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MANY WAYS.**

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by George P. Pulkkinen

Cheers for the Masked

Growing up in the era of kids spending much of their leisure time playing Cowboys and Indians, boys who wanted to be the robbers or the rustlers always had a kerchief of some kind to pull up over their faces. They were the "masked hombres," the bad guys for the day's drama.

My how things have changed.

As we've gone about our business these past months, it hasn't been the bad guys wearing masks, rather everyone has spent much time covered from bridge of nose to below the chin. Many of the masked have been heroes. Many of them have been first line defenders of health and safety. Many of them have been workers stocking shelves and skilled mechanics keeping our vehicles on the road. And many of the masked have been Freemasons. Over the next 38 pages of this issue you'll see numerous examples of your brethren helping feed the hungry and performing all other sorts of chores to ease the lives of community members who've been up against hard times and bad experiences. You'll see reports of many acts of kindness by your brothers, acts that are normal for Freemasons.

Now Maine Masons are taking another important step toward normalcy by gathering together in Annual Session. There is much to be accomplished, both at our 4 May session and in the year ahead. To be sure there will be stressful moments. But, as we know from experience, kindness is the best way to alleviate stress. Masked or not, may ample acts of kindness be normal parts of your every day.

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From the Grand East

Richard M. Nadeau

Grand Master of Masons in Maine

Creating the Positive Energy That You Want

Many of us couldn't wait for 2020 to be over to enjoy a better 2021. You may have felt that way – I sure have.

This is a reasonable mindset given the challenges we have endured. Even if you consider yourself an optimist, there is still a long way to go before this nightmare is over. We are now three months into 2021 and one year into this pandemic, and we are only now starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. (I pray it's not a train.) But we will only move toward better days if we continue to be diligent and take the steps necessary to make our lives better. While much of what made 2020 so arduous will continue, positive change will come faster and be more beneficial if we work together to facilitate it. So how can we continue to ensure a course of continuous positive improvement?

Positive energy begins with each of us as individuals. It happens from the inside out. To begin the day on the correct foot, start with a positive morning routine. I agree with the sentiment that "well begun is half-won." Since attending a Tony Robbins Self-Mastery weekend many years ago, I have started each day by saying an affirmation. My daily message of self-encouragement has changed over the years to meet my personal needs, but I gladly share with you the gist of my morning thoughts. "Today is a great day, and I have the opportunity to show up as the best me ever. Heavenly Father, take the knowledge I have in my head, pass it through my heart and out through my hands so I may do what you expect of me. Help me employ the tools of my profession to do your will." Stilling your internal dialogue with meditation or prayer is just a great way to begin your day, which happens to be the first day of the rest of your life. This is something you must do as you start your daily journey. No one else can do that for you. Take the opportunity to claim your day by starting strong.

Next, have a goal and a plan – don't settle for what appears to be your destiny, but instead, generate momentum to move toward a bigger and better future. Once you are in motion, you can always steer in another direction if necessary. Plot a course, pursue it, and be flexible.

When life's frost heaves and potholes slow your forward progress, you must realize that they are a part of the road you must follow that will lead you to success. Anyone who has achieved success in life will tell you about the battles they've fought and the scars they bear that defined their path toward success. Don't fear them, don't shy away from them, embrace them – they are part of becoming bat-

tle-tested since it's unrealistic to expect that everything will go perfectly the first time through.

Don't settle for less than you know you're capable of achieving. Good enough never is – so aim higher toward the standards you have set for yourself and proceed with certainty, always striving to make it easier, more fun, more productive.

No one can believe in you more than you can believe in yourself. Know that you possess all the working tools needed to create success. Lay out your plans on the trestle board and develop the strategies you know will take you toward your chosen objective.

This strategy for achieving success is not new. You can read about it in any self-improvement book or learn it at any similar seminar. Raising your standards, refining your beliefs, and choosing winning strategies have worked for countless individuals who have earnestly employed the process. But how many of us do it? Over the last sixty years, I've learned that knowing the way is much different from going the way. It is necessary to take action and use what we know to get the results we desire.

I'm sure you've heard it said that insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Well, I have news for you. The past year has been truly crazy and numbing at times. There was no opportunity to do the same thing over and over again as we normally do. We had to think and work outside the box. If you haven't already, now is the time to emerge from last year's chaos and get into motion. This year will be better if you are committed to making it better. Discipline yourself physically, mentally, and spiritually. Stay the course, whatever that course is for you. You have before you the opportunity to make 2021 the year that you want it to be.

Only you know how to influence what needs to be done to be successful in the coming year. There may be times that you feel defeated, but don't quit – every big winner has lost at times, and every blind squirrel would have starved to death if they had quit before finding an acorn. Get into a positive state of mind, pick your direction, and take massive action. It has worked for many, and it will work for you.

Now Brethren, I ask you to read this message a second time, not as a man, but as a Mason – as a leader of your Lodge. The process of self-improvement and commitment should be the same for our Lodges as it is for ourselves. Consider my message as you pursue positive change today and for the future.

Let's make the next twelve months spectacular! We owe it to ourselves...and our Brethren.

Yours in Service,

Rich

Observations from our Grand Secretary

On my way home from work last night, I caught myself singing along to one of my favorite Tom Petty songs that says in part “I feel summer creeping in”. It was a beautiful spring afternoon, the sun was out and the temperature was over 50 degrees. I always find it funny how warm 50 degrees feels in the spring and how cold it feels in the fall. It caused me to reflect on where we have been in the last year, the challenges we have faced, and the things we have overcome.

Just as spring shows the beginning of another cycle of life, we too are blessed as our state begins to open up and restrictions are eased. As we slowly get back to “normal”, let us focus on continuing to do the things that make our Fraternity the greatest and oldest in the world. Freemasons have survived for many centuries because we are resilient and nothing, not even a pandemic, can stop us from bettering our communities, our lives and our lodges. I have seen proof of this month after month from the great Brothers in this state!

As of this printing, we are hard at work planning an Annual Communication. Due to the State of Maine’s increased capacity limits, we have been able to pivot away from a 100% virtual communication. Although we cannot have the usual size, we have found a way that will make it work and be able to utilize the maximum capacity allowed at Anah Shrine in Bangor.

First, instead of three members per lodge, only one will be allowed to attend this year. Each person representing their lodge will get 3 votes instead of the normal 1 vote. Second, each voting member of Grand Lodge will also be invited and our hope is that we can do all voting in person. If you are not able to attend, we do plan on streaming the communication live and stay tuned for details on how to tune in. If you need a place to stay, we once again have a special rate(\$99 plus tax) at the Black Bear Inn in Orono. Call them directly if you need a room. More information will be sent to your lodge secretaries in the

coming weeks. Although it may look a little different this year, I feel confident our Annual Communication will be a success and we will be able to vote on the important matters that need your attention.

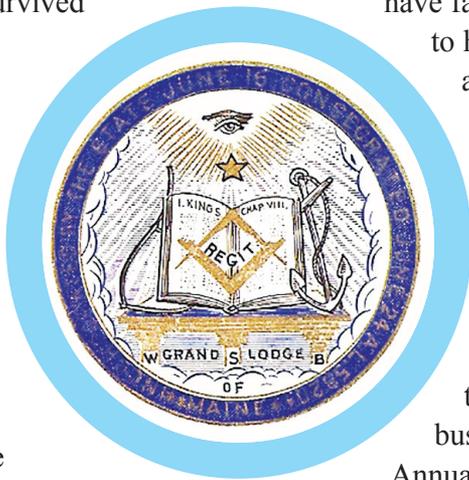
I would like to take a minute to announce some personnel changes at the Grand Lodge office. We welcomed Ashley Baillie to the office in December. She has done a great job learning the fraternity and providing support to us. Amy Murphy is preparing to leave us to pursue a small business opportunity with her husband and finished up at the end of March. I would like to thank her for her extraordinary efforts during this past year. Between the transition of Grand

Secretaries, the pandemic and every other issue we

have faced, she has always been right there

to help and make sure we came out ahead on the other side. She has been an asset to have on board with us and will be greatly missed.

Replacing her is a familiar face here at Grand Lodge. April Cruz returned to us and we are happy to have her back! She was able to pick up where she left off and I am thankful for her experience given the busy time we are approaching with the Annual Communication.



Lastly, if you use the calendars on our website, you may have noticed a change recently. In order to streamline things and limit confusion, we have switched to only using ourlodgepage.com calendars. They are now imbedded on our website and should be the primary way to post events, degrees, stated meetings and fundraisers for your lodge. There is some great training tools out there which can be found at <https://www.ourlodgepage.com/help> or you can contact us at the Grand Lodge Office.

I hope you all have a great Spring and Summer and we remain at your service.

Fraternally,

Br. Scott C. Walton

RW Grand Secretary

Is Your Freemasonry in Jars?

by *Brother Dennis Green, PDDGM/5*
Piscataquis Lodge #44, Milo
and a *Masonic Short Talk*

Not often do we find a Masonic lesson in a funny story, but here's one that seems to give the opportunity for developing one.

At a gathering of women, the conversation turned to a discussion of Masons. Some of the women seemed to be rather well informed on the subject, and discussed it at some length, but one woman was bored and finally remarked, "Well, I don't know much about Masons, but I think their fruit jars are very nice."

If we analyze that, we may find she said a mouthful without intending to point a moral of any kind.

Don't many of us Masons have a lot of fruit jars into which we put our Masonry, then seal the jars and set them away in a dark corner? Even when Masonic friends visit us, we don't get out some of the jars and treat our friends to the contents. We might at least take a jar along every time we go to a Masonic meeting and pass around what the jar contains. Freemasonry put away in jars doesn't improve with age, and the contents are likely to be forgotten. Freemasonry improves by dissemination. Brethren, keep your Freemasonry out of fruit jars; but, if you do put some away now and then, bring it out at the first opportunity and let the Brethren partake with you.

After reading this short talk I was amazed that it fell in perfectly with our lady's program put on jointly by Piscataquis Lodge # 44, Milo and Pleasant River Lodge # 163, Brownville of the fifth Masonic District. For many years we have put on a program in the fall to recognize and honor the Widows of our departed brethren. They have consisted of anything from sing-alongs to learning how to operate spinning wheels with wonderful lunches prepared by the brethren. From the feedback we have received the ladies have sure enjoyed them.

This year what with the pandemic and rules about meals, we decided to come up with something different.

It was suggested we come up with a booklet (Our Special Ladies) of remembrances from the ladies and sent to all as a forget-me-not of sorts. A member took all the names of our Special Ladies, called or mailed each and asked for input. Boy did we get feed-back. Mostly the ladies sent back recipes of special meals their husbands loved, little stories or poems or just something that made them think of their loved ones. One remarked being at the programs and enjoying that the good time made her feel as if her husband was sitting by her side.

Here is perhaps the most unforgettable, which came from a lady who is 107 years young. She is in a nursing home and sits with little to do so she took up coloring and here was her contribution along with this statement.

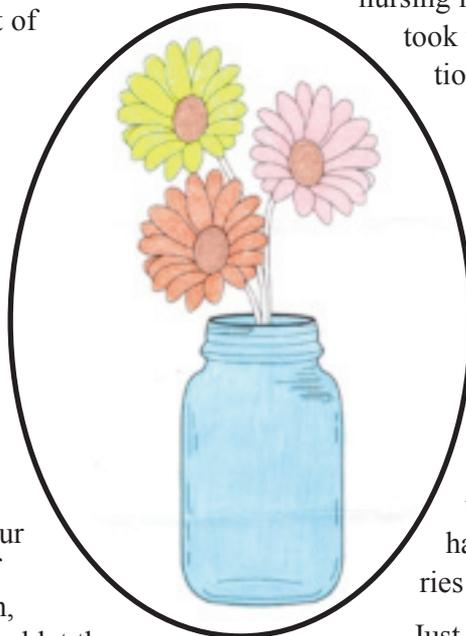
"Be sure to mention that it is a mason jar holding the flowers, she instructed."

