And we do hereby require the said constituted Brethren, to attend the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Communications, and other meetings, by their Master and Wardens, or by Proxies regularly appointed; also to keep a fair and regular Record of all their Proceedings, and to lay them before the Grand Lodge when required.

And we do enjoin upon our Brethren of the said Lodge, that they be punctual in the quarterly payment of such sums as may be assessed for the support of the Grand Lodge – that they behave themselves respectfully and obediently to their superiors in office, and in all other respects conduct themselves as good Masons.

And we do hereby declare the Precedence of the said Lodge, in the Grand Lodge and elsewhere, to commence from *the thirteenth day of December 5820*

IN Testimony whereof, WE the Grand Master and Grand Wardens, by virtue of the Power and Authority to us committed, have hereunto set our Hands and caused the Seal of the Grand Lodge to be affixed, at Boston, this *fourteenth* day of *December* Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and *Twenty* – and of Masonry five thousand eight hundred and *Twenty*. –

[To the left of this text and under the blue ribbon is the Grand Master's signature:]

Saml P. P. Fay
G.M

[Below this text to the right are the following signatures:]

(unreadable) Senior Grand Warden. *P. Tem.*
Elijah Crane Junior Grand Warden.

[To the left is the following:]

By Order of the Grand Lodge,
John Soley Grand Secretary.

There are three amendments to the Charter. The first occurred in 1846. We know from Lodge history that Monitor Lodge was “in the dark” from November 22, 1831 until December 16, 1846 due to the uproar over the Morgan incident. On that December 16, eight members of Monitor Lodge signed a petition asking to be reinstated to resume Masonic activity. (The Lodge had been out of operation so long, not even filing annual reports, that their authority to meet as Masons was suspended.) In giving them permission to re-activate Monitor Lodge, the Grand Lodge called for the Charter to inscribe the back. The entire following

inscription was hand-written on the back by the Grand Secretary:

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

In Session Dec. 28, A. L. 5846

On the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Brethren herein after named, praying for a restoration of the Charter of the late Monitor Lodge at Waltham, it was unanimously

Ordered, – That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that the Charter of said Lodge, with all its original powers and privileges, be returned to the following Brethren, namely:

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Willard Adams.

Horace Heard.

Lowell Adams.

Abel Heard.

Abijah Whitney.

Luther Harrington.

Leonard Smith.

Isaac Parker.

Harvey Chapin.

The Charter is hereby accordingly restored, and the Lodge reinstated with full authority to exercise all the immunities, and to fulfill all the purposes of its original institution.

SW Robinson G.M.

Attest. Chas. W. Moore, Rec. Gr. Secretary.

The next amendment the Charter saw came in 1988. More recent Lodge history tells us that in 1988 Monitor Lodge, Isaac Parker Lodge and Waltham Lodge merged. The terms of the merger, duly approved by Grand Lodge at its March 9, 1988 Quarterly Communication, had the three Lodges assuming the name “Waltham Triad Lodge” and operating

under the original Monitor Lodge charter with its precedence date of December 13, 1820.

In approving this action, the Grand Lodge again called for the Charter to inscribe the amendment. The following inscription appears to have been professionally hand calligraphed on the front lower right and hand signed by the Grand Secretary:

Amended at the Quarterly Communication of The Grand Lodge on September 9, 1987 and further at the Quarterly Communication on March 9, 1988 changing the title and designation from Monitor Lodge to Waltham Triad Lodge.

*Attest: Robert P. Beach
Grand Secretary*

The third amendment the Charter saw came in 2003 due to another merger activity. At a June 10, 1988 Special Communication of Grand Lodge held in the Newton Masonic Building, the official merger ceremony took place uniting Monitor, Isaac Parker and Waltham Lodges into Waltham Triad Lodge. While that name change was reflected in the just described second amendment to the Charter, the location of the Lodge was not changed, so Waltham Triad Lodge was still authorized to meet in Waltham, and still wanted to return to Waltham. In late 2002, Waltham Triad entered into conversation with Victory Lodge of Watertown about merging. In preparing to officially petition for such merger, it was decided that despite efforts over the past 20 years it was unlikely that Waltham Triad Lodge could return to Waltham. It was decided to officially declare Newton as home.

Once again, the Grand Lodge called for the Charter and inscribed the following on the back in the lower left corner. The following inscription appears to have been

professionally hand calligraphed and hand signed by the Grand Secretary:

Amended on January 15, 2003 by changing the designation of Waltham Triad Lodge situated in Waltham to Waltham Triad Lodge situated in Newton

*Albert T. Ames
Grand Secretary*

As the June 2, 2003 merger of Victory Lodge into Waltham Triad Lodge did not involve any change of name, location or date of precedence, no Charter amendment was necessary at that time.

On the following two pages you will find images of the Charter, front and back.



Grand Yearly Meeting of the Year 1842

Resolved, That the following be the order of the Yearly Meeting, to be held at the residence of the Yearly Meeting, on the 1st of the month of Year 1842.

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The Fifth Masonic District

In Massachusetts as in most other Grand jurisdictions, the geography of the jurisdiction is divided into districts (“provinces” in the United Grand Lodge of England). In Massachusetts there have been no fewer than 16 major and minor alignments of lodges into districts. The last major alignment of districts occurred in 2003 under Most Worshipful Donald Gardner Hicks, Jr. However, the Fifth Masonic District as it exists today was essentially formed at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on December 13, 1882 under Most Worshipful Samuel Crocker Lawrence.

In 1882 Monitor Lodge, our predecessor, was placed in the Fifth Masonic District, initially called the Newton Fifth Masonic District but renamed the Waltham Fifth Masonic District in 1897. Prior to 1882, Monitor Lodge and many nearby lodges were variously placed in the First, Fourth and Ninth Districts. But since 1882, Monitor Lodge has remained in the Fifth District even though the district underwent further name changes. At that time Monitor Lodge was the second oldest lodge in the Fifth District – second to Bethesda Lodge. But in the 2003 alignment, Bethesda Lodge was relocated to the Third District.

So because Monitor Lodge’s precedence is to 1820, Waltham Triad Lodge is today the oldest lodge in the Fifth Masonic District. We mention this not only because we are proud to be the senior district lodge, but because we believe the district is an important entity in Massachusetts Freemasonry. Lodges in the district have always opened their doors to each other and shared good times as well as bad. That’s why we are sharing this bicentenary celebration with the Fifth District lodges whose pillar officers have been invited to attend our anniversary activities.

