MASSACHUSETTS FREEMASONS
OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, APRIL 11
9AM - 3PM

The public is invited to an Open House at Frank W. Thompson Lodge, A.F. & A.M. on Saturday, April 11th (9AM-3PM) at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, 25 The Great Road, Bedford, MA. Members of the Lodge will be available to discuss the history and significance of Freemasonry.

Frank W. Thompson Lodge has been a part of the Bedford community since 1955. Dedicated to the principle of "making good men better," our Lodge provides its members with opportunities for fellowship, charity, education, and leadership. In addition to collecting blood for the Red Cross and organizing the child identification program (MyChip), Frank W. Thompson Lodge hosts the Annual Danny Oates Road Race, a major part of Bedford Day festivities. Our Lodge also grants college scholarships, provides free eyeglasses, and hosts Bedford Boy Scout Troop 114.

Freemasons trace their roots to the stonemason guilds that built Europe's cathedrals and castles during the Middle Ages. As construction of these buildings declined, they began accepting members from outside their trade. These new members, influenced by the "Age of Enlightenment," transformed the organization from a group for builders to one focused on developing the character of its members. Freemasonry was formally organized in London, England in 1717, and the first American Grand Lodge was established in Boston, Massachusetts in 1733.

In keeping with the Fraternity's dedication to creating friendship and understanding between men without regard to nationality, religion, race, background, or opinion; Freemasons have come from all walks of life. Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Oscar Wilde, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Thurgood Marshall, W.E.B. Du Bois, Paul Robeson, Harry S. Truman, and John Glenn are just a small sample of the Fraternity's notable members.

For more information about Frank W. Thompson Lodge, please visit our website at www.fwthompson.org; or, for general information about Freemasonry, check out the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts at www.massfreemasonry.org.