This lady knows her jars. Also notice how the flowers are bursting from it like the stories you can tell.

Suggest you go down to Simkins Store and pick up a jar, not a half pint one either, but perhaps one that will hold a quart or two so you will have room for all your Masonic memories

Just don't put the cover on too tight; you may want to open that ole jar and remove a story or two to share with a friend or at a lodge night when you only have business to take care of. Remember, as Masons we probably all have similar interests and would greatly appreciate a good story or a Masonic experience you have had.

You might ask, Where is Simkins Store. Well, if you go on line and enter The Lodge Over Simkins Store you'll find another story. Check it out and slide it into your jar. Most any question you ask will have an answer. A suggestion: take two jars to your next lodge meeting; one full of stories and one full of good hot soup.



Grand Lodge Meets May 4 with Busy Schedule

How good and how perfect it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. We all know that phrase from Psalms 133 that we've heard so often since we first were admitted to an Entered. Apprentice Lodge. And so it will be when our brethren gather for our Annual Communication on Tuesday, 4 May at Anah Shriners in Bangor.

It will be a busy day with the FY 2022 budget to be voted on, a lengthy Amendments Report to consider with one Proposed Amendment presented in 2019 now ready for its final vote, seven proposed amendments being offered for their first readings (if approved they will lay over for a final vote next year), and two proposed Standing Regulations to be considered. If the Standing Regulations are approved May 4, they go into effect immediately.

Candidates

There also are contested elections to be held with brethren being elected as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Finance Committee members and Trustees of the Charitable Foundation.

Our Grand Master, M.W. Brother Rich Nadeau, Deputy Grand Master R.W. Dan Bartlett and our Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, R.W. Scott Whytock and R.W. Scott Walton respectively, are running unopposed and so presumably will be re-elected.

Two candidates are seeking to serve our Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Warden. They are R.W. Sheldon Goodine of Dirigo Lodge in Weeks Mills, and Wor. Ben Weisner of Cumberland Lodge #12 in New Gloucester. R.W. Brother Mike Tremblay is running unopposed for the office of Junior Grand Warden.

Three brethren are running for re-election to the Finance Committee, Glen Mower, Michael Lambert and Ron Francis. Five candidates are running for three seats as Charitable Foundation Trustees. They are Brothers Tim Bushey, Kevin Campbell, Audie Gould, Don Pratt, Tom Pulkkinen, Doug Taft, and Frank Theriault.

Budget

The total \$415,173 FY/2022 budget will require a per capita tax of \$16.50, an increase of \$1.00. As in prior years, to the per capita are added assessments of two dollars for the George Washington Memorial and one dollar for *The Maine Mason*.

Amendments to the Constitution

Changes in Red

#1 Second Reading and Vote

(first presented in 2019)

Proposed by RW David Walton

Section 111 now reads: One lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, unless the requesting lodge waives jurisdiction and the other lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner and for its usual fee.

As proposed, SEC. 111.2 would be added: This provision may be waived, by dispensation from the Grand Master, in cases of special need. When the dispensation is granted, the Master and at least two other officers of the requesting lodge must be present and participate in the degree.

RW Walton explains that this proposal is not meant to have visitors do all the work for a Lodge but to assist a Lodge in order to give a candidate the best and most meaningful degree possible.

#2 First Reading

Proposed by RW Dan Bartlett

Section 75.4 now reads: Immediately after the installation of the officers of a lodge, the Secretary shall return Official Forms 25 and 25a to the Grand Secretary so that the records of all officers may be updated and the lodge's statistical data collated for publication in the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

As amended it would read: Immediately after the installation of the officers of a lodge, the Secretary shall return Official Forms 25 (or transmit an electronic Certificate of Election using the current Grand Lodge membership database system), and 25a to the Grand Secretary, so that the records of all officers may be updated, and the lodge's statistical data collated for publication in the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

#3 First Reading

Proposed by RW Dan Bartlett

Proposed Section 75.5 would be struck from the Constitution because as we now, and have for many years, share a common computer database between Grand Lodge and the constituent lodges, there is no longer any need to verify member lists. This Section is outdated and no longer applicable.

Section 75.5 currently reads: Each constituent lodge shall submit once in every four years a complete list of its members to the Grand Secretary, on numbered sheets provided by Grand Lodge, before the first day of February 1984, and each four years thereafter. If such a list is not received by the above dates, a fine of ten dollars will be imposed upon that lodge and a fine of one dollar for each day the list is not received following the date of February 1st.

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#4 First Reading

Proposed by RW Dan Bartlett

Section 92.1 currently reads in part: The Master of the lodge may require of any Mason desirous of being examined for the purpose of visiting his lodge, the production of a Grand Lodge certificate or diploma, or a current receipt for annual dues bearing the seal of the lodge in which the visitor has membership.

As amended it would read: The Master of the lodge may require of any Mason desirous of being examined for the purpose of visiting a lodge, the production of a Grand Lodge certificate or diploma, or a current receipt for annual dues **from** the lodge in which the visitor has membership.

The new hard plastic dues cards do not bear a lodge seal.

#5 First Reading

Proposed by RW Richard Bergeron, Jr

Section 2.1 now reads in part for the title of Grand Marshal under appointed officers: Worshipful – Grand Marshal.

As amended, it would read: **Right** Worshipful – Grand Marshal **and the rank of Right Worshipful shall be retained for life.**

#6 First Reading

Proposed by W. Albert W. Greenhalgh

Br. Greenhalgh proposes that **section 2.1** be amended so that all Grand Lodge Officers, elected and appointed, past and present, be given the title of Right Worshipful, except for the Grand Master who retains Most Worshipful.

#7 First Reading

Proposed by RW Scott C. Walton

Sec. 19.7 currently reads: (of the Grand Secretary): He shall cause a transcript of the journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be readied as soon after the annual communication as the same can be done. The Grand Secretary shall provide copies thereof to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States and such other jurisdictions as are recognized by this Grand Lodge, one copy to each Officer and Permanent Member of this Grand Lodge and two copies to each lodge.

As amended Section 19.7 would read: He shall cause a transcript of the journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be readied as soon after the annual communication as the same can be done. **The Grand Secretary shall make available an electronic copy to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States and such other jurisdictions as are recognized by this Grand Lodge, each Officer and Permanent Member of this Grand Lodge and each Lodge. A paper copy may be obtained by request in writing to the Grand Secretary by a deadline he**

determines with proper notice.

#8 First Reading

Proposed by MW Richard M. Nadeau

Sec. 46 currently reads: The Grand Lodge has power to try and punish any Mason residing within its jurisdiction - whether a member of one of its lodges or not - for any offence committed by him.

(Add Sec. 46.2) it would read: During unusual circumstances such as pandemics, wars, local, state, and federal mandates - when the craft does not have the opportunity to meet at an annual communication - the Grand Master shall have the authority to render decisions on non-ratified disciplinary actions without the craft's ratification. The Grand Master will report his decisions to the craft at the next annual communication or special assembly.

#9 First Reading

Proposed by MW Richard M. Nadeau

Sec. 53.2 currently reads: The Grand Master may also appoint a Past Master of a lodge to be styled Judge Advocate - to perform such duties as may be delegated to him by the Grand Master, and who shall receive for his services and for necessary expenses such compensation as the Grand Master shall determine.

As amended, it would read: The Grand Master may also appoint a Past Master of a lodge to be styled Judge Advocate - to perform such duties as may be delegated to him by the Grand Master, and who shall receive for his services and for necessary expenses such compensation as the Grand Master shall determine. **When disciplinary action must be preferred against a member of the fraternity by the Grand Master, the Grand Master shall not be entitled to appoint himself as Judge Advocate. Doing so is in direct conflict with fair and due process. It also diminishes the confidence placed in the appointed Judge Advocate and the Commissioners of Trials.**

Standing Regulation #30

Reading and Vote

Alcohol Consumption in Lodge Premises

Currently Sec. 30 reads: Resolved: No consumption of alcohol on lodge premises is to take place without a dispensation from the Grand Master on each occasion. No invitations shall be issued or announcements to be made concerning an event where alcoholic beverages are to be consumed until after the Grand Master has signed a dispensation. The Grand Master, acting on the advice of the Grand Lodge Standing Committee

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District 6 Lodges Sponsor Toy and Blood Drive

by Ken Bustard

Even a Pandemic cannot stop Masons from figuring ways to serve their community. District 6 held a Chili/Chowder cook-off just prior to the Pandemic, then pretty much all district activities ceased. Officers of Ralph J Pollard lodge took the lead organizing a combination Blood Drive and Food Drive on December 5th, 2020. It was accomplished within CDC and Grand Lodge guidelines, while benefiting not just the American Red Cross but a very worthy nonprofit serving kids throughout Maine.

The challenge was issued to all District 6 lodges to not only participate, but strive toward the Droplet Award (Level I), Platelet Award (Level II), Super Donor Award (Level III) or the Life Saver Award for the most involved lodge. Seven of the 12 lodges showed up, making the first Blood Drive a true success with 31 pints of Blood plus \$500 in cash donations along with LOTS of toys. The monetary donations were matched by Grand Lodge of Maine Community Betterment Grant through Star In The East Lodge #60 resulting in a \$1,500 donation toward Wing's Christmas For Kids program.



Lou McGinn, Secretary of RJP Lodge, takes his required break after donating a pint.

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Wor. Bruce Smith from Star in the East lodge presents a \$1500 check to Wings representatives Lisa Martin.

Participating lodges receiving the Droplet Award were Rising Virtue #10 (Bangor), Star In The East #60 (Old Town), Benevolent #87 (Carmel), and Olive Branch #124 (Charleston). The Platelet Award was earned by St Andrews #83 (Bangor) and Lynde #174 (Hermon). The prestigious Life Saver Award was received by Ralph J Pollard #217 (Orrington). Their members contributed 7 of the 31 pints, along with monetary and toy donations.

The partnership with Wings For Children and Families (a/k/a Wings) exceeded all expectations. Their employees showed up in droves, contributing 11 of the 31 pints and the only participant to earn the Super Donor Award. Wings supports more than 900 families in Northern and Central Maine. The \$1,500 donation was greatly appreciated and supported families with verified needs.

“I was proud and appreciative of being part of shining the Masonic light in the Bangor community,” explains Ken Bustard, Junior Warden at RJP #217. “When I approached DDGM Richard Spreng about making this a District level event, as opposed to just our lodge, he offered wholehearted support. Seeing Masons come together, working within Covid restrictions, was inspiring. I will forever wonder how many people were helped, perhaps even lives saved, from our efforts.”

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Maine Masonic Charitable FOUNDATION



Newsletter



Helping to Build Strong Communities in Maine

DID YOU KNOW... Effective April 1, 2021 the Foundation has IMPROVED its Matching Grants Program!

Every Lodge still has \$7,000 available in Matching Grants funds. Still a \$2 match for every \$1 raised by the Lodge. The guidelines also still require each grant to fit into one of the following 5 categories:

Community Betterment

Youth Activities

Bikes for Books

Seniors Projects/Programs

Project Graduation

The NEW component is that each Lodge can now use up to \$3,000 in any one category for any one or more project(s) or nonprofit(s). Lodges are no longer limited to \$1,000 in matching grant funds per category. So, for example, if your Lodge can raise \$1,200 for a project, the Foundation will now allow you to apply for \$2,400 in matching grants funding for a total to be donated of \$3,600 for that project.

Options, Options, Options!

Each Lodge can choose how to use the matching grant funds. Whether a Lodge opts to break up the \$7,000 into multiple smaller grants or chooses to do fewer but larger grants – the choice is up to each Lodge. While many Lodges have not taken advantage of the full \$7,000 in past years, hopefully this flexibility will encourage new ideas and enable more Lodges to do so.

Help your communities where you see the greatest need! Every Lodge and every Mason can make a difference. The Foundation is here to offer support – financial and informational. Show us that something in your community is important to you – our goal is to help you achieve your goals in your communities!

