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## **Masonic Awareness Committee and structure:**

### 1. Purposes

- Provide information to help Lodges increase attendance and participation by their own members as well as other Masons at Lodge activities
- Provide assistance in publicizing Freemasonry as well as Lodge activities within the community.
- Provide programs and suggestions to inform non-Masons of good moral character about Masons and about the tenets of the Fraternity
- Promote increased Membership throughout the Fraternity
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### 2. Organization of the Grand Lodge MAC Committee

the Grand Lodge MAC Committee is composed of all the members of all the subcommittees involved in the work of MAC. It is governed by an Executive Committee that is composed of the Chairman, the Clerk, the Chairmen of the Standing Committees, the Chairmen of any Special Committees, and Liaisons to other Grand Lodge Committees.

The standing committees are as follows:

- **Membership:** The Membership Subcommittee is charged with promoting membership activity in the constituent Lodges of Massachusetts. It provides the Grand Lodge Membership Plan, seminars on Membership Activity, assistance to Lodges in Membership Planning, and administers the Grand Lodge Membership Award.
- **Community Service:** The Community Service Subcommittee is charged with promoting service activities by Lodges within their communities. They are especially charged with helping to insure that communities and other Lodges become aware of their efforts.
- **Communications:** The Communications Subcommittee is charged with getting-out the “word” as to what is happening in Awareness throughout the state. Their target is primarily other Masons and Lodges in addition to the general public through cooperation with the Public Relations Committee.

They operate through three primary areas:

1. The *TROWEL* Magazine
  2. The Grand Lodge Web page
  3. A Newsletter to be implemented in 2002)
- **MAC Video Team** The MAC video team is charged with producing video products for use in Masonic Awareness. The program is still in its infancy but hopes to become much more active in 2002. I has three primary functions:
    1. Production and Planning of video products
    2. Digital videography using the GL digital video VCR Cameras
    3. Editing and final productionIt is anticipated that by January 2002 the MAC Video Team will be ready to help tape Masonic functions and assist Lodge and Masonic bodies in planning and production of useful video products including: video releases, brief documentaries, and still digital picture for use on the Web and media.
  - **MAC Clothing and Merchandise** The MAC Clothing subcommittee provides Masonic clothing and other items for purchase by Masons
  - **Special Projects** from time to time MAC will organize committees to handle special projects. These are often new ideas or short term projects. Historically, MAC has been an incubator for Grand Lodge Programs, including the Child Identification Program and the Masonic Leadership Institute. MAC is always open to considering new ideas.
4. **MAC organization in the Districts** In each district the District Deputy Grand Master will appoint a District Awareness Officer as a member of his team to oversee MAC functions in his district. DDGM's may utilize considerable latitude in structuring MAC function but basically the MAC Team is concerned with Awareness, Membership, and Public Relations. Persons may be appointed to head up these areas individually or collectively. Regardless, it is anticipated that the DAO will function in all areas and report to the Grand Lodge MAC Committee.

Duties of the District Awareness Officer:

- Ensure that each Lodge has an active, motivated, MAC Chairman
  - See that those MAC Chairs for working committees to plan and implement Lodge Awareness programs.
  - Ensure that materials (i.e. video, brochures, Blue Pages, etc.) from Grand Lodge MAC are available and fully utilized
  - Coordinate Awareness, Membership, and PR activities between Lodges and Districts.
  - Promote the benefits of successful awareness programs and report to the Grand Lodge MAC all activities making recommendations for future programs improvements and innovations.
5. MAC Organization in the Lodges Each constituent Lodge will appoint a MAC Officer to develop and organize that Lodges MAC Program. The appointment of the MAC officer is the responsibility of the Master including the organization of the MAC Team. The Lodge Awareness Officer operates under the authority and direction of the Worshipful Master. Whether individuals are appointed separately or collectively it is anticipated that Lodge organization will cover the areas of Awareness, Membership, and Public Relations.

Duties of a Lodge Awareness Officer:

- Implement the Lodge Master's plan for Masonic Awareness
- Organize Lodge Awareness activity
- Promote the Lodge's image in the community and among its members by communicating information about Lodge Activities.
- Report to and inform the District Awareness Officer of Lodge planning and activity
- Be enthusiastic and motivate the Lodge with that enthusiasm for Freemasonry

# **Grand Lodge Service Committee Organization and Communication Chart**

Grand Master  
Co-Directors of Masonic Service  
Zone Committeeman  
District Service Officer (DSO)

The Grand Lodge Service Committee is made up of Zone Committeemen, who are appointed by the Grand Master to represent the Grand Lodge to a number of Districts referred to as Zones. The Service Committee is currently headed by two Co-Directors who act on behalf of the Grand Master, in which they will pass on any instructions to the committee and else where the Grand Master shall direct.

Each Zone committeeman, is usually responsible for three or more districts, and each district is headed up by a District Service Officer (DSO), who is appointed by the District Deputy Grand Master of that particular district.

Each Zone Committeeman is responsible to be at every quarterly Service Committee meeting at Grand Lodge. There he will receive any new instructions from the Grand Master or on behalf of the Grand Master regarding Service Programs or special events involving Service. In turn, he is also responsible for bringing back to the Grand Lodge any problems or concerns his DSO has brought to his attention. The Zone Manager is also expected to see that there is an active DSO in each district.

The DSO, although appointed by the District Deputy, really does report to the Zone Manager. The District Deputy and Zone Manager should work with each other to promote Masonic Service. The Zone Manager however, does realize that the District Deputy is still the highest ranking Mason in his district and will never interfere with his duties. The DSO will receive any new instructions from the Zone Manager, at the same time the DSO will convey any concerns from the lodges in his district.

## **Grand Lodge Service Programs**

**Blood Program  
Hospital Equipment Loan Program (H.E.L.P.)  
Hospital Visit Program  
CPR  
Widows  
Masonic Funeral Service  
Any other service that can be performed  
to help and assist those in need.**

The Grand Lodge Blood Program is strictly with the American Red Cross. We have had an exclusive relationship with the Red Cross for many years. No organization or fraternal group can match the Masons in Massachusetts for collecting and donating as much blood as we do. Our efforts over the years has allowed the Red Cross to collect in excess of 20,000 units of blood per year. Each individual lodge is responsible for initiating, promoting and assist in putting together a successful blood drive. Conversely, each Master of his lodge should be educated by the DSO what to do or who to call in the event there is a request for blood. Every Massachusetts Mason is covered under the Red Cross Blood Program and blood will be made available. In the event a brother should call, do NOT have him call someone else, if you do not know or forgot what to do, you call the DSO, Zone Committeeman or Grand Lodge and the answer will be given and you can contact that person with the correct answer. Remember, the person contacted you because he felt comfortable with you in the first place and has confidence that you would take care of so important situation.

Hospital Equipment Loan Program (H.E.L.P.) is a program to help everyone, Mason and non-mason alike. Each Lodge, if it has the capacity to store such, should try to keep the most common types of hospital equipment available in their lodge building. Equipment could include Hospital beds (newer beds that do not weigh very much), Wheelchairs, Walkers, Commodes, Seats for bathing and any other device that can be of assistance to anyone in need. An inventory should be kept and distributed to other lodges as well as to

the Grand Lodge.

A Hospital Visit to a brother or family member of a brother is most uplifting and appreciated by those who are being visited. A list of those brethren who can be called upon when a brother is in the hospital or even at home due to an illness or accident should be put together. The Grand Lodge, via Service has a list of Brethren who can be called upon to visit a brother who may have come from out of state and has no one here to visit him. Grand Lodge will call those who live near that particular hospital and ask him to pay that brother a visit and see if he is in need of any other assistance. Contact your DSO and get more to get on the Hospital Visit List.

