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by George P. Pulkkinen

Twenty-five years ago, at our 174th Annual Communication gathered in the beautiful Kora Shrine building in Lewiston, our Grand Lodge put in motion a project designed to remind -- and inspire -- brethren with Masonry's founding principles of friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Actually Grand Lodge only gave the project a nudge. Brethren of Meridian Splendor Lodge in Newport conceived the idea and, through the skills and dedication of lodge brethren, created a Loving Cup which was to travel from lodge to lodge with brethren at every stop adding worthwhile comments in the Book of Travels which accompanied it.

Brother Gerald Leighton, who would later serve as Grand Master in 2006-2007, was Senior Warden of Meridian Splendor at the time. Brother Gerry spoke eloquently of the project, explaining that the cup was handcrafted by a recent lodge Past Master who, by education was an engineer; the making of the beautiful box which cradled the cup was undertaken by Wor. Tom Boatman, another lodge Past Master; and the book of travels was created on the computer of a new lodge member.

Brother Leighton noted that creating the project united men of different ages, different educational and religious backgrounds, "for the same purpose, the Brotherhood of Man."



The cup's first stop, after that Grand Session, was in Triangle Lodge which can trace its date of precedence to March 20, 1762 making it Maine's first lodge. It continued its travels for some time, but then abruptly stopped, perhaps when a lodge went dark for the summer, and now languishes, most likely, in a closet somewhere.

As a tribute to Gerry and his Meridian Splendor brethren, I would urge every lodge to search their corners, resurrect the cup created on such high ideals, and put it back in circulation. Such a beautiful piece, constructed as a labor of love for all brethren to enjoy, deserves to be seen.

It would be grand to re-start its travels by presenting it to our Grand Master at a District Meeting.

Let's make that a goal as we return to our labors.

From the Grand East

Mark E. Rustin

Grand Master of Masons in Maine

My election and installation as Grand Master was the most humbling experience of my life. The prospect of making decisions leading this great Fraternity and affecting the dreams and aspirations of so many both in and outside the Craft was suddenly real. Although part of my expectation while seeking the position, the weight and solemnity of the moment allowed only one suitable response – humility. It immediately became apparent in order to fulfill my duties, dependence upon the Supreme Architect of the Universe would be essential. I enlist your support in this endeavor – pray for me.

Mark

The Road Ahead

Throughout my time in the Craft, the Lodges I have belonged to have looked to the Master for a sense of direction and purpose for the Lodge during his tenure. It is incumbent upon the Master to provide an understanding of his “will and pleasure” as he guides the Lodge along the path today and into the future. With that clarity of vision, the Craft is empowered to work together toward that common goal.

Likewise, as the newly minted resident of the Grand East, it is incumbent upon me to offer my “will and pleasure” for the Craft thus enabling them to guide their work accomplishing the ends of Freemasonry during my term. I am confident the Lodges and their members use this understanding as guidance for travelling the road ahead.

Simply stated, it is my “will and pleasure” that each of our Lodges succeed in **their** goals. If they do, Freemasonry will be shown as the multi-faceted jewel of human endeavor that is in all the corners of this Grand Jurisdiction where Brothers meet. While this may sound simplistic to some, it speaks to the core of Freemasonry as an endeavor to allow men to improve their lives and Lodges to improve the communities they serve.

When each Lodge received its Charter, it implicitly agreed to follow the Constitution, Standing Regulations, and Digest of Decisions of the Grand Lodge of Maine. This agreement among all the Lodges allows the work of Freemasonry to be conducted in an orderly and coherent

manner. This common covenant between and among the Lodges and the Grand Lodge allows us to identify as Masons irrespective of where we live and meet. It is our common source of identity and strength. If organizational structure defined Freemasonry, we could stop here.

The structure is in place to serve Freemasonry which is the higher good. This human, fraternal endeavor, informed by the Supreme Architect of the Universe, of which we are part, has as its core the goal of achieving a moral high ground which, when revealed, has the power to allow people and societies to improve and become better, more fully human agents and agencies.

Freemasonry is multi-faceted and each facet has the power to achieve the goal. It is the role of each Lodge to determine which facets of Freemasonry it will focus on and polish. In doing so, it will be a success in its work.

No Lodge can possibly represent all Freemasonry has to offer. No Lodge is properly expected to do so. Rather, the expectation is that each Lodge – its Officers and Brothers -will come to understand the needs of the Brothers and the community it serves and utilize the abilities of its membership to move ahead. While Freemasonry’s possibilities are seemingly endless, setting goals that meet local needs and moving ahead achieving those goals should be the definition of success for the Lodge.

As you work to define success for your Lodge, please be aware that this Office and Grand Lodge in general were instituted and are available to provide you any assistance you may require. We cannot define your goals. Our Grand Jurisdiction is too large and varied. We can provide you fraternal and material support achieving your goals if asked to do so. The diversity of our Brothers and Lodges opens so many possibilities for each Lodge. Use this to your advantage in moving your Lodge ahead with the times.

As your successes happen, share them with us. With great joy, we will celebrate with you as you do Freemasonry in your Lodge. By what you accomplish, we will all be made a stronger and more vital Fraternity.

Fraternally,

Mark E. Rustin

Grand Master



Thoughts from our Grand Secretary...

By Brother Dan Bartlett

What's your plan?

There is an adage in the world of planning professionals that states, "failing to plan is planning to fail". Does your lodge have a planning process? One key aspect of many successful lodges is use of a process whereby the leadership of the lodge sits down and lays out a plan or vision for their lodge moving forward.

It would be difficult to provide a comprehensive planning process in 800 words here but I'm going to throw some things out for you to consider. And I will also throw out there that while some of these points may not apply to your lodge, the audience here is 180 INDIVIDUAL lodges that make up this Grand Jurisdiction. It may not be applicable to your lodge but it may be to another so bear with me....

I believe we somewhat hobble ourselves because we are always in a one or two-year cycle. And it happens at all levels of the organization. The Senior Warden is about to assume the East and if he does ask the incoming officers to sit down with him and talk about the next year, the conversation does not go beyond that year because well, it will be someone else's will and pleasure after that. Where do you see your lodge in 5 years or even 10 years? What improvements or actions may be beneficial to the Brethren and the lodge? Planning should include short term (the next year) as well as long term thinking.

First, this planning process should obviously include the formal leadership of the lodge but anyone who wants to be part of the process should be welcome to provide thoughts and ideas. And statements like "we don't do that in this lodge" makes for a quick exit by those who truly want to be involved. Be inclusive! This really needs to be a team effort to be successful.

Are there infrastructure improvements that could be accomplished? Upgrade the lodge access, the bathrooms, the roof, the exterior or interior paint, or a good-looking sign as examples. These cannot be accomplished immediately by many of our lodges primarily due to financial constraints but given 3 or 4 years of setting a few hundred dollars aside and then maybe you do have enough to spruce up some part of the building and make it more comfortable, brighter and more inviting to those who

come to lodge. Would changes to the lodge bylaws allow for smoother operation of lodge functions? When was the last time the lodge bylaws were really reviewed with an eye towards improvement? The bylaws are in some ways a plan that provides for the operation of the lodge and amending them is not as difficult as some would have you believe.

Lodge communications functions are always a great place to look where small improvements can make a difference. What does the lodge do to communicate with the membership? How updated is contact information and is the lodge taking advantage of MORI to facilitate lodge communications? Are written personal letters sent to new brethren and their families? Is there wireless internet? Is social media used to "broadcast" the good works your lodge may be doing?

Is there community outreach that you could be involved in that leverages the financial power of the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation's Matching Grant program?

Does the lodge provide opportunities for fun and fellowship beyond having refreshments after the Stated Communication? Use your imagination! It does not have to be Masonically related, it just needs to be fun and inclusive! Any one of these will enhance your lodge, both the physical part and the emotional part and makes a big statement about who you are as a lodge.

Keep in mind that this doesn't need to be a formal written plan with appendices and attachments and what nots. It's about the planning process and having a scribe take notes. If you want to drill down on this, there are numerous resources available to use as a guide in your efforts. Here are a couple of links to comprehensive planning guides that may help you with your planning process: *The 3, 5, & 7 of Planning* and *Lodge Strategic and Improvement Planning*. If you find others that fit well please share them with us!

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower said, "In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable". There are many resources out there to point you in a successful direction of a planning process. Encourage your Brethren to get involved. Take control of your lodge's future and make it shine!

"Do Good unto All" and "Don't let your tongue be your worst enemy!"



Family Affair Month at Village Lodge #26

by Steve Edmondson

The month of May was a busy one for Village Lodge in Bowdoinham with several Special Communications for degree work, each with a decidedly family tone. In all, five evenings were dedicated to bestowing degrees on grandfathers, fathers, sons and grandsons.

It began on May 4 when Marine Corps Lance Corporal Andrew Cram, son of Worshipful Master Marc Cram, was initiated as an Entered Apprentice. Corporal Cram is currently stationed at Miramar, California and was home on leave for three weeks. More on that in a moment.

On May 16, George Cram, the father of Worshipful Master Marc Cram and Donald Jarvi, father of Brother Jesse Jarvi, received their EA Degrees. On that same evening, Brother Andrew Cram gave his EA lesson in open lodge. Due to Brother Cram's limited availability for degree work, Village Lodge requested and received a dispensation from Grand Master Tom Pulkkinen to perform a highly unusual Special Communication and a first for Village Lodge. As rules limit only one degree to be earned in a given day, Village Lodge scheduled Brother Cram's Fellowcraft Degree for Friday night, May 18 at 10:00 PM, concluding at 11:30 PM, with the Lodge closing in the Fellowcraft Degree. At 12:01 AM on Saturday, May 19, the lodge opened in the Master Mason for the purpose of raising Brother Cram to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Not to be outdone, on May 30 Village Lodge conducted a double Master Mason degree for Benjamin Carver and Cole Pullen, grandsons of 53-year member Worshipful Brother Leighton Carver.



Village Lodge is proud of its heritage of families maintaining Masonry through the generations. I myself am the grandson of a Past Master of Village Lodge as are many other members.

Wor. Brother Leighton Carver here flanked by grandsons Benjamin Carver and Cole Pullen at their Master Mason degree.



Wor. Master Marc Cram with father George Cram and son Andrew at Brother George's EA initiation.

199th Annual Grand Lodge Session a one-day Affair

Maine Masons gathered Tuesday, May 1. at the historic Portland Masonic Building, 415 Congress St. for their 199th Annual Communication.

Several pieces of business were tended to in the one-day session in addition to the election of our new Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Mark Rustin; Deputy Grand Master, Brother Richard Nadeau; Senior Grand Warden, Brother Kevin Campbell; and Junior Grand Warden, Brother Richard Holman.

Brother Scott Whytock and Brother Dan Bartlett were re-elected Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, respectively, and Brother Chris DiSoto and Brother Tom

Pulkkinen were elected to the Charitable Foundation.

The budget for the ensuing year was passed with no increase in the per capita tax, which remains at \$17.10, the sixth consecutive year without increase.

Two amendments to the Constitution were accepted. One approves a Past Grand Master Medallion; the second affords Grand Lodge voting status to members of the Finance Committee. First readings of three insurance-related amendments were accepted. They will be sent to all constituted lodges for consideration and face final votes at the 2019 Grand Lodge session which will be held in the Bangor area.