HIGHLIGHTS...MAC - Masons Assisting Communities

As I write this, it is early March 2021 and I have been the Executive Director for the Foundation for just about 2 years. You know what “they” say “time flies when you’re having fun!” And we are having fun aren’t we?

I can remember being asked in my first meeting with Mark Rustin, PGM, “what do you know about Freemasonry?” My response, “other than what I have read in the Dan Brown novels, not much”. Now here we are two years later and while I know a lot more about the Fraternity it is abundantly clear that most Mainers know very little. It is time to change that, don’t you agree?

My family and friends laughed when I told them about joining the Foundation. See, they all thought Freemasonry was a “secret” and well, let’s just say in my family circle I am not known for keeping secrets very well. So as we start a new fiscal year at the Foundation, I would like to share with all of you that I am going to use what some might feel is my biggest weakness to the Fraternity’s and the Foundation’s benefit and well, “let the cat out of the bag”.

Don’t panic, I am not talking about all the secrets, just the ones about how generous masons are and the enormous impact you all have on your local communities. I know you don’t do the things you do for the pat on the back, but it is time to spread the word and show Mainers that Masons care and lead by example. But ask yourselves, if no one knows you are doing something, well then where’s the example?

In January/February 2021, the Foundation did a soft launch of the **MAC – Masons Assisting Communities** program and in partnering with over 100 lodges statewide, we donated over \$51,000 to local nonprofits and towns, where it was needed the most.

You all know Masons do many things, but to help the public understand the impact of the philanthropic work, it is quite frankly time to spell it out for everyone to see. Get it? Spell it out for them?



As you embark on the various projects for your local communities, I encourage you to apply for matching grants and when out in the community please reference **MAC – Masons Assisting Communities** along with your Lodge or District Association when you can. And of course, please share your stories with me so I can let the “cat out of the bag”.

DONOR RECOGNITION

1820 Society

Please join me in thanking the members of the 1820 Society this year!

<i>Dan Fink</i>	<i>Donald Allen</i>
<i>David Quist</i>	<i>Hiram Lodge #180</i>
<i>Mark Rustin</i>	<i>Lance E. Fuller</i>
<i>James Pringle</i>	<i>Winfred S. Dodge</i>
<i>Int'l Order of the Rainbow for Girls</i>	<i>Edward and Monica Fowle</i>
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<i>Michael R. Roy</i>	<i>Peterson Family Foundation Inc.</i>
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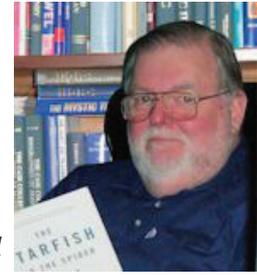
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Maybe, just maybe, the world will be headed back to a more recognizable place soon. Perhaps too, it will give us all a little breather so that we can enjoy life more fully once again. Hang in there, Brethren!

The Old Webmaster's BOOKSHELF



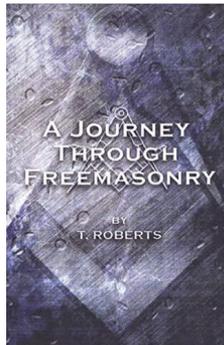
With the title "*Making Good Men Better*" it's hard not to notice this book! The authors' extensive research and personal pride will make this one you'll be glad you read.



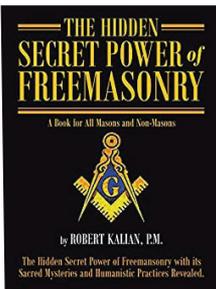
Hopefully too, it'll be one you'll refer to often for a better understanding of the breadth and depth of our ritual and practices. Designed as a 52 week 'learning course', it's quite readable with manageable-size vignettes that cover a very broad range of topics. Carl W. Davis and Theodore S. Jackson have done an excellent job and I commend it to you. I'd suggest you get

the paperbound version because it could easily be used as a source for lodge educational presentations.

"*A Journey Through Freemasonry*" by UGLE Mason Terry Roberts is one of those books that I feel very strongly about. During my Masonic career, I've been an officer in five different jurisdiction and visited lodges in a dozen more. Thus, I've come to really appreciate the many, many differences in the way things are done around the world. Many Maine Masons think that the ritual here is the same as everywhere else: SURPRISE! It isn't. Not by a long shot. That doesn't make ours better or worse: it's just different. Bro. Roberts gives us the opportunity to learn about some of the many differences in our Craft and it will be quite eye-opening for those who've never sat in lodge beyond our borders. Indulge yourself! You'll appreciate things here in Maine even more.

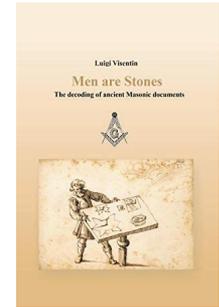


I always enjoy learning about others' interpretations of our Craft. Perhaps it's because of my own insecurities about my depth of knowledge or possibly it's the thrill of saying "I never thought of it that way." There's so much depth with our multi-faceted organization. In "*The Hidden Secret Power of Freemasonry*" Robert Kalian says in the preface that "*This book is intended for the ordinary*



member of the ordinary Lodge and the ordinary individual who wishes to understand and learn more about Freemasonry but who has neither time nor available facilities...." Sound like you? That's me for sure! This is a book worth reading and you will surely enjoy learning from it.

The next recommendation comes from Italy, the source of much excellent Masonic scholarship despite the cultural differences in our societies and Freemasonry. "*Men Are Stones*" by Luigi Visentin is one of those books I won't attempt to summarize as it might ruin your enjoyment and lead you off in my direction rather than allowing you to think of it in your own way. This is a very thought-provoking work that attempts to trace - through scrupulous documentation - the history and lineage of Freemasonry. Yes, many others have plowed this row before but this book is still very much worth your time. And although you may not concur with each and every one of

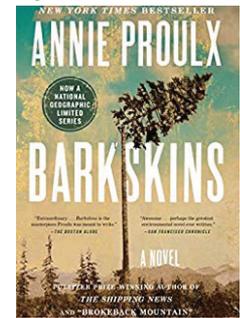


his conclusions, it will nevertheless get you thinking deeply about our origins.

Just published March 11th, my copy hasn't arrived yet but the title is SO intriguing: "*The Profound Philosophical Pontifications of Big John Deacon, Freemason Extraordinaire*"

I really like like hearing from Brothers about the reading they've enjoyed whether Masonic or not. Wor.

Bro. Dick Bowden from Rising Star Lodge #4 in Penobscot wrote to recommend "*Barkskins*" from Pulitzer-prize winning author Annie Proulx. He says "*Much of the early parts of the book take place in Acadia, that is, Eastern Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia -- with lots of travel between these places.*" I got the audiobook and am this epic tale. Thanks, Bro. Bowden!



Bro. Ed King would love your suggestions and recommendations for things to read and review! He's working diligently to get a whole bunch of reviews online. Stay tuned for an announcement! E-mail him at MasonicReading@gmail.com

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on Insurance and of the Grand Lodge liability insurance carrier, will require the following items to be submitted with a request for a dispensation: (a) Where alcohol is to be served by a Lessee, the request for a Dispensation must be accompanied by: i. A copy of the rental agreement. Each lodge is free to develop its own rental agreement, however, every rental agreement shall contain the indemnity language contained in a form lease provided by the Grand Secretary. ii. A copy of the Certificate of General Liability Insurance Coverage of the Lessor or Lessee naming the Grand Lodge of Maine as an additional insured with such limits of coverage as shall be from time to time provided by the Grand Secretary. iii. A copy of the Certificate of Alcohol Liability Insurance Coverage of the Lessor or Lessee naming the Grand Lodge of Maine as an additional insured with such limits of coverage as shall be from time to time provided by the Grand Secretary. (In some cases, an insurance carrier may include "Liquor Liability" or "Alcohol Liability" on its general liability Certificate of Insurance in which case only one Certificate of Insurance will be needed.) (b) Where alcohol is to be consumed at a lodge event, the request for a dispensation must be accompanied by: i. The signed statement of the proposed Grand Lodge Representative. ii. The lodge's Certificate of General Liability Insurance Coverage. iii. A Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance Coverage. (Again, in some cases an insurance carrier may include both general liability and liquor liability coverage on the same certificate.) (c) A dispensation for a Table Lodge shall not be required at this time but may be required at the discretion of the Grand Master. In any event, the lodge shall submit the signed statement of the proposed Grand Lodge Representative. The Grand Lodge Representative at each Table Lodge is authorized to intervene to assure that only two-ounce glasses are used and to personally intervene to halt dispensation of wine to any person more than the seven two-ounce toasts and to personally prevent any service of wine to a minor under any circumstances. Evidence of insurance coverage with respect to alcohol liability for Table Lodges is not required by this Standing Regulation but may be required at the discretion of the Grand Master. (d) A dispensation for alcohol at Outdoor Degrees (where alcohol is served within two hours after the degree) shall be required. The request for a dispensation shall be accompanied by the signed statement of the proposed Grand Lodge Representative. The Grand Lodge Representative is authorized to intervene to assure that no alcohol is consumed to excess or is provided to a minor or to a person who appears to him to be intoxicated. Evidence of insurance coverage for outdoor degrees is not required by this Standing Regulation but may be required at the discretion of the Grand Master.

If amended, Sec. 30 would read: To see if Grand Lodge will modify Standing Regulation #30 to allow and govern the serving and consumption of alcohol on Masonic premises and at / after Masonic meetings and events.

30. Resolved: Alcohol may be served and consumed on lodge premises and at lodge events held off-premises subject to the following rules, and all applicable provisions of existing insurance policies and the laws and regulations of the State of Maine and local licensing authorities and of the Grand Lodge liability insurance carrier. The following provisions shall govern the serving and consumption of alcohol in or on Masonic property and/ or at Masonic events. The Grand Master may also require prior dispensation for any event where alcohol is served or consumed when he deems such action is warranted.

- (a) No alcohol shall be served or consumed two-hours prior to or during any Masonic meeting except for prescribed ceremonial purposes or as hereinafter allowed.
- (b) The Masonic building association, by whatever name, holding title to the property and the tenant lodge(s) must each by majority vote to authorize the serving and consumption of alcohol on Masonic property and at the events of that lodge and may establish additional governance for the use of alcohol on such property and at such events. Grand Lodge rules and standing regulations shall take precedence, followed by rules established by the building association.)
- (c) The building association, lodge, other Masonic related organizations and non-Masonic lessees engaged in the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages must have "host liquor" insurance coverage that is included in the Grand Lodge policy that covers Lodges and participating building associations.
- (d) The Grand Master, acting on the advice of the Grand Lodge Standing Committee on Insurance and of the Grand Lodge liability insurance carrier, will require the following items to govern the serving and consumption of alcohol in or on Masonic property and/or at Masonic events.

(1) Where alcohol is to be served by a Lessee, the Building Association shall obtain:

- i. A rental agreement. Each building association / lodge is free to develop its own rental agreement, however, every rental agreement shall contain the indemnity language contained in a lease form provided by the Grand Secretary.
- ii. A copy of the Certificate of General Liability Insurance Coverage of the Lessor or Lessee naming the Grand Lodge of Maine as an additional insured with such limits of coverage as shall be from time to time provided by the Grand Secretary.

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- iii. A copy of the Certificate of Alcohol Liability Insurance Coverage of the Lessor or Lessee naming the Grand Lodge of Maine as an additional insured with such limits of coverage as shall be from time to time provided by the Grand Secretary. (In some cases, an insurance carrier may include “Liquor Liability” or “Alcohol Liability” on its general liability Certificate of Insurance in which case only one Certificate of Insurance will be needed.)

(2) Where alcohol is to be sold at a building association / lodge event:

- i. The sale of alcohol in a Masonic facility is not permitted except by a duly licensed and insured vendor.
- ii. Proof of liquor liability insurance from said vendor must be provided to the Grand Lodge prior to the scheduled event and may be submitted on an annual basis to cover all events occurring during that period at that facility. The Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance Coverage must name the Grand Lodge as an additional insured. The hosting Lodge or building association is responsible for producing a valid certificate of insurance prior to any event being held.

