

## Surprise Recognition

The Masonic Renewal Committee promotes and shares membership growth and retention best practices among all Grand Lodges in North America. Each year this committee asks for nominations for a Brother to receive the Jack H. Jones Memorial Humanitarian Award. There is just one recipient each year.

Everyone remembers Brother Jack. He was Past Imperial Potentate 2008-2009, Honorary Past Grand Master of DeMolay International, Past Imperial Recorder of Shrine International, recipient of the Grand Lodge of New York Distinguished Achievement Award and more.

This year's recipient is RW George Filippidis of our own

Grand Lodge of New York. George is well known for his work with Toys for Tots, Food Drives and Clothing Drives, and of course as a valued Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Home. The announcement was made at the North American Conference of Grand Masters in Milwaukee, WI. The Chairman of the committee MW Pat Hart made the presentation to MW Richard J. Kessler at the conference.

But the story does not end here. MW Richard J. Kessler coordinated a surprise, in-person presentation to RW George Filippidis; and the surprise was evident. Congratulations go to George. His name will be enshrined at Shrine International in Tampa, FL.

