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breaks, so does
a new season
for Maine
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by George P. Pulkkinen

We need Your Help

Since 1981, *The Maine Mason* magazine has informed and inspired Masons throughout the state of Maine every year. Whether it's the winter edition informing us all on what lodges are doing as we get back to work, or the spring issue that every year gets us ready for Grand Lodge, *The Maine Mason* provides approximately forty pages three times annually to maintain the tight intra-state network that is Maine Masonry.

Like any organization, we're always assessing our work — what's working well, and what, if anything, we should improve on...and that's where you come in. We live increasingly in an era of experimentation and digitalization — no doubt you've seen our efforts at experimenting with a digital version of the magazine, updates via Facebook, etc.

How are we doing with that? What changes or experiments would you like to see in how we communicate? In particular, would you be willing to receive a digital-only copy (e.g. an email three times annually with a link to the magazine on the Grand Lodge site) in lieu of a printed copy? Or do you prefer to receive your copy the old-fashioned way through the mail?

We'll collect these ideas and do our best to run experiments, appreciating the time constraints we're all under these days, but know that all will be reviewed. So let us know what you think by sending us an email at mainemason44@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

From the Grand East

Mark E. Rustin

Grand Master of Masons in Maine

A Peculiar System of Morality

Our Fraternity has long defined itself thus: “Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.” The fact that it was deemed necessary that this peculiar system be veiled, points to its power to lead revolutionary change in the midst of any culture within which it exists. It also points to the expansion of ideas within a culture which provides the fertile ground for that peculiar system to grow, flourish, and provide leadership. That leadership helps guide the culture’s advancement toward the moral high ground.

In the Atlantic Colonies prior to the revolution there was a general sense in the culture that questioned the divine right of monarchs which deprived the citizens of certain unalienable rights. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and other Masonic leaders applied this peculiar system of morality to the discussion. Their leadership by Masonic value ultimately led to the Revolutionary War. Independence resulted in a country which emphasizes a morality and ethical system informed by the governed. This Enlightenment understanding that people had the capacity to be moral agents and self-governing allowed our Masonic forebears to be seen as forward-looking leaders rather than clandestine revolutionaries opposing the status quo. The peculiarity of our system provided the impetus for great change.

It seems to me that our present culture is struggling mightily to find a proper moral and ethical understanding of the rights and stature of women in our day. This ongoing quest for a “proper” relationship between the genders has gone on since the eighteenth century. Women’s Suffrage consumed the discussion for 40 years before forward thinking men passed the Nineteenth Amendment granting women equal access to the ballot box. Voting of course is confidential, but I believe that many Masons applied our peculiar morality to the situation by enfranchising women thus recognizing their abilities as people.

Women’s access to “full personhood” has been ongoing since that time. During the existential crisis of the Second World War, women who were deemed by many as the weaker sex stepped up. Working in defense

plants, shipyards, and in the military women dispelled the notion of “weakness” and helped lead this nation to victory in common purpose with men. What those women accomplished would not, and should not, go back in the genie’s bottle. Women showed all of us the true nature of who they are and sought an equal place in society.

In our time this struggle for equality continues despite many strides in the past. Women continue to be objectified and valued related to their body parts with no regard for their dignity as human beings. They continue to be paid less for equal effort in the work place. In short, their gains through legislation have been blunted by a floundering cultural morality and weak ethical system. In my view, it is time for Freemasonry to apply our peculiar morality and ethics to ensure that all people have a right to our good offices and efforts.

It is not uncommon for someone to point out that we are a “male only” Fraternity in a manner that suggests that is wrong. It seems to me that men –Masons— have long held a valued tradition of providing men, in fraternity with other men, the opportunity to become better men. This is accomplished through the tenets and teachings of our ritual, one on one mentoring, and through male interaction which provides the opportunity to smooth our ashlar each day. Any suggestion that, or use of our same gender nature, to promote the diminution of the rights and dignity of women is complete Masonic heresy. We are male only to promote the betterment of society. Our peculiar morality requires us to be leaders for equality in this culture as it struggles to define its moral high ground.

If we rise to the call as did our forebears, we can lead this society to that desired place by our words, actions, and values displayed and handed down generationally. Through the allegories which are our lives we should symbolically reveal our peculiar system of morality for what it is.

We affirm the fact that a man can improve and become a better man each day. Inherent in that claim is the same claim for the culture within which we live. It is our role to lead our culture to a better place on the moral high ground. As better men who grow away from outdated prejudice, we can use our peculiar morality and ethical system with the same effect that Washington and others had in dispatching monarchy from our shores.

Mark



Thoughts from our Grand Secretary...

By Brother Dan Bartlett

But We've Always Done It This Way...

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus, known for his doctrine of change being central to the universe is credited with the quote "change is the only constant in life".

Most of us have a love-hate relationship with change. When things are not going well, we seek change and embrace it in hopes of better times ahead. When things are going well, we want them to stay the same because, well, things are going well! Why change it? As we all know, that's not how the world works, and change is inevitable as Heraclitus pointed out. The question is, do you embrace change? Fear change? Resist change?

Part of what contributes to an organization's success is how it approaches change. There are numerous examples of large corporations who have successfully changed again and again; Coca-Cola, Toyota, GE and Amazon just to name a few.

So, let's get back to our little corner of the world and talk about change as it relates to Freemasonry. The biggest challenge can be convincing the members of our lodge that change can be beneficial. We have all been in a lodge meeting when a Brother makes a suggestion that he feels would be beneficial to the lodge itself or to the Brethren and it is met with an audible groan, an eye roll or that one Brother who gruffly states that it won't work because we have always done it "this" way. Resisting change is a lose-lose because we have missed an opportunity to potentially better our lodge as well as likely dissuading anyone else from bringing forth an idea that involves change.

The difficult part is encouraging everyone to embrace change in the lodge. When a lodge gets past "we've always done it this way" the door is open to affect true change and improvement. Change does not need to be large scale or dramatic. It can start as simply as changing a meeting time or how the meeting is conducted.

In just three short years, here are a few examples of changes that I have seen from this office that when embraced by the membership have made a difference:

Electronic voting-we have used this for 3 Annual Communications now which means there are Brethren

attending the Communication that have not experienced the paper ballot/collection/ wait while the ballots are counted way it was done for many decades prior.

One day Annual Communication-Electronic voting has provided significant time savings. While there have been one day Communications scattered in years past, we have now done this for 3 consecutive years.

Our Lodge Page-this engagement tool has more Brethren signing up each week and the benefits include a regular flow of information to you from your lodge, the ability to communicate with your lodge brothers as well as pay your dues by credit card if your lodge has affected that change.

Grand Lodge Liability Insurance-this was a huge change for many lodges and I literally spent hours on the phone with lodge and building corporation Brethren talking about this. Today, we as a Fraternity are protected and for many lodges it is more cost effective.

I could go on, but you get the picture. There was an idea, a lot of discussion and negotiation but in the end embracing change instead of rejecting it. I do not know of many Brethren who want to go back to paper ballots at the Annual Meeting!

Embracing change also includes recognizing that when a change isn't achieving the desired result, it is acceptable to make a change. This is important because not everything a lodge does will work out. This should not be considered a failure, in my humble opinion, but rather taking steps forward towards an improved, well-functioning lodge. Sometimes in life we take a step or two back to move further forward.

The bottom line is that a lodge will not fail by changing and trying something new. Don't be afraid to kick that can of ideas over and see what comes out. I have been here long enough now to say with confidence that if your lodge is struggling, the lodge continues to operate the same way because "we've always done it that way" and nothing changes, the clock is winding down towards a sad ending.

As Heraclitus pointed out, change is the only constant. Don't fear it and don't resist it. Make change part of your lodge. You may be surprised at what comes next.



Brother Dan Hill, a man who lives his Masonry

by Brother George Pulkkinen, PGM

All Freemasons are men but all men are not Freemasons. For certain that's an oversimplification of the obvious. What's less obvious, perhaps, is that all Freemasons are not Freemasons. Sure, some have taken the degrees, wear the ring, and pay their dues, but unless and until they learn and demonstrate brotherly love in their actions, their Freemasonry is incomplete, suspect even.

Brother W. Dan Hill's Masonic credentials would never be suspect, *could* never be suspect. Brother Dan has demonstrated what it means to be a Mason since even before he was raised more than 38 years ago in Northern Star Lodge #28, Anson. His participation in the Masonic family began at age 14 when he joined the DeMolay Chapter in Calais. Service to others had begun.

Since being raised, Brother Dan has served his lodge in many capacities. He also is frequently heard as a guest lecturer in other area lodges. In Grand Lodge he served as Assistant Grand Chaplain, then Grand Chaplain for a total of 16 years. His Chaplaincy provided a perfect fit for the practice of brotherly love.

A veteran of the Army National Guard and the U.S. Air Force, Dan's heart has long felt the tug of helping men and women who have served in the military. More than 40 years ago he began providing volunteer service to veterans at Sunday Wheelchair events providing transportation to special events such as picnics, cookouts and family events. He's even transported vets to cemeteries to visit the graves of loved ones. He continues to volunteer at the Veterans Home on Cony Road in Augusta.

Since 1972 Brother Dan has been an active volunteer at Togus VA Hospital. Among his acts of love is serving as a DAV volunteer driver. Working through the Chaplain's office, he writes letters, makes hospice visits in addition to providing patient transportation.

One of the most gratifying parts of volunteerism, Dan knows, is feeling the gratitude of veterans and their families. "Sometimes," Dan says, "I'm accepted as part of the family when I transport a vet to a family

function. It's heartwarming...a blessing being able to do this." Dan adds that when he finds out the vet is a Mason the bond becomes even stronger.

VA regulations disallow asking a patient about his religious beliefs, political preferences, or what organizations he might belong to, but Dan has found a simple but effective way of signaling his Masonic membership by what he wears. For example, he's not at all bashful about wearing a necktie emblazoned with the square and compasses. "I do that because Masonry has been one of the greatest rewards of my life and I'm always ready to share it."

The opportunity and importance of serving others comes by Brother Dan Hill quite naturally. Both his mom and dad volunteered at Togus, an early inspiration to Dan's volunteerism.

When asked, Dan quoted some truly impressive numbers. Because he works as a volunteer for the Masonic Services Association, Dan is required to carefully keep

track of his time on the job. As of August 8 this year, the records show that Dan has logged 48,505 total volunteer hours, 3,927 hours to Masonic brethren.

"I'm often asked why I do this (volunteerism). I have people, usually young people, ask what does it (the job) pay? They don't understand that my payment is far beyond the monetary. I'm paid by being able to give something back for the life I've enjoyed."

In June of this year, at the Maine Council of Deliberation, Brother Dan received the prestigious David Tompkins Award from the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite for his work on behalf of veterans and his dedication to the veterans' home in Maine. It was not the first time he has been recognized for his tremendous service and it likely won't be the last.

How long will this good Brother continue to demonstrate the qualities of brotherly love by living them every day?" As long as I'm able," Dan says with profound gratitude for the opportunity, "as long as I can."