Widow's Sons' Work Makes Dreams Come True

bt Brother Jef Hamlin

It's that time of the year when we see motorcycles out on the road. Among those motorcycles will be the Widow's Sons. While many ride because they like the freedom or the wind in their hair, the Widow's Sons ride for so many things beyond those simple pleasures. They are Masons, active in their Lodges and communities, who ride for Brotherhood, Charity, and the joy of giving. While the riding season is always far too short, the "down" months do not diminish what makes Widow's Sons who they are.

As the weather and cold force the Widow's Sons to put away their bikes for the season, there are fund-raisers and events to support throughout the Winter. Families need help with their heating bills, orphans need clothes, food, and a Christmas. Masons and their widows need transportation and assistance. Veterans need support and resources that are in short supply and sometimes just someone to visit and listen. Sometimes, it is something as simple as a blanket used by a widow as a throw while reading in the cold, Winter months.

This year, at the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Widow's Sons in Maine, representatives of the nine Chapters of the Widow's Sons of Maine presented their annual reports. They talked of fundraising and events, charities and donations. Over the last year, Widow's Sons managed to spend as much or more than they raised on charity fundraisers and donations. In all, the nine Chapters managed to make somewhere between \$70,000 and \$80,000 in charitable contributions.

Of these contributions, one of the larger was \$12,000 from the "Break the Sound Barrier Ride" that benefits the "Hear ME Now" organization. "Hear ME Now" helps children with hearing issues

and cochlea implants. For eight years, the Grand Chapter of Widow's Sons of Maine has had this as its annual charity ride. From the beginning, there has been a family that has been active with the Widow's Sons in this effort.

The Morin family has not one, but two children with cochlea implants. Their medical expenses run \$4,000 a year after insurance. They spend endless hours with appointments and taking care of their kids, yet, they are still extremely active in fundraisers. They volunteer every spare moment to help others in their same situation. The Widow's Sons have been there every year, and every year this family has been right there with them doing everything they can to help.

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The Morin Family.

Freemasonry is Not Free

by Wor. Brother Daniel Starbird

We often hear, "Freedom is not free!" Neither is Freemasonry. And the cost of Freemasonry is not that described in the penalty of our obligations. Our vows remind us symbolically of the seriousness of our pledge to maintain the principles of the Order. The cost of being a Freemason comes with embodying (incorporating within ourselves) and inculcating (teaching by frequent example) the principles, values, and practices of the Order; being a living example of masonry by maintaining what has been called a civilization of mind, and bringing that into our day to day experience. As we learned early in our masonic career, as we increase in knowledge we improve in social intercourse. And as every human being has a claim on our good offices, our masonic virtues are not reserved for other masons, but obligate us to serve the entire community to honor our responsibilities.

Open-mindedness, fairness, equalitarianism, kindness, justice, compassion, reciprocity, honest dealings, freedom from prejudice, mutual respect, and universal beneficence are on a short list of masonic principles and values. These working tools of life are conducive to positive social adaptation as we, and the society we influence, uncover, evaluate, understand, and make adjustments when confronted with conflict. It is by sharing our pro-social tenets, and acting affirmatively that we support the God-given and inalienable rights of all, and foster

self-healing resilience and effective maintenance of a civilized society.

As for the cost of Freemasonry, Freemasons do not live in a vacuum. There have always been forces that oppose masonic values and practices. Freemasonry came into existence in opposition to repressive forces which benefited the few at the expense of the many. The cost of Freemasonry is found in the personal courage, effort, and suffering that masons pay when they act upon the square, keep their passions within due bounds, maintain a tongue of good rapport, and meet others on the level. Great sacrifice can be required of those who, however gently, speak out compassionately against the unrighteous use of control, rigidity, dogmatism, deceptive and ruthless manipulation of the weak by the stronger, illicit and covert alliances among the powerful, and taking prejudiced advantage of the fearful, downtrodden, and uninformed. Freemasonry exists in opposition to powerful pressures and influences.

The cost, therefore, of Freemasonry to the individual mason is the price that he may well have to pay when he exemplifies the masonic code in a world often unfriendly to those values. The rights and benefits of the lodge are of inestimable worth, and though there is a cost, it's more than worth the price.

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I spent some time chatting with the family. Ty, the Dad, is active pretty much every waking moment. He balances work, doctors, and family as best he can. Mom is the same and obviously very devoted to her children. The two youngest, Thomas (10) and Natalie (7) both have cochlea implants and are wonderful, happy, well-adjusted kids for whom doctors' visits and operations are just a part of their lives. They have an older sister, Shannon who is 13. She is a lovely teenager who has had to grow up a bit more than other kids her age. She obviously loves her siblings and is there for them. She sees this as her life and what a family does.

This year, one of the Widow's Sons' ladies, Shellie Richards, spoke to this courageous and giving family and found out that the two children with cochlea implants have also been diagnosed with Usher's Syndrome which is a progressive condition that affects one's sight. Shellie asked their mom, April, if she had a dream for her children. April replied that she would love for them to be able to go to Disney World in Orlando while they could still see and hear well enough to really enjoy it, but with

the expenses, the appointments, and the time needed, she saw that as being an impossible dream. Lady Shellie shared that dream with the State President at the time, Dave Lambert, who told her he would see what the Widows Sons could do. As Masons know, Brothers have been making the impossible happen as long as there have been Masons. With the help of the Widow's Sons of Maine Statewide, Waterboro Eagles, Awards & Recognitions, Inc., Bob's Appliance, and Dube Travel Agency, a dream was made real. The Widow's Sons of Maine presented this brave family with an all-expense paid trip to Disney World in Orlando. One of the Masons, Brother Jeremy Edwards, even donated a 2-bedroom villa in Orlando for their stay.

Thanks to Masons who ride with the Widow's Sons and their Ladies working within communities all over Maine, many people have been helped, but a Mother, a Father, and some very special kids will have a dream come true. This is what Masons do. The "Not just a Man. A Mason." campaign proclaims, "We're much more about lending a helping hand than a secret handshake". Our lessons teach us that, "of these, the greatest is Charity.



Maine Mason Day at the Sea Dogs



The Grand Master on the Jumbotron...

359 Masons, family members and friends gathered at the Ball Park in Portland on July 14th to celebrate Maine Mason Day with the Sea Dogs. Grand Master Rustin threw out the first pitch of the game (a ball) which saw the Dogs prevail over arch rival New Hampshire Fishercats. The weather was mild, the crowd enthusiastic, and the Masons enjoyed the brotherhood and fellowship. In true Masonic tradition, the Brethren kept the food vendors busy!



...and in "real life" form.



Maine Masonic Charitable
FOUNDATION

The Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation supports the Masonic lodges and brethren of Maine as they make their communities -- and the world -- a better place.



Cumberland Lodge #12 of New Gloucester recently presented a 70-year membership award to Bro. Philip N. Kupelian, who, at 94 years of age, still drives himself around. Pictured here, l-r, are Wor. Richard McCann, Wor. Wade Trudel, Wor. George Carman, current Lodge Master, Bro. Kupelian, Wor. Glenn MacNeill and RW Brother Richard Duplisea, PDDGM/23. Bro. Kupelian was raised March 20, 1948 and describes himself as a "proud Mason."



Brethren of Paris Lodge #94 have rolled up their sleeves and spent many hours (and many dollars) renovating their lodge premises. The handsomely-appointed lodge room has been completed, as have the preparation and ante rooms. Expansion of the dining room also has begun. Paris brethren extend an open invitation to all Masons to visit. Stated meetings are the third Tuesday of every month except July and August.

The Status of Maine Freemasonry During the Civil War

by Bro. Charles W. Plummer

In 1860, the year Abraham Lincoln was elected President, Maine's population numbered 620,000 people. That same year M.W. Brother Josiah H. Drummond was elected the twenty-first Grand Master of the Grand lodge of Maine whose lodges numbered eighty-eight with a total membership of 4,319. The treasurer at the annual meeting of the Grand lodge that year reported cash on hand to be \$721.88 and a total of \$5,800.00 in the Charity Fund.

In his annual address as grand master at the annual meeting of 1861, M.W. Brother Drummond made the following remarks that we might want to keep in mind today: "But the chief danger to us is a too rapid increase in our numbers. We fear nothing from without. All our danger is from within. Masonry has stood the test of the ages and the waves of persecution which have beat against her have only established her on a surer foundation. Her strength and support depend on the character of those who seek admission among us. Our strength depends not on the quantity but the quality of our members. One unworthy member casts a blot on the whole of the fraternity. One misshaped stone mars the symmetry of the whole building. One defective pillar may cause the ruin of the whole edifice."

His remarks were prompted by the fact that the advent of the Civil War prompted many men to submit applications for membership prior to entering military service as volunteers which placed tremendous pressure on lodges in Maine. It was his fear that lodges facing such a pressure would become lax in examining the qualifications of an applicant and that a man would be accepted for membership who, in earlier times, would not have been accepted. It was this fear that prompted him to refuse a petition submitted by the 9th Maine Infantry Regiment stationed in Fernandina, Florida to form a military lodge in 1863. He gave the following reason for his refusal: "There is the danger of admitting to the Order men who have lived all their lifetime within the sound of the gavel of a lodge and who could not gain admission at home where they are best known." I would add that no petitions were granted by the Grand Lodge of Maine for the organization of a military lodge during the four years of the war.

On the other hand, M.W. Brother Drummond did grant special dispensations for lodges to receive petitions at special meetings to take some pressure off them. He also granted dispensations that allowed accepted candidates to receive their degrees in a much shorter time than

the grand lodge Constitution and by-Laws allowed. However a request had to be made directly to him with a fee of five dollars and he was the one who would grant that request.

Joshua Chamberlain was one whose request was granted and he took both his Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees at United Lodge in Brunswick on the same evening in early August and his Master Mason Degree the next morning. Two days later he and the 20th Maine Infantry Regiment were off for the theater of war. I would add that the surgeon of the 20th Maine, Dr. Abner Shaw, who saved Chamberlain's life after he was severely wounded in 1864, took his degrees in a military lodge but he had to be healed on returning home and took his degrees again in the lodge in Portland.

At the annual meeting of Grand Lodge in 1862, Bro. Drummond stated the following in his annual address: "I have granted more dispensations this past year to receive petitions at special meetings than I did the previous year. The cases have seemed urgent in consequence of so many of our young men entering the army. It is very likely I have erred in allowing these cases to form exceptions to the general rule. But in times like these when a young man has responded to the call of his country, and before he leaves home, desires to enroll himself among us, I have been perhaps too easily led to believe that he possesses the qualifications to make a good Mason, but it is equally true that every good Mason is a patriot." It is because of these dispensations that there was a significant increase in membership in the Masonic fraternity in Maine during the Civil War and that trend continued after the war ended in 1865.

A review of some of the decisions that were made by the Grand Lodge of Maine during the Civil War offers us insights as to what was taking place in lodges around the state. These are listed by years as follows:

1861 – If several lodges have current jurisdiction of the candidate, the consent of one of them is sufficient to allow him to make application elsewhere.

1861 – Ballot, if favorable, can be reconsidered.

Ballot, if unfavorable, cannot be reconsidered.

