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"To educate a person in mind and not in
morals is to educate a menace to society."

BRO. THEODORE ROOSEVELT

CALENDAR

MEETINGS IN THE 6TH



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



PROSPECT
LODGE



WEST
ROXBURY-
DORCHESTER
LODGE



ORIENT
LODGE



RABBONI
LODGE



UNION
LODGE



LODGE OF
INSTRUCTION



PROSPECT LODGE

FIRST MONDAY

WESTWOOD

CHARTERED 1890



WEST ROXBURY-DORCHESTER LODGE

FIRST WEDNESDAY

WESTWOOD

CHARTERED 1919



ORIENT LODGE

SECOND MONDAY

NORWOOD

CHARTERED 1861



RABBONI LODGE

THIRD TUESDAY

WESTWOOD

CHARTERED 1868



UNION LODGE

THIRD WEDNESDAY

WESTWOOD

CHARTERED 1796



LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

IS HELD

SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER,
MARCH, JUNE



UPCOMING EVENTS



FRIDAY
JULY
24TH

BLOOD DRIVE - WESTWOOD

HELP WANTED FOR DESK - MULTIPLE SLOTS AVAILABLE

9 AM -5PM - DANA FARBER BLOOD MOBILE
WESTWOOD MASONIC BUILDING
655 HIGH ST. WESTWOOD, MA

SATURDAY
JULY
29TH

AZURE-LAFAYETTE STEAK & CLAYS EVENT

SEE ATTACHED FLIER ON PAGE 10

SATURDAY
AUGUST
1ST

LODGE SUMMER PARTY

BRO. ERIC & BETSYS NARCISO'S HOME:
91 BERWICK PL NORWOOD, MA - 1PM
SWIMMING POOL, CORNHOLE, OUTDOOR MOVIE
SCREEN, CRIBBAGE, FOOD, BYOB - SEE FLIER ON PAGE 9

WEDNESDAY
SEPT
16TH

UNION LODGE REGULAR COMMUNICATION

655 HIGH ST. WESTWOOD, MA
OPENING TBD



Brethren,

This month's edition is a bit more comprehensive than in previous issues. As a result, we have had to make a few cuts from our usual segments. However, next month, we plan to reintroduce more historical articles along with our "Meet the Mason" segment. We aim to expand this feature to highlight several brothers each month. If you would like to introduce yourself to the lodge, please send me the following information along with some photos of yourself in your personal life, in a lodge setting, and/or with your spouse, family, or friends.

Over the years, many brothers have remarked, "I didn't recognize you outside of a suit!" Let's help our brothers see the real us. Share images of yourself enjoying your favorite activities, with your family, or from earlier in your Masonic journey. You don't need to fill out any forms; just send an email with the details. Please direct your submissions to Andy Knight at f2nbass@yahoo.com.

Andy Knight
Editor

MEET THE MASON CRITERIA



This form is to help connect the brethren of the Lodge. I learned that over the last year there is so much left to learn about Brothers who I thought I knew so much about. If you are interested in participating please send an email to F2nbass@yahoo.com

Name: _____
Where you were born: _____
Where you live: _____
Hobbies: _____
Spouse Name/Significant other: _____
Profession: _____
Year Raised: _____
Clubs or Affiliations: _____
Demolay: y/n _____
Awards & Achievements: _____

Please include 10 or so photos of yourself to include with the article. These could include photos of you in regalia, you doing hobbies (i.e. hiking, skiing, boating, biking, motorcycling), family trips, old photos of you in your Masonic journey, or photos that you think represent you.



UNION LODGE (D)

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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

June 29th, 2026

Brethren all,

Thank you for electing me as Master of Union lodge.

It is my goal this year to maximize our time together, without adding more dates, most of our members are already stretched thin.

I am looking forward to continuing many of Celestial Lodge's traditions, such as the Widows and veterans night, and Valentines festivities. We also want to keep Union Lodge's fraternal cookouts, that we've done on in the past our regular meeting nights, as well as, rehearsing ritual during our dark months. I have been filling out the calendar for the year, and it's filling up fast. With that being said, if you have something you would like to incorporate, please let me know and I will do my best to make it happen.

I am confident that this will be a memorable year, between the hard work and planning of the outgoing Masters and District Deputy Grand Master, and the continued dedication of our officer line, Past Masters, and as always, the support of our Brethren.

I believe we will be unstoppable at achieving all of our goals. I sincerely hope you all enjoy a well deserved break before the start of a busy year.

