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Elected Officers 2025 - 2026

Worshipful Master

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February Meeting Call

Wednesday February 4, 2026

6:15 - Dinner

- ◆ Grilled Cheese & Split Pea Soup - \$10 donation

7:00 - Lodge Open

- ◆ Program: Presentation from the Northern RI Food Pantry



Important Dates

2/4 - Lafayette Lodge Stated Communication

2/21 - Lafayette Breakfast

2/27 - DDGM Visitation to Mt. Moriah

February Birthdays

Mark Freedman

Stephen Sirota

Andrew Sholes

Mark Ross

Michael Smith

Jason Riffkin

Jeff Petit

Richard Sholes

Richard Belford

Robert Lyle

Marc Ladin

Glen Macnie

John Demirs



From the East

Brethren,

We've had a very fun and active start to our Lafayette Masonic year. As I start to realize just how fast this year is starting to slip by, I pause to thank the Brothers not only for their engagement, but for their desire to continue to expand to do more in the future! I have had many Brothers come up to me and ask about what else we might do as an organization. I also reflect on an interview that I just did for Grand Lodge about why we are on such a good trajectory as a Lodge. I believe, that as I stated at St Johns Night, that we have great men that we share our lodge with. That is foundational. I also believe though, that the things that we do together as a lodge matter.

Thus, I refer to an article that my father sent me by Connecticut Bro. David J. Stewart called A Masonic Reflection on America's Semi-Quincentennial. In it, Bro. Stewart states:

"One day, when you are long gone, your name just might be mentioned in lodge. You won't be there to hear it, you won't know who said it, or why. But something you did, how you served, how you spoke, will echo in a room filled with brothers you never met. Your memory will sit among them, even if only for a moment.

This is one of the quiet truths of Freemasonry. We do not just build our own lives. We help build the lives of others, and in doing so, you and I become part of a living structure that endures beyond our time."

The question is... Who are those others? Brothers?... Yes. How about your families...your community? Those that are the benefactors of some of our charitable work? Many, actually, may never know! I am convinced that it doesn't matter who knows. Remember, the all seeing eye does. Our hearts do. Mostly though, in times that see so much division and frustration with our fellow man, the way to remedy that frustration is to do good things! No matter who knows! Brothers, we do good things here at Lafayette, and I continue to put it to us to do more!

As such, at February's monthly meeting, we will be hosting guests from the Northern RI Food Pantry in order that we may continue to learn about how we might continue to grow Lafayette presence in the community. Maybe someday, somebody will speak kindly of your memory because of some future work or impact that we may have with the Pantry. How wonderful that would be! Or maybe not.

Fraternally,

W.: Matt Ludwig

Appointed Officers

Shawn Pierce, Senior Deacon

James Bray, Junior Deacon

Keith Milette, Senior Steward

Curt Abbott, Junior Steward

Ken Conca, Sentinel

Sean Schofield, Tyler

W.: Jesse Thom, Marshal

R.:W.: Larry Thienel, Music Dir.

Joe Volpicelli, Chaplain

W.: David Becker, Ritual Advisor

Monthly Breakfast!

The Bacon Meister declares that there will be breakfast!

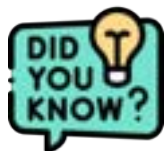
February 21

7:00 - 10:00

Lafayette Temple



From the Secretary



- ◆ Dues bills are now **PAST DUE!**
- ◆ Your membership costs the lodge \$104 in assessments
- ◆ The majority of dues charged is to cover those fixed costs
- ◆ It costs \$6.08 to send a certified letter as required by the non-payment of dues investigation process
- ◆ If you don't want to continue your membership, you can demit and save the lodge \$110 - contact the Secretary
- ◆ If you can't afford your dues we may be able to help - contact the Master

Congratulations Brother Curt Abbott!



January 19, 2026

Subject: Celebrating Curt Abbott – Recipient of Scouting America’s Silver Beaver Award

I am delighted to announce that Curt Abbott has been selected to receive the Silver Beaver Award from the Narragansett Council – Scouting America. This is the highest honor a local council can bestow upon a volunteer in the Scouting Program.

For 31 years, Curt has made a significant and lasting impact on countless youth through the Scouting Program with. His dedication, leadership, and commitment to service exemplify the very best of Scouting’s values.

