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ANNUAL LODGE TRIP - ALEXANDRIA

MEET THE MASON(S)

BREAKFAST WITH BILL STODDARD

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UPCOMING EVENTS



MARCH 18TH

CELESTIAN LODGE REGULAR
COMMUNICATION

JOINT MEETING WITH UNION
LODGE

6PM OPEN 7PM DINNER

MARCH 23RD

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION
2ND DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
WORKSHOP

7PM - WESTWOOD

FRATERNAL VISITS

MARCH 9TH ORIENT LODGE - NORWOOD

MARCH 17TH RABBONI LODGE -
WESTWOOD

APRIL 1ST WEST ROXBURY-DORCHESTER
LODGE - WESTWOOD

APRIL 15TH UNION LODGE/CELESTIAL
LODGE - WESTWOOD

JUNE 1ST PROSPECT LODGE - WESTWOOD

OTHER MEETINGS IN THE DISTRICT

PROSPECT LODGE - 1ST MONDAY WESTWOOD

WEST ROXBURY-DORCHESTER LODGE - 1ST WEDNESDAY WESTWOOD

ORIENT LODGE - 2ND MONDAY NORWOOD

UNION LODGE - 2ND TUESDAY NORWOOD

RABBONI LODGE - 3RD TUESDAY WESTWOOD

CELESTIAL LODGE - 3RD WEDNESDAY WESTWOOD

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE 6TH





UPCOMING 6TH EVENTS

WED
APRIL
1

WEST ROXBURY-DORCHESTER - WESTWOOD

7:00 PM DDGM RECEIVED

TUXES REQUIRED TO BE ON SUITE

MON
APRIL
13

ORIENT LODGE -NORWOOD

6:30 PM DDGM RECEIVED

50 YEAR VETERANS MEDAL PRESENTATION

TUXES REQUIRED TO BE ON SUITE

WED
APRIL
15

UNION & CELESTIAL LODGE - WESTWOOD

6:30 PM DDGM RECEIVED

JOINT MEETING

TUXES REQUIRED TO BE ON SUITE

THURS
APRIL
23

2ND DEGREE DISTRICT EXEMPLIFICATION

6PM DINNER 7PM OPEN

WESTWOOD LODGE

SUITS

MON
JUNE
01

PROSPECT LODGE - WESTWOOD

8:00PM DDGM RECEIVED

TUXES REQUIRED TO BE ON SUITE

TBD

RABBONI LODGE - WESTWOOD

6:30 PM DDGM RECEIVED

50 YEAR PAST MASTER DIPLOMA PRESENTATION

TUXES REQUIRED TO BE ON SUITE



UNION LODGE (D)

AF&AM

CHARTERED 1796



Alexandria Trip

3/2/2026

Brethren,

We have decided to move the date of the Alexandria trip from the beginning of May to the end of May, due to time and scheduling conflicts.

We will now depart May 29th and return on May 31st.

Please see the updated flier on the next page.

Fraternally,

Andy Knight

Andy Knight

NEW DATE!
MAY 29-31



EST. COST
\$300
PER PERSON
IF YOU SHARE
A ROOM

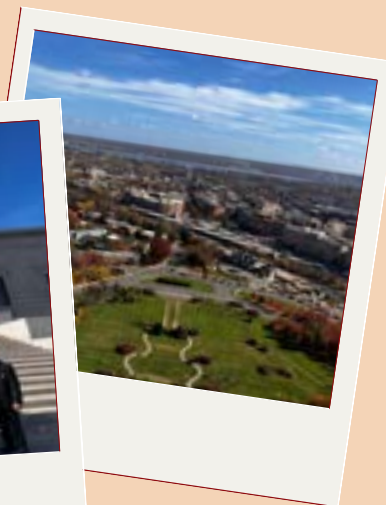
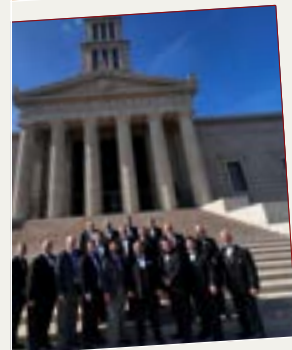
UNION LODGE'S

TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA

A WEEKEND OF FRATERNALISM IN VIRGINIA/WASHINGTON DC

ITINERARY:

- Friday **5/29**: Leave from Westwood 5AM, 10 hour drive, explore in groups
- Saturday **5/30**: Tour of Washington Masonic Monument, explore in groups, dinner
- Sunday **5/31**: Depart in the morning back to MA