1861 – Ballot should not be passed without a report from the committee of inquiry. If the committee unreasonably delays its report, the proper course is to discharge the committee from further consideration of the petition and refer to a new committee.

1863 – Ballot for all degrees at once is proper.

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Maine Civil War Style Freemasonry, 2018 Version



On Saturday evening, March 10, Ashlar Lodge held a Civil War Master Mason Degree at Kora Shrine in Lewiston. The evening was dedicated to Bro. Wm. Knowlton, Jr., a charter member of Ashlar Lodge who was mortally wounded at the Battle of Winchester, VA and died Sept. 24, 1864.

The candidate was Bro. Donnie Peterson, Past State Junior Councilor of Maine DeMolay. Bro. Peterson is currently attending George Washington University in DC studying International Relations. The candidate has been a Civil War Reenactor since he was an eight year old Drummer Boy, enjoying reenactment along with his brother George and father Steve.

More than 120 attended the degree. Thanks to all who participated and to Kora Shrine for hosting the event. Special thanks to the Kora Crazy Cops who cooked the period style meal.



Three generations of Petersons. Bro. George, Bro. Fred, a 68-year Mason, Bro. Donnie and Bro. Steve.

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1864 – An application must be presented to the lodge before any action can be taken on it.

1864 – A candidate receiving part of the degrees in one lodge can make application only by consent of that lodge to another lodge for the remainder, even if he has removed into the jurisdiction of the second lodge after receiving one or two degrees in the first lodge.

1865 – An application should not be received unless it is recommended by at least one member of the lodge.

I think, from these rulings, we can understand what was happening in Maine lodges that necessitated these decisions. Again, I think it was because of the tremendous increase in the number of applications that were being submitted by those who had volunteered to serve in Maine regiments.

The impact that had on membership in Maine is clearly evident by the following report that was presented at the semi-centennial communication of the Grand lodge of Maine in May of 1870, just nine years after the outset of the Civil War: "There were one-hundred-fifty-four lodges in Maine with a membership of 14,926. In that period of time 66 new lodges had been constituted and membership had increased by a little over 10,000. This post-war period became known as the golden age of fraternalism which lasted through World War One at which time there were 176 fraternal organizations in the United States.

“The Curious Windings of Masonic Parliamentary Law”

by VW Brother David Guarente

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The nature of the office of Worshipful Master gives the one holding this office authority not held by the presiding officer of most clubs. Any action by the membership of a lodge that infringes on the authority or rights of the Worshipful Master is “out of order.” Parliamentary law, which governs the usual body of men assembled in any organization, cannot truly govern a Masonic lodge.

No Master can give up his own power of closing a Lodge meeting to another member, or at the behest of a member, or to the Lodge as a whole, without sacrificing his power to control his Lodge. Any Masonic Lodge must be in one of three states: ‘closed’, ‘open’ and ‘at work’, or ‘at refreshment’. It is a universal law that an ‘open’ lodge must be officially ‘closed’ before the Brethren can depart, otherwise a “reconvening of an ‘open’ lodge” at some future date might work an injustice to some Brother interested in Lodge legislation (i.e., any issue before the Lodge requiring a vote), who could not be present at the “reconvened adjourned” meeting.

A Master may put a motion forward which has not already been proposed or seconded by another member. He may close debate at his pleasure. He does not have to put the question forward to a vote even after debate has been concluded, if he does not desire to do so. No one in a Masonic Lodge can move “the previous question”. The Master entertains no motion to “lay on the table”, “postpone definitely or indefinitely” or “adjourn”. Adjournment of any meeting is an act following a motion by some member of the group.

The fundamental reason for no “adjournment” is found in the fact that the Master’s power to control the means of opening and closing his Lodge “in due time” and at his pleasure (but always, nonetheless, within the opening time set by the By-laws), cannot be abrogated by any member or by the Lodge as a whole. The reasons for these variations from the usual parliamentary law is found in the responsibility which is solely the Master’s. The Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction and the Grand Master hold him responsible for everything that happens in his Lodge.

Nevertheless, there are certain things the Master cannot do without lodge action, such as spending the Lodge’s funds, without the vote of the membership. He cannot open the Lodge before the allotted time as written in his Lodge’s By-laws for a regular stated communication. Furthermore, a Master cannot nullify any part or all of his own Lodge’s By-laws, or the Maine Masonic Constitution and Code.

However, it remains that his Lodge cannot dictate to the Master what can be discussed, or not discussed, or when it should be done, and if, in the Master’s judgment, something should not be discussed or acted upon, it is for him, and only him, to say that it should or should not. Were it otherwise so, a lodge might “run away” from him, and in enthusiasm do that for which the Grand Lodge or Grand Master would otherwise censure or punish him.

Therefore, the Master of a Masonic Lodge has full control



of all debate, work, and acts; ordinary parliamentary law, which might interfere with that control, does not apply. A strict rendering of Masonic parliamentary procedure would mean also that all questions/request by members of the Lodge would continue to have to be directed through the Worshipful Master, no side conversations and no talking to other members directly without the Master’s permission would be allowed. Also, members must only address the East, unless the Master specifies differently that they may address another member. They must do so by standing and saluting the Master, and only speak as soon as they are recognized first by the Master.

Parliamentary law, therefore, serves and exists at the behest of the Master of a Lodge, and not the other way around. And while, a Master should use prudence, good judgment, and not “govern in an arbitrary way”, parliamentary procedure serves to assist in the flow of a Lodge meeting, but not to hinder or bind a Master from running his Lodge as he best sees fit.

In a very busy world it's too easy to take time to read - or is that just an excuse we've created to dismiss an unwillingness to make our daily advancement? Don't be a drone in the beehive of life: read or listen to a book TODAY!

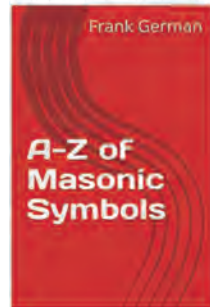
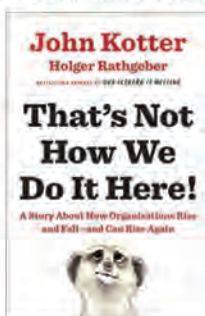
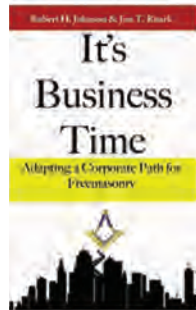
The Old Webmaster's BOOKSHELF



If you've been around Freemasonry for any length of time, you have seen recommendations (or mandates, even) involving a currently in vogue business practice which will then somehow 'improve' the direction of the Craft. Without the necessary continuous, involved direction though, such programs are soon gone. Is there value in seeing how business improvement practices work and if they could better what we're doing? Masons Robert Johnson and Jon Ruark have written a short, insightful book: *"It's Business Time: Adapting a Corporate Path for Freemasonry"*. Not a call to implement every fancy notion but rather some rational suggestions on how things like Agile, Scrum, Lean, and others might be used to achieve goals and move us into the future. Managers and Masonic thought leaders should certainly consider what this has to offer.

Freemasonry doesn't exist in a bubble and some leadership lessons from business can surely apply to our lodges. My photo above has shown me reading a favorite business book: *"The Starfish and the Spider"* which, I believe has many important lessons for those who would be Masonic leaders. An important book I'd missed, however, is *"That's Not How We Do It Here"* by John Kotter. Recognize that phrase? If you don't, you sure haven't been around Freemasonry for too very long. Suffice it to say, you SHOULD read this (business) book: it's short and oh, so relevant. When you see me with my stuffed meerkat, you'll understand why!

There are a LOT of books that attempt to define Masonic terms but a good one recently published barely two months ago is *"A-Z of Masonic Symbols"* by Frank German. Use it as a dictionary or just pick it up and browse for a few minutes. You'll absolutely learn something. But the best part: if you're 'into' Kindle, it's only \$1.50. (Excuse just one more plug for e-books and smart phones, Brethren....)



At the risk of your thinking I'm getting some type of emolument, I'd bring to your attention another book by Maine Lodge of Research Fellow Michael Poll from Louisiana has a new book *"A Masonic Evolution: the New World of Freemasonry"*. Short with thoughts on the past, present but mostly future of Freemasonry, it's not just fanciful musing. I think most agree that Bro. Poll can cut to the meat of issues and leave a reader with things to ponder long after they've closed one of his books. This is no exception and I always look forward to his presentation of the many opportunities we have as Freemasons. If you've not read a book by him before, this is a book about growth and what we can do. It's worthy of your time.

Writings about Freemasonry range from the very practical to the esoteric and everywhere in between. Those who find a spiritual path in the fraternity seek out Brothers of a similar orientation for thoughts and ideas. One who is prominent in this area is W. Kirk MacNulty whose *"Way of the Craftsman: a Search for the Spiritual Essence of Craft Freemasonry"* is a absolute must-read. (There's a new deluxe edition that's worth the extra expense!) Now he's written *"Contemplating Craft Freemasonry: Working the Way of the Craftsman"* which is an essential companion to and an amplification of his original work. If you are seeking a deeper meaning in your Masonic life, you will find both of these works to be invaluable.

Last issue, I asked you to tell me your favorite Masonic book or author. Still looking for more responses - but I'd also like to know what book series (either fiction or non-fiction) you truly enjoy. Are you a Sherlock Holmes fan? Love Dewey Lambdin's Alan Lewrie naval adventures? Perhaps it's Brendan Carroll's Red Cross of Gold Templar series. Let me know at grandlibrarian@mainemason.org I'll be compiling lists soon. THANKS!



Bro. Ed King is the Grand Librarian and Museum Curator. You're encouraged to contact him with ideas, suggestions and recommendations for anything relating to YOUR Library and Museum. He really loves to hear about books you've enjoyed!

Did Pythagoras and his Followers Worship Numbers?

by *R.W. Donald McDougal*
Past Assistant Grand Lecturer

In the context of our culture and state of knowledge, it seems very difficult to understand how one could go about worshipping a number. Since he apparently left no written narratives, piecing together an accurate life history of Pythagoras more than two and a half millennia later is an impossible task for us. The accounts and descriptions available to us were written at least a century and many times centuries after his death. Those accounts, which contain conflicting information, were assembled by individuals working to support their own opinions, perspectives and agendas.

There seems a consensus that he was born around 570 BC on Samos, an Island Colony of the ancient Greeks, and lived to about his mid-seventies. Born to a wealthy father, it is generally accepted that he had the luxury of broad travels to amass knowledge, wisdom, insight, and understanding. In his travels he learned from a broad assortment of enlightened thinkers and scholars. Supported by this affluent background, he became very well educated. The reports and stories of the dates and ages for his life experiences are extremely conflicting. After the age thirty, he moved to Italy and then later to Egypt to study under the priesthood. He reportedly spent twenty years studying in Egyptian Sanctuaries, during which time he is supposed to have been made a grand master in the order of the Magi. Existing in a political system enforced by flogging and amputation of ears, nose, or tongue, they were obliged to convey their wisdom and lore “cheek to cheek and mouth to ear”. Reported dates vary widely but sometime between the age of forty and sixty he moved to Croton on the “foot” of Italy.

