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by George P. Pulkkinen

Every once and again it seems prudent to review specifications and requirements for the many items of interest submitted to The Maine Mason for publication.

So in order to keep your already old Editor from aging any more quickly than nature demands, here are a few things you might do to make publication of this, *your* Masonic magazine, go together more smoothly.

Of course you're always welcome to submit photos and editorial copy the old-fashioned way, i.e. tucked in an envelope and mailed to me at 15 Ocean View Road in Scarborough, 04074.

But if you choose to be a part of the 21st Century and email material my way, here are a couple of things you might do to ease production flow.

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Third, please don't zip up your copy. My computer is almost as old as I am and it doesn't like to be asked to unzip. It's sort of like an old pair of jeans. Sometimes the zipper sticks and comes off its track. It's never a pretty thing.

Other than those few requests I'm always delighted with the material you send me. I would urge you, however, to not exceed 800 words for each article. We have limited space, and longer articles simply squeeze out photos and other features of interest to the brethren. So much for that. Suffice it to say I've gone on long enough about publishing problems and the solutions to them.

Now, as we enter a new Masonic season, I wish each of you brethren, and your lodges, every success in the year ahead. And above all, enjoy, truly enjoy, your Masonry.

From the Grand East

David A. Walker
Grand Master of Masons in Maine

I hope that your summer has been a good one. We are coming to another fall season in our lodges around the state, most of which have been dark for the summer. For those lodges that have been dark, this has been a time to recharge the batteries.

The fall and spring seasons seem to be the busiest of times for Masonry in the State of Maine. This fall looks to be no different. There are District Meetings going on in many Districts. An important event to plan on is the 200th Anniversary for Freeport Lodge on the 13th of September.

The Open House day is planned for October 18th. The term "open house" is an appropriate one, I think. This has been seen by many lodges as simply a membership drive. While they have been an initiative of the Membership Committee, I feel that they are more importantly, a chance for Lodges to literally open their doors to the public. Many Lodges have done so by hosting a breakfast or some similar special event. Others have used it to open their doors and do a project with their Brethren, sometimes with one of our appendant bodies. Sometimes these events have been able to generate new applications, but I believe that they are an important avenue to share a glimpse of what we stand for and what we have to offer to non Masons. While an application may result, we never know for certain how our lodges may benefit later on.

Many lodges are focused on the need to hold their "Open House" on October 18th. While there are benefits to be gained from many lodges holding these on the same day, that is not to say that it is the only day that a Lodge can hold one. If your lodge has another date this fall when other events are happening in your area and you believe that using that date to hold one would be more beneficial to you, please do that. While on the topic of Membership, please do not forget the Membership Seminars that are being offered around the State. One is scheduled Sept. 13th at St John's Lodge in So Berwick, another at Amity Lodge in Rockport on Sept. 27th.

The Membership Committee has put together a presentation that demonstrates many options to promote membership growth and retention. The response from Brethren who have attended prior seminars has been overwhelmingly positive. If you would like to have one

in your area, please contact your District Deputy or R.W. Richard Bergeron (rickbergeron@fairpoint.net)

The Dirigo Leadership Seminars are also an important tool available for your use. These Seminars demonstrate proven methods of improving leadership in our Lodges. With the rush many lodges are in to get new Brothers into officer's chairs and then on a fast track to Master, there is not always time to properly give them the

Leadership skills needed to be effective. Dirigo addresses this problem directly and can not only help a Brother be a better leader in his lodge, but in his vocation as well. This is certainly one of those ways we can offer light to a brother and a way that brother can better himself.

As I write the final pieces of this article, I am returning from Baltimore, where I was privileged to attend the Installation of Mrs. Cora-Ellen Moody as Supreme Worthy Advisor of Rainbow International. Mum Moody has worked hard for many years as an unabashed advocate for Rainbow for Girls. To attain such an important station is certainly a great honor for her and for Maine Rainbow and I again offer her my heartfelt congratulations and thanks for being such a fine representative of our Maine Masonic family. Well done, Mum Moody. We are proud of you!

By the time this article is read, we will have held an event with Kora Shrine; a visit to the Portland Sea Dogs game in Portland. This event has been planned to bring Shrine Masons and Blue Lodge Masons, along with men who might want to consider joining Masonry, together at a fun event. While this is the first such event between lodges and an appendant body under this Grand Master, I hope it will not be the last! I have been speaking to other bodies about the need to work and act as a Masonic Family, and I will do everything I can to make that happen. We all share the same bond of Masonic teachings.

I have asked the District Deputies to make an online calendar available for every District. The Grand Lodge Web Master has made District Calendars available for each District. They can be found on the Grand Lodge Web Site. Information entered onto these calendars is automatically rolled up into the State Master Calendar. The expectation is that you will be able to look online and see what events are going on in any area of the State.

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Around the Grand Lodge Water Cooler...

R.W. Mark E. Rustin, Grand Secretary

Of the many fraternal organizations extant in the world, Freemasonry, I would argue, is the one exceptional fraternity. It is so because of the core values it professes and the opportunities it offers those who choose to join. However, membership is only the gateway to exceptionalism for those who join. The obligations of membership circumscribe the boundaries of human behavior defined by Freemasonry. It is hard to overstate the value of these obligatory boundaries. They are the common thread that binds the brethren together irrespective of where they were raised or what path their individual Masonic journey may follow. Every Mason takes for granted that every other Mason has willingly accepted the obligations and will keep his word regardless of the temptation pulling in another direction. Without his bond of trust, fraternity ceases to exist.

These boundaries hearken back to our operative Brothers who built things never seen before based upon core principles of the arts and sciences they learned after becoming a Mason. After a mason was accepted into the operative fraternity, he began a lifelong learning experience. As an entered apprentice he labored in the quarries while learning the things he would need to know to progress in the guild. At nightly meals and other learning opportunities the brothers who wished to progress to fellow craft in the guild were eager to learn the proper way to fashion a rough ashlar, the proper formula for mortar, ways to redirect gravitational pull to the ground while opening large enclosed spaces with thin, glass-filled walls admitting the glory of light, in short they began to understand the several arts and sciences in very practical ways. This — learning beyond the basics — set the stage for the ability of generations of men to build a building of great beauty and strength — exceptional buildings — even though those who laid the foundation were no longer alive.

The masters of the guild were enlightened by the discovery that knowledge and wisdom could be passed on to those who worked to learn it. They recognized that the regularity and enlightenment of the arts and sciences were present in every life willing and committed to learn and put them to good use. They circumscribed the boundaries of good practice which should not be violated. If they worked outside the boundaries they knew the resulting substandard work would result in catastrophe — not only for themselves but for every member of the guild. They became not only exceptional builders but exceptional men.

As Freemasonry morphed from operative to speculative in nature the appropriate boundaries became circum-

scribed by the oaths and obligations shared in common and affirmed by new members. The work of building a life of beauty and benefit to the self and others could be taught to those seekers of enlightenment willing to learn. With the core values defining the boundaries, through a lifelong pursuit of the eternal lessons revealed by the arts and sciences, a man could build a life as strong and sturdy as any cathedral ever built.

Our Fraternity faces a challenge in every era and the current time is no exception. In my mind, that challenge is best defined by a long running debate between a much loved and respected fellow Mason and me. Our debate centered upon the question, “What is the proper work of Freemasonry?” He posited the premise defining the proper work as making new Masons. I, on the other hand, posited the premise defining the proper work as offering the brethren ways to find new knowledge — enlightenment — and, in so doing, build a better world.

We spent many evenings after Lodge meetings deeply and passionately involved in our debate. One never convinced the other however, through our conversations, we learned to appreciate the other’s point of view and how to best put forward good arguments for our own point of view. We both grew in our appreciation of the fundamental task for Freemasonry in our time — to be builders.

A man who becomes a Mason without further enlightenment will never be more than he was when he applied. Freemasonry’s responsibility is to provide each Mason with the opportunity to better himself. If we do not, he will soon tire of the nothingness and demit or be suspended for nonpayment of dues. We will have wasted not only our time and energy but also squandered the possibility in our brother’s life. No man wants to spend his entire life breaking rocks in the quarry without a vision of something more.

Freemasonry offers that vision. It is up to each of us to remove the “hoodwink” from new brethren and allow them to see the array of options open to them. Serving as a line officer, the Rookie Program, mentoring, becoming a degree lecturer, the Maine Masonic College offerings, the Maine Masonic Library, Dirigo Officer training, DER programs, and AGL schools are but a few ways that a new Mason may be enlightened and grow. We should be the “light bearer” illuminating the paths and joining in the journey until the new Mason picks up the torch on his own.

We are part of an exceptional fraternity. When the world reviews the work of our lives, will we be seen as exceptional men? How we uphold our obligations and use the working tools of Freemasonry is the foundation for the answer to that question.

Ralph J. Pollard: *Who was that Mason, #6*

by **R.W. Richard Rhoda**
Grand Historian

The last Mason we will consider who had an existing lodge named after him using both his first and surname was a most outstanding Brother. He is the only one of the six who share this honor whose Masonic career was of the 20th Century.

In 1946, Orrington Masons were under the jurisdiction of Mystic Lodge No. 65 in Hampden which had been but a short ferry ride across the Penobscot River. When the ferry service ended, it required a good many miles of travel via Brewer and Bangor for them to attend lodge. On December 5, 1946, the Masons of Orrington met at the North Orrington School. This led to the formation of Ralph J. Pollard Lodge No. 217.

Of Most Worshipful Ralph John Pollard, the Mason, much can be said. Masonry influenced his life from boyhood and then as a young man and finally became his life for his last thirty-two years.

Pollard is a name which strikes fear and trepidation into the heart of many a Maine Mason when he learns the significance of that booklet given him at the conclusion of his first night as a Mason. More anxiety is felt by him after he receives the second degree for then he knows what will be expected of him and his second "Pollard Plan." Yet, there is hardly a Maine Mason who will not acknowledge that he is a better Mason and carries a higher self-esteem because of Bro. Pollard.

In 1954 he was appointed Chairman of a new special Committee on Masonic Education. He wrote the official candidate booklets which the Grand Master officially designated as "The Pollard Plan."

Ralph John Pollard was born November 16, 1896 in Lowell, Massachusetts, the son of John W. and Elizabeth L. (MacLaine) Pollard. On June 30, 1975 he died in Waldoboro, Maine. He was proud of the fact that his paternal grandmother was a cousin

of Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction from 1859 to 1891.

In a personal tape recording to his namesake lodge, Bro. Pollard told how as a young boy he was an avid reader, especially of history. He was intrigued by his grandfather's Masonic Chart on the living room wall and by his father's pocket watch with a Masonic charm. A father who told him he would have "to be a good boy and grow up into a good man" if he wanted to become a Mason.

As a teenager he was befriended by Judge and R.W. Horace S. Bacon of Lowell, who had an extensive Masonic library which included works of Hutchinson, Oliver, Preston, Webb, Pike, Mackey and our own Drummond. These were devoured by him long before his 21st birthday, a day he awaited with great anticipation for Freemasonry.

