

April

2023



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District

### Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts

**R.:W.: Russell Alan Smith**  
**District Deputy Grand Master**

**22<sup>nd</sup> District Lodge**  
**Regular Communications**  
**& Business Meetings**

**Saint Paul Lodge**  
Gardner since 1797  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
7:00pm

**Aurora Lodge**  
Fitchburg since 1801  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month  
7:00pm

**Wilder Lodge**  
Leominster since 1859  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
7:30pm

**Hope Lodge**  
Gardner since 1864  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month  
7:00pm

**Artisan Lodge**  
Winchendon since 1865  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
6:45pm (Dinner served at  
6:00pm)

**Charles W. Moore Lodge**  
Fitchburg since 1865  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month  
7:00pm

*Brethren*

*Welcome to April, as we are now into spring and we can look forward to warmer weather and being outside. We have a lot of activities this month in the 22nd district. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to these events.*

*Remember that next month will be our doing an exemplification on the Fellow Craft Degree. Monday May 8th, in the Gardner apartments, dinner at 6:00pm. Please study and practice your ritual for this night, the 22nd district has always been strong and I am sure we will nail it again this year.*

*We have two Fraternal Visits this month, at Wilder Lodge and Artisan Lodge, hope to see as many Masons there to support these Lodges, also any Brother is welcome to attend my suite those evenings.*

*All those wishing to attend The Old Fitchburg 13th District Table Lodge on April 10th, please let Matt Christ know soon, it will be a great night of food and fellowship.*

*Remember to all Masters presiding and incoming that you need to attend Masters Path within 30 months prior to entering the east. If anyone needs a ride I will be going to the May 20 Maters Path in East Longmeadow.*

*Please try to attend as many LOI as possible, a great time to get together, be with Brothers and learn more about Masonry and this District.*

Sincerely and Fraternally

R.:W.: Russell Alan Smith  
RWRusssmith@yahoo.com



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## *22<sup>nd</sup> District Fraternal Visits 2023*

District Officers and Senior Lodge Officers are asked to attend on the District Suite during Fraternal Visits (FV). A Tuxedo and White Gloves are required for Officers to be on the Suite. All Members wearing a dark suit are invited to accompany the Suite.

<b>Wilder Lodge</b>	Leominster, MA	Tuesday	April 4th, 2023
<b>Artisan Lodge</b>	Winchendon, MA	Tuesday	April 11th, 2023

**The District Deputy Grand Master will be received at 8 p.m.**

## 22nd District Calendar

March 31st, 2023	FC Degree	CW. Moore Lodge	7:00pm
April 3rd, 2023	FC Degree	Aurora Lodge	7:00pm
April 4th, 2023	FV DDGM	Wilder Lodge	8:00pm
April 5th, 2023	LOI	Artisan Lodge	6:00pm
April 8th, 2023	Parade Athol, MA	(River Rat Race)	8:00am
April 8th, 2023	Game Night	Aurora Lodge	7:00pm
April 10, 2023	Table Lodge	St. Paul Lodge	6:00pm
April 11th, 2023	FV DDGM	Artisan Lodge	8:00pm
April 14th, 2023	OES Installation	Gardner, MA	4:00pm
April 17th, 2023	MM Degree	Aurora Lodge	6:00pm

## 22nd District Calendar of Regular Communications

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aurora Lodge	Fitchburg	7:00
April 4th	Wilder Lodge	Leominster	7:3
April 11th	Artisan Lodge	Winchedon	7:00
April 20th	Hope Lodge	Gardner	7:00
April 21st	Charles W. Moore	Fitchburg	7:00
April 26th	St. Paul Lodge	Gardner	7:00

## 22<sup>nd</sup> District Lodge of Instruction Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	Topic
APRIL 5th	<b>Artisan Lodge</b> , Winchedon	<i>Bro. Charles Tower Talk about Robert Burns The Mason and Poet</i>
MAY 3rd	<b>Wilder Lodge</b> , Leominster	<i>Speaker: Wor Joseph J (Joe) Turner Drones and Photography</i>
JUNE 7th	<b>Charles W. Moore Lodge</b> , Fitchburg	<i>Speaker: Brig. General Patriotism</i>

*Meal served at 6:00pm & Lodge Of Instruction OPENS AT 7:00pm*

**District Officers, Lodge Officers and Candidates are asked to attend in person.**

Brethren, it is important that we encourage strong attendance to these meetings. It is the only monthly scheduled event that regularly brings all district lodges together and is a wonderful opportunity to share and learn from one another.