- (c) A dispensation for a Table Lodge shall not generally be required but may be required at the discretion of the Grand Master. In any event, the lodge shall submit the signed statement of the proposed Grand Lodge Representative. The Grand Lodge Representative at each Table Lodge is authorized to intervene to assure that only two-ounce glasses are used and to personally intervene to halt the dispensation of alcohol to any person of more than the seven two-ounce toasts and to personally prevent any service of alcohol to a minor under any circumstances. The hosting building association or lodge shall designate a Mason to be responsible for monitoring alcohol service and consumption at events governed by this Standing Regulation.

Standing Regulation #31 (new)

Reading and Vote

Proposed by MW Richard M. Nadeau

Gender Reassignment/Identity Information

This document has been created to establish a policy regarding the issues raised for Freemasonry by gender reassignment, gender identification, and masonic conformity in this Grand

Jurisdiction. It is intended to eliminate ambiguity, reinforce current policy, and help guide Lodges in their decision-making when determining the qualifications for membership in Maine’s Masonic Jurisdiction. It imposes binding rules, and although it gives some general guidance, it does not constitute legal advice or any attempt to usurp the Lodges’ absolute right to decide who shall be a member of a lodge if the candidate meets the qualifications set forth by this jurisdiction. This document does not attempt to address all the issues relating to gender which may arise as gender reassignment and gender transition become more prevalent in a changing society. When they do, they will need to be addressed in accordance with Masonic principles of lawfulness, kindness, and tolerance. We are at the crossroads of gender identity and masonic conformity. The lodges should use this information when membership, masonic conformity, and gender issues arise.

2. General

It is essential that any situation involving gender reassignment of a Freemason is treated with compassion and sensitivity and that the individual is supported in his decision to transition. If a Freemason who is a member of a Lodge wishes to change gender and no longer identify as male, it is expected that the Freemason will receive the non-judgmental support of their brethren. The privacy of the individual should be respected, and there will be no requirement to inform the Grand Lodge about this change or intention to change. Although there is no requirement to inform the Grand Lodge of such a change, if a Mason does change gender and or no longer identifies as a man, he no longer meets the qualifications for admission into the fraternity or to remain a member of the fraternity and is not entitled to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

3. Applications for Admission

A candidate for admission to Freemasonry in Maine must be a man. Should a person who has undergone gender reassignment and has become a man apply to become a Freemason, then his application must be processed in the same way as for any other male candidate. Any qualified candidate for admission may be proposed for membership of a Lodge in accordance with the provisions in the Rules contained in the Book of Constitutions. No candidate should be subjected to questions about their gender.

4. Continued Membership

A Freemason who, after initiation, ceases to be a man also ceases to be a Freemason. It is expected that Freemasons will act with compassion and sensitivity towards their fellow Freemasons who make such a decision. No Freemason will engage in unwanted conduct relating to another Freemason’s sex or perceived gender reassignment or gender transition. Such conduct is un-masonic and constitutes conduct unbecoming a Mason, especially if it has the purpose or effect of violating the dignity of or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading,

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Masons Supporting Technology Students



On March 5, brethren of the 9th District presented a check in the amount of \$2,100 to Bobbi Deetjen, Director of the Midcoast School of Technology, Rockland, in support of the “Angel Fund.” Monies from this fund provide assistance to post-graduate students who otherwise could not afford to purchase meals at the Academy. Members from Aurora, King Solomon, Eureka, Orient and Meduncook Lodges in attendance were, left to right: Bro. Steven DePesa, Wor. Eric Blumenthal, Bro. Christopher Ferguson, R.W. Brian Messing, Bro. John Bagley, Bobbi Deetjen, R.W. Russell Thompson, DDGM/9, Bro. Calvin Wilson, Jr. and V.W. Jon Thompson, Jr.

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humiliating, or offensive environment for the mason.

5. Resignation from the Craft

A Freemason who no longer identifies as being a man is required to resign from the Craft. If a person resigns from the Craft, they and their dependents will no longer be eligible for any of the Masonic charities benefits.

6. Exclusion from a Lodge

A Lodge may vote to exclude any member for sufficient cause. The following grounds would constitute sufficient cause:

- a. The fact that a member has legally changed his gender from a male.
- b. The fact that a member identifies as not being male.
- c. The fact that a member is in the process of transition from male to female.
- d. The fact that a member’s attire is generally accepted as a woman’s clothing.

A Lodge may ask a member to resign based on the above grounds.

A Lodge may not at any time require a member to prove that they are legally a man.

7. Amendment

The law and what are considered best practices in this area are developing rapidly. This information may be amended from time to time and so please ensure that you are referring to the latest version.

Respectfully,
 Committee on Amendments to the Constitution
 M.W. A. James Ross, Chairman
 R.W. Jeffrey A. Simonton
 R.W. Patrick C. Whitney

Thoughts from the R.W. Deputy Grand Master

Bro. Daniel E. Bartlett

A prized possession can be defined as the one thing you could not imagine your life without. Something you care for deeply above all else. It could be worth a great deal of money or worth nothing to someone else.

What is the prized possession of your lodge? We have some great artifacts from my lodge that have historical significance to the Mount Desert Island area. My lodge was chartered in the middle 1850's and for more than 166 years a fair amount of memorabilia has been preserved from both my lodge and McKinley Lodge #212 which merged with Tremont Lodge #77 in 1969. The reality is that while those are remarkably interesting to look at and to talk about, they are not the prized possessions of my lodge. For me, the prized possession of my lodge is the men I sit in lodge with. Is there something you cannot imagine your lodge life without? Is the one thing you care for deeply above all else in your lodge the men in the lodge? If not, I would suggest in the most friendly manner that you consider well what makes going to lodge important to you and worthy of your time.

If we have prized possessions in our lives outside of lodge, we usually take excellent care of them. We protect them and make sure they are safe from harm. What connects us to our lodges is not material items. Some of our lodges in Maine have unbelievably valuable and important artifacts but I would respectfully suggest that for most of the membership those material things are not nearly as important or valuable to them as their relationships with their brethren are and their brethren's health and well-being.

Do you take care of your relationships with your brothers? A relationship is a human connection and if that connection is not tended to, it will not thrive and grow. That caring and concern must start right away with our new brethren who have joined our fraternity. We do not get many "do-overs" with a new brother.

Our Grand Master has kicked off an addendum if you will to the Rookie program. Newly initiated members will be provided a lapel pin on the night they are initiated that will help all of us to recognize that the wearer is a new brother who needs not only our assistance in finding his way around but more importantly our care and concern to keep him feeling appreciated and welcome. That newly initiated Mason should always be treated as one of our lodge's most important and prized members. Allowing that Entered Apprentice to sit by himself, looking lost in all the chatter going on with the familiarity that many years of going to lodge brings us, is a short stroll to him making the decision to stay home and not make the effort to come to lodge, just to be ignored.



It is EVERY Freemason's duty and responsibility to protect and nurture that man so that there is no question in his mind that he is now part of something much bigger than himself. Moving forward he will likely emulate that behavior and recognize the importance of the Entered Apprentices coming after him being cared for in the same manner he was and is. It's a long-term commitment Brothers!

I urge you to pay attention when you are in lodge as well as outside of lodge to foster that environment where every single member of your lodge feels that he is deeply cared about and by your actions you have shown him that you cannot imagine the lodge without them. So, when you see a Brother in your travels wearing that pin, reach out your hand! We are all each other's most prized possession.



Freemasonry and the Spanish Flu Pandemic 1918-1920

by *Wor. Michael G. Hopkins,*
PM Maine Lodge of Research

The pandemic of so-called Spanish flu was a deadly outbreak of what we now call the H1N1 Influenza A virus which devastated the world from 1918 to 1920. The first case appeared at an Army base in Kansas on March 4, 1918. A severe flu had been noted elsewhere in Kansas in January 1918, prompting a local doctor to notify the U.S. Public Health Service. Within days of the March 4 case, over 500 soldiers at the army camp were ill. On March 11, a case was reported in Queens, NY and the spread was in full swing.

The first wave of the disease in spring 1918 was comparatively mild. The mortality rates for influenza were higher than the previous year in the US, but not appreciably so. However, a second wave appeared in the fall. Nearly 300,000 people died in the US from October to December, 1918. Moreover, the pandemic expanded into Australia, Africa, and Asia. This second wave was assisted by troop movements in America and Europe and, as the First World War ended in November 1918, by crowds of troops and civilians cheering their return. A third wave, milder than the second, occurred in early 1919 and a fourth in spring 1920 before the pandemic was declared ended.

Overall, this flu pandemic was the greatest plague in world history. In the United States, about 30% of the

population (then 105 million) became infected and between 500,000 and 850,000 died. Nearly 250,000 in Britain and 400,000 in France died. Worldwide, about half a billion people became ill, one-third of the world population. Mortality was difficult to gauge, but a study in the late 1920s estimated global deaths at 21.6 million. Many authorities think that estimate too low and place deaths at over 40 million.

Why was it called the Spanish Flu? The answer has to do with wartime censorship. Reporting on troop deaths among the Allies, which were devastating, was not allowed. However, King Alfonso of Spain became gravely ill and, as Spain was a neutral in World War I, his illness was widely reported on. This fostered the false popular impression that Spain was especially badly affected, which it was not, and eventually that it was the origin of the disease.

Although there was great speculation as to the actual origin, it has never been established to a certainty. However, a 2009 virological study argued that an H1N1 viral mutation occurred in North America in the mid-1910s, leading to the first cases.

As the Grand Lodge of Maine met in Annual Communication on May 7, 1918, it was too early to see the effect of the disease on Maine Masons. America's involvement in the Great War, however, was a major subject of the address of MW Waldo Pettengill and was frequently mentioned in the

Proceedings. The Grand Secretary also reported he had received eighty-five requests to have degrees conferred by courtesy on soldiers. He also reported that a "circular letter" had been sent to all lodge secretaries asking for a list of its members in war service. Although not all lodges responded, the data received allowed an estimate that between eighteen hundred and two thousand of Maine's 32,353 Masons were in some branch of the service. The banner lodge was Naval No. 184 in Kittery, which reported fifty two of its 240 members in service. Ancient Landmark No. 17 of Portland also



The Masonic Temple in Asheville, N.C. offered its property as a place to house infected members of Asheville's African-American community.





Freemasonry and the Spanish Flu *Continued*

reported fifty-seven of its 571 members in various military branches.

At the One Hundredth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine convened May 6, 1919 the effect of the pandemic was clear and frequently mentioned. Grand Master MW Silas B. Adams was unable to attend as he was severely ill. A committee was appointed to visit him at his home in Portland at least daily. MW Adams's report of dispensations for the year was unusually long as it contained twenty-four instances of annual and other meetings of lodges being postponed to comply with orders of the State Board of Health resulting from the influenza epidemic. Public gatherings were prohibited for about six weeks in October of 1918. Grand Lecturer MW Frank Sleeper reported that he had cancelled five schools of instruction from October 22 to November 6, 1918 "owing to the prevalence of influenza, and the ban placed upon public meetings." He did report that he had held a school in Gardiner on November 26 "[A]fter the removal of the ban" but the "attendance was not so large as it would have been were it not for the...dreaded epidemic." The returns for the 1919 reported 769 deaths compared to 608 in 1918.

Masonic charity was greatly displayed during



Seattle police officers masked against infection December 1918.

the Spanish Flu Pandemic. In Pennsylvania, those residents of the Philadelphia Freemasons Hospital who did not have influenza were transferred to the Grand Lodge Infirmary so that the Hospital could become a resource for community members stricken with influenza. In New York, the Masonic Home of Utica was opened to area children with flu. The Superintendent of the Home reported in 1919 that 124 children had been treated there and all recovered.

In North Carolina, the Masonic Temple was made available to the African-American community of Asheville, which had been very hard hit by the pandemic.

