



MAIL CALL

**OVERSEAS LODGE NO. 40 F. & A.M.
CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND**
Dispensation Granted March 15, 1919 Coblenz, Germany
Charter Granted May 17, 1920 Coblenz, Germany
Constituted November 11, 1920 Coblenz, Germany



This Month's Meeting is on Tuesday, 13 JAN 2015 at 1900 hrs

**** REHEARSAL — 6 JAN 2015 AT 1900 hrs. OFFICERS MUST ATTEND ****

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Lodge Line Officers 2014

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Marshall - W.: Manuel M. Lewis III
Tiler - W.: David Goldberg
Chaplain - W.: Ernest Slocum
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REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Second Tuesday of each Month (except July & August)

Rehearsal - Tuesday Preceding the Communication, at 1900.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

11 NOV - VETERANS DAY

Overseas Lodge #40

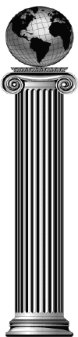
2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island

Dates Subject To Change-Check the Inside of the MAIL CALL



959th REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, 13 JAN 2015



Dinner 1800 HOURS
Opening 1900 HOURS
General Business
Master Mason Degree Lectures
Presentation on the Groden Center
Install Brother Neal Bowman
Closing: TBD



TAPS



Samuel A. Miller



Dinner -1800 hrs.
MEAT PIE / FISH (Optional)
Salad and Rolls
Assorted Pastries for Dessert & Collation



***** RSVP IS REQUIRED — overseas40.secretary@gmail.com or 401-263-7353 *****



FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

Greetings from the East,
I hope each of you got the most out of this holiday season. My wish is each of you had a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanza and a Joyous and prosperous New Year, and got to spend some quality time with your family. For those of you who have difficulty with this time of year, I hope you come to peaceful terms.



We certainly have had a busy month in the Lodge. We now have two brothers who have been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, one of which took his Fellowcraft degree the middle / end of November. Three weeks later he was ready to take his Master Mason degree. Plans at this point are to have the proficiency and sign the by-laws at our February meeting. Please stop by Lodge and congratulate our new brothers. This month we will be giving the history and lectures to our new brothers. We also had a very successful Holiday Gala.

Our chosen charity this year is the Groden Center, a school for autistic children. That being said we will have the privilege of having a great guest speaker who will enlighten us on autism and what the school is doing to help develop their students. The speaker's name is Robin Ringer, M Ed. and her title is Day Program Director / Family Services Director. Also on the subject of Charity we accepted a challenge extended by another lodge. The event was a Penguin Plunge on 1 Jan. 2015 and several brothers actually braved the elements with a large contingent there to support our Brothers. We all had a great time. Thank you my brothers for braving the elements.

February has a couple of opportunities to travel with our ladies, both of which happen to be on the same day and I welcome your opinions as to which to attend. The first is a Ladies at the Table hosted by Israel Putnam Lodge in Woodstock, Ct. the second is the Southern District Winter Warmer to be held at the Downy Weaver Post 22 Whipple Dr. Charlestown, RI. Meal choices are Prime Rib or Veggie \$25 pp. I hope to be able to do a lot family events this year. The last event we need to discuss the viability of hosting would be the Get Away weekend in March. The choice is yours my brothers.

Well my brothers I have certainly taken enough of your time. Thank you for your support and I hope to see you in lodge to renew our old friendships and foster new ones. If you have been away for any length of time please stop by and see some of the new changes we have made.

Until next month may you all have fair winds and following seas.
Fraternally,



Joseph A. Bennett ~ Master

THE CHIEF'S CORNER:

"I look forward to a great future for America - a future in which our country will match its military strength with moral restraint, its wealth with our wisdom, its power with our purpose."

John F. Kennedy

As we move forward in a new Masonic year at Overseas Lodge. I look to the future, with many exciting events for Overseas Lodge. We just had our Holiday Gala and the first participation by Overseas Lodge at the Penguin Plunge 2015. In March, we are scheduled to have a gun shoot for all Overseas members to renew our shooting proficiency. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

This is the beginning of a bright future for our Lodge. We may not have as many active members as we did in 1965 when WM.: Robert H. Pearson was Master. However, the members and line officers that we currently have are putting their hearts and souls into the Lodge's success. It is the responsibility of all Brothers to add to this success. I will be looking for help in the coming year from brethren as we put together a book culminating the years 1970-2020 for our 100th Year Anniversary. Past Masters, I need your wealth of wisdom to perform this task.

For those Past Masters that are not currently active with the Lodge, please start writing down events that you remember from years gone by so we may include them in our 100 Year Anniversary Edition.

