



THE PATRIOT

IPMS Patriot Chapter Newsletter
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Meeting Info

The next Patriot Chapter meeting will take place on Friday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Billerica, MA. The church is located on Concord Road, just as it meets Route 3A (Boston Road) at the Billerica Town Common. The February meeting will be a build session with a business meeting, Show-and-Tell, and a raffle. NOTE: We will be holding final elections of 2023 club officers.



In view of the sudden and tragic passing of our friend and fellow member, Matt McGrath, it seems only fitting to honor him with one more view of two of his recent, beautiful figure models. On the left, Private, 51st Foot, 1809; on the right, Lt. Colonel, 56th Foot, 1796. Godspeed, Matt; we will all miss you.

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January Dinner Meeting

What a terrific evening we had on January 6th: Breaking from tradition of meeting at the First Parish Church, Patriot chapter members headed to Stelio's Restaurant in North Billerica for a night of food and fun. Twenty-two members braved the frigid winter weather to gather at the restaurant where we were treated to terrific meals and an excellent wait staff. Also deviating from norm, there was no show-and-tell or monthly business conducted, and even this president kept speech-ing to a minimum. Instead, the entire evening was spent chatting and enjoying each other's company. I had the opportunity to catch up with many members and listen into numerous conversations. There was plenty of scale modeling talk, but what really struck me was the amount of more personal conversation: what we did over the holidays, what's going on with family, what vacations we took, and of course crabbing about our day jobs. No doubt about it, we don't gather as a group of hobbyists but rather as friends. Speaking of, I had the good fortune of sitting next to Matt McGrath during dinner. Given Matt's sudden passing only a few days later, I'm glad for the chance to have again talked with him and heard his unique wit and storytelling.

There was only one regret about the evening; no photos were taken! I guess we were all just having too much of a good time to snap any shots. Oh well, I'll try to remember to do so at the next one, and believe me, there will be another one.

Look forward to seeing you at the February meeting at our usual haunt,

—George Lellios, Chapter President

2023 Meeting Calendar

Here are the meetings through June:

Friday, February 3 First Parish
Friday, February 17 Zoom virtual meeting
Friday, March 3..... First Parish
Friday, March 24..... Zoom virtual meeting
Friday, April 7 First Parish
Friday, April 21 Zoom virtual meeting
Friday, May 5 First Parish
Friday, May 19: Zoom virtual meeting
Friday, June 2..... First Parish
TBD June virtual meeting

Upcoming Regional Events

- March 18.....**Model Sale & Swap**, IPMS Central Connecticut, Buckingham Congregational Church, 16 Cricket Lane, Glastonbury, CT.
Contact Boyd Brown III: bbrowniii0369@yahoo.com or 860-942-4231
- March 25.....**RepLICon 28**, IPMS Long Island, Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.
Contact James Boulukos: jnboul19@yahoo.com or 516-316-4895
- April 1.....**MosquitoCon 25**, IPMS New Jersey, Wayne PAL, Wayne, NJ
Contact Bill Schwarz: whsch@optimum.net or 732-567-3724
- April 2.....**BuffCon 38**, IPMS Niagara Frontier, Justin & Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY.
Contact Mike Butry: falcon42177@yahoo.com or 716-940-5624
- April 16.....**Downeastcon 2023**, IPMS Southern Maine, Sanford Memorial Gym, 863 Main St., Sanford, ME.
Contact Grace Leavitt: graceee122@aol.com or 207-252-8566
- April 29.....**NoreastCon 2023**, Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY.
Contact Nick Filippone: bpbittern@frontiernet.net or 518-736-2434, or visit ipmsny.com.
- May 14.....**Northshorecon 2023**, IPMS North Shore, Knights of Columbus Hall, 96 Main Street, Peabody, MA.
Contact Bill Walsh: north_shore@ipmsusa.org or 781-953-0914.
- August 2–5.....**IPMS National Convention/Contest**, Embassy Suites & San Marcos Convention Center, San Marcos, TX.
Log on to <https://www.nats2023.com/>
- TBA.....**Patcon 2023**, IPMS Patriot Chapter, Hudson Elks Lodge, 99 Park Street, Hudson, MA
Log on to ipmspatriot.org
- October 15.....**GraniteCon 30** Granite State Modelers, The Falls Event Center, Manchester, NH.
Contact Rodney Currier: nickmatt2@roadrunner.com or 603-726-3876
- November 5.....**Baycon 2023**, IPMS Bay Colony, Franklin Elks Lodge, 1077 Pond Street, Franklin, MA.
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