Since the 1882 formation of the Fifth District, the following lodges, past and present, became members of the Fifth District as noted:

Lodge (Precedence) (Location, Circumstance)

Bethesda (1819) (Brighton, 1882 redistrict)
Monitor (1820) (Waltham, 1882 redistrict)
Pequossette (1856) (Watertown, 1882 redistrict)
Dalhousie (1860) (Newtonville, 1882 redistrict)
Belmont (1864) (Belmont, 1882 redistrict)
Isaac Parker (1867) (Waltham, 1882 redistrict)
Beth-horon (1870) (Brookline, 1882 redistrict)
Fraternity (1875) (Newtonville, 1882 redistrict)
Norfolk (1874) (Needham, 1901 redistrict)
Wellesley (1912) (Wellesley, 03/12/1913 charter)
Victory (1920) (Watertown, 12/08/1920 charter)
Norumbega (1920) (Newtonville, 03/19/1921 charter)
Ebenezer Fuller (1920) (Brighton, 06/08/1921 charter)
Brookline (1920) (Brookline, 09/14/1921 charter)
Beaver (1922) (Belmont, 09/22/1923 charter)
Nehoiden (1927) (Needham, 09/12/1928 charter)
Waltham (1928) (Waltham, 03/13/1929 charter)
United (1924) (Brookline, 1930 relocation)
Garden City (1954) (Newtonville, 10/13/1955 charter)
Maugus Hill (1957) (Wellesley, 03/12/1958 charter)
Beth-horon (1870) (Brighton, 1960 relocation)
Brookline (1920) (Brighton, 1960 relocation)
United (1924) (Brighton, 1960 relocation)
United (1924) (Watertown, 1980 relocation)
Belmont-Beaver (1864) (Belmont, 09/15/1980 charter)
Wellesley (1912) (Needham, 1981 relocation)
Fraternity & Fuller (1875) (Newtonville, 03/11/1981
charter)
Bethesda (1819) (Watertown, 1983 relocation)
The Masters (1983) (Newtonville, 11/21/1984 charter)
Beth-horon (1870) (Newtonville, 1984 relocation)

Norumbega & Brookline (1920) (Newtonville, 03/12/1984 charter)
 Waltham Triad (1820) (Waltham, 06/10/1988 charter)
 Norumbega Fraternity (1875) (Newtonville, 06/13/2001 charter)
 Shawmut (1911) (Newtonville, 2003 relocation)
 Moses Michael Hays (1931) (Needham, 08/14/2003 consolidation)
 Waltham Triad (1820) (Newtonville, 01/15/2003 amendment)
 The Masters (1983) (Needham, 2007 relocation)
 Beth-horon (1870) (Needham, 07/29/2010 consolidation)
 Moses Michael Hays (1931) (Needham, 09/17/2019 consolidation)

We are also proud of the histories and accomplishments of the other lodges in the Fifth Masonic District. Earlier in this publication you saw a list of Grand Lodge honors held by Waltham Triad lodge, including the first two Grand Masters to come from the modern Fifth District. We are by no means unique in this respect. Every other Fifth District lodge can boast of members being elected or appointed to Grand Lodge positions, not the least of which are these Grand Masters:

- M.W. Joseph Earl Perry of Belmont Lodge who served as Grand Master in 1938, 1939 and 1940.
- M.W. Samuel Holmes Wragg of Norfolk Lodge who served as Grand Master 1945, 1946 and 1947.
- M.W. Thomas Sherrard Roy of Dalhousie Lodge who served as Grand Master in 1951, 1952 and 1953.
- M.W. Laurence Emerson Eaton of Norfolk Lodge who served as Grand Master 1960, 1961 and 1962.
- M.W. Albert Neill Osgood, a Charter Member of Maugus Hill Lodge who was Grand Master in 1963, 1964 and 1965.

- M.W. Herbert Harold Jaynes of Belmont Lodge who served as Grand Master in 1969, 1970 and 1971.
- M.W. Donald Warren Vose a Charter Member of Maugus Hill Lodge who was Grand Master in 1972, 1973 and 1974.
- M.W. Arthur Harris Melanson of Wellesley Lodge who served as Grand Master 1978, 1979 and 1980.
- M.W. John Philip Berquist of Dalhousie Lodge who served as Grand Master in 1981, 1982 and 1983.
- M.W. David Whitcomb Lovering of Nehoiden Lodge who served as Grand Master in 1993, 1994 and 1995.

And numerous other Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurers and Secretaries, Grand Deacons and Stewards, and so on down the line.

Two Hundred Years

Celebrating anniversaries is a part of life. A one hundred year anniversary is a major milestone. Fewer and farther between are two hundred year anniversaries. In 2017 we witnessed the three hundred year anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England. In 2022 our own Grand Lodge is 289 years old.

None of us was around one hundred years ago, but we are just as excited to celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of Waltham Triad Lodge as those Monitor Lodge members were about their centenary. But how do you go about celebrating the anniversary of a Masonic Lodge?

In 2015, presiding Master Wor. Ben Bloomenthal formed an “exploratory committee” for lack of a better term to try and figure out what an approach to this anniversary might be. After two years of just collecting examples of anniversary celebrations and events, it was decided to form a working committee to formulate some plans.

In 2017, presiding Master Wor. Mark Collins formalized the “Bicentenary Committee” to begin that task. To it, he assigned one Past Master from each of the original four constituent Lodges, and the two Lodge Officers most likely to occupy the East during the anniversary year.

Over the course of the next three years, the committee met regularly and laid out some plans. The guiding principle behind the plans was that the celebration should not be just a single activity and not just on the anniversary date. The actual anniversary date was in December which falls in the middle of the current Masonic year. While that could be the terminus of the celebration, preceding it with events spanning the 12 months of year 2020 would be the plan. That gave the added benefit of sharing the anniversary

celebration across the terms of two Masters so one Master would not feel overwhelmed.

After much back and forth and continuing research into other anniversary activities in the state, a basic list of events was prepared. It included the following:

- A formal re-dedication ceremony conducted by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers
- A formal dinner and gala for Members and Ladies
- A church service
- A bicentenary themed Table Lodge
- A Lodge meeting at an “away” location

Further discussion and examination of the calendar resulted in a decision to schedule these events to occur during calendar 2020.

It was decided to start the chain of celebrations with the formal dinner/gala as a “kickoff” for the anniversary year. Also, to end the schedule with the Grand Lodge re-dedication ceremony as the “capstone.” The other activities would be scheduled between these two.

Over the course of its existence, the following Brethren have served on the committee:

- Wor. Walter M. Bailey representing Monitor Lodge
- Wor Richard E. Martin representing Isaac Parker Lodge
- Wor. William P. Asadoorian representing Victory Lodge
- Wor. Robert A. Caron representing Waltham Lodge
- Bro. Jonathan W. McNabb, on the path to Master
- Bro. David E. A. Ferrazzoli, on the path to Master

- Bro. James M. McMullin, on the path to Master
- Bro. Charles E. Sloan, on the path to Master
- Wor. Benjamin E. Bloomenthal, *ex-officio* Master
- Wor. William W. Dahlbeck, Jr., *ex-officio* Master
- Wor. Mark J. Collins, Sr., *ex-officio* Master

They were ably assisted by Wor. Robert J. Jingoian, Treasurer, Wor. Nicholas J. Pappas, Secretary and Wor. Robert C. Thayer, Jr., Secretary Emeritus.

The following pages will document the celebration.

Anniversaries over the Years

Celebrating a Lodge anniversary usually involves a Special Communication of Grand Lodge opened in your lodge building and a visit or an address by the Grand Master.

