

Roger W. Pageau of Northborough Installed Grand Master of Freemasons in Massachusetts

ROGER William Pageau of Northborough was installed the 86th Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, and will preside over 235 lodges and 40,000 Freemasons throughout the Commonwealth for the next three years. Past Grand Masters include **Paul Revere**, General **Joseph Warren**, and **Arthur W. Coolidge**, former Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts.

The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts was chartered in 1733, following the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, and Ireland in 1725, making it the third oldest in the world, and the oldest in the Western Hemisphere. Due to this precedent, the Grand Master of Massachusetts is often referred to as the third "ranking" Mason in the world. In 2008 the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will be marking its 275th Anniversary. The culmination will take place during the weekend of May 2-5, 2008, when public dignitaries and Masons from across the country and around the world will visit Boston for its celebration.

As Grand Master, Pageau has two distinct, yet equally important, responsibilities. First, he serves as the fraternal leader of the institution. In this capacity he ensures the activities that take place within the jurisdiction comply with the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge as initially adopted in 1792 and amended through 2007. He also has numerous ceremonial privileges reserved for his position.

The second primary duty of the Grand Master is overseeing the business of the Grand Lodge, including:

- Chairman, Grand Lodge Board of Directors.
 - President, Masonic Education & Charitable Trust (MECT). The MECT is a 501(c)3 corporation overseeing the charitable arm of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.
 - Chairman, Grand Lodge Library and Museum Board of Directors. A 501(c)3 responsible for the Samuel Crocker Lawrence Library and the Grand Lodge Museum Collection, both of which are open to the public.
 - Chairman, Overlook Masonic Health System (MHS) Board of Directors. Based in Charlton, MA, the MHS includes the Overlook Life Care Communities featuring independent, enhanced, and skilled nursing, and a post-acute unit; and the Overlook Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice Services, Inc. caring for over 1,700 people each day.
- Raised in Littleton, NH and educated in the Littleton Public School system, Pageau graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. In 2003 he retired as Treasury Manager for National Grid, Westborough after 35 years of service. Grand Master Pageau served as the Grand Treasurer, or Chief Financial Officer, of the Grand Lodge of Masons between 2003 and his election as Grand Master.

Pageau is a member of Westborough's United Methodist Church. His professional affiliations include the Association of Financial Professionals, and the Treasury Management Association of New



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England, for which he was President in 1995-96. He also served on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross of Central Mass from 1985-92.

In 1976 he began his Masonic career by joining John Warren Lodge, Hopkinton. He served as the Worshipful Master, or presiding officer, in 1987-88. Masons use the original definition of "worshipful," meaning "honorable"; English mayors and judges are still addressed as "Worshipful." As Grand Master, Pageau will be called "Most Worshipful." He is also a member of Rose of Sharon Lodge, Charlton; The Masters Lodge, Needham; and is an honorary member of Dalhousie Lodge, Newton.

Grand Master Pageau served as a District Deputy Grand Master in 1994-95. The lodges in the Commonwealth are divided into 31 Districts lead by a District Deputy who is the Grand Master's representative there. During that year he was named a Grand Representative for Wisconsin. In 1996 Grand Master **Arthur E. Johnson** appointed him Deputy Grand Master, the second highest ranking Mason in the state. In that year he was also awarded the Henry Price Medal, the highest honor conferred by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Following the completion of his one-year term, he joined the Grand Lodge of Board of Directors, on which he served until assuming the position of Grand Treasurer.

Active in several Masonic organizations, Most Worshipful Pageau is a member of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Worcester. Between 1995 and 1997 he led the Chapter of Rose Croix, one of four bodies within Scottish Rite, as Most Wise Master. In 2002,

he received his 33° at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America. About one-third of the country's 1.5 million Masons become 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Of those, less than 1% receives the 33° recognizing their service to humanity, their communities, or Freemasonry. He belongs to Saint Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston Council, and Saint Bernard's Commandery #12 of the York Rite. He is also a member of Aleppo Shriners, Wilmington, MA.

Pageau and his wife, **Thelma**, have two daughters, Mrs. **Amy M. Seitz** of Grafton, and Dr. **Gayle G. Pageau**, Ph.D. of Worcester.

Freemasons belong to the world's oldest and largest fraternity. Comprised of men from every race, religion, nationality, and opinion, it aims to promote friendship, morality, and brotherly love among its members. Dedicated to the principle of making good men better, Freemasonry develops and strengthens the character of its members by providing meaningful opportunities for fellowship, charity, leadership, and education. By contributing to the improvement of the individual man, through him the institution helps make his family, workplace, and community better. North American Masonic philanthropies contribute more than \$3 million every day, 70% of which goes directly to the general public. The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts represents 40,000 members and 235 Lodges throughout the Commonwealth. Founded in 1733 it is the oldest Grand Lodge in the Western Hemisphere and the third oldest in the world. For more information please call 1.800.882.1080 or visit MassFreemasonry.org.



CAPTAIN EMERITUS Irving B. Ruggles presented **Illustrious Potentate, Stephen G. Eriksen**, with a check at the Re-enlistment Banquet on January 30, 2008. The check for \$503, from the Provost Guard, was for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund.

North Shore Shrine Club Shows Appreciation

By **GLOVER BROUGHTON**

FOR many years we have visited the North Shore Children's Hospital just before Christmas and again in July. Our Santa Clause has presented stuffed animals and/or dolls and/or wooden (un-painted) toys. These items are presented to us by **Ronald F. Bolduc** who makes the wooden toys in his workshop during the winter months when he was snowbound in Maine. His wife **Mim** buys the stuffed animals and dolls and gives them to us. What a sweet lady!

In appreciation for all their hard work and dedication we had a plaque made and presented it to Ron and Mime. Afterwards we went to the Salem, MA, Ninety-Nine Restaraunt for lunch. Ron incidentally, was president of the North Shore Shrine Club in 1985.



RON AND MIM BOLDUC with the plaque given to them by the North Shore Shrine Club for all their hard work over the years. Left to right; **Mim Bolduc, Ron Bolduc, Brownie, Charlie Collins President, and Don Grant.**

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