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by George P. Pulkkinen

You can feel it! You can see it! You can celebrate it! There's a new-found sense of enthusiasm, vitality and cooperation among the Craft here in the Pine Tree State.

Grand Master Jim Ross is everywhere, and his youthful vitality is infusing Maine Masons with a sense of can do, must do, will do. Brother Ross has outlined a clear vision for Masonry in the Pine Tree State and his trestleboard is replete with exhibits outlining clear and concise plans to implement that vision.

Consider for a moment that our Grand Master had hardly assumed his new leadership position when he rolled out plans for a series of meetings dedicated to membership and leadership.

Already six membership seminars have been conducted at various sites around Maine as he seeks input from brethren about membership conditions in their lodges, and thoughts and experiences they have that will complement his own ideas to strengthen statewide lodge activity.

And recognizing that no organization can reach its potential without effective leadership, our Grand Master has pledged substantial resources to provide top-notch opportunity for lodge officers throughout our jurisdiction to hone their skills to a fine, effective edge.

To that end, two leadership seminars will be held within the next five weeks; the first at the Augusta Masonic apartments on September 29th, the second at Deering Lodge in Portland on October 6th. Others will be scheduled later. Information on these leadership seminars can be found on page 5 of this issue.

Another example of Grand Master Ross's eagerness to work cooperatively and constructively with all Maine Masons is his decision to hold a majority of his District Meetings in tyled lodges to encourage dialogue. He wants to meet you all; he wants to know you all; he's committed to work with you all to strengthen Masonry in your lodge, in every lodge of this jurisdiction.

Cover Photo by Bro. Michael Eric Berube

From the Grand East

A. James Ross

Grand Master of Masons in Maine

Masonry is a values centered organization which affords like-minded men opportunities to share similar values, hopes and concerns for ourselves, our families and our communities. Masonry, as expressed in the teachings of our three degrees, provides us with the foundation to exercise our beliefs commensurate with our needs and wants in life.

Our Masonic Lodges should be regarded as places where we make, or administer, the rites of Masonry to a man. Masonry itself is defined by and through the men who exercise the philosophy of its teachings. It is who we are.

Men do not join the Masons. Men become Masons and then become part of a Masonic Lodge as members. Masonry will never ask a man to change who he is; rather Masonry accepts the good man and is nurtured by his contributions. The Masonic Lodge is a place where we train Masons and provide them with the valuable working tools and resources to become better men, thereby enabling them to be smarter, conscientious, and well informed members of society.

Societal norms are dramatically changing and will continue to change and even evolve into new orders and ways of thinking. Society changes for many reasons; mostly out of need, but we should never change for the sake of changing. We should always remain vigilant to seize opportunities to enhance and even expand our culture. I no longer want to hear that, "we can't do that" or "that has been tried before but did not work". What I want to hear, in fact, what I would encourage and promote is that every Lodge recognize its own ambitions. Every Lodge through its own means has a remedy to aid solutions. Through careful self-analysis (a group conscientious effort) Lodges must determine what they want to be, how they want to be perceived and what types of men they want to attract. One size should never fit all. If you should discover that the majority of

your members favor a liking for one thing over another, then I say set your sights and resources on that one thing and just do it. Be who you want to be, be who you see yourselves as wanting to be and let nothing cloud your directional compass.

We have opportunities to develop a safe and compatible forum within our Lodges to aid one another. Fundamentally we must sharpen our working tools to care for our sick and "in distress" Masons, their widows and orphans. I have directed our Grand Chaplains to develop a greater attention to this area. But what

I mean in developing a safe and compatible forum to address the important needs of Masons extends further. We are living in the most extreme economic downturn in our society since the Great Depression. One does not have to look beyond his own community to recognize that there are individuals who are out of work and that there are families struggling to make ends meet. For some, the loss of a job or a family business means not only the loss of income, but a loss of self-esteem and even greater than that, of hope.

Each and every one of us knows someone or a family that is affected by the current recession. More than that, there are Masons among us who are experiencing this first-hand. Our Lodges can do great justice by helping Masons experiencing hardships by establishing support groups or men's discussion groups that reach out to Masons who otherwise may remain silent about their current situation.

Granted, we may not be able to put money in their pockets, although we wish we could, but by encouraging men to gather and share their frustrations and pain, then perhaps we may be able to restore their faith and hope that things will get better. Moreover, we as Masons can illustrate that we care about our own and that we hope things get better for the brother in distress. Sometimes, just sometimes, knowing that the care that Masons have for one another lies in strength of numbers rather than a resigned attitude that Brother "so and so" will be back when things get better for him. It's just the opposite; we



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Around the Grand Lodge Water Cooler...

The old adage, “We never did it that way before,” has been an institutional excuse for avoiding change in many venues. However, with a very different, forward looking spin, it is the mantra which describes the present and future of your Grand Lodge Office. Such fundamental change comes rarely in life and even more rarely in organizational life. Yet, here we are – new address, new staff, new leadership, and new mission to meet the needs of the Craft through an Office dedicated to service which is both accurate and prompt. When better service to you requires us to change, we will embrace it.

My name is Mark Rustin. With the retirement of MW Gerald S. Leighton, I was appointed by Grand Master Ross to be your Grand Secretary. I inherited a strong framework built by MW Leighton and those who labored diligently to transition the Grand Office from Portland to Holden. The Craft owes them a debit of gratitude for the results of their labors.

I was raised in St. George Lodge on December 16, 1985, and have been smoothing the ashlar of my life ever since. During my life, which began in Old Town, I have been a law enforcement official, a small business owner (think Mel’s Diner), and an ordained pastoral minister for thirty-one years – the last twenty-six as Senior Pastor of the North Deering Congregational Church in Portland. My spouse LaVerne and I reside in Newburgh. I am a member of Howard Lodge #69 in Winterport where I currently serve as chaplain. I look forward to serving the Craft as Grand Secretary.

We have two staff members at your Office. April Cruz and Theresa Hatch were hired in April of this year. Both have performed well as they worked through the learning curve necessary to serve you well. April, who lives in Clifton with her two daughters aged, 12 and 3, is a seven year veteran of the 82nd Airborne where she was known to fall regularly from perfectly good aircraft. Theresa, who lives in Newburgh with her spouse, Dale, has a variety of work experience. She comes to us from offices of the Webber Oil Co. Both have outgoing personalities which serve you well. Whether dealing with

Office visitors or telephone calls from members of the Craft, they extend themselves to meet the needs expressed.

Your Office is functioning well with several items in the process of implementation. The library is still in storage awaiting the arrival of the bookcases which should arrive by mid-August. Once the bookcases are in place we will have display cases built to affix to the top of the bookcases for use in displaying museum items.



Meet your new Grand Lodge office staff, left to right: Theresa Hatch, Grand Secretary R.W. Brother Mark Rustin, and April Cruz. You can tell by their smiles that they’re a friendly group...and they’re eager to serve you.

As the building is equipped with motion detectors providing security outside of business hours, your items will be very well protected.

The implementation of MORI, your new database program, has moved forward well. At this writing, over seventy per cent of the Lodges are participating. I expect that number will grow once the “summer darkness” period is over. Two of the obvious benefits accruing to Lodges involved are: current, updated data informing Lodge decisions, and easy access to bulk e-mail making “all member” e-mails concerning Lodge business to be done easily. As the secretaries become more familiar with this system, they will recognize the obvious advantages over of the old, paper based system. If your Lodge needs

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Dirigo Masonic Leadership Seminars Begin Sept. 29th

What core physical, educational and personal fulfillment needs of your brethren does your lodge satisfy? What is the image of your lodge, as viewed by your brethren and the community? What do you want your lodge to emphasize in terms of: being a close, warm fraternal body; having fun; involving families; helping members, widows and the community; and, instilling in our daily lives the values and teachings of our ritual? Does your lodge have the resources it needs to fulfill the expectations of your brethren?

These are but a few of the questions to be raised in the new Dirigo Leadership Seminars for officers of our Masonic lodges and appendant bodies, or any brother interested in pursuing a new perspective on how to renew our lodges and other Masonic organizations.

During our most recent Annual Communication, Grand Lodge leadership proposed and members overwhelmingly supported funding new programs that benefit our lodges. Significant funding was approved to attract new members and engage our current brethren; to develop new instructional videos; and to offer a new lodge officer leadership program.

These three initiatives are at the core of the new Grand Lodge commitment to strengthen Maine Freemasonry and further invigorate our lodges.

The leadership seminar modules cover a variety of topics, including:

Envisioning Our Future
Setting the Craft at Work
Grand Lodge Support of Lodges
Lodge Governance
Program Budgeting
Sharing the Gift of Freemasonry

The first two offerings of the all-day Dirigo Leadership Seminar will be held at the Augusta Masonic Building, at 317 Water Street, on Saturday, September 29th; and at Deering Lodge, located at 102 Bishop St., Portland, on Saturday, October 6th.

The seminar will be held at multiple locations statewide each year. If your lodge would like to host a future offering of this seminar, please contact R.W. Brother Tom Pulkkinen, the seminar leader at TEPulkkinen@aol.com or 207-633-7167.

The seminar begins with registration, coffee and donuts starting at 8:00 a.m., with the seminar starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending by 3:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend these seminars that will definitely benefit your lodge and your role as a Masonic leader.

To ensure that we have sufficient food and program materials, all lodge officers and other Masons interested in attending one of the leadership seminars are asked to return the following form to the program leader or send the requested information to him by email as specified below.