To honor Abbott’s extraordinary service to our community, we invite you to join us in celebrating his achievements in the following ways:

1. **Recognize Curt’s volunteerism** in your organization’s newsletter, social media, or other communications.
2. **Attend the Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner** on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Venus de Milo in Swansea, MA. Purchase dinner tickets here: <https://scoutingevent.com/546-105630>.
3. **Honor Curt through a Tribute Ad** in the official dinner program. Options include ¼-page, ½-page, or full-page ads, which will also be featured on social media. Deadline: January 26. Purchase a Tribute Ad here: <https://scoutingevent.com/546-110219>.

This recognition is a meaningful way to highlight Abbott’s community service and reflect the values of volunteerism, community service and youth development.

Thank you for helping us honor outstanding partners, volunteers and leaders who continue to make a difference in our community.

Warm regards,

Tim McCandless
Scout Executive & CEO



IN MEMORIAM

The Supreme Architect of the Universe, in the wisdom of His unquestionable dispensation,
has seen fit to call to the Celestial Lodge above:

Brother George W. Babcock

Born: August 27, 1945

Initiated Lafayette Lodge No. 47: January 2, 1980

Passed Lafayette Lodge No. 47: March 5, 1980

Raised Lafayette Lodge No. 47: June 4, 1980

Signed By-Laws Lafayette Lodge No. 47: September 3, 1980

Worshipful Master Lafayette Lodge No. 47: October 1, 1986 – October 7, 1987

Died: January 18, 2026

Age: 80 Years

45 Years of service to the Masonic Fraternity

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We the members of Lafayette Lodge #47, F. & A.M., hereby extend to the family of our late Brother, our most heartfelt sympathy and commend to them a faithful reliance upon the Divine Will of the Omnipotent who doeth all things well. We shall understand His rulings when He maketh up His jewels, and we retain our reward.

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This Memorial is inscribed, forever, upon the records of Lafayette Lodge.

Past Masters - Lafayette Lodge No. 47

*Simpson, Robert V., 1961	#Long, Kenneth M., 1989	Kennedy, Leo F., 2018
*Carpenter, Leon G., 1961	#Long, Kenneth M., 1990	Becker, David C., 2019
*M:W: Jenks, Kenneth W., 1962	#Long, Kenneth M., 1991	Pellerin, Kevin A., 2020
*Chmura, Francis J., 1963	*R:W: Poirier, Neil F., 1992	Switzer, Leo, 2021
*Sorrentino, Stanley L., 1964	Young Jr., George L., 1993	Demirs, John T., 2022
*R:W: Damon, Neil F., 1965	Ludwig, James L., 1994	Emery, Derek, J., 2023
#Conklin, Harley J., 1966	Ludwig, James L., 1995	Thom, Jesse, 2024
*>Anderson, Wendall B., 1967	#R:W: Gregoire, Andre L., 1996	Matt Ludwig, 2025
*#Wagner, Frederick W., 1968	#R:W: Gregoire, Andre L., 1997	
*Shackerford, Andrew M., 1969	M:W: Smith, Steven E., 1998	
*Dennis, James C., 1970	R:W: Wright, David G., 1999	
*Collins Jr., Albert J., 1971	*R:W: Jannarelli, David A., 2000	
>Langille, Emery A., 1972	*Dolphin, Donald H., 2001	
*Johnson, William K., 1973	*Aquiline, Norman E., 2002	
*Large, Donald, 1974	>Dolphin, Craig M., 2003	
#Mercer, Frank J., 1975	>Dolphin, Craig M., 2004	
*Whatmough, John A., 1976	#R:W: Gregoire, Andre L., 2005	
*Fitzpatrick, James E., 1977	R:W: Wright, David G., 2006	
#Long, Kenneth M., 1978	Maddix, Robert R., 2007	
*R:W: Poirier, Neal F., 1979	Wheeler, Ronald E., 2008	
*Krueger, William E., 1980	#Bundeff, William P., 2009	
Turner, Robert J., 1981	R:W: Drisko, Robert A., 2010	
*Sawyer, Douglas M., 1982	R:W: Lyle, Robert D., 2011	
#DeBlois, Norman R., 1983	#Eddleston, Mark F., 2012	
Howles, David E., 1984	Cayer, Brian R., 2013	
Ledoux, Dennis M., 1985	R:W: Drisko, Robert A., 2014	* Deceased
*Babcock, George W., 1986	Hague, Edmund T., 2015	# Demitted
>Stokoe, Philip T., 1987	Acello, Stephen J., 2016	>Dropped
#Long, Kenneth M., 1988	Frampton, John P., 2017	

