

Garden City Lodge

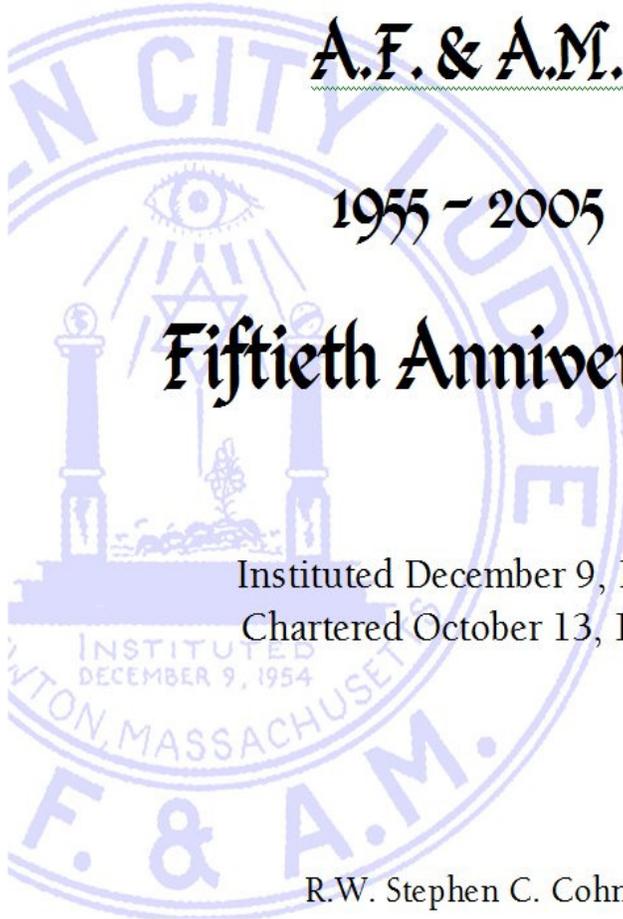
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1955 - 2005

Fiftieth Anniversary

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NEWTONVILLE MASONIC BUILDING
Ca. 1896

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Foreword

Compiling any historical document requires dedication and a love of learning and research. In this instance, it also involves a sincere love for the Fraternity and the organization representing it. History is not objective and is subject to interpretation. It is not a science but an art and as in any endeavor requires timeless hours of research constantly striving for perfection. As with many Lodges formed during the same era, many obstacles were overcome by those eager to carve their own identity. Garden City Lodge was no different. The values inculcated by our forefathers in their endeavors still exist today.

This book is an attempt to record for all prosperity the first fifty years of the Lodge's existence. With so little existing about any Lodge on the Grand Lodge level, it is left up to the accuracy and details of the Secretary's minutes and where possible, lodge notices. So much happens in Lodge that is generally not recorded and therefore lost forever. The longer we wait to record these events the less is remembered and the fewer remain who do.

While I do not know many of those I have written about, I have learned about them through contact with those who have. In reading fifty years worth of notices I have attempted to bring many of these fine Masons to life once again for the current and future generations. They have left a rich legacy and did so with honor and pride. May we never forget the trials and tribulations of those who have labored before us, and may we live and survive long enough to pass our knowledge and pride on to the future generations our Lodge may grow.

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Master of Garden City Lodge, 1991-1992
Secretary, 1994-*

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The membership of this Lodge is a very warm and supportive membership. They have supported those who have taken the morals and friendships of the Lodge on to other Masonic venues but never forgetting their blue lodge roots. They too deserve a lot of the credit for the Lodge reaching fifty years and positioning it to survive for another fifty years.

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Thanks also to my mother, Rita Cohn, for passing on the moral values of Masonry to me as they were to her by her parents,

And to my dad, Brother Jacob Cohn, ...wish you were here.

*For all of their assistance and efforts, I am eternally grateful.
....scc*

. . . to the Craft!