Lodge Membership Efforts

earn a tip of the Grand Master's Hat

I take this space to extend a tip of my hat to the lodges who have diligently worked to find and make new Masons during the last year. *(A list of membership statistics is included on the facing page.)* To those lodges who have thoughtfully cultivated, vetted, and shared our Masonic values with new members of the fraternity, well done! New members who are first made Masons in their heart are of great value to the lodges of which they become a part. These men who seek to be better men each day are reflective of the values of the Craft inculcated in its very beginnings. The lodges that accept such men reveal the true nature of membership in Freemasonry.

All too often in response to outside pressure or internal concerns about finances or viability, lodges will step away from our time-honored practices which require us to ascertain the “nature” of a prospective candidate before proceeding with the membership process. To do so places the lodge and the Craft at a disadvantage. It is far better to be sure of a potential candidate’s criminal record (if any), community and family relationships, and personal philosophy before beginning the initiation and degree process. The lodges that treat new membership thoughtfully and deliberately will encounter far fewer surprises and disciplinary issues going forward.

Membership is a lodge decision and prerogative, period, end of sentence. Each lodge needs to understand itself, its community, what the expectations are for members, and its goals for today and the future. Only with that knowledge can a lodge decide how to approach new membership and how to incorporate new members into the Craft.

I spoke recently with a member of a lodge whose membership is down to under 50. I asked if there weren’t people in the community who he saw as potential Masons. He replied that due to

the social change in his community there were few he would consider “good” candidates. He, speaking for his lodge, understands the nature of the lodge and the caliber of people it takes to live by the tenets of Craft. I commend them for upholding the values of Freemasonry in the face of external pressure to increase membership and internal concerns about the future of the lodge.

For lodges who are seeking new members and are having difficulty with that process, there are resources available on the Grand Lodge website and through the local DER as an extension of the MEALS Committee. If your lodge wishes to grow its membership, the tools and people are ready and willing to help you make your wish come true.

Our lodges live in unique communities and meet unique challenges as they do the work of Freemasonry. During a conversation with the Grand Master of one of our Canadian neighbors he framed it this way: “Many of our lodges were established in one-horse towns (one industry) and the horse got up and ran away.” To compare lodges with one another is fraught with pitfalls. The list of contributing factors regarding membership is far too extensive to be subjected to simple comparative math.

As you review the accompanying statistics, keep in mind that this data does not compare one lodge with another. It does not reveal the “health” of a lodge or the nature of the community in which it serves. It does not account for the average age in a lodge or the reasons for NPDs. It is a one-year statement which compares the lodge with itself based upon the data which is collected. If Grand Lodge can be of assistance to your lodge regarding membership let us know. We will help you in your mission in any way we can.

Grand Lodge of Maine Membership Statistics for Calendar Year 2018

Total Membership Petitions	343	Lodges Raising at least One Candidate - #	108
Total Raised - #	287	Lodges Raising at least One candidate - %	59.7%
Total Raised - %.	1.65%		
Total Reinstated	142		
Total Suspended NPD	306	Net Change in Maine Membership	-451

Lodges Raising the Most -

Triangle Lodge	0001	11
Belfast Lodge	0024	11
Jonesport Lodge	0188	11
Lygonia Lodge	0040	10
Meridian Splendor Lodge	0049	10

Lodges Raising the Most - %

Jonesport Lodge	0188	10.48%
Meridian Splendor Lodge	0049	9.09%
Fort Kent Lodge	0209	7.41%
Belfast Lodge	0024	7.14%
Meridian Lodge	0125	6.84%
David A. Hooper Lodge	0201	6.19%
Triangle Lodge	0001	5.88%
Village Lodge	0026	5.56%
Ashlar Lodge	0105	5.04%
Washburn Lodge	0193	5.00%

Lodges with the Largest Gain in Membership -

Belfast Lodge	0024	14
Triangle Lodge	0001	13
Meridian Splendor Lodge	0049	10
York Lodge	0022	8
Jonesport Lodge	0188	7
Tuscan Lodge	0106	6
Meridian Lodge	0125	5
Greenleaf Lodge	0117	5

Lodges with the Largest Gain in Membership - %

Katahdin Lodge	0098	9.76%
Belfast Lodge	0024	9.09%
Meridian Splendor Lodge	0049	9.09%
York Lodge	0022	7.21%
Marsh River Lodge	0102	6.98%
Triangle Lodge	0001	6.95%
Northern Star Lodge	0028	6.90%
Jonesport Lodge	0188	6.67%
Adoniram	0027	6.67%
Delta Lodge	0153	6.45%
Star In The East Lodge	0060	5.33%

Lodges Reinstating the Most

Belfast Lodge	0024	6
Lygonia Lodge	0040	5
York Lodge	0022	4
Buxton Lodge	0115	4
Morning Star Lodge	0041	4
Aurora Lodge	0050	4
Solar Star Lodge	0014	4

Lodges with the Largest DECLINE in Membership -

Solar Star Lodge	0014	-20
Lygonia Lodge	0040	-19
Rising Virtue Lodge	0010	-19
Felicity Lodge	0019	-18
Ralph J. Pollard Lodge	0217	-17
St. Andrew's Lodge	0083	-16
Orchard Lodge	0215	-14
Presumpscot Lodge	0070	-11
Kenduskeag Lodge	0137	-11
Monument Lodge	0096	-10
Saco	0009	-10
Saccarappa Lodge	0086	-10

Lodges with the Largest DECLINE in Membership - %

Granite Lodge - MERGED 2019	0182	-21.21%
Felicity Lodge	0019	-19.35%
Island Lodge	0089	-18.18%
Solar Star Lodge	0014	-13.33%
Orchard Lodge	0215	-12.61%
Oriental Star	0021	-12.16%
King Solomon's Lodge	0061	-11.86%
Saccarappa Lodge	0086	-10.53%
Star In The West Lodge	0085	-9.80%
Island Falls Lodge	0206	-9.46%
Mount Tir'em Lodge	0132	-9.09%
St. Andrew's Lodge	0083	-8.99%
Evening Star Lodge	0147	-8.96%
Kenduskeag Lodge	0137	-8.87%
Tremont Lodge	0077	-8.77%
Rising Virtue Lodge	0010	-8.64%
Narraguagus Lodge	0088	-8.62%
Unity Lodge	0058	-8.51%
Molunkus Lodge	0165	-8.00%

Five-Year Data Trends

	Members	Change	Chg %	Raised	Reinstated	R & R	NPD	NPD %
YE 2019 > 5/27	16009	-51	-0.32%	80	56	136	39	0.24%
YE 2018	16060	-451	-2.73%	287	142	429	306	1.85%
YE 2017	16511	-487	-2.87%	232	131	363	306	1.80%
YE 2016	16998	-586	-3.33%	297	128	425	420	2.39%
YE 2015	17584	-548	-3.02%	314	108	422	354	1.95%
YE 2014	18132	-530	-2.84%	388	101	489	397	2.13%

N.B. 2019 data may be understated as Lodge Secretaries likely have not entered all membership activity for 2019.

For the Length of a cable-tow...

**By Brother Steve Edmondson, Historian
Village Lodge #25, Bowdoinham, ME**

WW I had been going on for three years in Europe when Arthur Smith, a Freemason from the Dorchester Lodge in Massachusetts enlisted in the Army on May 3, 1917. Bro. Smith was soon assigned to the 101st Engineers, 26th Division slogging through the fields of France.

On the night of July 17, 1918, as a Corporal, he and his squad were included in a patrol of seventy-two soldiers for a special duty. Only thirteen out of the seventy-two came out unhurt. Bro. Smith was severely wounded and while being x-rayed, this Dorchester Lodge Medal was at first taken for a piece of shrapnel. When the Surgeon recognized it, no doubt a Freemason himself, he remarked that no man could make the signs with an arm and foot missing and the operation which had been ordered was stopped and Bro. Smith kept his arm and foot.

This story was shared at Village Lodge in December at the raising of Bro. Donald Jarvi to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. Jarvi is Brother Smith's grandson. It seems the Dorchester Lodge gave out these medals to its members serving in

the Armed Forces in 1917 and 1918 as Masonic identification. Reading from the 1918 annual Report of the Dorchester Lodge, "One of the interesting and distinctive features of Dorchester Lodge life was the institution of a Dorchester Lodge Medal. This medal is a replica of that part of the Master's jewel which shows the seal of the old town of Dorchester and was designed to be presented to any who had served. An adaptation of this medal was used as identification badge for presentation to the boys in the service during 1917 and 1918."



Dorchester Lodge held its first meeting on June 6, 1912 after receiving its charter earlier that year from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Also noted in the aforementioned annual report is the fact that on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, 38 of the 225 members of Dorchester Lodge had been or were actively serving in the armed forces, representing a higher percentage of membership than that of any other lodge in Massachusetts to their knowledge.

In 1990, Dorchester Lodge turned in its Charter and merged with West Roxbury Lodge forming the current West Roxbury/Dorchester Lodge that meets in Norwood, Massachusetts.

Thanks to Bro. Jarvi for bringing this great story to our attention plus extreme gratitude to RW Walter Hunt, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for additional documentation and history of the Dorchester Lodge.



Bro. Dan Richard Honored

Bro. Dan Richard, JW of King Hiram Lodge, Dixfield, holds his Volunteer of the Year award from the River Valley Chamber of Commerce. It was presented April 25 at Black Mountain of Maine in Rumford. *Rumford Falls Times photo by Bruce Farrin*

Bro. Dan's volunteering includes years of providing music, being an emcee for Relay For Life and hosting a motorcycle ride in honor of cancer survivors. He also leads the annual Fourth of July celebration, donates time and equipment for Voices of the Valley, volunteers with the Rumford Parks Commission and co-chairs the Halloween Walk in Dixfield.

Wreaths Across America...

An Opportunity to remember those Who Gave It All

The mission of Wreaths Across America is to “Remember, Honor and Teach.” Remember our fallen Veterans, Honor those who serve and Teach your children the value of freedom.

That mission parallels the values of Freemasonry, principles that we should impress upon our youth, and thereby pass forward into the future. These principles are also central to the teachings of our Masonic youth organizations – DeMolay for Boys and Rainbow for Girls.

In DeMolay, the Master Councilor says: “Our forefathers were well aware that religious liberty, represented by the Holy Bible; civil liberty, represented by the flag of our country; and, intellectual liberty, represented by the school books, must go hand in hand in order to be effective. The Order’s Seventh Preceptor places the jewel of patriotism in Crown of Youth, declaring: “We are on the threshold of the duties and responsibilities of manhood and I commend to you most earnestly the virtue of good citizenship – that patriotism which will make you live worthily for your country as well as die bravely for it if the need shall come.”

Rainbow’s lesson of Patriotism is represented by the sixth station in the bow. Its color is indigo – the same color that dons the American Flag. Rainbow Girls are taught that it is an intensified color because it demands even your life on the altar of sacrifice if need be for your country.

In keeping with those lessons, DeMolay and Rainbow have actively raised funds for several years to purchase wreaths, and then joined with veterans and other patriotic Americans to place the wreaths on the graves in our veterans’ cemeteries in Augusta and other Maine locations.

