



# 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 Wednesday 11 Nov 2015 at 1300 hrs**

**\*\* REHEARSAL — 3 NOV 2015 AT 1900 hrs. OFFICERS MUST ATTEND \*\***

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## Lodge Line Officers 2014

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**Senior Steward** - Neal A. Bowman  
**Junior Steward** - Garobed Emdjyan  
**Sentinel** - W.: David A. Ogilvie  
**Marshall** - W.: Manuel M. Lewis III  
**Tiler** - W.: David Goldberg  
**Chaplain** - W.: Ernest Slocum  
**Musical Director** - Jerry Brock  
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## REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Second Tuesday of each Month (except July & August)  
**Rehearsal** - Tuesday Preceding the Communication, at 1900.

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

**11 NOV - VETERANS DAY**

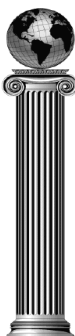
**Overseas Lodge #40**

2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island

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



## 95th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION Wednesday, 11 Nov. 2015



**Lunch** 1130 HOURS  
**Opening** 1300 HOURS  
**General Business**  
**Election & Installation of New Officers**

**Closing:** TBD



**TAPS**



**Cocktails - 1800 hrs. Dinner -1900 hrs.**

**SEE FLYER**

**RSVP IS REQUIRED**

Email Fred Diel: [fred@kedzcovers.com](mailto:fred@kedzcovers.com) Phone: 401-419-7432





## FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

Greetings from the East,



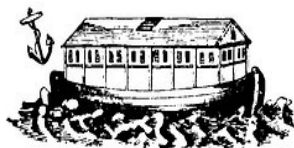
My brothers they say all good things must come to an end, as unfortunate as it is this is true as the realization hits that this is the last message of this term. You have to look back and ask where the time has gone. It seems like yesterday I was writing my first message as your Master. I have accomplished all that I set out to do this year and have met with good as well as bad. Some things I could control some I could not. The year did not go entirely as planned, but where it didn't I was lucky enough to have the foresight to bring other programs so that it looked like it was always planned that way. My success is due to my team of officers who had my back. One of the things I find on the bad list is the lack of participation at some of our meetings where some of the best programs were held and of course participation at most of the social gatherings was very light, even if the lodge was picking up the tab for the event. I have worked endlessly trying to keep this year interesting. I have reintroduced some things we used to do and initiated some new ideas. My hope is that these ideas are continued and some new ones added as well. First and foremost we need to keep this lodge going even knowing that we will face some growing pains. Some of the greatest things about being Master is to see and hear how much everybody appreciated things you do for the lodge and it is all for the lodge. My goal this year was to set a building stone for the lodge and so far it has come to fruition, but we still have a long, long way to go. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done. The day of the Annual Communication promises to be extensively busy as usual first stop is to enjoy some Masonic camaraderie with other brothers at Mt. Vernon as they will nourish us with their traditional breakfast, then on to the cemetery as we pay homage to our brothers who gave all in the defense of our Country to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. Next on the agenda is lunch with our brothers and then the proceedings of the Annual Communication, followed as always by the terrific banquet where our families and guests can join in our continued success.

Some may ask why bother and what are we here for? The answer my friend lies within your own heart. For me it is continuing our Military legacy and camaraderie we had in the military. That was our first band as brothers. It is also what we do to preserve and thank all our brothers who have gone to meet the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Our fate is in your hands either we can do what is necessary for the GOOD of the lodge and Prosper or we do NOTHING and Die. I will close with one question for each of you my brothers to ponder on and that is "Where would we be if our forefathers just gave up 240 years ago and said this country just wasn't worth fighting for"? Our lodge holds the same precepts and therefore we cannot afford to let it die.

That is all my brothers, and as always my wish for you is "Fair Winds & Following Seas."

Fraternally,

*Joseph A. Bennett ~ Master*





## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:

### Chief's Corner

I am writing a message this month in the Chief's Corner starting with an excerpt from the GOAT LOCKER.