By 1920, the Spanish Flu had run its course. The centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Maine occurred with banquet and music. An unprecedented growth of Masonry began. In this one year, over 2,900 men were raised, leading even with deaths and other terminations to a net annual increase of over 2,200 Masons, greatly eclipsing the previous record of 935. So the usual concerns of Masonic and other life gradually returned, as it will for us in our present situation.



Influenza patients crowd into an emergency hospital near Fort Riley, Kansas.





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MAINE MASONIC COLLEGE COURSES

All of the following courses, offered on ZOOM, will begin at 9:00am EST and should be done by 11:00am EST.

On April 17th Luke Shorty and Don McDougal will be teaching the Maine Masonic College's course on the Entered Apprentice Degree

Through the use of lecture, illustration and seminar dialogue, this course seeks to expand the participant's realization of the extraordinary experience which takes place when candidates become Entered Apprentices. Together those involved in this course will seek to explore the expanding space of particular human experience in which the new Masons find themselves. Governing the working geometry of this space are such cardinal points as Ethical Care, Scope of Understanding, Practical Skills and Professional Responsibility as a Mason. As a source of historical perspective, attention will be given to one of the oldest Masonic documents, the Regius Poem, and its significance to the E.A. Degree. Every part of the Degree has a symbolic meaning as well as a literal interpretation. That most important symbolic part will be highlighted and explored.

On May 1st Don McDougal and George MacDougal will be teaching the Maine Masonic College's course on the Fellowcraft Degree.

Through the use of lecture, illustration, and seminar dialogue, this course will expand and hit upon the archetypes, themes, and backgrounds surrounding this degree. It suggests that among all the good attributes of the Masonic environment, it is this opportunity of quest which makes the Fraternity of special importance to men and society today. It is from this degree that plants the seeds for the mission, vision, and direction of the Maine Masonic College.

On May 22nd, Chris Howard will teach a course on Introduction to Symbolism.

This course will provide an introduction to the history, background, and structure of symbolism and how through this lens we can better understand the degrees of Freemasonry and the World around us. It will talk about the role that symbolism has played in cultures, civilization, and our society as a whole.

Zoom links to courses will be emailed to brethren at least a week ahead or you can write to our email if you have questions: info@tobringmorelight.org

#33 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.

Many of you have noticed when driving on the highways that North Carolina’s license plate slogan is “First in Flight”. But is it really? Or should it be the slogan for Ohio?

In this edition of the Minutes we will learn about Orville and Wilbur Wright who made that first historic flight in Kittyhawk, North Carolina, but their business and homes and research and designs were all done in Ohio!! Why North Carolina then? Ohio is short on windy, soft sand dunes!

On a trip to the Outer Banks in North Carolina (known as OBX to those of us who have stayed there!) I saw a brochure in the beach house we were staying in and noticed we were close to Kittyhawk. I mentioned it to my brother, Malcolm and he said we would have plenty of time to go there before my flight home. Wow!! Was it worth it!! I highly recommend stopping into the Wright Brothers memorial if you are anywhere near. It is awesome and inspiring!!!

In the last installment of the Minutes, I said we would discuss another duo who set their sights higher than anyone else had! And boy did they!! The Wright brothers, Orville (August 19, 1871 – January 30, 1948) and Wilbur (April 16, 1867 – May 30, 1912)—were two American aviation pioneers credited with inventing, building, and flying the world’s first successful motor-operated airplane. The brothers gained the mechanical skills essential to their success by working for years in their Dayton, Ohio-based shop with printing presses, bicycles, motors, and other machinery.

It’s interesting to note that when I thought they built

on other people’s past experiences I was both right and wrong. I was right in that they started out working with a glider using some past glider pilot’s successes. But that was the end of their borrowing!! From then on they proved themselves to be the first Aviation Engineers.

They set up their own homemade wind tunnel in Dayton. They did a lot of their experimenting on models in their wind tunnel but in the winter it was off to OXB to try it out for real. The soft dunes and prevailing winds were a big help. They tried it in the summer but the mosquitoes drove them indoors and back to Ohio.

They figured out early on that to succeed they needed to solve ‘The Flying Problem’. This problem was controlling the aircraft around all three axis. In fact, their first U.S. patent did not claim invention of a flying machine, but rather a system of aerodynamic control that manipulated a flying machine’s surfaces. The first problem was Pitch. This is when the aircraft dives for the ground. The second was Yaw. This is when the aircraft turned from side to side while still going forward. And the last was Roll. This is when the aircraft turned like a corkscrew.

Roll: The Brothers solved this problem by creating a wing that

could move in such a way that it worked like it had flaps just like a modern plane. But their wing actually twisted or warped. This controlled Roll by creating high or low pressure where they needed it. (Remember article #20 on the Bernoulli Principle??) Modern aircraft have flaps or ailerons on the outer rear edge of each wing, the two ailerons move in opposite directions, up and down, decreasing lift on one wing while increasing it on the other. This causes the airplane to roll to the left or right.

Pitch: The Brothers didn’t have a tail like a modern



Orville and Wilbur Wright, 1910

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The Wright Brothers *Continued*

aircraft but instead had a long nose. This was to help with pitch. On modern aircraft there is a tail section with shorter ‘wings’. This horizontal tail surface, the elevator, tilts up or down, decreasing or increasing lift on the tail. This tilts the nose of the airplane up and down and controls the pitch.

Yaw: Another huge discovery was the rudder in the back. Most people figure that is how a plane turns like in a ship but the brothers realized it didn’t work like that in the air. The rudder kept the plane facing in the direction it was going. This is called yaw. A plane can spin on its axis while still flying forward. On modern aircraft the vertical tail fin, the rudder swivels from side to side, pushing the tail in a left or right direction. A pilot usually uses the rudder along with the ailerons to turn the airplane.

They also invented a new type of propeller. Yes, propellers were used in ships but those propellers were more like screws used by Archimedes (see Articles 13, 14, and 15) and ‘pushed’ water. The Wright Brother’s propeller was actually a wing that

spun creating low pressure in front of it and high pressure behind it to propel the plane forward.

They flew in turns just like you can imagine competing brothers would. You can follow along their final flight paths and see how they improved with every flight they each made until Wilbur (the older brother of course) flew for over 852 feet in 59 seconds. It was then that they knew they had done it and accomplished their dream of being the first in flight!!



First Flyer.



Alna-Anchor Lodge Helps feed Mid-coast Community

In March, Alna-Anchor Lodge in Damariscotta donated \$300 to the local food pantry located in Newcastle. In this photo Ellen Dickens, who runs the food pantry, receives the check from Wor. Jonathan Eaton, Senior Warden Jessie Diautie and Junior Warden Raymond Alden.



The 'Travelling East' Friendship Gavel

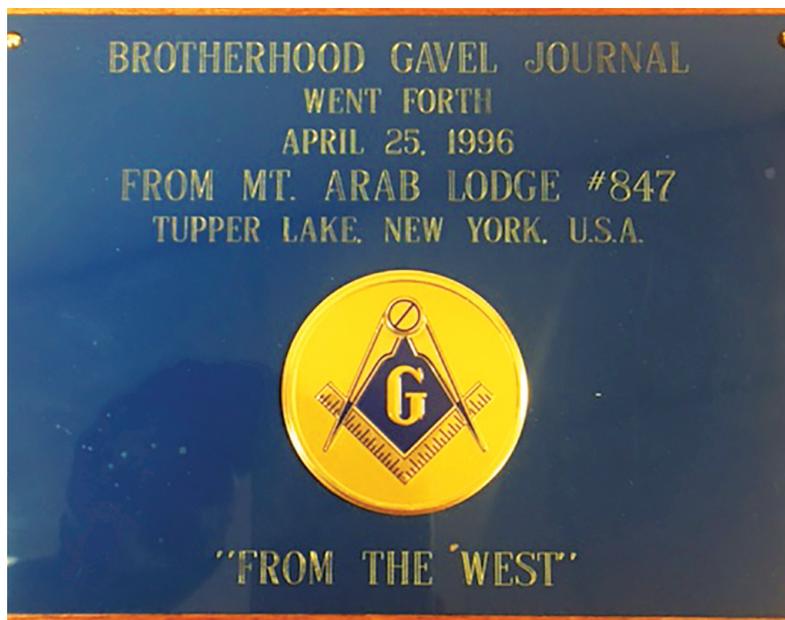
By Brother Pat Holt, Siloam Lodge

Several members of Siloam lodge #92 in Fairfield took a February 25th road trip to Casco Lodge #36 in Yarmouth to participate in an E.A. Degree for a friend. Five Siloam brethren either took a chair or delivered lectures while others filled the sidelines. It was a very enjoyable evening and the degree work was excellent.

A short time later, March 5th to be exact, Siloam Lodge was visited by Wor. Daniel Ward, Master of Casco Lodge and his lodge brother, Peter Gordon. They had traveled the nearly 70 miles from Yarmouth to Fairfield to present Siloam brethren with a special gift. It was a Traveling Friendship Gavel that had made its way from Mt. Arab Lodge #847 in Tupper lake, NY to Casco Lodge before arriving at Siloam Lodge.

Along its 25-year journey, the Gavel has stopped at 28 lodges in four states.

Its journey is far from complete. Although stalled for a time by the Covid pandemic, the Gavel has since travelled to Star in the West Lodge in Unity. It'll then be carried to Unity Lodge #58 in Thorndike and other lodges in Maine's 12th Masonic District before continuing east as it continues its global journey.



The Gavel doesn't travel alone. It arrived in a wooden display stand/case, in which pertinent information, photos, maps, brochures, and a log book complete with brief histories that have been added along the way to fill out the story of this act of friendship crafted by R.W. Victor Phillips of Mt. Arab Lodge.

There's also a request that each visited lodge display the gavel and use it to open and close at least one meeting before travelling on. There's also the request that a delegation of brethren carry the gavel to its next lodge, generally travelling towards the east.

The ultimate goal is that the gavel will travel around the globe before returning to its starting point at Mt. Arab Lodge.



Brother Dwight Marshall; a profile of determination

Brother Dwight Marshall, a Past District Deputy Grand Master of District 8, was recently invited to address students at Mount View High School in Thorndike. The teenagers were impressed with our Brother's inspiring story, "right into it," Brother Dwight said. We think you will be, too. Here is Dwight Marshall's story of grit, determination, encouragement and success, a story he's willing to share with other audiences of any age.

Early in December of 1985, Brother Dwight Marshall, PDDGM/8, experienced a life-changing event. A Belfast firefighter since 1974, his life, but not his career path, changed forever when a fire call came in at an auto salvage and used car business on Waterville Road.

As he recalls the story "I arrived on the scene just as the first fire truck arrived. I went to the truck to don bunker pants, boots, coat, helmet and a Scott Air Pack."

As he was getting his gloves, Dwight heard an explosion. He turned and saw a propane tank shooting out of the building like a missile. The tank flew more than 80 feet, striking Dwight. "Suddenly I was on the ground," he recalls. "I felt no pain, but I knew something wasn't right. I looked at my legs; the tank was there with flames coming 3 to 4 feet from the bottom of it. One of the firefighters wrapped his belt around my leg to stop the bleeding. The hose on the air pack had pinched off under my arm. I couldn't breathe. A firefighter stripped off my mask." There was no ambulance on the scene so one of the firemen drove to the station and was back in seven or eight minutes ready to transport me to Waldo County Hospital.

Doctors were waiting when we arrived, ready to do what was needed. The doctor said they would have sent me to a hospital in Boston if the leg could have been reattached.

I was alert the whole time until they wheeled me into the operating room to clean up the wound. The next morning I peeked under the sheet. What a shock! My left leg was gone from about four inches above the knee.

Later that day, the nurse arrived to start my physical therapy. I convinced her not to do it that day but early the next morning she was back. I didn't realize how fast your muscles tighten up. It was so painful I yelled out. In a few days PT was

less painful; It worked so well and made such a difference in my recovery and my future.

When the fire chief came to see me, I told him I would write up my resignation from the department as soon as I could. His eyes and facial expression left no doubt what he thought about that.. "Go ahead," he said, "and I will tear it up and throw it into the wastebasket."