Our youth groups set up tables at shopping centers, seeking donations for this cause, and they reach out to our Lodges, Chapters and individuals with ties to our fraternity to help remember our departed veterans.

Through the generosity of our Masonic and Eastern Star communities, as well as the widows and families of our veterans and departed Brethren, together we have been able to make annual donations of as much as \$20,000 to Wreaths Across America to purchase as many as 1,300 wreaths each year.

On the second Saturday of December, while truckloads of wreaths travel all over the United States and abroad, you will find the members and advisors of Maine DeMolay and Rainbow at the veterans’ cemeteries throughout Maine laying wreaths on the graves of our fallen heroes. It has been said that “A person dies twice: once when they take their final breath, and later, the last time their name is spoken.” As we lay wreaths and at the request of the Worcester family, we “say their names” aloud and remember their service to our great nation.

We hope that you will continue to remember those who gave it all by supporting Wreaths Across America, through your donation to the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation. Donations are fully tax deductible and may be given in honor or memory of someone special to you.

Name _____ Lodge/Chapter _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Email _____

SPONSORSHIP	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Individual (1 Wreath)	\$15.00		
Family (4 Wreaths)	\$60.00		
Small Business (10 Wreaths)	\$150.00		
GRAND TOTAL			

Please make checks payable to: Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation
Mail to: Grand Lodge of Maine, PO Box 430, Holden, ME 04429

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Southern Maine Lodges Turn Out for St. John's Sunday



Drummond Lodge #118 of Parsonsfield held its first St. John's Sunday service at the historic Porter Union Church in June. It was well attended with brethren from four lodges, three from the 18th District and one from New Hampshire, and also by a number of non-Masons from the community. The service was followed by a light lunch hosted at the local Grange. The lodge has agreed to help the Porter Union Church by annually holding a service there on St. John's Sunday.

19th District Assembles to Honor Saint John the Baptist

On Sunday, June 23rd, Brethren from Springvale Lodge #190 and Preble Lodge #143 accompanied by R.W. DK Horne, DDGM/19 and Past Grand Master George P. Pulkkinen, assembled at Springvale Lodge for a time of fellowship and refreshment before heading out on a march and a church service to celebrate Saint John the Baptist Day which occurs annually on June 24th at the beginning of Summer Solstice.

Brethren lined up in full regalia and marched in a northwesterly direction towards the First Baptist Church of Springvale. M.W. Brother Pulkkinen led the procession with the bagpipes and dressed in full Scottish attire.

The Brethren proceeded to march into the church where there was a reserved section awaiting them. Once seated, Bro. Pulkkinen started the church service by the playing the Prelude, "Be Thou My Vision" on the pipes.

Pastor Michael Lauziere welcomed the assembled Brethren and provide a thoughtful and interesting service dedicated to Saint John the Baptist.

Saint John the Baptist is one of the two Patron Saints of Freemasonry. The other is Saint John the Evangelist who is recognized on December 27th.



Brethren, and a lovely redhead, march to the church where they were joined by other Masons and family.

The Square & Compass Club

Trap Shoot

Saturday, Sept 28, 2019

All Masons and guests are WELCOME!



“SQUARE & COMPASS CLUB TRAP SHOOT”

**Sept 28, 2019, at the Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association – Shooting Range,
2 Miles North of Sugarloaf Ski Resort on Rte. 27 in Carrabassett Valley.**

**Registration is 9:00 AM. Shooting will begin as soon as the first line-up is full.
Shooter Registration is \$35, Includes BBQ lunch.**

This will be a 100 target contest depending on the roster. Be prepared to shoot at 100 targets (4 rounds of 25).

For more information or to rsvp contact Bro. David Keith at dskeith@tds.net. Or call/text at 207-491-6547 (please leave name and contact number in text or voice messages). No payment until the day of the event. Some indication of your attendance will help us plan accordingly.

Updates will be posted on Facebook on the Maine Lodge #20 page, here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/218763681496042/>. This is a Maine Lodge 20 Square and Compass Club fundraising event. No rain date. Hope to see you there!

Eureka Lodge a Band of Busy Brothers

Eureka Lodge #84 of Tenants Harbor had a more than usually busy late Spring and Summer. On the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 25th, we made our annual visit to the Knox Museum in Thomaston to serve lunch of Fish Chowder and Strawberry Shortcake to the visiting public at “Boots on the Ground”, the museum’s salute to America’s military. We were blessed with uncharacteristically beautiful weather and served about 70 cups of chowder and 95 strawberry shortcakes to a festive crowd. The cost was underwritten by generous donations from sixteen local businesses and individuals.



On Memorial Day itself, May 27th, our tradition of serving a public pancake breakfast before the parade and ceremony in Tenants Harbor was continued, despite the late discovery that a gas valve on our griddle had failed (in the full “on” position), rendering the appliance unusable. Ingenuity saved the day, and a happy and fully sated crowd of people was sent on its way to take part in, or to witness, the later events, returning after the speeches for complimentary coffee and doughnuts.

This year, for the first time, the lodge participated in “Bikes for Books”, providing eighteen bikes for students at St. George School, so the following weekend, June 2nd, we had a bike assembling bash at the Lodge Hall in preparation for the presentation

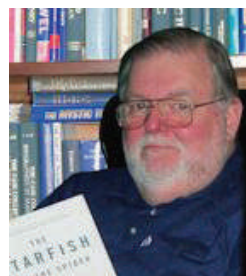
of the bikes to the students at a special school assembly three days later.

The lodge’s share of the cost of the bikes was raised by our annual series of crabmeat roll lunches, which we serve on alternate Wednesdays through the summer so it was then time to set our minds to this year’s lunches which began on Wednesday June 26th. Everyone is warmly invited to join us in Tenants Harbor for a crabmeat roll, chips, dessert square and a beverage, starting at 11:30 am until we sell out, or 1:00 pm. The ladies of Naomi Chapter #25 OES help us with this endeavor by making the desserts. We also served on August 7 and 21st. Perhaps you missed those lunches but there’s one more opportunity on September 4th.

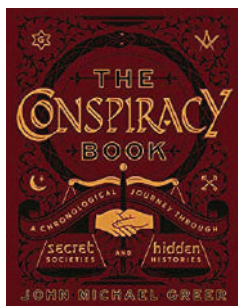


Time - Time inexorably passes but what are we doing with ours? Are we 'marking time' or actually accomplishing something. Great books can help you keep your equilibrium in a world that's often overwhelming. Take the time to read!

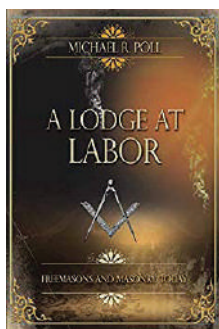
The Old Webmaster's BOOKSHELF



The annual Masonic Con in Massachusetts is an amazing experience with speakers and vendors galore. Starting off the program this year was Bro. John Michael Greer who talked about **CONSPIRACIES**, something we find Freemasonry mentioned in all too often. He's just written "*The Conspiracy Book*" and it's all you could ask for on this topic and much, much more. Historically SO very detailed, you'll see how we wound up being mentioned every time someone wants to make a big deal out of nothing! It's a great backgrounder on history yet is quite approachable. Recommended!



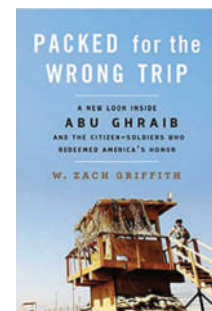
One of the most prolific Masonic authors today is a long-time Fellow of the Maine Lodge of Research. You could say 'we knew him when...' <smile> Bro. Michael Poll has produced "*A Lodge At Labor: Freemasons and Masonry Today*", a short read but a meaningful one indeed. Helping us to understand that Freemasonry isn't a social club and that we have meaningful work to do, this is yet another of Bro. Poll's works that will make you ponder, long after you're done. Don't miss this one!



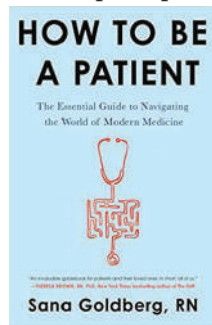
I regularly try to include something for those whose interests are more esoterically-inclined and this offering will certainly appeal. I'm always put off by those who slather on membership listings to show their knowledge - as if spending an hour or so in a degree somehow makes them subject experts. That notwithstanding, Jamie Paul Lamb's "*Myth, Magik & Masonry: Occult Perspectives in Freemasonry*" does have some very interesting, albeit non-mainstream thoughts on symbolism and more. I'd not recommend this for 'meat and potatoes' Mason but for those who like to explore the depths of our ritualistic meanings, this will likely keep you thinking all summer and well beyond.



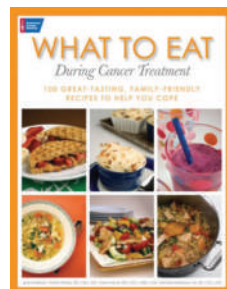
I love it when I stumble across a book that teaches and entertains at the same time. The title says it all: "**Packed for the Wrong Trip: A New Look inside Abu Ghraib and the Citizen-Soldiers Who Redeemed America's Honor**" by W. Zach Griffith tells in detail the story of - wait for it - MAINERS who went, quite unexpectedly to Iraq and found themselves right in the middle of a mess. How they survived, the day-to-day and beyond, was just fascinating. If you like history, if you're attached to the military or if you just enjoy stories about how we Mainers get by, then you really should get this book. Not difficult to read and you'll wind up shaking your head a lot. It's "*Catch-22*" revisited.



If your lodge - or home - is like mine, each new day brings a new challenge relating to someone's health. Few of us at these times think of turning to books - but perhaps we should. As a medical practice administrator for 40+ years, I've learned a fair amount about how to get around in the medical morass yet "*How to Be a Patient: The Essential Guide to Navigating the World of Modern Medicine*" by Sana Goldberg, RN, nurse and public health advocate was great, even for me. In the complicated and uncertain medical landscape, Sana illuminates a path to better care. With the epidemic of brusque, impersonal care she empowers readers with the information and tools to come to good decisions with their providers and sidestep the challenging realities of modern medicine.



Have friends or family having medical care? Books like "*What To Eat During Cancer Treatment*" by the American Cancer Society can help make coping easier and might ease the 'helplessness' feeling on us.



Bro. Ed King is the Grand Librarian and Museum Curator. He'd love your ideas, suggestions and recommendations for things to read and review! Don't forget to take advantage of YOUR Grand Lodge Library where a world of learning awaits.

Maine DeMolay an Active Group

*By Dr. Rok A. Morin
Executive Officer, Maine DeMolay*

This year DeMolay celebrated 100 Years of service, leadership and fun for the young men of our country and around the world. Here in Maine, we have had an exciting year of growth fueled by many exciting and successful programs and a renewed enthusiasm around Maine DeMolay.

With four different initiatory classes, we have welcomed close to 30 new members to our rosters. With only four active chapters, 30 new members represent significant growth. Currently we have active chapters in Kennebunkport, Windham, Auburn and Waterville. We are focusing our attention on making Bangor active again and bringing chapters back to Portland and other communities around the state.