CPR (Cardio Vascular Resuscitation) Each DSO should be pushing for CPR classes to be held each year. Certification is required and must be renewed annually. This will not only save lives of others, but very well be the case that it will save the life of a loved one. Grand Lodge does have two CPR Annies that can be used by any lodge. Many organizations such as the American Red Cross, Local Fire Stations and Hospitals will assist anyone who is interested in setting up a CPR Class or take a course themselves.

## **Widows**

The original widows program was set up for the Grand Chaplains to send cards of condolences to the widows of brethren that just passed. This is still in effect. The Grand Chaplains will send cards only to the widows, not to another brother, mother, father or sister, only to the widows. The Master of each lodge has the information sent to him as to how to contact the Grand Chaplain to inform him of a brothers passing. This is not being utilized and I suggest that the District Deputies talk to the masters of your respective lodges.

Widows programs have expanded to include Holiday Dinners for Widows, Widows Nights, Poinsettias Plants sent and inviting Widows to join the lodge for St. John Sunday whereby the Church Service is in the memory of Master Masons who have since passed to the Celestial Lodge above.



## **Masonic Funeral Service**

Masonic Funeral Service is to be performed by request of an immediate family member or on behalf of same by the Funeral Director. The Master of the lodge does not have the power to perform such a service on his own. There is **NO** reason at all why a widow would be denied such a service.

Remember, Only the officers involved in the actual service will wear their officers apron, all others, including Past Masters on up, where white aprons. This rule even includes the Grand Master. The brethren performing the service should never obstruct the view of the casket from the family. If there is a lot of people, have the Junior Warden stand at the door way and let each brother in one at a time.

Any other service that can be performed to help and assist those in need.

There are always circumstances that may arise where we as a fraternity can assist someone in need, as we should, that is what we stand for, that is our main goal and would be the preamble to any mission statement we would put together. If a new service rendered is something we would want to incorporate, then that service would be brought up at the Grand Lodge Service Committee and a recommendation would then be made to the Grand Master and we would later wait for his decision.

## **Samuel Crocker Lawrence Library and Museum**

The Library of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had its origin on December 12, 1814, with the submission of a letter recommending a Grand Lodge Library. The facility is known as one of the finest Masonic libraries in the world. For the greater part of its existence the library was merely a collection of volumes available for reference at the Masonic building. Since 1993, under the guidance of Librarian Cynthia Alcorn, a program of development and expansion has been pursued by the Grand Lodge.

Numerous rarities and general works have been classified or cataloged in such a way that any volume can be readily located. Library service is available not only to Brethren in the Boston area, but also to Brethren residing outside of the city. Books may also be borrowed by calling or by mail.

Fortunately for Masons in Massachusetts, those who work in the ever-changing field of Masonic education have recognized the needs of the new Brother. The newly admitted Mason needs to be made aware of the many books written during the last several years. Research into Masonic origins and background has rendered obsolete many concepts which have been previously presented as fact. Freemasonry has entered the 21st century and the old beliefs that still make up our ceremonies and lectures remain as allegories only and must be understood as such.

As the needs of Masons change and grow so must the library and museum grow, expand and become more user friendly, not only to members of the Masonic community, but to the general public as well.

The Grand Lodge building is about to undertake a major effort to make itself more visible in downtown Boston. The library and museum will be moving to the first floor and the main entrance will be changed to the side of the building. The mosaics that are on the side of the building will be removed and glass windows installed. We will have a window on the world just as the world will be better able to view us. It has been publicized in the media that the Masons are letting them in and giving up their secrets!

Once this move is completed we will have an updated facility with a brand new look. We will be able to showcase all the items that are in the museum and make the library better known and more

accessible to Masons and the public at large. We will be able to offer services that at present we cannot. Our display area will be modern, well lit and capable of showing twice the items that we have been able to in the past.

Anyone walking by the Grand Lodge building will be able to look in and see some of the items we have on display and also discover that there is a library and museum that showcases Masonry in all its glory.

We hope that after the renovation and after the dust settles you will be able to come in and bring your family for a tour and to get answers to whatever questions you may have. If we can be of any service to you in the meantime do not hesitate to call or write the library and we will try to answer your questions. The library's telephone number is 1-800-882-1020 ext. 220 or 221.

Submitted by Wor. Michael S. Kaulback, Library Technician

# **Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Citizenship Grants**

**Purpose** - The Citizenship Grants Program was established to encourage and recognize significant non-Masonic volunteer work on the part of Massachusetts Masons. Recognition is provided through the awarding of grants to qualified organizations in the names of members who are actively involved in those organizations. The program also helps direct Grand Lodge contributions to deserving community groups.

**Eligible Individuals** - Any active member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is eligible to apply, if the member is substantially involved in the activities of the organization for which a grant is sought. Any member who has obtained a citizenship grant will be eligible to apply again after a two-year waiting period. Members who do not obtain grants may apply again the following year.

**Eligible Organizations** - Organizations that are nonprofit, tax-exempt, and provide a service to the general community are eligible. Examples are educational, cultural, and civic institutions. Grand Lodge reserves the right to select eligible organizations and all such decisions are final.

**The Grant** - An amount of money is set aside each year for citizenship grants. Each grant will be made by Grand Lodge in the name of the member. The member receives a certificate in recognition of the grant. The maximum grant is \$2,000.

**Citizenship Grant Committee** - The program is administered by a four-member committee, which meets at least twice a year to review and select applications for grants.

**How to Apply** - An eligible member may apply for a citizenship grant by completing the Citizenship Grant Application attached. Additional application forms are available through Lodge Secretaries. On the application form, the member should describe in detail both the activities of the organization and the nature of the member's volunteer work. The member should also specify the amount of the grant requested and the way in which the grant will be used.

Questions about the program should be directed to the Grand Treasurer.

# **Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Lodge Matching Donation**

**Purpose** - The Lodge Matching Donation Program was established to assist Lodges in their voluntary support of eligible non-profit organizations. Through the program, qualified donations will be matched by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

**Eligible Institutions** - All institutions must be located within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. They must be non-profit and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as institutions to which contributions are deductible for Federal **income tax purposes**.

**Masonic** - All Masonic charities including DeMolay and Rainbow are eligible.

**Community Service** - Community service organizations eligible include primary and secondary schools, police or fire departments, etc. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League and other service organizations.

Not eligible are regional or national organizations that collect and distribute funds to qualified organizations.

**Cultural Institutions** - Cultural institutions eligible to receive matching donations include performing arts organizations (music, dance, theater); museums and art centers; science centers (planetariums, zoos, arboreta, etc); historical organizations; libraries; and public radio and television stations.

**Hospital** - Hospitals eligible to receive matching donations are privately endowed institutions, accredited by state license and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals as listed in the AHA Guide to the Health Care Field.

**Social Service** - Grand Lodge will match donations to qualified social services organizations. Organizations will be required to demonstrate qualified status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

**Eligible Contributions** - The Grand Lodge will match Lodge donations subject to the following limitations for any one calendar year:

\$100 Minimum Donation

\$2,500 Annual Lodge Maximum

To qualify for the program, donations must be:

paid from lodge funds with the necessary approval by the members of the Lodge

paid, not merely pledged

made in the form of a check, money order, or securities with a quoted market value. (Securities will be valued at the average of the high and low market prices on the date the gift is made.)

**How the Program Operates** - The Lodge completes Application for Lodge Matching Donation and sends the form to the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer verifies the eligibility of the lodge, the gift, and the institution. A matching check is then mailed to the Lodge Secretary within 30 days of receipt of the application.

Any questions relating to the interpretation and scope of this program or final determination of the eligibility of a lodge, institution, or donation will be decided by the Grand Lodge. Such decisions will be final. This program may be suspended or terminated at any time.