Dirigo Leadership Seminar Registration	
Name:	Office Held:
Lodge Name / #:	Located At:
Preferred Tel.:	Email:
Please check which seminar location you will be attending:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Augusta, September 29th	<input type="checkbox"/> Deering Lodge, Portland, October 6th
Please return this completed form to Thomas E. Pulkkinen, PO Box 413, East Boothbay, ME 04544, or email the information to TEPulkkinen@aol.com at least one week before the date of the seminar to be attended.	

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more information or help signing up, please call me at the Office for assistance.

Soon, I will be enlisting the assistance of the District Deputy Grand Masters in setting up district wide secretary meetings. I look forward to meeting with the Lodge secretaries, sharing information, and hearing their ideas about how we can better serve the Craft.

I extend an invitation to all of you to come visit your Office here in Holden. We have welcomed brothers from up and down the Eastern seaboard as well as maritime Canada. Their response has been uniformly positive. With each brother who comes through the door – from a foreign jurisdiction or from the Grand Lodge of Maine – I am reaffirmed in my conviction that, in a positive way, it is good “we never did it that way before.”

Grand Master Creating New Enthusiasm for Membership Activity

by Rick Bergeron

Membership Committee Chairman

The Grand Lodge Membership Committee has recently completed its first round of Membership Seminars. These seminars were very well attended and there were many interesting discussions. The intent was to provide information on the Grand Master's new initiatives and to share ideas. The open format generated many interesting discussions.

The key thing attendants took away from these sessions is that there isn't a one-size-fits-all solution for all lodges. Rather each lodge must continue trying new programs and approaches to experience successful, sustained growth. Also, when thinking about membership development, it's not just recruiting that must be considered. Successful membership programs also need to work on the other three areas of membership, i.e. Retaining, "Re-Involving," and "Restoring."

Lodges with increasing membership have one immediately apparent similarity and that is the culture within the lodge. In these growing lodges every brother is thinking membership. There is excitement in the lodge. Everyone is on the same page and working together.

The Grand Master is asking all lodges to participate in the 2nd annual Square and Compasses Day on October 20th. Lodges that ordered their free banners should have received them by the time you read this. Please have your lodge Open House banners up by October 1st. If you

ordered a banner and have not received it, please contact Rick Bergeron at 207-240-5752 or by email: rickbergeron@fairpoint.net.

In addition to the banners, lodges will be sent a package including select videos to be used at your open house. Also included will be a self-addressed return postcard which you are asked to mail so that we know you received your materials. The Grand Lodge web site will



More than 60 brethren listen attentively to Grand Master Ross at the Membership Seminar in Auburn, one of six such seminars held statewide since mid-May.

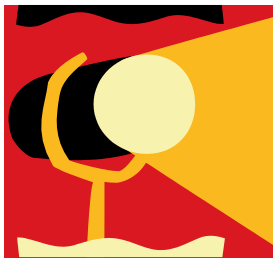
also have information on the Open House soon.

With the change to our new Membership Information System called MORI, we are still working to get a completely accurate picture of our current membership. It is important that lodge secretaries update their membership in MORI. This data is essential for the development of our membership plans as well as for dissemination of important information. Some lodges are doing a good job at this while others could use a little assistance. Please contact our Grand Secretary if you need help.

**Maine Lodges will be Opening their Doors
and welcoming friends and neighbors at the**

**2nd Annual Square and Compasses Day
on Saturday, October 20**

Take this opportunity to introduce good people to the Craft.



The York Rite Bodies of Maine Present **‘Hirams Players’!**



Brothers, mark your calendars for an evening of knowledge and entertainment!

The York Rite Bodies of Maine humbly present Hiram's Players in performance on **Thursday, September 27th**, at **St. Andrews Lodge**, in **Bangor, Maine** at **7:00 PM** with a **6:00 PM** Supper and again on **Monday, October 8th**, at **Stevens Royal Arch Chapter 28** in **Newport, Maine** at **7:30 PM** with a **6:30 PM** supper.

The Players will present a short play that describes all the Degrees in York Rite Masonry. The play will last about an hour in length including follow up questions. There are 13 Brothers that present the "work". The evening opens with a Master of Ceremonies offering insight and will explain the play as it unfolds. There is one player for each of the York Rite Masonic Degrees, starting with the Mark Master Mason Degree and progresses in order through the York Rite Masonic journey. Each actor appears in full costume and with some brevity gives a short description of the Degree that he represents. For this reason, the work must be done at recess, and not in a Tyled Lodge. While no knowledge of anything masonic is required to see the work, and no "secrets" are revealed, only those who have taken at least the first three degrees are invited.



You can expect about anything as ad lib will often supplement the official script! After the player is finished, he remains on the stage and the next player enters. In between each presentation, the MC gives a bit of explanation of what just happened (or tries) and he also describes the body itself (Chapter, Council and Commandery). After all is done, the ensemble will field your questions. The players are knowledgeable in all of the York Rite bodies as they are Past Grand Masters of Masons, Past Grand High Priests, Past Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Grand Commanders, and several grand officers and past grand officers of all the Masonic bodies! Besides an evening of entertainment, it is a great chance to gain more information if any Brother has interest in moving on beyond the Blue Lodge. Please contact PGHP Harold Birt at halbirt@yahoo.com



David A. Hooper: *Who was that Mason?*

by **Richard L. Rhoda**
Grand Historian

The last stated meeting of the David A. Hooper Lodge in Sullivan was cause for a few moments of reflection on its founding in 1897 according to Harvey Thomas, Master of the lodge.

Speaker for the evening was Richard L. Rhoda, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Maine, who was visiting from Houlton.

Rhoda was and still is seeking information on David A. Hooper who died in Sullivan on September 12, 1896. The lodge is one of only 6 of 186 Masonic lodges in Maine which bear both the first and surname of a Mason. He is the only Mason to have died and had not served as Master of a lodge when receiving such an honor.

The lodge has a very nice charcoal portrait of Hooper who was born in East Franklin on June 5, 1856. He was the son of Lysander and Esther Hooper and was one of seven sons and had two sisters.

Rhoda said "Bro. Hooper was a respected businessman in the granite quarry business which was one of the mainstays for Sullivan at that time. For a number of years he worked as foreman for Capt. Alonzo Abbott before going into business with Samuel P. Havey. In 1892 he formed Hooper, Havey & Co. with Will R. Havey.

Hooper was a "Mason for all seasons." He labored as an operative mason in the quarries of Sullivan as well as a speculative mason seeking self-improvement. He also attended the East Maine Conference Seminary where he took business courses.

Rhoda said "Bro. Hooper was a shining example of a young man committed to his community, his work and his family. He had joined Esoteric Lodge No. 159 in

Ellsworth in 1883 but wanted to be more involved in Masonry closer to home."

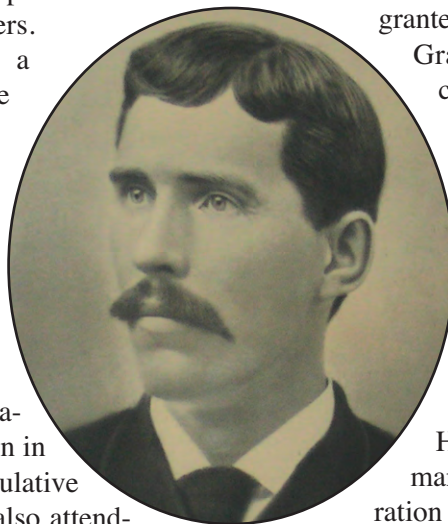
Being one of the leading forces for a lodge to be formed in Sullivan, Rhoda observed that "The petition in the Grand Lodge records in Holden, shows that in 1894 the Masonic Brethren of the area wanted David Hooper to be their first Master of what was to be called "Sullivan Lodge".

The quest for a lodge in Sullivan was not granted until June 3, 1897 when at the annual Grand Lodge session the name was changed from Sullivan to David A. Hooper who had died only nine months earlier at age 40 years of age.

Rhoda recalled part of the Masonic ritual that says "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease."

He continued, "The Masonic enthusiasm and hard work of David Hooper may have been cut down in the manhood of his life but his spirit and inspiration did not cease and they continue to this day in his namesake lodge."

Wor. Brother Thomas requested that if anyone has more information on David A. Hooper that they please contact Brother Rhoda through the Grand Lodge of Maine at rlrhoda@myfairpoint.net.



Why a Lodge in Sullivan?

Readers might find the following of interest and better appreciate our means of travel now 118 years later. The following is taken from a letter in 1894 to Grand Lodge in support of their request for a lodge.

"...Sullivan is quite a good way off from all other Lodges, being 12 miles from Ellsworth, 13 miles or more from Winter Harbor and 10 miles from Bar Harbor. The boats do not run to Bar Harbor in any convenient manner so as to enable us to get back on

the same night and it is the same with the trains to Ellsworth. If we go to Winter Harbor it has to be by team, and going to one of these lodges involves staying overnight, which is expensive both as to money and time. A rapid and disagreeable river has to be passed in going to Ellsworth by team and the ferry does not run after dark. Take it all round it is so inconvenient to get to any lodge that we rarely attempt it and as a consequence we get rusty and lose interest...."

Activity in District 14 Lodges



Upper left Photo: Brother James Foote was presented his 60-year bronze star during a recent ceremony at Ancient York Lodge #155 in Lisbon Falls. Presenting the award is his nephew R.W. Brother Harry W. Grinder, 14th District Educational Representative.