Fraternally,



Manfred Diel Jr. ~ Senior Warden





FROM THE SECRETARY:

I recently was witness to what may have been a historical event in RI Freemasonry, and I don't mean it in a positive way. I will state here that my opinion may be biased, and I do not know all the facts behind the scenes. What I can only comment on is what I saw and my opinion of those events. The Senior Warden, a young, dedicated, and well liked Brother, was challenged at this particular Lodge's Annual by an old Past Master and his cronies who came out of "Masonic retirement" to cast their votes for him and not the Senior Warden. The old Past Master won the election thereby depriving the Senior Warden, after years of toiling in the quarries, of ascending to the East. I ask you – what's the point? What will the new younger members think of this example being set? Why this confusion in the Temple? You may say, perhaps the SW was not prepared to become Master. Who is? I think not though, he worked hard and progressed through all the chairs to become SW. You may say, perhaps he was not well liked. Not true. I happen to know that he is a well liked and respected Brother who works tirelessly in his Lodge and appendant bodies. What else could it be? Perhaps we should ask Jubela, Jubelo, and Jubelum... I'm sure, at least I hope I am, that we all believe that petty politics have no place in our Lodges. If this Past Master and his cronies had an issue with the direction the Lodge was going, stand up in Lodge like men and make your point on the Level. Hash things out in a regular lodge meeting or meetings – not the Annual. Past Masters have had their day in the Sun. their job is to support and guide the duly elected line officers to help them become better stewards of their Lodge and the Craft, not to plot and scheme in the shadows. You may say I am way off base, if so why did two other well respected, true and trusty Brothers decline to accept their elected or appointed positions in support of the SW? I know why, because they are Brothers in every sense of the word. The old faction may have won the battle, but they most certainly will lose the war. Some Brothers in this Lodge have forgotten that **Harmony** is the strength and support of all institutions, *more especially this of ours!*



Marcus Channell ~ Secretary, PM

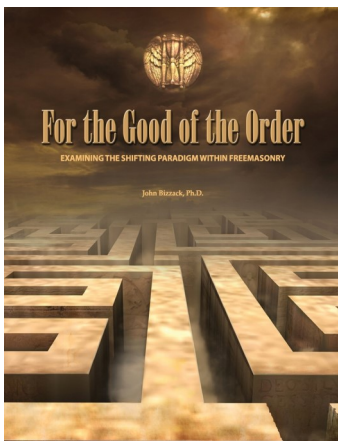
THIS MONTH:

GENERAL BUSINESS - 13 JAN 2015

- Master Mason Degree Lectures
- Installation of Brother Neal Bowman
- Presentation on the Groden Center, a school for autistic children, by Robin Ringer, M Ed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * FIRST OVERSEAS LODGE GUN SHOOT - 11 MARCH 2015 AT MASSASOIT GUN CLUB



BOOK OF THE MONTH: FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Examining The Shifting Paradigm Within Freemasonry
By: John Bizzack Ph.D.

What has transpired in North American Freemasonry since the 1960s has been influenced by not only factors external to the institution, but less obvious internal ones as well. To better understand where the Craft has been and where it will likely be in the future requires a balanced examination in context, a context wherein Freemasonry is viewed as a whole, not in fragments. For the Good of the Order examines the long-standing attitude regarding membership decline and lack of engagement by men who enter the West Gate with initial enthusiasm, but soon find their zeal for active involvement in the Fraternity waning. This panoramic view and examination illustrates that much of what the institution faces today and in the future regarding membership decline, is much more likely to be effectively addressed by what is often seen emerging in Masonry today around the country: a return to past traditions and practicing traditional Freemasonry in our lodges.





OUR TWO NEWEST MASTER MASONS!

Pictured from the left:
Junior Warden - W.: Dale Euga
Brother Jordan Wheeler
Worshipful Master Joe Bennett
Brother Phil Dixon
Senior Warden Manfred Diel Jr.



SICK CALL

Frank Yetner
PO Box 78 Lecanto, FL 34460-0078
Henry Zaborski
125 Brookside Dr. No. Kingstown, RI 02852
William Floskis
Alpine Nursing Home
557 Weaver Hill Rd. Coventry, RI 02816
Francisco Felipe
949 Dyer Ave. - Apt. 69
Cranston, RI 02920

BIRTHDAYS

William Brehm 1/20/1943
Gerald Coken 1/20/1930
John DelSelva 1/20/1932
Henry Kawa Jr. 1/26/1947
William Sweet 1/23/1924
Richard Wdowiak 1/26/1935

M.I.A.

If any brothers know of the whereabouts of our missing brethren, contact the Secretary Please contact the Secretary regarding Sick Call, M.I.A., or Birthday information.

SEND A CARD TO A BROTHER!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!!!