#### USN

The "**U**" stands for **Unity**, which reminds us of cooperation, maintaining harmony and continuity of purpose and action.

The "**S**" stands for **Service**, which reminds us of service to our God, our fellow man and our Navy.

The "**N**" stands for **Navigation**, which reminds us to keep ourselves on a true course so that we may walk upright before God and man in our transactions with all mankind, but especially with our fellow Chiefs. The Chain is symbolic of flexibility and reminds us of the chain of life that we forge day by day, link by link and may it be forged with Honor, Morality and Virtue.

The **Anchor** is emblematic of the hope and glory of the fulfillment of all God's promises to our souls. The golden or precious Anchor by which we must be kept steadfast in faith and encouraged to abide in our proper station amidst the storm of temptation, affliction and persecution.

These above virtues correlate with the exact same virtues we maintain as Freemasons.

I am currently the Senior Warden and will be moving into the East "**So Mote it Be!**"

I currently have been able to assemble a full line of officers. I am truly appreciative to those who have stepped up for the task.

I am requesting that all brethren of Overseas Lodge #40 remember the above **U S N** explanation throughout my year.

For the brothers that have known me since I was raised as a Mason and brothers that have met me since. I will take the immortal words from the most recognizable sailor of all time "**Popeye**" - "**I am, what I am**" - I am a Retired Navy Chief, I have always managed my personal and professional life as such. I will run the lodge as such also. We as a lodge will not commit to anything if we cannot support this 100%.

At our Annual communication we will have a vote for our new line officers.

**"U" Unity-** I am hoping current incoming line officers will get unanimous votes for each of their positions. We cannot move forward as a lodge unless we have everyone onboard.

**"S" Service-** One Man does not make a Lodge. The brethren on the sidelines make a lodge by engaging, participating and assisting its officers with lodge functions. If you have a suggestion to enhance membership or comradery, stand up with the idea and how **YOU** will help spearhead this idea from start to finish. In other words don't come to me with the problem. Come to me with the solution.

**"N" Navigation-** My view on this when it relates to masonry is a personal one for each brother. But I will ensure my brethren, I will navigate myself with Honor, Courage and Commitment which is expected of a Navy Chief and Master of Overseas Lodge.

Below is what I currently have planned so far for my year.

8 December 2015 Holiday Family dinner before lodge and program will be by Jenny Reis the Rhode Island branch Manager for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) this will be our charity this year.

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rhode Island Freemason Polar Plunge January 1, 2016 Roger Wheeler Beach sponsored by Overseas Lodge and Jenks Lodge. Cost \$25.00 for Plungers and \$40.00 for those brothers that are smart enough to know better that jump in the freezing water. Shirts will be provided for both. All proceeds to benefit JDRF-RI and RI Special Olympics. Contact me ([fred@kedzcovers.com](mailto:fred@kedzcovers.com) for details)

Valentine's Dinner at Imperial Room, 6pm Saturday 13 February 2016

These are just a few of the things that I have planned for the year.

I am looking forward to seeing all my Brothers at our Annual on Veterans Day.