Lodges may obtain additional forms from Office of the Grand Treasurer.

Applications should be mailed to:

Lodge Matching Donation Program

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

186 Tremont Street

Boston, MA 02111

## **Grand Lodge Scholarship Program**

Grand Lodge has established a scholarship program for children of Massachusetts Masons who are enrolled in accredited colleges, universities or trade schools.

Scholarships of \$5,000 are available to children of Massachusetts Masons and, in Bristol County, to children and grandchildren of Massachusetts Masons who are pursuing undergraduate studies. Eligibility for scholarship grants is based upon a criteria of financial need, academic achievement, and broad participation in community or school activities.

Applications may be obtained from lodge secretaries or from the office of the Grand Secretary. All applications and supporting documents for scholarships for the year 2001 must be received by Grand Lodge no later than March 1, 2001. No late applications will be considered.

The program provides scholarship grants of a significant and meaningful amount and provides a commitment to the student of continuing support for his or her academic career provided the criteria for grants are maintained.

This program was initially funded through an endowment established jointly by Grand Lodge and the Masonic Home. Additional funding for the program have been raised through tax deductible contributions to the Masonic Education and Charity Trust.

Anybody wishing to support this most important program is urged to send your donations to the Grand Master's Office. A program is in place for the naming of scholarships for a one year, four year or lifetime. If interested in these endowment programs contact the Grand Master's Office and you will be referred to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

### **Major Gifts Received from Generous Benefactors Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation**

The Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation has made several major gifts to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Scholarship program. Under the terms of these gifts, the scholarships must be awarded to students who are graduates of New Bedford High School or, alternatively, are residents of Bristol

County in Massachusetts.

The Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation was established by Brother George E. Grimshaw and his long-time companion, Irene Gudewicz. His close friend and financial advisor, Arthur Parker, remembered Brother Grimshaw. "George Grimshaw represents the realization of the American dream. A man who had little to start with - no education, he never inherited a dime - but through hard work he became very successful, and has given so much. That's the American story: anybody can do it with the will, the ability, the guts. He grew up without a father around, and was raised largely by his grandparents while his mother worked as a full-time school teacher in New Bedford, Massachusetts. He was what you call a latchkey kid. After graduating from high school, he went to work as a night shift errand boy for the Continental Screw Company in New Bedford. He was a natural engineer and would work on any machine until he understood exactly how it ran, and, I guess, he was barely twenty when they made him night foreman because he was so good."

"At Continental Screw Company he met Irene S. Gudewicz who, with George, left Continental Screw Company in 1933 and, with a modest amount of seed capital from her mother, Irene and George started Grim-Grip, which manufactured stainless steel screws in New Bedford. He was in his early 20's with his own company up and running in the heart of the Great Depression. Irene and George worked very long and hard. In 1950, he sold this company and started another business called Stillwater, in Freetown, Massachusetts. In 1969, George sold Stillwater to Pneumo-Dynamics, and that was the beginning of his wealth."

"Of all the attributes I remember about George, the most striking was his sense of organization. All his life, he gave to a wide variety of people and charities. He gave without reservation and without expecting anything in return - no personal thanks or gratitude. Irene was a big part of George's life and she helped immensely working in the office, the packing department, the production department, and with major policy decision both in business and personal matters."

Brother Grimshaw was a member of Star In The East-Paskamansett Lodge. He was raised on April 28, 1930. He received the Veteran's Medal on June 1, 1980. In addition to his business interests, he enjoyed woodworking and built many clocks, cabinets,



and shelves which he gave away to organizations such as the Peterborough, New Hampshire Library. He enjoyed playing the organ and helped finance the restoration of the organ in the Zeiterion Theater in New Bedford. At age eighty-seven, he began computerizing his financial records and took great delight in sending his accountants his quarterly reports of those transactions which would affect his taxes. He passed away in February, 1995.

### **Donald S. and Dorothy P. Cunningham Scholarship**

A permanently named scholarship has been created as a result of a generous bequest from the estate of Donald S. and Dorothy P. Cunningham.

Donald Sherman Cunningham was born on July 7, 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts and died in December, 1996. He married Dorothy Pratt of Brockton in 1933. She was a graduate of Pembroke (Brown University) in Providence, RI and was a professional organist. They never had children and Dot died in 1972.

Brother Cunningham married Mary Sturtevant Bean of Braintree in 1973. Mary and Don were active members of the Braintree Historical Society and enjoyed extensive travel.

Donald Cunningham graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge and was employed as Vice President of the Hershey Sparling Manufacturing Company from 1929 to 1969. Don was plant manager of this company which made water meters, water pumps, and critical parts for airplane engines. During WWII, he remained in this job as a "critical industry" wherein he doubled production to meet the wartime military needs of submarines (water pumps) and airplane engines.

Throughout his career he received various honors including:

1952 - appointed by Truman Administration to the Wage and Hour Board; Don had been the principal liaison for Hershey in labor negotiations.

1990 - received the Harold E. Lobdell '17 Distinguished Service Award from MIT

Town of Braintree- served as Chairman of the Personnel Board, Water Commissioner, and a Town Meeting Member. He lived in Braintree from 1933 to 1990. He owned a home in Braintree from 1933. He was an evening instructor at Northeastern

University Graduate School (1965-1975) covering a wide ranging selection of subjects including: "Starting and Operating a Company", "Business Environment", "The Stock Market", "Doing Business with the Federal Government", and "The Federal Reserve System".

In 1965, Brother Cunningham joined Quincy Lodge AF&AM and, shortly thereafter, Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Don and his first wife Dorothy traveled extensively on Shrine and MIT sponsored trips throughout the world including visits to China, Japan, Australia, India, Thailand, all of Europe, much of Africa, South America and even Russia (before the end of the Cold War).

Brother Cunningham served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army and as a member of its Property Advisory Committee.

In addition to his generous gift to the Masonic Fraternity, Don contributed generously to MIT, The Salvation Army, and the Eventide Nursing Home (where he has lived after 1990). He never had children of his own, but was close to his brother, Mark, and his two sons, Alan and Scott, and to his sister, Bernice, and her two children, Sandra and Kendall. He was very generous to many charities, both of his time and his money.

### **Edward William and Elsa Oberle Scholarship**

Brother Edward William Oberle was born in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts on September 20, 1894. He was raised in Eliot Lodge, then meeting in Jamaica Plain, on September 19, 1923 (one day short of his 30th birthday) and received his 50-year Veterans Medal in 1973.

His father, Brother Frank X. Oberle, was the owner of the Bostonia Cigar Company, which manufactured several types and grades of hand-rolled cigars. It is of interest that the building that housed the company can still be seen today in the North End of

Boston at Marshall and Blackstone Streets, the word "Bostonia" being written in white brick on two sides of the building. Brother Frank Oberle was a member of Germania Lodge having been raised in June 1892.

In 1900, Frank Oberle brought in some business partners, retired and moved his family, including his son Edward, to Germany where they lived in the Black Forest area near the borders of Alsace-Lorraine and France. Edward spent the next ten years in school there, returning with his family to the United States in December 1910 and was apprenticed as a hand-rolled cigar maker at the Bostonia Company.

In 1917 Edward was drafted into the U.S. Army where he rose in rank and was sent to France on a ship departing from New Jersey on November 11, 1918. He was among the last to be discharged in 1919 due to his skill in leading his men.

During the 1920's Brother Oberle worked as the manager of the John T. Connors Store (which eventually became a branch of the A & P Tea Company). In the early 1930's he went to work as the office manager of the Eaton Products Company on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. This was a branch office of the J. O. Eaton Company of Cleveland Ohio.