Some of our other highlights include our annual Congress Session held in the Senate Chamber of the Capital Building in Augusta. It was an incredible honor to hold our Congress Session in the same room where our lawmakers debate the laws of our state. We can all be proud of how the youngest members of the Masonic Family conducted themselves.

In March, we held our first-ever Honorary DeMolay Class where we initiated 40 Master Masons as DeMolays. The degrees were held in the ballroom of the Kora Temple in Lewiston. The image of 5 young men and 40 Master Masons taking their DeMolay obligations together in that beautiful room was breathtaking.

Maine DeMolay was well represented on a special trip to France this past March to honor Jacques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar and the namesake of



New State Master Councillor Liam Wallace shown here being obligated by Past SMC Ben Weisner at Conclave held at Kents Hill School.

our order. This trip was part of the Centennial Year Celebration festivities and one our attendees will never forget.

Most recently, we had the opportunity to take over 50 young men and advisers to Kansas City, the birthplace and headquarters of DeMolay International, for the Centennial Celebration. I can tell you that our young men of Maine DeMolay carried themselves admirably and came away with many wonderful memories of fun and brotherhood. There were more than 1500 DeMolays and advisers attending the celebration from across the country and around the world. Due to the generosity of the DeMolay and Pine Tree Youth Foundation, Maine had one of the largest delegations in attendance. All who attended are grateful for the opportunity.

We should also be very proud of one of our brothers, Frank Palmer, for his promotion from a Deputy Member of the Supreme Council to an Active Member. As an Active Member Brother Frank will help to lead and guide DeMolay International into the next century.

While this has been an exciting and



Three generations of DeMolay Ryders. Nick, left, new State Senior Deacon, pictured here with his grandfather, Dana, and dad, Duke, new Assistant Executive Officer of Maine DeMolay.

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successful year, we are not resting on our laurels. We recently held our annual Conclave at Kent's Hill Academy in Readfield, Maine and have a new suite of state officers who are already hard at work planning for the upcoming term. We have many exciting events planned for this Fall and Winter.

Congratulations are due Nathan Sessions, our most recent State Master Councilor, on a stellar term. This young man went above and beyond for Maine DeMolay and the future is bright because of the foundation he laid for those who follow.

I also want to congratulate Liam Wallace, our new State Master Councilor, and his state suite for their elevation of leadership in Maine DeMolay and wish them a successful year.



Brother Frank Palmer, a Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine, has been elevated to an Active Member of the Supreme Council of DeMolay International.

Are you a Master Mason?

**Did You Miss Out on Being a
DeMolay?**

**Do You Know a Young Man Who
Wants to Join DeMolay?**

Now's The Time!!!

**The Maine DeMolay Association will be
holding an Honorary DeMolay Class open to
all Master Masons and Young Men of good
character between the ages of 12-21.**

**Degrees and dinner will be held at the
Bangor Masonic Hall on Sept 14th at 5pm.
Please RSVP Dad Rok A. Morin, Executive
Officer of Maine DeMolay**

207-319-4042

drrok@myhcwc.com

\$40 for Master Masons to join

No cost for young men to join

Moms are welcome to witness the degrees

**Young men wishing to join DeMolay must fill
out an application and be approved by the
local chapter or Executive Officer.**

Applications available upon request.

Email Dad Rok at drrok@myhcwc.com

Symbols Most Expressive

by Michael Hopkins, York Lodge #22

St. Paul visited Athens in 50 or 51 AD. As outlined by Luke in Acts, Ch.17, Paul spent his time arguing in the synagogue and in the city square. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers heard him in the square and took him to the Council of the Areopagus ("Mars Hill") to hear his "new doctrine." Paul's sermon there is remembered by Masons as a place where he reminds his listeners that God does not live in houses made by human hands. The sermon was also memorialized in Raphael's 1515 painting now owned by the British Royal Family. Nevertheless, the mission to Athens was not a great success. Few there were converted, of which two are named: a woman named Damaris and one member of the Council named Dionysius (or Denys). This man is mentioned nowhere else in the Bible.

In the sixth century, Christians became aware of a remarkable body of writings which themselves locate their writer in Paul's time¹. For centuries it was thought that these works were written by the Denys mentioned in Acts. Renaissance scholars doubted the timing of the writings, and later scholarship has proved that they date only from the late 5th to early 6th centuries. These four treatises and ten letters exercised a great influence on the mystical tradition of medieval Europe² and as interest in that tradition continues to the present day, so does curiosity about the religious writer (about whom nothing biographical is known) called Denys the Areopagite.

Denys discusses theology as twofold: "on the one hand ineffable and mystical, on the other manifest and more knowable; on the one hand symbolic and presupposing initiation, on the other philosophical and capable of proof—and the ineffable is interwoven with what can be said....The one persuades..., the other effects and establishes the soul with God by initiations which do not teach anything."³ Thus we have two traditions: one which is rational and works openly and another which is mystical, open only to the initiate, employs symbolism to put the soul in contact with God without teaching anything. In Greek philosophical terms, this is the difference between *mathein* (to know or to learn, as in factual knowledge—our word *mathematics* comes from *mathein*) and *pathein* (to suffer or to feel something—our word *sympathetic* comes from *pathein*). In speaking of his own teacher, Denys says that whatever he

learned was not only "learning" but the experience of divine things, for he had "sympathy" with such matters.

A similar distinction was made two hundred years before Denys by St. Basil the Great. Basil spoke of the teachings of the Church consisting of dogma and kerygma, doctrine and proclamation. Kerygma is based on written teaching; dogma on the tradition of the apostles which has been handed down "in a mystery", that is, secretly. Both deserve our reverence. Basil gives several examples of dogmata in Christian liturgical practices: the sign of the cross, prayer facing East, the blessing of baptismal water, the triple immersion, etc, are not based on Scripture but on "teaching kept private and secret....preserved in silence....The uninitiate are not permitted to behold these things."⁴

The two traditions of theology are intertwined in Denys. Plain and open scriptural passages are interwoven with parables pointing deeper. St. Basil taught that the obscurity of the Scriptures is intended to protect their secrets from the profane, though to begin to understand requires nothing more than the repentance the gospel demands. Following this is a humble, patient effort to understand.

The interweaving of the open and the symbolic, the plain and the obscure, continues into Denys's discussion of the rites of the early Church. A person seeking to be a Christian is marked with the sign of the cross and enrolled as a catechumen, one being taught in preparation for baptism. In the baptismal rite itself, the person at first renounces Satan while facing West, then he turns to the East and confesses Christ, followed by blessing of the oil, blessing of the water of baptism, and triple immersion. To Denys, the events of this ritual are "material symbols of immaterial truth" which give us a spiritual rebirth and "enables us to move towards the divine"⁵.

The most important sacramental rite is the Eucharist. Initially, the celebrant moves out from the altar with burning incense. He processes outward and returns to the altar. This symbolizes God's love moving towards us and drawing us back to Him. Psalms are sung and the Scriptures read. Such readings and movements can benefit all present. However, at the end of the readings, deacons assure that all catechumens as well as others he calls penitents and the possessed leave. The statement of the Creed and the subsequent elevation and consecration of the elements, as well as their distribution to the people in Communion, may not be seen or participated in by the uninitiated.

. Notes: ¹ Some writings are in the form of letters to the apostle John and to Paul's converts and disciples Timothy and Titus. The writer mentions being alive at the time of the crucifixion and at the death of Mary. It seems unfair to say that the writer intended to fool readers. Adopting pseudonyms from an ancient figure was a well-established rhetorical device. The writer did not pretend to be an innovator but rather the communicator of a tradition. Denys's writings therefore seem less a forgery in the modern sense than recognition that the resonances of any sacred undertaking bring the structures of time and space together in a synchronic way, as does any meaningful tradition. The writer we call Denys seems to conceive of himself as an in-between figure, much like the actual Dionysius the Areopagite.

Note: The entire explanatory note above is per the entry Pseudo-Dionysius in the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy.

² Louth, *Denys the Areopagite*, p.2 ³ Denys the Areopagite, Epistle IX. ⁴ Basil, *On the Holy Spirit*. ⁵ Denys the Areopagite, *Ecclesiastical Hierarchy*. See also, Louth, op.cit., ch. 4.

Arion Lodge of Goodwins Mills Digs Up Interesting Facts

by Scott Pullen

Master, Arion Lodge #162

Arion Lodge #162 was chartered May 9, 1872, one of nine lodges chartered that day in the Grand Lodge of Maine. Goodwins Mills, a quiet rural community in the 18th Masonic District just west of Kennebunk, is by all accounts a blue collar town and Arion Lodge reflects its community values with strong fraternal ties to the town. The lodge will soon be celebrating 150 years of Freemasonry.

One of the greatest strengths of a lodge is, of course, its members. Their ethics, will, and determination help shape a lodge and contribute to its fruition. It is on this principle that I have the pleasure to relay this story.

Across the street of Arion lodge is the Goodwins Mills Village Cemetery. One of our members has a grandmother interred there. While visiting her grave he happened to notice a few headstones with the Square and Compasses engraved on them. Some also were adorned with the Eastern Star. This started a project to find other Masons also interred there. Every male aged 21 and up was recorded, birth and death dates if available, family ties too. In total, 16 headstones were found to have the Square and Compass engraved on them. More than 530 names needed to be researched.

This is where the Grand Lodge of Maine's Genealogy site came in to help. For many years when a man petitioned to join Freemasonry in Maine, a three by five membership card was created. The Grand lodge had a company scan and upload these cards to their website and has proved to be an incredibly valuable tool in researching names for ties to our fraternity. More than 200,000 cards are available for research, and without this tool our project could not have been successfully undertaken.

After weeks of painstaking research, we have determined that 55 Masons have been interred at the cemetery of which 49 were members of Arion Lodge, and one member each of Day Spring #107, Saco #9, Naval #184, Springvale #190 and two members of Massachusetts Lodges.

On Saint John Sunday June 23rd, 2019, Arion Lodge placed a Masonic Flag on each member's resting place. Each member was recorded with his raising date, length of service and highest office held if any. We found 20 Past Masters, two Past District deputy Grand Masters and 14, 50-year Members.

These flags were placed in accordance with the Lyman Historical Society which oversees the cemetery and will be placed yearly and maintained by Arion lodge. Other family cemeteries located in the area will also be researched in the near future.

Many thanks to the lodge and its members for the support on this project and to the Grand Lodge of Maine for its Genealogy research tools.



Read the letter below and realize

Bikes for Books Program is much more than bikes and books

In May, Ancient Brothers Lodge #178, Auburn, and Nezinscot Lodge #101, Turner, enjoyed the fruits of a successful Bikes for Books program in the primary and elementary schools of Turner. Ancient Brothers has been working in the schools for six years, but for the last three has partnered with Nezinscot Lodge.

This paring exercises the strengths of both lodges, while spreading the work load and the reward. Two bikes are given away to each classroom, which meant this year more than 64 bikes were awarded. Upon finding out there were several students in the foster system in the elementary school, the brethren rolled into action, purchasing several additional bikes for these "poor orphans doomed alas to stray, upon a rough and rugged way". While not

technically orphans, the brethren decided it was close enough.

