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by George P. Pulkkinen

I've always enjoyed editing publications. It's a great way -- it's the best way, I'm convinced -- to have a finger on the pulse of what's going on in whatever community the publication is immersed.

Editing this Maine Mason is a perfect example. What a privilege it is to have brethren send reports of their lodge activities to this desk. There's so much going on in Maine lodges, so many brethren working to improve themselves and their communities. And the reported stuff is mostly public and public assistance efforts. The private matters, brother helping brother, remain pretty much isolated from all but lodge masters, secretaries and the Allseeing Eye. Still, as editor, I manage to hear about some of these activities.

I learn about the brethren who routinely, and without fanfare, provide transportation to medical appointments. I hear about Masons who quietly, but generously, assist those among us who are suffering tough sledding.

This information, this knowledge, makes me very proud to be a member of our gentle Craft, and thankful to have had the privilege of getting to know so many of you throughout this state and beyond. I look forward to seeing many of you again when Grand Lodge convenes at Kora Shrine Center in Lewiston on May 7 and 8.

And speaking of Kora, I'll take this opportunity to publicly thank Brother Everett Kaherl, Illustrious Potentate of Kora Shrine, for providing the magnificent cover picture of this issue.

Several years ago, when I edited the Kora Sands, I used this photo on the cover of that publication. Recalling the great beauty of Kora's Ceremonial Hall, it seemed the perfect subject for the Maine Mason cover as we prepare to gather there for our 194th Annual Session.

An email sent to Illustrious Brother Kaherl requesting permission to use the picture was immediately met with the response that it would be available for us...another indication of the cooperation and brotherly love we, in Maine Masonry, are blessed with.

From the Grand East

A. James Ross

Grand Master of Masons in Maine

I am delighted that the Maine Mason continues to be a source of great information and reading enjoyment for so many of you. M.W. George Pulkkinen continues to produce a first-class magazine representing what is important to you and to our Lodges.

Speaking of our past Grand Master and magazine Editor, M.W. Pulkkinen has included an article and photos of the 200th Anniversary Celebration of York Lodge in Kennebunk where he was the guest of honor and degree Master of the work that day. He doesn't like to gloat about his contributions, but at my behest, he is sharing the spirit of that event with you. I hope you will join me in congratulating George for his continued contributions to the Craft in Maine and for the many hours he gives to us in producing one of the best Masonic publications in the land.

In this issue, you will read information about the upcoming annual session of Grand Lodge. By now, the Lodge Secretaries have the session agenda and Lodge proxy forms. Your Lodge must send at least one of its top three elected officers or a proxy to the session. We owe it to our Lodge members to have 100 percent representation at the session to cast the ballots for important legislation and to receive important information that will affect the decisions of your Lodge and the Craft in general.

Also in this issue, R.W. Thomas Pulkkinen has written an article about our two youth groups in Maine: DeMolay for Boys and Rainbow for Girls. I personally support both groups and share Tom's passion to bring to light the good works of our youth. It is fundamentally necessary that we refocus a portion of our efforts to give some time and even resources

to these groups to help them accomplish their goals. By doing so, these kids will feel that they have our support. They don't ask us for anything. While we may provide meeting places for them and serve on advisory boards as adult leaders and volunteers, we should be reminded that kids turn to adults in time of need and for comfort and security. Moreover, they like a word of praise for their efforts. It's the little things that go along way with these kids. Please join me in giving just a little more time and resources to DeMolay and Rainbow when and if you can.

As we approach the close of another Grand Lodge Masonic year and begin a new one, I have to pause to thank my leadership team consisting of elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers, committees and the permanent members of Grand Lodge that continue to serve the Craft in so many ways. I am fortunate to have such dedication, council and support for the several initiatives put forth this past year. More importantly, I am pleased that the Craft continues to voice its desires and articulate and execute goals for their Lodges. My earnest desire is to continue to labor with you and to strengthen the partnership that I believe we have established together. Our work as Masons is never done. We have opportunities to reflect, adjust, improve and to continue going forward together to achieve a satisfying experience that enriches our lives.

Finally, during these difficult and very uncertain times in our world, may we as Free Masons endeavor to be the examples of steadiness, patience and hope that is so needed in our time. Aid and comfort your Brother and give him praise when he accomplishes a job well done.

Yours in Service to the Craft,

Jim



Around the Grand Lodge Water Cooler...

R. W. Mark E. Rustin, Grand Secretary

The second passage of our Masonic journey, the Fellowcraft Degree, introduced us to the subject of architecture. We learned of the various designs of columns and how they evolved from the Tuscan through several expressions to the Corinthian. We were taught that form followed function and, as new forms were developed, the mathematical formulas used to describe them changed to allow for the best use of material and to attain the desired function.

