

JOSEPH WARREN SOLEY LODGE F & A M



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Who We Are

What We Do



The Little Red School House at 181 Lincoln Road has been home to Joseph Warren – Soley Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons since 1963. Coincidentally, some members of the lodge were students in this building when it was a school.

Masons believe in self improvement and support community service, while having a good



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time. Each mason is usually active in his own church, mosque or temple. Countless Masonic and other charities are supported by volunteers at local lodges in Massachusetts and throughout the country.

In Lincoln we focus on local needs in addition to several Masonic Charities. The **Annual Thanksgiving Presentation Dinner** is our celebration of the work of local charities such as The Food Project, DARE, SAFE, REACH, Domestic Violence Roundtable, local Scholarships, Garden Club and others. At this event we ask that each charity give a short explanation of their mission and recent

happenings. We also present a small check to each group. Many participants have commented about how much they have learned about the various groups.

The official Masonic charities we focus on are **CHIP** and the **Masonic Angel Fund**.

The Masonic **Child Identification Program**, CHIP, is the most comprehensive service of its kind anywhere. CHIP is provided free to the public and all identifying items generated during the events are given exclusively to the child's family. In Lincoln 175 kids participated in the Lincoln CHIP event in March 2004.

For more information on CHIP visit www.mychip.org or in Lincoln e-mail JWS_Lodge@hotmail.com

JWS Lodge Masonic Angel Fund provides direct assistance to Lincoln children in need who do not fit the criteria for the usual social-service programs.



Shiner Clowns helping at Lincoln CHIP

Money for items such as eyeglasses, coats, shoes, field trip fees or minor health services are provided for the child via confidential requests from a Licensed School Social Worker . In FY 2004 over 40 Lincoln children were aided.

Scholarship Aid and **Medical Research** are prime Masonic endeavors.

"That others may see," is the motto of The **Knights Templar Eye Foundation**. The foundation provides no cost assistance to those who face loss of sight due to the need for surgical treatment regardless of who they are and provides funding for research in curing diseases of the eye.

The **Scottish Rite Children's Learning Centers** have accomplished remarkable results in treating profoundly dyslexic children. Scottish Rite Masons founded the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Shriners Hospitals for Children. The 22 hospitals—20 in United States and one each in Mexico and Canada — were founded and continue to be supported by the Shrine of North America. These hospitals provide expert orthopaedic and burn care to children absolutely free of charge.

Masons in the United States alone contribute over three quarters of a Billion dollars per year for the benefit of their neighbors. Collectively, the Masons are the largest donors of blood to the **Red Cross**. Some

80% of the blood donated in Massachusetts comes from Masonic Blood Drives.

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and hundreds of years. Every Mason has been lead through the same traditions and instructed in the same mysteries and secrets of Freemasonry. But, make no mistake, Freemasonry is not a secret organization. If it were, our buildings would not be easily identifiable and our members would not wear rings and other jewelry with the familiar square & compass emblem. The principles of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, inspired the founders of this nation.



Paul Revere

Today, we recognize these principals as the Cornerstones of the American way of life. Early American Masons such as George Washington, John Hancock, Paul Revere, Prince Hall, Benjamin Franklin and many others were members of the Brotherhood of Freemasons.

Together they deliberately incorporated Masonic principles into the most important founding documents of this country. May they long endure, for they are our true security.

For more information about Masonry world wide see **www.glmasons-mass.org**

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