



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, 11 FEB 2014 at 1900 hrs

**** REHEARSAL — 04 FEB 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 -
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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

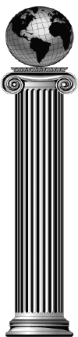
Overseas Lodge #40

2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island

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



951st Regular Communication Tuesday, 11 FEB 2014



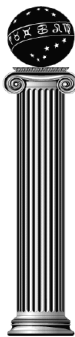
Dinner 1800 HOURS

Opening 1900 HOURS

General Business

DDGM VISITATION

Closing: TBD



TAPS



CHARLES HANSCOMB



DINNER — 1800 hrs.
“ITALIAN DINNER NIGHT”
Chicken Cacciatore
Sausage & Peppers Pasta
Italian Cookies

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



FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:



My Brothers, I hope you are having a most excellent winter. I have heard that our January meeting was quite productive. Of course, I had to hear about it, because I have been ill with the flu for most of January and was not able to make it to lodge. My Senior Warden tells me we had just about every officer's chair filled. A big thank you to those brothers that helped out this month and especially to W.: Manny Lewis for filling in for me this month! The changes to the By-Laws were voted on and passed and will now be headed to Grand Lodge for review. I have since heard through the grape vine that there were some concerns regarding some of the changes. Well, the good thing about by-laws is that they can be changed again if needed. If any brother has a concern about the approved changes, please email me at mjgjr@icloud.com and let me know. All I ask is that you have your "ducks in a row" when you email me. If you believe they violate the constitution, then I need you to give me exactly which part they violate. If you believe the new by-laws will cause tax issues or endanger our non-profit status, then I need chapter and verse of which codes we are violating and how. I may work for a bank, but I am not a CPA and will not pretend to be a subject matter expert on such things. If your concerns are found to be valid, then I would go so far as hiring an independent reputable firm, at lodge expense, to confirm your concerns and make recommendations in writing. If the issue is Masonic, such as a constitutional issue, and I believe your concerns to be valid, then I will seek counsel from Grand Lodge to correct the situation. While I don't want unnecessary drama in the lodge that only serves to divide us and does not strengthen our brotherhood, I do want to hear about legitimate concerns, preferably in writing (email) and preferably with a suggested solution to go along with them.

Now with that behind us for the moment, I understand that we also voted on one of our open house candidates and approved him to receive his degrees and we also voted on another member for reinstatement. Congratulations to Mr. Garrett Guthrie and Brother David MacDonald! The lodge is also moving ahead with our plan for growth which includes our Masonic Veterans day with the P-Bruins on Sunday April 6th. This promises to be a great time with a sectioned off area reserved in the bar behind the glass with a full buffet. \$30.00 includes your ticket and the buffet, but veterans are free! Kids tickets are \$20.00. I would encourage you to invite any Masonic veterans you know in other lodges and also any veterans that may have an interest in the craft. I would also like to thank R.:W.: Richard Lynch for putting on a great program in January as well. I wish I had been there to hear it.

February promises to be our largest turn out since the annual. In addition to our own DDGM and his suite visiting, we will also have a DDGM from Connecticut visiting and officers from Major General Henry Knox Lodge, our sister lodge in Massachusetts will be down for a visit. The program will be by W.: Tom Holton from Jenks Lodge #24 and will concern Cystic Fibrosis. All meal donations from February's meal will also go to W.: Holton's Cystic Fibrosis foundation. The meal theme in February will be Italian with deserts provided by Sweet Nina's Nom-Noms (www.sweetninasnomnoms.com). Sweet Nina is a Johnson and Wales trained pastry chef with a passion for desert!

Then, just a few days after lodge, we will be heading to Cape Cod for our annual sweetheart getaway weekend! If there is still time to make reservations after this notice is received, I encourage you to come out and join us for a good time. This event is also opened to non-masons, so go ahead and invite your friends and their ladies. It's a great value at \$199 and a great time of fellowship with the brethren. I will see you all in February brothers. Stay Warm!

*In Essentials Unity
In Non-Essentials Liberty
In All Things Charity*

Michael Gardiner Jr. ~ Master



FROM THE SECRETARY:

Hello Brothers:
Every Brother should have received their Dues Notice (just incase you misplaced it, I have enclosed another). It is important to the Lodge that this is paid since we will soon be getting our *per capita* notice from the Grand Lodge which is paid from our funds whether you pay or not. Please take a moment and remember to pay your dues. If any Brothers are having financial issues and feel they can not meet their Dues payment, **please contact me** to make other arrangements.

There are lots of events in the jurisdiction coming up, especially ours. Any Brothers who would wish to travel with me to visit some of the other Lodges' events, let me know. I will be getting some of the new Masonic Passports this month, let's get the word out and let the other Lodges know that Overseas Lodge is still here!

One more thing....*Tempus Fugit!*

Fraternally,

Marcus Channell, P.M.





HISTORY OF OVERSEAS LODGE - (CONT.)

The fraternal spirit of Freemasonry and warmth of Brotherhood under the stress of war was never more manifest than during the American Revolution. The list of Washington's Generals reads like a Masonic register as the great majority of his ranking officers were Craftsmen. Military Lodges were very active during the Revolution. Col. Marinus Willet, a Brother, raised the Stars and Stripes for the first time in battle August 3, 1777.