50 year Veterans Medal  
Bro. Ronald Victor Legros  
March, 21st, 2023  
given as surprise  
at his place of employment





Aurora Lodge FC Degree    March 20th, 2023



Wilder Lodge MM Degree Tuesday March 21st, 2023



Harris Council One Day Class  
Congratulations Bro. David Savage



Step-up FC Degree Keene NH  
Members from 22nd District attended





# Robert Burns, The Poet, The Mason

*Presented by Bro. Charles Tower*

LOI Wednesday, April 5th Artisan Lodge, Winchendon MA

Meal at 6pm (including Haggis) LOI at 7pm

Please inform either Wor, Steve Hammond ([dubbaboy@yahoo.com](mailto:dubbaboy@yahoo.com))  
Bro. Adam Broussard ([abcbroussard@gmail.com](mailto:abcbroussard@gmail.com))  
for reservations by April 2nd \$25.00 per person



A special Scotch tasting after LOI



Wor. Michael Cook's & Wor. William Woodward's  
2nd Annual

*Ye Olde Fitchburg 13th District  
Table Lodge*

**HELD AT ST. PAUL'S LODGE 42 CENTRAL ST,  
GARDNER, MA 01440**

**\$50**

**6pm**

**April  
10th 6pm**

**Hosted by Wor. Johnathan Peckham &  
Caleb Butler Lodge**

**MONDAY MARCH 13TH DINNER  
PREPARED BY ST. PAUL'S LODGE**

**RSVP to: Bro Matthew  
Christ 508-789-7329 (c)  
mrchrist22@gmail.com**

Charles W Moore • Caleb Butler • St Paul's • Tahattawan •  
Aurora • Wilder • Trinity



# Menu

First Course  
Fruit Cup



Second Course  
Bacon Corn Chowder



Third Course  
Spinach Salad with Bacon Dressing



Fourth Course  
Teriyaki Chicken Skewer with Rice Pilaf



Fifth Course  
Lemon Sorbet



Sixth Course  
Pork Loin with Asparagus



Seventh Course  
Brownie with Vanilla Ice Cream

Looking forward to some great great

FELLOWSHIP

FOOD

FUN

### THE 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL INTERLODGE COOKING CONTEST

SUNDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2023

2:00 PM, Hope/St. Paul Lodge,

42 Central Street, Gardner, MA

Family and friends are welcome to attend and cheer on their favorite team.

Refreshments will be available.

Reminder: Each team should be made up of no more than 3 Brothers from the Lodge they represent

**\$50 entry fee.** This fee pays for all the ingredients for the competition.

Winner of this year's competition will get District Wide (and beyond) recognition, a SWEET Engraved Spatula Trophy, and the honor of hosting the event next year!

This even is a "Chopped" style contest, where the main basket of ingredients will remain secret until the contest begins. There will be a communal "Pantry" of items for all contestants to use and or share as well as boiling water. The contestants will be cooking on propane camp style stoves all with similar cookware and utensils.

This went very well in 2022, and we would love to see this continue on into the future.

Please send the list of team members, Lodge represented, and district represented to:

Worshipful Stephen Hammond

Email: [dubbaboy@yahoo.com](mailto:dubbaboy@yahoo.com)





**THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE  
OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
OF  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

You are cordially invited to accompany the

**Grand Master**

at the

**River Rat Race Parade**

on

**Saturday, April 8, 2023**

to begin at

**Our Lady Immaculate Church**

192 School St., Athol

Greet the Grand Master	8:45 A.M.
Assemble/Staging	9:15 A.M.
Parade begins	9:35 A.M.
Photos at the lodge	10:15 A.M.