In the 1940's Brother Oberle and several other top employees acquired the company from Eaton and changed the name to Perfection Spring and Equipment Company that was located on Commonwealth Avenue for many years as I am sure that many here today will remember. He remained with this business until 1970 when he closed it due to the changing automotive parts business. I might add, that during his years working for Eaton Company, now a seven billion-dollar company with 50,000 employees, Brother and Mrs. Oberle managed to "scrape together" the money to purchase stock in the company. It is a portion of this stock that comprises today's gift to Grand Lodge.

Brother Oberle was a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Boston, having joined in the one-day class on December 15, 1973 after having been a Mason for 50 years. (By the way, I must say that I too was in that same class). He joined Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. on May 4, 1974. He was called to the Celestial Lodge on November 4, 1986.

Miss Oberle is a former member of The International Order of Rainbow for Girls and The Order of Eastern Star. She is a graduate of Simmons College and had a successful career working for the government in Washington D.C. until her retirement. Education has always been a priority of the Oberle family and that it is due to her sincere interest in helping educate our Masonic youth that she is donating this generous gift to Grand Lodge.

### **R.W. Graham Atwell Long Scholarship**

A scholarship has been permanently endowed by R.W. Graham Atwell Long. R.W. Bro. Long is a Past Master of Constellation Lodge in Dedham, a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Hyde Park 28th Masonic District, and presently is a Director of our Grand Lodge. When he is not traveling around the world on his frequent trips, he devotes his time mainly to Masonic activities. He is the retired President of the Dedham Cooperative Bank. Through his generous donation to our scholarship program, a new scholarship has been established this year named the Right Worshipful Graham Atwell Long Scholarship.

### **Walter L. McCammon Educational Trust**

R.W. Walter Lewis McCammon was born in Newton, Massachusetts on December 2, 1883 and departed in South Harwich, Massachusetts on January 23, 1958. He was the son of John and Margaret (Irving) McCammon. He was educated in the Newton Public Schools and graduated from Bryant and Stratton Business School. He went to work for his father in a retail store in Newton. He married Mary Dolliver on August 19, 1907. He retired in 1953 and moved his residence to Cape Cod.

He was a member of the Newton Rotary Club and served as its president in 1933. His great interests were in woodworking and sailing. He owned and sailed a number of fine sail boats, notably one made in Sweden which was his pride and joy.

Bro. McCammon was raised a Master Mason in Dalhousie Lodge, Newtonville, on October 11, 1911, and served as Master in 1918. He was active in Symbolic ritualistic work and always willing to assist others. He became a charter member of Norumbega Lodge of Newtonville, and served as Master in 1922 and 1923. He served on the Board of Newtonville Masonic Temple for many years. In

Grand Lodge he was Junior Grand Deacon in 1925, and District Deputy Grand Master of the Waltham 5th District in 1934 and 1935. He was exalted in Newton Royal Arch Chapter of Newtonville.

He completed the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Boston in October and December of 1925. In 1937, he became Most Wise Master of Mount Olivet chapter of Rose Croix, serving until 1940. He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd degree, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council on September 27, 1939 at Boston, Massachusetts.

The Walter L. McCammon Educational Trust was created by his wife who survived him and funded it with a bequest from her will. Through this Trust, educational assistance is given to children of Masons.

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### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Masonic Forum has been established to reinforce and encourage the practice of our Masonic tenets. It accomplishes this by providing education for prospective candidates and information for prospective officers, members, families and guests in a friendly and social atmosphere.

### **WARRANT TO HOLD MASONIC FORUM:**

Each Masonic Forum shall be authorized to hold meetings through a Warrant issued by the Grand Master and signed by him and the Director of Education and Training.

### **GRAND LODGE FORUM GOVERNING STRUCTURE:**

The Grand Lodge Masonic Forum governing structure is as follows:

- Grand Master
- Director of Education and Training
- Grand Lodge Masonic Forum Chairman & Committee

#### **LOCAL MASONIC FORUM GOVERNING STRUCTURE:**

Each area Masonic Forum shall be governed by the elected Officers and an Executive committee, consisting of the Master and Wardens of the constituent Lodges. The elected officers of the Forum shall be the Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer. Other officers may be appointed at the discretion of the Chairman.

#### **INSTALLATION of OFFICERS:**

Officers of the Masonic Forum shall be elected annually by the end of May and must be installed by the end of JUNE each year for the ensuing Masonic year.

#### **AREA MASONIC FORUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- Each Masonic Forum is encouraged to hold ten meetings throughout the Masonic Year.
- Programs are to be Masonic and socially oriented. They are not to be totally socially oriented for all meetings, and at the same time they are not to be totally Masonic oriented. The meetings can be formulated to have some type of educational attitude relative to Masonry within the event of social oriented programs.
- The incoming Chairman shall develop a program with topics, events, dates, etc. for his coming year and submit a copy to the Chairman of Masonic Forums of the Education Department by July 15 of each year.
- After reviewing of the Area Masonic Forum Program by the Masonic Forum Chairman of the Education Department, the Program can be printed for distribution..
- Copies of the final printed Program must be submitted as follows; 2 copies to the Masonic Forum Chairman of the Education Department, 1 copy to the Grand Masters Office and 1 copy to the Grand Secretaries Office.

- The Secretary/Treasurer is to return the Form for the "Return of Officers" by July 15 of each year to the Chairman of Masonic Forums of the Education Department done legibly preferably printed.
- At the completion of the Area Masonic Forum Chairman's term of office, he being nominated by the DDGM, will be awarded from the Education Department of our Grand Lodge, a Certificate of Service for duty he has successfully performed as the Chairman of his Forum..
- Candidates of Constituent Lodges of all degrees are required to attend all Masonic Forums unless for a valid reason is unable to attend i.e. sickness, work or other prior commitment. The Master of his Lodge, for reasonable reason may excuse a candidate.
- Lodge Officers of Constituent Lodges are encouraged to attend all Masonic Forum meetings, and sponsors are encouraged to accompany their candidates to the Forums.
- Dress code at all Masonic Forums is business attire, (tie and jacket), including Forum Officers.
- Constituent Lodges must include in their monthly notices, an announcement of the date, time, place and program of the next two monthly Masonic Forum meetings.
- Officers of the Masonic Forum are to be Elected Annually, in the month of May.

### **MASONIC FORUM FINANCES:**

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be authorized to submit bills to each constituent Lodge with a request for prompt payment to meet the Forum budget. The budget should include the cost of printing the Forum program as well as any mailing expenses incurred. It must be thoroughly understood that all operating expenses of the Forum shall be shared equitably by all Constituent Lodges that constitute the Area Forum. An annual financial statement may be issued when and if called for by the Constituent Lodges. All unused funds shall be applied to the next year's expenses.

### **FORMAT FOR A MASONIC FORUM MEETING:**

- Meetings shall be opened with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag (if in the Lodge room at the



time). Also close with a prayer.

- The Mission Statement of the Masonic Forum must be printed in the year's program and is suggested to be read at the beginning of each Forum year, in September.
- No ritualistic or symbolic instruction is to be done by the Forum.
- The Pre-Initiatory or Introductory to Freemasonry Class and The Fourth Class of Education are to be given to candidates prior to the main Forum meeting. No classes will be held during the main Forum Meeting. Classes are to be no less than 30 minutes and no longer than 45 minutes per class.

### **EDUCATION GUIDELINES FOR AREA MASONIC FORUMS:**

Prior to the beginning of the main Forum meeting, there will be the educational session for the **Pre-Initiatory or Introductory to Masonry** and the **Fourth Class of Education** for those candidates present. Each of these classes is to be a minimum of 30 minutes and no more than 45 minutes. After the finishing of their classes, the candidates are to join the main program of the Forum for the evening.

**MAKE UP CLASSES:** When candidates are unable to attend a Forum to receive their Fourth Class of Education, they can choose one of the following options.