After moving to Croton, Pythagoras developed a following attracted by his Philosophical, Religious, and Mathematical teachings. Pythagoras established a school for those adherents which included both men and women. The membership of the school was divided into two different sets. One group, the “Learners” lived at the school and were governed by rigid rules which prohibited personal possessions and controlled speech, clothing, and diet (vegetarian). The other, the “Listeners”, attending only during days, had personal possessions and were not restricted to vegetarianism. We know these two groups collectively as “Pythagoreans”

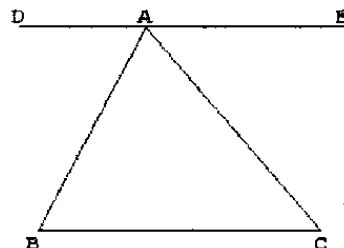
Collectively, these Pythagoreans made exceptional advancements to Mathematics. However, because of

unyielding secrecy in their work, religious teachings, customs, rituals, and ceremonies, we cannot be sure which contributions were by Pythagoras and which were by other Pythagoreans and credited to their leader, Pythagoras.

There does seem to be a consensus of some of the discoveries of Pythagoreans.

1. The Pythagorean Theorem. Pythagoras. This was understood by the Babylonians ten centuries before but formally written as a Theorem by him.

2. The sum of the interior angles of a triangle is equal to two right angles. Pythagoras proved this by using a simple diagram like the one below. Starting with triangle ABC, draw a line DE through A parallel to line BC. A straight line can be formed by placing two carpenter’s squares back to back. Therefore line DE equals two right angles placed back to back. Using alternate angles: angle BAD equals angle ABC, similarly CAE equals ACB. Therefore the sum of the angles ABC, ACB, and BAC equals the sum of two right angles.



3. Finding that some numbers are irrational (cannot be expressed as a fraction whose quotient contains a finite number of decimal places). Probably not by Pythagoras. He thought all matter is ultimately numbers and he believed that all numbers resulted from the ratio of two whole numbers. One account says that the discoverer of irrational numbers was drowned at sea by the gods as punishment for this revelation.

4. Pythagoras taught that earth was the center of the universe, that planets and stars were spherical because the sphere was a perfect solid, that the planets’ orbits were circles (a perfect shape), that the morning star (Lucifer) and the evening star were both Venus.

5. He played the Lyre and taught that harmony in music was ultimately mathematical because of the harmony of the Lyre when plucked string lengths were in ratios of whole numbers.

6. They scrutinized and enhanced our perception of numbers, proportions, angles, areas, and two & three dimensional figures.

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However, the Pythagoreans were considered a dangerous cult by their contemporaries.

Because of their religious beliefs;

Because of the political power they had amassed;

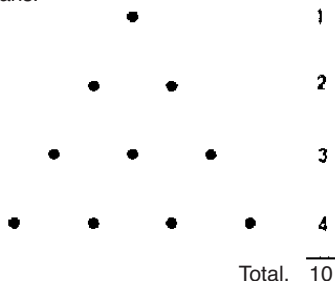
Because of the secrecy surrounding workings of the group;

Because Pythagoras evidently built a following of enemies by being vocal and blunt.

Some accounts claim that the Pythagoreans worshipped numbers and swore their oaths by the “Tetractys” (the sum of the first four integers $1+2+3+4 = 10$) (see diagram below). One account has a direct quote for prayers to worship ten – “Bless us, divine number...”. Interesting to note that we seem to lack any contemporary documentation of their works but have documentation of their prayer to “10”.

One also might speculate about their representation of numbers. Did they use our decimal system of Arabic numbers (10), Roman numerals (X), probably not binary

The Tetractys, an equilateral triangular figure consisting of 10 points arranged in four rows of 1, 2, 3 and 4, was both a mathematical idea and a metaphysical symbol for the Pythagoreans.



(1010)? However, if they had had them, it would seem that binary representation might have reinforced their beliefs. To them ten was the perfect number because it was the sum of the first four numbers. When organized in dot notation as in the Tetractys diagram below left (from the site storyofmathematics.com) those numbers form a “perfect” triangle – an equilateral triangle.

Pythagorean concepts of the Divine were not limited to numbers but also included shapes and figures. Of the five solids we know as “Platonic Solids”, three were part of Pythagorean cosmology. Those were the tetrahedron made up of four triangles, the Cube made up of six squares, and the dodecahedron made up of 12 pentagons. “Dodeca” is a prefix meaning Twelve. The most common example of a dodecahedron we have in our experience is the soccer ball whose external pattern is made up of twelve equal five sided shapes.

As has been revived in a recent theory, Pythagoras taught that the shape of the cosmos was a dodecahedron. He believed that the Earth was at the center of this universe. For more than twenty centuries the dodecahedron has been of great metaphysical curiosity. Pythagoras, having studied Sacred Geometries during his travels, believed to study and ponder the dodecahedron was to contemplate the divine.

Numerous web sites offer further examination and exploration of Pythagorean thoughts and feelings about sacred numbers and divine solids. Their information and perspective may vary widely but are fascinating to read and compare with our beliefs and attitudes.

The final article about Pythagoras will delve into his personal beliefs such as the reincarnation of our souls and his life and death.

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Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018 4:00 - 6:00 PM

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Twenty Eighteen

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 7, 2018 AS MAINE MASONIC DAY

WHEREAS, Freemasonry is one of the oldest and largest fraternal organizations in the world, open to men of any race, religion or social standing, and it provides opportunities for fellowship, charity, education and leadership based on the 3 ancient Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; and

WHEREAS, the first Maine Masonic Lodge was formed in 1762 and the Grand Lodge of Maine was incorporated on June 16, 1820 as one of the first legislatively created institutions in the State, with Governor William King serving as the first Grand Master of Maine; and

WHEREAS, many of the country's famous patriots were Masons, including Paul Revere, George Washington, John Hancock and Benjamin Franklin, and many sons of Maine were Masons, including at least 33 Governors, Civil War Brigadier General Joshua Chamberlain, arctic explorer Rear Admiral Robert Peary, businessmen and philanthropists Harold Alfond and Galen Cole and famed baseball coach John Winkin, Jr.; and

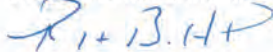
WHEREAS, throughout history Masons have been committed to serving their communities through charity and continue to do so today through such projects as working with schools and libraries to encourage children to read; providing school teachers and administrators with free educational training and tools to identify and assist at-risk children; offering free specialized education in Portland and Bangor for children with dyslexia; and working with the Shriners, who operate the Shriners Hospitals for Children, an international hospital network providing no-cost, state-of-the-art burn and orthopedic care to children; and

WHEREAS, on Maine Masonic Day, April 7, 2018, Masonic lodges throughout the State will confer the Master Mason degree on men of character who wish to improve themselves and benefit their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 7, 2018 as Maine Masonic Day and to express our appreciation of the charitable contributions of Masons to their communities and the State.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted
April 5, 2018
Sent for Concurrence
Ordered Sent Forthwith



Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted
April 5, 2018
In Concurrence



Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

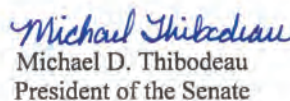
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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Thank You, Brethren, from the Scottish Rite Valley of Portland

We of the Valley of Portland send a thank you to all the brethren who attended the Grand Lodge session in Portland last May and had lunch in our recently renovated dining hall.

With all proceeds of the lunch benefiting the Children's Dyslexia Center of Portland, we were able to raise \$2,418.00 from ticket sales and another \$123 in cash donations.

Special recognition needs to be given to the brethren of Triangle Lodge



for helping us feed more than 400; first and foremost Bro. Frank Klingensmith, the chef who organized and directed the entire effort.

6th Annual Lebanon Lodge Horseshoe Tournament

When: Saturday, September 22nd

Time: 10:00 a.m. Registration Starts

11:00 a.m. 1st shoe thrown

Where: Lebanon Lodge # 116, 251 Mercer Road,
Norridgewock **FMI: 692-3337**

Cost: \$10.00 per person

- Teams chosen randomly by playing card
- Trophies awarded to top 3 teams
- Double Elimination play
- For players over 70, up to 10' closer to pin start
- Open to everyone!
- Concession stand available with hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, water, candy bars and sweets
- Families encouraged to attend and cheer on the players

Lovell's Delta Lodge at Work in the Community

At Delta Lodge's June 7th meeting, checks were issued to the New Suncook Elementary School and the SAD #72 Sunshine Backpack Program. With matching grants from our Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation, a total of \$1450 was given



to support these two worthy programs. From left to right, Mrs. Rhonda Poliquin, school principal, receives a check for \$500 from Wor. Bob Drew, PM of Delta Lodge, Wor. Alden C. Brown, lodge master, and RW Doug Taft, AGL and lodge secretary. This is the second year the lodge has assisted the school with its Math Incentive Program. Project Backpack is another worthy program in which the school district sends non-perishable goods home on weekends so meals aren't missed. It costs approximately \$500 to feed a child for the school year. Delta Lodge raises funds with a public supper and grocery raffle.

I can hear the sound
deep within of hundreds
of thousands.

The sound of buzzing.

I can't differentiate
what it is;

It all sounds similar
to my ear.

Deep within this womb
is life that I cannot
see.

Working together
is the key.

Beehive

by Rev. and Brother Michael Glidden

The beehive is a symbol of industriousness. The bees all work together for the good of the whole. The hive is representative of life in a most systemic way: if one of the bees fail then the effects are

felt throughout the hive. The beehive is an enclosed structure.

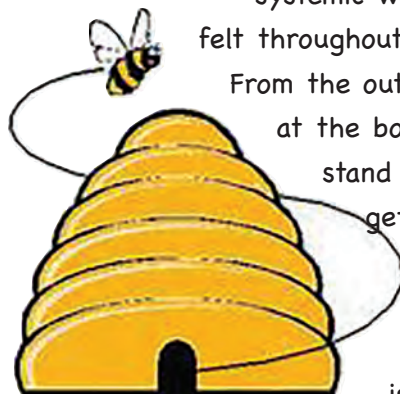
From the outside not much can be seen. There is an opening at the bottom from where the bees come and go. If you

stand close, you can hear the humming. Or you might get stung! The fruit of the hive is the honey deep

inside the combs. It's sweet to the taste but be guarded. It's as if the flaming sword that guards the Garden of Eden is present. There

is the mysterious bee... the queen. She's peculiar

at least. She is the central commander of the hive. Without her, the bees would flounder. The hive teaches the importance of working together. We're all on the level. We all need each other.



Who Was That Mason?

Bro Anson Taber, a 63 year member of Monument Lodge No. 96, recently spent his last few months in a local nursing home due to a failing heart condition. He was as alert of mind and opinionated as we always knew him to be! A well respected contractor, he had served on the lodge building committee and had been active in the two local York Rite Bodies and Anah Shrine Temple.

Bro Anson was visited at least five times a week by lodge Brethren. The visits may often have been for only 10 or 15 minutes at a time but they were up lifting and most appreciated by him. He loved to tell stories of his home town and that was a good way for him to relive his life story.

But there is another side to the story. It is what Bro. Anson did for the lodge, his lodge, our lodge.

The Friday following his 90th Birthday, the lodge opened in due form and then adjourned to the nursing home for a gala birthday party with pizza, cake and ice cream. The things you would expect at such an event. Also attending was his neighbor and 50-year+ Past Master Bob Anderson. But "Page 2" of the story would tell you that there were 14 members of the lodge present and one non-Mason school chum who was invited. Of special note is that two of those present were the lodge's two new Fellow Crafts.