His words made me start figuring out what I was going to do now that my life had changed. Growing up, I knew what handicaps were all about. My father had curvature of the spine. Despite that he worked five janitor jobs at the same time. I also had a wheelchair-bound cousin, never able to walk. Knowing them and their



Brother Dwight with his first prosthesis. Technology has really changed," he says.



The propane tank missile that took off Dwight's leg.



Brother Marshall *Continued*

attitudes toward life gave me courage to push forward to improve my life.

I was in the hospital on my 37th birthday. It was December 8th. The staff threw me a birthday party. Lots of people came to see me and gave me even more encouragement to think positive, work harder to get stronger to be able to use a wheelchair, crutches, a walker and a cane. I also received a lot of support and encouragement from fire departments, churches, police departments and from folks I didn't know. What encouraged me most, I think, was the encouragement and a donation I received from the prisoners at Thomaston State Prison.

After 21 days and four surgeries, I went home with crutches. There was a lot more PT to come, both at home and at hospital. One day while walking outside with my crutches, I fell in the snow. I ended up with shallow-breathing pneumonia and 10 more days in the hospital. In February, I went to the prosthetic office to see if I would be interested in using an artificial leg. We decided it would be a good thing. At my next appointment, they made a mold of the shape of my stump. Then a training leg. Another shock to see that leg for the first time.

It was difficult getting used to walking with the prosthetic leg. But I was determined to do it. I didn't want to spend the rest of my life in a wheelchair.

One day in the back yard I was walking and my sneaker came off. I was disappointed and angry at the way my life had changed, how I couldn't do things the way I used to. Frustrated, I picked up the sneaker and threw it. My mother had seen the whole incident; we had a good laugh about my sneaker incident.

There have been other interesting challenges. I was in Belfast one afternoon when I saw the police chief. He advised me that I must take a vehicle road test because of the loss of my left leg. I mailed in the paper work and waited for the date to appear. Not wanting to be restricted to an automatic transmission I took the test in my standard shift 1973 Bronco. After close to an hour on the road, doing everything as if I'd never driven before, I passed. That made me very happy.

The following October I went back to the fire department and to my full-time job at Mathews Brothers.

My second week back at the fire department, they had a recertification class on Scott Air Packs. I decided to take it and the chief okayed it. I had to go through the class just like everyone else. The final part

of the test was climbing a ladder and bringing a person down while carrying him over your shoulder. I did it. I passed the class. The chief gave me two jobs after that. The first was safety officer. The second, and best, was working with our Scott Air Pack team. When the fire-fighters came back out of a burning building, I would check how they were breathing and how many times they had been inside. Had they been inside twice, I'd ask them to take a break. When it was time to re-enter I'd change the air tank on their back and send them back in.

Even with my prosthetic leg, I have continued to go into the woods and cut firewood with a chainsaw, rototill two gardens and help plant them, work in my wood shop and do almost all the things I've wanted to do. As a member of Excelsior Masonic Lodge #151 in Northport, I've helped with the Bikes for Books program in four schools.

After 32 years of service in the Belfast Fire Department I retired in 2006. I have spent almost half of my life, 34 years, walking with my prosthetic leg. Because I'm so active I have worn out 14 prosthetic legs since 1986. Technology has changed a lot over the years.

As he closed his presentation, Brother Dwight had words of encouragement and advice for the young students in his audience. "Remember," he told them, "no matter what life brings before you, no matter if it's the worst time you have ever experienced, think positive that you can overcome that obstacle and move forward. Work hard and say, 'I can do this' and push yourself. You will be proud of what you accomplish. And you will be a better person because of it. Your family, your friends and others will be proud of you too.

"Thank you for listening. I hope this presentation will be helpful to you. By listening, you have given me the opportunity to continue giving back.

"And remember," he advised his attentive young listeners, "life has no promises."



Brother Dwight Marshall and wife Pat.



Freemasonry in Maine book continues to please brethren

“I’ve been a Mason for 65 years and have never received anything like this before,” said a member of Siloam Lodge in Fairfield after receiving a copy of the book *Freemasonry in Maine*. “This is great!” Similar expressions of appreciation have been received from many other lodge members as Wor. Paul Dunbar calls to check on his Brethren. Siloam and 16 other lodges have purchased a book for every lodge member.

Despite the pandemic, most Maine lodges have been meeting in person since last June and are conferring degrees on candidates eager to advance in Masonry. Attendance is steadily increasing, and many lodges are again hosting dinners before meetings.

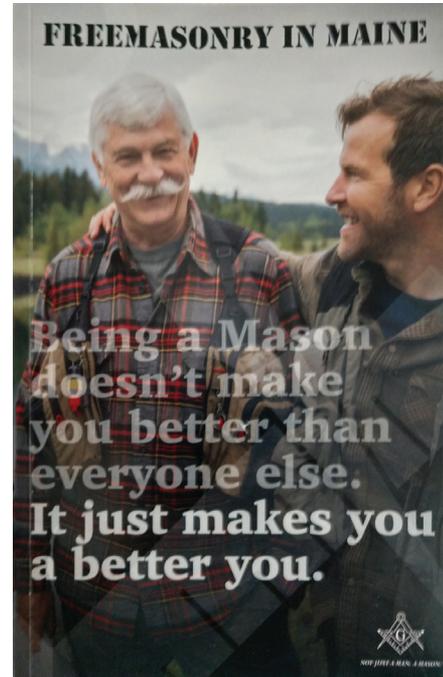
Compare that to Italy where a Brother said no meetings have been held in 14 months and none are in sight. A Scottish Brother affirmed the same plight and added that no meetings are expected until at least everyone over age 50 is vaccinated. Our Grand Master and lodge leaders have lead the Craft with caution and diligence over the past year keeping in mind the safety and interests of all concerned.

Maine Masons are applauded for checking to see how their Brothers are doing and if they have any needs that might be satisfied by our brotherhood. It’s also good to see Brethren planning ways to raise funds during and after the pandemic, cleaning up their lodge halls, and updating contact information on our Brethren and Masonic widows.

Most of all, it’s great to see so many Brothers pursuing more light in Masonry during the pandemic. Might you join with others in learning a piece of degree ritual or a special charge to our grand old flag, to close the Lodge, or to present the white leather apron or dues card to new Masons? All Brethren are encouraged to listen to Maine’s own Brother Michael Smith’s podcasts of Short Talk Bulletins that have been written over the past 100 years.

Thousands of Maine Masons are reading the new book *Freemasonry in Maine* and sharing it with family members and potential Masons. What better way to gain a better understanding of our great fraternity and maybe even encourage someone to join? Since our Grand Master was installed last May, nearly all 5,000 copies of the book have been purchased and 2,500 additional books are now being printed.

You may purchase copies of *Freemasonry in Maine* and the challenge coins at the May 4th Annual Communication at Anah Shrine (attendance will be limited and is by invitation only), or by calling the Grand Lodge office at 207-843-



1086 Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The book is available from Grand Lodge for only \$5 plus shipping charges. Or you may buy books and coins by contacting Bro. Tom Pulkkinen at TEPulkkinen@aol.com / 207-350-9525. The book is a great way to tell our families and friends about Freemasonry and why they might want to consider joining too.

You may purchase copies of *Freemasonry in Maine* and the challenge coins at the May 4th Annual Communication at Anah Shrine.

Eastern Lodge #7 62-year Member

Brother Ashton E. Hamilton visited the Grand Lodge office on March 2 to receive his 55 and 60-year stars from M.W. Rich Nadeau. Bro. Hamilton has been a member of Eastern Lodge #7 of Eastport since March 30, 1959.



to the editor

To the Editor:

It's a good day when I receive The Maine Mason and to know the Grand Lodge never forgets widows.

This magazine is so special with so many interesting articles and some bring back memories of my Dad's (raised in 1920) and husband's Maonic years.

My husband was on the go in the 1960s and 1970s with Capital City Chapter Order of DeMolay and then saw many of these young men become active masons.

As a long-time Eastern Star member I enjoy reading what is happening in the Masonic lodges.

Many blessings to all of the elected officers of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Sincerely,
Arlene N. White
Jefferson, ME

To the Editor:

In some ways it may not be true that "The times they are a-changin'," as Bob Dylan proclaimed!!

I came across the following the other night in the Preface of the History of Pacific Lodge Number 64 compiled in 1889.

("... if they will only come.")

"The older Brothers have gone to their reward, and many of *the others are far afield in worldly pursuits in this life of faster tempo*, while the younger carry on with now and then an oldster pinch hitting on occasion.

Pacific never was a Lodge to open early, *we had many farmers who with five or ten miles to come after chores, and with a team*, we were lucky if they could come at all. I don't know what the excuse is now but lets let that pass if they will only come."

And this was 132 years ago.

This might ring a bell with a few. We can only hope!

Bro. Anonymous

All It Took Was a Phone Call

by Brother Don Pratt, PJGW

Brother Leon Crockett's wife was severely injured in an automobile accident, necessitating construction of a ramp at their home. That need set in motion a well-coordinated effort that resulted in a ramp being installed in a timely fashion.

Members of Kennebec Lodge #5, Hallowell, Dirigo Lodge #104, Weeks Mills, Village Lodge #26, Bowdoinham and firefighters from Farmingdale came together in fraternal friendship to install the ramp and offer encouragement and support to the family. As one brother noted, "Even in a pandemic a socially distant work party is possible!"

Brother Crockett is a member of Kennebec Lodge and a Lieutenant with the Farmingdale Fire Department.



Brother Leon Crockett thanking the volunteers.

A Maine Brother in Kansas, 1872, "Shot by a Desperado"

by Brother Don McDougal

A few years ago, while tracing Ward ancestors buried in the China Village Cemetery, I saw a gravestone with a Square & Compass at the top bearing the inscription "Shot by a Desperado in Wellington Kansas Apr 27, 1872". I ran across the photo again late last year and became more curious. I found Wellington, KS on Google Maps and saw that the **Chisholm Trail Museum** is located there. I contacted Museum staff and forwarded a photo of the stone, the geology I had found at **maxfieldgenology.com**, and a request - "Any wild chance there are any records to expand on the message on the stone?"

They returned a nice response and link to an article, posted on **Newspapers.com**, published on page 3 by the **Wichita Eagle**, Wichita Kansas 3 May 1872, Fri.

"Swift on the heels of the killing of three men at Caldwell, all within a few days, comes the news of a bloody tragedy enacted at Wellington, some fifty miles below here. On Saturday last two men, whose names are respectively Lynch and Hopkins, were on a spree together, or drinking in the same saloon, then an altercation ensues and Lynch drew his revolver and fired at Hopkins, the ball missing him and penetration the heart of a Mr. Maxfield, one of the town proprietors who was sitting near. Maxfield was dead before he struck the floor. Lynch got in two more shots, one through Hopkins thighs and the other through his own leg and foot by dropping his pistol to his side when re-cocking. Hopkins will recover Lynch was called upon by the vigilantes of Caldwell, on Monday night last, taken from the constable, whose hands were tied, and hung to a tree until dead. Maxfield it seems, was a member of their organization. Lynch, it is said, was a frontier desperado."

The family genealogy had the following.

" DANA HANSON⁷ MAXFIELD

b. at China on 17 February 1842 (NMGR 7:65)

military: from 18 September 1861 to 14 April 1863 in Civil War (MSSMCW 2:701)

Dana H. Maxfield, private, of China, Me., 20, farmer, enlisted and mustered Sep 18 1861, wounded Jun 27 1862 Gaines' Mill, Va.; discharged for dis-



ability Apr. 14, 1863 Alexandria, Va.; 22d Regt., Co. I.