On April 30, 1915 he enlisted in Company "K", Sixth Massachusetts Infantry. In August he was appointed a Cadet at the Massachusetts Military Academy, an officer training school from which he graduated with an average rank of 96%.

In 1916 he served in the Mexican Border Mobilization in El Paso, Texas for three months.

Too young to accept an officer commission at the outbreak of the war, he had, by August 1918, attained the rank of Battalion Sergeant-Major. He shipped to France where he served on the staff of the Provost Marshal General's Department of the Allied Expeditionary Forces. In July 1918 he had been offered a commission of a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army but declined it preferring to go to Europe as a Sergeant-Major. Upon returning home following the World War he did accept a commission to that office in July 1919. His World War I Victory Medal included a battle clasp for the Meuse-Argonne battle in late 1918. He received an honorable discharge on July 15, 1919.

In 1925 he was recalled to active duty and attended the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was an Honor Graduate of that school and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. On April 20, 1930 he was promoted to the rank of Captain of Infantry.

He specialized in the field of military education serving as



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Commandant of Cadets, Assistant Professor and Professor of Military Science and Tactics, and Instructor in History and Civics at Wenonah Military Academy in Wenonah, New Jersey from 1925 to 1929. In 1930 he became Tactical Officer, Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Director of Study Hall, and Instructor in History and English at Peekskill Military Academy in Peekskill, New York. He stayed there until 1934. In 1935 his torch flickered when he failed to pass his annual physical examination and was transferred to inactive duty. He then returned to Maine in August, 1936 and made Waldoboro his home.

The life of Ralph John Pollard the Mason got underway in 1919 when, upon being discharged from the Army, he and his wife moved to Lyman, Maine where they resided in his father's summer home, "The Guernsey Elms."

Bro. Pollard's much anticipated Masonic journey finally began for him in Lyman. After taking a year to establish his Maine residency, he petitioned Arion Lodge No. 162 at Goodwin Mills, as he said, "at the earliest possible moment."

He received his first light in Masonry on the first day of the new year 1921. This was followed by his Fellow Craft degree on January 20th and the sublime degree of a Master Mason on February 17, 1921. His first direct contact with Grand Lodge came the very next year when he attended its annual meeting as proxy for his lodge. His last attendance at Grand Lodge was in May 1975, two months before his death. He served the lodge as Senior Deacon in 1922 and 1923.

On December 16, 1926 he demitted from Arion Lodge having moved to Mantua, New Jersey to teach at the Wenonah Military Academy. On February 10, 1927 he affiliated with Mantua Lodge No. 95 in Mantua, New Jersey and later with Courtlandt Lodge No. 34 in Peekskill, New York on February 2, 1934. He demitted from the latter lodge on February 7, 1935.

He was a sought-after Masonic lecturer in both states and was on the Grand Lodge of New York Lecture Board for a short time. His Maine Grand Lodge information card reads "His wife says he can talk on anything except chickens." His granddaughter Carol Pollard relates that at their home in Waldoboro he had a henhouse with a dozen or so chickens.

Upon returning to Maine, he affiliated with King Solomon's Lodge No. 61 in Waldoboro on December 25, 1936. Having held no prior offices in that lodge, he became Worshipful Master in 1937 and served a second term in 1938. From 1939 through 1943 he served the lodge as Treasurer. In 1939 he moved into Grand Lodge

service as a Grand Steward for two years. In 1941 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th Masonic District.

His meteoric rise continued in 1942 when he was elected Deputy Grand Master. Such a rise was and is unknown of in the 20th century and now the 21st. He was presented the Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal that year for "outstanding proficiency in the knowledge of Freemasonry and distinguished service in the successful application of that knowledge for the advancement of the welfare of the Craft...."

Yet behind this rising star lurked a black hole which would unsuccessfully attempt to swallow this man, this lamp of Masonic light and knowledge. Beset with rheumatoid arthritis, Bro. Pollard's physical condition grew worse. In September of 1941 he had been granted a military disability pension.

As his arthritis worsened and for his own well-being and for the good of his beloved Freemasonry, he removed himself for reelection in 1943. Stricken down by rheumatoid arthritis in the manhood of his years, this disease only strengthened his life as a Mason and would set him apart as an exceptional man and Freemason.

At its one day session on May 4, 1943, he addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

"Most Worshipful and Brethren of the Grand Lodge, no man ever appreciated more than I my election to office in this Grand Lodge. During the past winter I have suffered an accident and a long period of sickness and you can see, today, that I come to you in a physical condition considerably worse than that which I enjoyed a year ago. This has led me to make the hardest decision of my life – namely, not to be a candidate for re-election to the high office which I now hold. I make this decision in the belief that it is for the best interests of the Grand Lodge of Maine.... I assure you that as a Permanent Member of this body, as I now am by the grace of your election, I will do everything in my power to enhance the interest of Masonry in Maine and to serve the Grand Lodge in any way that I can do it."

Shortly thereafter he was unable to walk and was confined to bed. In August 1943 he became a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Togus and remained there until 1954 when he returned home. Grandson Bruce Pollard relates that this was made possible by his being provided a recently developed invalid lift which would allow his wife to care for him at home.

We learn that it is said of a tree that if it be cut down, "there is hope... that it will sprout again, and the tender

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branch thereof will not cease.” Such was the fortitude and conviction of M.W. Pollard that the next thirty-two years of his life tells a story of a Masonic life without parallel in the Grand Lodge of Maine, or anywhere. Upon returning home from Togus it was not at all unusual to find him at lodge in Waldoboro or about the state. R.W. Ralph Brazier of King Solomon’s Lodge relates how he and other members would pick him up at home and take him to lodge on the back of a pickup truck. W. Bro. Dick Hall, the local undertaker, would also take him about the state, when needed, in his hearse. What must a new candidate have thought when he got to lodge! These excursions out for Bro. Ralph continued up to a short time before his death.

No story of Bro. Pollard is complete without mention of his wife, Millwee Westmoreland, who he married on August 11, 1918. She was a Southern Belle from Woodruff, South Carolina, who was affectionately known as “Miss Millwee” and for many years as “Maine’s Lady Mason.” Her cousin was General William Westmoreland.

In a funeral remembrance of Miss Millwee in the fall 1977 issue of *The Maine Mason* it was written of her:

“When her beloved Ralph became incapacitated she became his alter ego as well as his legs and arms. For over thirty years she attended to his every need and wrote in longhand every word that he dictated in his capacity as our foreign correspondent as well as his extensive correspondence with Masons throughout the world. She also diligently wrote every word of his books, play and other Masonic writings.”

His granddaughter, Carol Pollard, daughter of R.W. Bro. Stewart M.L. Pollard, writes that:

“It seems he had a photographic memory. Grampy would think about something he wanted to write. (At that time he couldn’t do anything with his hands. He was in bed completely paralyzed....) When Grammy was available, he would dictate what he had written in his mind. Then she would write it out for him,”

It should be noted of Miss Millwee that the Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in Orrington was named for her as Millwee Chapter No. 198 in 1954. A most unique distinction for the Pollard family to have two Masonic bodies in the same town named after a living couple.

The constituting of Ralph J. Pollard Lodge No. 217 on September 2, 1948 was a most auspicious occasion. Grand Master Granville C. Gray with twenty other permanent members of Grand Lodge and over two hundred brethren attended the event at which R.W. Pollard was asked to perform the ceremony of constituting the lodge bearing his name. He was made an honorary member of

the lodge. He shared his pride in the moment saying “That this lodge bears my name I regard as the crowning honor of my Masonic service, a service already replete with honors at the hands of my too partial brethren”. Who would ever have thought any greater honor could be conferred upon a Mason? Certainly not R.W. Ralph!

Yet, less than three years later on May 1, 1951, The Grand Lodge of Maine took a most singular course of action in its history until then and since then. A Resolution was presented by M.W. Benjamin L. Hadley which was approved by Grand Lodge with “a rising vote” of unanimous approval.

The Resolution read, in part, *“Whereas despite those restricting circumstances (his arthritic condition) the flame of our brother’s devotion to and love for the fraternity has never dimmed but has on the contrary beamed the brighter and has won for him an enduring place of high affection and esteem within our hearts”*. The resolve continued that *“...R.W. Brother Pollard is hereby created and constituted an HONORARY PAST MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine and is by this resolution entitled to all the honors and recognition which accrues and appertains to the title and station of Past Most Worshipful Grand Master.”*

He was then presented his Past Master’s Apron. Too overcome to speak, M.W. Bro. Pollard managed to say “I don’t think I need to tell you that this is the happiest moment of my life. God bless you all”. He was then accorded the Private Grand Honors for the first time.

One of the many blessing bestowed by M.W. Pollard on The Grand Lodge of Maine was his *History of Freemasonry in Maine* covering the years from 1762 to 1945. He wrote this while a patient at U.S. Veterans Hospital at Togus, Maine. This was published by Grand Lodge as part of its 125th anniversary observance. In 1969 as Grand Lodge Historian he continued this work another twenty-five years. He was ever ready to help with local lodge histories when asked. In 1950 and again in 1961 he assisted in the writing of the ten year histories for Monument Lodge No. 96 as he did for at least nine other lodges.

Almost all Maine Masons who read this article will have been raised by another who was influenced by him as we have been. Commitment to growth as a Mason and as a person and support of our mother lodge is all that M.W. Ralph J. Pollard would ever ask of us in return for his example to us.

So mote it be. So say we all for charity.

First Rookie Award Winner Installed Master

by Edward M. (Ted, Fluffy) Libby

Affectionately known as “The” by M.W. A. James Ross and brethren of the Mighty 11th Masonic District, Bob Haigh was the first to claim the Rookie Master Mason Award in the program started by Most Worshipful Brother Ross.

In the 11th District, and beyond, Bob is known as a wonderful brother who is always ready and eager to help another lodge during a degree or working with a new Brother on a lesson. It was this attitude and devotion to the Craft that named him Mason of the Year for the 11th District in 2013. He also was called on to serve as Mentoring Coordinator for Morning Star and the District.

Bob’s mentor and brother-in-law, Past District Deputy Grand Master, RW G. David Byras has been proud of the man and brother he raised on June 18th 2011 in Morning Star Lodge. In 2012, PDDGM, RW Leon Allen took over in the East, challenging his brethren to be lovers of the Craft. Bob responded to the challenge serving as Junior Deacon in 2012. He quickly fell head over heels in love with our great fraternity. Working with the brethren of Morning Star and under the tutelage of RW G. David, Bob took off running, serving in every way possible and doing all in his power to support, encourage and grow himself and the Fraternity.

In October of 2012 Bob delayed surgery intended to relieve severe back pain so that he could raise a candidate he had mentored.

He went from Junior Deacon to Junior Warden in 2013 under Worshipful Master Jeff Jones. The passion for the Craft kindled by RW Leon Allen turned into a full blown blaze under Worshipful Jeff. Many brethren traveled to other lodges, and the bonds between brothers and lodges continued to grow. Robert Haigh was installed as Worshipful Master of Morning Star Lodge on February



Wor. Brother Bob Haigh

15th, 2014 with the overwhelming consent and support of the lodge. Brethren who know Bob are proud of his accomplishments and have full faith and confidence that our fraternity is in safe hands with men such as Bob moving us forward.



