



## **Anchor & Ark Council #497 AMD**

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To the Master, Wardens & Brethren  
King Hiram's Lodge, AF & AM  
Situating at Provincetown, Massachusetts

Greetings:

On behalf of my Fellow York Rite Companions, founding members of the Anchor & Ark Council #497, Allied Masonic Degrees, to be constituted, 31 May 2011, Supreme Architect of the Universe willing, I congratulate King Hiram's Lodge, AF & AM and all its members on the remarkable achievement of your 2100th Regular Communication and for being a Light of Masonry and an ornament to the Craft for over 216 years.

In choosing for our name—Anchor & Ark—we honor the tradition and memory of your Lodge and your Brothers. We are also pleased to announce that after consultation with your master, we have agreed to make King Hiram's Lodge the permanent home of the RW Leland D. Cobb Masonic Library, to be maintained at King Hiram's by the Anchor & Ark Council and seeded by the generous gift of many significant Masonic books by your own beloved Organist RW Lee Cobb.

As a Masonic Body dedicated in part to Masonic Research, History and Education, we look forward to being of service to your Lodge and all Masons of South Eastern Massachusetts.

May Brotherly Love Prevail  
May Peace be within your walls; Prosperity within your palaces  
For my Brethren and Companions sake—I will now say Peace be within thee.

Fraternally,

Companion Ralph E. Desmond  
Venerable Sovereign Master (Designate)