Upper right: Brother Patrick A. Connors, center, of United Lodge #8, Brunswick, received his 50 year Veterans Medal in a ceremony held on May 8, 2012. Brother Connors spoke briefly on his fifty year membership in the fraternity and thanked the Lodge for this special ceremony. His wife, Lillian expressed her appreciation that she could be present as her husband received this special award. Pictured with the Connors is R.W. Brother Harry W. Grinder.

Above: Brother John Wigant, United lodge #8, Brunswick, was recently raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in a most impressive degree conferred by the "Kora Divan" degree team. Presiding in the east for this special evening was Kora Temple Illustrious Potentate R.W. Brother Barry Gates. In his remarks after being raised, Brother Wigandt expressed his appreciation for the support and dedication received by United Lodge members in his journey thus far. "I am humbled in being accepted by the Brethren, into this honorable fraternity," he said. Pictured (l-r) Worshipful Master, R.W. Brother Harry W. Grinder, Brother John F. Wigandt, and Illus. Potentate Barry Gates.

Bangor Masonic Center now Home to The Paul Dean Lodge Furniture

As compiled by R.W. Bro. Guy F. Chapman

Forward: I have gathered most of this information from an article written for the Trowel, a publication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts by Gerald B. Nordling, PM of Paul Dean Lodge A.F.&A.M. Brother Nordling was very generous in allowing me to use this article in preparation of this history of the furniture. My contribution was bringing the information to date with the history of the George Washington Bible's appearance in the Grand Lodge of Maine at its Grand Communication held in Bangor on May 6th & 7th, 2005, and its ties to the Altar that is part of the furniture. The information about M.W. & Rev. Paul Dean was taken from other publications as identified in the footnotes. The footnotes give the reader the web sites where these articles are located.

After 137 years of operating as a chartered Masonic Lodge in Easton, MA, Paul Dean Lodge merged with Paul Revere Lodge in Brockton, MA. Paul Dean Lodge was named for Most Worshipful Paul Dean who was a Universalist evangelist and minister in the early 19th century, and the only Universalist preacher of his generation to remain a Trinitarian. He was long an active Freemason and held some of the highest Masonic offices in the country, including Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (1838-1840) and Grand General High Priest of the United States (Royal Arch Masons). In 2004, Paul Dean Lodge's furniture was donated to the Lodges in Bangor, ME, after a fire that totaled their historic building on January 15th 2004.

Provenance of Paul Dean Furniture

Worshipful Brother Gerald Nordling, a member of Paul Dan Lodge, found in the records of Paul Dean Lodge in March of 1903 a detailed history of the lodge from its beginning in 1867. Writing about the move into the new apartments in 1881 was found this first mention of the furnishings: *"By generosity of our late Brother Oliver Ames these apartments were beautifully decorated and furnished*

from a lodge in Booth's Theatre of New York, all without expense to us."

Booth's Theatre



The Booth Theatre was completed in 1868. Edwin Booth was a famous Shakespearean actor, born in Maryland in 1833, the son of a noted English actor Junius Brutus Booth. Edwin had two brothers Junius Brutus Booth, Jr. and the infamous John Wilkes Booth (the assassin of President Lincoln) both who were Shakespearean actors. Edwin Booth was a member of New York Lodge #330 and the lodge issued a statement in support of its member, Brother Edwin Booth.

"On April 18th 1865, the attention of the lodge was called to the death of President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, and by motion a committee was appointed to prepare and draft suitable resolutions respecting the death of the President. A committee was also appointed to prepare and send a letter of condolence and support to Bro. Edwin Booth of this lodge, upon suspicion which has fallen on a relation of his connection with the late National calamity.

Brother Booth's reply stated, "Your fraternal and consoling letter has come to me at the hour of my greatest need. It is very comforting, amid the dreadful darkness which shrouds my present

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and my future. I thank you, brothers, for the great relief your cheering words convey. It has pleased God to afflict my family as none other was ever afflicted. The nature, manner and extent of the crime which has been laid at our door have crushed me to the very earth; my detestation and abhorrence of the act, in all its attributes, are inexpressible; my grief is unutterable, and were it not for the sympathy of my friends such as you, it would be intolerable.”

The corner stone of the Booth Theatre was laid with “Masonic Observances” assisted by Edwin Booth in 1868 on the SE corner of 23rd Street and 6th Avenue in Manhattan. It was a four-story structure with the theatre occupying the first three floors. The portion of the building fronting on 6th Avenue was set aside for masonic apartments. The theatre was opened in 1869 but never became profitable, and economic panic of 1873 led to the bankruptcy of the theatre building in 1874. The Ames brothers, as managers of the Oakes Ames Estate, became financially involved at the time, buying in at foreclosure. Edwin’s brother, Junius Brutus Booth, took over the theatre management, and a year later the Booth family lost control and it closed in 1883.

Several lodges met at the Masonic apartments in the Booth Theatre until 1875, when a new Masonic Hall was constructed by the Grand Lodge of New York. Two of the lodges that Brother Nordling found that met at Booth’s Theatre were St. John’s Lodge #1 and New York Lodge #330, of which Edwin Booth was a member. He was never an officer of the lodge, but Brother Nordling found the following quote by Brother Booth expressing his love for the fraternity:

“In all my research and study, in all my close analysis of the masterpieces of Shakespeare, in my earnest determination to make those plays real on the mimic stage, I have never, and nowhere, met tragedy so real, so sublime, so magnificent as the legend of Hiram. It is substance without shadow—the manifest destiny of life which requires no picture and scarcely a word to make a lasting impression upon all who can understand. To be a Worshipful and throw my whole soul into the work, with the candidate for my audience and the Lodge for my stage, would be a great personal distinction than to

receive the plaudits of the people in the theaters of the world.”

The George Washington Inaugural Bible



A special meeting of New York Lodge #330 was held in 1874 to exemplify the Master Mason degree for the edification of a visiting Brother, His Royal Highness David Kalakaua of the Hawaiian Islands, and a member of Le Progress Lodge #24 in Honolulu. After the degree was exemplified, the Bible on which George Washington had taken his oath of office on April 30, 1789 was displayed on the altar. The Bible was and still is the property of St. John’s Lodge #1 and is one of their most treasured artifacts. In addition this Bible has also been used in the inauguration of Presidents Warren Harding in 1922, Dwight Eisenhower in 1953, Jimmy Carter in 1977 and George H.W. Bush in 1989. The Bible was also displayed on the same altar in Bangor at the Grand Lodge of Maine’s Annual Communication on May 6th and 7th, 2005 at which time M.W. Brother Claire Tusch and R.W. Brother Deputy Grand Master Gerald Leighton took their oath and obligations on the Bible.

Any Mason who has knelt at this altar can proudly say that he has knelt at the altar which has displayed the George Washington Inaugural Bible.

Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Masonic Apartments, No. Easton, MA

The original source of the furniture was unable to be determined. It is suspected that it was originally purchased by Ed Booth to furnish the newly built

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Oakes Memorial Hall

Masonic apartments in his theatre building. It is reported that the Ames family had obtained the furniture from a Lodge in New York that had closed, and he donated it to Paul Dean Lodge. Some of the research claimed the Ames family held a mortgage on the Booth Theatre where the Lodge met and acquired the furniture along with foreclosure on the property. The Oakes Ames Memorial Hall was erected by Brother and Paul Dean member, Oliver Ames and his brother Oakes Angier Ames in memory of their father Oakes Ames. This family was very active in Boston politics. Oliver Ames was Governor of Massachusetts from 1887 to 1890. Their father, Oakes Ames, served as a Massachusetts Congressman and was President of the Ames Shovel Company which was instrumental in providing excellent leadership and extensive financing of the development of the transcontinental railroad at the request of President Abraham Lincoln.



The furniture as it appeared in Paul Dean Lodge

From the records of March 1903 was a report of the 35th anniversary celebration of the lodge which gave a detailed history from its beginning in 1867. Writing about the move into the new apartments in 1881 was found this first mention of the furnishings:

"By the generosity of our late Brother Oliver Ames these apartments were beautifully decorated and furnished with furniture from the lodge room in Booth's Theatre of New York, all without expense to us."

Also Found was the original handwritten letter to the lodge from Brother Oliver Ames informing the lodge of his intentions.

The furniture included fifteen chairs with red upholstered seats and backs. Each chair had on its headboard a replica of the proper implement of the office where it stood. There were also desks for the secretary and treasurer, three pedestal tables with marble tops for the Master and Wardens' stations, and a beautiful altar with a red velvet top and kneeling pads around each side. The altar is very ornate with filigree trim. A large wreath encircles the square and compasses logo. There are four sculptured rams heads on each corner. All of the furniture was painted blue and silver. We also received a perfect ashlar inscribed with the name "St. John's Lodge No. 1.

Who was Paul Dean? Paul Dean was born on March 28, 1783 in Barnard, Vermont and in his youth he lived on a farm. In January of 1805 he was initiated into the Mason's Center Lodge in Rutland, Vt. He was ordained in the Universalist Society in 1806 and served as a minister first in Vermont and then in New York. As a Universalist Trinitarian he

was called by the First Universalist Society in Boston as the associate and probable successor of the paralyzed and ailing John Murray, the recognized leader of the Universalist movement. Dean was less than half his mentor's age and when Murray died in 1815, the church called Dean to be the minister of the most prestigious pulpit in the land.