*Manfred Diel Jr. ~ Senior Warden*





## FROM THE SECRETARY (MY LAST RANT):

Well Brothers, this is my last message as Secretary as I vacate the chair and leave it in the most capable hands of MW Hallstrom. This message will be about something that has been on my mind for several years and more recently on the Lodge's radar. I will be quoting from an article I recently read in The Royal Arch Mason by W:. Robert G. Davis. I know I can't say it any better than him, so here are his (and I'm sure the majority of us agree) thoughts. "One of the questions that eats at me when I am driving home from a Masonic event, degree, or function that has been woefully mediocre is how our members can sit through such Masonic happenings month after month and still believe our fraternity is relevant and meaningful to men's lives? How honest are we in claiming we make good men better while persistently repeating practices and behaviors which are so distinctively average, or worse? Explain to me how a lodge facilitates self improvement by offering its members a venue that doesn't "feel" any different when they are inside the lodge than outside of it. Once we encounter the preparation room, or make our progress through the degrees, it is hard to dismiss the awareness that we are engaged in something wholly different from our other community experience. We quickly learn that Masonry has a higher calling which requires that we make an ascent into the very center of our being. An endeavor of such high importance and due solemnity is not a run of the mill undertaking. It becomes clear there is nothing mediocre about Masonry. So why do we make it that way? Here's the problem. Accepting mediocrity in our lodge is the same as living a mediocre life. By making un-extraordinary acts and behaviors our ordinary practice, we entrap ourselves from knowing how precious life really is. We don't use the opportunities that come our way. Instead, we walk the walk with the rest of the herd and soon find ourselves in such a deep rut of limitations we lose sight of our own value. We become trapped in mediocrity. When nothing extraordinary, educational, insightful, compelling, intellectual, contemplative, spiritual, or fraternal occurs in our private, sacred, fraternal spaces, then we become only another ordinary, average, run of the mill, dime a dozen organization. It's hard to see how this kind of Masonry takes good men and makes them better... To distinguish ourselves among men and organizations, we first have to perceive in our own minds that we have something to do which will ultimately set us above the average. We start by thinking about the choices before us... Do we bring credit to our teachings, or debit them as ideals of the past? Do we become the examples that young men want to emulate, or do we seem to them as just another group of ho-hum guys? To be exemplary men, or an exemplary organization, we have to be exceptional in our awareness of who we are, what we are here to be doing, what we know, and how we practice what we know. We have to have courage to be different from the rest of the crowd - nobler in our expectations and more refined in our state of mind. Because that's just the way Masonry is. He who wants milk should not sit himself in the middle of a pasture and wait for a cow to back up to him!"

*By W:. Robert G. Davis - For more info go to [www.the.laudablepursuit.com/Robert-g-davis](http://www.the.laudablepursuit.com/Robert-g-davis)*

I'm almost done if you've made it this far. So what do we do? As was suggested in our last meeting, we need a

1. **Mission:** Why do we exist? What do we offer? What makes us different?
2. **Objective:** What is our target? How do we get there?
3. **Operations Order:** Situation, Mission, Execution, Sustainment

It's up to us to succeed or fail. Choices....

Lastly, thank you for allowing me to be Secretary for the last 2 1/2 years (thanks Joe N. for that 1/2!) It's been a rewarding experience to work with and meet the Brothers I have crossed paths with.

Remember....

....**TEMPUS FUGIT !**

Fraternally,

*Marcus Channell ~ PM*



**ALL THE WAY !**





**THIS MONTH: 95TH OVERSEAS LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION - 11 NOV 2015**

Breakfast at Mt. Vernon Lodge starts at 8:30 AM (1515 Ten Rod Road - North Kingstown)

Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery at 10:00 AM (301 South County Trail - Exeter)

Lunch at Overseas Lodge at 11:30-12:45 (Shrine Imperial Room - 1 Rhodes Place - Cranston)

Lodge opens for the Annual Communication at 1:00 PM (1300)