Each student also received a Masonic book mark, during a mid-read visit, and a Masonic water bottle after the final assembly. This year there were five winners who said they did not need new bikes, and asked to either pass them to another, or draw a new name. The five students received gift cards courtesy of Brother Russ Pack.

While we all had the usual uplifting experience through our interactions, we received the following email shortly after completion. If we had any question about the value of what we do, this should help. Names have been changed for security.

Hello to all of you,

My name is Ellen Ripley and I work at Turner Primary School. My son, Nick, is also a 1st grader at TPS.

Nick came to us almost 2 1/2 years ago as our foster son. Nick was a 5-year-old boy who had experienced severe abuse and neglect, and who came to us never knowing kindness. Never knowing that there were safe places in the world where he could just be a little boy, where laughing and having fun were suppose to be part of his life.

When he first heard about the Bikes for Books contest he was so excited and ran home to tell my husband "Daddy, I'm going to read as many books as I can to win a bike!"

Every night he would take 6 books into bed with him and I would watch him read with determination and over time, interest! Every weekend he would haul out every book he could find and bring a huge stack into the living room to read to us. He read 238 books and went from a Level F to a Level K in one month!

On May 29th my husband Scott had a heart attack and over the four days that we were scattered as a family attending to those needs, this contest was the one constant in his life. He loaded up a back pack and hauled it to our daughter's house, to his cousin's house...making sure everyone 'helped him' read his books!

Today when his name was called and he ran up to get his new bike I can not tell you what that meant to his life. When he brought that new bike home and ran into the house to get Daddy...my heart just burst. To have his hard work rewarded...to hear an adult make a promise and actually follow through with that promise...to know that in this world there are people such as yourselves who are kind beyond words to make a little boy's dream come true is beyond anything he has ever known.

You have been a huge part of this little boy's journey and as his Mother I hope you know that your kindness and generosity has helped to change his life.

With much gratitude and love,
Ellen Ripley

Past District Deputies Prove They've Still Got It



A wonderful evening was enjoyed at Paris Lodge #94, South Paris, on April 16th as a cast of Past District Deputies conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on Bros. Troy Morey and Cody Timberlake. Pictured here, left to right behind the candidates, are RW Kevin Kugell, RW Brian Levasseur RW David Eaton, RW Timothy Turner of 20th District, RW Barry Gilman, MW Brian Paradis, RW Ryan Kane, RW Steve Wentworth, RW Steve Hunt and RW Douglas Taft. Congratulations to the candidates and to the brethren who have been leaders of the 16th District.



A scene from the special Bikes for Books assembly at Turner Primary School. The lodges would like to thank all the people who assisted with the project, the school personnel, as well as our family members who helped out, including delivering pizza and home baked cookies for the class that read the most.



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

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.

September 14 Curiosity As A Tool For Enriching One's Life-

Studies have revealed that the greatest opportunities for joy, purpose, happiness, and personal growth in life happens when we are mindful of the world around us, when we explore what is new or novel, and when we live in the moment and embrace uncertainty. Positive events last longer and we can extract more pleasure and meaning from them when we remain open to new experiences and relish the unknown. Curiosity offers us a tool for building lasting and meaningful relationships, improving mental and physical health, increasing creativity, and boosting productivity. In this course Bro and Dr. Plummer will share studies that have been conducted that reveal that curiosity plays a very critical role in the pursuit of a meaningful life and that it offers a gateway to the creation of profound intimacy, insights, and meaning in life. He will also share tools and techniques that can be used to renew the relationships with the curious explorer in one's self. And he says a good place to begin is to ask yourself the question, "Are you curious to know more?"

Instructor: RW Charlie Plummer

Location: Saco Lodge, Saco 9AM-12PM

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

Brother George M.A. Macdougall

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

Let's summarize what we learned from past articles about those who gave us the gift of Mathematics; Euclid was the Father of Geometry, Newton gave us Calculus, and René Descartes gave us analytic geometry or Cartesian geometry. But there is actually a step before all of these and that leads us to the story of what the Arabs called “*al-jabr*” or as we simply say, “Algebra”.

Algebra is the study of mathematical symbols and the rules for manipulating these symbols; it is a unifying thread of almost all of mathematics. Algebra comes to us from at least four directions, yes four! Sounds like new math doesn't it! It finds its roots in Babylonian, Arabic, Greek and Indian teachings. All these come together to coalesce into what we know today (or knew in high school!).

Here is a brief tutorial of what Algebra sort of is. Algebra uses letters standing for numbers. This allowed proofs of properties that are true no matter which numbers are involved. Algebra gives methods for writing formulas and solving equations that are much clearer and easier than the older method of writing everything out in words.

It can be used for solving equations;

If $3 = 6X + 3$ What is X ($X = 0$)

Or it can be used for solving a word problem:

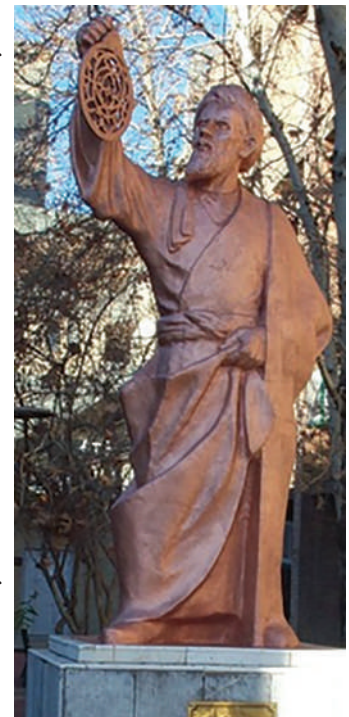
The Grand Master has twice as many responsibilities now as he did as Deputy Grand Master. If he has 1,000 responsibilities now, how many did he have when he was Deputy? So if $D = \text{Responsibilities as Deputy}$ then $2D = 1,000$. Solve for D by dividing both sides by 2 and you get $D = 500$. (Who would want to be a Grand Master!!!)

The roots of algebra can be traced from a number of different sources. This has caused quite a controversy on who actually ‘invented’ Algebra. Here are some brief summaries of what each ‘root’ has contributed.

Babylonian roots: The ancient Babylonians developed

an advanced arithmetical system with which they were able to do calculations in an algorithmic fashion. The Babylonians developed formulas to calculate solutions for problems typically solved today by using linear equations, quadratic equations, and indeterminate linear equations. By contrast, most Egyptians of this era, as well as Greek and Chinese mathematics in the 1st millennium BC, usually solved such equations by geometric methods.

Arabic Roots: We know the Arabic branch gave us the name we all know, Algebra from Arabic “*al-jabr*”, which literally means “reunion of broken parts” from the title of the book *Ilm al-jabr wa'l-mukābala* by the Persian mathematician and astronomer al-Khwarizmi. The book was a compilation and extension of known rules for solving quadratic equations and for some other problems and considered by some to be the foundation of algebra. The word entered the English language during the fifteenth century, from either Spanish, Italian, or Medieval Latin. It originally referred to the surgical procedure of setting broken or dislocated bones. The mathematical meaning was first recorded in the sixteenth century. The Persian mathematician Muḥammad ibn Mūsā al-Khwārizmī (c. 780–850) wrote *The Compendious Book on Calculation by Completion and Balancing*, which is said to have established algebra as a mathematical discipline that is independent of geometry and arithmetic.



Muhammad ibn al-Khwarizmi

Greek Roots: By the time of Plato, Greek mathematics had undergone a drastic change. Diophantus (3rd century AD) was an Alexandrian Greek mathematician and the author of a series of books called *Arithmetica*. The Greeks created a geometric algebra where terms were represented by sides of geometric objects, usually lines, that had letters

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Masonic College Course Offerings *Continued*

September 21 Rhetoric Speech- While Rhetoric, as one of the seven liberal arts and sciences listed in the Fellow Craft Degree, covers the powerful and informative use of language in general, this training experience focuses on speech as an essential aspect of effective communication. This experience will provide the fundamental skills of organizing and delivery in speaking situations where the goal is either to inform or to persuade. Special effort is made to provide a friendly and supportive atmosphere in which participants may practice what they are learning.

Instructor: Anthony Sutton

Location: Federal Lodge, Rockport 9AM-12PM

September 28 Ethics- The MMC is excited to welcome Reverend and Dr. William (Bill) Johnson who will be teaching Ethics for us this coming February. This course will introduce attendees to the basics of ethical thought and explore the complexities of ethics in the modern world. Dr. Johnson serves as pastor of Pittsfield Baptist Church, leads the Pine Tree Leadership Development Network, and teaches philosophy and ethics at Husson University.

Instructor: Dr. Bill Johnson

Location: Carrabassett Lodge, Canaan 9AM-12PM

October 19 Polishing the Stone- In every Masonic Lodge Room one enters one will find two stones prominently displayed – one rough cut the other smooth. These two stones – The Ashlars – bear special symbolic insight and significance to every man who has ever been or is now a Mason. They portray a man from the beginning to the end of his Masonic life and set before him a goal. This course is a study of these symbols and the meaning inherent within.

Instructor: MW Mark Rustin

Location: Pleiades Lodge, Millbridge 9AM-12

October 26 Mathematics- Exploring the Basics of Geometric Constructions: In this Masonic College course, you will learn the basics of using a

compass and a straight edge. The skills that one will learn to bisect segments and angles, create specific angles of degree 30, 45, and 60, construct parallel and perpendicular lines, and construct basic regular polygons. If time permits, we will discuss how to construct the golden ration and a regular pentagon

Instructor: Bro. Luke Shorty

Location: Presumpscot Lodge, Windham 9-12

November 9 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 Adams

Location: Tranquil Lodge, Auburn 9AM-12PM

November 16- TBD

November 23 Symbolism/Alchemy- This course will examine the symbolism behind several central aspects of our identity as Freemasons. Our conversation will delve further into the history, origins, traditions, and practical applications of common Masonic symbols. Although this course is titled Symbolism II, participation in previous courses on symbolism is not required and we encourage anyone who is interested to join us.

Instructors: MW Mark Rustin & VW Chris Howard

Location: Waterville Lodge, Waterville 9-12

December 7 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. We have chosen December as the month for this occasion. The specific date will be announced

Instructor: UM's Shawn Laatsch

Location: UM Planetarium, Orono. 1-2:30 PM

All classes open to the general public.

Maine Masonic College Annual Convocation. :- October 12, 2019

“CIVILITY; FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT”

Presenters will be Russ Charvonia, PGM California and Janine DiGiovanni, Yale University

Russ Charvonia is the founder of Channel Islands Law Group, a professional corporation, in Ventura, California. He has combined a 35-plus year career as a financial planner with his estate planning law practice to provide a unique perspective to address clients' needs and concerns.

He attended various colleges for undergraduate studies and graduated from the Ventura College of Law with a Juris Doctorate in 2004. Russ is a Certified Financial Planner®, Chartered Financial Consultant, Chartered Life Underwriter, and Retirement Plans Associate. Among his many philanthropic endeavors, Russ currently serves on the board of directors of The Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, is founder of the Masonic Family Civility Project, and serves on the board of The Conflict Resolution Institute of Ventura County.