**Attire:**

Grand Lodge Officers:	Morning Clothes, Purple Tie, Collars, White gloves & Aprons
District Deputies, Permanent Members, and Committee Chairman:	Dark Suit, Purple Tie, Collars, White Gloves & Aprons
Masters and Lodge Officers:	Tuxedo, Black Bow Tie, Collars, White Gloves & Aprons
Brethren:	Dark Jacket, Aprons and Tie

**Brethren All: Top Hats (requested not required)  
Aprons (required)**

*Aprons will not be provided at this venue*

Please respond via [MassMasons.org](https://MassMasons.org) by April 3, 2023



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**Details**

The River Rat Race is an annual event sponsored by the Lion's Club and held in Athol, Massachusetts. There are several events planned throughout the day if you and your family would like to spend the day to watch and enjoy. You are invited to participate in the parade that morning.

- Schedule: A full schedule of events of the day can be found at: [www.riverratrace.com/schedule](http://www.riverratrace.com/schedule)
- Breakfast: North Quabbin Lodge, A.F. & A.M. will be hosting a pancake breakfast to the public from 7:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Brothers are welcome to attend.
- Parking: Park at Our Lady Immaculate Church located at 19 School Street. Athol. Additional parking is located at St. John's Church located at 15 Park Avenue, Athol.
- Staging: Brethren will assemble near Our Lady Immaculate Church.
- Route: The parade will begin near Our Lady Immaculate Church and conclude near the North Quabbin Lodge building located at 336 Main St., Athol.
- Distance: 0.5 miles
- Vehicles: No vehicles are allowed on the route unless approved by RW William Kessler.
- Banners: All Brethren will march under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts banner.
- Bus: Volunteers will provide transportation to the parking area after the parade for those in need.

The Parade Committee reminds us:

- All parade participants must arrive at the parking area **no later than 8:45 AM.** The parade will step off at **9:35 AM SHARP!**
- Handing out flyers or any other promotional material is strictly prohibited
- Political Statements or other expressions are strictly prohibited

Contact:

For information the day of the parade, please call:

RW William Kessler, DDGM  
District 26  
c) 978-852-4709

**Don't forget your Top Hat**



**Johnny Ro Veterans Memorial Park  
& Operation Service**

is proud to sponsor the  
VAU Fallon Heroes Memorial

April 29th  
11:00 am



**VAU's Fallen Heroes Memorial is  
made up of 7040 dog tags that create  
an image of the American Flag. The  
Memorial also has 50 Gold Stars on  
the flag to honor Gold Star Families  
nationwide**



VETERANS & ATHLETES UNITED



**GROUP  
OUTINGS**



## NIGHT WITH THE *WooSox*

Join us for baseball and brotherhood as the WooSox take on the Buffalo Bisons.

Ticket options include access to the berm or a Field Box seat, as well as \$2 of ballpark credit to spend on concessions or merchandise. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Masonic Brotherhood Fund.

**Saturday May 6, 2023 - 4:05pm first pitch, gates open at 2:30pm**

**CONTACT:**

<https://fevogm.com/event/Massachusettsfreemasons>



## Clear Path for Veterans New England

Our friends at Clear Path ([clearpathne.org](http://clearpathne.org)) are busy at work supporting our Veterans. The work they do for our Veteran community is incredible and the facility they operate in Devens, MA is wonderful. Clear Path for Veterans New England is located at 84 Antietam Road, Devens MA 01434. They are always looking for volunteers or someone to spread the word to

veterans, so they know these services are available for them. You can also visit: **The Devens Project - Clear Path for Veterans New England ([clearpathne.org](http://clearpathne.org))** online for more information and details on regular monthly activities and events.



**Please be sure to join us at the November Lol at Wilder Lodge on 11/2 where members from Clear Path will be joining us to talk about their programs and activities. Be sure to spread the word and reach out to all Veterans so they can attend.**

## What's new on MassMasons.org

### Lodge Self-Assessment Survey

The fundamental purpose and main priority of this evaluation is to equip Lodge leadership with an understanding of their Lodge's strengths as well as the perceptions and understanding of their members about those same strengths. This tool affords each Lodge an educational opportunity to assess what is working and to shine a light on areas which may need improvement. Please go to [Massmasons.org](http://Massmasons.org) and share your thoughts today!