- Attend another neighboring Masonic Forum accompanied by their sponsor or an Officer of their Lodge. (This is the preferable choice)
- Wait till the next Area Masonic Form to attend, (if convenient)

**GRAND LODGE ONE DAY CLASSES (*EDUCATION PROCESS*)** Whenever Grand Lodge schedules a "One Day Class" (Entered Apprentices, Fellow Craft, Master Mason). The procedure will be the same for any one making application to join a Lodge. After the candidate has been elected to receive the degrees of the Lodge, he will receive the "Pre-Initiatory or Introductory to Masonry" Class .as follows.

- If time warrants and it is convenient, the candidate will attend the next Masonic Forum in his area or neighboring

Masonic Forum, which ever comes first.

- If time does not permit the candidate to attend a Masonic Forum, he will receive individual Education by the Lodge Chief Instructor.

Those Candidates who took their three degrees at the Grand Lodge one day class, will receive their EA, FC, and MM degree education by their respective Lodges as has been done by any previous candidates of the same Lodge.

After the Candidate (Master Mason) has completed his Master Mason's class of Instruction at his Lodge, he will come to the next available Masonic Forum to receive his Fourth Class of Education.

After each Master Mason has completed the following, he will receive from his respective Masonic Forum a "Certificate of Completion".

- Pre-Initiatory or introductory to Masonry class.
- Received his education from his Lodge Chief Instructor.
- He attends the Masonic Forum after taking each degree.
- He attends the Masonic Forum for his Fourth Class of Education.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR MASONIC FORUM PRINTED PROGRAM:**

The following guidelines are offered for the Area Masonic Forum Yearly Program.

Names to be included.

1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master
2. Director of Education & Training
3. Masonic Forum Chairman
4. All DDGM'S whose constituent Lodges attend the Area Masonic Forum.

5. Officers of the Area Masonic Forum (*organization*).

Time of meetings, Education Class time, Mealtime (*if any*). etc.

Names of Lodges and place of meeting(s)-full address.

The Mission Statement.

Important notations to those attending.

- Candidates are Required.
- Officers are Encouraged
- Members, guest, non-masons and family are cordially invited.
- The name of the program or speaker for each month along with his topic.
- Attention should be given to the readability of the Program.
- The program must be printed.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The Executive Committee of a Masonic Forum consists of the Chairman, the First and Second Vice Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer of the Area Masonic Forum, along with the Masters and Wardens of the constituent Lodges assigned to the Area Masonic Forum.

The District Deputy Grand Master or if more than one DDGM attached to the Forum, the Senior DDGM will chair and act as the Moderator over the Executive Committee. It will be the DDGM'S responsibility to call the Executive Committee together for at least two times during the Masonic year. One meeting being in March for the purpose of naming a Nominating Committee and the other in the month of May for the election of the best and most qualified Master Mason (*preferably a Past Master*) to be elected into the line of progression. One member of each Lodge of the Executive Committee is to be on the Nominating Committee.

The Executive Committee will also assist in the planning of the program by assisting in recommending to the Chairman-elect (*First or Second Vice-Chairman*) various Masonic and or Non-Masonic Topics desired for presentation for the coming Masonic year. Masonic Forum finances are to be finalized at the March or May Executive Committee Meeting and **approved** by the committee for the purpose of operational expenses for the coming year.

Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote. No proxies or substitutes are included as part of the Executive Committee. The DDGM does not have a vote on the Executive Committee (*unless he is one of the Masonic Forum Officers*). Should there be a tie in votes on the subject in question, the Chairman of the

Masonic Forum has the deciding vote to break the tied vote.

The Executive Committee at the June Masonic Forum Meeting along with the DDGM (S) are to decide if attendance awards or certificate are to be given and what form of recognition they should take to the constituent Lodge or Lodges having the most acceptable attendance for the year. This should be known to the constituent Lodges each year for their support of the Area Masonic Forum.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The election of officers should be a progressive manner with the Second Vice Chairman moving up to the First Vice Chairman's position and the First Vice Chairman moving up to the Chairman's position. A newly elected individual will seat in the Second Vice Chairman's position. Should there be a situation where there is no 1<sup>st</sup> and or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman to fill the Chairman's position. The DDGM and the Executive Committee will need to elect a new slate of officers to fill all positions. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman may assume the Chairman's position when there is no 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman to fill the Chairman's position.

The Secretary/Treasurer will be elected to continue on for another year (*unless is has been known the present Secretary/Treasurer does not want to continue*). If the Executive Committee believes that the Secretary/Treasurer needs to be replaced, the Committee will elect a responsible individual who will handle the administrative and financial requirements of his office and the Masonic Forum office of the Education Department, *at any time during the year*.

### **MASONIC FORUM OFFICERS:**

#### **CHAIRMAN:**

His duties, responsibilities, prerogatives and limitations in his leadership relative to the “**Area Masonic Forum**” in his area are many and ongoing.

The Forum chairman will run the business and programming of the Forum in his area according to the procedures spelled out in this manual.

He will be in proper dress attire and conduct himself at all times as expected by Masonic Protocol.

He will insure that at each Forum meeting his respective officers are there prior to opening of the Forum meeting, and that they are ready to perform their respective duties prior to end during the Forum Meeting.

He will anticipate at each Forum, there will be candidates present for their respective orientation and or education. This is most important and is to leave a favorable impression on them when they leave the Forum meeting.

He is responsible for the Masonic Forum Yearly Program as:

- Its origination and procedural format arrangement as per suggested sample in this Operational Manual.
- For the printing of the program by a printer or copy service.
- For the distribution (by the Area Forum Secretary) to the Masters and Secretaries of the Lodges that support the Area Masonic Forum in his area. This is to be in the hands of the Master and Secretary at least four weeks prior to the beginning of the Masonic Year (no later than August 1).

He will have close communication with the speaker or what ever assigned program he has set for the monthly Forum as:

- At least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting, the Forum Chairman should invite the speaker to be his guest at dinner on the night of his presentation as a Guest of the Area Masonic Forum, if that is the Forum's usual practice.
- This is not to be at the personal expense of the Chairman, as the Education Committee of the Grand Lodge state such courtesy is an Area Masonic Forum function and funds are to be made available for it. This dinner meeting will enable the Chairman to become acquainted with the speaker of the evening and help plan the details of the meeting.
- Should there be a meal at the Masonic Building, the speaker or those associated with the program of the evening should be invited for the meal.
- About a week to ten (10) days prior to each meeting, the

Forum Chairman must contact the Lodge, which has been assigned to provide the collation for that month to assure that the brethren, and guest will be provided for.

He will be in regular communication with the DDGM (S) of the Forum.

He will work in concert with the DDGM (S) in calling of the Executive Committee meetings when required and during the election of the Forum officers as per this Operational Manual.

He is to work closely with his Secretary/Treasurer in regards to the finances of the Forum for operational expenses and that all required reports and documents are given proper attention after each Forum Meeting.

He is to keep in mind at all times while in the presence of non-masons, he is exemplifying the ideals of the Masonic Fraternity, it is not to sell Masonry but to display its teachings of good character.

#### **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, in anticipation of his election as Masonic Forum Chairman, should plan his year's program, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, well in advance. (*This should be implemented after he has been elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman of his Masonic Forum*). In so doing he must consider and develop to the Education Department Masonic Forum Chairman for review (*See Area Masonic Forum Requirements, paragraph #3*) this Operational Manual.

He will work with the Secretary/Treasurer to see that the “**Return of Officers**” as supplied by the Education Department is completed in order to be returned to the Education Department Masonic Forum Chairman as soon as the officers of the Forum have been elected.

