



# MAIL CALL

**OVERSEAS LODGE NO. 40 F. & A.M., CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND**  
Constituted March 15, 1919 Coblenz, Germany

**This Month's Meeting is on Tuesday, 14 JAN 2014 at 1900 hrs**

**\*\* REHEARSAL — 07 JAN 2014 AT 1800 hrs. OFFICERS MUST ATTEND \*\***  
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## Lodge Line Officers 2013

**Worshipful Master** - W.: Michael J. Gardiner Jr.  
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**Junior Deacon** -  
**Senior Steward** - Andrew Gold  
**Junior Steward** -  
**Sentinel** -  
**Marshall** -  
**Tyler** - W.: Dave Goldberg  
**Chaplain** -  
**Musical Director** - Jerry Brock  
**Asst. Grand Lecturer** - RW.: Sam Miller  
**Master of Ceremonies** -

## REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Second Tuesday of each Month (except July & August)  
**Rehearsal** - Tuesday Preceding the Communication, at 1800.

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION 11 NOV - VETERANS DAY

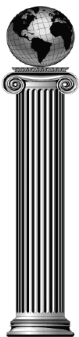
### Overseas Lodge #40

2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island

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



## 950th Regular Communication Tuesday, 14 JAN 2014



**Dinner 1800 HOURS**

**Opening 1900 HOURS**

General Business  
Vote to amend the By-Laws

Special Program by R.:W.: Richard Lynch  
"Charcoal Makers, Carbonari, & Freemasons"

**Closing: TBD**



**TAPS**



SAMUEL COOPERMAN



## DINNER — 1800 hrs. "PORTUGUESE DINNER NIGHT"

*Bitoque* - Portuguese Steak & Egg  
*Bacalhau* - Cod Fish with potatoes, onions, and olives  
Along with Portuguese style fried potatoes and rice

**\*\*\* RSVP IS REQUIRED — [overseas40.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:overseas40.secretary@gmail.com) or 401-263-7353 \*\*\***



**FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:**



As you receive this notice, Overseas will be preparing for our first communication of the New Year. I am optimistic that 2014 will continue to bring good things and growth for our lodge. In just a couple of days I will be presenting a check to the West Warwick food bank for our annual donation. The last thing I want to do is guilt anyone into giving. I have always believed giving should be done freely, with joy, from the heart, and of course, without causing injury to yourself. However, I do want our members to be aware that in order to present a donation of \$500.00, I had to authorize the Lodge Charity Fund to augment almost half of that donation. Please keep this in mind as you receive your dues notice and are once again given the opportunity to give to this worthy charity. Our December communication was full of good news. The members voted to accept two Brothers for affiliation. Congratulations Br. Gen. Rick Baccus and Br. Stephen Acello. It is truly an honor to have you joining our ranks! Furthermore, after years of lobbying by some Brothers on our sidelines, this notice you are receiving will list all the Past Masters of Overseas Lodge and future mailings will be sent in an envelope. Thank you Br. Secretary for making that happen. I have also asked our Treasurer to establish a merchant service account for the Lodge so that we can start taking debit and credit card donations for the monthly meal. Ok, this might be good news for me more than anyone since I don't tend to carry cash much. The service has no monthly charges and only takes 2.75% of whatever amount is donated. That is about 14 cents for a \$5.00 donation. The remainder is automatically transferred to the Lodge account with our financial institution. This service will not be used for Dues and Assessments at this time, but may in the future if certain concerns can be addressed satisfactorily. It was announced that our meal donations this year will go to the Boston Children's Hospital in memory of Zoe Faye Young. Zoe was the daughter of our Brother, and my friend, Zeppo Young. Shortly after she was born, she was diagnosed with cancer and passed away after months of bravely battling the disease. Since then Brother Zeppo has been relentless in doing anything he can to battle cancer and it is our privilege to join our worthy Brother in his efforts. It was a special treat for me to be joined in the East by a member of the Grand Lodge in Norway and a fellow Navy Veteran, Brother Yolo Veland. Thank you W.: John Barsoum for bringing him to visit! I would also like to thank W.: Tony Micucci and the Brothers from Roger Williams Lodge for visiting. I have a feeling we shall meet again! I also want to thank the Brothers from the sidelines that filled in this month. Thank you Brother Brian Martin, W.: Brad Ripley, and W.: Charles Bradley!

Now looking forward to the January communication. We will be voting on changes to the Lodge By-Laws that are published in this notice. We will have a short meeting to discuss a strategy for the continued growth and prosperity of the Lodge. After that, we have a program planned by R.:W.: Rick Lynch called "Charcoal Makers, Carbonari, and Freemasons". I am looking forward to our meeting Brothers! Remember to check this notice for upcoming events such as the Cape Cod getaway weekend (Wohoo!), the Metro District charity dinner event, and Officer's forums and visitations. May the New Year bring you joy and prosperity my Brothers!

*In Essentials Unity*

*In Non-Essentials Liberty*

*In All Things Charity*

*Michael Gardiner Jr. ~ Master*



**FROM THE SECRETARY:**

Hello Brothers:

As you can see, there is a lot of material to cover in this month's mailing.

First, you will notice the enclosed copy of the By-Laws with the proposed changes. Please review as we will be voting on the amendments this month. Second, enclosed is the flyer for the Annual February Getaway Weekend on the Cape. Please contact me with your reservations if you wish to go. This is always a good time, and the more the merrier!