Pictured above left to right are: 1st row: Wor. Fred Morton, Wor. Mark Whitmore, MW David Walker, Bro. Christopher Jones, RW Chris DiSotto, Wor. Steve Zimmerman, and Wor. Bill Gowen 2nd row: RW Richard Bergeron, Wor. Steve Peterson, Wor. Brian Farrington, Wor. Newell Farrington, Bro. Bob Levesque, Wor. Dan Jordan and Wor. Paul Gardner.

Kora Kraftsman Degree Team Is Re-certified

The Kora Kraftsman raised Bro. Christopher Jones to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 19, 2014 at Morning Star Lodge #41 in Litchfield. Grand Lecturer, RW Harland Harnden re-certified the Kora Kraftsmen for another year. Also in attendance that evening was Grand Master, MW David Walker.

The Kraftsmen have been very busy this year, conferring six MM degrees and three lodge installations. The Kraftsmen are gearing up to take on more degree work this fall and are looking for new members. If you are a Past Master or a current line officer in any chair and are interested in joining the Kraftsman, please contact Barry Gates at 207-212-0974.

The Grand Lecturer's Corner: **Compass or Compasses?**

Following is the first of what we hope will be a series of Maine Mason columns discussing and explaining some of the words, phrases and terms that are sometimes outside our cultural lexicon but very much a part of our ritual. --Ed

by R.W. Donald J. McDougal
Assistant Grand Lecturer

The question of why we use the word “compasses” in our ritual often arises in Masonic discussions.

We often hear that “Compass” refers to the magnetic instrument used to find geographic direction and that “Compasses” refers to the instrument used in mathematics to draw circles and arcs.

By 1200, the magnetic compass was being used in Western Europe. The Museum of American History says that the drawing instrument has been “used since antiquity”. According to Merriam Webster dictionary the first known usage of “Compasses” was in 1563. Apparently, for nearly 400 years, both instruments were referred to as “Compass”

In April, 1928 Bro. R. J. Meekren considered this topic in *The Builder* magazine.

“The question whether the mathematical instrument should be called ‘Compass’ or ‘Compasses’ when referred to in the Masonic ritual, is one that rises sporadically in the American Craft.

“The January 1928 issue of The Builder, contained an article by Bro. Pfrimmer from Indiana. Bro. Pfrimmer exhaustively and overwhelmingly demonstrated that the general usage of the English speaking world at large, and of the Anglo-Saxon Masonic world in particular, is to say ‘Compasses.’

“At bottom, it would appear, this question of whether an unaccented duplicate sibilant (ss) syllable should or should not be pronounced rests upon the widespread belief that there is, or was, or at least ought to be, an absolute authentic and correct ritual, complete and unalterable in every word, period, semi-colon and comma. There certainly has never been such a thing, and it is impossible to believe that there ever will be.

“There is no difference of meaning, we are all in perfect agreement about the thing referred to, the question is purely grammatical. And the real question would seem to be is anyone in the wrong? ... We are interested in Masonic usage only. Our ritual teems with words and expressions that have long since passed out of every day speech.”

Bro. Pfrimmer consulted most of the standard dictionaries, which of course all say, what everyone knows, “that it is correct to say “Compasses” in ordinary speech. The editors of Webster’s Dictionary seem to have a sneak-

ing wish to assert that common usage is wrong in this case. This attitude is more than balanced by that of the New English Dictionary, whose editors consistently use the common plural form in every reference they themselves make to the mathematical instrument.”

It seems to be as futile now as it was in 1928 to look for uniformity of usage in any individual area. In mathematics it is often referred to as “pair of compasses.” Below are excerpts from two math web sites. The first seems to prefer “Compass”, the second “Compasses” for the drawing instrument and both use a “Compass” to find direction

Mathteacher.com - “Note, that a compass is also called a pair of compasses. A compass (or pair of compasses) is a technical drawing instrument that can be used for inscribing circles or arcs. As dividers, they can also be used as tools to measure distances.”

mathopenref.com - “Compasses are a drawing instrument used for drawing circles and arcs. It has two legs, one with a point and the other with a pencil or lead. You can adjust the distance between the point and the pencil and that setting will remain until you change it. This kind of compass has nothing to do with the kind used to find the north direction when you are lost. A compass used to find the north direction is usually referred to in the singular - a compass. The kind we are talking about here is usually referred to in the plural - compasses. This plural reference is similar to the way we talk about scissors - with an ‘s’ on the end.

Similarly, if we search for universal language usage, dictionaries cite more than one acceptable form. Different editions of Webster’s Dictionaries have the following entries. These sources seem to be ambivalent listing compass first and saying “often” “compasses”. They list no single English word universally used as a name for the drawing compass(es). Some grammarians use the singular form “compass” some “compasses” Dictionaries list both usages as acceptable but many lean toward “Compass”.

As Brothers point out: In debating issues, we often lose sight of the beautiful symbolism deliberately incorporated within our ritual. The Square and Compasses is the single most identifiable symbol of Freemasonry. The compasses, a symbol of precision, correctness, and rightness, finds a home in logos and symbolism as our Freemasons’ Square and Compasses.

So why do WE use “Compasses”? We find all sorts of explanations and justifications but, in final analysis, the real reason may just be, that in the past, ritual developers in our jurisdiction said: “This is the way others are doing it. So we’ll do it in the same way.”

Masons Ride to Fund Epilepsy Research

By Paul Jerome
Ralph G. Pollard Lodge, Orrington

On Saturday, June 28, my wife and I hosted a fundraiser for the Epilepsy Foundation of New England. It consisted of a motorcycle ride and a children's carnival. The event was held at the Ralph J Pollard #217 Masonic Lodge in Orrington.

All but six of the riders were Masons. Of the Masons, all but two were a member of a Widow's Sons Masonic Riders Association chapter. Most of them were members of the Low XII Riders, which I helped found three years ago. One of the non-members is in the process of joining 3rd Degree, the Southern Maine Chapter. He and a riding partner rode to Orrington from the Saco area for a ride that took them down to China and back to Orrington. They easily did over 400 miles on two wheels that Saturday. Also present was a founder of the Men of Tyre, the Northern Maine Chapter.



Present at the carnival were Anah Shrine Clowns Jappo, Slapshot, Spiffy, and Div-It, along with Funster Papa Smurf. Participating in the ride were Clowns Chopstix, Shamrock, and Pop-Fizz.

Despite a tremendous amount of press, this event did not have large-scale support from the public. However, it was a success and money was raised to be donated to the Epilepsy Foundation of New England.

It was a success because of a bunch of Masons gathered together to assist a Masonic Family who needed help. My daughter was diagnosed with Benign Rolandic Epilepsy three years ago. She had her first large-scale seizure the day after kindergarten ended. She spent more than a year being treated with one drug combination after another in order to find the right medication. Today she is pretty much a typical 9-year old girl. She loves Barbie and Monster High, playing outside, swimming, and her dog. She loves Clowns, and is thrilled to tell anyone and everyone that "Daddy knows who they really are."

The odds are good that Brianna will outgrow her epilepsy as she passes through puberty. The odds are even better that neither she, nor her mother, nor I, will ever forget what these Masons did for children with epilepsy and what they did for us.



Brianna

Photos by Jennifer Denis



Composite Lodge: small and struggling to make it work

April 10th portended to be a gloomy meeting for Composite Lodge No. 168 in LaGrange. It had been facing tough times for several years. It had not held a meeting for ten months. The hope of the eight or nine faithful brethren who were trying to maintain the lodge was about expended. "Let's just surrender the charter and be done with it" was a common feeling.

An appellation often used during his term by Grand Master A. James Ross of his District Deputies and other officers is that of a "servant leader." Many have been but they were only following his example.

With fewer than four weeks to serve before his term ended, Brother Ross left work about 3:30 p.m. and drove almost three hours to LaGrange for another supper and lodge meeting. He knew, though, there was a special need for his presence that evening. He was taking special knowledge with him. His home lodge, which he served as Secretary, had gone through a consolidation less than five years earlier.

Following a good spaghetti supper enjoyed by eight members and five visitors, it was decided to just have an informal table discussion in the dining room rather than open lodge. Although concerns and doubts of what to do, how to do it, and when to do it abounded, Grand Master Ross set the tone of the evening when he advised the members that "Your attitude will drive what happens." He also told the brethren that "you are not facing a death but rather a new beginning. You are moving forward. This is a positive step."

The Grand Master explained the various aspects of surrendering a lodge character or consolidating with another lodge. He also explained what could happen to the brethren's Masonic membership and of steps they should take. Many questions were asked of him. And ably answered.

The gloom of the early evening was reversed. The Brethren were uplifted. They decided to go upstairs and officially open a lodge meeting which was done by M.W. Brother Ross in ample form. An almost extinguished light had flickered but it grew stronger and shone some light further down the path for Composite Lodge.

While we learn in our Masonic lectures of the lessons of youth, manhood and age, the accompanying picture presents three men in varying stages of active Masonic manhood. During the meeting Worshipful Master Bradley Harris recognized Bro. Ronald Baker, the lodge's tyler who lives in LaGrange. They are the two men who keep Composite Lodge open.

Bro. Baker has been a mason for 41 of his 79 years.



Three "Working Masons" at Composite Lodge. M.W. Brother A. James Ross, a servant leader, Bro. Ronald Baker who attends to the lodge's physical needs, and W. Bro. Bradley Harris who provides the lodge's leadership to do its best.

He tends to the lodge building. He keeps the driveway cleared, sees that the building is warm before a meeting and takes care of the needs of the building. He has served as Tyler since 1999.

W. Bro. Harris keeps the lodge officially functioning as its Master. Only 30 years of age, he has been a Mason for nine years and Worshipful Master the past six years after serving as Senior Steward and Senior Deacon. The love of Masonry by these two men, born almost a half century apart, has kept Composite Lodge open beyond its natural life.

And notice the fellow to the left in the picture, a "servant leader." With three hours still to drive home, M.W. Brother Ross stayed to the end to lend support to the lodge. But look again, is something missing? The trappings of a Grand Master? No gold collar jewel. No fancy gold apron. Just the finest a man can wear, a white apron, a servant leader indeed.

July 16th Update

The struggle for the future of Composite Lodge continues. Only a small handful of members attend. Though many oppose closing the lodge they almost never attend or take an active part in supporting it with meaningful involvement.

The good news, Bro. Joseph Hallet received his Master Mason Degree on July 10th and two are in waiting. This is encouraging. There is a need for Composite Lodge and other rural lodges facing difficult times. May they succeed from within.

Lodge Community Service Becomes Family Tradition

By RW Christopher M. DiSotto

On Sunday May 18, 2014 Deering Lodge placed flags on the graves of Veterans at Calvary Cemetery in South Portland. This annual tradition was developed by Wor. Stephen Betters in 2009 during his term as Master.

An Army Veteran and man who believes strongly in serving our community, Bro. Betters contacted several cemeteries throughout the greater Portland area but only Calvary Cemetery, with an incredibly visible location, accepted our offer. What started with a few Brothers taking nearly four hours to place flags in two sections of the cemetery has now expanded to include our families and friends placing flags in nearly eight sections (and begging for more next year) in less than two hours from the first donut to the last flag.