In the absence of the Area Masonic Forum Chairman, he will be responsible for filling the Masonic Forum Chairman's position and duties that were planned for the evening. If it is the custom to take the speaker out to dinner, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman will follow the same procedure.

He will have the responsibility of being at the meeting place of the Area Masonic Forum at least thirty minutes prior to the time specified for any Forum activity, particularly when there is to be candidate education classes 30 to 45 minutes prior to the main Forum event. He is to make a positive note that the Host Lodge has set up the Forum areas as needed necessary for the evenings program.

He is to oversee that the necessary Presenter for the “**Fourth Class**” of Education has been notified each month and is or will be at each Forum. Failure to perform this task will show a deficiency in his duty, and he will be the presenter for this class if the primary presenter is absent.

He would be responsible after the close of the Forum to assist the Host Master in securing the meeting place before leaving the premises.

He will be in proper attire and conduct himself at all times as expected by Masonic Protocol.

He will be in close communication with his superiors and will keep in mind at all times, while in the presence of non-masons and candidates, he is exemplifying the ideals of the Masonic Fraternity. This is not to sell Masonry, but to display its teachings of good character.

### **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman, in anticipation of his election to that position should be aware that he has certain responsibilities to comply to. Even though he is third in rank of the Forum officers, he will have duties to perform.

In the absence of his superiors, he will be familiar and prepared when ever the occasion arises to fill the highest absent position, and to the best of his ability carry out the duties of that station.

He will be required to be the *second check signature* and sign a bank signature card at whatever bank the Secretary/Treasurer has the Forum checking account with. The reason for this is in the event the

Forum Treasurer dies, resigns or is removed from office; the Forum is covered for paying bills until such time a new Secretary/Treasurer is elected to fill the vacant position. In the event the Secretary/Treasurer continues on each year, the Second Vice Chairman will be the second check signature until he completes his office as Chairman of the Forum. When he goes out of office the Second Vice Chairman elect for the next term will be the next second check signature. This would in ordinary conditions have the Second Vice Chairman hold the second check signature for a term of three years, providing he continues on to be the Chairman of the Forum.

He will be responsible for assuring that the Host Lodge has properly prepared in advance the preparation for a collation of the evening should there be a need for one. That the collation room is properly returned to its proper condition and that contributions are collected and transmitted to the Host Lodge. If there is to be a dinner at the meeting place prior to the Forum meeting, he is to work with the Host Lodge on what ever arrangements are to be prepared in the preparation of the dinner. If the dinner is to be else where, he is to oversee that all arrangements and details have been properly attended to, even to the communication of all concerned.

When there are to be special guest or dignitaries, he will act as a host to attend the their needs, such as introduction to his superior's etc.

He should insure a qualified Presenter is available every month to present the “**Pre-initiatory Class**” when the need arises. In the event the presenter is absent, he will be the presenter.

He will keep in mind his preparation for the year when he will be the Forum Chairman by careful planning and observation.

He will be in proper dress attire and conduct himself at all times as expected by Masonic protocol.

He will be in close communication with his superiors and will keep in mind at all times while in the presence of non-masons and candidates; he is exemplifying the ideals of the Masonic Fraternity. This is not to sell Masonry, but to display its teachings of good character.



## **SECRETARY/TREASURER:**

The importance of the work of this station is equal to that of the Secretary of a Chartered Lodge. Records must be accurately maintained. Recording and sending in attendance records as per this Operational Manual will be required after each Forum meeting.

He will insure when he has been elected and installed into his office, that arrangements have been made for the Second Vice Chairman to be the *second check signature* and signed the necessary bank card where the checking account is banked. (*See details of this procedure in this Operational Manual under the Second Vice Chairman*).

He shall be required to keep record of the attendance of candidates, from that of the Pre-Initiate Class to that of the Fourth Class of Education, including those of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree candidates. This could be helpful in the Education Program as prescribed by the Education Department. He will also mark attendance of those officers, members, non-members and guest attending each Forum and **submit** one copy of his reports to the Chairman of Masonic Forums of the Education Department for his Forum evaluation.

He will be in proper dress attire and conduct himself at all times as expected by Masonic protocol.

He shall be authorized to submit bills to each constituent Lodge with a request for prompt payment to meet the Forum budget when necessarily needed. This should include the cost of printing the Masonic Forum Program, the cost of any financial operating expenses or meal cost that may be incurred during the time of the Forum Meeting.

If there needs to be an adjustment in the amount of assets from each Lodge for the Forum to continue its operational expenses, it would be necessary to have a meeting with the Executive Committee for approval of additional funds from the Lodges associated with the Forum.

The Secretary/Treasurer is required to keep accurate records of the finances of the Forum and any unused funds are to be refunded or applied to the next year expenses.

He will be responsible for any correspondence or communication under the direction of the Forum Chairman relative to notice of dates, time and place of the Forum with all the Lodges in the Forum Area. Also whenever the need for correspondence with the Masonic Forum Chairman of the Grand Lodge Education Department or Director of Education, he will attend to it.

He will make it his duty to communicate with his Forum Chairman, that copies of the Forum Notice will be distributed to the Masters and Secretaries of the Lodges that support the Area Forum. *This is to be in the hands of the Master and Secretary at least four weeks prior to the beginning of the Masonic Year (September).*

He is to return the Form for the “**Return of Officers**” by July 15 of each year to the Chairman of Masonic Forums of the Education Department done **legibly preferably printed**.

His records for the Area Masonic Forum shall be available for the Officers of the Constituent Lodges as well as the DDGM (S) to review when or should they be called for.

He will be in close communication with his superiors and will keep in mind at all times while in the presence of non-masons and candidates; he is to carry out his duties to the best of his ability with dignity and good character.

#### **SUGGESTED MEETING AGENDA:**

- Open your meeting on time (This is after the Education Classes have been conducted for the time of no less than 30 minutes and no more than 45 minutes).
- Open with a prayer, (This may be done with the Chaplain at his station or conducted to the Altar).
- Pledge of allegiance to the American Flag, (If there is a flag in the room where the meeting is held).
- Recognize any candidates visiting your Forum (this should be continued until they have signed the by-laws of their respective lodges). There should be candidate badges to encourage attendees to introduce themselves to the candidate.
- Call on the Masters or whoever for announcements, then call

on the DDGM (S) for final announcements and comments. (This task may be done before or after the main speaker or program).

- Have within a ten (10) minute time limit, an Masonic Educational topic of any kind either before the main speaker or program, or at the end of the speaker or program just before the closing prayer.

# Sample Program Notice for Masonic Forums

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE  
Of  
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
Of the  
COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS  
**MOST WORSHIPFUL FRED KIRBY BAUER**  
*Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts*  
**RIGHT WORSHIPFUL RICHARD E. JOHNSON**  
*Director of Education and Training*  
**WORSHIPFUL FRANCIS A. DERBY**  
*Masonic Forum Chairman*  
Grand Lodge Web Site: glmasons-mass.org  
**THE ## MASONIC FORUM**  
INSTITUTED MO/DAY/1996

## PROGRAM 2001-2002

Regular Meetings \_\_\_\_\_ etc  
At The \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_ etc.

*The following is a suggested layout in this space*

Candidates .....Time  
Dinner.....Time  
Forum Opens promptly at.....Time  
Forum Closes at..... Time  
Followed by collation after Forum

CONSTITUENT LODGES  
ALL THE LODGES WITH IN THE \_\_\_ \_ etc  
\_\_\_\_\_ MASONIC DISTRICT (S)  
*(Lodges may be listed on back page)*

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER (S)

Dress Attire Business Suite (tie & coat)

**NOTE:** This ## Forum was the ## Lodge of Instruction Instituted 00/00/000

## **The Grand Master's Country Fair:**

### **One of the highlights Of the Masonic year**

The Grand Master's Country Fair is held each June on the spacious grounds of the Masonic Home in Charlton. The twenty-fifth Grand Master's Country Fair is scheduled for Sunday, June 9, 2002 and, because it will be the Silver Jubilee, it is expected to be bigger and better than ever even considering that substantial new construction will be well underway in a massive expansion of the facilities.