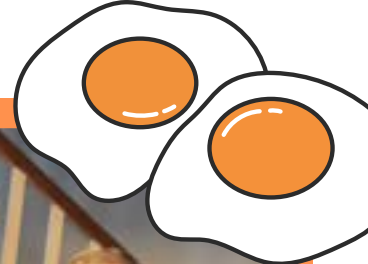
RSVP: APRIL 10TH, 2026

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Breakfast With **BILL STODDARD**

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST, R.W. SHAWN C. ROBICHAUD PICKED UP BROTHER BILL STODDARD FOR CORNERSTONE LODGE'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE JUST A BREAKFAST WITH A FRIEND. HOWEVER, BILL WAS UNAWARE THAT EIGHT BROTHERS FROM UNION LODGE, ALONG WITH A FEW FAMILY MEMBERS, WERE WAITING AT THE LODGE TO HAVE BREAKFAST WITH HIM.

BILL WAS INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO SEE EVERYONE. IT HAD BEEN OVER TWO WEEKS SINCE HE LAST LEFT THE HOUSE DUE TO THE RECENT BLIZZARD.

THANK YOU TO THE BROTHERS WHO WERE ABLE TO ATTEND AS WELL AS THE BRETHREN WHO SENT THEIR REGARDS TO BILL. FOR A MAN WHO DEDICATED SO MUCH OF HIS TIME TO THE LODGE, IT MEANS THE WORLD TO KNOW THE LODGE IS STILL THINKING OF HIM.

BREAKFAST



From our Lodge History

Our First Meeting/Festival of St. John the Baptist



The sermon was worthy the fame of the preacher. The text was from Proverbs xxvii. 17: "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." The discourse set forth the necessity and the benefits of society. As iron sharpens iron, so are men sharpened and rendered more acute and discerning, more lively and sensible, by being connected in society. He expatiated upon the blessings which flow from societies organized for religious and charitable purposes. The reverend gentleman was not a Mason, but he had seen and heard so much good of the Fraternity that he could not but wish the Brethren "prosperity and success in the name of the Lord."

No ceremony of consecration is mentioned in the records, and the ancient Secretary persists in calling it an "installation"; but Dr. Thacher says: "To the Lodge this day established, we wish every degree of spiritual and temporal prosperity." The hymn sung by the choir, under the direction of Brother Samuel B. Lyon, was written for the occasion by Rev. Brother Harris; and as he was a "bright Mason," he probably knew what he was talking about. The third stanza of his hymn intimates that this "Fraternal Band" was "now consecrated":—

"May this fraternal band,
Now consecrated — bless'd,
In Union all distinguish'd stand,
In PURITY be dress'd!"



Every school kid learns March 17 is the day we celebrate the life and deeds of Maewyn Succat, the second Bishop of Ireland, who is better known as Ireland's Patron Saint, St. Patrick. Those same school kids also learn Patrick's great triumph was chasing the snakes out of Ireland. It's true, there are no snakes in Ireland; however, that's more likely because there have never been any snakes on the isolated island.

Captured and taken into slavery as a youth, Maewyn, a.k.a. Patrick, escaped to the European mainland. While a slave he had converted from paganism to Christianity, and once on the continent, he sought refuge at Marmoutier Abbey, a French monastery. There, he accepted his calling, which was to convert other pagans to Christianity. With that, he returned to Ireland and became very successful at making those conversions. In a manner of speaking, the "serpents" he figuratively chased from Ireland were the pagan Druids, not actual reptiles.

After a successful ministry, Patrick retired to County Down, where he died on March 17, 461 A.D. Although never officially canonized by the Catholic Church he is, in fact, recognized as a saint; and today we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, or St. Patrick's Day, on the anniversary of his death.

However, even in Ireland prior to the late 18th century, St. Patrick's Day was not that big of a deal. The same was true in North America, where the churches in Boston, with its large Irish population, didn't recognize the day until 1737.

"So, what," you may ask, "does this have to do with the Freemasons?"

About twenty years later, during the French-Indian War, a young Masonic Colonel recognized the morale among his troops was low and decided they needed what today we would call some "down time." It was March, at the end of a long, brutal winter and many of the troops were Irish. It didn't take the Colonel long to figure out the best day to declare a general holiday would be St. Patrick's day.