Third, enclosed is a flyer for the Overseas Lodge Challenge Coin. (2" diameter & 1/8" thick) Quite a keepsake! Get yours now, they're selling fast! Lastly, your favorite.....the Dues Notice. You will notice that the Assessment has been increased. We have been behind the Grand Lodge Assessment for a few years. In October we voted to increase the Assessment to be in line with what the Grand Lodge requires. Please review and fill out all of the Dues Notice Member Info. I need to update the records. At the bottom is a small questionnaire / survey that I would appreciate you filling out.

If any Brothers are having financial issues and feel they can not meet their Dues payment, **please contact me** to make other arrangements.

One more thing....*Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year to all!*

Fraternally,

*Marcus Channell, P.M.*





**HISTORY OF OVERSEAS LODGE - (CONT.)**

Born on enemy soil, Overseas Lodge is unique and distinctive in many ways, and upon returning home to be perpetuated in Providence has always maintained, not only the spirit of fraternalism and brotherly love, so evident while in service; but also, to this day has kept the martial and patriotic fervor so manifestly prevalent in its origin in the Army of Occupation and which is exemplified in the ritualistic work in the lodge room during which all the officers appear in the uniform of their respective branch of service.

History has recorded that military men, from the Knights Templar to current Brothers in arms, were responsible for the spread of Freemasonry over national borders into foreign lands. Such military lodges are not new or novel. Records related to the establishment of traveling and working lodges among troops on foreign soil dates back to 1732 when the Grand Lodge of Ireland granted such a charter. Working under an Irish Warrant, one of the first military lodges active in the United States was located in Albany, New York. This Warrant was granted in 1737 to the 2nd Battalion of Royal Scots. The lodge was Union No.1 and it still exists today as Mt. Vernon No. 3.

Other military lodges operated during the Revolution, primarily in New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. They were allowed to confer degrees anywhere they were stationed, but were not allowed to initiate civilians where a regular constituted lodge existed.

*Next month – Military Lodges During The Revolutionary War & Civil War ...*

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

“Discovery consists not in seeking new lands, but in seeing with new eyes.” - *Marcel Proust*

**THIS MONTH: JAN 2014 - PORTUGUESE DINNER NIGHT**

General Business: Vote to amend the By-Laws

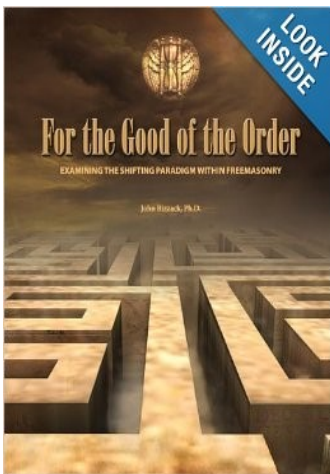
Special Presentation by R. . W. . Richard Lynch - *“Charcoal Makers - Carbonari - & Freemasons”*

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

13 JAN 2014 - DDGM VISITATION & OFFICER FORUM AT REDWOOD LODGE

24 JAN 2014 - GRAND MASTER VISITATION TO RISING SUN LODGE

14-16 FEB 2014 - **GETAWAY WEEKEND ON CAPE COD** *(Feb 14-16 \*\*\* make your reservation with the Secretary\*\*\*)*



**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.







MASONIC TRIVIA:

Polar explorer and pioneer aviator Richard Byrd and his pilot, Bernt Balchen, are said to have dropped Masonic flags on both poles. During a 1930's flight over the South Pole, Balchen allegedly added his Shrine fez.

Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin supposedly brought a Masonic flag to the Moon in 1969. Aldrin, a member of Clear Lake Lodge in Texas, is even rumored to have carried a special deputation from the Texas Grand Master, claiming the Moon as a territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas.



"I need a couple guys what don't owe me no money for a little routine patrol."

W.I.A.

- Frank Yetner
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George Feldman
40 Sachem Dr. Apt. 208 Cranston, RI 02920
Henry Zaborski
125 Brookside Dr. No. Kingstown, RI 02852
William Floskis
Alpine Nursing Home
557 Weaver Hill Rd. Coventry, RI 02816

SEND A CARD TO A BROTHER !

M.I.A.

JOHN O. TATE

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

BIRTHDAYS

\*\*\* Charles A. Dellow 12/19/1937 \*\*\* (Bro. Dellow was omitted last month by mistake)

- William Brehm 1/20/1943
Gerald Coken 1/20/1930
John DelSelva 1/20/1932
Henry Kawa Jr. 1/26/1947
Samuel A. Miller 1/12/1917
Salvatore Santopietro 1/1/1931
William Sweet 1/23/1924
Richard Wdowiak 1/26/1935

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!!!

Officers Forum Dates

- 13 Jan 2014 - Redwood Lodge #35 (M)
4 Mar 2014 - Adelphoi Lodge #33 (EB)
12 Oct 2013 - Friendship Lodge #7 (N)
15 Nov 2013 - Manchester Lodge #12 (C)
8 Jan 2014 - Hope Lodge #25 (S)

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

Dates to Remember

- 7 JAN - Rehearsal
13 JAN - Officers Forum @ Redwood
14 JAN - Meeting
24 JAN - GM Visitation @ Rising Sun
14-16 FEB - Getaway Weekend on Cape Cod

DD Visitations-Metro District

- 25 Oct 2013 - Rising Sun #30
13 Jan 2014 - Redwood #35
11 Feb 2014 - Overseas #40
24 Mar 2014 - Jenks #24
16 Apr 2014 - St. Johns #1 P

\*Grand Master Visitation\*
24 Jan 2014 - Rising Sun #30

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

- EARL RANDALL - 1996
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