Fraternally,

Scott F. Mayo
Worshipful Master
Union Lodge



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Outgoing Master's Letters

June 29th, 2026

Greetings Brethren,

We are charged as individual Brethren to continually work on our Rough Ashlar towards perfection and our Lodge should be no different. Every step, or misstep, a learning experience on how things can be better in the future. Looking back on my term as Master of Celestial Lodge I am honored at the trust that the Lodge reposed in me.

My sincerest hope is that I have done well by the Brethren over the duration. I would like to view what good the Lodge has accomplished in the community, or even just within the Masonic family, and feel that a positive impact was achieved. Whether it was sharing dinner leftovers with the local first responders, holding space for appendant bodies at our events, or just trying something new during a Lodge meeting. Although my term has concluded with the Installation of a new line of officers our Lodge's Masonic journey continues.

Please join me in welcoming the new officers and walking forward together.

Fraternally,

Erik J. Meyer-Curley
Most Recent Past Master
Celestial Lodge



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Outgoing Master's Letters

June 29th, 2026

Brethren all,

I'm sure my words may now sound repetitive, but I am truly humbled and overwhelmed as my term as Master comes to an end. It's surprising how three years can simultaneously feel like both an eternity and a fleeting moment. I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Brothers of the Lodge for making my time in the East relatively smooth. We not only avoided any disharmony among members but also accomplished significant work for the Lodge's future. I owe our success to the officers of the past three years, the Past Masters for their support, and the Brethren for their attendance and support.

As we move forward, I encourage everyone who can attend Lodge meetings to do so. Get to know some of our Brethren from the recent merger and support the newly installed Master, Wor. Scott Mayo. We are all proud of this Lodge, and I am confident that the work done both inside and outside the Lodge room will be meaningful and impactful for the future.

We have a rich history to preserve following this merger. It's important to maintain the history of Union Lodge as well as those of Eliot Lodge, Hyde Park Lodge, Constellation Lodge, and Celestial Lodge. Now that the merger is complete, we have twice as many brothers to support, more Past Masters, blood drives, and a building association to assist with. Our responsibilities as Masons continue to grow, and we need all the help we can get. I spoke of Cabletows at a previous meeting, emphasizing that while we don't each need a long one, together we can weave our shorter strands into a much longer boundary. Your Lodge needs you!

I hope I have upheld my duties and made you all proud. Thank you for the opportunity and the vote of confidence you placed in me. As I have been installed as Junior Warden for the upcoming year I will continue to be of service to the Lodge as best I can, providing labor for events, knowledge for the new Master, and a helpful hand for any Brother in need.

Fraternally,

Andrew R. Knight

Andrew R. Knight
Most Recent Past Master
Union Lodge



Saturday, August 1st
1PM

91 Berwick Pl.
Norwood, MA 02062

pool party • cribbage • cornhole • food • BYOB

Please RSVP by 7/15

Eric Narciso

ericjnarciso@gmail.com

AZURE-LAFAYETTE LODGE'S

STEAK & CLAYS - 2026 -

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH, 2026

— AT ADDIEVILLE EAST FARM —

200 PHEASANT DRIVE, MAPLEVILLE, RHODE ISLAND

- \$140 PER PERSON • TEAMS OF 5 • EACH PLAYER GETS 60 SHOTS OVER 12 STATIONS
- GUNS AND AMMO PROVIDED • STEAK DINNER • BEVERAGES INCLUDED
- GUN RAFFLES • BUCKET RAFFLES • 60/60 RAFFLE • AWARDS AND PRIZES
- SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:00 • SHOOT STARTS AT 10:00 • FREE T-SHIRT!
- ★ ★ PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT THE BROTHERHOOD FUND ★ ★



**TO SIGN UP
YOUR TEAM**

**TEXT WOR. DAN HANLON
617-286-9663**

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@azurelafayettelodge

SCAN TO PAY



PAYPAL ACCOUNT

AZURE LODGE

A.F. & A.M.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!**

★ ★ REGISTER EARLY! ★ ★

QUESTIONS? TEXT WOR. DAN HANLON AT 617-286-9663



Brethren,

On Friday, May 29th, eight Brothers from Union Lodge journeyed to Alexandria, Virginia, to visit the Washington Masonic Memorial. In preparation for our trip, Bro. Harry Moorachian, a member of Union who now resides in Virginia, arranged to join us at the Memorial for a day of camaraderie.

We had the opportunity to explore Washington, D.C., and Old Town Alexandria, visit Arlington National Cemetery, enjoy delicious meals, attend a meeting of the A. Douglas Smith Lodge of Research, and share a meal with the Brethren of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 during their annual cookout.

This trip was a more intimate and relaxed version of our traditional annual excursions. It allowed us to strengthen our connections, delve deeper into our history, and further immerse ourselves in our craft.