Census 1870 at Toulon, IL (278:1:453A) in hotel

Maxfield, Dana H. 29 M W merchant-hardware personal estate \$1000 b. ME

d. at Wellington, Ks, on 27 April 1872 (unmarried) (VR Me)

Wellington, Kansas: Dana B. Maxfield, res. China, Me., Male, White, single, age 30 y b. China. father: William Maxfield, farmer; mother: Mary. d. 1872-4-27 shot by a desperado. bur. China Village Cemetery, China, Me. "

After discharge from the 22nd Regiment for "disability" in 1863, he appears to have become a bit of an entrepreneur. He was listed in the 1870 census as living in a hotel in Toulon, Illinois as a merchant operating a hardware store. In 1872, he was a

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"town proprietor" in Wellington, Kansas - fifty miles south of the northern end of the Chisholm Trail which was in Wichita, KS. There he was somehow involved in the economics connected with the booming Texas cattle business of shipping beef from Texas to Eastern markets.

The Chisholm trail was not a single marked road or trail. Rather it was a general line running from Texas north to a railhead in Kansas where cattle could be loaded on cars and shipped to Eastern markets. The railheads moved south as railroads expanded. To provide enough grazing, herds of cattle going north were spread over a broad area along this line and driven slowly in order to gain weight during the drive north.

Sources like: Kansas Historical Society, Legends of America, okhistory.org, history.net, fortworth.com, Texas Historical Society, and texastimetravel.com report that, after the Civil War, cattle selling at \$2 - \$4 in Texas brought \$15 to \$25 in Kansas and were worth as high as \$40 in Chicago. In 1867 a herd of 2,400 steers driven from Texas to Abilene became the first of an estimated 5,000,000 cattle to walk from Texas to Kansas over the Chisholm Trail. Between 1867 and 1871 more than 3 million head of cattle were driven north. Cattle herds ranged from 5-600 head to one reported at 10,000 head but the average herd ranged from 2500 to 3000 head. Drives started in the spring and after about two months would arrive at the railhead in Kansas. The crew con-

sisted of a trail boss, responsible for organizing and managing the drive, a cook - who usually drove the chuckwagon, a horse wrangler responsible for the 120-150 horses, and the 12 to 15 cowboys required to drive the herd north. Allowing time for grazing, herds moved about 10 miles per day. At that pace, the cattle (longhorns) could gain 100 pounds apiece by the time they got to the railhead. At one time the Chisholm Trail stretched eight hundred miles from South Texas through Oklahoma to Kansas. Abilene was the destination from 1867 to 1870; later Newton 1871, Wichita 1872, and by 1880 in Caldwell, Kansas.

Railheads - cow towns - often developed into rough places due to actions of cowboys blowing their wages in saloons drinking, gambling, and entertaining "saloon girls". However, they also contributed significantly to the local economy with purchases of boots, clothing, lodging, etc.

Given the April date, the "Desperado" who "Shot" Brother Dana Maxfield Saturday April 27, 1872 would probably not have been a recently paid off drover. We must speculate on just who was this "Desperado" Lynch - lynched by vigilantes Monday April 29, 1872.

We are left to ponder: Here we have a young Maine man actively involved with the economics of the national westward expansion - How many other unrecorded stories about Brothers have occurred during the past 200 years of Maine Masonry?



Brother Ken "Jim" Ward was awarded his 50-year Veterans Medal in his living room by R.W. Brother Michael Philbrick, Sr., DDGM/11 on January 23. Brother Ward no longer drives at night and was pleased to receive the honor at home with his daughter, Donna, looking on. Wor. Joshua Hooper, PM of Temple Lodge and District 11 Ritual Instructor read Bro. Ward's Masonic biography. Also attending was R.W. Brian Farrington, PDDGM/11

Experiences of Maine Lobsterman Captured in New Book

The Life of a Maine Fisherman has just been published by Penobscot Books, a division of Penobscot Bay Press, Inc., located in Stonington. Publisher Nat Barrows is a member of Marine Lodge #122 in Deer Isle, as was the late author, Andrew Gove.

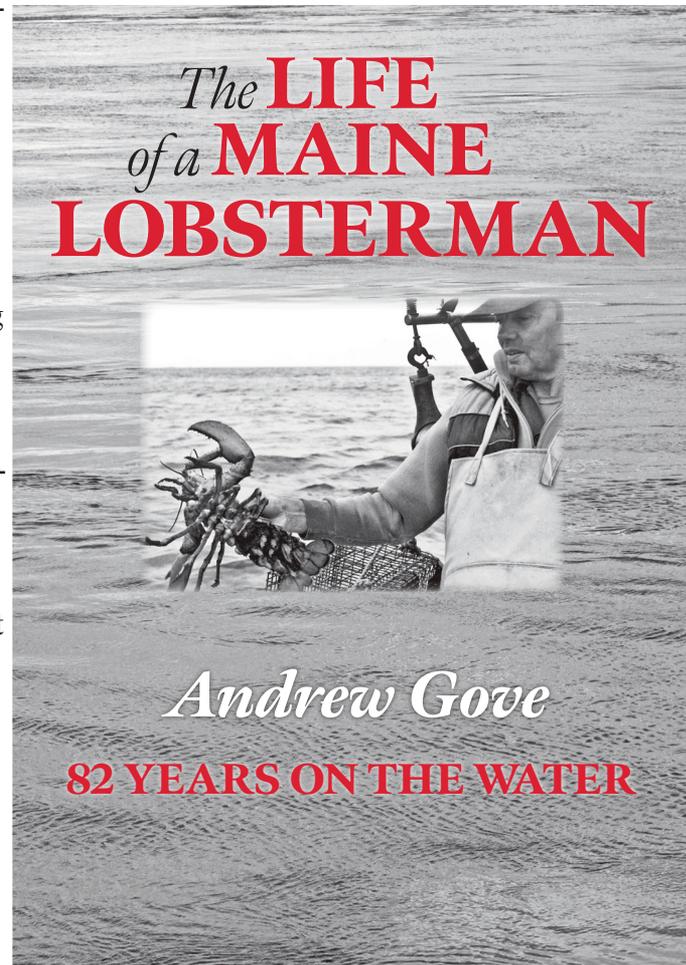
Gove represents a disappearing Maine culture. In 1937, at age 7, he started lobstering Eagle island in Downeast Maine, and didn't quit for 82 years. That hard-work ethic stemmed directly from his upbringing on Eagle island, one that focused on family interdependence, self sufficiency, trust and honesty – concepts he exhibited throughout his entire life.

Gove was always a hard worker on the water, fishing lobster, halibut and herring out of Stonington. He was always willing to lend a hand to those in distress, whether on his boat or in his plane. But he also knew how to play and participated in the Maine Lobsterboat Races for many years, winning a multitude of times.

His memoir is written with warmth, humor and humility, told in his own words and unique voice. It resonates with his love, compassion and commitment to family, friends, work and animals. Despite his passion for lobstering, Andy avowed, "I'd rather have a friend than a barrel of lobsters any day."

"This memoir speaks to all of us" says publisher Nat Barrows, "for those of us whose lives Andy touched directly as he did mine for 50 years, this memoir is a reminder and reinforcement of our shared experiences. For those who come to know him through this book, the legacy of his life's lessons is here for all."

The Life of a Maine Lobsterman is 196 pages with 156 photographs, \$37.95. Visit penbaypress.me to place an order or call 207-374-2341 or email books@pbp.me.



R.W. Brother Bill Chapman, DDGM/7 recently presented Deborah Vannah, Director of the Washington Food pantry with a \$1,000 check from local Masons and the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation. Wor. Bill Mitchell, Master of Mt. Olivet Lodge in Washington was also on hand to represent his lodge. The food pantry currently assists 40 families a month.



Left to right: Deborah Vannah, Wor. Bill Mitchell, RW Bill Chapman

Village Lodge Among Maine lodges Feeding the Hungry

by Steve Edmondson, Village Lodge #26

Village Lodge is proud of its ongoing support of the many local agencies that serve area citizens in need. Two of those agencies are the Richmond and Bowdoinham Food Banks. For the past five years, Village Lodge has participated in the annual Bowdoinham Farm Days which highlight locally grown produce and meats. Members of Village Lodge assisted at the BBQ meal by aiding in the set-up, food prep, serving and cleaning after the meal. As a result, the Town of Bowdoinham donated \$600 to the Lodge which we then applied to Grand Lodge for the double matching grant and thus were able to donate \$800 each to the two Food Banks.

Then came the Coronavirus. Like most public functions, the Farm Days event was canceled for 2020. Realizing the need for food assistance is perhaps greater now than ever before, we sought a remedy for the lack of our annual donation.

At a recent 14th DOA meeting, Susan Scacchi, Director of the Maine Mason Charitable Foundation, attended and provided an overview of the Foundation, describing the available matching grant programs and how



Wor. William Stackpole delivers \$800 check to Rae Webster from the Richmond Food Bank.

to apply during these times of COVID-19. Among her suggestions was using social media. VW Peter Warner ran with this and posted the story on local Facebook pages of our inability to raise money for the Food Banks and asked for \$5 donations from the public. We hoped for 100 families to step up so we could turn that \$500 into \$1500 with the double-matching grant program.

Having grown up in this area, it came as no surprise to learn that not one but two separate individuals contacted us and offered to donate the entire \$600 we usually receive at Farm Days. Wanting this to be a community fund raiser, we asked them to hold on to their generous offers until the community stepped up. Within a week, we received enough smaller donations that we went back to the two original donors and asked they simply make up the difference. We expedited the process wanting to make sure the donations made it to the Food Banks before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Once we had our \$600, we submitted the appropriate paperwork to the Masonic Charitable Foundation and were able to keep our annual donations of \$800 each to the area Food Banks.



Sally Cluchey, from the Bowdoinham Food Bank, receives \$800 check from Wor. William Stackpole.



Aurora Lodge at Work Assisting Community Youth



Members of Aurora Lodge #50 in Rockland present a check for \$1000 to Joseph Huffnagel of The Landing Place which is a comprehensive youth program serving resilient but often marginalized youth in Mid-Coast Maine. Aurora Lodge's efforts were supplemented by the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation through the Masons Assisting Communities (MAC) program. Left to right: Brother John Bagley, Brother Lowell Jones, Joseph Huffnagel, Wor. Eric Blumenthal, R.W. Russell Thompson, DDGM/9 and V.W. Jon Thompson.

13 Preble Lodge #143 Past Masters Receive Past Master Certificates



Past Masters of Preble Lodge, Sanford, gathered to receive Past Masters Certificates. Behind the masks they are: Robert Ferguson, Fred Brooks, David Bianchi, Peter Baker, Rene Doiron, Richard Winchenbaugh, Joe Laroche, Presiding Master Wayne Johnson, John DeRosie, Jerre Place, Riley Greenwood, Eric Logan, Bill DeRosie, and Curt Kimball. The Past Master's Degree will be conferred at Preble Lodge for Preble Past Masters on Wednesday, 5 May.



Masonic Lodges for Women in 18th Century France

By Brother Charles Plummer, PSGW

The creation of Masonic Lodges for women in 18th Century France that took place sometime between the 1730s or 1740s was certainly a very interesting milestone and chapter in the history of Freemasonry. They were chartered by the Grand lodge of France and given the name “Maçonnerie d’Adoption” which means “Masonry of Adoption and were referred to in the English language as Lodges of Adoption.

This seems to be a very appropriate name because the word adopt is defined as “to take by choice into a relationship,” and “to accept formally and put into effect.” I would add that members of the Lodges of Adoption fully realized that they had been taken into a relationship with the Freemasons in France as a result of an amendment to the constitution of Grand lodge, and would be governed by the same.

I have asked myself the question, “Why did the Grand Lodge of France decide to take this course of action?” but the answer would be pure speculation on my part. When asked the question by a Freemason, he wrote that “the reason men allowed females to join was because the practice of Freemasonry was a practical means of giving to their wives and daughters some share of the pleasures they themselves enjoyed in their mystical assemblies.” I will leave it up to you, the reader, to ponder that answer.

Initially, many Freemasons did not approve of the creation of lodges of Adoption and stated that they were unfavorable towards the “Pseudo-masonic and androgynous associations.” For those unfamiliar with the word androgynous, it means “having traditional male and female roles obscured or reversed.”