Janine di Giovanni is an award winning author and journalist, a foreign policy analyst and a Senior Fellow at Yale. For many years she was a front-line war reporter, working in the most violent countries on earth. She was recently awarded a 2019 Guggenheim Fellowship to pursue her research on minorities in the Middle East for a book project called *The Vanishing*, which will come out in 2021, and will be published by Public Affairs.

For nearly 30 years she has focused on human rights and war crimes in the Balkans, Africa and the Middle East. Her most recent book, *The Morning They Came For Us: Dispatches From Syria*, has been translated into 30 languages and called “searing and necessary” by The New York Times



Arithmetica, an ancient Greek mathematics text written by Diophantus in the 3d century AD.

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associated with them, and with this new form of algebra they were able to find solutions to equations by using a process that they invented, known as “the application of areas” which is only a part of geometric algebra and it is thoroughly covered in Euclid’s *Elements* (See “Old Builders Lodge” Issue #03). *Elements*, provided the framework for generalizing formulae beyond the solution of particular problems into more general systems of stating and solving equations.

(Author’s note – I assume the ‘Application of Areas’ mentioned above is how Pythagoras came up with the famous theorem we mention in the third degree!)

(See “Old Builders Lodge” Issue #02).

Indian Roots: India is not considered the birthplace of Algebra though the Indian mathematician Brahmagupta did advance many of the concepts needed for its eventual discovery. In the classical period of Indian mathematics (400 AD to 1200 AD), important contributions were made by scholars like Aryabhata, Brahmagupta, Bhaskara II, and Varāhamihira. The decimal number system in use today was first recorded in Indian mathematics.

You can see that no one person or group gave us what we call Algebra today. So, in Algebraic terms:

(Babalonian + Arabic + Greek + Indian) (Roots) = Modern Day Algebra!!

Widows Sons Practicing Masonry in Maine and Beyond

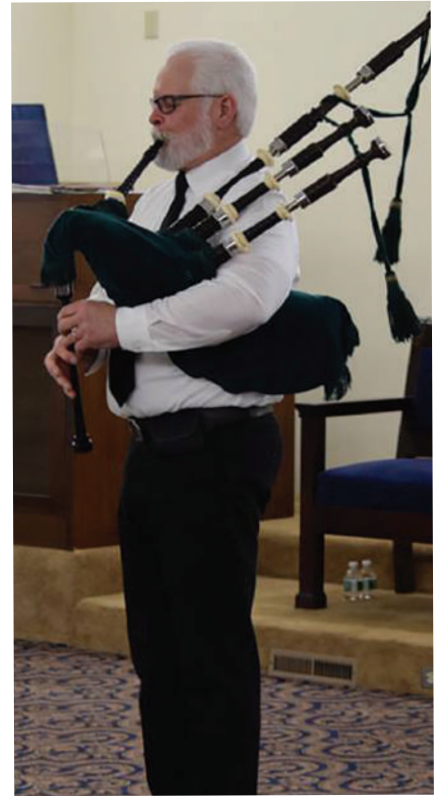
by Jef Hamlin

A few months ago, I attended the Grand Chapter meeting of the Widows Sons of Maine. For those who don't know, the Widows Sons of Maine is a Motorcycle Riders Association made up entirely of Master Masons. One of the slogans of the Widows Sons is "Masons first, Widows Sons second". From what I have seen over the last 10 years as the Widows Sons of Maine have grown from one chapter to ten chapters that slogan should simply read, "Masons" as these men are Mason, first, last, and always.

We often hear about men "living their Masonry". I have found this no more illustrated and demonstrated than in my dealings with the Widows Sons. In the early days of the Widows Sons of Maine, there were struggles. But, Brothers (both Widows Sons and non-Widows Sons) worked together toward making this organization what it is today.

So, back to the Grand Chapter meeting. As in the past, annual reports were presented by all the Widows Sons Chapters from around the State. We listened to reports of suppers, wood being stacked, ramps being built, widows and orphans being assisted, and Masons giving of their time in many other ways to Masons, their widows and orphans, and the community at large. We listened to rising numbers in the Chapters, new chapters being formed, and Widows Sons filling the chairs of their lodges and of the Grand Lodge. We heard Brothers who had been absent in their lodges returning at the encouragement of their chapters. Finally, we heard reports of fund raising for many charities. We heard of rides and events expanding these charity coffers to the point where Widows Sons of Maine had increased their charitable donations 25% over those made last year. Now, that alone would be significant except that donations last year were approximately \$80,000 and over \$101,000 this year! Quick calculations indicate that over the last 10 years, donations to charities, Masons, their widows and orphans, have probably been well over half a million dollars and closer to three quarters of a million!

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Brother Ernie Smith, a fine bag-piper, not often seen performing with his trousers on.



The Maine Contingent.

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Well, that's Maine, but what about "beyond"? It seems that the Widows Sons in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont organized a Masonic Day of Light. A tremendous amount of work went into the organization of this very special day. It was booked as the Tri-State Day of Light and featured two Master Masons degrees, one put on by the Widows Sons of Vermont and one by the Widows Sons Degree Team of Maine. This was actually the Low XII Riders Degree Team, but the President of the Low XII, Tom Spencer, declared that as this team was made up of Widows Sons from around the State it should be represented as the Widows Sons Degree Team. And well represented it was! The Widows Sons of Maine received glowing comments from everyone who attended and even prompted the newly raised Vermont candidate to declare that he would be visiting at his earliest opportunity.

We were well received by our hosts in New Hampshire and were able to watch a 3rd Degree conferred by Vermont on their candidate. This was followed by a lunch and then the Widows Sons of Maine conferred a 3rd Degree on their candidate. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony and a discussion of the differences between the two degrees followed. The most frequent observation was that though the differences were

quite striking at points, the message, passion, and basic tenets were completely the same. It was also observed that if the differences in ritual could be so different across three states so geographically close, what must the differences be like nationwide? This prompted many of us to make plans to find out.

What a wonderful Fraternity we are a part of! We not only accept but celebrate our differences both in life and ritual.



Purple Widows Sons, left to right: Brother Kevin Campbell, RW Senior Grand Warden, Maine; Brother John Lobdell, MW Grand Master, New Hampshire; Brother Victor Stone, MW Grand Master, Vermont.

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United Lodge #8 Commitment to Literacy

This spring, United Lodge #8 in Brunswick continued its commitment to fostering youth education in the local community, culminating on March 29 with a donation to the Bus Book Bag program (pictured: Worshipful Edward Caron, Sr. presenting a check for \$2,000 at the Topsham Public Library to Children's Librarian Mariah Sewall and to Don Sanders, Bus Book Bag program founder).

In 2015, Don Sanders – a Navy veteran and bus driver for MSAD #75 – recognized an opportunity to foster reading for the students on his route and to build relationships across age groups. What started with Sanders providing his own books to students soon grew into a community endeavor that included partnerships with the local elementary school and Topsham Public Library to outfit buses with canvas bags filled with books.

In addition to providing the books, Sanders created a mentoring program in which he invited older children on the bus to read to the younger ones. For his efforts and commitment, Sanders won a 2015 “Out of the Box” Giraffe Award from the Maine Children's Alliance, and his ‘mobile literacy program’ – which now serves more than 650 local students – has been recognized nationally. United #8 is proud to recognize Mr. Sanders' good work as part of its ongoing commitment to literacy and education, which additionally includes Bikes for Books and annual scholarships for deserving local high school graduates.



7th Annual Lebanon Lodge Horseshoe Tournament

When: Saturday, September 21st
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
- 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

10th District Railroad Degree: a fun outdoor experience

A bit more than seven years ago, a Lincoln Lodge brother pondered having a degree in the “open air” as to make the degree special – thinking it might be on top of a hill in his backyard that overlooked the surrounding areas. He dismissed the idea of the hill as he was concerned that access to the degree might be a problem for older members. The brother shared his idea with his son Mike to talk it out loud. His son responding, “Why not the W. W. & F. and use their open field at the Center station?” The brother was Wor. Jeff Averill and thus the birth of the 10th District Railroad degree.

Wor. Jeff Averill brought the idea to his Lincoln Lodge and the brethren loved the idea. It was decided to hold the degree on the Saturday of Father’s Day Weekend with the need for each brother attending to bring his own lawn chair. In 2013, Lincoln Lodge approached the W. W. & F., W. W. & F. embraced the use of the open field with a train ride to and from the field, plans were made for a BBQ before the degree and brethren finding ways to bring a railroad theme to the degree work. Should it be a rainy day, the alternate plan was to hold the degree that day at the lodge. Lincoln Lodge hosted the degree for four years for their candidates but in 2017 they offered to make it a districtwide degree to the 10th District Boosters Association — with all lodges partaking in the chairs and offering up a candidate. Over the years, the degree has seen attendance averaging fifty or so with 2018 seeing over seventy brothers in attendance from the district and around the state.

This year was the Railroad degree’s seventh year, with forty-eight brothers in attendance that included brothers from New Hampshire, Connecticut and New York. The brethren enjoyed a BBQ that was complete with all the tradition hamburger-hot dog fare that included Cindy

Averill’s infamous cole slaw. The chairs were filled by all six lodges within the 10th District with a brother from Lincoln Lodge raised to Master Mason. In 2017 a brother from the Bay View Lodge of East Boothbay was raised and last year a brother from Alna-Anchor Lodge of Damariscotta. Truly a degree event that has evolved to a districtwide special communication.

The 10th District welcomes all brethren to attend next year’s Railroad degree. Circle your calendars for Saturday, June 20, 2020. Tickets go in sale usually mid-May.

For further info contact Wor. Jeff Averill
(cindieandjeff@gmail.com) or

A bit about the W.W.&F.

The Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington narrow gauge railway was originally intended to run from Wiscasset in the south, to Waterville, then on to Farmington. Largely because of economic conditions the line never made it past Winslow. The Great Depression finally caused the railroad’s scrapping in 1939.

Frank Winter, a Freemason from Auburn, took over the line in 1930 and owned it for its final decade. He also owned the 4-masted schooners Hesper and Luther Little which rested on the banks of the Sheepscot River, just down stream from the U.S. Route 1 bridge in Wiscasset.

The WW&F Railway Museum was founded in 1989 to restore and rebuild the original railroad. Since then 2.6 miles of track have been rebuilt, an original WW&F steam locomotive and several railroad cars have been restored.

The Museum address is 97 Cross Road, Alna, ME 04535. Phone: 207-882-4193



Brethren gathered for the Railroad Degree on 15 June.

Update on the Short Talk Bulletin Audio Library

by Bro Michael A. Smith, *Freeport Lodge #23*

Brethren,

A few years ago I encountered a book of Short Talk Bulletins in the anteroom of Freeport #23. From there it was a few short steps to the inauguration of the Short Talk Bulletin Online Audio Library. The business model was such that for a nominal (\$20) subscription fee, brethren could access all of the audio Short Talks that have been produced (currently more than 350).

