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Historic Union: Azure Lodge and Lafayette-Dover Lodge Consolidate to Form Azure-Lafayette Lodge

WALPOLE, MA – October 9, 2025 – In a significant event marking a new chapter for Freemasonry in Southern Massachusetts, Azure Lodge of Walpole and Lafayette-Dover Lodge of Norwood officially consolidated on October 9th, 2025, during a solemn and celebratory ceremony held at the Masonic Temple on West Street in Walpole.

The unification brings together two venerable organizations, both with histories stretching back more than a century, into a single, strengthened body now chartered as **Azure-Lafayette Lodge**.

The evening was attended by dozens of distinguished guests, including the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, along with other Grand Lodge dignitaries, local members, family, and friends of both lodges.

A Night of Tradition and Ceremony

The evening commenced with a formal dinner, providing an opportunity for members and guests from both lodges to share fellowship. Following the dinner, the Lodge Chaplain presided over the convocation, setting a spiritual and reflective tone for the landmark occasion.

The centerpiece of the evening was the official merger ceremony, expertly conducted by officers from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. During this deeply symbolic ceremony, the history and traditions of the two lodges were formally combined. The ceremony concluded with the conveyance of a brand new charter, officially establishing Azure-Lafayette Lodge and solidifying its place in the lineage of Massachusetts Freemasonry. The event concluded with a relaxed collation and entertainment in the banquet room, allowing the new membership to celebrate their shared future.

A Combined Legacy of Over 200 Years

The merger unites two powerful traditions of civic engagement:

- **Azure Lodge (Walpole):** Chartered in 1922, Azure Lodge has long been a pillar of the Walpole community for over 100 years, dedicated to fellowship, moral education, and local charitable support.
- **Lafayette Dover Lodge (Norwood):** With a charter dating back to 1866, Lafayette Dover

Lodge carried a distinguished history in Norwood, drawing its name from the Marquis de Lafayette, a celebrated hero of the American Revolution and revered Freemason.

Community Focus and Call to Action

Freemasons across Massachusetts are renowned for their charitable endeavors (for example Shriner's Hospital) and dedicated voluntary work in their local communities. The newly formed Azure Lafayette Lodge stands ready to continue and expand this legacy of service in Walpole and Norwood.

Freemasonry offers men a structured, supportive community and network where they live, work, and conduct business, fostering personal development and lifelong bonds of brotherhood.

Learn More and Visit Us:

Men interested in learning more about Freemasonry and visiting the Azure Lafayette Lodge in Walpole, MA, are encouraged to reach out to Gordon Craig or visit the official website.

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About The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts:

The Grand Lodge is the governing body of Freemasonry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is the oldest continuously operating Grand Lodge in the Western Hemisphere since 1733, dedicated to making good men better through principles of moral development, brotherhood, and charity.