Past Masters - Redwood Lodge No. 35

#Noot, Meyer, 1878-79	*Hoffman, Felix V., 1911	*MacKay, Alexander M., 1942	*>Bomes, Robert A., 1972
*Hartman, Leopold, 1880	*Pierce, Benjamin F., 1912	*Rosen, Albert L., 1943	*Gordon, Stephen A., 1973
#Parker, Melvin, 1881	#Moir, George, 1913	*Entwistle, James H., 1944	*Maldavir, Melvyn S., 1974
*Spitz, John H., 1882	*Butler, Charles L. Jr., 1914	*Ress, Joseph W., 1945	*Silverman, Edward, 1975
*Green, Henry, 1883	*Taylor, Arthur, 1915	*Perrin, Howard S., 1946	Beranbaum, Stephen R., 1976
#Dawson, Thomas B., 1884	*Lincoln, Samuel E., 1916	*R.W. Novogrosski, Arthur, 1947	Kortick, Lawrence D., 1977
#Mullen, William H., 1885	*Baldwin, Henry f., 1917	*Cook, Walter R., 1948	*Jenkin, James, 1978
*Green, William H., 1886	*Harley, William F., 1918	*Strauss, Walter R., 1949	*Aron, Donald, 1979
*Mosely, William H., 1887	*Locke, Edward J, 1919	*Licht, Frank, 1950	R.W. Bromberg, Howard M., 1980
*Burlingame, Alvertus S., 1888	*Kelley, J. William, 1920	*Hendel, Maurice W., 1951	R.W. Sholes, Andrew G., 1981
*Clark, James W., 1889	*Misch, Walter P., 1921	*Hill, Henry M., 1952	*M.W. Wasserman, Arnold, 1982
*Boas, Herman, 1890	*Mason, Earl H., 1922	*Goodman, Max W., 1953	*Keating, Joseph, 1985
*Boulester, James E., 1891	*Brand, William C.H., 1923	*R.W. Cohen, Gerald P., 1954	R.W. Freedman, Mark H., 1986
*Lincoln, Eugene B., 1892	*Taylor, Burton RRR, 1924	*Michaelson, Julius, 1955	Krasner, Edward S., 1987
*Southey, Charles R., 1893	*R.W. Edwards, Ralph H, 1925	*Kumins, Albert, 1956	Chaika, Eric A., 1988
*Hahn, Jerome J., 1894	*Coppin, Charles b., 1926	*Robenstein, Louis Barach, 1957	*Myrow, Allan J., 1989
*Lincoln, Edwin B, 1895	*Mason, Williams H., 1927	*Bromberg, Morris H., 1958	*Goodman, Joseph, 1990
*Butler, Charles L., 1896	*Mowry, Walter H., 1928	*Arnold, Siegfried, 1958	#Charleson, James A., 1991
*Pierce, Charles E., 1897	*Wyman, Frederick W., 1929	*Mushnick, Frederick, 1959	Gaffin, Michael M., 1992
*Morton, Marcus W., 1898-99	*Beachman, Harold, 1930	*Millman, Benjamin, 1960	M.W. Sokoll, Richard, 1993
*Stanton, James W., 1900	*Brier, Charles, 1931	*Mandell, Leonard C., 1961	>Fishbein, Richard, 1994
*Perkins, Herbert R., 1901	*Whittaker, William B., 1932	*Haft, LeRoy, 1962	R.W. Lewis, Donovan J., 1995
*Bowen, Thomas A., 1902	*Taylor, Earl W., 1933	*>R.W. Brill, Marvin A., 1963	Chaika, Eric A., 1996
*Saunders, Harry L., 1903	*Lee, Howard S., 1934	*Rothman, Robert H., 1964	*Crisfulli, Frederick, 1997
*Albro, Seth M., 1904	*Garst, Arthur H., 1935	*M.W. Brombert, Malcolm, 1965	R.W. Elmekawy, Mekawy, 1998
*Lasell, Clarence K., 1905	*Baacke, Henry, 1936	*Schwartz, Abraham, 1966	R.W. Freedman, Mark H., 1999
*Smith, Alfred, 1906	*Rosen, Harry R., 1937	*Rottenberg, Louis, 1967	R.W. Miller, Samuel A, 2000
*Cutler, Harry, 1907	*Hartley, Richard H., 1938	*Miller, Meyer S., 1968	Hodges, James, 2001
*Boas, Bernard, 1908	*Gardner, Joseph J., 1939	*Malinou, Martin S., 1969	*>Richardson, Simon J., 2002
*Payson, Stephen R., 1909	*Davis, Harrie S, 1940	*Dressler, Abbott W., 1970	R.W. Miller, Samuel A., 2003
*Hawes, James A., 1910	*M.W. Abedon, Bernard, 1941	Gessman, Norman C., 1971	M.W. Kaufman, Gary S., 2004