The Tuesday following Bro. Anson's party, then-Grand Master Thomas E. Pulkkinen and then-Grand Marshal Richard Nadeau (now our Deputy Grand Master) were in town. They stopped to visit him. The photo at right turned out to be the last picture of Anson and copies were given to family members. As the nurse in charge said, "Look, he's smiling!!" It was good.

Saving the best for last, let it be known that Bro. Anson did not want a church funeral service but rather a small family service with the Masons taking part. Although not of the faith, he requested that his good friend, Deacon Al Burleigh, of Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Houlton, conduct the religious service which was to be followed by the Masonic service. This was the first local pairing of these groups to perform such a service. It was good.

The service was small with 15 family and friends pres-



The past, present and future of Monument Lodge: Seated, Wor. Bro. Bob Anderson, 50 year Past Master, Anson Taber whose Veterans Medal is being adjusted by R.W. Bro Richard L. Rhoda. Standing are Bros. Patrick Bruce and Mark Cassidy, both Fellow Crafts at that time, and W.M. Lee Oliver.

ent and 14 Masons. Of special note, the two Fellow Crafts from his birthday party are now Master Masons and were present for the service, one being the duly installed Senior Stewart. They are not only learning but practicing the lessons learned in lodge. It is good. "It's what a Masons does for a Mason."





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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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MAINE MASONIC COLLEGE COURSES

In its continuing effort to offer "more light in Masonry" the Regents of the Maine Masonic College announce the following course offerings. As with all College offerings, they are designed to provide brethren the opportunity to expand their vision of Freemasonry and its principles. Whether you are on the path to a Masonic College Diploma or simply want to be a more enlightened Mason, these programs are for you. As the colorful season of Autumn comes upon us, these offerings of the Maine Masonic College will add light.

All Classes are subject to change. Please check website for any changes!

PLEASE NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, there will be a light luncheon served after each class. The charge: \$5.00. If you plan to attend the meal you must pre-register for the class by calling Theresa at the Grand Lodge office, 207-843-1086.

Sept 8

Symbolism: This course will help establish a foundation of understanding for several Maine Masonic College courses dealing with Masonic and other forms of symbolism, allegory, myth and philosophical expressions of belief.

The lecture portion of this course explores the use of certain symbols of the Masonic degree experience. Participants will be divided into groups and given practical exercises in which to explore the significance of symbols in the process of developing individual and group insights in their search for greater understanding. This course is critical for mentors of any organization in which symbolism plays an important role.

Instructor: RW Eric Kuntz

Location: Oxford Lodge #18, Norway 9AM – 12PM

Sept 22

Jurisprudence:

"A survey of the sources of Masonic principles and usages, of Masonic law and an analysis of how the former are expressed in the latter."

Instructor: MW Wayne T. Adams

Location: Alna Anchor, Damariscotta 9AM – 12PM

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#26 of the Minutes of “Old Builders Lodge #1000”

Brother George M.A. Macdougall

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

Everyone has heard of Leonardo da Vinci but how many know what he actually did or who he was? I mean,



he had a Ninja turtle named after him but just who was this Turtle namesake? Well, he did a little bit of everything and he did them all really, really well!! That made him what is called a polymath or a person whose expertise spans a significant

number of different subject areas. He was mostly known as a great painter (his works include the ‘Last Supper’ and the ‘Mona Lisa’); he was a sculptor (his works include the ‘Il Cavallo’ or ‘The Horse’. This was a massive 24-foot-tall statue of a horse meant to be a tribute to the father of the Duke of Milan); and he was an architect. He knew science, math, music literature, anatomy and writing. His discoveries were in engineering, astronomy, history and cartography as well as other fields. He was an avid inventor who has been credited for such inventions or improving ideas such as the parachute, a flying machine (based on birds), helicopter (or Aerial Screw),



diving suit (to drill holes in enemy boats), machine gun, the Robotic Knight (a mechanized suit of armor!) and an army tank.

Leonardo was born on April 15, 1452 “at the third hour of the night” in the Tuscan hill town of Vinci, (hence, the Da Vinci). Little is known about Leonardo’s early life but he did receive an informal education in Latin, geometry and mathematics. In 1466, at the age of fourteen, Leonardo was apprenticed to the artist Andrea di Cione, known as Verrocchio, the leading Florentine painter and sculptor of his day whose *bottega* or workshop was “one of the finest in Florence”. He apprenticed as a *garzone* or studio boy and was exposed to both theoretical training and a vast range of technical skills, including drafting, chemistry, metallurgy, metal working, plaster casting, leather working, mechanics and carpentry as well as the artistic skills of drawing, painting, sculpting and modelling.



One of the most iconic works of Leonardo is the Vitruvian Man (1490). He took the writings of the ancient Roman architect Vitruvius (learn more by attending the MMC course on Vitruvius as well as read ‘The Minutes’ edition # 12) and created a visual representation of the ideal ratios of the human body. He stated numerous times in writing that his explorations into various scientific fields made him a more skilled painter. Given that he believed painting to be the best way humanity could reach total understanding of the world (no cameras back then!), his dedication to science while still considering himself an artist is understandable.



Some 20 years after Leonardo’s death, it was said that “There had never been another man born in the world who knew as much as Leonardo, not so much about painting, sculpture and architecture, as that he was a very great philosopher.”

Masonic College Course Offerings *Continued*

Sept 22

The Politics of Maine Statehood, 1785-2020: Land, Partisanship, and Wabanaki Sovereignty”

The Orono meeting of the course is organized by U Maine faculty Liam Riordan (History) and Micah Pawling (Native American Studies and History). It will also make use of unique material on display at the Hudson Museum.

Instructor: Liam Riordan

Location: University of Maine, Orono, Saturday,
Bangor Room, Memorial Student Union,
University of Maine, Orono

Oct 6

Myth and Freemasonry

The purpose of this class is to express the basic and central nature of the spiritual life of the local Lodges as the foundation upon which Freemasonry is properly built. It will present information to the attendees, provide the opportunity for discussion and explanation, and utilize the true nature of the fraternity as an on-going resource for continued education and goal realization.

Instructor: MW Mark Rustin

Location: Tranquil Lodge Auburn 9AM – 12PM

Oct 13

Convocation: Civility

See details on opposite page.

Oct 20

“The Legacies of Maine Statehood: Mapping, Politics, and the Maine-Missouri Crisis”

The Portland meeting of the course is organized by Elizabeth (Libby) Bischof (History) and Matthew Edney (Osher Map Library). It will make use of unique material at the Osher Map Library.

Instructor: Liam Riordan

Location: Cohen Room, Osher Map Library, University of Southern Maine (Portland campus)

Nov 10

Symbolism

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Instructor: RW Eric Kuntz

Location: Piscataquis Lodge, Milo 9AM – 12PM

Nov 17

EA & FC Symbolism

This is a continuation of the initial symbols course and is a deeper and more direct exploration of the symbols of each of the degrees. The course requisite will be that the attendee has reached that level in their lodge. A recommendation will be that the attendee has attended at least one additional degree of that level prior to attending the course.

The course is designed to be both lecture (PowerPoint presentation), and interactive. There will be both small and large group exercises. Based on the response, there will be follow up sessions for the particular group. However, this is meant to be done in one setting.

Instructor: RW Eric Kuntz

Location: Mystic Lodge, Hampden 9AM – 12PM

Dec 8

Astronomy- Hikers Guide Through The Universe

Of all the arts and sciences, Astronomy has the closest association with our human feeling of awe and our search for who and where we are. The Maine Masonic College, through the University of Maine, is pleased to present this planetarium program once each year for the enjoyment and edification of the whole family. The program is typically a blend of a guide in observing the nighttime sky and an adventure into new discoveries in deep space.

Instructor: UM's Shawn Laatsch

Location: UM Planetarium, Orono

Please Note: We are looking to offer an Astronomy class at USM for our southern members. Keep your eye on our Facebook page or website for more details.



The 17th District had a solid presence in this year's Portland Memorial Day Parade. Represented were Portland's three lodges, Triangle #1, Deering #183 and Cornerstone #216. They were joined by Harmony #38 of Gorham, Portland Commandery and the Grand Commandery of Maine. Masons paraded down Congress Street in full regalia, and attended a wreath laying in Monument Square where a 21-gun salute was offered in honor of the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. Following the ceremony Masons and their families enjoyed lunch at the Masonic Temple.

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Were you a member or advisor of DeMolay?

Kora Temple will be the host of this year's Maine DeMolay Annual Honors and Awards Night on Saturday, November 10, 2018 when Illustrious Potentate Doug Phinney, and others, will receive recognition for their contributions and service.

We will be holding a pre-dinner reception to meet those who will be honored that evening. If you are a Senior or Active DeMolay or Advisor, please make plans to join us for this meet and greet time prior to the banquet. We would like to have as many Senior DeMolays present as we activate our Alumni Association and become involved in the upcoming 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of DeMolay.

There is no charge for the reception, but reservations must be secured for proper planning. There will be a charge for the banquet which is currently being planned and details will be forthcoming to those interested.

Plan now to attend this gala evening – meet some old friends and make new ones as we come together and celebrate 100 years of DeMolay.

Tentative Schedule:

4:00 pm. Reception for Senior DeMolays, Advisors, Honorees and guests

5:00 pm. Banquet in the Dining Hall – reservations required

6:30 pm Honors and Awards Presentations – Legion of Honor, Chevalier, Cross of Honor

Email, text or mail the form below to save your place for the reception and banquet – banquet details will be sent to you when finalized.

Name: _____

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Are you a Senior DeMolay? _____ Chapter _____

_____ Reception _____ Banquet _____ # of people

Reply to: John Knox - email: jrknex50@roadrunner.com Text: 207-749-9424 or mail to

John R. Knox, 46 Briarwood Lane, Windham, ME 04062

Sanford Masons a Positive Force in Town

and Biddeford Brethren Step Up to help a Widow

Preble Lodge Masons sponsored their second of four blood drives held annually on April 24th this year. The event is an “equal opportunity” blood gathering mission open to all local citizens during which time brethren open their lodge room allowing donors the opportunity to view the beautiful facility.

The blood drive is but one way Preble brethren serve their communi-

ty. During the blood drive Wor. Brother Craig Durocher received a phone call from a Masonic widow who had moved from Biddeford to Springvale a few years back. She explained that her husband had passed away some time ago, and she had contacted her husband’s lodge to see if they might come and help repair her tool shed, now rotting at the bottom.

She said she had contacted her husband’s lodge in the belief that she could only contact that “home” lodge. Brother Durocher explained that she should know that when she needed help “all lodges were her home lodge.”

