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, **November 5th, 2026,** with the following officers in attendance:

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

In the East: WM Kevin Kazlauskas. **Pro tem':** Tyler- Frank Bombardier; Junior Warden – Matt Elwell, PM

Past Masters: 9 Past Grand Masters: 1 Grand Lodge Officers: 0 Visitors: 4 Total: 21
Visitors: Wolcott Lodge No. 146 – Joseph Brenes, PM, Roger Gray, PM, Lawerence H. Barone, PM, Jonathan J. Brenes

Harmony Lodge No. 42 opened on the Fellow Craft Degree at 7:33 PM by WM Kevin, instructed WB Daniel to lead the craft in prayer, followed by Pledge of Allegiance to our Nation's Flag. WM Kevin then acknowledged all Past Masters present tonight, and including our 4 guests from Wolcott Lodge No. 146.

Secretary's Report:

1. **$138.00** collected for tonight's dinner receipts.
2. Advised the craft that previous meeting minutes were emailed to the membership and to contact me directly if anyone should have any questions or comments of the posted minutes.
3. Fall Trestle Board: Mentioned to the craft to reference my email for the remaining meeting schedule for this calendar year.
4. Updated the craft on the progress made with WB Russell Griswold and myself with regards to the Necrology & Awards program. I contacted the families of our deceased brothers inviting them to attend, as well as each brother receiving their 5-year incremental service years pin. I'm awaiting their responses and compiling a list of attendees.
5. Blue Wave Inquiries Follow-Up: Grand Lodge tracks all Blue Wave Inquiries (men going on-line to fill out a form showing interest in joining freemasonry) of which Harmony Lodge currently has 8 in the que. I reminded all that it is imperative that we follow up with phone calls, try to meet, invite them to the lodge, etc. I suggested that we revisit this and assign someone to take the lead and possibly create a new committee. WM Kevin volunteered to take the lead going into 2027 and I will compile a list of inquiries and forward to him.
6. Our inventory of Masonic Bibles given to newly raised MM's was depleted, and I purchased 3 cases from Heirloom Bibles at a cost of $561.07 and requested reimbursement. Discuss was had, motion made to issue a check, and thus so approved under Voucher #5321.
7. I purchased an order for 125pcs of "Square & Compasses" brass medallions, used on our Harmony Lodge member badges, with Awards Shop who is currently the only know vendor of 7/8" diameter medallions. I have the medallions in my possession and will deliver them to Barker Specialty (our new badge maker located in Cheshire, CT) who will then begin processing new member badges. The cost incurred by me is $287.50. Discussion ensued, motion made to issue a check, and thus so approved under Voucher #5320.
8. Lodge Officers Aprons: Kalamazoo Sportswear & Regalia currently is the company whom we purchase our Past Masters apron from. Their prices are very reasonable, and product quality is exceptional. I had inquired with them to provide a quote to replace all 13 officer aprons as a full set on one order. They sent me a sample and I had it passed around to the craft for inspection and comment. The total estimated charge with order one set-up fee and freight is $1300.00. A quick discussion was had, motion made to approve and thus it was so approved. I will place an order for a full set of officers aprons.
9. I received and presented to the craft a thank you letter from "House of Hero's of Connecticut" for our $500.00 donation. We all be so proud that Harmony Lodge makes such contributions and have the available funds to so.
10. Updated the craft on 2026 membership dues owed; as of tonight's meeting I'm down to collecting dues from 27 brothers totaling about $2700.00
11. Having no further business to present, no follow up questions asked, my desk was found to be clear.

Treasurer's Report: No report given at this time.

WM Kevin Kazlauskas Agenda Topics:

1. WM Kevin attended the Grand Lodge of CT semi-annual meeting and gave us the outcome of the meeting and in detail the outcome of two critical votes.
    a. Member Per-Capita Fee Assessment – said fee was approved to increase from $65.00 to $90.00 starting in 2027. This applies to all Connecticut lodges. Harmony Lodge No. 42 will have to increase their annual dues by $25.00 increasing the annual member fee to $115.00. This will be reflected in the 2027 invoices.
    b. Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft candidates will start paying "Candidate Dues" of $90.00 per year. This will start in 2027 whereas the Secretary will invoice the candidates accordingly. The intent of these new dues charges is to encourage that all candidates advance in a more timely fashion until that are raised the sublime degree of Master Mason. I will update my interview application forms to reflect the new dues fee to ensure that this, and all fees, are discussed with candidates during their interview.
2. The Halloween Candy Handout event was a great success where it was estimated that 870 people stopped by the lodge for candy and refreshments. We also handed out glow sticks and 600 toothbrush kits.
3. Harmony Lodge needs to host another coat drive, annually referred to as "Keep 'Em Warm Drive", and WB Chris Martinelli has offered to spearhead this event. Thank you Brother Chris!
4. We will be planning a "Toy's for Tot's" collection drive. We are all encouraged to purchase new toys and bring them into the lodge. WM Kevin will lead this effort and keep us posted with further details.
5. Necrology & Awards Night, Thursday November 19th: The event planning is on schedule, and program is being run by WB Russ Griswold.
6. Seneca Lodge No. 55 will be hosting a MM Degree here at Harmony Lodge on Saturday, 11/28/2026, from 1-5PM, with dinner being served at half-time. Dress code is jacket & tie; tuxedo's for officers participating in the degree. This is a Seneca Lodge event where RW Kenneth Tarwood is helping to coordinate the event. Harmony Lodge will have 2 candidates taking the degree. We are welcomed to attend. Let RW Ken know if you plan on attending, email to kentarwood@ctfreemasons.net.
7. The annual meeting and election of officers will take place on Thursday night, December 3rd.
    a. Secretary Auditors assigned: Brothers Frank Bombardier and Peter Testa. Date to be scheduled.
    b. Treasurer Auditors assigned: Gary Byram and Matt Ranaudo. Date to be scheduled.
8. Christmas dinner is set for Thursday night, December 17th, with casual attire, families and friends are invited, and brothers are welcomed to bring appetizers. Advise our Stewards if you are planning to attend so that they can better prepare the dinner. WM Kevin will bring the officers only up to the lodge for a quick Stated Communication meeting opening, and then close thereafter.
9. At this time I mentioned to the craft that both of our printers (lodge office and library) are both inoperable. I was asking to purchase one new printer with a not to exceed price of $200.00, however WM Kevin said not to and offered to donate his home printer, which is fairly new with very few hours of operation on it, to the Temple. All were thankful of his generosity.
10. Bro. Larry Brandolini spoke of his attendance at the recent MM Degree presented by Masonic Education and how excellent all the degree work was throughout. He offered to share his experience with anyone outside of Stated Communication and to see him directly. Thank you, Bro. Larry!
11. Bro. Mike Kenausis discussed the success of the WMTC 2nd annual blood drive where a total of 17 donations were made. Thanked all those brothers who volunteered their time over the day and who donated blood.
12. RW Ken Tarwood, DD-3B requested, as Lodge Almoner, to assist him with a distressed brother with fall clean up, about 1 hour of time needed, date to be determined soon, and some tools will be needed. Brothers Russ Griswold, Mike Kenausis, and Larry Brandolini volunteered their services to assist a worthy brother.
13. Bro. Junior Steward Peter Testa asked to form a committee to clean up, organize, and add missing pictures and nameplates to Past Master picture boards hanging in the dining hall. Peter shall take the lead on this long overdue project and will be assisted by RW Ken Tarwood with printing of photographs. More to follow as needed.
14. Bro. Mike Kenausis noted that for the annual meeting when presenting the Harrub Fund report needed committee volunteers to discuss and recommend the charity organizations and donations thereof. Brothers Gerry Matthews, WB Chris Martinelli and Matt Ranaudo volunteered, and Matt will coordinate that meeting time.
15. Visiting WB Joseph Brenes spoke to the craft of the desire and intentions of Wolcott Lodge No.146 wanting to merge with Harmony Lodge and noted the difficulties Wolcott Lodge of not have their own lodge Temple and hosting all their meetings as a Table Lodge at East Street Restaurant in Wolcott. Along with his officers in attendance, formally requested that Wolcott Lodge to merge with Harmony Lodge. Knowing that this was a difficult request to present to the craft, we all in turn showed our support by giving him a standing round of applause. WM Kevin then appointed a merger committee which shall consist of RW Kenneth Tarwood, WM Kevin, Mike Kenausis, Gary Byram, WB Dan Sharkis, Frank Bombardier, and WB Chris Martinelli. Bro. Gary Byram to coordinate setting up email and text messaging groups with WB Joe Brenes.
16. Bro. Peter Testa asked that since tonight's meeting was before the Nov. 11th Veterans Day, he asked of WM Keving if all veterans could stand to be so honored by the craft. And so, it was done with a heartfelt round of applause! Thank you to all our lodge veterans who proudly served our country!

WM Kevin asked RW Kenneth Tarwood, DD-3B to make district and Grand Lodge announcements, who passed along MWGM Shane's best wished to all and their families during Thanksgiving Holiday, never forget our widows and ladies of our deceased brother and forever keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Let's make sure that we continue to improve our Proficiency in Lectures and Degree work. Urges us to do more, schedule time for a "Call 'em All' and speak to those brothers you haven't seen in lodge in a lone time or in destress in anyway. Then added that MWGM Shane will award any lodge who accomplishes three of these tasks. RW Ken and WM Kevin will coordinate the "Call 'em All" meeting and create a spreadsheet to track our calls and share the results with MWGM Shane. This must be done by the end of the year. More to follow on all this. RW Ken than gave a closing word of warm and fraternal greetings for MWGM Shane and Grand Lodge officers.

Having no further lodge business, WM Kevin proceeded to close the lodge at 8:20PM.

Upon review of the minutes, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments. Never hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

Respectfully Submitted

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