Certain rules were adopted to govern the Lodges of Adoption and the following three were particularly important: (1) No males except regular Freemasons were permitted to attend Lodge of Adoption meetings. (2) Each Lodge was placed under the charge and

sanction of a regularly constituted lodge of Masons whose master, or in his absence deputy, would act as presiding officer, assisted by a female President or Mistress. (3) Four degrees of rank were established for women with the first degree being Apprentice, the second Craftswoman, the third Mistress, and the fourth Perfect Mistress. One lodge was known to have a fifth degree named Sublime Scotswoman.

The ritual of the lodges of Adoption differed from those of regular Masonic lodges and were very interesting. It included no reference to the symbolism of tools and instead used the following symbols from the Bible; Eve’s Apple, Noah’s Ark and the Tower of Babel.

Over a span of years, many Lodges of Adoption were chartered and they held several special events. One that was particularly memorable took place in 1778 at the Quadruple Lodge of Adoption when American Ambassador to France, Benjamin Franklin, was honored.

For some reason the Grand Lodge of France abandoned the idea of maintaining its Lodges of Adoption and they came to an end sometime in the 1800s. Obviously there is a lot more to the story and the grand lodge of France Archives must contain a wealth of information that would be very informative and interesting.

In closing this article I will ask you, the reader, the following question to think about: With the continuing decline in membership that the Masonic Fraternity is experiencing, do you think there might be a possibility that in the future American Freemasonry will allow women to become members? If a poll were taken on this question by Freemasons, I can’t help but wonder what the results would be. What do you think?



For any Brother who might wonder, there appears to be a continuing interest among some French women to become Freemasons. More information on the subject can be found by searching *Women’s Grand Lodge of France* on the internet.

Maine Masons Continue to Help Feed the Hungry



On March 10, Lincoln Lodge #3 of Wiscasset, distributed \$3000 in MAC grants and Lincoln Lodge grants to local Food Banks. Lodge funds were collected during our annual collection at Ames Supply in Wiscasset. Pictured in the photo, left to right: Jeff Crafts, Church of the Nazarene, Mike Cromwell, Westport Island Willing Workers, Gabriel DiPerri, St. Phillips Church, and Wor. Ken Boyd.

Members of Ira Berry Lodge #128, Blue Hill, recently had the pleasure of presenting a check for \$500 from the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation to the Tree of Life Food pantry in Blue Hill as part of the Masons Assisting Communities (MAC) Program. Maine Lodges and the Foundation have contributed more than \$45,000 to local non-profits so far in 2021. Pictured at right are Peter Clapp and Blaise deSibour from Ira Berry Lodge and Deb Case and John Clapp from the Tree of Life Food Pantry. The food pantry was extremely pleased to receive the gift and is very thankful to the Masons for making it possible.



Camden American Legion Receives Check from Masons

On February 22, members of War Memorial Post 30 American Legion were presented with a check from Federal Lodge No 6 of Masons in Rockport. The check was a grant from the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation presented to a fellow nonprofit agency who remains involved with their local communities.

The check was presented to Post 30 1st Vice Commander Skip Pierce by R.W. Bill Chapman, the District Deputy Grand Master, assisted by Joe Corrado, Worshipful Master of Federal Lodge.

According to Pierce the money will be used to upgrade the posts interior lighting which has been in use since the building was constructed. He said this upgrade will make it more cost efficient concerning our electricity use and will make it better for those using the building.



Eastport Masons Support Local Food Pantry



Pictured here are Eastern Lodge #7 Wor. Master Mark Cook, left, Lindy McClellen, and Wor. Stephen Cannon as the brethren present a check for \$500 from the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation to the Eastport Labor of Love Food Pantry in Eastport, Maine.

Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

**Thomas E. Pulkkinen, PGM and Grand Recorder,
Red Cross of Constantine for Maine**

Throughout our Masonic experience, significant teachings of God and man remain hidden from plain sight, unexplained during the degrees and left to the curiosity of the individual brother to explore, interpret, understand, and apply to his personal life and relationships.

The pursuit of a more robust understanding and practice of our Masonic teachings is essential to each of us, to Freemasonry and to society. Many of us have heard Grand Master Richard Nadeau express his feelings that “we are at a pivotal point in the world and that by practicing the lessons of Freemasonry each of us can help to tip the scales of humanity in favor of love and affection toward each other.” The hopes that he has for us can be fulfilled only through personal curiosity and introspection on how best to apply the lessons to which he refers.

For example, have you ever wondered why the Entered Apprentice Degree mentions the “Great Books of Nature and Revelation” seemingly without any further reference or elaboration in the three degrees?

Or what is the significance to our lives of advancing by a “flight of winding stairs,” versus by steps laid one to another in a straight line. Life does not proceed to its conclusion on a lineal path; the curious Mason will discover that the winding staircase represents the unpredictable and ever-changing path we follow through life, requiring us to alter course based upon what God places in our way.

Words were purposefully selected and woven into our Masonic ritual. Their value is usually not in the words per se, but in the application of the underlying philosophy of life that should be shared from mouth to ear, from soul to soul. One such message within the Red Cross of Constantine emphasizes how we should care for one another by exercising our Biblical as well as Masonic responsibilities.

Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

Cruising by river through Europe, travelers are awed by the great cathedrals with sturdy flying buttresses and tall, ornate spires on the outside; and majestic works of

religious art – created by the Masters of hundreds of years ago – within their vaulted chambers.

Approaching a circa 1500s cathedral, the tour guide started talking about “The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy” that are delineated in the ritual of the Red Cross of Constantine. They are:

- To feed the hungry.
- To give water to the thirsty.
- To clothe the naked.
- To shelter the homeless.
- To visit the sick.
- To ransom the captive.
- To bury the dead.



“Adoration of the Magi” painted by Deodat del Monte in the early 1600s, on display at the Cathedral of Our Lady in Antwerp, Belgium, construction of which began in 1352.

The first six of these works are ways by which we help, aid, and assist one another with their physical needs. They come directly from Matthew 25: verses 31-40. The importance ascribed to each of us performing these acts is reinforced by the words of James 2:26. “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

Satisfying these physical needs represents the foundational basis for the brotherly relief provided by the Grand Lodge of Maine Charitable Foundation and the Scottish Rite Grand Almoner. Such works by Freemasons demonstrate our faith by doing good works

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in His name!

One of the early members of the Order of DeMolay – the 107th – was once asked “What is your faith, and what part has it played in your life achievement?” His written response was entitled “Deeds, Rather Than Words.” He went on to say:

“Later in DeMolay, I learned to believe in the basic principle of the right of man to exercise his faith and thoughts as he chooses. In DeMolay, we believe in a supreme being, in the fellowship of man, and the sanctity of the home. DeMolay stands for all that is good for the family and for our country.” That member of DeMolay was Walt Disney.

The seventh act of mercy – to bury the dead – was added in the second century. To me, there is no more important Masonic ceremony than conducting memorial services for our departed brethren. These services are much more than gathering to say goodbye to a friend and expressing sympathy to his loved ones. They are to celebrate a homecoming.

Remembering those who have left us is central to the Scottish Rite celebration of the Pascal Lamb and to one of the Ancient Landmarks of Blue Lodge Masonry –

The Hiram Legend. Masons gather on these occasions to remember the life of a man who has completed his earthly journey in that “ark” that we understand to represent his faith in God. We are confident that his soul is now “anchored” for eternity in that house in heaven not built with hands, free of all that may have troubled him during life. What a powerful message to people of faith!

Brethren, please consider my urging to search out and understand the important lessons contained within our Masonic rituals. Ask your Brethren to explore the meaning of a piece of ritual and share in a time of mutual enlightenment during each Masonic meeting. By inculcating these teachings in our daily lives, we allow Freemasonry to fulfill its purpose to help make good men better. Freemasonry is, as Walt Disney might say, all about “Deeds, Rather Than Words.”

Membership in the Red Cross of Constantine is by invitation to Freemasons of the Christian faith who are also members of a York Rite Chapter. The Grand Imperial Council of Maine is one of the oldest Red Cross of Constantine governing bodies in the world following by only ten years that for England and Wales. Conclaves are in Sanford, Portland, Auburn, Augusta and Bangor.



Front elevation of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter in Cologne, Germany. The flying buttresses are the spider-like arms that support the main edifice. This engineering innovation allowed building thinner walls than previously and by so doing add the beautiful stained glass windows.



Six Generations and 71 years a Mason

Brother Peter Frati lives in Brunswick and is a member of Meridian Lodge #25, Pittsfield and an affiliate member of United Lodge #8 in Brunswick.

After reading the article about sending one's family heritage, and celebrating his 92nd birthday, Brother Peter, a 71-year member of the Craft, thought about the positive influence being a Mason has made in his life.

He then researched and documented the Masonic members of his family, deceased and living. "It is a heritage, six generations strong, I am grateful for," Peter writes. He goes on to say, "My son-in-law, John Gillis, who's pictured here with his son, Chad, and me, celebrated his 70th birthday last August 23. He suffered a heart attack two days later, August 25th, and died. That makes this submission of my family history more poignant."

Here's Brother Peter's remarkable family Masonic history. It started with Walter Hellenbrand, Sr. Raised in 1876, he joined the Scottish Rite in 1906. His son, Walter, Jr, also a Mason, had a daughter, Alice, who married Enrico Frati, who was a Past Master of Benevolent Lodge #87 in Carmel.

Wor. Brother Enrico and Alice had three sons, Hugo, Peter, and Orlando. Hugo was a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner; Peter, as noted above, has been a Mason 71 years, 65 of those years a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite, and 60 years a Shriner. Orlando was also a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner.

John Gillis, Peter's son-in-law, was a Master Mason for



It all started here.



48 years and a Shriner for 11. John's son and Peter's grandson, Chad Gillis, is also a Mason as is Peter's brother-in-law, Lynn Harris, Past Master of a New York lodge.

Truly a remarkable family tree which has borne an abundance of good fraternal harvest.



Horeb Lodge #93, Lincoln, has again contributed to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. At Christmas the Marines were able to help more than 400 kids find something special under the tree. Presenting on behalf of Horeb Lodge were R.W. Byron Sanderson, lodge Secretary and Wor. Gilbert (Rogan) McKay. Pictured between them are Marine Corps members Libby Morrill and Gary and Mary Bles.

Masons Doing What Masons Do

Oxford Hills Masons recently responded to two serious needs in the Norway-Paris greater community. First, they were informed of a woman and adult son in West Paris who were in need of help. The front door of their home was in bad shape and wouldn't stay shut. Wor. brother Steve Cobbett formed a small work party, and viewed the problem, found a grant through DHHS to eventually cover cost of the door. In the meantime Paris Lodge purchased the door and Wor. Bro, Cobbett and Wor. Brother Ralph Chamberlain installed it on Feb. 13th.

In the second case, Brethren learned of a young family with two children who had a major heating system breakdown. The boiler let go and the chimney liner failed. While insurance covered cost of fixing the boiler, the liner was not covered. Paris Lodge contracted to repair the liner so the family could move back into their home. Brethren then contacted Sue Scacchi at the Masonic Charitable Foundation, and by the time the Foundation and the lodges were finished raising money and paying bills, the work was done and there was \$593 left over which was presented to the couple at Paris Lodge's March stated meeting.



Dean Williams and Ashley Jellison visit Paris Lodge in March to thank brethren for the lodge's assistance. They also received a check for \$593. They are pictured here with Wor. Mike Brett from Oxford Lodge and Wor. Steve Cobbett.

There has been another benefit from the lodge assistance, another example of "what goes around comes around": both the young man with the boiler problems and the young man who fixed the chimney liner were so impressed with the Masons they have petitioned to join the lodge. So mote it be!



Mason of the Year

Brother Bruce Adams, Senior Warden of Paris Lodge #94 in South Paris, was presented Sixteenth District Mason of the Year award by M.W. Rich Nadeau, Grand Master. The award, given for "Dedication and Outstanding Service to the Fraternity," was presented at the annual District Meeting.



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Credentials Committee members will be at their stations at 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 4. Every brother will need show a valid dues card to gain admission to the session.