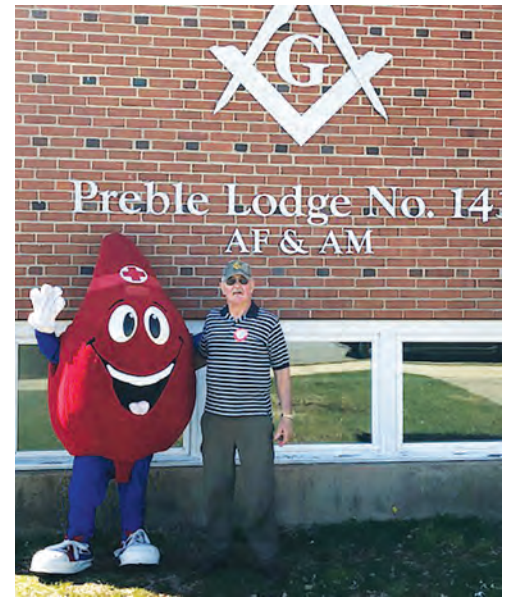
Now comes the part that proves, once again, the cooperative

spirit of brethren everywhere to help a worthy brother, his widow or orphans.

A couple of brethren from Biddeford’s Dunlap Lodge took a look at the shed and decided it should be replaced rather than repaired and they set to work building a new shed. When completed, brethren from the two lodges removed the old structure and erected its spanking new replacement.

Well done, brethren.

Brethren from Biddeford’s Dunlap Lodge gather at the new tool shed they built for their departed brother’s widow now living more than 20 miles away.



Maine Red Cross Blood Drop welcomed by PM Bill Derosie.



The rotted out tool shed.



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you know that your gift directly supports Maine Masonic programs, and that you have options in directing where it will be used? For instance, you may choose to have your gift used for the Brotherhood Relief Fund – a critical, sometimes life-changing fund that has helped hundreds of Brothers and their families in times of need or stress. Perhaps you would prefer to have your donation added to our endowment, thus generating investment income that will be used to support the continuing philanthropic efforts of Freemasons in Maine, or maybe have it used for

matching gifts programs for Lodge philanthropy. There are a number of options!

There are multiple ways to give and many different assets you can use. From a simple bequest to more complex arrangements, we welcome the opportunity to assist you and your advisors in planning a contribution that suits your particular needs. You may be surprised at how easy it can be to make a planned gift.

Information on bequests, IRA distributions, stock donations, and charitable trusts can be found on the Foundation website. We also have a brochure available with lots of information – just call or email us and we will be happy to send it to you.

We are proud to honor our planned giving donors with membership in the *Master Architect Society*. This society was established to pay tribute to those Brothers who have included the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation in their estate plans. We invite you to explore the *Master Architect Society* further and consider establishing your legacy with us. Please visit our website,



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The Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation supports the Masonic lodges and brethren of Maine as they make their communities – and the world - a better place.

David and Goliath

Michael G. Hopkins, York #22

We've all heard the bible story of David and Goliath as children, but have we ever thought of it as having application to Masonry ?

The seventeenth chapter of the first book of Samuel relates the story. The Israelites and Philistines face each other in the valley of Elah, southwest of Jerusalem. The Philistines send forth their hero, Goliath, to taunt the Israelites and defy them to send out a hero of their own to fight him. This was a common practice in ancient warfare, as it settled matters without the slaughter of a pitched battle.

Now Goliath was a very large man—a direct conversion of the biblical description would be nine feet tall, but some modern scholars place his height at about six foot nine. He was arrayed in heavy armor, over one hundred pounds, and armed with a sword, javelin, and heavy spear.

David was not in the army. His three eldest brothers were fighting and his father had sent him from home with loaves and cheeses for them.

David heard Goliath's challenge and, when no Israelite stepped forward to meet it, he

volunteered. King Saul at first dressed David in armor and a bronze helmet, but he was not used to them and took them off. David trusted his sling, and chose five smooth stones and marched toward Goliath. When Goliath saw him he chided David with the claim he would "give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field." This curse David throws back, he chooses a stone and with his sling kills Goliath by hitting him between the eyes.

Doesn't the rebuke which Goliath and David shout at one another remind you of the penalty of your obligation in the Fellow Craft degree? For David was in a sense a young Fellow



Craft: he had acquired useful knowledge as a youth protecting his father's flock against lions and bears. Those were lessons not only of the use of simple weapons, but also those of prudence and fortitude to overcome fear in the face of danger.

Now he applied that knowledge to the discharge of his duty.

As Masons in our modern

world, we are unlikely to face a giant twice our size but we will clearly face challenges. Maybe it will come in the form of overcoming an addiction or destructive habit; or perhaps facing a relationship problem we would rather ignore; or it may be a life-threatening illness, either our own or a loved one's. Maybe we will encounter financial and employment issues. Those are our Goliath.

And as David went forth armed with his faith in God and the lessons of his youthful apprenticeship, so should we remember our faith and the moral lessons we have heard in Lodge as well as in our places of worship in facing our own life's challenges.

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Memorial Day at Pownalborough Courthouse

Pownalborough Courthouse in Dresden has long been the site of the town's Memorial Day celebration organized by the Lincoln County Historical Association. Dresden Lodge #103 has participated for several years.

The event honors veterans from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War buried in the Courthouse cemetery.

Brethren processed to the cemetery where veterans' names are read and flowers are placed at each grave. R.W. Brother Bruce Alexander's father, the Rev. Bruce Alexander, read the names and offered prayers for many years but for the last few years, Brother Alexander has taken over for his father who passed away earlier this year. Local children usually place the flowers.

Also this year, Brother and State Representative Jeffrey Pierce read a joint resolution from the Maine Legislature honoring Rev. Alexander for his many years of service to the community. Mrs. Alexander was there to receive the resolution from Brother Pierce that honored her husband.



The tombstone of William C. Johnson, a veteran of the Second War of Independence who died in 1870 at age 80, bears an inspiring inscription:

"How pleasant it is to die in Faith"



Current (and future) Masons gathered in procession at the Pownalborough Courthouse.

W. Bro. Jake Enos, a Mason with Stories to Share

Wor. Brother Warren “Jake” Enos was born Aug. 8, 1924 and raised a Master Mason in Whitney Lodge #167 on Jan. 17, 1957. He has been active in his lodge for more than 60 years with many yarns to spin about those years. But he has many more stories as a World War II infantryman in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945.

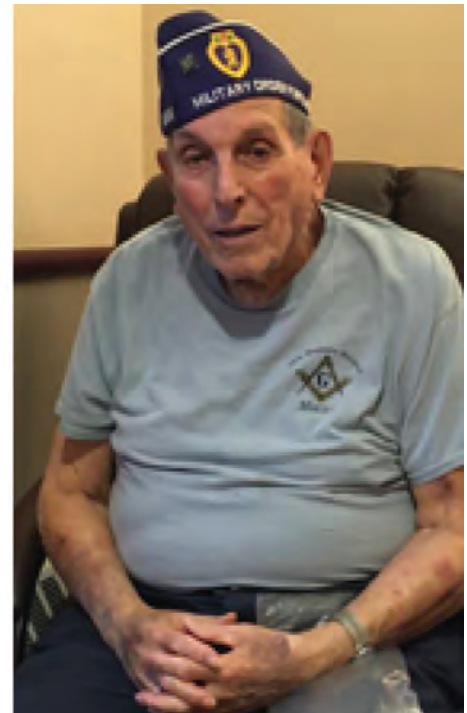
In 1941, at 16, he was living in Livermore, attending high school in Turner, and working part time as a mechanic and part time at a general store, carrying grain to its henhouses.

On December 7th of that year, a vicious attack on Pearl Harbor that killed more than 2300 people set his years as an infantryman into motion.

“People were coming in and out of the store just aghast,” Enos said. “Everyone was so shocked that something like that could happen. We didn’t know if Japan would invade the West Coast or not. That was something hard to comprehend, that the U.S. could be invaded.”

The following Nov. 11th, the draft age was lowered to 18. Enos was a high school junior at the time. In March of ’43, he and eight of his classmates got draft notices.

After completing basic training at Camp Croft in South Carolina, he went to Camp Patrick Henry in Virginia. He’d been there only a short time when he was told it was time to ship out.



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**“Maine Freemasonry Enriching
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Honoring our Masonic Veterans



Bro. Albert Marshall of Seaside Lodge #144, Boothbay Harbor, was presented his 55 and 60-year stars by Past Grand Master Chuck Ridlon



Wor. Brother Cecil Howe of Ashlar Lodge #105, Auburn, was presented his 50-year Veterans Medal on June 18 by his son-in-law, R.W. Brother Paul Gardner DDGM/23. Shown here, l-r: Brother Dave Walton, PDDGM/23, Brother Gardner, Brother Howe, and Wor. Steven Peterson, Ashlar Lodge Master.



Bro. John Eric Eklund of Oxford Lodge #18, Norway, received his 50-year Veterans Medal from RW Brother Jack Lagerquist in April.



Bro. Philip Carlton, left, of Oriental lodge #13, Bridgton, received his 50-year Veterans Medal from RW Bro. Doug Taft.



Bro. Dale Stanley received his 50-year Veterans Medal in Horeb Lodge, Lincoln, from Bro. Lagerquist. Bro. Paul Thornton received his medal the same night.



Bro. Richard Mailman, a member of Springvale Lodge received his Veterans Medal from Bro. Lagerquist.



Bro. Elmer Plummer, Ralph G. Pollard Lodge's oldest member at 101, receives his 40-year pin from Wor. Scott Walton and RW Donald Wiswell on his birthday, April 6, 2018.



Bro. Lee Kaufman, center, Potentate of Anah Shrine in 2013, was presented his 40-year service pin on April 4 in Penobscot Lodge #39, Dexter. Wor. Harold Clover, left, Bro. Herb Libby, DDGM/5, right.

Brother Jake Enos

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“One night, we were told suddenly to pack and get on a train. The Gray Ladies served us coffee,” said Enos, remembering the women of the Red Cross who had volunteered to help the soldiers. According to Enos, 5,000 enlisted soldiers and 500 officers boarded the SS Pasteur, a French ocean liner that was used to transport troops. Capable of traveling at about 22 knots, the ship often made its voyages alone, so as not to be held back by the slower ships of a convoy.

According to Brother Enos, after it had left the harbor the ship never kept the same direction for more than five minutes to avoid presenting the broadside of the ship to the German submarines.

“We didn’t really know where we were headed,” Enos said. “But when we approached land, we could see cloud bursts from shells being fired at the German aircraft that were trying to bomb the convoy going through the Strait of Gibraltar.”

He and his fellow soldiers would spend the next two years fighting throughout northern Africa and Sicily, in weather that went from 120 degrees in the beating sun to 60 degrees at night.

“It felt cold because it was so dry,” Enos said. “So when we were in the desert, we’d scoop a hole in the sand and lay our Army blanket in there. Then you get in, fold each side of the blanket over on yourself, and put the sand back.”

He was wounded twice. The first incident happened Feb. 4, 1944, when he’d volunteered to help his lieutenant put land mines in front of their position. In the rain and fog, Enos and the lieutenant got all 90 mines in the ground without being seen.

“When we started pulling the safety pins to arm them, the air changed and the fog cleared,” Enos said. The Germans could see what they were doing. So they sent artillery shells into the newly created mine field. The field went up, and Jake went up with it. “I got 14 pieces of shrapnel in me. They got me out and brought me to this Italian farmhouse made out of field stones. That’s where I lay until dark, when the medics could come get me,” Enos said.

That evening, as Enos lay in the tent hospital, dug four feet beneath the ground, a man came around to assess the injuries of those lying beneath dark-green wool blankets.