We all look (or should) for some way to contribute to society but it is sometimes in the places we least expect that we find our niche. Working in the death-care industry I did not initially think this was something that would have such an impact on me personally, but it did.

In 2012, following an early morning swimming lesson, my son Jack and I went directly to the cemetery to make an appearance and place a few flags. Jack was having so much fun that we ended up staying until we were finished. Last year he was walking, placing flags himself and pointing out graves I had missed! Throughout the past year, every time we drove past a

cemetery he would comment that he and daddy put flags out and he couldn't wait to do it again. Well, last weekend, as I write this, we did just that. This time he carried his own bundles (with a donut to balance him) and placed many flags, still pointing out to me the ones I had inadvertently missed. I only hope this yearly few hours becomes something he will increasingly cherish as the years go by. We have had many Brothers bring their children and grandchildren, neighbors, high school classmates and others to this event. What a tradition we have created for ourselves without even thinking about it. It really is the simplest of activities that become the memories we carry with us through all of our days.

As a group, what has been interesting to us is how people receive us as we labor. Whether planting flowers, walking their dogs, visiting graves or just driving through, people will go out of their way to talk with us, share a story, offer thank yous, and let us know how much it means that we are doing this. The rewards far outweigh the effort not only because we are honoring our veterans, but also by spending quality

time teaching our children and community lessons of service, charity and fellowship.

Deering Lodge and its Brethren are honored to quietly show the community who we are as men and Masons. This is made more special by sharing the experience with our family and friends. If anyone would like to start a flag project, don't hesitate to contact us as we would be happy to help you get started. It is a rewarding experience.



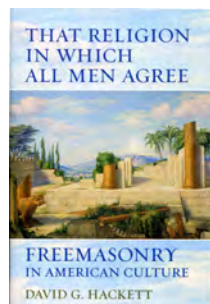
Jack DiSotto on a mission.



In the picture of the group in front of the stone are from l-r: Jane Peterson (wife of Wor. Pete Peterson), Bro. Safwan Nano, Joseph Nano, RW Chris DiSotto, Jack DiSotto, Bro. Mike Schermuly, Bro. Bret Mills, Bro. Evan Mills, his wife Erin and Wor. Steve Betters.

Have you come across a book that would benefit your Brethren? Drop me a note so we can 'share the wealth'. Don't forget to peruse book reviews in other Masonic publications too. There's LOTS of good reading out there these days!

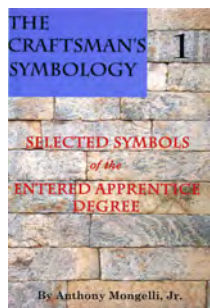
THE OLD WEBMASTER'S BOOKSHELF



There are few books which successfully detail Freemasonry's interaction with other facets of our world.

Prof. Stephen Bullock's "**Revolutionary Brotherhood**", which many of you have read (and if you haven't, you should!), is a great example. Now comes David G. Hackett's work, "**That Religion In Which All Men Agree - Freemasonry in American Culture**", which will soon stand worthily besides Bullock's seminal work. That title is a bit deceiving: it's actually about Freemasonry and American Religious History but don't let that deter you in the least. This book explains how we - Freemasons AND our country - have come to be what we are. A scholarly work, it is easily read but fully documented with an exhaustive index, huge bibliography, and complete footnotes. Don't miss this one for sure!

When we encounter something in Freemasonry which seems new to us, we should remember that in a 300+ year old organization, it's most likely someone else has 'been there - done that'! The United Grand Lodge of England has, for some years, had a program for Lodge Mentors which also includes the appointment of a Provincial officer to organize and encourage mentoring activities in local lodges. (Their provincial organizations are roughly akin to our Districts.) Brother Richard Johnson has written "**The Lodge Mentor**" which, although primarily for his UK brethren, nevertheless takes pains to show how the program 'translates' to other countries and jurisdictions. Covering the problems and objections as well as the opportunities and rewards of mentoring, this small book belongs in your 'read this again' pile each year! It will make you and your lodge's membership better!



What? *More* symbolism? Yes, yet another - and the first of a series titled "**Selected Symbols of the Entered Apprentice Degree**" by Anthony Mongelli, Jr. This is not your standard study and although some of the references

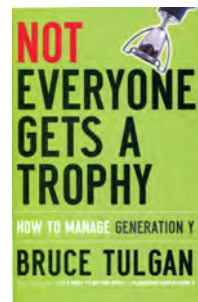
used to draw conclusions are - to me at least - suspect, it is a work which will make you think about the many, many connections we have to antiquity and lost learning. I found it intriguing and am loon.

Quality has become too much of a rarity these days so when a book purchased at the author's website arrives in a display box with a plastic top, having a cover of archival quality acid-free paper, numbered and inscribed personally to the recipient, it's attention-grabbing indeed. Someone who pays this much attention to the presentation, surely will create a work of lasting value and in this case, it's certainly true. Its short title is "**Observations and Potentials**" by Bro. Robert Streeter of Massachusetts. My far too simplified synopsis is that the author ties our loss of membership to our lack of attention to our ritual and makes a very persuasive case for its enhancement and emphasis. This is a limited edition book which is sure to become a classic and you will get a new and motivating perspective if you invest the time with this wonderful work. Only available from the author directly at www.observationsandpotentials.com. Order yours now to avoid disappointment. \$40.50 with shipping. A STEAL!



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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 3.2 million individual visitors last year. He's (the husband of the) Webmaster for our Grand Lodge and is also our Grand Librarian.

Is Your Lodge Thinking Membership? And Why Not?

Membership Committee members: Rick Bergeron (chairman), Brian Ingalls, Richard Nadeau, Ed "Fluffy" Libby, Shaun Carr, Frank Palmer, Carl Marsano, Toby Williams and Chris Jones.

We have all heard the mantra over the years about membership in regards to always trying to recruit new brethren for the fraternity. We know that membership can be cyclical. Every lodge has its growth spurts and its dry spells. Often times the dry spells cannot be helped. However, the successful lodge enjoys more growth spurts than dry spells and involves new Masons right away. The key is to continually try new things, be flexible to change, and to learn from our failures.

A big mistake many Lodges make is to do nothing and hope that their membership woes will go away all by themselves. That's simply not going to happen!

A good Membership Development Plan consists of more than recruitment efforts. It must also address retention and restoration plans as well. Often times we think we are doing a good job because we raised many Master Masons only to listen to the Secretary's Annual Report as he tells the lodge that we suspended more brethren for non-payment of dues (NPD) than we raised.

As a jurisdiction, we have been raising about 400 masons a year but we are losing about 800 a year between deaths and NPDs. We obviously can't do anything about deaths however; we need to curtail those suspensions if we are to turn things around.

The past couple of years, the rate of decline has begun to slow but we cannot be happy with any decline whatsoever. In 2013, there were 43 lodges that showed a positive gain in membership. There is a line in the Charge to the Wardens during a lodge Installation that I think fits very well here: "what you have seen praiseworthy in others, you should carefully imitate and what in them may have appeared defective, you should in yourselves

amend." We should apply this to membership as well. There is no one answer that will work for all lodges but there are many lodges that have great programs. Let's share these programs.

This year, the Membership Committee will again be traveling the State and putting on additional Membership Seminars. These seminars will not be a repeat of the ones from 2012/13. We will bring new and fresh ideas to the table, specifically where it concerns how we can do a better job retaining the brethren we currently have.

Information on the first of these seminars is found on the facing page. If your lodge or district would like to host one of these seminars in 2014/15, please contact Richard Bergeron at 207-240-5752 or email rickbergeron@fairpoint.net.

Many of our members receive such joy belonging to our Fraternity they want to share their experiences with family members, friends, neighbors and those they work with daily. It is the goal of the Membership Committee to supply the tools, information and the guidance needed to help our Brothers recruit these men and to help create an environment in which men will want to join and continue their membership.

We believe that recruitment and retention are so interwoven that they cannot be separated. When Masonry is described to a potential applicant, he is making a decision to either join the Fraternity or not. Once he has joined, if his lodge has not delivered the promises made to him, he will not stay. With that understanding, we need to identify the reasons a man "thinks" he wants to join so we can either validate his reasons or dispel his misconceptions. That being said, we would appreciate your opinions by taking this short five-minute survey found here:

The Masonic Rookie Program has been a great way to create excitement in the fraternity while instilling our new brethren with good Masonic habits. We congratulate here our newest Rookies:

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| * Jonathan J. Stevens | Paris #94 |
| * Dana J. Carver | Tuscan #106 |
| * John C. Moran | Excelsior #151 |
| * Nicholas M. Willey | Mechanics #66 |
| * Benjamin Denison | Mechanics #66 |
| * Michael D. Benjamin | Village #26 |
| * Hank E. King | Aroostook #197 |
| * Christopher Camire | Triangle #1 |
| * Alfred "Fritz" Knoll | Ira Berry #128 |



Saco Lodge #9 recently held its annual picnic at Ferry Beach.

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* Brett J. Cowallis	Solar Star #14
* Battisto Passalacqua	Webster #164
* Colby Conroy	Caribou #170
* Yamil A. Peralta	Oriental Star #21
* Steven Edmondson	Village #26
* Erick Bechtel	Caribou #170
* Scott L. Bradford	Rising Sun #71
* Evan Weston	United #8
* Edward A. Caron Jr.	United #8
* Frederick Whitford	Marine #122
* Isreal Rancourt	Sebasticook #146
* Lesley A. Miller	St. Croix #46
* Brian J. Thebarger	Lebanon #116
* Donald J. Burke Jr.	Triangle #1
* Dale A. Denbow	Morning Star #41
* Karl W. Furtado	Delta #153
* Lucas J. Zale	Maine #20
* Charles A. Noble	Mystic Tie #154
* Brian Cushing	Crooked River #152

Your Membership Committee is also undergoing a new media campaign. By the time you read this, our taping should be completed and you will soon be hearing

new radio commercials. We will also be creating a video that will be available through our social media presence. These ads will be replacing the Ben Franklin ads you saw last year. It is our hope that they will generate excitement in our communities just in time for the annual Open Houses.

The Open House this year will be on Saturday, October 18. The Membership Committee will be automatically sending out new date stickers to all lodge secretaries to place on your existing banners. If you need a new banner or masonic video, please contact Brian Ingalls at 207-604-0641 or email him at bingalls27@gmail.com. Many lodges are now including their ladies and families at special lodge events. In addition, designing events that may attract brethren that are not able to attend lodge regularly are a few things we can do to help with retention. As a lodge, try to do a couple of these special events a year. Have an awards night where you present your masonic service awards and invite the family. Maybe ask a few of the brethren that own an antique car to bring them to the event. This may be just what that brother was looking for to visit lodge.

Summer picnics are always fun, especially when sharing the fellowship of brethren and their families.