From the moment we arrived at the Memorial, we were welcomed as family. I had the privilege of discussing masonry with the Master of AW Lodge No. 22 for a while. Their Lodge is vibrant and had an impressive turnout at their cookout. It was truly inspiring to witness such youthful enthusiasm for Freemasonry.

These trips hold great significance for me, and I extend my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to making these past four journeys memorable.

Fraternally,
Andy Knight



The Trip to Alexandria



A Sleepy Bobby Patrick



Somewhere in NY





House of the Temple



Lincoln Memorial



Thomas Jefferson Memorial



Capital Buidling



Washington Memorial from the Jefferson



Eric on the Train to D.C.



Washington Memorial



Food Truck in D.C. with Bobby and Eric





Mural in the Monument



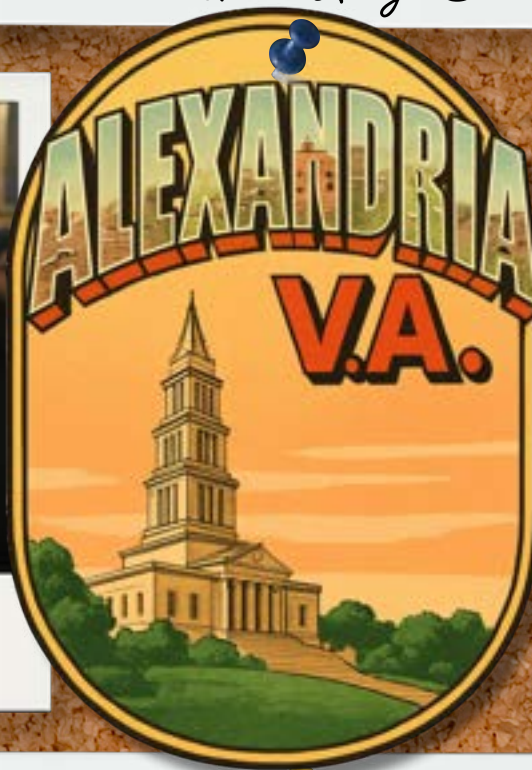
Brother Harry Moorachian of VA visits with his Union Lodge Brothers