### The TROWEL is Online at [massmasons.org](http://massmasons.org)



# Other Local Masonic Bodies

## Aleppo Shriners of North America



**Fitchburg-Leominster Shrine Club** (Find us on Facebook @Fitchburg-Leominster Shrine Club)

President Karl Edmands (Skarle1954@live.com)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 1pm. Traditionally held at Slattery's Restaurant, 106 Lunenburg St, Fitchburg, MA 01420

### Gardner Shrine Club

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month. All Masons are welcome to attend.

For information please contact: David Sylvester (dabaspony@yahoo.com) 413-522-7950

## Ladies of the Oriental Shrine



### FUAD COURT NO. 30

Meeting: 2nd Friday 7:30pm (No Meetings in December & January)

Location: 11 Sculley Road, Ayer, MA 01432-0330

## Scottish Rite of Freemasonry



**Valley of Boston** – [scottishriteboston.org](http://scottishriteboston.org)

**Valley of Lowell** – [www.volsr.org](http://www.volsr.org)

**Valley of Worcester** – [www.worcesterscottishrite.org](http://www.worcesterscottishrite.org)

## York Rite Massachusetts



### Grand Council – Fitchburg

Harris (1917)

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (7pm)

16 Thorndike St.  
Fitchburg 01420

Andrew Paradis  
[andy68sep@yahoo.com](mailto:andy68sep@yahoo.com)

### Grand Commandery Knights Templar – Worcester

Worcester County

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (7:30pm)

1 Ionic Avenue  
Worcester 01608

Commandery No. 5 (1964)

John K. Andrews  
[worcyorkrite@gmail.com](mailto:worcyorkrite@gmail.com)

### Grand Royal Arch Chapter – Fitchburg & Leominster

Thomas (1821)

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (7pm)

16 Thorndike St.  
Fitchburg 01420

Chris Tourtellot  
[tallturtle@yahoo.com](mailto:tallturtle@yahoo.com)

Leominster (1923)

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (7pm)

69 West St.  
Leominster 01453

Robert A. Peete, Jr.  
[r.peete@comcast.net](mailto:r.peete@comcast.net)

## Order of the Eastern Star Massachusetts



Ida McKinley Chapter No. 86

4th Wednesday

Masonic Hall  
11 Sculley Rd  
Ayer, MA 01432  
978-772-3785  
AC/HC



Jessamine Chapter No. 75

2nd Friday

Masonic Hall  
42 Central Street  
Gardner, MA 01440  
978-632-6404  
HC with 2 steps to chair lift level



Cradle Rock Chapter No. 125

3rd Wednesday

Masonic Hall  
71 Pleasant Street  
Barre, MA 01005  
978-355-4003

<https://www.massoesnews.com/chapters>

## Youth Organizations

### Gardner Assembly No. 83



The International Order of the  
Rainbow for Girls

Meetings Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at the Masonic Hall in Gardner (All Masons are welcome to attend)

For information on the Assembly please contact:

Mom Advisor: Mrs. Christina Cooper, 978-846-7954 [gardner.assembly.83@gmail.com](mailto:gardner.assembly.83@gmail.com)

### Gardner Chapter DeMolay



Meeting: every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10:30am (All Masons are welcome to attend)

Location: 42 Central Street, Gardner, 01440

Chapter Dad Advisor: Dad David Sylvester, [dabaspony@yahoo.com](mailto:dabaspony@yahoo.com), 413-522-7950

Chapter Chairman: Dad Donald Hubbard, [dnldhubbard@gmail.com](mailto:dnldhubbard@gmail.com)

### Gardner Order of the Squires of the Round Table



Meeting: every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 10:30am

Location: 42 Central Street, Gardner, 01440

Contact Russ Smith [copyland@comcast.net](mailto:copyland@comcast.net)