When Dean moved to Massachusetts he became associated with the Craft in Boston and began to serve there. He

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was Chaplain of Columbia Lodge in 1817 and was involved in the York Bodies as well. He was appointed by Grand Master John Abbott as District Deputy Grand Master at the end of 1820 of the First Masonic District, which included some of the oldest and distinguished lodges in the jurisdiction. He served in this position for the next three years.

He was elected Grand High Priest of the Massachusetts Royal Chapter in 1826 and progressed to the election of The General Grand Chapter as General Grand Scribe, General Grand King and eventually General Grand High Priest where he served for many years.

When he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at the end of 1837, he addressed the Grand Lodge “in an eloquent and impressive manner, on the nature and advantages of this Institution, on its great antiquity, on the purity of the characters, and ennobling virtues of the distinguished brethren who had preceded him in the honorable station in which he had been called.” He was installed as Grand Master at a time when the anti-Masonic furor was at its height. As a result he was unable to form any new lodges and some lodges had to surrender their Charters. During this period he imposed a calm and sure hand when governing the craft, navigating through the demands of the

organization within and without the State. In 1840 he installed his successor, Caleb Butler.

In his declining years MW Dean remained active as a clergyman and as a Mason. He participated in memorial services, in the revision of the Grand Constitution, and on various committees of the Grand Lodge. After a brilliant career as a minister and a brother Mason, Paul Dean died in October, 1860 in Framingham, Massachusetts and was buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In Summary: The Bangor Theological Seminary, in 1824 occupied the building on Main and Water Street which later became the home of the Masonic bodies in Bangor. Now the Seminary Campus is the home of the Bangor Masonic Center. The Seminary’s chapel in 1824 met with a tragic fire. On January 15th, 2004 the Bangor Masonic Temple on Main Street met with the same tragedy of fire. The furniture was received from a Lodge named for a Unitarian minister and it is now located in a former Seminary that houses the Bangor Masonic Lodges. The altar supported the George Washington inaugural bible at its home in the Masonic apartments of the Booth Theater. This same altar held the same Bible at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine on May 6th & 7th, 2005 at Husson University in Bangor, ME.



The Paul Dean Furniture at home in the Bangor Masonic Center today.

Maine Masonry Looking Forward...Back to its Future

**By R.W. Brother Richard Rhoda
Grand Historian**

Looking back at the future of Masonry in 1723 and to its future under newly installed Grand Master A. James Ross, one senses a stir of excitement for this oldest fraternity following the recent annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

In Rev. Bro. James Anderson's "Masonic Constitution of 1723," one finds that Masons were "...oblige(d) ... to that Religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves: that is, to be good men and true, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished..."

Bakhtawer "Bill" Bilal is a relatively new Mason but one who is proud to be a member. He appreciates its lessons and finds them to be consistent with his upbringing, his education, and his religion in his native land.

Bilal was born in and raised in Lahore, Pakistan. His early education was at St. Anthony's High School which had been established in 1892 by the Marist Fathers of Ireland. He went on to graduate with a degree in Civil engineering from Punjab University in 1984.

In 1988 he married Dr. Rahila Bilal and they have a son and a daughter. His son has graduated from U. Conn and will continue his studies in medical school. His daughter is a junior at University of Connecticut as well. Their mother not only practices medicine but is also a teaching doctor at SUNY UpState Medical University Hospital in Syracuse, New York.

In 1994 they came to America and lived in Florida and Indiana where Dr. Bilal completed her medical residency and fellowship. In 2004 they settled in Houlton where Dr. Bilal was Medical Director of the Department of Anesthesiology at the Houlton Regional Hospital.

In 2005 Bill Bilal came to an open house program that

Monument Lodge was hosting on religious toleration with three monthly guest speakers. The first was a representative of Bishop Richard Malone of the Diocese of Portland who was unable to attend personally.

The second speaker was an Islamic doctor from Bangor who spoke on toleration as presented in the Koran. Bilal came to that meeting as his son was with the high school class which was videoing the program for replay on the public access television station.

The following month Bilal came to hear a Rabbi from Bangor speak at the lodge's final program. Attendance at these public meetings ranged from 30 to 65.

During a break in the program, Bilal, who lived

across the square from the Masonic lodge said "I see the lights on and men up here sometimes and have wondered what they did." He then asked "Where can I get more information on the Masons?" And the rest is history.

When Bilal took his Masonic vows, the volume of the sacred laws of each of the three great monotheistic religions of the Western World were on the altar. Bilal placed his hands on the Koran which the lodge



Grand Master A. James Ross, with Assistant Grand Chaplain Bill Bilal (left) and Grand Chaplain Daniel Hill (right) look at the altar and the future of Masonry following his recent installation. Upon the altar are the three Volumes of the Sacred Law which teach Masons to meet upon the level with one another.

had bought for initiation ceremonies.

Bilal was diligent in learning his Masonic lessons and truly sought to understand the significance of what the words told him of his experiences in the three degrees he had taken. He saw and appreciated that they sought to make him a better man, husband and father.

Although Dr. Bilal's teaching opportunities have since taken them to Jamesville, N.Y., Bill is still a member of Monument Lodge in Houlton. Grand Master Ross

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Hiram Lodge Celebrates St. John's Sunday

Brethren of Hiram Lodge #180 met at People's United Methodist Church in South Portland on Sunday, June 17th to celebrate St. John's Sunday as Brothers across the globe were doing at their places of worship. At People's UMC, however, the day went a little differently than past St. John's Sundays. The pastor, Tom Frey, was away on vacation and one of the lay preachers was chosen to give a sermon in his stead. That lay preacher was Brother Merrill Kaiser, the outgoing Marshal of Hiram Lodge. Brother Kaiser waxed eloquent on the attributes of the

father in the story of the prodigal son, on fatherhood in general, on his own father, and, of course, on the divine Father of us all. Brothers in attendance were, from left to right: Front Row: Brother Merrill Kaiser, Worshipful Brother Carl Murphy. Back row: Brother Shane Ross, Brother Charles Gleason, Worshipful Brother Len Darling, Brother Thomas Hill, Worshipful Master David Gleason, Worshipful Brother Bill Littlefield (Grand Tyler), and Worshipful Brother Ray Stevens. *Inset: Brother Kaiser.*

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wanted him to be one of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Maine. Ross said "I am proud for Bill to represent the Grand Lodge of Maine and what he is helping us to do in bringing Masonry back to its future of toleration."

When Masonry was formed in England in 1717, the Church of England was the only recognized church while the Congregationalists, the Presbyterians of which Anderson was a member, and the Anabaptists were tolerated and known as "The Dissenters." At that time Catholicism was outlawed in England.

The Lords and Nobles needed the craftsmen and merchants found among "The Dissenters" but where and how could they interact with the strict social restrictions which then existed? In Masonry and the security of the lodge room they found such a place where the only restriction was that religion and politics were not to be spoken of.

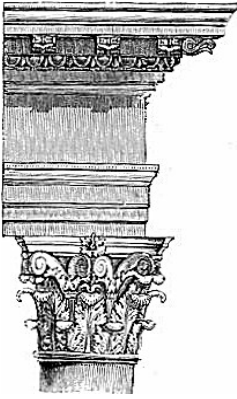
Within a few years men of the Jewish faith joined

lodes for they too shared a belief in a Supreme Being. Promoting toleration and the need for free thinking to create a better society, Freemasonry truly united good men around the world as the British Empire expanded to such lengths that the sun could never set on it. Bilal said "This is an organization with great lessons and I look forward to sharing them with its many members as we get to know one another."

Grand Master Ross sees Masonry's future as did Rev. Anderson in 1723 when he concluded the First Masonic Charge "Concerning God and Religion" with the following:

"... whereby Masonry becomes the Centre of Union and the means of conciliating true Friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance."

"This is an exciting time to be a Freemason, let us make the most of it while we have the opportunity" said Ross.



An **entablature** refers to the superstructure of moldings and bands which lie horizontally above columns, resting on their capitals.



Convocation 2012 Was a Success!

by: Bro Stephen Nichols, Chairman, MMC Board of Regents

The third annual Maine Masonic College Convocation proved to be of the high quality as were its two predecessors. As we explored the multiple facets of "Masonry in Our Time" - the theme of the Convocation—we heard views concerning our life-long quests to be better men and to learn more about Freemasonry. We heard fresh commentary on "the Masonic inquisitive mind" and its absence from some our lodges. Bro. Richard Fletcher explained that there are certain values that seem to pervade all ages and remarked that these are values that we hold to be essential aspects of our Fraternity. John Nagy returned from Florida to tell us that there are more kinds of ashlar than we describe in our ritual. He named seven of them—to the astonishment of us all. It was not all heavy going: Bro. Gary Crocker regaled us at the Saturday night supper with hilarious stories about Maine and Mainers. On Sunday morning, MW Walter Macdougall brought us back from the ridiculous to the sublime as he made the case for the need for Masons to seize and hold the moral high ground. Film clips from the movie, 'Gettysburg' helped to illustrate the essentiality of claiming the high moral heights which are an essential part of our obligations. We learned later in the day that ethics and morals are not always synonymous and that there are difficult problems that can be successfully addressed only if we are morally—and ethically—well grounded in our Masonry.

The College Briefly...

Our name inspires us to a 'higher educational calling'. We are not a bricks and mortar school but a 'Temple of Knowledge', offering a growing variety of learning opportunities in various modalities.

We believe that Freemasonry is relevant in society today, helping to create a continuum of knowledge for those who are interested in personal enrichment.