Anniversary	Grand Master Address
Isaac Parker Lodge 25 th anniversary	M.W. Samuel Wells 05-03-1892
Isaac Parker Lodge 50 th anniversary	M.W. Leon Martin Abbott 05-01-1917
Monitor Lodge 100 th anniversary	M.W. Arthur Dow Prince 12-13-1920
Isaac Parker Lodge 75 th anniversary	M.W. Albert Adam Schaefer 04-21-1942
Victory Lodge 25 th anniversary	M.W. Samuel Holmes Wragg 03-05-1945
Monitor Lodge 125 th anniversary	M.W. Samuel Holmes Wragg 11-14-1945
Waltham Lodge 25 th anniversary	M.W. Thomas Sherrard Roy 05-26-1953
Isaac Parker Lodge 100 th anniversary	M.W. Thomas Arnold Booth 04-29-1967
Victory Lodge 50 th anniversary	M.W. Herbert Harold Jaynes 03-05-1970
Monitor Lodge 150 th anniversary	M.W. Herbert Harold Jaynes 12-14-1970
Waltham Lodge 50 th anniversary	M.W. Arthur Harris Melanson 03-13-1979

Waltham Triad Lodge is a merger of these four Lodges and its date of precedence was set by Grand Lodge as December 13, 1820, the precedence of its oldest constituent, Monitor Lodge.

One Hundredth Anniversary

Times were different one hundred years ago. Lodges celebrating anniversaries were “news of the day.” See the clip below taken from the Boston Evening Globe, the December 14, 1920 edition.

WALTHAM MASONS OBSERVE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WALTHAM, Dec 14—Nearly 300 members of Monitor Lodge, A. F. and A. M., attended the meeting last evening in connection with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the institution of the lodge. Grand Master Arthur D. Prince and members of his staff took part in the program.

The principal business was the installation of the new officers, Howard O. Hatch, being inducted to the office of master. The meeting was opened by WM John M. Gibbs with a brief address. PGM Melvin M. Johnson, who received his degree in Monitor Lodge, delivered an eloquent address of welcome. The installation ceremonies were in charge of GL F. L. Putnam, assisted by Grand Marshal Alvin F. Pease. Grand Master Prince complimented the lodge on its great record during the century of its existence. Music was furnished by a quartet.

Retiring master Gibbs was presented a past master's jewel and apron. The presentation was made by FGM Johnson. Brother Nathan Cobe presented the lodge a large portrait of George Washington in his regalia as master of the lodge at Alexandria, Va.

Tonight the lodge will wind up the celebration with a banquet at Nuttings when the grand officers and others prominent in the order will be guests.

Waltham Triad Lodge
A. F. & A. M.

Gala Celebration
and Dinner

JANUARY 18, 2020



**Waltham Triad Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons**

*You and your companion are cordially invited
to be our guests at a
Gala Celebration and Dinner
to mark our
two hundredth anniversary*

*Saturday, the eighteenth of January,
Two thousand twenty*

*Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library
33 Marrett Road
Lexington, Massachusetts*

*Social period begins
5:30 o'clock in the evening*

*Dinner begins
7:00 o'clock in the evening*

Black tie optional

R.S.V.P. required

Menu

Hors d'oeuvres

Assorted Cheese and Fruit Display
with Crackers and French Bread

Lamb Chop Lollipops

Native Scallops Wrapped in Bacon

Miniature Bruschetta with Fresh Mozzarella

Vegetable Spring Rolls with Sweet and Sour Dipping Sauce

Chicken Pot Stickers with Caramelized Onion

Mini Beef Wellington with Horseradish Roquefort

First course

Mixed Field Greens with Fresh Vegetables

Zinfandel Vinaigrette

Warm Dinner Rolls and Butter

Entrée

Champagne Toast in Commemorative Anniversary Flute

Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Demi-Glace and Béarnaise
Sauces

Sautéed Chicken Marsala

Alternative: Teriyaki Glazed Salmon

Oven Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes

Steamed Baby Carrots and Broccoli
with Parsley Butter

Dessert

Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream

Columbian Coffee, Regular and Decaffeinated

Tea, Regular and Decaffeinated

Full beverage service

Catering by
Family Crest Catering, Inc.
Weymouth, Massachusetts
Bro. David B. Crest, proprietor

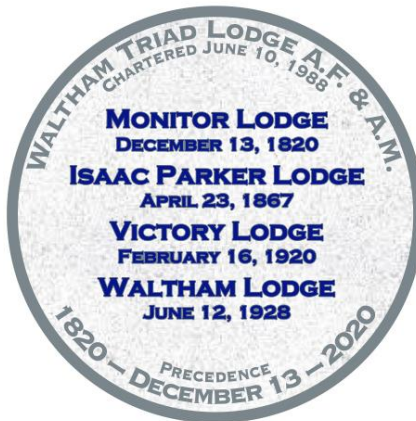
Keepsakes

Each attendee received a commemorative “challenge” coin and was welcome to their commemorative champagne flute as keepsakes of the occasion.

FRONT



BACK



Program

- 5:00 pm Doors open, guests begin arriving
- 5:30 pm Social period begins
- 6:45 pm Guests begin seating for dinner
- 7:00 pm Welcome by Wor. William P. Asadoorian,
presiding Master of Waltham Triad Lodge
- 7:05 pm Introduction of head table guests
- 7:10 pm Words of welcome from M.W. Richard Maggio,
Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts
- 7:15 pm Prayer by Chaplain, R.W. James W. Spurrell

Let us pray.

Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for allowing us to assemble here this evening to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the institution of Waltham Triad Lodge.

We are grateful for the members and their guests who are here this evening and we remember those members who have passed into the Celestial Lodge above.

We ask that you continue to look with favor upon our Lodge and our Fraternity, may they continue to prosper.

As we celebrate this evening, we ask that you also watch over the brave men and women of our Armed Forces that make it possible for us to enjoy our Freedom; may they return to their loved ones safely.

We asked that you bless the food we are about to partake of and those who have prepared it.

All these things we ask in thy Name's sake. Amen.

- 7:20 pm A toast to Waltham Triad Lodge by the
Worshipful Master

Ladies, Brethren and guests, please join me as I offer a toast in celebration of two hundred years of Freemasonry which began in Waltham on December 13, 1820, continues today in Newtonville, and will continue uninterrupted into the future.

- 7:30 pm Dinner is served
R.W. Graeme H. Marsden, noted Masonic historian and reenactor, delivers a soliloquy titled “I am Waltham Triad Lodge” (reproduced on the following pages)
- 8:00 pm R.W. Graeme H. Marsden speaks on the history of Freemasonry in Massachusetts leading up to our founding in 1820
- 8:30 pm Ms. Jeannette A. McCarthy, Mayor of the City of Waltham presents an Official Proclamation congratulating Waltham Triad Lodge on its two-hundredth anniversary
- 8:40 pm M.W. Richard Maggio presents a Grand Lodge Certificate congratulating Waltham Triad Lodge on its two-hundredth anniversary
- End M.W. Richard Maggio, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts delivers closing remarks

I Am Waltham Triad Lodge

I was born in 1820, and the charter granted me by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts is my birth certificate. But my name back then was Monitor Lodge.

The bloodlines of all humanity course through my veins, for I have opened my doors to men born in nations all over the world.

I am many things to many people, but I am Waltham Triad Lodge to all.

I am 200 living souls and the ghosts of hundreds more, who since 1820 have solemnly inscribed their signatures on my books of by-laws.

I am the ghosts of Henry Price and Joseph Warren. I am the great lights and the ancient landmarks.