“He lifted up the blanket of the man next to me and said, ‘No use taking him,’ and covered up his face. They looked at me and said I might make it,” Enos said.

After surgery that Enos said he can’t remember,

thanks to four big breaths of ether, the surgeon came in carrying a tin can full of the shrapnel that had been in Enos’ body.

“Now I know why the Germans are losing the war,” the surgeon had said. “You guys come in here half dead and still fight with everything you’ve got.”

Enos was back in combat April 1. On May 23, he joined 200 other men under his company commander, with the objective of pushing through German lines and taking the knoll behind them.

“They started to shell the area we were in. I got an artillery shell in the hip. The medic came and bandaged me up, and told me I was losing a lot of blood. He told me to get to the drainage ditch where they could pick me up,” Enos said.

When he stood up, two bullets from a machine gun came flying at him. One went into his shoulder and the other whizzed across his brow.

“It took my eyebrow completely off, no blood. It was like I’d shaved it with a razor,” Enos said. “After I’d crawled back to the drainage ditch, I heard my company commander say, ‘We’ve met our objective. I have 21 men.’”

Needless to say, when November 1945 came around and Enos was finally on his way home, he was happy, but adjusting to civilian life would be difficult.

“It’s an odd thing in this life. I spent almost three years shooting at Germans. Then after I got home, my sister married the son of German immigrants. I was shooting at them, now I’ve got one as a brother-in-law,” he said with a laugh.

Enos, 94, is living at the Maine Veterans’ Home in South Paris, and feels lucky to be alive.

“There were many things we had to endure. I was fortunate to have made it through what I did,” he said.

Sources : Records Whitney Lodge # 167 , Oriental Star Lodge #21, R.W. Gary Young . News Article Lewiston Sun Journal by, emarquis@sunmediagroup.net

Wor. Brother Enos was elected Master of Whitney Lodge in 1963. He was presented his 50-year veterans medal by RW Arthur Hayford 01/18/2007; his 55-year star by R.W. Harry Smith 12/20/2012 and his 60-year star by R.W. Gary Young 05/17/2017.

Brother Enos has been a very active Mason over the years and has presented the “On Yonder Book” charge in all the 20th District lodges.



The Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation draws its success and focus directly from the members of the Masonic fraternity and appendant/affiliated bodies. We are the world's largest and oldest fraternal organization, a group that understands and embodies strong values and a commitment to themselves – and their communities – through service.

Your contributions are vitally important to the many philanthropic programs of the Foundation. Our Lodges sustain a culture of giving and care for Brothers, their families, and the community at large. Your gifts help provide Brotherhood relief and emergency funds, and also enable us to provide matching grants to enhance individual Lodge community projects. The Foundation funds activities for Maine Veteran's Homes, supports high-quality programs that impact students all over the state, helps enhance youth literacy by providing funds to purchase thousands of bikes for the Bikes for Books initiative, and so much more.

Because of you, the Foundation was able to make a sizeable contribution to Wreaths Across America in order to honor our fallen soldiers in Maine Veteran's cemeteries. And when we asked for help for victims of disasters, you responded quickly and generously: last year we provided much-needed assistance for victims of hurricanes in Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida.

We can't say it enough: *Thank you.* Thank you to all of the Masons, Lodges, Masonic organizations, and friends of the fraternity who demonstrated their support by giving to the MMCF during our last fiscal year. Your continued support of the Foundation helps sustain the culture of giving that Freemasonry is known for, and the Masonic way of service is exemplified by your generosity.

The Winter Issue of **Maine Mason** will contain a full Honor Roll listing those who contributed so generously. In the meantime, this list can be viewed at www.masoniccharitablefoundation.org.



The Masons' Story of a U.S. Rte 1 Burying Ground

by Bro. Richard Rhoda

Entering the United States at Fort Kent and traveling south on U.S. Route 1 to Key West, Florida, one passes a most distinctive private Burying Ground in Littleton.

What today is known as the “John R. Weed Burying Ground” is passed by all traveling down Route 1 from Northern and Central Aroostook. Eighteen years ago it truly was living up to its surname.

Before Maine’s early towns came to have public cemeteries, it was common for families to set aside a small parcel of land as the final resting place for their deceased. The first to be buried here by the side of the road was Hannah DeLaite, in 1840, on the homestead farm of her widower, Lewis DeLaite.

In 1861, John R. Weed (1829-1908), formerly of Winterport, came to Southern Aroostook. In 1867 he bought this 1/16th acre lot for \$8.00 from his father-in-law, Lewis DeLaite, before the latter died on Christmas day.



Bro. Weed received his three Masonic degrees in Howard Lodge No. 69 in 1858 as had his sibling Charles in 1853. Bro. John affiliated with Monument Lodge in Houlton in 1873.

A lack of maintenance of the Burying Ground followed the death of Bro. John R. Weed Jr. in 1935. He had joined Monument Lodge in 1883. By 2000 there were no family members in the area to maintain the site. It was barely noticeable behind and beneath the overgrowth of bushes and grass.

As this was a private burying ground, the town assumed no responsibility for its upkeep. It became an eyesore, if one even bothered to look in its direction.

In 2000, under the leadership of Master Clint Cushman, the lodge, with a Grand Lodge of Maine Community Betterment Grant, undertook to restore the site. The underbrush was cleared away and a fence and sign were erected. Bro. Jamie Watson, who lived less than a mile away, reset some of the stones with cement bases as his personal Masonic contribution.

The grounds have been and are now cared for by the owners of the adjacent farm house. Once the lodge had restored the site, their civic pride led them to voluntarily mow it. “Thanks” to Bill and Doris Tardy and now Robert Fitzpatrick and Jami Cass.

After the ruthless hand of the harsh winter seasons of Northern Maine had taken its toil on the sign and fence over the years, W. Bro. David Rairdon undertook a much needed restoration of the site with a new sign and painting of the fence.

While those passing this site may not have known the Masonic story associated with it, may they come to realize that *“It’s what a Mason does for a Mason.”*

Masons Mentoring Our Youth

Piscataquis Lodge Brethren Consider Options

At a recent stated meeting of Piscataquis Lodge #44 in Milo, an item of business on the agenda was to consider a funding request from the Boy Scouts. Of course the lodge responded in a positive manner. However, given a financial situation like many lodges, that response was far more limited than members would have liked. MW Walter Macdougall opened a discussion questioning whether Masons could and should feel obligated to support community organizations in a larger role than to just eke out very limited financial resources. He suggested that Masons have an obligation to mentor young men. Personal support, consisting of the skills, abilities, time, energies, personal knowledge, and resources of individual Masons, could easily be of far more benefit than the meager financial resources we can supply.

That discussion then centered on the historical relationship between Masonry, Boy Scouts, and other youth organizations and how Masons could better support all community organizations. It was decided to spend the summer considering options and opportunities. Then members were tasked to report back at our fall Stated Meetings with choices, openings, chances, recommendations, and possible courses of action.

Initial literature searches to better guide our quest for opportunities for Masonic participation, highlighted some startling and, on the surface, alarming information.

For more than a decade males in Maine Primary & Secondary schools have been falling behind females in academic achievement. 2017 DOE Performance data:

Females - 58.81 % above State Expectations - 41.19% below State Expectations

Males - 46.68% above State Expectations - 51.81% below State Expectations

College attendance rates show similar disparities. 2014 Data for Maine show 68% of female graduates enrolling in Higher Education. During that same time period 55% of male graduates enrolled in Higher Ed. That is a 13 percentage point difference which has

increased from a 10 percentage point difference in 2008 when 67% of female graduates enrolled in Higher Ed and 57% of male grads enrolled.

In 2014 Katy Waldron wrote an article, perhaps a little too pessimistic, titled “What Happens to Boys who fall behind – They become men who can’t catch up”.

A large amount of current literature seemed to project a similar gloomy pattern.

Our initial reactions were questions. Are young men as a group dealing with more adversity than before? Are they in need of more role models and mentors to help stay abreast in an ever changing increasingly technological world? Is that a role in which Masons can productively participate? If so, how might this be effected?

*Are young men...dealing with more
adversity than before?
Are they in need of more role models
and mentors...?*

If these data are in fact trends and not just cyclical vagaries within the statistics, then Brother Macdougall is right. Masons do have an additional Obligation and responsibility -- to mentor

and provide supportive inspirational role models for maturing young men as our forbears did when they accepted apprentices.

Data show that traditionally about thirty percent of Masons have been boy scouts.

We do have a Masonic scouting award, the “Daniel Carter Beard Scouter Award” for “Freemasons who practice the ideals of Freemasonry and act as role models to young men who are part of scouting.” One was awarded by MW Gerald Leighton to RW Kelley Carter PDDGM District 22.

In Maine we have appendant Masonic Youth Bodies of Rainbow & DeMolay supported by individual lodges and the Demolay and Pine Tree Youth Organization.

A few individual lodges have programs of their own supporting Maine Scouting. From “The Voice of Scouting’s Post”, “Parian Lodge will be chartering and assisting in the formation of a Scouting program in the town of Corinna! This program will help benefit the

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Harmony Lodge #38 Earns Masonic Excellence Award

Brethren of Harmony Lodge #38 in Gorham were rewarded for their industry and hard work by earning the prestigious Masonic Excellence Award.

Shown here are RW Brother Tim Bushey DDGM/17 who presented the award to Wor. Keith Cook, lodge master in 2017, and 2018 presiding lodge Master Justin St.Germain.



Daniel Carter Beard Medallion

Mentoring Our Youth

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community, lodge, and most importantly, our young people.”

These existing activities led us to consider some other possibilities. One quite feasible effort would be to enhance and rekindle some of the historical connections between Boy Scouts and Masons. Another service we could provide would be knowledgeable mentors and assistance in the Merit Badge program. We wouldn't have to take on the responsibility of becoming Scout Masters rather just provide more assistance and support to the existing Scout Masters. Of course Lodges will continue their customs of use of buildings and properties for meetings, work sessions, yard sales, fundraisers, etc

If we have an interest in the future of Freemasonry, then future members must have a leading importance for us. If we wish to have a vibrant future membership, then we must do our part to ensure that an adequate reservoir of talented inspired potential members exists. We seem to have an additional community service requirement for Lodges and members which we may not have been emphasizing enough. That is to ensure that we actively support all community groups and work with and support all our youth groups both male and female to create needed community reservoirs of potential future members.

Deeds (and Words) Pave the Way for Growth

by Brother Pete Cutler

DDGM/14

Following each Annual Meeting here in Maine we are faced with the reported decline in membership of our order. Despite the success enjoyed by some Lodges in raising new members there are many others who seem unable to keep abreast of losses due to death and demits, not to mention sparse attendance at stated and special meetings.

Masonry's strongest presence in America can arguably be traced to the decades following WWII when a national alliance against a perceived threat had distinguished our country's culture and from a returning wave of military members who had discovered the strength which unity provides and proceeded to bolster the cohesion of their communities. They were joiners and they were convinced that if they reinforced their local churches, fraternal organizations and local civic structure by working together the lives of all would be improved.

A perusal of any lodge's records will reveal the names of highly respected members of their surrounding communities, recognized leaders and successful businessmen, who through their actions projected a positive image of Masonry that drew new initiates to the order.