Regional Membership Seminars - 2014

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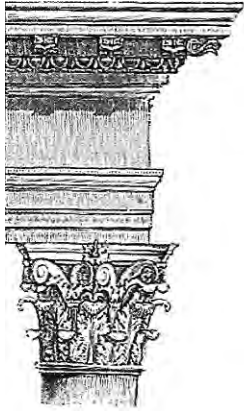
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Amity Lodge #6 361 Main St, Rockport	September 27, 2014	
Please return this form to R.W. Richard Bergeron, Jr., 81 Everett Rd., Poland, ME 04274, or email information to me at rickbergeron@fairpoint.net. For more info, call me at 207-240-5752.		



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



4th Masonic College Celebration of the Arts and Sciences focuses on the influence of music

By Fred Whitfield
Marine Lodge #122, Deer Isle

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....

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Walter Macdougall, representing the College of Arts and Sciences, opened the event by first giving his remarks about Freemasonry, and second suggesting why celebrating the arts and sciences is so important.

He said, "Philosophically and in symbolic terms, Freemasonry as a fraternal order is concerned with humankind's purposes here on Earth and with the opposition of light vs darkness – the intellectual and emotional building process within the individual and within society vs those ideologies and actions which destroy human progress and positive achievement."

He went on to say "Freemasonry celebrates that which is constructive, creative and compassionate in the affairs of humankind." He said that "It soon became apparent to thinking human beings that the loss of enabling advances in sciences and enriching achievements of the arts was a real and present danger..." (consider the dark ages) and "Each generation must make a choice and commitment in the continual preservation of the arts and sciences."

Our celebration this year was focused on the influence of music in our lives and society. Our lessons were delivered flawlessly by Susanne Nance, formerly of MPBN. She is a wonderful singer who sang so beautifully for us in the afternoon. Susanne is also a musicologist and professor who brought to light the relationship between music and our human experience.

She drew us in immediately when she played a recording of postal workers in Uganda whistling a tune and stamping their rubber stamps to cancel postage with a rhythm that anyone could dance to. It was amazing!

She gave us examples of movie themes that grip our emotions. Who can forget the haunting song played at the end of Platoon as the wounded were lifted off in the medivac from the scene of that horrible firefight, or the exhilarating theme from Star Wars.

Susanne then played some examples of the recordings made for a series called *Music That Moves You* which aired on Public Radio. A gentleman named Craig Campbell had just graduated from school, and his girlfriend's parents took them sailing on an 84-foot boat in the West Indies. It was a trip of a lifetime. He remembers standing at the bow of the boat listening to Enya's *Sail Away* as it broke through the waves. Surrounding him were white puffy clouds, turquoise water, green islands and flying fish. That song brings him



Susanne Nance

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#14 The Minutes of “Old Builders Lodge #1000”

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.

As we learned last time, our continuing subject probably wasn't a mason, but may have been the model for the calling out of 'Eureka' that is credited to Pythagoras in the ritual. Last time we learned about Archimedes and his Principal involving water displacement. This time we will explore some of the other discoveries he made in his lifetime. Lots of his inventions were to help out his home city of Syracuse. Remember, at the time of Archimedes, cities were their own nation, called city states, pretty much on their own as a government and usually enclosed in walls.

One of the ways Archimedes helped his city was to build the ship 'Syracusia', which was the largest vessel of its time and capable of transporting 600 passengers. Since a ship of this size would leak a considerable amount of water through the hull, Archimedes' developed the first 'bilge' pump. This was comprised of a screw shaped blade inside a cylinder. It was turned by hand, and could lift the water out of the bottom of the ship and dump it over the side. It was also used later to transfer water from a low-lying body of water into irrigation canals for watering crops.

The next experiments Archimedes did kept me pretty busy in my 'Statics' class during school at the University of Maine. Statics is the study of forces on a fixed object. (We also had to study forces that acted on moving objects; this course was called 'Dynamics'.) What was it that keeps modern day engineers still busy doing homework from Archimedes' day? It was his experiments and discoveries with the lever or leverage and how he developed pulleys and pulley systems. Although leverage had been known, he worked out the reasons that it worked. He reportedly said, "Give me a place to stand on, and

I will move the Earth." He took the concepts of levers and developed pulley systems. These were used by sailors to hoist freight on to ships that would have been far too heavy to lift without the pulleys, what we call block and tackle today.

Another use Archimedes made of leverage was to create the Archimedes Claw. This was a device to sink enemy ships invading Syracuse. It was basically a very large fishing pole that passed over a fulcrum or pivot point, outfitted with a very large hook. When a ship came in close enough, soldiers would pull one side of the fulcrum down causing the hook side to rise up quickly. The hook then catches on to the ship and flips it over. This action capsized it and caused it to sink. One of the fantastic myths (or is it) about Archimedes is that he burned a fleet of attacking ships in the Syracuse harbor with just mirrors. There have been many doubts about Archimedes weapon of the Death Ray.

However in 2005 the Death Ray was proved and tested by a University class (MIT). Using over one hundred mirrors they made a dummy profile of a ship with 5 inch thick wood which ignited after focusing all the mirrors to a specific point on the ship. This experiment was then carried out again on a real boat in the water with the help of the television show 'mythbusters'. They proved Archimedes death ray was no longer a theory but a definite possibility that this 'death ray' tactic was used effectively against the roman ships in Syracuse.

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Even his death is shrouded in myth. Some say he was slain by an invader who was under orders to spare Archimedes but made a mistake of his identity. The fantastic part of the story was that Archimedes asked him to wait until he finished the calculation he was working on and supposedly the soldier did!

I thought this would be the last article on Archimedes but it looks like we will need another article just to show his contribution to the world with Integral Calculus.



"Give me a place to stand on, and I will move the earth."

Masonry a family affair at Dresden Lodge #103

This photo is from Dresden Lodge's double EA degree on June 24 when two families passed on the tradition of Masonry. Third from the left is Brother Michael Robertson, grandson of V.W. Bruce Alexander standing behind him. The other EA, third from the right, is Brother Zachary Pierce, son of Brother Jeffrey Pierce, standing behind him. Brother Jeff Pierce's other son, Sgt. and Brother Benjamin Pierce, is also a member of Dresden Lodge.

Sgt. Pierce just returned from a tour in Afghanistan with the 133 Engineers. He was raised at Dresden last July, right before he



In the picture: (l-r) front: R.W. Kevin Campbell, Wor. Fletcher Atkinson, Bro. Michael Robertson, Bro. Zach Pierce, V.W. Leon (Mac) McCreary Master of Dresden Lodge, Bro. Aaron

Cook. Middle: Bro. Allen Bever, V.W. Bruce Alexander, Bro. Jeff Pierce, Bro. Dale Hinote, Bro. John Ottum. Back: Bro. Sean Paulhus, Bro. Mike Kokiel, Bro. Wayne Peaslee.

deployed, by the Military and Veterans Degree Team, headed by M.W. Wayne T. Adams. As it happens Brother Robertson has joined the National Guard and left for

boot camp the first week in August. He turned 18 on May 12, turned in his petition on May 13. We balloted on him and Bro. Pierce at our June stated.

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back to that wonderful experience.

"Midnight, all alone in the midnight..." Rugu Hisecker's father was near the end of his life. As he sat in the theatre next to his wife watching *Cats*, tears were running down his cheeks, and he turned to her and said, "They're playing my song." As he walked out of the theatre he collapsed and then passed away the next day. The song *Memories* brings her back to that overwhelming event in her life; the passing of her beloved father.

Finally, a first grade girl loved watching *The Sound of Music* with her parents. "Raindrops on roses and blue satin sashes..." When she was in a bad place, she sang in her beautiful first grade voice, "I simply remember my favorite things and then I don't feel so bad." What a way to feel better.

Speaking of voice, Susanne then gave us ten thought-provoking questions to ask ourselves to help us find our own voice. They are: 1. What angers you? 2. What makes you cry? 3. What have you mastered? 4. What gives you hope? 5. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? 6. What would you do if you had all the money

in the world? 7. What blows your mind? 8. What platform do you already own? 9. What change would you make in the world? (the difference in the world because you lived) and 10. If you had one day left to live, how would you spend it? Some of us gave our own personal answers to these questions.

Finally, she went around the room and asked each of us, "What song moves you?" Mine was *The Rose*.

"When the night has been too lonely
and the road has been too long
When you think that love is only
for the lucky and the strong
Just remember in the winter
far beneath the bitter snow
Lies a seed that with the Sun's love,
in the spring becomes the rose."

Music is a major force in our lives. We are motivated by both love and hope, and music speaks to both. To preserve this art, we must find our relationship with music. Susanne Nance planted the seed so that we can grow in our appreciation of this creative art form. Nurture that seed!

Lodges combine for St. Johns' Sunday Celebration

On June 22nd Piscataquis Lodge # 44 and Pleasant River Lodge # 163 held their annual Saint John Sunday Celebration at the Community Church in Brownville. The Celebration began with a breakfast at the church provided by the lodges with Worshipful Brother Neil MacLean as chief cook.

The Reverend Ann Purdy whose father was a past master of Corner Stone Lodge in Portland, delivered an excellent sermon on being foundational rocks in building

of responsible society. Most Worshipful Walter Macdougall gave a brief power point presentation on the two Saints John. This year, lodge officers, several masonic widows and the pastor wore Kente Ties in honor of charity and the fellowship these ties represent.

The celebration of Saint John's' Sunday continues to be a growing and meaningful event in which the better purpose of these two lodges and their communities meet.



Left to right: Arthur Grant, David Pullen (Master of Piscataquis Lodge), Thomas Usher, Dennis Green, Joshua Usher, Neil MacLean, Rosemary Chase, Lawrence Foulkes, Herbert Libby, The Rev. Ann Purdy, Ryan Colpaert, Stanley Reed, Virginia Wado, Kenneth Colpaert, Robert Hamlin, Willis Gould, Eben DeWitt, Walter Macdougall, and Paul Foulkes.



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Personal Reflections on *Ethics, the Four Cardinal Virtues, and Effective Leadership*

By *R.W. Charles W. Plummer*

While preparing my lecture notes and handouts for a course I taught for the Maine Masonic College titled An In-depth Study of the Tenets of Freemasonry and the Four Cardinal Virtues, the thought crossed my mind that in all of past leadership seminars that I have participated in for lodge officers sponsored by the Committee On Masonic Education and Lodge Service, the topics of ethics and leadership effectiveness was never touched upon. This was the primary motivator for the writing of this article for The Maine Mason.

I think few readers would disagree with me when I make the statement that the moral triumphs and failure of leaders in the eyes of the general public carry much more weight and volume than those classified as non-leaders. The reason for this is because in leadership we see morality magnified and this has been borne out by the recent convictions of some corporate executives and members of Congress whose lack of ethics is appalling. Congress has gone so

far as to
establish a
code of
ethics for its
members but

what the members of that body don't seem to realize is that it is not codes in and of themselves that make individuals ethical. Although codes are important, it is even more important that leaders become more sensitive to their moral obligations. In other words the effective leader has to make a personal commitment to behaving ethically with the members of the organization that he or she is leading.

Many organizations have, or are now developing, codes of ethics but as someone has said, "Ethical codes and structures need to be more than window dressing." Leadership then, as it relates to leading others, is much more than those routine activities that are essential in managing resources, directing the followers of an organization, and creating esprit de corps. Effective leadership also requires the continual assessment of the needs of the followers and their expectations, as well as inspiring them to realize a vision that will best serve those needs and those of the organization. But beyond this, it is the leader's moral principles and integrity that gives legitimacy and credibility to the vision and sustain it.