I am the twenty-one men who petitioned for me, and Joshua Swan who was my first Master.

I am Charles Alfred Welch and Melvin Maynard Johnson, who served me well as my Worshipful Master, and later served others well as their Most Worshipful Grand Master.

I am H. Alton Roark and Brenton Tyler, Jr., who also served me and others well.

I am also eighteen men who petitioned in 1867 and became Isaac Parker Lodge, my brother lodge, and Ambrose Webster who was my first Master.

I am Henry Fisher and Harry Sneider, who were friends to many and known by all.

I made my presence known in our neighboring place called Watertown. There sixty hardy Brothers put their name to paper in 1920 and chose the name Victory in celebration of

the war's victorious end. George Dale was my first Master, but I hardly knew my brothers Monitor and Isaac Parker.

Yet, they undoubtedly knew of Shant Chebookjian and Stephen Kaloyanides who served me well and were Brothers to all, near and far.

I am yet another group of Brethren, among whom were Al Roark and Fred Hitchcock, who petitioned in 1928 and became Waltham Lodge, another brother lodge, with Al and Fred as my first and second Masters.

And proudly I am the many older and younger brothers, and fathers and sons who belonged to me.

I survived the Great Depression and stood with my country's flag at Pearl Harbor, on the bleak slopes of Korea, in the jungles of Vietnam, and the deserts of the Middle East.

I am a meal prepared by the caterer, a collation prepared by the Stewards, and a prayer offered by the Chaplain. I am the inquiring mind of an Entered Apprentice and the sage advice of a 50-year Veteran's Medal holder.

I am Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. My arms reach out to span the continent from the Atlantic to Pacific Oceans, embracing three million square miles over which my Brethren are dispersed.

Inside my walls you can sit on the sidelines with banker and laborer, or kinsman and stranger alike, as equals. For I regard no man for either his prosperity or his theology, requiring only he believe in the existence of a supreme being. I offer the hope that stems from that belief, and the charity born of the brotherhood of man.

I will survive. I have survived wars, depressions, shunning, relocations, destruction by fire, loss of spirit. But, I will survive.

I am Waltham Triad Lodge, and these are the things that I am.

I was conceived in Brotherly Love that men might meet upon the level, act upon the plumb, and part upon the square.

God willing, I will devote my days to that ideal.

May I always possess the integrity, the courage, and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world.

This is my desire, my goal, my prayer, every time the gavel sounds.

For I am Waltham Triad Lodge.

*Adapted by Wor. Robert A. Caron
from "I am Rural Lodge" adapted by Wor. Graeme H. Marsden
from "I am Wollaston Lodge" written by Wor. Kenneth A. Hamilton*

Attendees

"The best laid schemes o' mice an' men...often go awry"

This famous verse from a poem by Bro. Robert Burns of Scotland, came into play for our Gala Celebration and Dinner. A late forecasted snowstorm delivered five inches of snow to the area, beginning about the same time as the Dinner, and lasting overnight. We had received 139 affirmative responses to our invitation and, remarkably, 121 people actually attended.

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 Bro. Peter M. Saradjian
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 Bro. E. John Stockwood and Phyllis Stockwood
 Wor. Robert C. Thayer, Jr. and Priscilla Thayer
 Wor. Joseph L. Wooters, Jr. and Wilma Wetterstrom

















Coronavirus

Freemasonry has existed notwithstanding many local, national and international incidents since its current inception in the modern world in 1717 England. Such a time has come again with the occurrence of a worldwide pandemic.

On November 17, 2019, the first confirmed case of a novel coronavirus infection in the world occurred in China. Its significance and even its name were not known at the time. It was referred to as the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Scientists eventually studied and identified this virus as “Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2” (abbreviated SARS-CoV-2) and related to the original SARS virus prevalent in 2002-2004. The flu-like infectious disease caused by the virus is referred to as “Coronavirus disease 2019” (Covid-19).

The virus eventually spread world-wide causing governments to react with public health states of emergency.

The first documented case of infection in Massachusetts occurred February 1, 2020. The earliest documented death from the disease in the United States occurred February 6 in San Jose, California.

On March 10, 2020, following the declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, M.W. Richard Maggio, issued an emergency declaration suspending all Masonic activity in the Massachusetts Masonic jurisdiction until further notice.

For several months, the Brethren of Waltham Triad Lodge could not meet in person, the Newton Masonic Building was

closed as a precaution, and videoconferencing became the meeting place of choice.

The Grand Master issued directives regarding Masonic activities both in person and remotely via telecommunication. They conformed to all the state government directives concerning safety and behavior to minimize the spread of the virus.

Finally, on August 3, a small number of Officers of Waltham Triad Lodge met in person at the Newtonville lodge building. A very short meeting occurred with a brief business meeting.

One of presiding Master William P. Asadoorian's plans for the Bicentenary year was to hold a meeting at an outdoor location. While this fit in with the permissible actions within pandemic constraints, it could not be exactly what Bill planned. It could not be an overnight event; Ladies could not be invited; there would not be a Ladies' program.

Instead, on September 7, a small number of Officers again met in person. This time, they traveled to Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire. A brief meeting was held and the First Degree conferred on a new candidate.

Whether this marked the return to a more normal level of activity was yet to be seen as there was a belief that a second wave of infections and Covid-19 illness would strike the country in the fall.

Following the example of most states in the U.S., Massachusetts had formalized a set of restrictions on public activity that had started with a period of "stay-at-home" advisories. Over the course of fall 2020 into winter and spring 2021, activity, indeed society, slowly opened up to more activity. Finally, after two major waves of infection, the Governor was able to end restrictions just before Memorial Day and cancel the state of emergency June 15.

As Grand Master Richard Maggio was disposed to say on several occasions, “Massachusetts Freemasonry was being held hostage by Covid-19,” and it ended up being so for 1 year, 3 months and 6 days.

Summer of 2021 was the “break-in” period when Masonic activity slowly restarted, at least in Massachusetts. Some jurisdictions were still under restrictions (most notably the United Grand Lodge of England) due to the pandemic not sufficiently receding yet. Some jurisdictions had already abandoned restrictions months prior, such as a few southern U.S. states.

But the 2021-2022 Masonic season brought unwelcome occasions of the resurgence of contagion and illness with new strains of the original virus mutating and jump-starting infections. Even the concept of a vaccination against serious infection mutated into the need for periodic vaccination, much like the approach to control influenza.

As these final words about the pandemic are being written in April of 2022, there is no “all-clear” signal, not even on the horizon. The talk of this being a “pan”demic is slowly shifting towards Covid-19 becoming “en”demic, meaning it will be a regular part of our world.

The conclusion seems to be that the SARS-CoV-2 virus will be managed by periodic vaccination as the various influenza viruses are. You are no doubt reading this well after April 2022: were we correct in this assumption? Perhaps all this voluminous research done in mRNA vaccines will lead to a preventive vaccination against the most prevalent virus of all, the common cold!

Outdoor Lodge Meeting

Part of the list of activities planned for the Bicentenary year was to hold a Lodge meeting outdoors. This has been done on occasion by many Lodges. There are a few rare instances of Lodges only meeting outdoors. At one time, there was an outdoor Lodge room at what was then called the Masonic Home in Charlton, located in a remote spot in the woods in a clearing surrounded by tall trees.

