

Lodge Bulletin

June 2026



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Master's Message

Brethren,

June honors Dr. Joseph Warren and his themes of Service and Sacrifice. Warren was a Mason of the Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston, its Master, and the Grand Master of Masons for the Continent of America. In America's 250th year, the anniversary of his death falls this very month.

Warren was a physician first, with a busy practice in Boston and patients who included Samuel Adams and John Hancock. But he gave the Revolution more than his medicine. He wrote the Suffolk Resolves, gave the Boston Massacre orations, and on the night of April 18, 1775, sent Paul Revere and William Dawes toward Lexington.

On June 14, 1775, the Provincial Congress made him a Major General. Three days later he came to the redoubt at Bunker Hill as a volunteer. Putnam and Prescott both offered him command; he declined, took up a musket, and fought in the ranks. When Elbridge Gerry begged him to keep clear of the fighting, Warren answered with a line from Horace, "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori," it is sweet and fitting to die for one's country. He was killed by a shot to the head, thirty-four years old.

The British buried him in an unmarked grave with another fallen man. Ten months later, after they abandoned Boston, his Brothers went back for him. The body could no longer be recognized, but Paul Revere had once wired two false teeth into Warren's jaw, and by that work he knew his friend, and brought him home.

June is also Men's Mental Health Month. There is something worth sitting with in the fact that the man who tended the health of others, who fought an epidemic and mended his neighbors' bodies, was himself the one who fell. The men who do the caring are often the last to be cared for, and the slowest to ask.

Most of us will never charge a redoubt or send riders into the dark. But all of us are asked to watch over a Brother, his health, and the burdens he is too proud to name, the way Warren's Brothers watched over him.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Jonathan J. Siudmak
Worshipful Master
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June 2026

June 9

Fraternal Visit to Henry Knox Field John Blair Lodge No. 349

Grand Master's Official Visit

6:30 PM | Fellowship Dinner

7:30 PM | Stated Communication

Henry Knox Field John Blair Lodge No. 349

June 11

6:30 PM | Fellowship Dinner

7:30 PM | Stated Communication

Open Program:

Presentation on Dr. Joseph Warren

by Author of *Founding Martyr: The Life and Death of Dr. Joseph Warren, the American Revolution's Lost Hero*

Bro. Christian Di Spigna

GWMNM

June 13

Right Worshipful Dick Laaken's 90th Natural Birthday, 50th Masonic Birthday, and 60th Wedding Anniversary to Lady Barbro Celebration

11:00 AM | Ceremony Begins

12:00 PM | Luncheon

GWMNM

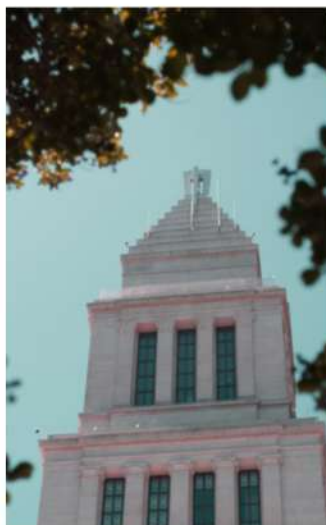
June 24

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 Table Lodge

Link for Tickets: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/LF2NAFZX5NFR2>
Gadsby's Tavern

- Catechism Schools are every Thursday night at 6:30 PM and Saturday morning at 10:00 AM unless otherwise noted. Ritual Schools are every Thursday night (except on Stated Communication night) at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted. All Masons are welcome.
- To follow the Master's personal Masonic schedule. Please view the Master@AW22.org shared Google Calendar.

Quarry Gems



Similarities	Differences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiation & degrees Secrecy & esoteric knowledge Community as container for transformation Light vs darkness as central idea Sacred architecture and geometry Predominantly (if not totally) male 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dualism vs integration Essenes were ascetics Masonry is embedded in the social fabric (community engagement) Population (~4k vs 1m+) Essenes were more strict Masonry is more focused on dogma/ritual than inner work

Perspectives of the Craft

Dr. Joseph Warren: The Freemason Who Chose the Front Line
by Bro. Javier Amaya

When people think of the American Revolution, familiar names tend to rise first—Washington, Adams, Jefferson. Yet one of the Revolution's most influential early leaders is often overlooked today: Dr. Joseph Warren, a physician, patriot, and prominent Freemason whose death helped transform colonial resistance into full rebellion.

Warren did not begin as a soldier. Born in Massachusetts in 1741 and trained as a doctor, he built a respected medical practice in Boston during a time when tensions with Britain simmered just beneath daily life. Patients trusted him not only for his skill but also for his calm judgment—qualities that soon drew him into politics.