Let us now examine the dimensions of leadership and what the terms "leadership" and "integrity" mean. First,

leadership can be defined as "a set of role behaviors and actions on the part of an individual who assumes a leadership role either by a formal appointment or election." Thus we can view leadership from the following two perspectives: first, as a set of strategies that the leader will use to influence the values, beliefs, and behaviors of the followers towards the achievement of the organization's goals and objectives; second, as a set of role behaviors to accomplish the tasks that must be carried out to meet the goals while at the same time maintaining cohesion and a cooperative working relationship among the members of the organization.

The term "ethical" has been defined as "that which is morally good and morally right." This also implies that leadership is ethical when leaders are guided by altruism. It is the responsibility of a good leader to create a moral climate in his or her organization and that climate should reflect not only the moral development of the leader but that of his or her followers as well. There is no doubt in my mind that the moral development of a leader is the

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Freemasons are taught in the Entered Apprentice Degree though, I would add, all too briefly. Ethical leadership, then, manifests itself in three ways: one, through the leader's motives; two, by the strategies the leader uses to influence others; and 3, by the leader's character formation. To state it in another way, the motives of the leader and the strategies that he or she uses to influence his or her followers are the fruits of his or her character.

Although the self-transformation for ethical leadership centers on character development, a survey of the codes of conduct among the leaders of more than two hundred companies published in 1991 reveals that "the most ignored item was personal character – it seemed not to matter." The word "character," as defined in the Concise Oxford Dictionary, means "moral strength, backbone." In essence, then, character constitutes a personal, inner-directed, and habitual strength of both mind and will.

As I mentioned earlier, the four cardinal virtues have a very important role to play in the character formation of a leader. The contemporaries of the Greek philosopher Socrates took for granted the concept of virtue as signi-

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Grand Master A. James Ross, comments on the diversity shown by the Masonic Beau Tie Society's gift of \$4,500. to the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America. The gift was made through the Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at the Grand Lodge of Maine's Annual Communication in Lewiston. From second left is Richard Rhoda, Houlton, its Ambassador; Glenn Payne, Prince Hall, formerly of Bangor; Robert Hancock, Limestone, its President; Ricky Hall, Prince Hall of Bangor; and Lewis Gordon, Jr., Master of Orchard Lodge, Old Orchard, Maine member. Funds have been raised through the sale of Kente bow ties featuring symbolic cultural African colors. Society is open to all who wish to support diversity and promote understanding.

Reflections on Ethics

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fying human rightness and Plato was the first to formulate the four cardinal virtues which we know as temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. These form the intellectual framework that is known as "the doctrine of virtue" and it is considered "one of the great discoveries in the history of man's self-understanding."

They are called "cardinal" which is the Latin word for "hinge" because they are the hinge around which human behavior acquires moral significance when these practices are consistent with the moral principles that are implicit in the four virtues.

The practice of temperance requires one to distinguish the difference between what is both reasonable and necessary and what is nothing more than self-indulgence. This virtue involves the efficient use and allocation of one's time, effort, and resources. In essence, then, temperance means the exercise of self-control which plays a key role in helping one to resist the temptation to overindulge in hedonistic behaviors. The German philosopher, Josef Pieper, in his book titled *The Four Cardinal Virtues*, states "Temperance or intemperance of outward behavior and expression can have its strengthening or weakening repercussion on the inner order of man."

Fortitude is the courage to take risks, sometimes great risks, for a worthwhile ideal. A leader with courage, then, will be able to face difficult situations and make every

effort to act in a positive way to overcome obstacles in order to accomplish what is good and noble. An underlying characteristic of this virtue is the ability to persevere and endure against great odds.

The practice of prudence requires one to engage in what is termed "habitual assessment" which includes the likely favorable or unfavorable consequences of a decision one makes for self and others. The leader who has developed the habit of practicing this virtue will not abdicate his or her responsibility for any unethical behavior by his or her followers. Neither will he or she show resentment to others who may disagree with his or her views but will actively seek divergent views to better exercise sound judgment in the decision-making process.

Justice as a virtue requires one to constantly strive to give to others what is their due. This due is more than the idea of legal justice and includes what others may need in order to fulfill their duties and exercise their individual rights, among which are: "the right to life, cultural and moral goods, and material goods." In the context of leadership, we can say justice means that sense of responsibility that balances in a fair manner the rights of all members in an organization.

Thus it seems clear to me that it is through the practice of the cardinal virtues that leaders can acquire that inner-directed and habitual strength of mind and will and by so doing they will be able to incorporate moral principles in their behavior, form their character, and become more effective leaders.

The Mystery of the Masonic Stone

*by Brother Steven Edmondson
Villago Lodge #26*

Webster's defines a mystery as a profound secret, something wholly unknown or something kept cautiously concealed and therefore exciting curiosity or wonder; something which has been or cannot be explained. Although not in the same category as other mysteries often associated with Masonry such as the Oak Island Treasure, a Brother from the Village Lodge #26 in Bowdoinham was recently presented with such a mystery that certainly has excited our curiosity. A mystery so compelling and one worthy of sharing with hopes the answers may be known among a Brother Mason in Maine.

In the spring of 2013, newly raised Brother Mike Benjamin was feeling particularly creative and industrious as he took part in the maintenance of a neighborhood park built in the honor of a 7-year old boy who died of a heart defect years earlier. The neighborhood association planted a garden by a stream in the child's honor and the idea of adding a stone bench came to the creative mind of Bro. Mike.

Bro. Mike and a neighbor went to a local landscaping business in search for appropriate stones to construct the bench. As Mike was rummaging through a nondescript pile of rocks and construction debris, a particular stone caught his eye. Not sure what he was seeing, Bro. Mike cleared his way through the pile and was dumbfounded by what lay before him. Carved into the stone was the unmistakable design of the Square and Compasses in a true Masonic symbol.

Bro. Mike approached the proprietor and inquired about the stone. He was told the entire pile was purchased from Lewiston and knew nothing about that stone. Mike asked about purchasing the stone with the owner agreeing to sell it for \$20 indicating he had no use for it. Had the proprietor seen the sparkle in Mike's eyes, he could have certainly separated additional funds from Mike and his wallet.

Mike described the stone as being 12" square at the base and 24" tall with the Masonic symbol carved at the top. Mike said there appeared to be another stone of matching size and shape but it had no markings or carvings on it. He is hoping to return and obtain that stone as well.

The stone currently greets all that enter Bro. Mike's



home. He has left instructions with his family that upon his passing, the stone is to be donated to the Village Lodge #26 in Bowdoinham where he currently serves as Marshal. This comment is not made lightly as Mike is battling two cancers and psoriatic arthritis. Whether it be karma, fate or divine guidance, Mike believes his good deed of working on the park was rewarded by the discovery of the stone.

Bro. Mike and others at the Village Lodge are curious to the history of the stone and welcome anyone with any knowledge, thoughts or speculation of the stone to contact Mike at 207-751-8911 to help shed some light on the Mystery of the Masonic Stone.

A “Supreme Installation” Maine Style

Sixty-five members of the “Maine Delegation” travelled to Baltimore, Maryland on July 29th. They weren’t going to feast on Maryland’s famous soft shell crab. As good as that might have been, their mission was much more important than that.

They made the trip to see Cora-Ellen Moody installed Supreme Worthy Advisor of the Supreme Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Our delegation included our Most Worshipful Grand Master—David Walker, our Worthy Grand Matron—Rebecca Johnson, our State Executive Officer of Maine DeMolay—Gordon Kimball Jr., Grand Officers of Eastern Star and Rainbow and several other interested Maine Rainbow supporters.

The installation was conducted in “Maine Rainbow Style” with our Supreme Deputy, Debbie Redmond presiding as the Supreme Installing Officer, Elizabeth Ashe (Cora’s daughter) and Donna Ferguson Johnson (PGWA) as Supreme Installing Marshals; Robert Ferguson—Supreme Installing Chaplain; Julianne B. Irving (Grand Conductress)—Supreme Installing Recorder; Gretchen Brissette (PGM), Debbie Greim (PWA/PMA) and Denise Dyer (PGWA) Supreme Installing Musicians/Soloists and our own Grand Worthy Advisor – Michelle Walton was the Supreme Installing Bible Bearer.

Maine Rainbow is very excited to be the home of the Supreme Worthy Advisor for the next two years and to be one of the Host Jurisdictions for Supreme Assembly 2016 in Providence, Rhode Island. We invite you all to share in the excitement with Cora-Ellen’s theme “Rainbow is a Rhapsody! Listen to the parts, Listen with your heart!” We will be seeing shades of green and lots of music in the next two years! Come celebrate with us on October 12, 2014 at the Auburn Masonic Hall at Cora’s reception—more information to follow.



Newly installed Supreme Worthy Advisor of the Supreme Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Cora-Ellen Moody, with two of her biggest fans, M.W. David Walker, Grand Master of Masons in Maine, immediately above, and Brother Gordon Kimball, Jr., State Executive Director of Maine DeMolay, above left.

Maine Masons Awarded for Their Service



R.W. Brother Clyde Ross, left, received his first Bronze Star (signifying 55 years of service to the Craft) in an April 7 ceremony at Maine Lodge #20. Rt. Wor. Ernest Lowell made the presentation at the regular meeting. Brother Ross's 55 years truly have been filled with service to Freemasonry. In addition to serving as Master of Maine Lodge, he is a former District Deputy Grand Master of the 15th Masonic District, a former Assistant Grand Lecturer and a former member of the Masonic Education and Lodge Service Committee. Congratulations, Brother Clyde. And thanks.



91-year-old Harold D. Frost, Jr., now a Waterville resident, was presented his 50-year Veterans Medal on April 16 by R.W. Walter Kyllonen, Past Junior Grand Warden. Brother Frost was raised in York's St. Aspinquid Lodge January 1, 1964 where he served as a steward. He is also a member of Orient Lodge #15 of Thomaston.



R.W. Pete Forrest presented Brother Jon Cole with his 50-year Veterans Medal on April 3 of this year. Brother Cole, a member of Lewys Island Lodge, now lives in Plantation, Florida. Although they had never met, both Brother Cole and Brother Forrest graduated from Northeastern University in Boston, the same year.

R.W. Pete Forrest and R.W. Jack Lagerquist, Maine's Florida Ambassadors, presented two more Grand Lodge of Maine 50-Year Masonic Veterans Medals to deserving Brothers, this trip to the home of Brother Harold A. Newman and then to the home of Wor. Peter Merrill. Brother Newman is a member of St. Andrews Lodge in Bangor; Brother Merrill a dual member of Acacia Lodge 121 in Durham and Kathleen Lodge #338 in Kathleen, Florida. Unfortunately the photo of the presentation to Brother Newman did not work out but as shown in the photo above, there was no such technical difficulty at Brother Merrill's presentation, a well-attended event at Kathleen Lodge to be sure. There were 51 Masons present as well as Cindy Merrill, wife of Wor. Merrill, who pinned on his Maine 50 Year Lapel Pin, and M.W. Brother Gerald Leighton.