The Masonic Home has long been a jewel in the crown of Massachusetts Masonry and today is one of the finest elder care facilities in the nation. The Grand Master's Fair is a special occasion when Masons share a day with the residents, and both groups truly look forward to it each year. It is also a great opportunity for Masonic families to get together for fun and to invite non-Masonic friends and family members to show them, first hand, what a great time Masons have when they get together! It's open to the public, admission is free, and it is held rain or shine.

Lodge members in most of the 44 Masonic Districts in the state operate booths at the fair offering food or any variety of items for sale, and all proceeds go to support special projects at the Masonic Home. There's entertainment and activities that the entire family will enjoy all day long. In recent years there has been a 24-foot rock climbing wall sponsored by the Scottish Rite that presents a challenge for the young and young at heart!

The Fair kicks off at 7:00 AM with a pancake breakfast. The booths generally open around 9:30 following the presentation ceremony of the flag of the United States of America. There is a worship service at 10:00 AM and a bloodmobile that operates from 10:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Then, at 12:30 the Country Fair parade begins led by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers in

full regalia. They are followed by representatives from most of the Masonic groups in Massachusetts including the York and Scottish Rites, Eastern Star, Rainbow and DeMolay, many Shrine units and bands from Melha and Aleppo Temples, the Grotto. It is expected that other area groups such as high school bands will participate as well. The closing ceremony takes place at 3:30 PM.

In past years, tours have been conducted of the Masonic Home facility throughout the day. The intention is to continue tours again with the 2002 Fair, and even, if possible, expand them to showcase the new building program that includes residential apartments, various stages of assisted living facilities and a new and larger nursing home.

Massachusetts Masons are proud of this magnificent facility and eager to share it with their friends and potential candidates. The Masonic Home complex provides a tangible example of how we practice the Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Let's share it with our family, friends and the Home residents on June 9th, 2002 and for many years to come at the Grand Master's Country Fair.

## **Chief Instructor Program**

It is the duty of every Lodge to instruct its Candidates. Instruction in ritual is important so that a Mason can prove his proficiency as he is taking degrees and will know how to “work his way in” to another Lodge when he has completed them.

Non-ritual instruction is equally if not more important than ritual instruction. This includes, but is not limited to such things as the history of Masonry, our Grand lodge and prominent Masons through the years. To aid in this work, every Lodge has received a copy of the Education plan from the Grand Lodge Education Committee. Each Lodge has the total responsibility for the instruction of its Candidates.

The Chief Instructor is the lead person in every Lodge dealing with non-ritual instruction. While he need not deliver the instruction himself, he is responsible for seeing to it that all candidates receive appropriate instruction.

The Chief Instruction Seminar is designed to give Instructors a quick lesson in how to get the attention of a candidate. (There is little or no discussion of WHAT to instruct Candidates since that is up to each Lodge, using the Education Committee outline as a guide.) We also make the point that the Candidate's instructors are the first people to deal with a Candidate as a Mason and that the time instructors spend with Candidates is important in incorporating a Candidate into the very fabric of his Lodge.

## **What is DeMolay?**

DeMolay is a club for young men between the ages of 12 and 21. The individual DeMolay clubs are called "chapters." There are hundreds of DeMolay chapters in North America and even more around the globe.

### **Fun with Purpose**

DeMolay is dedicated to preparing young men to lead happy and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility, and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay accomplishes this serious mission by combining it with a program of exciting and diverse activities that can be enjoyed by young men with all kinds of interests.

### **How It Works**

Most DeMolay chapters meet twice a month to vote on how the chapter is run and to plan the chapter's other activities. Chapters usually have at least one activity a week. Chapters have social events like dances or parties, fund raising events like car washes or auctions, athletic events like basketball and volleyball, and service events like volunteering at a soup kitchen or cleaning up a neighborhood.

### **A Level of Independence**

DeMolay provides a safe place for young men to have a greater level of independence. The young men decide on the activities, plan them, and carry them out from start to finish. The DeMolay chapter is run completely by its members. Adult volunteers called "advisors" are present at every DeMolay event to help when needed, but they stay in the background as much as possible. DeMolay advisors are the safety net, the resources, the mentors, and the friends, but they are not the planners or the leaders. The young men are.

### **A Safe Place to Grow**

Young people face many tough situations. DeMolay provides a place where young men can try new experiences and have social interaction with peers in an environment where they will be safe and supported. DeMolay members learn responsibility, respect for



others, and how to interact with adults-both as authority figures and as coworkers.

### **Skills for a Lifetime**

DeMolay has been the first step toward success for many future leaders. It doesn't happen by accident. When a young man joins DeMolay he puts himself on the fast track to learn skills that will help him in school and throughout life. Members learn how to set goals, organize their time, speak comfortably to a group, make a budget, use their resources, implement their ideas, and think critically. These are life-skills that DeMolay members learn as second nature several years ahead of their peers.

### **Discover Hidden Talents**

Rather than focusing on any one type of activity, DeMolay allows its members to test their interests in a varied program of events. Since 1919, DeMolay has given millions of young men exposure to a broad set of experiences. Members often discover a talent that leads them toward lifelong success.

### **Who Can Become a Member of DeMolay?**

DeMolay is open to young men who are between the ages of 12 and 21, believe in a Supreme Being, and strive to be a good person.

### **Is DeMolay a Religious Organization?**

No. DeMolay teaches that one of steps toward becoming a happy and successful person is developing a strong faith and being true to it. Just as important, DeMolay teaches respect and toleration for the beliefs of others. DeMolay does not teach a specific religion and does not require members to belong to any church. Membership is open for young men from all religions.

### **How Can I Get Involved?**

To get in touch with a DeMolay chapter near you, go to the DeMolay website, or call us toll-free. DeMolay offers many avenues for involvement. Adult chapter advisors are always needed and appreciated. Contributions to DeMolay are welcome and are tax deductible. Please visit our web site, call, or write for further details. [www.demolay.org](http://www.demolay.org) 1-800-DEMOLAY 10200 NW Ambassador Dr. Kansas City, MO 64153

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*Joel Davis Director of Programs DeMolay International*

# **RAINBOW GIRLS MASSACHUSETTS JURISDICTIONAL HISTORY**

Reverend W. Mark Sexson appointed Mrs. Lulu H. Gobrecht as head of the New England District when Rainbow was being started in this area. Boston Assembly was the first to be instituted with ceremonies being held at the Boston Square and Compass Club on June 18, 1924; with the addition of other Assemblies over the years, Massachusetts had a total of 119 Assemblies. Our first Grand Assembly was called to order on October 27, 1925 at Convention Hall in Boston.

Mother Gobrecht's warm and loving manner and her enthusiasm for Rainbow and "her girls" were recognized, and she was honored with the office of Supreme Immortality, being the first to hold this position. She was Supreme Inspector in Massachusetts until 1954, and retained the title of Supreme Immortality until she passed away May 17, 1959.

In the summer of 1936, Boston was the host city for the Supreme Assembly Sessions. Reportedly, Rainbow Drill Teams from Massachusetts and other states gave exhibition performances one evening, and there was a Supreme Ball. Another highlight of the session was a boat ride through the Cape Cod Canal to New York.

It was through the efforts of Mother Gobrecht that the Rainbow Advisors' Club of Massachusetts was formed. Initially, Past Worthy Advisors met at her home; later when the group became too large, meetings were held at the YWCA in Boston. During this time, the members participated in work nights to benefit the Order and had speakers on a variety of subjects. This group was also responsible for the Rainbow magazine, the RACOM, started in 1934. In the mid 70's, Grand Adults took over the responsibilities of the publication.