Presiding Master William P. Asadoorian chose Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire as the location. The date would be our usual first Monday in September that is always Labor Day. The location was booked for a 3:00 pm start.

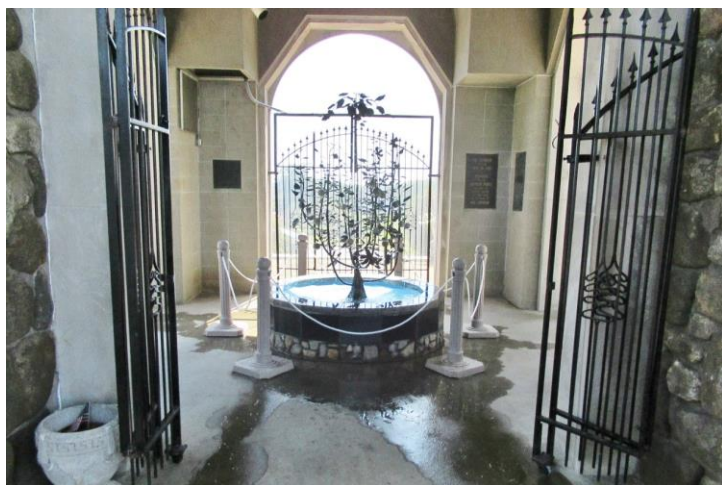
If you recall from our history, Waltham Triad Lodge was not a stranger to New Hampshire. The Brethren had ventured north twice before.

On Sunday, March 29, 1885, Waltham Triad Lodge (in its former identity as Isaac Parker Lodge) traveled to Claremont, New Hampshire to conduct a funeral service for the late Bro. Charles A. Bond

On April 4, 1989, Wor. H. Frank Albee, the first Master of the new Waltham Triad Lodge arranged for Waltham Triad Lodge to make a pilgrimage to Claremont to exemplify the Second and Third Sections of the Third Degree for Hiram Lodge #9. He was also able to have the Grand Masters of Massachusetts and New Hampshire attend!

So on September 7, 2020, the records of Waltham Triad Lodge will reflect that the Lodge made its third trip to New Hampshire for Masonic business, this time to Rindge.









Installation of Officers

Despite the fact that the Coronavirus and resulting state of emergency caused restrictions such that Lodge operations came to a halt for the better part of six months, Waltham Triad Lodge was still able to elect a new slate of Officers and Install them in September.

On Saturday, September 12, 2020, The Officers of Waltham Triad Lodge met at the Newtonville lodge building for the purpose of installing Bro. David E. A. Ferrazzoli into the East. Earlier in this book, you may have noticed a chart listing the number of Past Masters this Lodge has had. Wor. David E. A. Ferrazzoli is the 329th Master of Waltham Triad Lodge and its predecessors.

Wor. William P. Asadoorian ended his term without being able to complete all he planned for this Bicentenary year. But that is not to say Wor. Bro. Asadoorian was not a noteworthy Master. He holds the record among the 329 Masters for serving the most terms of office – six!

Wor. Bro. Asadoorian served as Master of Victory Lodge in 1987 and 1988, then served as Master of Waltham Triad Lodge in 2006, 2007 and 2008. And again, he served as Master in 2019 for a total of six terms as Master. Thank you Bill!

He hands the East over to Wor. Bro. Ferrazzoli who has the honor of concluding the Bicentenary year celebration, hopefully being able to complete more of the planned Bicentenary activities. No doubt some will stretch beyond the twelve months originally conceived.



















Waltham Triad Lodge
A. F. & A. M.

Bicentenary
Church
Service

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Anniversaries throughout our lodge life have been celebrated in many ways, but always including a religious service. Despite seeming to fall out of favor these days, we have chosen to include a religious service in marking our bicentenary.

Freemasonry, or Masonry as it is sometimes called, is the oldest organized fraternity of men in continuous operation world-wide. Among its principles and membership requirements is a belief in God, regardless of particular denomination or nomenclature. All men who believe are welcome, and that's why we are here today.

Throughout its 200-year history, from its foundation to today, Waltham Triad Lodge has held reverence for God highest among its practices. Our name for God is "Supreme Architect of the Universe" and we invoke his blessing and his mercy in all our undertakings.

In 1920, to celebrate 100 years, our lodge celebrated Divine services at Asbury Temple, then a Methodist church, located at 686 Main Street, Waltham. The ministers who performed the services happened to all be Masons and members.

At the 150 year mark, the celebration included services at First Parish Church, Universalist Unitarian, at 50 Church Street.

But the whole story involves the fact that Waltham Triad Lodge is actually a merger of four individual lodges formed at different times. As a result, each of our constituent lodges have held anniversary celebrations including services at Immanuel Methodist Church, 545 Moody Street, First Baptist Church, corner of Charles and Moody, and here at Christ Episcopal Church.

And now, at our 200th anniversary, we return to Christ Episcopal Church as part of our celebration to reinforce our reliance on that Divinity we all adore. We give thanks for

the hundreds of men who came before us and carried us up to this point, and we ask God to bless and watch over the hundreds more who will continue to carry Waltham Triad Lodge into the future.

We sincerely thank the Reverend Dr. Kapya John Kaoma, Rector of Christ Church, for opening his doors and his loving arms to us that we might pay homage to our Great Creator, who has also opened his loving arms to all of us, Mason and non-Mason alike.

A Special Communication of Waltham Triad Lodge was opened at 9:54 a.m. in the church function hall. Then the Brethren present, joined by three ladies, processed into the Sanctuary where Dr. Kaoma led the 10:00 a.m. service. His sermon was about the power of faith and love in helping our fellow man, not unlike the teachings of Freemasonry.

At the conclusion of the service, the officers retired to the function hall and closed the lodge. Afterwards, Waltham Triad Lodge hosted the congregation to coffee and pastries outdoors on the church lawn.

Attendees

Officers

Wor. David E. A. Ferrazzoli, Worshipful Master
Bro. James M. McMullin, Senior Warden
Bro. Charles E. Sloan, Junior Warden
Wor. Nicholas J. Pappas, Secretary
Wor. Mark J. Collins, Sr., Assistant Chaplain
Wor. Edward A. Kazanjian, Jr., Acting Marshal
Wor. William W. Dahlbeck, Jr., Senior Deacon
Wor. William P. Asadoorian, Junior Deacon

Members

Wor. Robert A. Caron
Bro. Richard K. Madden
Wor. Richard E. Martin
Wor. Thomas M. Newton

Guests

Jeannette Doherty
Diane Collins
Joyce Newton









Waltham Triad Lodge
A. F. & A. M.


Rededication
Ceremony

NOVEMBER 12, 2021

Dispensation

In order for Waltham Triad Lodge to open a Special Communication and host a Grand Lodge rededication ceremony at Bentley University, it was necessary to obtain a dispensation. Not because it was Bentley University, but because it was Waltham. Our Charter indicates that we are authorized to operate in Newton and has been that way since 2003 (see earlier chapter on our Charter). Therefore, we needed dispensation to open in Waltham.

How ironic!



