

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

This Month's Meeting is on Tuesday, 10 DEC 2013 at 1800 hrs

**** REHEARSAL — 09 DEC 2013 AT 1800 hrs. OFFICERS MUST ATTEND ****
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Lodge Line Officers 2012 - 2013

Worshipful Master - W.: Michael J. Gardiner Jr.
Senior Warden - W.: Manny Lewis
Junior Warden - Manfred Diel Jr.
Treasurer - RW.: Michael J. Barboza
Secretary - W.: Marcus Channell
Senior Deacon -
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 -

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WWW.OVERSEASLODGE.COM

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

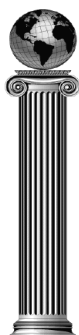




THE OVERSEAS MAIL CALL — DEC 2013



949th Regular Communication Tuesday, 10 DEC 2013

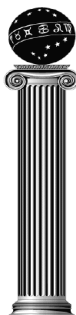


Dinner 1900 HOURS

Opening 1800 HOURS

Business
Vote to re-instate Br. David MacDonald
Petition for Affiliation - Br. Gen. Rick Baccus
Petition for Affiliation - Br. Stephen Acello

Closing : TBD



TAPS

JOHN J. CLARK

BERNARD FREEMAN



HOLIDAY DINNER — 1900 hrs.

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

FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

Greetings Brothers! I am writing my first message to you as Master exactly one week after our annual communication. First of all, I would like to thank you all for electing me as your Master. I pledge to you to do my best to live up to the office. I have been encouraged by the expressions of support I have received from our members, members of other lodges and Grand Lodge officers. This was especially encouraging because I know that I am not everyone's cup of tea. Sometimes, I think different, and probably always will. However, to look beyond whom sits in the east and support the lodge is something I have not always witnessed in my travels there even though it is one of things that makes Freemasonry special. To call another man brother even though you don't share exactly the same beliefs or position in life takes a good man. I encountered many good men on Veteran's Day and couldn't be happier. The day started with the Grand Lodge wreath laying ceremony at the Masonic Memorial in the Veteran's cemetery. There was a great turn out again this year, and it seemed like perfect November weather for the event. Our Color Guard did a great job again as usual and the bag pipes that W:. Marcus Channell arranged were a classy touch. The luncheon we had at the lodge seemed to go smoothly. Honestly it was a little bit of a blur to me since my mind was on the annual at that point. The Annual Communication was memorable for me to say the least. R:. W:. Peter Iacobucci, DDGM and his Master of Ceremonies, W:. Gil Fontes performed their duties admirably. After the installation, I was so privileged to be presented with a gavel made from 200 year old wood taken from the USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides". If that wasn't enough, this gavel was made by a Chief in the US Navy, who is also a Brother, who is also a member of Overseas, and who is my Junior Warden this year. Thank you Brother MMC Fred Diel (Ret.)! I then presented W:. Marcus Channell with a plaque and would like to thank him again for all his hard work last year. You Worshipful are a tough act to follow. W:. Marcus also received his Past Master's Jewel and Apron, both well deserved. That night, from all reports, a good time was had by all at the Overseas Annual Ladies night. I am glad you enjoyed it brothers!

Looking to the future, In December, we will have a short business meeting followed by a catered dinner in the Scottish Rite and time of fellowship in the holiday spirit, ladies are invited also. Please let our Secretary, W:. Marcus Channell, know if you are planning on coming so he can give a count to the caterer. In January, we will be having a business meeting to discuss a strategy for growing the lodge and overcoming our challenges. I am mentioning this now, because if you plan to come in January, I would like you to put some thought into this. I plan on leaving that meeting with a plan and implementing it. I have my own ideas, but yours might be better! Lastly, I also write the lodge column for the RI Freemason magazine. If you are doing anything or you know of one of our Overseas brothers doing anything to make a positive contribution to the Craft or community, please let me know so I can include it in a future article. Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah Brothers!

*In essentialibus unitas,
In Nonessentialibus libertas,
In omnibus caritas.*

Michael Gardiner Jr. ~ Master



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Secretary: W:. Marcus Channell - Phone 401-263-7353 Email: overseas40.secretary@gmail.com





FROM THE SECRETARY:

Hello Brothers,

I have to say, I didn't realize what was truly involved in the duties of a Secretary. I figured you take a few notes here and there, help the Master wherever possible, and generally stay under the radar. I now know that organization is the key to success in this office, and I hope to be as organized as our past Secretaries. First off I need to reiterate how important it is for any Brother that is coming to dinner to make a reservation in advance. I need to coordinate with our caterer and give her an accurate headcount. This past year, not many people called me to make a reservation, and I was left to guess a headcount. You have my phone number and email, it only takes a few minutes to contact me by either method. Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly. Next on the list is Dues. Dues notices will be going out by the end of the month. Last year we had over a quarter of the members marked as unpaid. Dues must be paid in a timely manner. The Lodge still has to pay for every brother's assessments. If dues are not paid, we will have no choice but to drop unpaid members. If you are having financial issues, please contact me privately.