During the Civil War, over 100 dispensations were known to have been granted to both the Union and Confederate forces. Many incidents of Masonic interest occurred during the epic struggle between the States. The one of greatest importance to the Craft took place at Little Rock, Arkansas, at the home of that great Masonic scholar and writer, Albert Pike; where was housed a very large and most valuable Masonic library. The Union forces had captured the city and Federal troops were running rampant; sacking, looting, and burning as they went. General Thomas A. Benton, the Union commander and Grand Master of Iowa, being aware of this extensive Masonic library, took Pike's home as his HQ, gave it protection and thus saved the precious volumes.

Freemasonry surely follows the Flag. No. Dakota Military Lodge #1 went to the Philippines with the 1st No. Dakota Infantry during the Spanish-American War. During one of their Fellowcraft Degrees the Lodge was attacked!

While New York, Louisiana, Ohio, Colorado, and other Grand Lodges gave dispensations for field lodges in World War I, the one by Rhode Island to Overseas Lodge to work in Germany was the only one perpetuated and that is still in operation.

Next month – The First Line ...

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“All know the way, few actually walk it” - *Bodhidharma - Father of Zen Buddhism*

THIS MONTH:

FEB 2014 - ITALIAN DINNER NIGHT
R:W:. DDGM IACBUCCI & W:.. GMC FONTES VISITATION

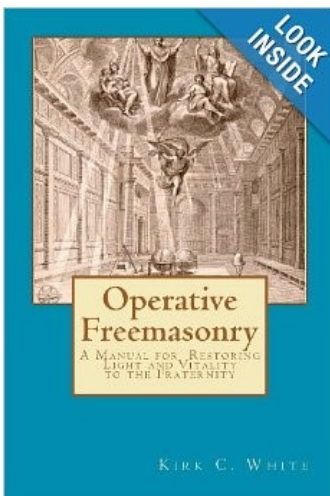
UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 14-16 FEB 2014 - **GETAWAY WEEKEND ON CAPE COD** *(Feb 14-16 *** make your reservation with the Secretary***)*
- 22 FEB - "YE OLDE TABLE LODGE" at Washington Lodge #3 (\$35 res. Steve Curria 401-623-0725 / Bob St. Jean 401-397-4888)
- 24 FEB - JENKS CIGAR NIGHT (\$30 includes dinner, 2 drinks, & cigar res. W:.. Bryan Martin 401-808-9848)
- 22 MARCH - **METRO DISTRICT "OKTOBERFEST IN MARCH"** (\$25 see enclosed flyer)
- 29 MARCH - TABLE LODGE at Lafayette Lodge #47 (res. Bob Drisko 401-359-4474 / fygafnd@verizon.net)
- 6 APRIL - MASONIC VETERANS SPORTING EVENT - P-BRUIINS GAME - BOX SEATS AND BUFFET. (\$30 see enclosed flyer)
- 9 MAY - BUS TRIP TO **GARIBALDI LODGE** IN NEW YORK CITY FOR AN ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE (\$60)

BOOK OF THE MONTH: OPERATIVE FREEMASONRY

A Manual for Restoring Light & Vitality to the Fraternity
By: Kirk C. White

AN OPERATOR'S MANUAL FOR FREEMASONRY Every new Mason learns that "operative masonry" refers to the art and practice of stoneworking while "speculative masonry" refers to Freemasonry. "Operative Freemasonry" is a manual on the art and practice of Freemasonry. By providing detailed information and advice often overlooked or forgotten on how Freemasonry "works", this book explores how the fraternity can actually "make good men better" and keep them active in our lodges and chapters. Areas covered include: - Light Defined - Secrets and Mysteries - Prospective Freemasons: how to find them - Framing the Sacred: Preparation for Lodge - Openings and Closings - Initiation: what it is and how it works - Mentorship: how to keep our brothers active - Daily Freemasonry - Resources for Further Light Written for every Mason who wants to bring Light and Vitality back to his lodge and the fraternity.





COUNSEL CORNER:

Traditional Observance, European Concept, or Affinity Lodges are the future of Freemasonry in North America. "These Lodges are satisfying a growing niche that needs to be satisfied, of men who are completely turned off by the current model lodge meeting of opening, paying the bills, reading the minutes, and going home. These new Lodges treat the evening as a special night. Freemasonry is anything but ordinary, but the last 50 years has concentrated on the grinding out of work to keep the numbers up. The new men knocking at the door know more about us than most of our members do, and they are seeking the legendary Lodges of our illustrious forefathers. If what we give them is a flat, dull experience and Lodges do not serve the needs of their active members, they won't be back. It will be the Lodges that provide programming and education for their active members, whatever their age may be, that will survive and prosper into the future. Those that stubbornly cling to the notion that Lodge is no event, that Lodge is just one more meeting to be borne, that Lodge is that most terrible of things, Ordinary, those are Lodges that will literally bore themselves to death. Those are Lodges that will slip silently away in the night. And the shadows of things that Might Be will have faded into the concrete Reality of a deserted Lodge room." - Christopher Hodapp from "Boring our Members to Death"

"Lodges at one time were literally universities of the common man, challenging the obscurantism of the clergy and monarchs in the name of free thought for all" - Andrew Hammer



"Remember that warm, soft mud last summer?"

W.I.A.

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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

BIRTHDAYS

Banice Bazar 2/13/1929
Joseph Neto Jr. 2/1/1965
Chester Segers 2/13/1927
John Tate 2/3/1932

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.

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

4 FEB - Rehearsal
11 FEB - Meeting & DDGM Visitation
14-16 FEB - Getaway Weekend on Cape Cod
22 MARCH - Metro District Oktoberfest
6 APR - Masonic Veterans P-Bruins Game

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

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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