The primary goal is to get this valuable Masonic information out there and benefit the Craft with the good and wholesome instruction that has been flowing out of the Masonic Service Association every month since 1923. If

Freemasonry in North America was a church, the Short Talk Bulletins would be the sermons – timeless lessons about who we are and strive to be as Masons. The secondary goal is to raise funds to support the MSA's worthy goals of disaster relief, hospital visitation, and the spread of Masonic information. We know that fundraising is hard work, and making the Online Audio Library available to those that contribute seemed to be a win-win. The Grand Lodge of Maine purchased subscriptions for all 24 DERs for two years, with the intent being for those officers to make the content available to all the lodges in each district.

Fast forward to last fall. It became obvious that the current model wasn't working. There were fewer than 100 actual subscribers; the DERs weren't really equipped to present recordings in lodges; and this entirely new way of presenting "good and wholesome instruction" in lodges just wasn't gaining much traction. Then came a discussion with MW Rustin, in which he suggested that we re-examine our market.

The result of this re-examination was an entirely new paradigm, and we are indebted to Maine's Grand Master for inspiring it. While the primary and secondary goals still applied, it turns out that the market, or end-users, for this service are not so much Grand Lodges, who must then figure out a way to get the lessons out to the Craft. The end-users who benefit from "good and wholesome instruction" are the Craft ourselves, and individual brothers specifically. Further, placing an economic barrier before any benefit may be enjoyed drastically reduced participation.

So, how to fulfill the goals?

We are fortunate to be living in the age of information, because the obvious answer would not have been thought of even ten years ago – Podcast! The podcast seems specifically suited to Short Talk Bulletins: an informative, chatty, 10 to 20 minute discussion of some aspect of Freemasonry that is freely available to anyone with a device. Check primary goal. Once the brethren start listening and benefitting from these lessons, we are more likely to think this service has

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THE MAINE MASON

RJP Building Association



AUCTION
Saturday
September 28, 2019
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"Preserving Our Legacy"

Four year, \$60,000 campaign to upgrade our Lodge for Masons and the community.

Reaching out to businesses and individuals for auction items

Contact Ken Bustard, campaign coordinator
accountingcoach@gmail.com
Tel 207-659-2018

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value. A means of contributing as simple as PayPal enables us to support the MSA's great and worthy goals, and in so doing make a statement about the value of this online Masonic resource. Check secondary goal.

Setting up a podcast takes time, and it isn't free. Again, MW Rustin stepped in and agreed to pay the out-of-pocket expenses – software, web- and media-hosting – for the first year. And off we went!

As of this writing, there are 60 episodes available, and there are two or three new episodes every week. There have been more than 14,000 hits on the website, and more than 8,000 Short Talks have been downloaded. Every episode has been downloaded more than 100 times, many more than 200. The most popular, with more than 300 downloads each, are The Black Cube, The Hiram Legend, Secrecy, and The Powers of The Worshipful Master. Cautious check on primary goal, tempered only by the awareness of the hundreds of thousands of device-equipped Masons. Unfortunately though, donations are

largely nonexistent. Temporarily uncheck secondary goal.

I close with a thought from a recently recorded Short Talk: Freemasonry In Today's World, by MW Bro Stuart Miner, PGM of VA, who suggests that the Craft today is drinking from wells it did not dig, and eating fruit from trees it did not plant. Further, that what will sustain and energize the Craft is developing interest in and knowledge of Masonry *by Masons*. The Short Talk Bulletin Podcast exists to address these issues by providing interesting and vetted Masonic information, and by providing a means for every Brother to engage. Do yourself and the Craft a favor: visit <https://shorttalkbulletin.com> and listen to some content that has value; and donate, because every dollar donated directly supports the MSA's worthy goals of disaster relief, hospital visitation, and the spreading of Masonic information.

Still unsure how to proceed? Your device likely has an assistant, Siri? Say to it, "Siri (or OK Google or Alexa) find the Short Talk Bulletin Podcast." You will be listening...now!

Brother David Beckett Honored



R.W. Brother David Beckett of St. Croix Lodge #46, Calais, was honored with a public dinner for him and his wife, Patsy, this summer for his many years of dedication and service to the Craft. It was a good turnout including Grand Master Mark Rustin, current DDGM/2 Scott Johnson and several Past District Deputies. Left to right: RW Norm Howe, RW Larry Clark, RW Beckett, RW Frank Theriault, MW Mark Rustin, RW Clayton Blake, RW Mike Doran, RW Scott Johnson, RW Webley Dean and RW Dennis Bryant.

What is a Masonic Apron?

by Brian Ellis
Blue Mountain Lodge #67

What is a Masonic apron? Some say it's a symbol of purity. Others say it represents the hard work that a brother does. History shows that an apron is used for the workers to keep their clothes clean from the dust and grime of labor. Whatever the reason, the ravages of time do not rest easily on aprons and the aprons of Blue Mt. Lodge in Phillips were showing their years. The white was becoming grey, holes were starting to appear, and discussion about replacing the decades-old aprons was being heard on the sidelines. That call was heard from a lady named Carol Ellis of New Vineyard, Maine.

Carol took notice of the withering cloth and decided it was time for an upgrade. Once a member of the Rainbow Girls and Eastern Star of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, Carol knew what it meant for Masonic aprons to look their best. A trip to the fabric store near Phillips was in order. Brand new white cloth, blue border fabric, and other necessities were purchased, and once home Carol began the task of manufacturing the new aprons for the lodge.

Over the course of about three weeks, Carol labored at the task of measuring, cutting, and sewing together what would be these new aprons. "It wasn't easy at first to know exactly what to design, but after the first apron it became natural," Carol said as she was working on the sixth apron. "After the tenth one," she said with a laugh, "I think I'll get the hang of it."

The aprons were nearly finished when Carol decided something was missing. "What would give these Masonic Aprons a little more shine? she pondered." What would give the brothers a little more pride to wear the aprons. Carol decided that a unique patch should be placed in the corner of each apron; a patch that represents the masonic fraternity in some different way. For example, one apron had a patch of the square and compasses and letter "G", the common symbol that all brothers have come to know. Another apron has the American Flag. Each patch is different letting the brother enjoy a bit of uniqueness that only the small lodge in Phillips Maine would have.

The new aprons were presented on the third Wednesday of June. When the brothers walked to the stand where these new aprons were lying, they immediately took notice. So, too, did the sideliners whose conversations about the different patches included how much whiter the aprons were, and how the blue border gave them a nice finishing touch.

The aprons are much appreciated at Blue Mt. Lodge. There is general agreement that the aprons give the lodge some extra shine. Carol Ellis was thanked with fraternal love and respect for her contribution and the brothers of Mt. Blue Lodge immediately rose to their feet and gave her an applause. Though she was not there in person to receive this applause, the brothers made sure that a personal thank-you note was made and signed. Carol Ellis was very humbled and thankful for the great fullness that she was given. An apron, no matter how small an article of clothing, is truly the most important apparel that brothers wear. That night it was a great moment to replace the old aprons and move to something new.



M.W. Bro. Editor:

I write to share with you a short but meaningful story which gives hope for the outlook of Masonry in Maine.

The other night I was not able to attend lodge. The next morning I got an email from a new Mason, who only recently received his third degree, inquiring as to my health.

I called him to express my appreciation for his most thoughtful concern. As we talked he told me he was close to Columbus, Ohio. I commented that he must have made some good airline connections.

He said, "No, I'm driving. I left after lodge got over."

Concern for a Brother and commitment to his lodge, the future of Maine Masonry is looking better.

Anonymous

Honoring our Masonic Veterans



Tranquil Lodge #29, Auburn, honored these two veteran Masons on June 12. Fred Bockus, left, received his 55-year star and John Hodgkins received his 40-year pin.



Wor. Alan L. Flood received his 50-year veterans medal on May 2. It was presented by Bro. Jim Lemieux DDGM/22. Brother Flood was raised on May 1, 1969 in Newport after receiving what he called “the best birthday present he could have received”, an application for membership from his grandfather. He reminisced on many fine memories of attending lodge with his grandfather and of learning his Masonic lessons word for word and reciting each in open Lodge because “that was the way it was supposed to be done”.



Brother Robert Higgins, Olive Branch Lodge #124, Charleston, receives his 50-year Veterans Medal from RW Donald Young and Wor. Wesley Lile.



RW Jack Lagerquist presented a 50-year Veterans Medal to Bro. Dale Hussey, a member of Aurora Lodge, Rockland, on April 16.



Wor. Linwood Dall was presented his 50-year Veterans Medal at the May stated meeting of Springvale Lodge. Bro. Dall made interesting comments about his half-century Masonic journey.



On April 18 Bro. Alan Thompson received his 50-year Veterans Medal from R.W. Brother Jack Lagerquiat in Tampa, FL. Bro. Thompson is a member of Ralph J. Pollard Lodge in Orrington.



R.W. Bro. Blaine Davis, PDDGM/9 and PM of Meduncook Lodge #211, Friendship, was presented his 50-year Veterans Medal by Bro. George Pulkkinen, PGM, on June 29. Bro. Davis served as District Deputy 25 years ago, the same time Bro. Pulkkinen was Grand Master. "And a fine District Deputy he was," Bro. Pulkkinen noted. But there's something else about Bro. Davis' Masonic career that certainly qualifies as both special and unique. He has served his lodge as an officer in each and every one of his 50 years, including 18 years as Wor. Master. How's that for dedication!

Photo by Jean Davis Photography



Bro. Ellis Small, a member of Warren Lodge #2, East Machias, was presented his 55 and 60-year stars at his home in Whiting by Grand Master Rustin on April 18.

Bro. Irvine Marsters, Jr. of Saccarappa Lodge #86, Westbrook, was presented his 50-year Veterans Medal on July 24 by R.W. Pete Forrest, left, in the photo. Beside him is Bro. Marsters. Third from left is Wor. Joel Marsters, PM of Howard Lodge (son), and Wor. Glenn Mower, PM of St. Andrews Lodge in Bangor. Glenn and Joel work for Irvine.





Brother George Newhall, a member of St. Andrews Lodge #83, Bangor, received his 50-year Veterans Medal on July 21 at coffee hour following services at the First Methodist Church of Bangor. Pictured here, left to right, are Don Gallupe, a 68-year member of Rising Virtue Lodge #10, Bro. Jim Burkhart, Jr. Deacon of St. Andrews, Brother Newhall and his wife, Connie. R.W. Pete Forrest, who made the presentation, is at the rear.



RW Bro. Jack Lagerquist, who has presented scores of Veterans Medals to deserving brethren, finally received his own 50-year medal on June 15. It was presented by Brother Paul Thornton, who received his Veterans Medal from Bro. Lagerquist last year. Pictured here are Sandy Lagerquist, Brother Jack and Brother Paul.

Wor. Laurie Cohen, a Past Master of York Lodge #22, Kennebunk, received his second star signifying 60 years a Mason on March 4, 2019. Past Grand Masters George Pulkkinen and Wayne Adams officiated at the celebration.



Brother Leon "Beeb" Adams, Seabasticook Lodge #146 of Clinton, received his 65-year star on February 21. He's pictured here flanked by two nephews, Brother David Drew of Rising Star Lodge #4, Penobscot, and Brother Mike Adams of Seabasticook Lodge. Sadly, Bro. Beeb passed to the Celestial Lodge Above on July 14.