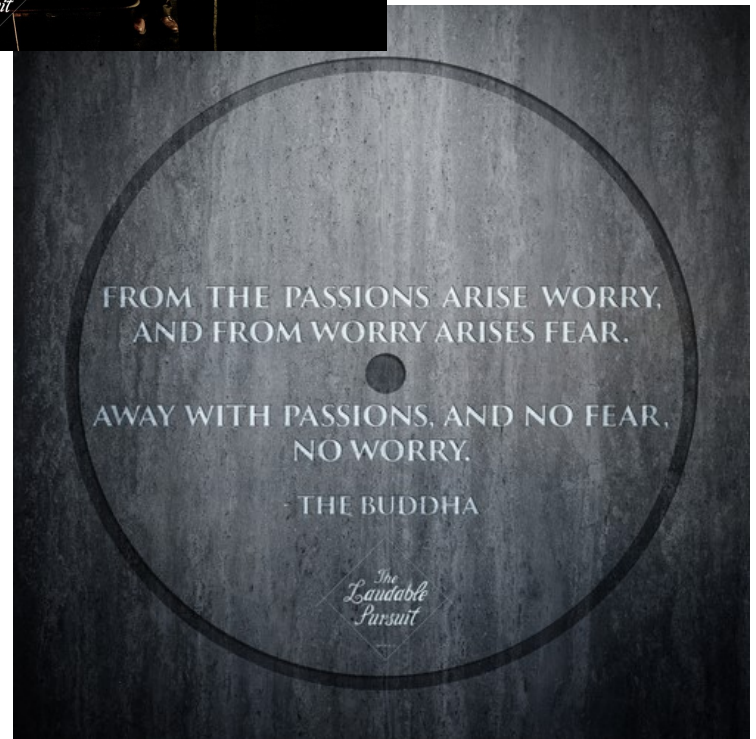
Annual Dinner - 6:00 PM (1800) (Shrine Imperial Room - 1 Rhodes Place - Cranston) - see flyer

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**8 DEC - HOLIDAY FAMILY DINNER 6 PM - PROGRAM ON JUVENILE DIABETES BY JDRF**

**1 JAN - 1ST ANNUAL RI FREEMASON POLAR PLUNGE - ROGER WHEELER STATE BEACH**

**13 FEB - VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER 6 PM**





## OVERSEAS LODGE ANNUAL 11 NOV 2014

### OFFICERS UP FOR ELECTION

WORSHIPFUL MASTER - MANFRED DIEL JR.  
 SENIOR WARDEN - W.: DALE EUGA  
 JUNIOR WARDEN - W.: BRYAN MARTIN  
 TREASURER - R.: W.: MICHAEL J. BARBOZA  
 SECRETARY - R.: W.: WYMAN P. HALLSTROM JR.

### BIRTHDAYS

### M.I.A.

### SICK CALL

Frank Yetner  
 PO Box 78 Lecanto, FL 34460-0078

### SEND A CARD TO A BROTHER !

Michael J. Barboza 11/5/1942  
 Manfred Diel Jr. 11/25/1965  
 Phillip Dixon 11/30/1978  
 Raymond Hassell 11/14/1946  
 Charles Jones Jr. 11/15/1919  
 Joseph Lopes 11/3/1937  
 Leonard Mandell 11/26/1940  
 David Ogilvie 11/16/1943

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!!!



### Officers Forum Dates

28 March 2016 - Jenks #24 (M)  
 28 Dec 2015 - Washington #3 (EB)  
 1 Oct 2015 - Morning Star #13 (N)  
 20 Nov 2015 - Manchester #12 (C)  
 10 May 2016 - Franklin #20 (S)

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

### Dates to Remember

3 NOV - REHEARSAL  
 11 NOV - ANNUAL  
 8 DEC - Holiday Family Dinner  
 1 JAN - 1st Annual RI Freemason  
 Polar Plunge

### DD Visitations-Metro District

8 Sept 2015 - Overseas #40  
 23 Oct 2015 - Rising Sun #30  
 11 Jan 2016 - Redwood #35  
 28 March 2016 - Jenks #24  
 20 Apr 2016 - St. Johns #1 P

\*Grand Master Visitation\*  
 8 March 2016 - Overseas #40

### OVERSEAS LODGE PAST MASTERS

WENDELL R. DAVIS -U.D. 1919  
 WINFIELD SOLOMON - 1920  
 ARTHUR S. VAUGHN - 1921  
 HAROLD L. McAUSSAN - 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  
 MICHAEL J. GARDINER JR. - 2013

