

**On behalf of Sylvester Baxter Royal Arch Chapter** I congratulate all the Brothers of King Hiram;’ on this happy occasion, As some our visitors may not know, this hall was constructed in 1869 and dedicated in Jan 1870. It was constructed both as a Blue Lodge—King Hiram’s and as a “Red Chapter” Joseph Warren Royal Arch Chapter.— hence the alternating blue and red valences.

Joseph Warren Chapter was organized in June of 1869 and constituted in June 1870 in this hall— where it remained for over 80 years. You see the Charter there upon the wall. Through the years Joseph Warren Chapter was a great support of the building. There are numerous records of improvement to the building paid for by the Chapter. One time the Chapter re-did the Candidates Preparation room, another time they paid for new carpeting. Joseph Warren Royal Arch Chapter merged with Sylvester Baxter in 1988 and currently meets in Orleans. In recent years the support has gone the other way and King Hiram’s has often generously aided Chapter by allowing us to meet here in Jan and Feb when Orleans Masonic Apartments are close.

In recognition and in token of this support the Chapter has presented KHL with a new electronic picture frame now in the upper foyer. We wish it were in our cable tow as well as our hearts to thank you more generously.

There was always a close relationship between Joseph Warren RAC and King Hiram’s. Of its first 20 High Priests - 16 of them were also Masters of KHL. There are some interesting stories, however:

The first High Priest was Jeremiah Stone born 1799, for many years a Physician in Provincetown. We have copy of the muster of him reporting to the Long Point Battery during the Civil War. He was for several years Secretary of King Hiram’s Lodge

But it was not always harmony in the Lodge, In Jul of 1851 he resigned as SW. and was appointed DDGM. In Oct 1851 he visited the Lodge and was rejected by the Lodge. Although the sitting Master was Joseph Prosper Johnson, there pictured, eventually 2nd High Priest, in the chair that evening was Geoffrey Rider - there pictured. RW Stone suspended the Lodge until action by Grand Lodge. KHL finished the degree in progress anyway. Met in Nov but in Dec apologized to the DDGM and to Grand Lodge.

RW Stone was tried by the Lodge in 1855 for “un-masonic” conduct. KHL Lodge had rejected the eventual 3rd HP Lauren Young as a Brother. Bro. Young was made a Mason in a Boston Lodge by “ the contrivance “ of Bro. Stone. The bible you see there was a gift from E. Lauren Young.

Time heals all wounds and Brotherly Love and Harmony prevails— both E. Stone and E Young were eventually made Honorary Members of the Lodge. At E Stones death in 1875—his body was accompanied to NH for burial by RW Joseph Prosper Johnson, Wor Joseph Hersey Dyer, and Wor Artemus Paine Hannum.— a distinguished escort indeed!



**King Hiram’s**



**Provincetown, MA**

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