Glenn looking at De Molay Exhibit



Erik, Rich, and Bobby listening to our tour guide



The Brethren looking at the architecture images



A Washington Bust



Rich, Glenn, and Tim taking a break outside the South Lodge Room



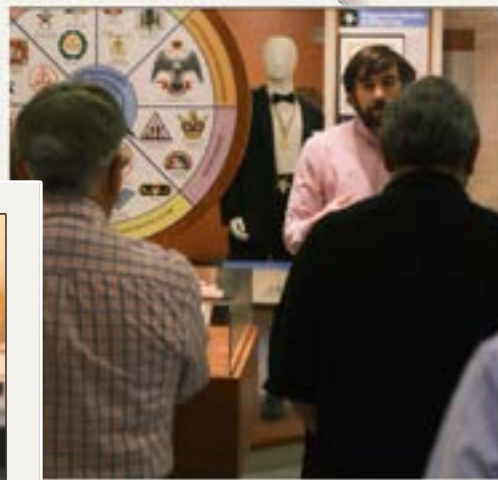
View from the parking lot



Mural inside the front entrance



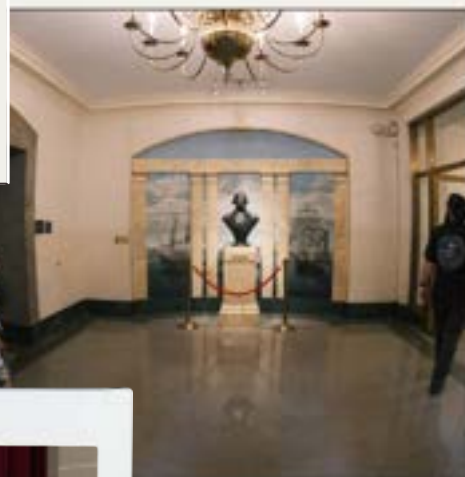
Harry enjoying the exhibits



Harry listening to our tour guide



Eric reading the displays



Hallway



One of several Washington statues



*With the Brethren of
A. Douglas Smith Lodge of Research*



View from the top of the monument



Washington Masonic Memorial



View from our hotel





Reconnecting with our Brother Harry



Waiting on the front steps for our tour to begin



In the hotel lobby making a game plan





Bob & Edith's Diner



Rich waiting for his coffee





Changing of the Guard



Arlington National Cemetery



430,000 Graves including John F. Kennedy



Silence and Respect



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Erik



Tim



Rich



Eric



VIRGINIA
IS FOR
LOVERS



Eric and Erik having discussions



Scott and Rich chatting across the table



Live Entertainment



Glenn



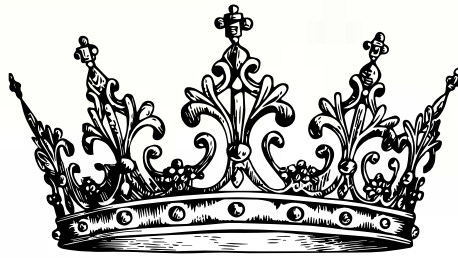
Delicious Meal



Bobby listening in



Erik



The Palace: Rudyard Kipling

When I was a King and a Mason, a Master Proven and skilled,
I cleared me ground for a Palace, such as a King should build.
I decreed and dug down to my levels; presently, under the silt,
I came on the wreck of a Palace, such as a King had built.

There was no worth in the fashion; there was no wit in the plan;
Hither and thither, aimless, the ruined footings ran.
Masonry, brute, mishandled, but carven on every stone,
"After me cometh a Builder; tell him I, too, have known."

Swift to my use in my trenches, where my well-planned groundworks
grew, I tumbled his quoins and his ashlar, and cut and rest them
anew. Lime I milled of his marbles; burned it, slaked it, and
spread; Taking and leaving at pleasure the gifts of the humble dead.

Yet I despised not nor gloried, yet, as we wrenched them apart,
I read in the razed foundation the heart of that Builder's heart.
As he has risen and pleaded, so did I understand the form of the
dream he had followed in the face of the thing he had planned.

When I was a King and a Mason, in the open noon of my pride,
They sent me a Word from the Darkness; they whispered and called me
aside. They said, "The end is forbidden." They said, "Thy use is
fulfilled. Thy Palace shall stand as that other's, the spoil of a
King who shall build."

I called my men from my trenches, my quarries, my wharves, and my
sheers; All I had wrought I abandoned to the faith of the faithless
years. Only I cut on the timber; only I carved on the stone: "After
me cometh a Builder; tell him I, too, have known."



MERGER CEREMONY & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS





























June 27th will forever be marked as an influential day in Union Lodge's history. The day was blessed with beautiful weather, surrounded by our loved ones, and hope filled our hearts.

The Most Worshipful Timothy Shawn McGavin was received just after 12 p.m. into the Lodge Room with his distinguished suite. With a full schedule, the Grand Lodge officers got right to work on the Merger Ceremony. It was a somber ritual for many in the room as the Eliot Lodge Charter, under which Celestial Lodge was granted to conduct business, was retired to the acting Grand Lodge Secretary of the day, R.W. Thomas Rorrie. Along with the Charter, the Regalia, Finances, and Bylaws were handed over to the Grand Marshall to be placed in the respective hands of the Lodge. The Master was retired from the East, giving his collar a lap around the Lodge room for everyone to see and pay their respects.

The presiding Masters were given a moment to present any last remarks before being retired. A mix of Union Lodge and Celestial Lodge members who filled the officer chairs were retired from their stations to begin the Installation Ceremony following the conclusion of the merger. The new officer line was brought into the Lodge room and placed in the North. The Master-elect was conducted into the room. Wor. Scott Mayo was placed at the altar to receive the benefit of prayer followed by taking his Master's Obligation. He was presented with the gavel and Charter of his Lodge. The rest of the Officers were obligated and installed in their stations.

Presentations were made to the Grand Master as a thank you for conducting the business of the day. Bro. Nelson Demoras presented Wor. Bro. Mayo with a gavel to rule and govern his Lodge. A beautiful checkered blend of woods as a reminder that not everything is black and white. Bro. In addition, Dan Rosenberg was presented with a Society Of Washington Lodges jewel to wear for the upcoming year.

To finish the business of the afternoon, we heard from the Pillar Grand Lodge officers as they shared their wisdom with the newly installed Master and his appointments. To end the meeting, the Grand Master gave his wisdom and closed the Lodge in ample form, allowing Wor. Brother Mayo to rap his gavel for the first time as Master of his Lodge. Our Officers, Brethren, and guests then moved to the Four Points Sheraton Norwood for dinner, desserts, and wonderful conversations to conclude the day.

More than half our members will now meet under a familiar but newly appointed name. This union will bring not only Lodges but Brothers together. Although our relationships may not be as deeply rooted as already established friendships within our previously respected Lodges, I must ask: what is the difference? We unite under the same craft, in the same jurisdiction, all having taken the same degrees and obligated at a similar altar. Our hands all resting on the same words in different leather bindings. We are Brothers first. Our differences may be vast, our walks of life may differ, but we all have a shared heart. Harmony being the strength and support of all institutions... more especially this of ours!



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