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Ross, Micha T, 2005	Ponte, Michael, 2010	Cipriano, Dennis, 2015	Gessman, Roy, 2020
Kaplan, Andrew, 2006	Catanzaro, Kevin J., 2011	Goff, Robert, 2016	Geesman, Roy, 2021
R.W. Freedman, Mark H., 2007	Catanzaro, Kevin J., 2012	Alfonzo, Javier, 2017	>Meyette, Cory P., 2022
R.W. Miller, Samuel A., 2008	Ponte, Michael, 2013	>Rogovin, Michael, 2018	Brown, Andrew A., 2023
R.W. Bartlett, Harley W., 2009	Saunders, Jeffrey, 2014	Yaffe, Matthew, 2019	Sholes, Benjamin M., 2024

**Redwood Lodge
Chaplain Emeritus**

*R.W. Rosen, Judah, 2012

**Redwood Lodge
Honorary Past Master**

**R.W. Rosen, Judah, 2004

**Redwood Lodge
Affiliate Past Master**

*W. Reis, Avraham A.

**Redwood
Honorary Members**

*M.W. Curti, Alton T.,	*W. Haidenmenos, John	W. DeHann, Lawrence
*W. DeHann, Jacob	*W. Yeah, Elmer	
*W. Lavine, Albert	*M.W. Cardoza, Paul	
*W. DeHann, Stanley	M.W Lopez, John	
*W. Rachins, Gary	*W. Warner, James	

* Deceased

Demitted

>Dropped

Past Masters - Roosevelt Lodge No. 42

*M.W. Scott, Wilber A., 1921 - 23	*Rouslin, Benjamin, 1943	R.W. Sciaraffa, Charles C., 1963
*Green, William, 1923	*Blackman, Edward, 1944	*Davis, Phillip, 1964
*Docherty, Edgar M., 1924	*Emers, Lester D., 1945	*Ostarch, Henry, 1965
*Gregory, Ralph, 1925	*Docherty, Bruce M., 1946	Finkelman, Gerald C., 1966
*Vicario, Raphael, 1926	*Bloomberg, Harry A., 1947	*Cleinman, Samuel, 1967
*Friedlander, Israel, 1927	*Malzner, William I., 1948	*Macdonald, David A. Jr., 1968
*Pusateri, Augustus, 1928	*Goldman, Harry II, 1949	*Chaika William Y., 1969
*Brown, Charles, 1929	*Jagoliner, Harry D., 1950	*Limer, Harry, 1970
*Workman, Samuel H., 1930	*Duetch, Edward, 1951	*Ludovici, Peter, 1971
*Berberian, Arthur S., 1931	*Bloomberg, Sheldon O, 1952	*Tomasso, George, 1972
*Garr, Samuel, 1932	*Weiner, Benjamin, 1953	*Lamorte, Donato, 1973
*Blackman, Abraham, 1933	*R.W. Wolf, Jacob G., 1954	#Pulner, Edward R., 1974
*Marsella, Augustus, 1934	*Klein, Robert A., 1955	*Soren, Robert, 1975
*Silverman, Charles L., 1935	*Pagano, Nicholas, 1956	Tomas's, Steven, 1976
*Greenstein, Jacob, 1937	*Fellner, William, 1957	Pettrarca, Carmine, 1977
*Roitman, Aaron, 1938	*Ostrach, Morris L., 1958	Miller, Howard, 1978
*Selonek, Leslie M., 1939	*Goldberg, Bernard S., 1959	*Sugerman, Everett, 1979
*D'Antuono, Francis, 1940	*Silverstein, Al, 1960	*Iarocci, Michael, 1980
*Savasta, Stellerio, 1941	*Pagano, David, 1961	#DeBlois, Donald R., 1981
*Bolotow, Charles, 1942	#Dickens, Joseph, 1962	Davis, Alvin Jr., 1982

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Lafayette Temple Association 2025 - 2026

W.: Jesse Thom, President (2028)

WM.: Matt Ludwig, Vice President (ex officio)

W.: Ted Hague, Treasurer (2028)

R.: W.: Robert Drisko (2027)

R.: W.: Andy Sholes (2027)

W.: David Becker (2026)

W.: Brian Cayer (2026)

JW .: Michael Sprague (ex officio)

SW.: W.: Derek Emery (ex officio)



Past Masters Assoc.

W.: Jesse Thom, President

W.: Matt Ludwig, Vice President

W.: Ted Hague, Treasurer

R.: W.: Robert Lyle, Secretary



Sick and Distressed

If any Brother or if you know of one that is not well, please inform:

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