R.W. Jack Lagerquist and Bro. Carroll Scribner
By Jack Lagerquist

Sometimes it takes some work to bring these presentations about. Brother Carroll G. Scribner, a member of Tranquil Lodge #29, in Auburn, is a case in point. We normally offer the recipient the opportunity to choose how and where he will have his Grand Lodge of Maine 50-Year Veterans Medal presented.

Brother Scribner, who holds dual membership in Venice, Florida, Lodge, initially said he would like to receive it there at his Florida Lodge. That did not work out as their next stated meeting conflicted with our schedule. Brother Scribner is also the Assistant Rabban of Sahib Shrine in Sarasota, and if all goes according to plan, he will be Potentate there in 2016. Interestingly there are many Maine Brothers who have served Sahib Shrine as Potentate. Did you think it was by accident that we annually hold Maine Masons in Florida Day there in early February? (Mark your calendars for Feb. 8, 2015, for the next one.)

In trying to coordinate our mutual schedules, and the fact that we were nearing the time to return to Maine for the summer, Brother Scribner then decided to invite us to lunch at Sahib Shrine on Thursday, March 24, 2014, so that he could receive his 50-Year Medal in front of about 100 fellow Shriners and his Divan. That didn't work out either as the Potentate was going to hold a closed meeting that day so our wives could not attend.

So my wife, Sandy, and I made the trip due west over Florida Route 70, which is a straight shot to Sarasota from our place then dropped down to Venice. My wife served as the photographer on this venture as RW Pete Forrest was already back in Maine.

The Value of Visitations...to Us All

**by Wor. Paul Foster, Chaplain
St. Aspinquid Lodge #198, York**

We commenced a new initiative this year with periodic visits organized by the Chaplain and the Presiding Master. Other available Masons, including candidates working on "Rookie Award" activities, are invited to participate in these visits. We most recently completed our second organized day of visitations which we enjoyed every bit as much as those we visited. Our first visit was with Bro Tom and Jean Bridges who reside at Sentry Hill at York Harbor. We met Jean going for her daily walk as we entered the facility and she later joined us in conversations. Both Tom and Jean were happy that we came to visit and we all enjoyed reminiscing about past experiences. Tom was pleased to learn about our Lodge activities. Although Tom and Jean no longer reside in their own home we felt comfort in knowing they love their present accommodations. The one thing Jean said she missed was the opportunity to attend church. We next ventured to the home of Bro Bill and Phoebe Foster. As always, they were great hosts and were glad to have us visit. We again found ourselves engaged in conversation regarding past important experiences which included a variety of subjects. We mentioned that we had visited with friends Tom and Jean Bridges and that Jean missed church. Bill and Phoebe promptly announced they would see that Jean had a ride to attend church. RW Bob Hoyt, Presiding Master presented Bro Foster with a 65 year star to pin on his 50 Maine Masonic Veterans medal. This was indeed an important milestone. Phoebe talked at length about the joy she experienced with activities at the Lodge in her younger years.

Our next visit was with Bro John and Marie Erickson. John was happy to see us and as a good host offered refreshment which we heartily accepted. Again our conversations allowed John to reminisce about important past experiences. He particularly remembered the joy we had in assisting Mike Little, organizer of "Flags Over Main Street," in putting out the holiday flags in York. Our visit ended with RW Hoyt presenting Bro John with a 40 year service pin.

Our next visit with Bro. Norm and Sue Niles also included the presentation of a 40 year service pin. Norm and Sue greeted us in their yard where they were doing clean-up work so we enjoyed our visit in the bright sun-

shine. Norm had forgotten that he was eligible for a 40 year service pin and was grateful when RW Bob made the presentation. Much more reminiscing ensued and inquiries from Norm about Masons he knew when he was going through the chairs.

Our planned visitations concluded with RW Walter Kyllonen travelling to Waterville to present Bro. Harold Frost, Jr. with a 50-year Maine Masonic Veterans Medal. (Photo on Page 24.) Bro. Harold was raised in St. Aspinquid Lodge but transferred his membership to Orient Lodge in Thomaston when he retired from Met Life and relocated to Thomaston. RW Kyllonen reported how pleased the Frosts were to have a visit from St Aspinquid Lodge and to have the opportunity to catch up on old times from when they resided in York. Harold invited a photographer from the Waterville Sentinel to record the event. His wife Therese made coffee and his daughter Judith Gillis drove from Orrington with a blueberry coffee cake and to take numerous photographs. Daughter Judith mentioned that Harold's daughter Susan had been a Grand Worthy Advisor for the International Order of Rainbow in Maine. This was

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indeed a very important day for Bro. Frost, RW Kyllonen reported he had rarely seen a

more enthusiastic recipient of a 50 year medal and had never been thanked more times for a visit.

We learn about Masonic Relief in our Masonic degree lessons and judging from the success of our ongoing visits, perhaps the most important relief we can apply as lodge members is to take the time to visit our fellow Masons and their family members. There was a common theme that became clear during our visits. All those visited quickly began talking about past good times and experiences associated with Lodge. That opportunity in itself was worth our effort for each visit. The number of calls and thank you cards we get following visits certainly confirms the value of a simple visit. We get the sense from shut-ins that our visits are perceived as "Caring" and this also makes our time well spent. Bro Bob and Kate Moulton have brought joy to countless members of our Masonic families since 1998 when the "Care and Share Program" was started but not to be overlooked is the joy Bro Bob and Kate have enjoyed in being able to brighten one's day for a short while. Finally, the visits allow members unable to attend lodge to have an interaction with visiting brethren.

The Essential and the Accidental

By Michael Hopkins
Saco Lodge #9

Following is an essay by newly-raised Brother Hopkins, one of several he has written which he describes as “echoes he sees to classical philosophy or to literature (as to a portion of the Hamlet soliloquy in the lesson of the plumb, square and level.”) --Ed.

In the Fellow Craft degree, the candidate is taught the orders of architecture: to distinguish between the three Greek orders (Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian) which “show invention and particular character, and differ essentially from each other.” The two Roman orders (Tuscan and Composite), however, differ only accidentally.

The distinction between *essential* and *accidental* is a central part of the philosophy of Aristotle. Aristotle lived from 384-322 BC. He had a remarkable education, being the student of Plato, who was himself the student of Socrates. Aristotle worked as a teacher, in the sense in which that was meant in the 4th century BC. His students included Alexander the Great and at least two other kings.

In his *Metaphysics*, Aristotle provided a different model for reality from Plato's. To Plato, essence derived from a relation to universal forms; so a dog was essentially a dog because it conformed to some unchangeable ethereal idea of “dog.” Aristotle focused instead on concrete individuals and what is directly observed about them (an approach we now call *empiricism*). The essence of an individual (or species of individuals) is what is necessary to defining what it fundamentally is. An individual may have contingent, or accidental, characteristics without which it could still maintain its identity. I am a human and I do have a beard, but beardedness is not essential to my humanness; neither is the fact that I am overweight or have black hair; but there are certain other characteristics which are essential to my humanness.

In this same way, Aristotle made a distinction between what is “said of a subject” and what is “in a subject.” As I understand this, to give a full description of something to another person, one might have to include characteristics which are accidental, and even items which are matters of opinion. This does not mean that what is said of the substance is essential to it.

Aristotle has been termed “the father of science.” This is not so much because he made scientific discoveries, but rather because he established the way of doing what we call science: an

endeavor based on observation, experiment, and ordered thought.

He also wrote several treatises on ethics and politics. In the *Nichomachean Ethics*, he taught that virtue has to do with the proper functioning of a thing. Eyes are good if they see well, because seeing is the proper function of an eye. Humans must have some such proper function and he reasoned that the goal of happiness (or well-being) was the optimum activity of the soul. Moral virtue stood the end of a term of personal development and moral education.

Aristotle is difficult to read. This is in large part because, unlike Plato, he was not a writer in the sense of constructing books intended for a broad audience. His treatises were in the form of lecture notes and were gathered into book form only two hundred years after his death.

While Aristotle's teachings may be little known or revered in our modern age, he was central to medieval and renaissance philosophy. He had a strong effect on important Christian philosophers like Thomas Aquinas as well as on Jewish philosophers such as Moses Maimonides

Our Craft's rituals give continual evidence of the erudition of those who constructed its lessons and lectures. This echo of Aristotle in the Fellow Craft lecture seems an example of this.



Brother Clifford Day, center, of Fraternal Lodge in Alfred recently received his 50-year Veterans medal. Joining him in the photo are Wor. Harold (Bud) Jamison, left, and Bro. Woodworth Shute.

The following poem was written by R.W. Brother Douglas Blodgett and read by him in Pleasant River Lodge #163, Brownville, on June 25, 2013 when he and his brother, Wor. Richard Blodgett, received their 50-year Veterans Medals. --Ed

MY BROTHER ED

Years ago we knelt on bended knee
And we took an obligation;
We became much better men
When we each became a Mason.

All men were alike to us
None different from the other,
But now we take a closer look;
Perhaps that stranger is a brother.

When I feel your friendly grip
It fills my heart with pride
To know that we are on the square
And you are by my side,

Words are as safe within your breast
As they are within my own;
Your hand forever at my back
To guide me if alone.

We might have lived much different lives
And yielded to life's passions
Without each other's helping hand
And the fellowship of Masons.

We each know how hard it is
To resist all life's temptations;
That's why we knelt on bended knee
And took that obligation.

One thing I learned along life's way
And it came from God above --
There will never be a stronger bond
Than that of a brother's love.

Village Lodge #26 supports local Bowdoinham library



Last Spring, Village Lodge #26 of Bowdoinham made a \$500 donation to the new Umberhind Public Library in Richmond. Pictured left to right at the check presentation are JW Peter Warner, Donna McClusky and Jan Wanggaard of the Library Association and WM Doug Bellevue. The money will go towards furnishing the new library.” Photo by Bro. Mike Benjamin, Village Lodge

From the Grand East *Continued from Page 3*

I want to offer a few thoughts about civility, courtesy and respect. We are losing these values, a little more each day. We all see it, every day. There is name calling, bullying, sassy responses and wise cracks in every corner of society, from the very top down to the interactions in our homes. It seems that everywhere you look, this hurtful behavior can be found. Worse yet, many people seem to relish in it. It sells in print, in the media and social networking. Sadly, it can sometimes be found in our own Fraternity. Where is this taking us? The outcome is almost always a bad one. Hostilities and worse are often the end product.

Brethren, we who are Masons are supposed to be better than that! If you think about the vows we all took and the lessons we all received when we joined Freemasonry, they speak to a better way of conducting ourselves. We are taught that a Mason should demonstrate Brotherly love and respect for each other. Our teachings go further. Remember that in the closing charge of a Lodge we are taught that every human being has a claim on our good offices. We can lead by our example.