Several years later, that same Freemason, now a general in the American Revolution, faced a very similar problem. Billeted at Morristown, New Jersey, his troops were discouraged after a long winter of devastating fighting and losses. On top of that, the preceding winter of 1779-80 was brutally cold. That General, George Washington, again had many Irish troops under his command and once again he saw the opportunity of celebrating St. Patrick's Day to boost morale. With that, Washington issued the order giving his troops their first day off in over two years, "The General directs that all fatigue and working parties cease for tomorrow the SEVENTEENTH instant, a day held in particular regard by the people of [Ireland]."

The respite from the ravages of war and winter went over well with the troops, some of whom were said to celebrate with a "hogshead of rum." Washington is credited with establishing the first instances of a secular celebration of St. Patrick's day, a tradition which caught on and has grown to become a major event today, with the hogshead of rum long replaced by freely flowing green beer.



Steve Harrison, 33° KCCH, is a Past Master of Liberty Lodge #31, Liberty, Missouri. He is the editor of the Missouri Freemason magazine, author of the book Freemasonry Crosses the Mississippi, a Fellow of the Missouri Lodge of Research and also its Senior Warden. He is a dual member of Kearney Lodge #311, St. Joseph Missouri Valley of the Scottish Rite, Liberty York Rite, Moila Shrine and is a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

JUST A LITTLE LODGE ROOM BY:GEORGE B. STAFF

Just a little lodge-room,
But a mighty force for good;
With its loyal band of members
Learning more of brotherhood;
Striving, stumbling, but progressing
Down a pathway toward the right;
Just a humble bunch of plain folks,
Reaching, seeking for the light.

Just a quiet little lodge room,
How it stirs the heart and soul
With the thrill of great endeavor
Toward a high and common goal;
With each pledge of faith and courage
To maintain the forward fight,
On the road that leads them onward
Even onward to the light.

MEET THE MASON

BRO. SCOTT FELLOWS MAYO



Brother Scott Mayo is one of the hardest-working men you will meet. During the summer months he often works seven days a week, yet he still finds time to lend a hand at Masonic events. Whether setting up the Lodge room, helping with dishes, or taking on whatever task needs to be done, his willingness to step in reflects his deep dedication to the Craft. Scott joined Freemasonry at the height of the pandemic and soon after found a home at Union Lodge. The teamwork and leadership skills he developed during his service in the Coast Guard continue to shine through in all that he does.

Year Born: 1968

Born: Quincy, MA

Lives: Somerset, MA

Profession: Heavy Machine Operator

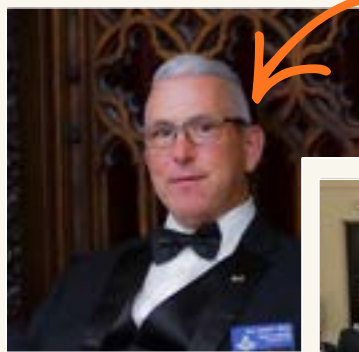
Hobbies: Motorcycles, hiking, kayaking

Year Raised: 2020

Officer Position Held: Senior Warden

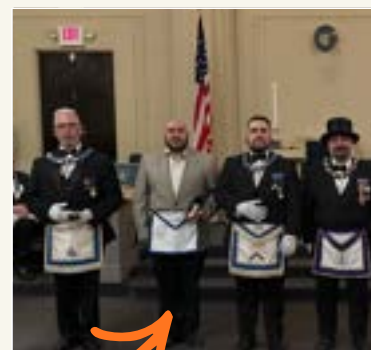
Spouse: Lysa

Affiliations: Coast Guard -Vet, New England Vikings Motorcycle Club



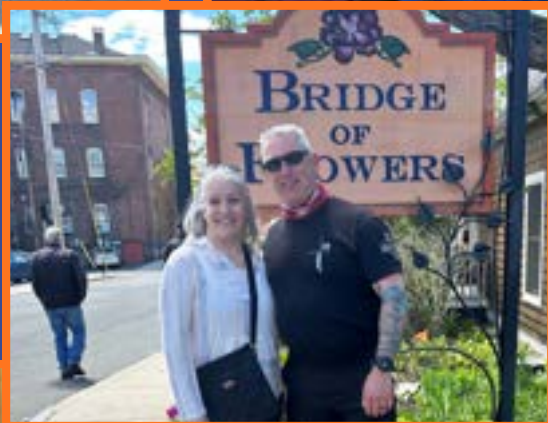
SCOTT ON ONE
OF OUR ANNUAL
TRIPS

RECEIVING HIS
GEORGE
WASHINGTON
MILITARY SERVICE
MEDAL



MEET THE MASON

BRO. SCOTT MAYO



MEET THE MASON

BRO.
NOE
H.
CALVO



Brother Noe H. Calvo, affectionately known as Moe, spent his early years in California and Mexico before relocating to Massachusetts in the winter of 2004. Moe is truly one of the most compassionate and authentic individuals you could ever encounter, always ready to lend a helping hand and contribute a wealth of knowledge when necessary. When he's not sharing insights, you can count on him to fill the room with fun and laughter. Moe was welcomed into Freemasonry by brothers who recognized his Masonic qualities long before he started his journey in the Craft. He is a truly cherished asset to the Fraternity.