WALTER GOODALE MORRILL

Maine Man - Medal of Honor Winner - Master Showman - Mason

by Donald McDougal

Walter Goodale Morrill was born 11/13/1840 in Williamsburg, Maine son of Aaron and Eliza (Willard) Morrill. In his youth, he worked on his father's farm and afterwards in Brownville area slate quarries until 1861. According to Maine State Archives, he enlisted April 1861 in Brownville as a Private, in the Brownville Rifles. It was the custom during the Civil War for most combat companies to be raised in particular areas. Therefore, many unit members were relatives or friends who had grown up together. This gave the men a sense of ownership and bond with "Their" company. In July they merged with the first company who enlisted from Foxcroft and became Co A 6th Maine Volunteers. In September 1861 he became Sergeant Morrill in the 6th Maine volunteers. In late 1862, after spending 15 months with the 6th Maine, he transferred to Company B of the 20th Maine Regiment where he was promoted to Captain. Company B had been recruited in Piscataquis County from the Brownville, Milo, Sebec, Dover area and was sometimes informally known as PISCATAQUIS. His final promotion was in March 1865 to Lt. Colonel Morrill, Commander of the 20th Maine Regiment. He replaced Col Joshua Chamberlain after Chamberlain was promoted to Brigadier General. Col Morrill was in command of the 20th Maine Regiment at Appomattox when they, along with the other Union Troops, got in front of Lee's army and forced the surrender. He was the 20th Maine's last commander and at the close of the war, led it under U.S. Grant, 5th Army Corps, in the Grand Review of the Armies in Washington D. C. May 23 and 24, 1865. Col Morrill mustered out June 4, 1865.

"The Biographical Review" Volume XXIX, Boston Mass, 1898 lists involvement in more than 31 battles while with Company B. Among others, those include Ashby's Gap, Drainsville, Williamsburg, Yorktown, Gaines's Mill, Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, Antietam, 2nd Bull Run, Blackman's Ford, Fredricksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Rappahannock, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Chickahominy, Petersburg, Yellow Farm, Hatcher's Run, Boydentown Plank Road,



Gravelly Run, Five Forks, and Appomattox Court House." In 1863 at Mine Run he was shot in the leg. In 1864 at the Battle of the Wilderness, he was shot in the cheek and at Boydentown Plank road, in the breast.

Walter Morrill is, perhaps, most widely known for his role at the Battle of Gettysburg in the defense of Little Round Top by the 20th Maine against two Alabama Regiments. In "Army Life in Chamberlain's 20th Maine" 2016, Theodore Gerrish gives details of that encounter. Captain Morrill and his Company B, with 14 2nd U.S. Sharpshooters, were ordered forward as skirmishers to prevent enemy flanking. When cut off by enemy movements, they took shelter behind a stone wall 150 yards left and in front of the main regimental line. When ammunition began to run out, Chamberlain ordered a bayonet charge against the Alabama Regiments. Recounting the charge, Chamberlain said: "*The rebels (the Alabama 15th attempting to make a stand) rush toward a stone wall, but, to our mutual surprise, two Score of gleaming musket barrels gleam over the rocks, and a murderous volley was poured upon them at close quarters... Piscataquis had been heard from and as usual it was a good report.*" That surprise fire into the Alabama Regiment's rear caused panic and in a rout they surrendered or ran.

Later in life, 1898, Walter Morrill Captain, Company B, 20th Maine Infantry was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions at Rappahannock Station Va. The Citation read: "*Learning that an assault was to be made upon the enemy's works by other troops, this officer voluntarily joined the storming party with about 50 men of his regiment, and by his dash and gallantry rendered effective service in the assault.*" The "Other Troops" were the 6th Maine so he joined his old friends and led 50 of his Piscataquis troops into the action as volunteers.

After discharge he bought a farm in Hampden, sold after a year, ran a variety store in Brownville for a year. He then started the Highland Slate Quarry and sold that in 1868. In 1869 he began his Masonic Career affiliating with Piscataquis Lodge 44 in Milo 10/22/1869 and affixed his signature to the Temperance Pledge. He demitted in April 1872 to become a Charter Member of

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New Kennebec Lodge Master Masons



Three Master Masons were raised in Kennebec Lodge #5, Hallowell, on July 27. Flanked by DGM Rich Nadeau and Wor. John Branscom, they are, l-r: Aaron Thorndike, Donald Damon and John Reed. Brother Robert Haigh, DDGM/11 presided for the degrees. Kennebec Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on March 14, 1796.

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Pleasant River Lodge 163 5/9/1872. Secretary of the Lodge from 1874 -1876, he demitted in May 1876 and affiliated with Penobscot Lodge 39 in Dexter 7/3/1876. He demitted January 1893 and joined Meridian Lodge 125 in Pittsfield. At his death in 1935 one source said that he was arguably the Oldest Mason in Maine.

In 1876 Col Morrill moved to Dexter and leased the Merchants Exchange Hotel. He is said to have conducted his first horse race in 1876 there in Dexter. According to Sanger Cook in **Pittsfield on the Seabasticook**, in 1885 he sold his interest in the hotel and began looking for a location for a livery station in Pittsfield. He found a suitable location and "*purchased teams and carriages of the Lancy House*". After he moved to Pittsfield, harness racing became really popular in the region. In 1886 he paid \$5000 to purchase a trotting stallion, Zimba. In the early 1890's, Dr. Drake in Pittsfield purchased trotting stallions, Bosphorus and Early Bird, for \$10,000 each. These horses created sensations on the tracks and Pittsfield became known as having some of the finest breeding stables in the northeast. In 1893 Col Morrill bought the Pittsfield Trotting Park.

That August he held opening ceremonies at the new Union Park with the feature of the day being the first ladies carriage race in Maine. To handle the crowd, special trains were run into Pittsfield. Lady drivers who were racing horses met with a widespread general disapproval. In consequence, at those sponsored ladies races, special trains often had to be run to accommodate all those so shocked that they needed to personally witness this travesty of proper decorum. His obituary lists 5500

tickets sold for one race in Fairfield. Larger crowds were reported for Rochester, Springvale, and Brocton. An article about lady drivers published in the **San Francisco Call** Feb. 12 1898 can be found online at **Lost Trotting Parks Heritage Center**. It describes a group of four area lady racing drivers touring the Maine racing circuit. They were sponsored by Col Morrill and Will Hill, a retired Railroad man of Exeter. It also noted Morrill's wish to take them to the west coast to race but that the ladies felt uncomfortable to make such a journey.

Over the years he sponsored horse races in Dexter, Bangor, Dover-Foxcroft, Fairfield, Gardiner, Hartland, Skowhegan, and Waterville. He was first in Maine to offer a \$1000 purse. During his career, he paid out more than \$100,000 in purses. Retiring from active horse racing in 1927, in 1933 he sponsored the last race program at the Union Trotting Park before it became the Pittsfield Airport. That day was referred to as Col Morrill Day and was attended by then Maine Governor, Louis J. Brann. After the airport opening, Col Morrill was said to be the first rider in an open cockpit two seater at the newly created airstrip. When afterwards asked for his opinion of the airplane ride he responded "Purty Risky". His death was on March 3, 1935 at the age of 94. His final resting place, marked with a Medal of Honor Monument, is in Pittsfield, in the Village Cemetery on Peltoma Avenue.

In Closing, Brother Morrill, we would all take this moment to echo the sentiments embodied in an April 2010 posting on **Find A Grave Memorial**. "*Remembering you today, Col Morrill. May you rest in eternal Heavenly Peace. With utmost respect, SIR!*"

Santa House 'Ride in July' Gets Things Ready for Winter

by Brother Val Babineau

On July 7, the Freemasons of Nollesemic Lodge #205 in Millinocket, proudly sponsored the Santa House Motorcycle Ride in Millicocket. Brethren did all the cooking to feed the hungry participants, and a DJ played great music throughout the event. Nearly 40 motorcycles rode from Millinocket to Milford. Four chapters of Widows Sons - Low XII Riders, Temple guards, Men of Tyre and the Band of Brothers participated as well as the Red Knights and American Lehgion Riders

\$1000 was raised to fund the December 14 winter activities which include a little house for Santa to sit in as he hears Christmas wishes from area youngsters. There's also a horse and buggy rented for the day to provide old-fashioned sleigh rides around Veterans Park free of charge. Coffee is provided for adults while children are treated to hot cocoa, candy canes and cookies. We also have hats and mittens for the kids, all generously donated by community residents. This has proven to be a wonderful project for the town as it involves all age groups in a joyous and heartwarming event.



Preparing for the event.



Aroostook Team Leadership Camp recently received a \$1500 donation from the Masons of Fort Kent Lodge #209 and a \$1500 donation from the brethren of the First District Masters & Wardens Association. These donations helped finance the ATLCC Summer Camp held in July at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Pictured here, l-r: Terry Cochrane DDGM/1, Maggee Currie, Easton H.S.; Amber Stedt, ATLCC Program Coordinator; Jon Staples, Presque Isle Middle School; Larry Murphy, Master of Fort Kent Lodge and James Iversen, President of the Masters & Wardens Association.

Maine Masonic College Arts & Sciences Program Another Success



One can tell from the smiles on these faces that the Maine Masonic College's Arts and Sciences Program held April 27 was a totally enjoyable event. Pictured left to right: Brother Rich Nadeau, DGM; Matthew Ahearn, Melissa Garand, Connor Bouffard, Ben Tero, Michael Jones, Brother Luke Shorty, Dean of the MMC; Kim Crowley, Dr. Francois Amar, and MW Wayne Hitchcock, Chair of the MMC. The six students were seniors at the time and all graduated this year.

Here are the courses of study for this very impressive group while at UMO. Matthew Ahearn, *The Underwater Effect: How Underwriters Influence the Amount of Money Left on the Table for 2015 US Initial Public Offerings*. Connor Bouffard and Michael Jones, *Robotic Exoskeleton for Shoulder Mobility*. Melissa Garand, *Immigration in the Context of Religion with Case Studies of France and Hungary*. Ben Tero, *CpsA Protein-protein Interactions in Group B Streptococcus*. Kim Crowley, *The Personal in Poetic: A Case for Poetry Therapy*.

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Past Masters Night at Charleston Lodge #124



Olive Branch Lodge #124 of Charleston celebrated Past Master Night on June 13, and as is usually the case on these special evenings, the Past Masters turned out in force. Left to right, front row: Wor. Roger Chesley, Wor. Lawrence Lord, Wor. Raymond Thompson, Wor. Michael Smith, Wor. Gary Stout, Wor. Scott Bragdon, Wor. Jeffery Dow, Jr., and Wor. Norman Patterson. Rear row, same order: Wor. Scott Wilson, Wor. Paul Wickett, Wor. Wayne Collins and R.W. Donald Young.

Memorial Day at Pownalborough Courthouse



Brethren from Dresden Lodge #103 stand attentively as Chaplain Bruce Alexander offers a prayer of dedication at the old Pownalborough Court House on Memorial Day. The Colonial Maine Living History reenactors were also present for the event.

Photo by Brother Vince Mecca

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