Masonic ritual exhorts us to broaden our knowledge of the seven liberal arts and sciences. Thus, our programs include topics of interest to anyone with an inquisitive mind: ethics, astronomy, logic, public speaking and more. We have molded the Maine Masonic College on the best features of not only traditional and modern Masonic-oriented education but also 'senior college' and lifelong learning endeavors.

In addition, we are developing audio and video material along with reading lists and more. At the Maine Masonic College, we encourage your input, your recommendations, and - most of all - your INVOLVEMENT!

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#10 The Minutes of 'Old Builders Lodge #1000'

By: Brother George M.A. Macdougall

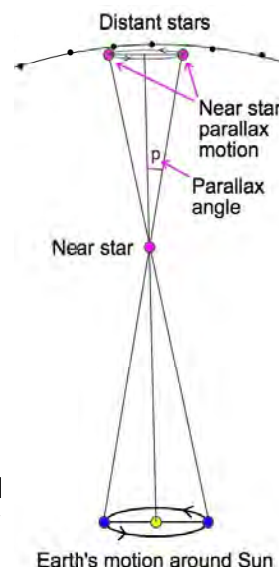
This is one article in a series on the people who created, discovered or redefined how modern architecture, engineering and science came about.

Have you ever wondered how scientists know how far away a star or galaxy is? For instance, you will be reading an article on Astronomy (the study of the stars) and all of a sudden the fact pops out that the Hiram galaxy is 300 light years across and 220 million light years away from the Earth. A light year is defined as the distance that light travels in one year. One light-year is 5,900,000,000,000 (5.9 trillion) miles. That means that if the Hiram galaxy is 220 million light years away, it took the light that forms the image of the galaxy 220,000,000 years to reach your eye! The galaxy might not even be there anymore! Well, obviously, no one jumped in their space ship and flew out there and measured the distance on their odometer. So how do they know? Scientists and Astronomers are able to do this by using Parallax and the Pythagorean Theorem. In our last three installments of 'The Minutes' we talked about the idea of heliocentrism. In doing that research I came across the discussion of Parallax (remember in the article on Copernicus, they used paral-

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lax against him). Because of the Earth's revolution about the sun, near stars seem to shift their position against the farther stars. This is called parallax shift. By observing the distance of the shift and knowing the diameter of the Earth's orbit, astronomers are able to calculate the parallax angle across the sky. The smaller the parallax shift, the farther away from earth the star is. Once they know the angle, Astronomers use the Pythagorean Theorem to calculate the distance. This method is only accurate for stars within a few hundred light-years of Earth. When the stars are very far away, the parallax shift is too small to measure.

The method of measuring distance to stars beyond 100 light-years is to use Cepheid variable stars. These stars change in brightness over time, which allows astronomers to figure out the true brightness. Comparing the apparent brightness of the star to the true brightness allows the astronomer to calculate the distance to the star. This method was discovered by American astronomer Henrietta Leavitt in 1912 and used in the early part of the century to find distances to many globular clusters.



Maine Masonic College Course Schedule 2012 – 2013

Vitruvius and the Master Mason's Secret – September 15. Instructors: George Macdougall, Walter Macdougall, and Donald McDougal. Harwood Lodge in Machias. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Lunch served (\$5.00)

Tenets and Cardinal Virtues – September 29. Instructor: Reginald Wing. Monument Lodge in Houlton. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Lunch served (\$5.00) Diploma course.

Understanding Masonry – Fall 2012 – time /date TBA. Instructor: Richard Bowden. Diploma course.

Understanding Masonry – Fall 2012 – time/date TBA. Instructor: Dr. Eric Kuntz. Diploma course.

Critical Thinking/Logical Systems – October 20. Instructor: Sam McKeeman. Deering Lodge in Portland. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Lunch served (\$5.00) Diploma course.

Understanding World Religions – What the well informed Mason should know – October 27. Instructor: Dr. Charles Plummer. Meridian Splendor Lodge in Newport. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Lunch served (\$5.00)

Symbolism – November 17. Instructor: Dr. Eric Kuntz. Lygonia Lodge in Ellsworth. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Lunch served (\$5.00)

Astronomy – A Planetarium Opportunity – December 2012. Instructor/ location TBA. (Portland area).

Persuasive and Informative Speech – Probable date January 12, 2013. Instructor from University of Maine at Orono. Bangor Masonic Center in Bangor. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Lunch served (\$5.00) Registration requested.

Annual Celebration of the Liberal Arts and Sciences (Focus on art) – February 16. Leader: Professor Michael Grillo, University of Maine at Orono. Bangor Masonic Center in Bangor. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Lunch served (\$5.00)

Myth and Ritual – March 16. Instructor: Dr. Charles Plummer. Meridian Splendor Lodge in Newport. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Lunch served (\$5.00)

Ethics – April 6. Instructor: Sam McKeeman. Bangor Masonic Center in Bangor. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Lunch served (\$5.00). Diploma course.

Tenets and Cardinal Virtues – May 18. Instructor: Reginald Wing. Auburn Masonic Temple in Auburn. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Lunch served (\$5.00)

The King's Speech – Grammar made fun – June 20. Instructor: Professor Jay Hoar. United Lodge in Brunswick. 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Annual Convocation – July 27 – 28. Bangor. Details TBA.

Our Registration Policy: The Maine Masonic College does not require participants to register; however, only those who do register will be notified of cancellations and changes in schedules.



Our Schedule—Keep up to date with our classes by checking our website
www.MaineMasonicCollege.com

Reading is said to be an acquired taste and like many other things described that way, you've got to try it at several different times in your life before you realize how delicious it can be.

With that in mind, our first review is an easy but thoroughly delightful read from a Brother Mason of over 40 years, John Ford Sr. The title, **Suddenly, the Cider Didn't Taste So Good** should give you a clue that this is a book to leave you laughing: . Having kept a diary during his many years as a Maine Game Warden, he's been able to remember the often hilarious and sometimes scary moments of his career. Now, they're available to you: dozens of truly knee-slapping tales that'll make you laugh so hard your eyes will water. In this column, I've been fortunate to feature other books by Maine Masons but none as belly-laughing hilarious as this! DO get this book: for yourself *and* as a gift for friends - especially those 'from away'. John was a guest speaker at a recent lodge event and tells us he's working on another book of this type: I'll be the first in line!

Bro. Brother's Journal is another book of humor from a Mason whose outstanding work **The Better Angels of Our Nature** about Freemasons in the Civil War was reviewed with high praise in this column previously. In a completely different tone, Michael A. Halleran has produced a work both funny and educational: a tall feat indeed. The jacket claims that the journal of Hiram H. Brother, {*ostensibly*} a prominent Freemason from Kansas City, was discovered at a country auction and "...offers a glimpse of the fraternal that is seldom, if ever, found in print." Oh, my! In this work, you'll meet all sorts of Masonic personages: dignitaries, charlatans, recognizable lodge members and many more. Many will be quite familiar to Masonic scholars but fear not: the Journal's arranger has added helpful information at the end of each entry to more fully acquaint you with the events involved. A special treat are the graphics created by Canadian Mason Bro. Ted Bastien. If you haven't seen

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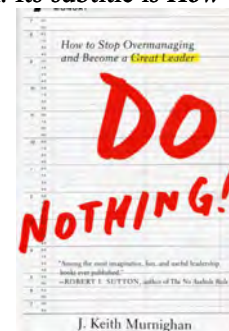
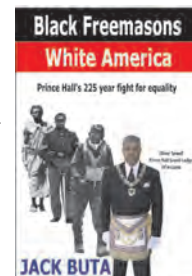
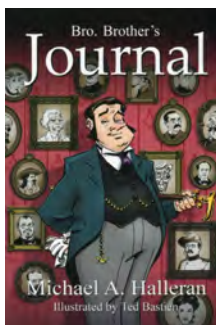


his "**Bugsport**" cartoon series, you MUST look for it on the web. (Yes, "Bugsport": when you see the picture of the Penobscot Narrows Bridge, you'll know there's a connection!) Bro. Brother's Journal is a fun read and you'll learn Masonic history along the way. Who could ask for anything more?

Masonic authors today are recognizing that the time, energy and expense of finding a publisher is really not going to be rewarded thru increased book sales to Masons. As a result, they're publishing electronically with their works being only available on devices like a Kindle or Nook reader. One of these is **Black Freemasons - White America: Prince Hall's 225 Year Fight For Equality** by Bro. Jack Buta. This is an extraordinarily documented book which fails only in that the photographs are not visible due to the vagaries of the conversion process. That notwithstanding, Bro. Buta has done a remarkable job outlining the many twists and turns of a very thorny problem which still plagues Freemasonry to this day: a separate and unequal position for some Grand Lodges composed of Black men. To understand Freemasonry fully, you must read this book. If anything gets you into electronic reading, this should!

Finally: I'm a micro-manager - often to the detriment of myself and those around me. It drives people crazy and really isn't the best way to accomplish things. I know this but...<sigh>. Recently I was introduced to a book titled **Do Nothing!** by J. Keith Murnighan. Its subtitle is *How to Stop Overmanaging and Become a Great Leader*. Intrigued, I read it and WOW! It has opened up a whole new way of thinking for me and is one of those books that 'translates' well into Freemasonry's issues today. It doesn't really advocate doing nothing but rather changing the way you work to the benefit of all. Read it now!