Freemasonry played an important role in Warren's rise. Colonial lodges were more than social clubs; they were spaces where merchants, craftsmen, and intellectuals met as equals. Ideas about liberty, moral responsibility, and civic virtue circulated freely there. Warren became deeply involved in Masonic leadership and eventually served as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. The fraternity's emphasis on reasoned debate and personal honor closely aligned with the political ideals gaining momentum in the colonies.

By the early 1770s, Warren had become one of Boston's most trusted revolutionary organizers. He drafted influential protest documents and worked closely with resistance leaders coordinating responses to British policies. Perhaps most famously, Warren played a quiet but decisive role on the night of April 18, 1775. It was he who dispatched riders—including Paul Revere and William Dawes—to warn colonial militias that British troops were marching toward Lexington and Concord. Without those warnings, the opening battles of the Revolution might have unfolded very differently.

Despite his growing political authority, Warren resisted remaining safely behind the scenes once fighting began. In June 1775, colonial forces fortified positions overlooking Boston at Breed's Hill, commonly remembered as the Battle of Bunker Hill. Warren had recently been appointed a major general, which would normally have entitled him to command from a secure position.

Instead, he volunteered to fight as an ordinary soldier.

Witnesses later recalled that Warren believed leaders should share the risks faced by the men they inspired. During the fierce British assault, colonial fighters held their ground longer than expected, inflicting heavy casualties. But ammunition eventually ran out, and British troops overran the position. Warren was killed during the retreat, recognized afterward by acquaintances despite the chaos of battle.

Ironically, his death may have strengthened the revolutionary cause more than his continued leadership might have. News spread rapidly through the colonies, and Warren became one of the Revolution's first martyrs—a respected physician and civic leader who had willingly stood shoulder to shoulder with common soldiers.

Freemasons across the colonies memorialized him, emphasizing ideals of brotherhood and sacrifice that resonated far beyond lodge walls. Even decades later, veterans spoke of Warren as a man who embodied the belief that liberty required personal commitment, not just powerful words.

Today, Joseph Warren's name appears less often in textbooks, yet his story offers a revealing glimpse into how networks like Freemasonry quietly connected leaders during the Revolution—and how one man chose principle over privilege at a moment that helped shape a nation.

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Happy Masonic Birthday



BRO. JAMES MADISON SNYDER, JUNE 16, 74 YEARS

BRO. JOHN PIPTA, JUNE 22, 62 YEARS

BRO. CHARLES WILLIAM MCELWEE, JUNE 4, 56 YEARS

BRO. WILLIAM JOHN BLACK, JUNE 19, 53 YEARS

BRO. RUFUS BAXTER GRIFFITH, JR., JUNE 23, 51 YEARS

BRO. ROBERT BLAINE BABER, JR., JUNE 30, 51 YEARS

BRO. BRUCE HARRISON PHILLIPS, JUNE 3, 50 YEARS

WOR. PAUL HAMLETT GOFORTH, JUNE 15, 45 YEARS

WOR. LARRY EDWARD WILLIAMS, JUNE 7, 43 YEARS

BRO. DONALD SAUNDERS LITMAN, JUNE 9, 40 YEARS

BRO. KEVIN MARK KERN, JUNE 28, 37 YEARS

BRO. JOEL SCOTT ARMSTRONG, JUNE 21, 31 YEARS

BRO. DOUGLAS JEFFREY SNOW, JUNE 15, 30 YEARS

BRO. CHRISTOPHER NORTON, JUNE 7, 29 YEARS

BRO. ROBERT WILLIAM RONDEAU, JUNE 30, 29 YEARS

BRO. PASCAL BUSSIERE, JUNE 25, 28 YEARS

BRO. LUIS ANGEL VEGA, JR., JUNE 2, 27 YEARS

RW. MICHAEL SCOTT GRIFFIN 23 YEARS

BRO. MATTHEW ROMAN, JUNE 15, 22 YEARS

WOR. MICHAEL LEE BAILEY, JUNE 1, 20 YEARS

WOR. DAVID GABRIEL BELLA, JUNE 7, 8 YEARS

BRO. MARK MATHEW ADAMS, JUNE 20, 7 YEARS

WOR. NELO ALLEN HAMILTON, JR., JUNE 20, 7 YEARS

BRO. BRIAN ROBERT MARVIN, JUNE 22, 3 YEARS

BRO. JOHN RAY MCDUFFIE, JUNE 20, 2 YEARS

BRO. RICHARD SAMUEL RUSSELL, JR. 1 YEAR



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