Our tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and our "ancient truths", along with the strong spiritual guidance provided by our required belief in a supreme architect of the universe have for centuries constituted the solid foundation that offers the opportunity for free men of good report to improve not only their own lives and those of their family and friends but also those who make up the communities around them.

Ultimately, strength and success will be challenged by both internal and societal forces. America has changed and with it the sense of close knit communities and common purpose that fostered our success as a nation. Some of our hallowed institutions that once pro-

vided leadership and direction have faltered and lost the esteem and trust of our citizens. Modern life offers innumerable distractions which often focus on instant individual gratification as opposed to the satisfaction of working within a group to achieve goals dedicated to strengthening our personal and communal lives. This has negatively affected the pool of "joiners" who have now been lured away from the traditional values which formed our culture.

As Masons, we enjoy a security in our relationships that many of our acquaintances are not aware of. I sense in some of the younger people I have contact with an uneasiness and disappointment with life that all of our modern conveniences and toys do not assuage.

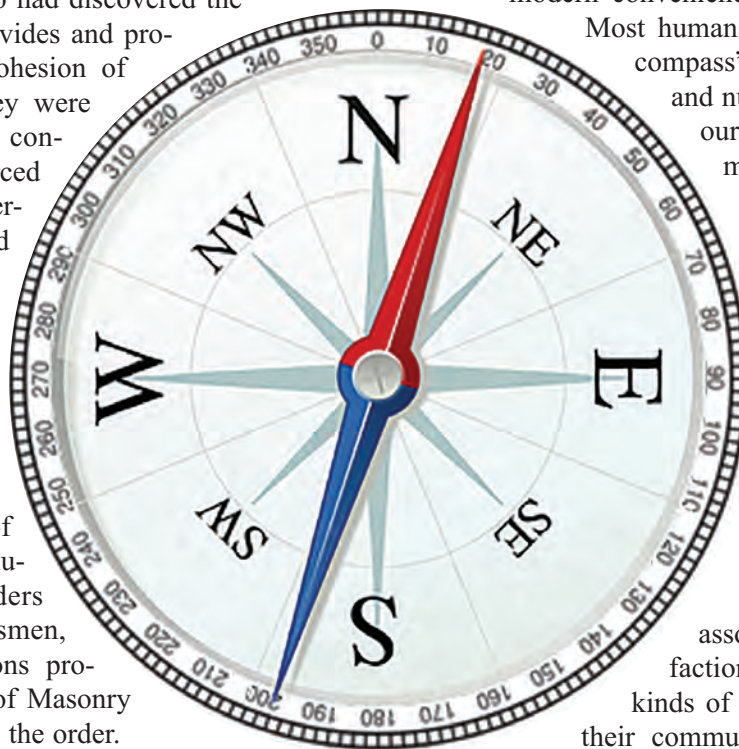
Most humans have the basis of a "moral compass" which requires recognition and nurturing in order to strengthen our relationships with our fellow man.

Masonry offers a plethora of knowledge and tools to assist in this journey. Our rituals and our lessons are designed for spiritual, moral and ethical growth. Those who are initiated and travel the path through our instructional degrees have only begun their Masonic journey.

Lifelong friendships and associations are formed and satisfaction is gained through the many kinds of work that Lodges perform in their communities. Continuing Masonic education and Lodge participation in all activities reinforce the bonds of brotherhood.

We, as speculative Masons, have the opportunity to be successful builders. We have both the duty and the privilege to offer the values of our fraternity to worthy potential applicants and to nurture and assist them on their Masonic path once they are initiated.

Integrating Masonry with our current world is a substantial challenge. Our rituals, our values, our tenets are our strength and we must be able to successfully communicate them to the uninitiated if our fraternity is to grow and thrive. Providing information both by our deed and word will be the most effective tools for growth.



Augusta's Bethlehem Lodge Honors Night



R.W. Brother Robert Haigh, DDGM/11 presenting a 60-year star to Wor. Brother Bud Pringle.



R.W. Brother Robert Haigh presenting the Veterans Medal to Wor. Brother Larry Perkins.

On June 9th, 2018, Bethlehem Lodge #35, Augusta, held an Awards Night to honor three brothers and a local Firefighter/EMT. The evening started with a meal provided and prepared by R.W. Robert Haigh, V.W. Michael Philbrick, W. Larry (Bud) Pringle and his wife Joyce, R.W. Bob Stratton and his son James, W. Ken Gotreau and his wife Jean, Bro. John Brinzow and his wife Debbie, and W.M. Edward (Ted) Libby's wife Lori. The meal fed more than 45 members, fire fighters/paramedics, and guests.

After supper, the following Masonic Brothers were honored: Wor. Lawrence (Bud) Pringle with his 60-year star, Wor. Larry Perkins with his 50-year Veterans Medal, and R.W. Bob Stratton with a 20-year pin.

Following the Masonic Awards, Bethlehem Lodge honored Lt. Brian Chamberlain, fireman and EMT paramedic of the Augusta Fire Department, and presented him with a plaque for Fireman of the Year award and a statue featuring a firefighter standing behind a bald eagle draped in the American flag.



R.W. Brother Haigh presenting a 20-year pin to R.W. Brother Bob Stratton as lodge Master Ted Libby looks on approvingly.



Lt. Brian Chamberlain,
Augusta Fireman of the Year.

Another Offering from the Mysterious Masonic Poet of Bowdoinham

The Spring issue of *The Maine Mason* included a story about a mysterious Masonic poet in Bowdoinham who sent several poems to Brother Steven Edmondson, Historian of Village Lodge #26 in that town.

The first three poems are entitled *Petition for Freemasonry*, *Committee of Inquiry*, and *Balloting*. The first of the three, *Petition for Freemasonry*, was printed in that article. We reprint the second here.

Committee of Inquiry

*A petition has been filled out
With that there is no doubt*

*Three Brethren to check on a man
To see that he won't crush like a can*

For it is not our duty to give him a beating

*But without our consent, he shall never
attend a meeting*

*For it is our duty to find out his belief
An allegiance to God or perhaps a thief*

*Moral and upright is our stance
We dare not take even a chance*

*A man who is financially and mentally fit
A moral conscience that just won't quit*

*If he does not have too much on his plate
Then perhaps as a Mason he could be great*

*If he is proven in the words he talks
Then the Lodge shall vote with no black in
the box*

*A chore it is to size up another
For he is not yet a Freemason Brother.*

More Books Mean More Bikes Thanks to Rural Lodge Brethren



Brothers Floyd Luce, Peter Johnson, Arthur Downing and Wayne Ireland with a few of the 12 bikes awarded to James H. Bean School students.

On June 6th, brethren of Rural Lodge #53 in Sidney rewarded 18 lucky students with brand new bikes and helmets as part of the Masonic Bikes for Books program.

Wor. Brother Floyd Luce, Wor. Bro. Peter Johnson, Wor. Bro. Arthur "Pete" Downing and Bro. Wayne Ireland started the day at the Belgrade Central School in Belgrade. They, along with brothers of Vernon Valley Lodge #99 in Mt. Vernon, awarded twelve bikes to the winning students.

The Rural Lodge brethren then headed to James H. Bean School in Sidney where they presented twelve more bikes to students. There were many happy smiles to be seen that day...on the faces of the brethren as well on those of the mighty happy owners of new wheels.

Bro. Guy Chapman Handy in the Office...and the Workshop

Brother Guy Chapman is a busy guy. Always has been; likely always will be.

For 45 years he was in the real estate appraisal business, residential first, then moving over to commercial. Before that he served in the U.S. Navy, and prior to that matriculated at the University of New Hampshire.

Much of that was happening as he became deeply involved in the Masonic family, joining Timothy Chase Lodge in Belfast 51 years ago, back in 1967. Guy served his lodge as Master in 1974, the first of many leadership roles in the craft. While going through the chairs, he became a member of Scottish Rite, the several York Rite bodies and Anah Shrine where he was elected Potentate and served in that office during 2003. Guy was also High Priest of his Royal Arch Chapter in 1975, and has been Secretary of the Bangor Scottish Rite Valley since 2006.

In Grand Lodge he has been elected Junior Grand Warden and served on the Finance Committee for several years.

Still he has had time to spend hours in his

Only Eight have been Awarded the Prestigious Joshua Chamberlain Award

The Joshua Chamberlain Award was created in 1993. It is to be presented by the Grand Master, in his discretion, to a citizen of Maine, Mason or non-Mason, who best exemplifies the characteristics of leadership, citizenship, honor and integrity demonstrated repeatedly by this great man, Civil War general, and Mason.

It was to be awarded not on an annual basis, but whenever the appropriate recipient is identified and never more frequently than one per Masonic year.

Only eight Chamberlain Medals have been presented since the award was created.

First recipient was Sen. George Mitchell in 1998. Since then, Chamberlain Medals have been presented to Brother Harold Alfond, Brother Timothy Martel, Brother Charles Plummer, Brother Walter Macdougall, PGM, Brother Charles Ridlon, PGM, Brother Gerald Leighton, PGM, and Mr. Morrill Worcester of Wreaths Across America.

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One of Brother Guy's Noah's Ark creations.

woodworking shop making "labors of love" for family members. All four of his grandchildren have among their prized possessions an elaborate Noah's Ark complete with all the animals two by two, carefully carved on his scroll saw, and his seven great-granddaughters each has been given a doll cradle. "I love making things for them," Guy admits.

Guy's wife, Nancy has had an important hand in the projects, too. She paints all of the 46 pieces on each Ark, Guy says, adding, "and she does a great job."

Guy has obviously paid as close attention to detail in his shop as he has with his Masonic responsibilities. Look, he says holding up his hands, "I still have all my fingers."



Brother Chapman: "I still have all my fingers."

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29-Sep	2	Saturday	Crescent Lodge #78	11AM Meal/12PM Meeting
29-Sep	3	Saturday	Crescent Lodge #78	11AM Meal/12PM Meeting
18-Oct	4	Thursday	TBD	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
10-Nov	5	Saturday	Mount Kineo #109	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
1-Dec	6	Saturday	St. Andrew's Lodge #83	8AM Meal/9AM Meeting
17-Nov	7	Saturday	King David's Lodge #62	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
18-Sep	8	Tuesday	Belfast Lodge #24	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
	9	TBD	TBD	TBD
22-Sep	10	Saturday	Alna Anchor #43	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
24-Oct	11	Wednesday	Morning Star Lodge #41	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
14-Sep	12	Friday	Siloam Lodge #92	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
20-Sep	13	Thursday	Northern Star #28	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
6-Oct	14	Saturday	Acacia Lodge #121	4PM Meeting/6PM Meal
28-Sep	15	Friday	Blue Mountain #67	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
	16	TBD	TBD	TBD
30-Nov	17	Friday	Gov. William King Lodge #219	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
29-Nov	18	Thursday	Saco Lodge #9	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
27-Sep	19	Thursday	Yorkshire Lodge	8AM Meal/9AM Meeting
12-Oct	20	Friday	Jefferson Lodge #100	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
13-Oct	21	Saturday	Lygonia Lodge #40	4PM Meeting/6PM Meal
16-Oct	22	Tuesday	Meridian Lodge #125	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
2-Nov	23	Friday	Ashlar #105	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting
19-Oct	24	Friday	Katahdin Lodge #98	6PM Meal/7PM Meeting

ALL MEETINGS ARE TYPED