Although many think Bro. Ed King spends his life online, he's an avid reader and writer as well. He also occasionally publishes essays on the web as "The Old Webmaster". His personal website at www.masonicinfo.com - Anti-Masonry: Points of View had over 3 million individual visitors last year. He's (the husband of the) Webmaster for our Grand Lodge and is also our Grand Librarian.



Drummond Lodge #118 Honors Veteran Masons and Youth



Left Photo: R.W. Brothers Gannett, Gilpatric, Googins and Morrill relax after Bro. Morrill received his 50-year Veterans Medal.

Below: Scholarship winner Kerstin Stanley with her parents, Nancy and James Stanley.

Drummond Lodge #118 of North Parsonfield recently held a semi public meeting to honor R.W. Brother Joseph Morrill for his 50 years as a Master Mason. Assisting R.W. Brother Delbert Gilpatrick in presenting the medal were R.W. Brother Merle Googins and R.W. Gerald "Butch" Gannett. All four men are Past District Deputies of the 18th Masonic District.

At the same meeting the lodge also honored Kerstin Stanley who was the 2012 scholarship recipient selected by the guidance councilor at Sacopee Valley High school. Kerstin is the daughter of Wor. Brother James Stanley and granddaughter of the late Past Master Roger Stanley. Present for the award were Kerstin's Mom and Dad, Nancy and James. Kerstin wrote a very nice letter thanking the lodge for the scholarship.



The 33^o Scottish Rite Masonic Degree team gathered at Freeport Lodge May 31 to raise Brother Ethan Wilson to the sublime degree. Bro. Wilson is the grandson of M.W. Brother Charles (Chuck) Ridlon who presided in the East. Special guests were M.W. Brother Donald G. Hicks, Jr., PGM of Massachusetts, and his grandson, Bro. Brandon Lewis Thorne, raised just one week earlier. Bro. Hicks and Bro. Ridlon both serve as Deputy for Scottish Rite in their respective jurisdictions.

Portland Masonic Temple home

On the fifth floor of the Masonic Temple in downtown Portland, Maine, in a decoratively hand-painted, high-ceilinged space with views of the ocean, a female artist sits in what was once the Ladies Sitting Room, meditatively cutting rolls of architectural tracing paper into thousands of uniform strips.

Brightly colored beach balls of various sizes are balanced on small stands around the room — their playful appearance a stark contrast to the stately surroundings. Their function becomes clear as the artist dips strips of paper into a mixture of water and glue, then carefully smooths them around each beach ball until all are almost completely covered.

Once the paper is dry, the beach balls are deflated and removed. The meticulously layered shell that remains is a paper-mache orb. Its shape and texture reference the work of thousands of bees — the species whose innate sense of cooperation and ingenious craftsmanship once inspired the Freemasons who built this gorgeous temple.

- An excerpt by Chris Busby

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My name is Sarah Bouchard, and for the past two years I have been an artist in residence at the Masonic Temple on Congress Street, next to Portland City Hall. I am in the process of completing a large-scale sculptural installation in the temple that will honor its history and, hopefully, help secure its future.

The installation is comprised of two main components: sculpture and sound.

The sculptural elements include paper-mache orbs, which will be suspended and placed in numerous rooms throughout the temple, including the Scottish Rite Reading Room, Boody Hall, Corinthian Hall, and the Scottish Rite Theater. The orbs reference the egg-like potential for new life in this magnificent, century-old building.

A much larger sculptural work, a 20-foot-diameter paper-mache bees nest, will be suspended in the Eastern Star Hall on the temple's fifth floor. By placing the sculptural nest in an unused portion of the temple and spreading orbs throughout the more frequented spaces, the piece symbolizes the spread of renewed life from the Eastern Star Hall into other significant spaces throughout the building. Bees and the hive have long been symbols of industry and regeneration within the Masonic order.

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Sarah Bouchard is a multimedia artist who works with photography, paint, collage, sculpture and installation. Ms. Bouchard has exhibited her work throughout the United States and may be found in selective private and corporate collections. She received her MFA from the Maine College of Art in 2011. Her work is represented by the Corey Daniels Gallery. She has been the recipient of multiple grant awards including the Elizabeth Bouchard Award, the Albert K. Murray Award, and the Good Idea Grant. She lives with her partner and her two children, in a 3rd floor apartment with a view of the ocean. She is currently the Artist-in-Residence at the Masonic Temple in Portland, Maine, where she is working on a large-scale sculptural/sound installation.

to innovative, inspiring art project

At the beginning of the installation, on the temple's first floor, visitors will be provided with headsets and an audio recording that contains a guided tour of the temple's most significant spaces. The tour includes facts and historical information about the temple, as well as a fabricated sound experience to give the listener the impression of walking through the temple at the height of its activity.

While ascending a flight of stairs, the listener may be momentarily "joined," via the soundtrack, by a group of Masons also passing from one level of the temple to another. Walking into one of the historic halls, the visitor will have the auditory experience of interrupting a ritual in progress.

As the 30-minute tour progresses, the intermittent sounds of passing bees gradually becomes a soft hum of concentrated activity originating from the final stop on the tour: the nest in the Eastern Star Hall.

It is my hope that the revitalized energy embodied by this installation will foster the renewed commitment and interest needed to preserve the temple and make it a vital gathering place for Masons and



The fifth floor Eastern Star room now a studio.

community members for many years to come.

The Portland temple, like many other historic Masonic buildings, has experienced a decrease in use coupled with an increased need for repairs and restoration work. Earlier this year, the temple's trustees formed a non-profit organization, known as the Temple Foundation, to accept tax-deductible

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contributions for the temple's restoration and to oversee increased cultural use of the building.

The trustees have also been working with a local catering and event-planning company to host weddings and a variety of arts and cultural events at the temple, primarily in the Scottish Rite Reading Room, the Armory, and the Corinthian Hall, on the temple's first and second floors.

By opening the temple for public events, the trustees are generating fresh interest in this historic building, and in Freemasonry, among community members who, like me, previously had no idea this architectural gem existed.

In 2008, I toured the temple on behalf of a non-profit arts organization based in Maine for which I have served as executive director since 2007. The building was on the market at the time, and the organization was interested in its potential as an arts facility.



The Armory.

I recall being awestruck by the architecture of the temple. The impact of the temple's individual rooms and spaces was intense. There is a rich history contained within every detail of the building, and an attention to craft that simply cannot be reproduced today. I also recall being shocked that its grandeur has remained a secret from most Portlanders for the past 100 years. I thought about how amazing it would be to work as an artist inside this inspiring structure.

Two years later, I got my chance. While completing my graduate studies at Maine College of Art (MECA), I took a course on independent curation with MECA professor Bob Riley, founder of the New Media Arts program at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Professor Riley asked students to prepare a "dream curatorial proposal" for an underused space, and I immediately thought of the temple. My proposal envisioned an artist-in-residence program that would provide artists with space in the temple to create work inspired by their surroundings and by the rich history and symbolism of Freemasonry.

Although that program was intended solely as an academic exercise, it led to my current residency at the temple and my work on this project (it also inspired Professor Riley to become involved; he currently serves on the Temple Foundation's board). I am grateful the temple is no longer for sale. It is



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uplifting to witness the trustees, in conjunction with the Temple Foundation, pursuing ways to generate the interest and revenue necessary to maintain the building as a Masonic institution while also reaching out to the public. I see the arts as a major part of that effort.

There is still a lot of work to be done. But the ball is rolling. The “buzz” of new activity has begun. And you have the opportunity to be part of this rejuvenation.

After two years of planning and groundwork, my installation project is entering its final phase. I am in the process of recruiting volunteers and raising funds to complete construction of the sculptural elements and recording of the audio tour.

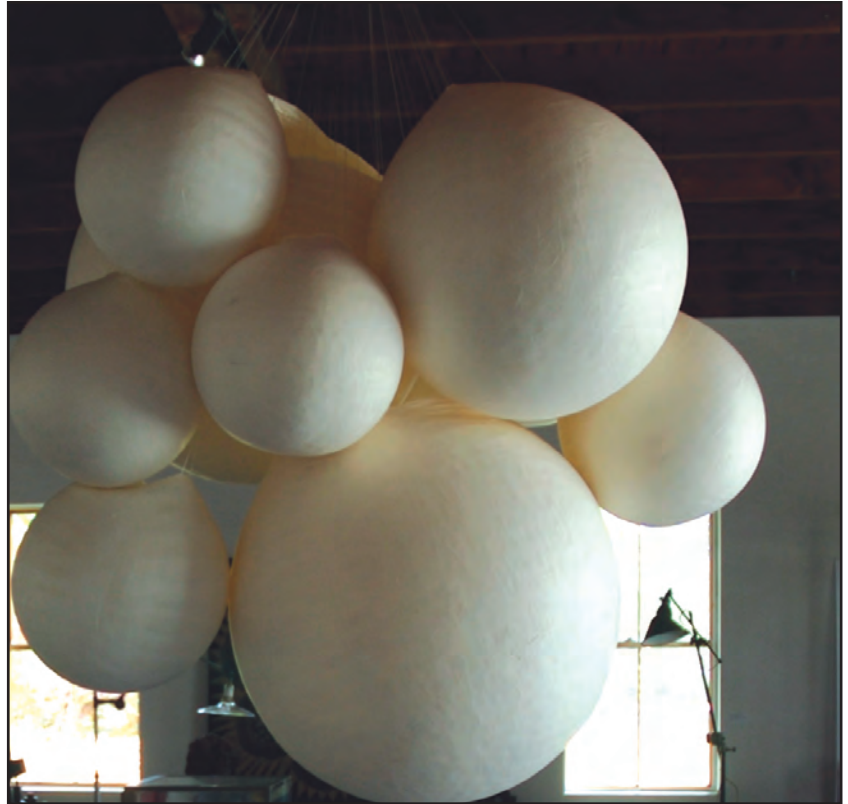
I am looking for Masons interested in sharing the history of the building, becoming voices on the audio soundtrack, standing “guard” over the spaces in Masonic dress during public tours, and providing the much-needed financial backing to realize the project.