Year Born: 1980

Born: Long Beach, CA

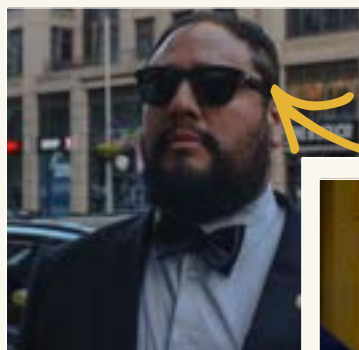
Lives: Roslindale, MA

Profession: Legal Based Research
Courtroom Audio Recording Operator

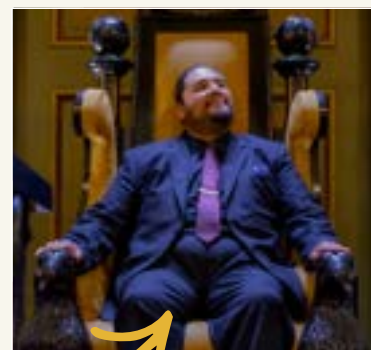
Hobbies: Motorcycles, camping, light
work on cars/motorcycles,
audiobooks, arts and crafts/creating

Year Raised: 2024

Officer Position Held: Inside Sentinel



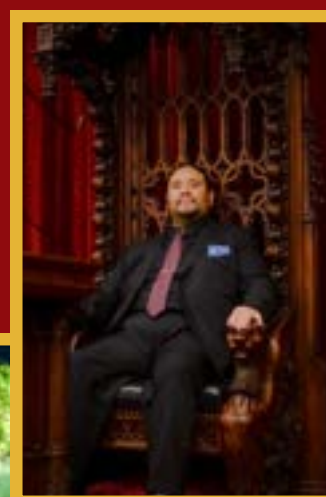
**MOE OUTSIDE
OF THE GRAND
LODGE OF NY**



**MOE AFTER
BEING RAISED IN
PHILLY!**

MEET THE MASON

BRO. NOE CALVO



MEET THE MASON

BRO.
ERIC
JOHN
NARCISO



Bro. Eric Narciso is a dedicated Brother who consistently strives to elevate standards and enhance the ideas that contribute to our greatness. His passion for his college fraternity inspired him to join Freemasonry, allowing him to connect with like-minded individuals in his community. Eric harnesses his enthusiasm for technology to learn, grow, and improve in various aspects of life—be it professionally, acquiring new skills at home, or expanding his knowledge both within and outside of the Craft. A devoted hockey dad, he holds dear the values of teamwork, community, mentorship, and personal development. Eric's vibrant energy and fervor for Freemasonry and life shine brightly.

Year Born: 1981

Born: Boston, MA

Lives: Norwood, MA

Profession: Scrum Master/Agile Coach

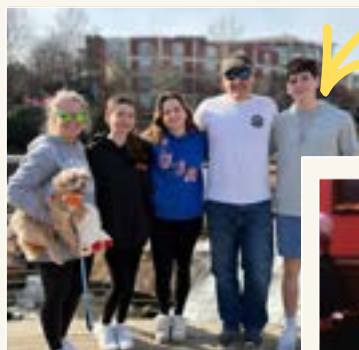
Spouse: Betsy

Hobbies: Hockey, Puzzles, Games, Building Stuff

Year Raised: 2022

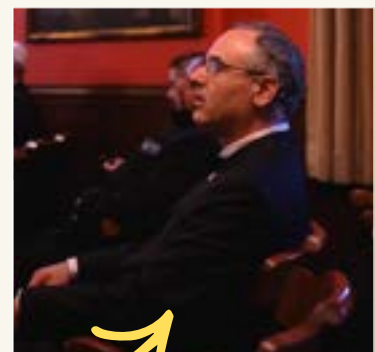
Officer Position Held: Senior Steward

Affiliations: Orient Lodge, Agile Alliance, Scottish Rite



**ERIC WITH
HIS FAMILY**

**IN NEW YORK
ON A UNION
LODGE YEARLY
TRIP**



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