It was during Mother Gobrecht's tenure as Supreme Inspector that farm property in Hanson, with frontage on Lake Maquan, was purchased. Camp opened in 1949 with much excitement.

Two items of interest to present members are the fact that in 1941, in order to attend a special meeting in western

Massachusetts, the Grand Officers traveled in a private railroad car, and that at least once, Rainbow and DeMolay held a combined church service aboard the U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides).

Mrs. Blanche S. Field was Supreme Deputy from 1954-1961. The tradition of traveling to neighboring New Hampshire to hold a Vesper Service at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge was initiated during this time and continues to this day. The outdoor cathedral provides a natural setting to worship in "God's great out-of-doors", and never fails to inspire those who attend.

On June 10, 1956 at Rainbow Camp, the Gobrecht cabin was dedicated to Daddy Gobrecht. Built on the hill overlooking the lake, it stands as a fitting tribute to his dream that there be a camp for the Rainbow Girls.

The first Grand Assembly Ball to benefit the Scholarship Fund was held in 1957. This has become an annual affair, and the proceeds from the dance and special projects of the Grand Officers and the Grand Scholarship Committee have been largely responsible for the hundreds of scholarships granted our girls over the years.

Eleven Rainbow members and adults were invested with the Grand Cross of Color through 1937, but no additional designates were named until 1957. At that time, 247 Rainbow Girls, Master Masons, and Eastern Stars became Masters of the Grand Cross of Color at the Ceremony held at the Hotel Bradford in Boston.

When Mother Field retired, Miss Blanche E. Robinson took over the helm of Rainbow in Massachusetts serving from 1961 until 1969. During this time, the membership and adults were actively involved in selling Rainbow keychains, the proceeds of which were used towards the recreation building at Rainbow Camp. In June 1963, many gathered for the dedication of the recreation hall, dining area, and kitchen. Since 1966, approximately 900 camperships have been provided by Grand Assembly and sponsoring bodies, assisting our members to attend.

Mother Robinson, after retiring as Supreme Deputy, was active with the Sandwich Glass Museum and served as its president for a period of time. She had a special interest in paper weights and enjoyed her antique shop on Cape Cod.

In 1969, Mrs. Ona M. Carnes was appointed Supreme Deputy, and in 1978 with election to the House of Gold, became Supreme

Inspector. During this time, Rainbow was honored to participate in the Turn-Around of the U.S.S. Constitution. How excited everyone was when Mother Carnes and a representative of Grand Assembly were invited to take part in the festivities.

Also during these years, a-thons were started to benefit the Shriners Hospital in Springfield and the Burns Institute in Boston. The work done by the Shriners was especially meaningful to Mother Carnes because of the help they had given her brother. During these years, and in succeeding years, a total of over \$100,000 was contributed to the Shriners Hospitals through statewide projects.

Spring and early summer brought yard sales to benefit Rainbow Camp. The Grand Deputies held sales in their areas with their Assemblies pitching in, and a large sale was held in the recreation hall of the Camp for several years. In 1974, a 50' x 25' swimming pool was dedicated to Mother and Dad Carnes. Close to the administration building, this is the focal point for great times on hot summer days!

Mother Carnes retired as Supreme Inspector in 1982 but was a Member of the House of Gold until her passing on July 27, 1988.

Miss Sandra J. Marshall began her duties as Supreme Deputy in September 1982, the first Supreme in Massachusetts to have been in Rainbow. A Past Worthy Advisor of Gloucester Assembly No. 41, she was selected to serve Grand Assembly as Grand Service. Mother Marshall has been involved at Rainbow Camp as a camper, counselor, cook, director, and member of the Board of Directors. She was also Mother Advisor of her own Assembly, a Grand Deputy, and the editor of the RACOM magazine.

After having Grand Assembly at the Civic Center in Springfield for many years, we moved to Lowell in 1990. The auditorium with its dome and fine acoustics adds much to the dignity of the formal Grand Assembly session. At this time, we started our "fun program" with the Parade of Grand Representatives and "talent" by the Grand Adults. Awards and presentations are made to Assemblies and individuals as well.

A first for Massachusetts was the commissioning of a Sebastian figurine, "The Rainbow". Nearly 800 pieces were sold, each with a plaque on the back giving a brief history of Rainbow.

The girls now have the opportunity to attend a Leadership Retreat where they can acquire a better understanding of Rainbow and make new Rainbow friends.

Mother Marshall was elected to the House of Gold in 1990 and is the current Supreme Inspector in Massachusetts. Following her appointments as Supreme Fidelity in 1992 and 1994, a tennis court was dedicated at Rainbow Camp --- in blue, of course!

Grand Officers' Nights are held throughout the state three times during the year. Following rehearsal and a buffet, the Grand Officers exemplify the Degrees. Generally 250 - 300 girls and adults are in attendance with everyone sharing in the beautiful Ritual of our Order as we welcome new members to Rainbow.

Most exciting in recent times would have to be taking part in Rainbow's 75th Anniversary celebration. Amy Bartolomei, Past Grand Worthy Advisor, was one of the girls having the honor of being on the Family of Freemasonry float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena. This was a thrill for the entire jurisdiction!

Rainbow has become a way of life for all who take their Obligation seriously. It is with the hope of helping the youth of today that we move forward and strive to be a positive influence in our communities.

# **MASONRY ON THE WEB**

## **Some Masonic Web sites to explore...**

[www.freemasonry.org](http://www.freemasonry.org)

Good starting place to search internationally

[www.bessel.org](http://www.bessel.org)

Excellent site for articles, information, lists, Masonic data of all kinds, listing of graphics sites. One of the best!

[www.kena.org/hirams](http://www.kena.org/hirams)

Hiram's Oasis. Excellent collection of articles and information. The "Premier" BBS

[www.mastermason.com](http://www.mastermason.com)

Good site

[www.glmasons-mass.org](http://www.glmasons-mass.org)

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts web site

[www.msana.com](http://www.msana.com)

Masonic Services Association of North America.

[www.mychip.org](http://www.mychip.org)

Massachusetts Child Identification Program web site

[www.shriners.com](http://www.shriners.com)

Imperial Shrine web site

[www.shrineclowns.com](http://www.shrineclowns.com)

International Shrine Clowns Assn. web site. Interesting!

<http://web.mit.edu/dryfoo/Masonry/>

R.W. Gary Dryfoos' web site. Good for articles and information and limited graphics.

[www.masslodges.org](http://www.masslodges.org)

Listing of some Massachusetts lodges and districts.

[www.supremecouncil.org](http://www.supremecouncil.org) or [www.mnh.org](http://www.mnh.org)

Scottish Rite Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction.

<http://www.glmasons-mass.org/COD/cow.htm>

Massachusetts Consistory Scottish Rite. Not always current.

<http://www.angelfire.com/mt/kiss/nmlusa/>

New Model Lodge Good masonic renewal site.

<http://freemasonry.org/psoc/>

Philalethes Society web site. International Masonic Research Society

<http://www.masonic-renewal.org/>

Masonic Renewal Committee of North America

<http://www.calodges.org/scrl/>

Southern California Research Lodge

<http://www.macoys.com/>

Macoys Publishing and Masonic Supply Co. Excellent source for regalia, jewelry, books, and Masonic supplies.

[www.klitzner.com](http://www.klitzner.com)

Harry Klitzner Co. Providence, RI. Excellent source for regalia, jewelry, books, and Masonic supplies.

[www.4masonry.com](http://www.4masonry.com)

New site. Lots of graphics and sales of "MasonicCD"