

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its congratulations to the Amicable Masonic Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons on the occasion of the Bicentennial Anniversary celebration of its receipt of its Official Charter from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on June 10, 1805; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Amicable Masonic Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons on behalf of the entire City Council.

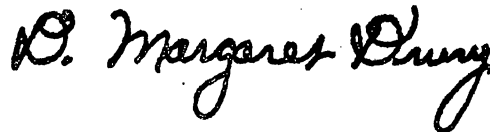
In City Council June 6, 2005.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 6, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
VICE MAYOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: On February 6, 1805, eighteen members of the Masonic fraternity, two of whom were veterans of the American Revolution, all residents of Cambridge, formed an association called "Aurora Society." They decided to begin the work of forming a lodge so they called for a meeting at Mr. Hovey's house, (a local tavern which stood at the westerly corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Douglas Street, Central Square) right where the McDonalds is today, kitty-corner from the Salvation Army. They officially received a charter from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on June 10, 1805; and

WHEREAS: Over the last two hundred years Amicable Lodge has called ten different sites home from Hovey's Tavern to the Franklin Street School House (known as the Mason School) to the Odd Fellows Hall on Pearl Street and, of course, in the present location in Porter Square. However, in all that time we have never left the City as it is more than just a place for us to meet; and

WHEREAS: The proud history of the Amicable Lodge includes membership of many noted Cantabrigians, including the Reverend Thomas Whittemore, the most influential Universalist editor of the nineteenth century and a Cambridge selectman and alderman and state representative, the Reverend Lucius R. Paige, minister of the Second Universalist Church, Town and City Clerk of Cambridge (1839-1855) and state representative, the Reverend Benjamin F. Bowles, Universalist Pastor, and Chaplain to the U.S. House of Representatives, Dr. David Crocker Dow, local physician, Benjamin T. Wright, local philanthropist and retired Olympic skating judge, and Major Steven Carroll, pastor of the Cambridge Salvation Army citadel and shelter director; and

WHEREAS: In the last twenty-five years the Amicable Lodge has come to reflect the ethnic, economic, political and religious diversity of the great city in which we have always resided. Today many of the brothers were born in lands far from Cambridge, Lebanon, Columbia, Ghana and Turkey to name only a few; now therefore be it

RESOLUTION #55

Congratulations to the Amicable
Masonic Lodge Ancient Free and
Accepted Masons on the
celebration of the Bicentennial
Anniversary on June 2 at 6:30
p.m. at the Masonic Temple at
1950 Massachusetts Avenue in
Porter Square.

**Councillor Reeves and entire
membership**

In City Council June 6, 2005

ORDER ADOPTED