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September 29, 2021

DISPENSATION

To the Master, Wardens and Members of:

Waltham Triad Lodge of Newton, Massachusetts

Whereas good and sufficient reasons exist for granting said request by the lodge to meet at Bentley University in the City of Waltham on Friday, November 12, 2021 for their 200th anniversary Gala and Rededication, this dispensation is granted with the requirement of proper notice being given to the members of the lodge and that the Lodge notice for said month(s) must state "By dispensation from the M.W. Grand Master."

Cordially and fraternally,

Richard Maggio

Grand Master
RM/jno



*Waltham Triad Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons*

*You and your companion are cordially invited
to be our guests at our
Two Hundredth Anniversary
Lodge Rededication Ceremony*

*Friday, the twelfth of November,
Two thousand twenty one*

*Bentley University
LaCava Conference Center
Waltham, Massachusetts*

*Guests may arrive after
5:15 o'clock in the afternoon*

*Reception of the Grand Lodge Officers
To Conduct the Rededication Ceremony
6:00 o'clock in the afternoon*

*Social period begins
7:30 o'clock in the evening*

*Dinner begins
8:30 o'clock in the evening*

Black tie optional

R.S.V.P. required

Menu

Hors d'oeuvres

Assorted Cheese Display with Crackers
Assorted Vegetable Display with Dips
Prosciutto Wrapped Cantaloupe
with Dijon Dipping Sauce
Sun-Dried Tomato and Gorgonzola Bruschetta
Vegetable Pakoras
Lemon Pepper Chicken Skewers
with Spicy Mustard Dipping Sauce
Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms
Grilled Sugar Cane Shrimp and Scallop Skewers
Petite Beef Wellington

First course

Fresh Mozzarella and Tomato Stack with Fresh Basil
Warm Dinner Rolls and Butter

Entrée

Balsamic Grilled Flank Steak,
Roasted Rosemary Mushroom Sauce
Citrus and Herb Crusted Salmon
Alternative: Portobello Mushroom Napoleon
French Green Bean and Carrot Medley
Vegetable Risotto

Dessert

Deluxe New York-Style Cheesecake
with Fresh Strawberry Sauce
Coffee, Regular and Decaffeinated
Tea, Regular and Decaffeinated

Full beverage service

Catering by
Sodexo
Bentley University

Rededication

“Rededicate.” Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster:

transitive verb

*to dedicate (someone or something) again or anew:
such as*

*a : to commit (oneself, one’s life, etc.) anew to a cause,
enterprise, or activity*

If there’s one thing Freemasons are known for, it’s ceremonies and pageantry. For hundreds of years the heart and soul of Masonic Lodge meetings has been ceremony. Masons have championed teaching through allegory.

So it should come as no surprise that there is a ceremony specific to dedication and rededication of a Lodge. Sometimes referred to as the “carpet ceremony,” for one of the symbolic objects used during the ceremony, the rededication of a Lodge calls upon the Grand Lodge Officers to invoke the blessing of God upon the Lodge members to have the wisdom and strength to continue the operation of the Lodge under Masonic principles and the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

At our 200th anniversary, we continue this year of celebration with the Rededication Ceremony that we may reflect on the previous 200 years and the contributions of all the Lodge members who persevered to bring us to this day. We renew our Brotherhood and commitment to Freemasonry and vow to keep this Lodge in good stead for at least another 200 years.

Program

- 5:15 pm Guests may arrive and select seats
- 5:50 pm Lodge Master sends Marshal seeking Grand
 Lodge Officers
- 6:00 pm Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers are
 received
 Grand Master commences Rededication
 Ceremony
- 6:30 pm Rededication Ceremony concludes
 Reading of the history of Waltham Triad Lodge
 Remarks from Grand Lodge Officers
 Remarks from Lodge Master
- 7:00 pm Grand Master presents first Commemorative
 Medal to Lodge Master
 Lodge Master presents Honorary Membership to
 Grand Master and presents him Certificate
 and Commemorative Medal
- 7:20 pm Closing remarks from Grand Master
 Grand Master closes Grand Lodge and Waltham
 Triad Lodge in ample form
- 7:30 pm Social period begins
 Hors d'oeuvres and beverages
- 8:30 pm Dinner is served

Carpet

The Master's Carpet is the centerpiece of the dedication ceremony. It is used as a symbol of the lodge. In this instance, we mean a lodge – the organization. It can also be a symbol of a lodge – the building – in which case the physical meeting place is being dedicated.

The re-dedication of a Masonic Lodge on an anniversary is not a mysterious undertaking. We often hear of married couples marking a significant anniversary by re-taking their



marriage vows. They do so in recognition of their successful marriage and as a pledge to continue. We do just the same. We recognize our success as a lodge and pledge to continue in like fashion.

In this ceremony, we speak of
“corn, wine and oil.”

As is done in much of Freemasonry, they are used in a symbolic fashion, to convey an important lesson. In this case, the Grand Chaplain says:

“And may the Lord, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, bless the Brethren here assembled and grant to each of them in needful supply the Corn of Nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment and the Oil of Joy.”

Hence corn, wine and oil – the produce of the land – are natural accompaniments to the dedication of a lodge, which it is hoped will prosper, reap an abundance of the first fruits of Masonic cultivation and a rich harvest of ripe character from the seeds it plants.

Commemoration

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was formed in 1733, but it wasn't until 1792 that a codified "Constitutions and Regulations" was published. As these Grand Constitutions evolved, a section was eventually added authorizing the Grand Master to issue a "Centenary Warrant" and grant the members of a lodge the privilege of striking and wearing a commemorative medal signifying the milestone of "a century."

The Grand Constitutions state that a lodge "may make application to the Grand Master for a Centenary Warrant, setting forth its claims and submitting the necessary evidence to his satisfaction."

Waltham Triad Lodge submitted such an application and the Grand Master approved it, recognizing our completion of a second century of existence.

On the following two pages are an image of our Bicentenary Warrant and an image of the commemorative medal that was approved by the Grand Master.

By this approval, every member of Waltham Triad Lodge is authorized to wear this commemorative medal in all Masonic meetings in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and any other Grand jurisdictions so recognized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Bicentenary Warrant

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bicentenary Warrant



obverse



reverse

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Waltham Triad Lodge, located in Newtonville, Massachusetts:

Whereas, it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge, that, on the day of December thirteenth, Anno Lucis 5820, a Charter was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorizing and empowering them and their associates and successors to open a Regular Lodge, for the purpose of entering Apprentices, passing Fellowcrafts, and raising Master Masons under the name and title of Monitor Lodge, now Waltham Triad Lodge;

And Whereas the Brethren at present composing the said Lodge are desirous, now that two hundred years have elapsed since the Institution of the Lodge, that they may be permitted to wear a jewel commemorative of such event, and have prayed the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the purpose;

Now, Therefore, Know Ye, That I, Richard Maggio, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby give and grant to all and each of the members of said Lodge permission to wear in all Masonic Meetings, suspended by a ribbon of blue, a jewel or medal, of the pattern or device of the drawing in the margin hereof, as a Bicentenary Medal. But such Medal is to be worn only by those Brethren who are in regular standing in the said Lodge.

Given at Boston, Massachusetts this nineteenth day of December, A.L. 6020



Attest:  Grand Secretary
 Grand Master

Commemorative Medal



Back

Attendees

In an earlier section, we prefaced the Attendance at the Gala Celebration and Dinner with the news that a surprise snowstorm occurred, affecting attendance.