The goal is to have the installation complete by June of 2013. I have been invited to showcase the project during the Creative Communities Exchange Conference being organized by the New England Foundation for the Arts in collaboration with the Maine Center for Creativity, Greater Portland Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Creative Portland. Hundreds of arts and cultural professionals, as well as economic and city leaders from throughout New England, will be gathering at the temple and other Portland venues for the two-day networking and educational event. This is a remarkable opportunity for the temple to be among a roster of Portland’s most celebrated cultural spaces, and opened to a group of New England’s most influential cultural ambassadors.

Following the conference, the installation will be open to the public on select days and times. I will be personally staffing the installation and facilitating tours with the assistance of temple members, some of whom will be on hand in Masonic dress to enhance the educational experience.

To ensure the project is completed by June of 2013, I need to raise \$75,000 this fall. I have already raised over \$76,000 in in-kind donations and financial support over the past two years, including a Good Idea grant from the Maine Arts Commission. For additional information on how to contribute to the project, please contact me at sarah@sarahboss.com.

This project is an unprecedented collaboration between a contemporary installation artist and a functioning Masonic temple. For me, this is the opportunity of a lifetime. For the Masons of Maine, this is an opportunity to preserve one of the order’s architectural masterpieces, to demonstrate a clear commitment to the arts, and grow membership by making new community connections.



...texture reference the work of thousands of bees...

Millinocket Masons Honor a Brother



Among those attending the party were, left to right: Secretary of State Charlie Summers, himself an Iraq veteran, the guest of honor David Duplisea, Kimberly Duplisea and Rep. Doug Thomas.

On Mar 23, 2012, Brother David Duplisea, a member of Nollesemic Lodge #205, Millinocket, was feted at a surprise going away party at Millinocket's VFW Hall. He was just days away from shipping out to Afghanistan with the Air National Guard. Brother Duplisea had previously served in Iraq, and before his current deployment served as a Penobscot County Deputy Sheriff. He also served as a weapons instructor when a member of the Marine Corps. The turnout at the gathering for Sgt. Duplisea was great, and at times got emotional. Brother Duplisea is expected to return to the United States this fall. Brethren, let's keep Sgt. Duplisea, and all our men and women under arms, in our prayers.



On Saturday, August 11, 2012, Mt. Olivet Lodge, Washington, Maine hosted the brethren of Mt. Olivet Lodge, Cambridge, Mass. The event was a special communication for a Master Mason Degree. The candidate, Brother Jeff Eaton, is pictured sixth from the left between the Worshipful Masters of the two lodges, Wor. Brother Vic Oboyski (Maine) and Wor. Brother Lee Fenn (Massachusetts). Prior to the work, guests enjoyed a supper of steak or lobster. Their visit to Maine was to reciprocate a visit made earlier this year by the Maine Mt. Olivet brethren to Mt. Olivet Lodge in Cambridge. Six brethren from Mass. came north, with their wives. In addition to Wor. Brother Fenn they included Right Worshipful Richard A. Gesualdo, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and Right Worshipful Phillip A. Nolan, District Deputy Grand Master for the 2nd Masonic District of Massachusetts. The evening was also the official visit of RW Dale Flint, District Deputy Grand Master for the 7th Masonic District of Maine, pictured fourth from left in this photo.



Past District Deputies Prove They Still Have It

Past District Deputies of the 19th District gathered at Arundel Lodge in Kennebunkport on April 12 to work the Master Mason Degree on Brother Kenneth Cooperthwaite, a member of Naval Lodge in Kittery, pictured here sixth from the left in the front row. Three Past Grand Masters from District 19 lodges, Pulkkinen, Adams and Tusch, joined then-District Deputy Larry Vennell and then-Deputy Grand Master A. James Ross in supporting roles. It was a fun evening, enjoyed by a full house.



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Recent Activities at Bangor's St. Andrews Lodge #83



Wor. Brother Leon Higgins had particular interest in the Master Mason Degree at St. Andrews Lodge the night this photo was taken when his two grandsons were raised to the Sublime Degree. Pictured here are, left to right: Jeff Hamadey, Rick Makahusz, Kevin Barry (grandson), Bob Wheeler, proud grandfather Lee Higgins, Grayson Wentworth, Travis Barry (grandson), Rick Goodness, Ben Despres, Charlie Haskell, Darryl Lyon (back row), Matt Mower (middle), Brian Bowdoin, Ernie Wheeler, Royce Wheeler, Gordon Reynolds, Ben Cyr, Martin Perfit (back row), Glenn Mower (front row), Brian Cotlar (middle).

PAST MASTERS NIGHT, St. Andrews Lodge #83, March 15. Seated; Wor. Merrill R. "Pappy" Bradford (1955). Standing, front row: R.W. Harold McKenney, Jr (1977), Wor. Gordon Reynolds (Mizpah, MA 1955), R.W. Richard Makahusz (1975), Wor. Robert Pardun (1987), Wor. Ray Naugler (1974), R.W. Royce Wheeler (1965 and 2010), Wor. Brian Bowdoin (1996 and 2000).



Back row: Wor. Gary Smith (1969), Wor. Leon Higgins II (1976), Wor. Grayson Wentworth (1999), Wor. Benjamin Despres (2012), R.W. Richard Goodness (1990), Wor. Albert John Keller (2006 and 2007), Wor. Shawn Ross (2008), R.W. Martin Perfit (Olive Branch, NJ (1997), Wor. John Bunker (1997, 2002 and 2009).



Appreciating the Nurses' Care at Togus

The Masonic Services Association of the United States maintains an active presence on a regular basis at the Veterans' Administration Hospital at Togus under the direction of R.W. W. Daniel Hill and the several volunteers who service the many needs of our Veterans. During their many hours at Togus, the MSA volunteers are continually impressed by the care provided our veterans by nurses and other staff. As a "small token" of appreciation for that care, these men marked "Nurses Week" on May 9 by delivering fruit baskets and boxes of chocolate to the many nurses and staff at the hospital. Pictured here, left to right, are R.W. Brother Hill, MSA Representative; Wor. Gerald Reedy, MSA Deputy Representative; M.W. A. James Ross, Grand Master; Wor. Lyman Snow, MSA Deputy Representative and Mr. Arthur Wells of American Legion Post No. 40.

Ashlar Lodge #105, in Auburn, held its 4th annual Drive-in Movie Night on July 28. A free barbeque was offered and dessert provided by the Rainbow Girls. The movie of the evening was *The Muppets*. This year's Movie Night was by far the biggest and best thanks to Bro. Fred Nash. Fred graciously offered the free use of his Ice Cream Stand, Cotton Candy/Popcorn Stand, and the bounce house along with several volunteers to operate them. The addition of these wonderful attributes by our brother made this a wonderful event for all of the friends and family in attendance.

Master of Ashlar Lodge this year is Wor. Brother Sam Michaud, shown here with his two sons, Kadin, left, presently serving as Master Squire, Sons of the Knights Squire Manor of Maine, and Devin, now serving as Master Councilor of Knights of the Son DeMolay Chapter. Congratulations to Ashlar Lodge and to the Michauds for the outstanding family involvement.



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want Brother “so and so” to remain active and to feel that his contributions to his Lodge are greatly valued regardless of his present state of affairs. With more than 19,000 Masons in Maine, we should think of ourselves as one of the largest networking systems that can employ Masons whenever possible.

We have opportunities to address men’s health issues. I am inspired by the efforts of Arundel, Cornerstone and Harwood Lodges that have enlisted the support of speakers on men’s health issues. These Lodges have recognized that there are indeed health issues such as prostate cancer, heart disease and type-two diabetes which affects millions of men. They affect Masons too. We have men among us facing these issues every day of their lives. Should we ignore them? No. Should we again say, “oh, I’m sorry Brother ‘so and so’, we hope you bode well with your ordeal?” No. We must illustrate that we really

care for and about them by providing a forum within our Lodges to address their needs. To that end, I have entered into collaboration

with the Maine Coalition for the Prevention of Prostate Cancer to give Masons and their families greater educational opportunities by inviting these specialists into our Lodges to speak about this.

I shall actively seek collaboration with heart disease and diabetes support groups to do the same. All that is needed are Lodges that are willing to express an interest to welcome these groups for an hour once or twice a month.

To support this endeavor, I have asked the Masonic Charitable Foundation to provide funding to support these initiatives. I’m pleased to say that the Foundation approved a generous contribution to this end. I hope that with your support and interest, I can ask them for more. We owe it to our members.