Fraternally,

Marcus Channell, P.M.



HISTORY OF OVERSEAS LODGE - (CONT.)

As the Club grew, frequent inquiries were voiced as to whether there was any military field lodge empowered to confer Masonic degrees situated anywhere in the Army of Occupation. There being none and seeing the need for Masonic work and realizing the fine nucleus of Rhode Island Masons stationed in Germany, it seemed possible that they might solve the question. A dinner was arranged at the Monopol Hotel to discuss the situation. As the Monopol Hotel was restricted to commissioned officers only, the enlisted Brothers had to go disguised as Y.M.C.A. workers wearing long Y.M.C.A. overcoats over their uniforms. A group of 36 Rhode Islanders attended. It was voted to cable the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island asking dispensation to confer degrees in Freemasonry. The cable was received by Grand Master E. Tudor Gross, who speedily granted the request knowing further examination was unnecessary, due to the prominence and known Masonic ability and experience of those who signed the cable. Among the signer were Wendell R. Davis and Winfield S. Solomon, our first and second Masters.

Thus this group of devoted Craftsmen from the smallest state in the Union became the brightest gem in the Masonic diadem by furnishing the initiative and leadership to successfully install Freemasonry in the Army of Occupation. This service to the Craft in WWI was a most distinctive and illustrious contribution to the annals of Masonry. They conceived, they developed, they established.

Next month — Born on enemy soil...

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Well done is better than well said" - *Benjamin Franklin*

THIS MONTH: 10 DEC 2013

General Business: We will be voting to re-instate a Brother (David MacDonald) who lives out of state. We will also be voting on two Brothers for affiliation. Also we will be continuing the discussion started in Oct. and Nov. regarding the changes to the assessments that we currently charge which are \$6 below the assessment charged by Grand Lodge, and also proposed changes to amend the By-Laws.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DEC 2013 - Visit to the VA Hospital 12/3 @ 1800 / Visit to the Veteran's Home in Bristol 12/8 @ 1400

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





MASONIC CATCH-E-KISM:

What strongbox do you keep your secrets in?
Where did you lay the first stone when you started building your house?
Where would you find triglyphs and metopes?
Where were you when that fellow tried to cut your throat?
Who was Solomon's mother?

The faithful breast.
The Northeast Corner.
They are ornaments on the Pillar of Strength.
At the South gate.
Bathsheba.



"Joe, yestiddy ya saved my life
an' I swore I'd pay ya back.
Here's my last pair o' dry socks."

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 Bradley 12/16/1937
Harold Ekno 12/30/1937
George Feldman 12/21/1926
James Goding 12/28/1930
Alan Halsband 12/26/1937
Edward Kapoian 12/25/1929
Richard Laurino 12/12/1942
David Mahon 12/11/1957
Solomon Mouradjian 12/15/1926
Andrew Niedfeldt 12/8/1984
Irving Smith 12/24/1934
Robert Sylvester 12/24/1949
Steve Tedeschi 12/2/1984

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

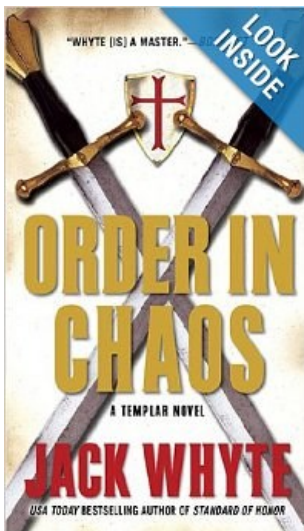
Dates to Remember

09 DEC 2013 – Rehearsal
10 DEC - Meeting
FEB 2014 - 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



BOOK OF THE MONTH: ORDER IN CHAOS

A Templar Novel - Book Three By: Jack Whyte

This is the third and final entry in Whyte's Templar trilogy (after *Standard of Honor*)

On the morning of October 13, 1307, every Templar Knight in France is arrested by the order of King Philip IV, who then seizes all the Order's assets and sets the Inquisition against them. Warned of the plot, Sir William St. Clair flees from France with the Temple's treasure, several hundred Knights, and the widow Lady Jessica Randolph to seek sanctuary in Scotland. There, with his men deprived of everything they valued and held dear at home, he will lead them into battle as Templar Knights one last time in defiant support of a King who is not their own, but who has earned their trust.