Incredibly, we must report that a surprise “Nor’easter” arrived the day of the Rededication, with high winds and driving rains, and also affected attendance.

Freemasonry in New England certainly is special!

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Wor. Amaro Cabral, Grand Steward
and Susan Cabral

Wor. James C. Uzdarwin, Grand Standard Bearer
and Lori Uzdarwin

Wor. James F. Buss, Grand Pursuivant

Wor. Robert L. St. Cyr, Grand Pursuivant

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and Lisa Hunt

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Fifth District Rejuvenation Chairman

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Waltham 5th District (1989-1990)

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Waltham 5th District (1999-2000)
and Jill Cohn

R.W. Paul A. S. Bushey, District Deputy Grand Master
Fifth District (2009-2010)
and Lisa Bushey

R.W. Scott D. Inglis, District Deputy Grand Master
Fifth District (2017-2018)
and Sharon Inglis

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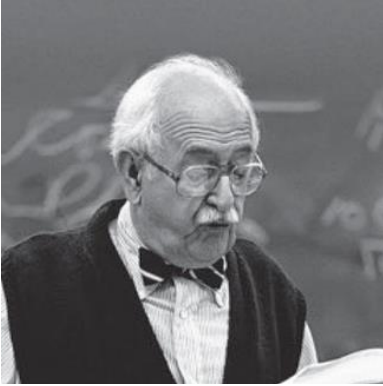




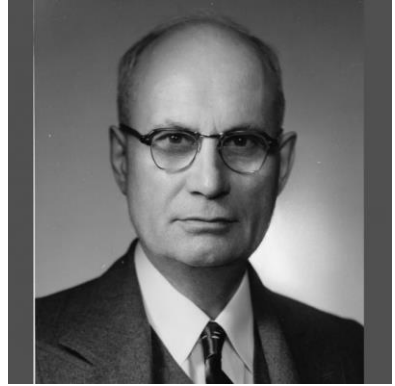




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Rae Doyle Anderson
Senior Vice President
and Dean, 1949-1969
Member
Somerville Lodge, Somerville



Maurice Monroe Lindsay
President, 1953 - 1961
Member
Eureka Lodge, New Bedford



Thomas Lincoln Morison, Sr.
President, 1961 - 1970
Member
William Parkman Lodge,
Winchester



Gregory Harry Adamian
President, 1970 - 1991
Past Master
Putnam Lodge, Cambridge

Waltham Triad Lodge
A. F. & A. M.

Bicentenary
Festive
Board

DECEMBER 6, 2021

It was the Bicentenary Committee's plan to conclude the anniversary year with the Rededication. However, Covid had another idea. Activities over the fifteen months of public health restrictions decimated this plan. Essentially, circumstances prevented us from conducting our planned Table Lodge prior to Fall of 2021. That combined with the limited scheduling options for a Grand Lodge rededication ceremony resulted in the rededication happening first. Converting our planned Table Lodge to a Festive Board also lessened the complications.

In 1717, one of the reasons given for forming the Mother Grand Lodge in London was to hold the Annual Feast. Not a dinner, but a Feast. The Festive Board is an event of celebration, a special occasion for brethren to meet and gather over good food in pleasant surroundings, and springs from that Annual Feast. The earliest lodges met in taverns and inns and always included sustenance. Gathering together to break bread has always been a sincere part of brotherhood.

A Festive Board is an occasion for Masons to get together around a table or banquet for the purpose of socializing, sharing in fellowship, and Masonic education. A Festive Board is not an official meeting of the Lodge. A Festive Board is something that may have a similar look and feel to a Table Lodge, but is completely different.

That being said, the Festive Board can and does draw from the formal Table Lodge. There will be toasts offered; there will be "salutes" with "swords." Furthermore, there may be singing and story-telling.

The Festive Board was found in blue lodges and in Royal Arch chapters as an important vehicle for fraternalism. It is purely a social event. The lodge is not open at the time, and the location need not even be the lodge building. While there is a certain agenda to the activities, it cannot be considered

a lodge meeting in any way. A good meal and good friendship are the goals.

This significance prompted us to schedule a Festive Board to mark the end of the Bicentenary celebration. It will offer a respite from the tensions and worries brought on by the Coronavirus pandemic. No ritual will be performed, no lines will need memorization, no protocol will need following.

Just because this will mark the end of our Bicentenary does not mean the lodge will stop activity. We will schedule our holiday parties, our Past Masters' nights, and all our usual yearly features. It's just that now they will not be in the spotlight.

In keeping with a lodge tradition, admission to this Festive Board was an unwrapped toy for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots program via our friends at the Pvt. Charles J. Shutt Marine Corps League Detachment in Watertown.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal and received as a keepsake a ceremonial firing glass with Waltham Triad Lodge's Bicentenary seal on it.

The flexibility of the Festive Board event allowed members to offer jokes and stories, and allowed us to write our own Toasts to be offered during the dinner, which you will see on the next page.

In the spirit of the season, a Master's Hat was passed around on a challenge from Wor. Ed Kazanjian and yielded an additional \$500 for Toys for Tots.

Freemasonry at its Best!



Waltham Triad Lodge

The Toasts

The First Toast:
By the Worshipful Master
**To the President and
Past Presidents of the United States**
Brethren: To the Presidents!

The Second Toast
By the Immediate Past Master
**To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and
to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
in Massachusetts**
Brethren: To the Grand Master!

The Third Toast
By the Senior Warden
**To all the brethren; whether visiting,
absent for a time,
and most especially those who have departed.**
Informal and silent toast given

The Fourth Toast
By the Junior Warden
**To the Fraternity and Fellowship
of the Lodges**
Brethren: To the Lodges!

The Fifth and Final Toast
By the District Deputy Grand Master
To the Holiday season and Yuletide Greetings
Brethren: To the Seasons!

Attendees

Fifth Masonic District

R.W. Ian C. Mackenzie, District Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Kenneth L. Brown, District Deputy Grand Treasurer
R.W. Seth A. Landau, District Deputy Grand Secretary
Wor. Michael Centola, District Deputy Grand Marshal

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Wor. David E. A. Ferrazzoli, Worshipful Master
 Bro. James M. McMullin, Senior Warden
 Bro. Charles E. Sloan, Junior Warden
 Wor. Scott M. Sherman, Secretary
Wor. Nicholas J. Pappas, Assistant Secretary
 R.W. James W. Spurrell, Chaplain
 Wor. Benjamin E. Bloomenthal, Marshal
Wor. William W. Dahlbeck, Jr., Senior Deacon
 Wor. William P. Asadoorian, Junior Deacon
 Wor. Carl D. Durham, Jr., Tyler
 Wor. Robert A. Caron, Ritualist
 Wor. Richard E. Martin, Trustee
Wor. Robert C. Thayer, Jr., Trustee
 Bro. John H. Baillio
 Wor. Stanley Y. J. Chu
 Bro. Philip R. Corkery
Bro. Stephen J. Henderson-Cadigan
 Bro. Sarkis Karakozian
Wor. Edward A. Kazanjian, Jr.
 Bro. Paul J. Kingston
Wor. Joseph A. Manzo, Jr.
Bro. Hossep H. Melkeshian
 Bro. A. Paul Prifti
 Bro. Craig M. Schubert

Wor. Joseph L. Wooters, Jr.