Ashlar Lodge holds Annual Movie Night

**By Wor. Steve Peterson
Secretary, Ashlar Lodge #105**

Ashlar Lodge No. 105 in Auburn held their Seventh Annual "Drive-In" Movie Night on Saturday, July 26th at the Auburn Masonic Temple. This annual event featured a free cook-out with hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, and punch, as well as, Bro. Fred Nash's Popcorn, Cotton Candy, & Ice Cream Carnival Wagons. At dusk, the movie "Frozen" was projected on to a white tarp hung on the side of the Masonic Temple. The audio was provided by a sound system and was also broadcast in FM radio, so people could sit in their cars to watch the movie. More than 80 people attended including Masons, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay Boys, family, friends, and potential candidates. It was a great evening.



ANKH Temple #160, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Ankh Temple No. 160 meets at the Ralph J. Pollard Masonic Lodge, 730 River Road in Orrington at 2:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month, except while recessed the months of August, December and January.

WHO WE ARE; Daughters of the Nile is an International fraternal organization for women 18 years or older, who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, or Daughter of the Nile or is a majority member in Good Standing of a Masonic-related organization for girls.

Founded in 1913 in Seattle, Washington, Daughters of the Nile members now total over 26,000 in 139 cities throughout the United States and Canada. Daughters of the Nile maintain two permanent endowment funds to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. In the United States, the Daughters of the Nile Foundation is a non-profit public charity, while in Canada it is entitled the Canadian Trust.

The members of Daughters of the Nile are proud of their long association with Shriners International and their continuing support of Shriners Hospitals for Children, a network of 22 hospitals throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico that provides pediatric care for specialty areas of orthopedics, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

WHAT WE DO; Through the Daughters of the Nile Foundation and Canadian Trust, Daughters of the Nile contributes over \$2 million each year to all 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children to be used for the medical care and rehabilitation of children. Since 1924, Daughters of the Nile has contributed more than \$50 million. Each year members of Daughters of the Nile also give generously of their time and talents to the hospitals by providing more than 150,000 volunteer hours at the Shriners Hospitals for Children. In addition, they sew clothing and quilts, and provide toys, books, games and other educational and recreational items with an annual value well over \$900,000. For more information, contact Queen Peggyanne Kilton at 207-377-2873.

Scottish Rite and Kora Shrine One-Day Class

Master Masons who wish to join the Scottish Rite and/or Kora Shriners will have the opportunity to become members of both these fine organizations on Saturday, October 11 of this year. The one-day class will be held at the magnificent Kora Shrine Center, 11 Sabattus Street in Lewiston.

Cost to any candidate who wishes to join both will be \$200 which is less than the normal fee. Cost to join either of the organizations will be \$100. Five Scottish Rite degrees will be held and initiation into the Shrine will follow.

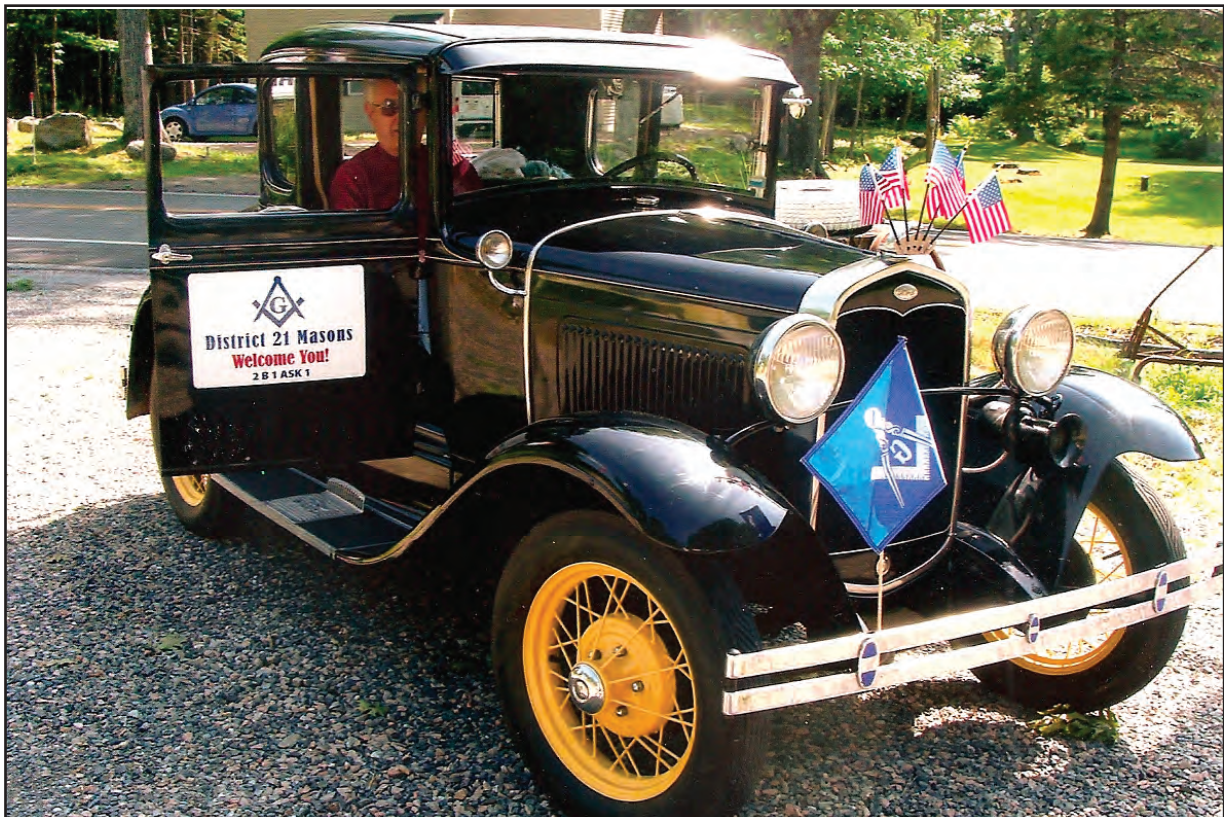
Events begin at 9 a.m. with registration. Lunch and/or dinner will be provided for all candidates. Meals will be available to all non-candidate members for a \$5 lunch donation and \$10 for dinner. Meal reservations need to be made by October 1 with Kate Hansen, Kora Office Manager, at 782-6831.

Applications for the Scottish Rite can be obtained from Brad Blake, Secretary, Valley of Portland, PO Box 303, Bowdoinham, ME 04008 or by calling 772-7711.

Applications for Kora Shrine can be obtained from Paul Sherman, Recorder, Kora Shrine Center, 11 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, 782-6831. email address: recorder@korashriners.org

Tentative schedule for the day is as follows:

9:00 am -- registration
10:00 am -- 4th Degree - Master Traveler
11:00 am -- 14th Degree - Grand Elect Mason
12 Noon -- Lunch, 16th Degree, Prince of Jerusalem
1:00 pm -- 29th Degree - Knight of St. Andrew
2:00 pm -- 32nd Degree - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
3:00 pm -- Registration for Kora Shrine
4:00 pm -- Opening of the Temple and First Section
5:30 pm -- Social Hour in Oasis
6:00 pm -- Dinner
7:00 pm -- Close



Wor. Brother Norris Reddish, a Past Master of Mt. Desert Lodge #140, runs his beautiful 1930 Model A 5-window coupe with a rumble seat in the annual Bar Harbor 4th of July parades. This year he

decided to add the flags and signage to advertise Masonry in the 21st District and says it worked. Several brothers from out of state called out "Hi brother," as he passed by.

On August 18, 1914

President (and Brother) Teddy Roosevelt Rode the ‘*Narcissus*’

Many are aware that President (and Brother) Teddy Roosevelt had a love affair with the State of Maine. He hunted and fished here. He made life-long friends among the Mainers he got to know. As Ken Burns says in his 14-hour documentary series, *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History*, in the Maine wilderness “Teddy found a world in which to restore himself.”

Now the electric railway gem *Narcissus* that TR rode from Portland to Lewiston on a trip here in 1914, is undergoing her own restoration at the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport.

“*Narcissus*,” a rolling work of art in her heyday, clicked along the rails of the Portland Lewiston Interurban (PLI) at speeds of up to 70 mph. The elegantly appointed *Narcissus*, with her mahogany interior decorated with ebony and gilded striping, plush green seats and stained glass windows was one of six luxury coaches operated by the PLI for more than 20 years until the company suffered through bankruptcy in 1933 and *Narcissus* was derailed from her elegance to become a family camp in Sabattus.

But that was not to be her final resting place. After building a new camp for her owners, *Narcissus*, in 1969, became property of the Museum and was trucked home to Kennebunkport, then covered by a tarp for much of the next 30 years.

Phil Morse, a member of York Lodge #22 in Kennebunk and *Narcissus* Project Manager, calls the restoration an odyssey. He took on the project in 1999 calling *Narcissus* “one of the favorite cars over the years.”

Most recently he formed a team to repair the more than two dozen windows. “I can’t say enough about the crew,” Morse says. Deborah Caron Plourde of Sundancer Stained Glass has refitted empty frames with period glass and several volunteers at the restoration shop have brought the windows back to their original elegance.

The exterior will be finished first, with late 2015 or early 2016 the target for completion of the project.

Brother Morse believes that once Maine Masons become aware of this piece of iconic Maine history, with its connection to a President who was a Mason and who had deep ties to Maine, they



The President in lodge in 1912.

Photo courtesy Library of Congress

might want to develop a partnership with the project.

This is the 75th anniversary of the Seashore Trolley Museum. Brother Morse hopes Maine Masons will visit the Museum, view the extensive collection and ride the streetcars. And, he adds, there’s always plenty of opportunity to participate in the *Narcissus* project.

“Wouldn’t it be something,” he mused, “if Maine Masons established a continuing relationship with *Narcissus*...if they decided to adopt the car as their own.” *Narcissus* was placed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

The Seashore Trolley Museum is a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization that has been dedicated to keeping “History in Motion” in Maine since 1939.

For more information go to:

www.trolleymuseum.org/collection/narcissus.php



***Narcissus* before her grandeur is restored.**

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2014 DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

District	Date	Time	Lodge	Format
1	18 Oct.	6:00	Monument - Houlton	Open
2	19 Sept	6:30	Crescent - Pembroke	Open
3	20 Sept	6:00	Tuscan - Addison	
4				
5	17 Oct	6:00	Mt. Kineo - Guilford	Open
6	25 Oct		TBD	
7	12 Sept	6:30	St. Paul's - Rockport	Tiled - Ladies Program
8	24 Sept	6:30	Excelsior - Northport	Open
9				
10	22 Oct	6:30	Seaside - E. Boothbay	Open
11	15 Oct	6:30	Bethlehem - Augusta	Open
12				
13	10 Jan	6:30	Keystone - Solon	Open
14	13 Dec	6:30	United - Brunswick	Tiled
15	24 Oct	6:30	Kemankeag - Rangeley	Open
16	12 Dec	6:30	Oxford - Norway	Open
17				
18	2 Dec	6:30	Greenleaf - Cornish	Tiled
19				
20	10 Oct	6:00	King Hiram - Dixfield	Open
21	4 Oct	6:00	David A. Hooper - Sullivan	Tiled
22	17 Mar	6:30	Meridian - Pittsfield	Open
23	16 Jan	6:00	TBD	Tiled
24				

Districts 4, 9, 12, 17, 19 and 24 not scheduled at press time.