We have opportunities to reach out to our ever-increasing minority population by educating this segment of our population of the true and tolerant principles of Masonry and even inviting them to join our Fraternity. They are Franco-Americans, Hispanics, African-Americans, Native-Americans, Asians, Muslims and Jews. I didn’t name them all but you know who they are. There are but a handful of each that we call Brothers as members of the Craft but we can do better to increase our membership by becoming more inclusive to our friends and neighbors of diverse color, religions and ethnic back-

grounds. Why? Because they should be afforded the same opportunities as the rest of us. Diversity lends to creativity. If we want to continue to call ourselves the world’s oldest and largest Fraternal organization then we had better start putting our money where our mouth is and begin to recognize that our minority segment of our population is growing in leaps and bounds. They are our neighbors, and to many of us they are our friends. In many of our communities they are our school teachers, our firefighters, our police officers, our clergy men and women, our doctors, our laborers that build and maintain our cities and towns. Moreover they are men and women just like you and me, and like our ancestors who came to this country during the immigration flood between 1870 and 1924 looking for a promise of better opportunity and security. Let’s not forget what our ancestors had to endure. We owe it to their memory to welcome our new immigrants and to re-establish connections with those who have long been here. One of the very first lessons in

the Entered Apprentice Degree teaches us this.

We have opportunities to help men seek a better

understanding of their place in the Lodge, in the community and in their consciences. Initiatives for membership growth and for candidate, member and officer education are important. Stressing the value of these initiatives and making them more pertinent to the needs of Masons and Lodges are keys to success.

Towards that end, the Grand Lodge Membership Committee under the direction of R.W. Brother Richard Bergeron presented six membership seminars throughout the Grand Jurisdiction this past May and June. The content of those seminars provided proven ideas and resources to Lodges in the area of attracting good men to the Craft, retention of membership, restoration of membership and membership enhancement. Topics such as Fellowship Nights (or Friend to Friend programs), questions to ask when conducting a Lodge self-assessment, public open houses, and the new Maine Masonic Rookie Program carefully crafted to engage the new Master Mason were emphasized.

The men who comprise the membership committee have demonstrated leadership and enthusiastic qualities within their own Lodges. They are motivated by a desire to build a successful Lodge. The membership initiatives

We have opportunities to teach, to reach out, to address men’s health issues, to present a fresh perspective . . . and so much more.

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provide options for any Lodge wishing to better itself. Elements of the plan are taken from the examples of successful Lodges. In the fall of this year, the membership team, under the direction of R.W. Brother Thomas Pulkkinen, will hold several leadership seminars throughout the Grand Jurisdiction which will address leadership resources. These resources are for Lodge officers and members and any individual wanting to acquire sound fundamental basics of leadership principles. The plan is called The Dirigo Leadership Plan, yes DIRIGO, Maine's Latin motto for "I LEAD".

We have opportunities to present a fresh perspective in revisiting our financial priorities. The Finance Committee, under the direction of Chairman R.W. Brother Thomas Pulkkinen, began working on revisiting the finances of your Grand Lodge prior to my installation as your Grand Master. The budget that you passed at the Annual Session in May is one of the most comprehensive budgets presented to the Craft in quite some time. Every line item was carefully examined and justified. Monies were reallocated to areas where it can best serve. Some committees were combined and others eliminated to reflect a more productive and frugal budget. I am pleased to say that the current budget you passed did not ask for a per capita tax increase.

We have opportunities to create partnerships with the subordinate Lodges by listening to the needs of you Brethren and affording the best resources which will help you achieve success. To support this, I have ordered that all District Meetings be open only to Masons so that we may hold town hall style meetings where I can communicate with you Brethren, and you with me, in atmosphere that is designed to be relaxing and engaging. Creating partnerships with Lodges begins with free and open dialogue and the promise that this Grand Lodge will do everything within its sphere of resources to provide the necessary tools to aid each Lodge achieve its goals. I promise accountability, responsibility and transparency. These will be the hallmarks of my administration and will be carefully exercised. Above all, it is an atmosphere of building relationships that will allow for greater ownership by all and will add the greatest value to Masons and Lodges.

For too many years the practice of Masons has been to do what is prescribed and recommended to us by those who have come before us. The men seeking out the Craft and joining its ranks today are independent minded men who have much to offer and in turn expect something from the organization they are joining. They are even

demanding it. Men are not going to join for the sake of becoming a part of something. They want opportunities to express their values. We must be asking our candidates what it is they would like to offer Masonry and what we can do to assist them in meeting their needs.

Rather than just tell these men that they will get much out of the Fraternity so long as they put much into it, let us offer to them opportunities to express their individual talents and desires. Let us remember that our Fraternity is defined by the men who make up its ranks and is not a Fraternity that tells a man that he can become a better man by just becoming involved in its fixed organizational practices. We build better men when we allow men to build a better Fraternity. Encouragement, not mandates, fosters growth and happiness within an organization.

How do we go about providing the opportunities that I named earlier? We must begin by listening to the young men petitioning Free Masonry and to the young Masons that are laboring to build better Lodges. The Craft wants its leadership to become more responsive to the needs and wants of individuals and Lodges. The Craft understands that the leadership does not have the silver bullet to cure all the problems and challenges before us. The Craft wants the leadership to validate its efforts and to foster a safe, and welcoming, and engaging atmosphere for expression and creativity. The Craft is actually suggesting to the leadership ways it can help shape the current and future state of Free Masonry. It does not care who gets the credit so long as we all accomplish something together. For me, it is an opportunity to foster a partnership that would add the greatest value to Masons and Lodges and the potential to create an atmosphere of building relationships that will allow for greater ownership by all.

We have the greatest opportunity now to begin revamping our policies and procedures and best practices. You have elected a new Grand Master and a new Deputy Grand Master, two new Grand Wardens, a new Grand Secretary and a new Grand Treasurer. Moreover, we have a new administrative office and museum and library which can afford a fresh perspective of Masonry in the public eye. I am excited about our new leadership team and the affordability of greater access that you will have in meeting your needs.

Finally Brethren, let us stop asking how we can best serve the Grand Master. Let us begin asking how we can best serve one another to the end that we achieve a warm, inviting, safe and encouraging atmosphere where all Masons and their Lodges may succeed.

Yours in Service to the Craft,

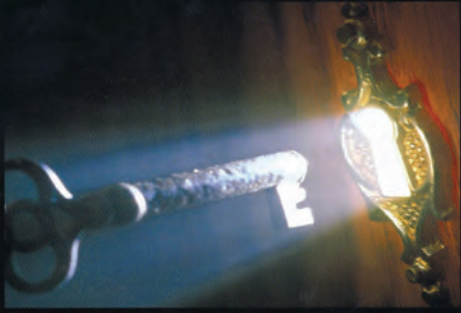
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8:00 P.M. Closing of temple



CANDIDATES: For your application(s), contact the Scottish Rite Office at 207-772-7711, or the Kora Shriners office at 1-800-782-5672. **Deadline to register: October 9, 2012**

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District 17	Saturday, September 29, 2012 Presumpscot Lodge, Windham, supper at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE
District 23	Friday, October 5, 2012 Ashlar Lodge, Auburn, supper at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE
District 3	Friday, October 12, 2012, Harwood Lodge, Machias, 6:00 PM supper, meeting at 7:00 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE
District 2	Saturday, October 13, 2012, St. Croix Lodge, Calais, 8:00 AM breakfast, meeting at 9:00 AM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE
District 9	Tuesday, October 16, 2012, Orient Lodge, Thomaston, 6:30 PM supper, meeting at 7:30 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE
District 24	Friday, October 19, 2012, Baskahegan Lodge, Danforth, 6:30 PM supper, meeting at 7:30 PM. SEMI – PUBLIC. TUXEDO ATTIRE
District 1	Saturday, October 20, 2012, Trinity Lodge, Presque Isle, 6:00 PM supper, 7:00 PM meeting, SEMI – PUBLIC. TUXEDO ATTIRE
District 11	Wednesday, October 24, 2012, Litchfield Masonic Hall, 6:30 PM supper, 7:30 PM meeting, SEMI-PUBLIC. TUXEDO ATTIRE
District 4	Thursday, October 25, 2012, Felicity Lodge, Bucksport, 6:30 PM supper, 7:30 PM meeting. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE
District 5	Saturday, October 27, 2012, Mosaic Lodge, Dover-Foxcroft, 6:30 PM supper, meeting at 7:30 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE
District 14	Saturday, November 3, 2012, Acacia Lodge, Durham, 6:30 PM supper, 7:30 PM meeting. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE
District 21	Wednesday, November 7, 2012, Location TBA, supper at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE
District 12	Thursday, November 8, 2012, Siloam Lodge, Fairfield, supper at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE
District 7	Saturday, November 10, 2012, Mt. Olivet Lodge, Washington, supper at 5:00 PM, meeting at 6:00 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE.
District 16	Friday, November 16, 2012, Oxford Lodge, Norway, 6:30 supper, meeting at 7:30 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE
District 6	Saturday, November 17, 2012, Star in the East Lodge, Old Town, 6:30 PM supper, 7:30 PM meeting, BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE

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| District 15 | Saturday, September 8, 2012, Maine Lodge, East Wilton, supper at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE |
| District 8 | Friday, September 14, 2012, Belfast Lodge, Belfast, supper at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE. |
| District 10 | Saturday, September 15, 2012, Bristol Lodge, Bristol, supper at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE |
| District 20 | Friday, September 21, 2012, Oriental Star Lodge, Livermore Falls, 6:30 PM supper, 7:30 PM meeting. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE |
| District 19 | Tuesday, September 25, 2012, Preble Lodge, Sanford, 6:30 PM supper, meeting at 7:30 PM. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE |
| District 22 | Friday, September 28, 2012, Meridian Splendor Lodge, Newport, 6:30 PM supper, 7:30 PM meeting. BUSINESS SUIT ATTIRE |

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