Festive Board Servers

Wor. Richard C. Leung,
Worshipful Master, Dalhousie Lodge

Bro. Russell W. Wolf,
Senior Warden, Dalhousie Lodge

Bro. Douglas S. Grunert,
Senior Deacon, Dalhousie Lodge



During the Regular Communication preceding the Festive Board on December 6, 2021, Rt. Wor. Ian C. Mackenzie, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, was received into Lodge for a Fraternal Visit.

Along with the usual greetings from the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, he was tasked to present the Lodge with the Bicentenary Warrant commemorating its 200 years and authorizing the commemorative bicentenary medal (as the warrant was not available during the Lodge's rededication ceremony in November).









With Gratitude

Throughout this two hundredth anniversary celebration, we have scheduled special events and commissioned many items to demonstrate the pride we have in our lodge.

From challenge coins to customized champagne flutes, from commemorative medals to this anniversary booklet, we have tried to produce tokens that will help the memory last, and carry the legacy of Waltham Triad Lodge to future generations.

From gala dinners to an outdoor lodge meeting, from a church service to a rededication ceremony, we have tried to schedule occasions that will become those memories that last.

But all this would not have been possible without the generous support of our dear departed Brother, Lloyd Henry Hoiseth.

Brother Hoiseth was born October 3, 1924 at Boston, his parents having recently emigrated from Norway. A U.S. Army Military Police Officer returning home to Watertown after World War II, he entered Freemasonry in Victory Lodge on November 7, 1947. He was then passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on December 5, 1947 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 2, 1948.

Lloyd also went on to become active in the Scottish Rite, Valley of Boston and Aleppo Temple. Working for the Federal Reserve System in Boston, Lloyd had an opportunity to transfer to the Miami branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta in 1970, so he and wife Pauline became east coast Floridians enjoying the sun and sand. He continued his Victory Lodge membership and even became active in Amara Shrine Temple in Palm Beach Gardens.

Lloyd and Pauline had no children but enjoyed their activities in Masonry and a few other organizations. They devised a trust in their wills to handle their estate.

On November 10, 2011, our dear Brother was called home by the Grand Architect of the Universe. We mourned his passing and missed his presence. Pauline brought him home to his native Watertown for eternal rest. By then Victory Lodge had become Waltham Triad Lodge and Lloyd was accorded his Masonic Memorial Service by the officers.

We expected his Book of Life was closed in Waltham Triad Lodge. In 2017, his beloved Pauline joined Lloyd in eternal rest. Unexpectedly, after Pauline's death they visited us one last time. Waltham Triad Lodge was contacted by the executor of Pauline's last will and testament. In the trust Lloyd and Pauline had set up, the remainder of their estate was to be dissolved after their deaths and Waltham Triad Lodge was to receive a bequest.

Brother Hoiseth's loyalty to his blue lodge resulted in Waltham Triad Lodge receiving a *substantial* monetary bequest from his estate (as did Lloyd's lodge in Florida, the Shrine Hospitals for Children and a few others). In fact, the entirety of the anniversary related expenses incurred during this bicentenary were satisfied by his bequest.

At the end of the ten-part historical summary of the lodge earlier in this book, we challenged you, the reader, to be the one to write the next chapter in our history. Now, we challenge you to follow Brother Lloyd Hoiseth's example and memorialize your membership in Waltham Triad Lodge by similarly providing a bequest to the lodge, perhaps even earmarked for a future anniversary celebration.

Afterword

It is impossible to overstate the impact that the Coronavirus pandemic has had on Waltham Triad Lodge, its two-hundredth anniversary activities, and Freemasonry in general.

On March 10, 2020, our own R.W. Kenneth L. Brown was completing a Fraternal Visit at Moses Michael Hays Lodge in Needham. Lodge had closed and Brethren were just completing dinner when R.W. Brother Brown's smartphone signaled a text message. It was from Grand Lodge informing him that the Grand Master had just issued an edict suspending all Masonic activity in Massachusetts in compliance with a state of emergency having been declared by the Governor of Massachusetts, Charlie Baker, just hours prior.

What everyone expected to be an interruption of a few days soon extended into a few weeks. Further declarations of emergency and restrictions on everyday life issued forth not only in Massachusetts but worldwide. Those few weeks extended into months and to over a year.

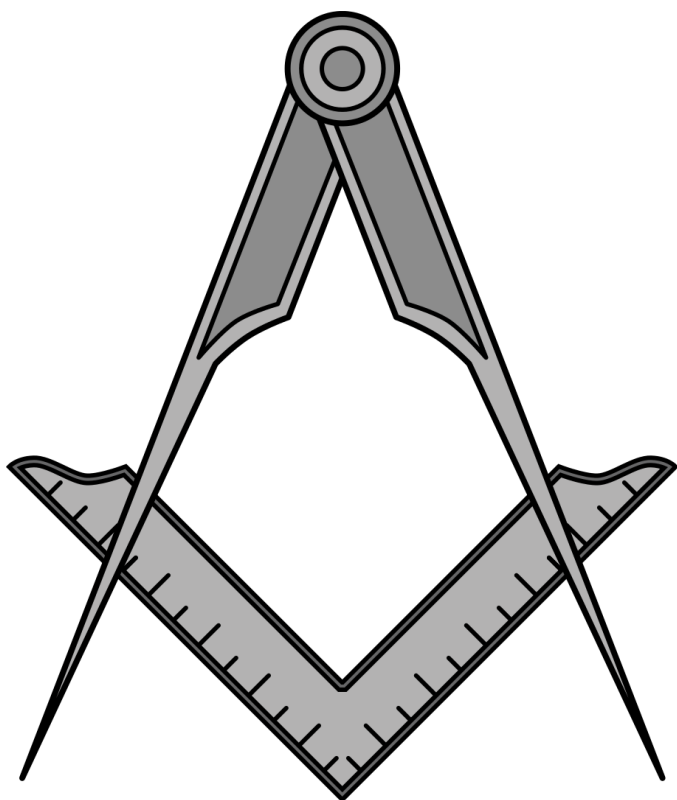
The fear of severe illness and death gripped everyone. The only comparable experience the contemporary world had seen – the Spanish Flu pandemic – had occurred just over a century prior so no one had first-hand knowledge of what to expect or what to do.

It took journalists and historians to bring forth the stories of that pandemic, and the similarities. There were varying opinions on mask wearing then as well as now. There were groups that did not believe the severity of the pandemic then just as now. There were also those who refused to alter their daily activities in any way, as we also saw in this pandemic.

In fact, it wasn't until the two year mark in March 2022 that a return to normalcy was beginning.

If you are reading this (hopefully) at the 250th or even 300th anniversary of Waltham Triad Lodge (or whatever its name might be at that time), you should be encouraged that the Lodge – and Freemasonry – has gone through the Morgan incident of the 1800s and the two pandemics of the 1900s and 2000s, yet continues on. And it is our sincerest hope that anniversary celebrations can and will be undertaken even if epic interruptions such as these occur.

Freemasonry is, or should be, a part of everyday life; not something to do as an aside.



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