

A stated communication of Harmony Lodge No. 42 A.F. & A.M. was held at the Masonic Temple, 531 Highland Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut on Thursday, **January 15th, 2026**, with the following officers in attendance:

Worshipful Master:	Kevin Kazlauskas	Senior Warden:	Matthew Renaudo
Junior Warden:	Alex J. DeFranzo	Treasurer:	Michael Kenausis, Absent
Secretary:	Gary A. Byram,	Senior Deacon:	Gerry Matthews, Absent
Junior Deacon:	Michael Pranulis, Absent	Senior Steward:	Patrick Donnelly, PM
Junior Steward:	Peter Testa	Chaplain:	Daniel Sharkis, PM
Historian:	Gerry Matthews	Marshal:	Joseph Pisani, PM
Tiler:	Colten Matthews	Librarian:	Joseph Pisani, PM
Almoner:	Kenneth Tarwood, PM		

In the East: WM Kevin Kazlauskas. Pro tem': WB Don Wismann as Junior Deacon

Past Masters: 12 Past Grand Masters:1 Grand Lodge Officers: 0 Visitors: 0 Total: 28

Harmony Lodge No. 42 opened on the Master Mason Degree at 7:29 PM, and the WM led the Craft in Pledging Allegiance to our Nation's Flag. The WM then welcomed our Past Masters, and PGM Marshall Robinson.

WM Kevin then proceeded with making several announcements...

1. Requested a moment of silent prayer in honor of the passing of MWPGM Edward Page who had just dies yesterday. The alter was cloaked in a black cloth. A moment of silent prayer had, followed a few words were said on his behalf.
2. Discussed the Gala event and the progress of the sub-committee, Harmony Lodge being the host, approved up to \$900 for a full page ad. Discussion had, motion to vote made, all in favor, motion approved. The details shall be worked out with WB Fred Marotti as he is assisting in on the total coordination of the entire event, as he has for the last 4 Gala events.
3. Jewels were refurbished at a cost of \$150, of which was funded from the BFBQ proceeds, and are stored in the lodge closet, which is safely locked, in the Officer's office beyond the Secretary.
4. Discussed a 2026 budget plan, upon meeting the Treasurer where they reviewed three years of total expenditures and determined that \$55,150.00 was a good target. A reminder to all that Harmony on collects \$25.00 from each membership dues, the balance goes to Grand Lodge as a Per Capita fee, paid twice a year. Other revenues shall come from fundraisers and raffles. Further discussion was had, motion made to vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

1. **\$169.00** collected for dinner, given to treasurer.
2. Reminded the craft that those who haven't paid their dues to please do so.
3. Bluewave Project, just noted that WB Jason Gadue will Replace WB Hal Elwell. Change will be made in the Lodge profile in Grand Lodge.

Treasurer's Business Report:

1. WMTC discussion of cost was presented to the craft such as escalating operational cost on overhead in recent years. Harmony Lodge dues haven't increased in 25 years, shared expenses paid to WMTC also have not increased, yet expenses and capital improvement costs continue to escalate, resulting in a slight negative cash flow between shared expenses paid into WMTC versus actual expenditures. We are looking at ways to fundraise to earn more cash. Representative members from both Harmony Lodge and AASR serve the WMTC board well, however this same conversation needs to be had with the Valley of Waterbury(AASR). This was a long discussion with the craft, and in the end WMTC is asking for a \$3000 increase, per body, towards shared expenses effective in 2026. Then thereafter a 3% per year cost of increase to keep up with all utilities, insurances, labor and cot of material escalations. WMTC will be sending out a letter. No motion for vote was required, as this topic was for awareness and conversation only.

WM Kevin continued...

1. Gala Event: Brothers Geery Matthews and Tim Brady offered to split the cost of the ad booklet cover page.
2. WB Joseph Pisani announced the Feb 25th Garibaldi Club Degree at Wooster Lodge No. 79.
3. Mentioned memorial service for MWB Ed Page being held at Ashlar Village Knapp Hall on February 28th at 2PM.
4. Refer all badge and title plate request to Bro. Secretary Gary.

5. WB Ken Tarwood gave an update on the full completion of the lodge by-laws, with CT-GL signatures, were returned to him. Handed to the Secretary.
6. Past Master aprons presented to WB Patrick Donnelly and WB Matthew Elwell.

In closing, having no further business appearing before the craft, WM Kevin closed the lodge at 8:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary

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