Officers Forum Dates

10 Feb 2015 - Overseas #40 (M)
12 Feb 2015 - St. Andrews #39 (EB)
27 Feb 2015 - Mt. Moriah #8 (N)
3 Mar 2015 - Harmony #9 (C)
5 Feb 2015 - Mt. Vernon #4 (S)

Any questions regarding the Officer's Forums- call RW Paul Kokolsky, Director of Masonic Education at 401-828-2457

Dates to Remember

6 JAN - Rehearsal
13 JAN - Meeting
FEB - Officer Forum
MAR - Guest Speaker

DD Visitations-Metro District

24 Oct 2014 - Rising Sun #30
12 Jan 2015 - Redwood #35
10 Feb 2015 - Overseas #40
23 Mar 2015 - Jenks #24
15 Apr 2015 - St. Johns #1 P
Grand Master Visitation
8 Dec 2014 - Redwood #35

OVERSEAS LODGE PAST MASTERS

WENDELL R. DAVIS -U.D. 1919
WINFIELD SOLOMON - 1920
ARTHUR S. VAUGHN - 1921
HAROLD L. McAUSLAN - 1922
ASA CUSHMAN - 1923
JAMES A. TILINGHAST - 1924
EARL H. MASON - 1925
CHARLES T. GLINES - 1926
ARTHUR W. PEACE - 1927
SAMUEL A. HALL - 1928
THOMAS J.H. PIERCE - 1929
RAYMOND L. VAUGHN - 1930
HAROLD E. STAPLES - 1931
ALVAH A. FISHER - 1932
CLIFTON I. MONROE - 1933
C. RAYMOND WALPOLE - 1934
EDWIN E. CULL - 1935
HERBERT H. ARMINGTON - 1936
HAROLD A. ANDREWS - 1937
ROBERT HIRONS - 1938
ROGER E. HARD 1939
WALTER M. BAKER - 1940
WILLIAM H. PRESTON - 1941
ELLWOOD W. WALLING 1942
EDWARD ANDERSON - 1943
SAMUEL M. EVANS - 1944
J. ALBERT FRASER - 1945

ELMER E. LENT - 1946
FRED H. STANG - 1947
ELLSWORTH TURNER - 1948
HERBERT B. MASON - 1949
ERNEST E. CHASE - 1950
ARNOLD C. TOWNE -1951
RUSSELL L. TOMLINSON - 1954
CLINTON K. DAVIES - 1955
LEBARON D. GRANT - 1956
LUTHER R. BEAVERS - 1957
LEONARD F. STUDD - 1958
JOSEPH N. CLOSE - 1959
ARNOLD F. PRATT - 1960
ALEXANDER M. MOFFAT - 1961
ARTHUR H. AKER - 1962
ROBERT COLBURN - 1963
KENNETH P. TILLINGHAST- 1964
ROBERT H. PEARSON - 1965
NORMAN D. TIERNEY SR. - 1966
DAVID P. KOPECH - 1967
CHARLES E. ANGELL - 1968
JOSEPH KEATING - 1969
CARL W. CARLEEN - 1970
NORMAN D. TIERNEY JR. - 1971
JAMES A. GODING - 1972
CHARLES J. ALBEE - 1973
ROBERT J. MURPHY - 1974

HYMAN LEVIN - 1975
WILLIAM J. NICHOLS - 1976
DAVID A. D'AGOSTINO - 1977
LOUIS C. ZANNINI - 1978
ANTHONY M. OLIVIERI - 1979
FRANK A. YETNER - 1980
CHARLES NAZARIAN - 1981
PAUL E. GERSDORFF JR. - 1982
DAVID A. OGILVIE - 1983
MORPHIS A. JAMIEL - 1984
WILLIAM R. SWEET - 1985
RICHARD J. LAURINO - 1986
LIVIO MARTINI - 1987
WILLIAM L. BARTLETT JR. - 1988
PAUL E. GERSDORFF JR. - 1989
RALPH RICCI - 1990
HYMAN LEVIN - 1991
JOSEPH KEATING - 1992
RALPH RICCI - 1993
JOHN W. COOK - 1994
EARL RANDALL - 1995
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ROBERT M. CHASE - 1997
EDWIN M. KEENAN - 1998
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JOSEPH KEATING - 2000
DAVID A. OGILVIE - 2001

FRANK DIMASCIO - 2002
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DAVID A. OGILVIE - 2004
WILLIAM J. NICHOLS - 2005
DUNCAN C. WATSON - 2006
JOSEPH NETO JR. - 2007
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MICHAEL J. BARBOZA - 2009
BRAD C. BUCKLEY - 2010
MANUEL M. LEWIS III - 2011
MARCUS CHANNELL - 2012
MICHAEL J. GARDINER JR. - 2013

