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NAGLY STANDS WITH OUSTED MASONS WORKING TOWARD A MORE INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

The North Shore Alliance of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth (NAGLY) would like to share some new information we have received on an important past event.

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For those who followed the story surrounding the “Over the Rainbow” LGBTQ+ Dance sponsored by Newburyport Youth Services and NAGLY last May, you will remember that the members of the local Masonic Lodge stepped up to save the dance at their building when it was cancelled by the Head of Freemasonry in Boston, Richard Maggio. Their actions made it clear that EVERY teen in Newburyport is loved and accepted.

[This post from last July](#) (also below) details the retaliation they faced for being allies of the LGBTQ+ community when Richard Maggio decided to expel, suspend, and reprimand those who went against him. Since that action, dozens of their members have left in solidarity and protest, locally and throughout the State.

At NAGLY, we believe that it is important to recognize the sacrifice of those men, and of all those who stand up to discrimination, as true allies of the LGBTQ+ community. All of us at NAGLY would like to thank them for their strength and determination. We deeply appreciate them and all those who stand for an inclusive and respectful society.

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