I recently visited a Lodge in Independence, MO. As I walked outside I was facing a church directly across from the Lodge. I noticed the canopy over the porch and the second floor above was supported by four Tuscan columns.

As I mused as to why they had used Tuscan rather than the more decorative Corinthian columns, I realized the choice was dictated by the load to be borne. The more robust Tuscan columns allowed for only four to provide the desired support. If they had chosen Corinthian columns, five or six columns would be needed. The open, welcoming porch would be nearly obscured by columns.

The gothic cathedrals built by our operative forebears are another example of architectural form following desired function. A cross section of a cathedral reveals tall, ornate Corinthian columns lifting the roof to new heights and allowing for windows for light to enter and dazzle those within. Outside the walls, Tuscan columns bear the weight of the flying buttresses which shift the load from the Corinthian columns and allow them to reach their magnificent height without crumbling under the load.

We desire the Masters and Wardens of our Lodges to lift up the canopy of heaven, allowing new light to stream into our lives, and inspiring us to new heights of knowledge and insight — to leading the men we are to being better men. These officers are, by necessity, the Corinthian columns of our

lodges. Those of us on the sidelines and especially those in the corners of the East must be supportive of the officers who lead us. We are, by necessity, the Tuscan columns of our lodges. In imitation of our operative brothers, we Speculative Masons must order ourselves by defining our form by the function we are expected to perform. The same stones can be fashioned into either type of column. Yet, if the wrong form is used, despite the perfection of the stone, the lodge, like cathedrals of old, will fall into a pile of rubble.

I have the opportunity of working with many Lodge secretaries across this Grand Jurisdiction.

The vast majority recognize the support role they play and fashion themselves as Tuscan columns. They are strong, unglamorous stalwarts supporting the Master as he lifts up the lodge.

Even though many are Past Masters, they have refashioned their stone from tall and adorned into the robust and strong design which helps alleviate the load on the Master. By doing so, they allow for the beauty of Freemasonry to be seen in the lodge and the wider world.

These Tuscan stalwarts persevere in face of ever changing loads being shed upon them. I'm particularly impressed with the many Secretaries of advanced years who worked untold hours to learn the electronic database program. They first sensed the value and willingly shouldered the load of learning which allows the canopy of the lodge to rise to new heights. These brethren recognize that service to the lodge takes many forms and they form themselves to meet the function the lodge needs.

The Fellowcraft Degree teaches us about Freemasonry in the middle of the action. It offers us the tools to fashion our service into the form that best serves the fraternity. It also whets our desire for even more light.



Tuscan



Corinthian

Mentoring Makes Us Better Men and Masons

By RW Thomas E. Pulkkinen

We have all heard the saying that “the acorn doesn’t fall far from the tree;” or that “he is a chip off the old block.”

Of course, these sayings describe a boy with many of the traits of his father. Unfortunately, this “following in the footsteps” can be for the better or worse.

Some of these intergenerational tendencies may be genetic predispositions, but many reflect the natural nurturing that goes on, father to son. The passed down skill and love of hunting, fishing, skiing... or perhaps their shared faith, patriotism, respectfulness and work ethic.

While some “like father, like son” tendencies result from the nurturing by father of son, other habits and tendencies are the result of emulation – the son adoringly looking up to and wanting to be like his father. This is the reason many men become Masons – “My father or grandfather is a Mason.” That’s called the legacy factor.

Each of us can look back through our years and identify people who made a difference in our lives; people who befriended, inspired and guided us. These are people whose imprint is firmly stamped on who we are, on what we believe, and on how we work and live our lives.

That guiding, caring hand is often a parent, big brother, teacher, Sunday school leader or scoutmaster. Or it may be a caring neighbor who stepped into our presence when there was a need, a void in our lives – often when a family lacks the presence of a father figure.

Personal Reflections

Yet this “guiding figure” principle extends beyond adults nurturing the young. This relationship happens throughout our lives, sometimes in a structured way, and at other times in that old fashioned way – of two men just by being good friends. As in Masonic friends and brothers!

Years ago, despite the best intentions and efforts of many good teachers at Edward Little High School in Auburn, I discovered that writing was not my love, interest or forte. English often kept me off the honor roll. Ugh, all those rules!

Then early in my career, I became responsible for preparing budget reports and analyses for my employer’s board of directors and the leaders at our headquarters in Washington D.C. I was fortunate to work with a corporate leader who contributed mightily to my writing skills, by first allowing me to realize that writing is not just putting words on paper. That’s the ‘easy’ part. The most important aspect of writing is organizing topical material in our minds, and understanding who we’re writing for and what they want and need to know. Of course writing clearly and succinctly was essential to that budget writing process.

That man with whom I worked many years ago was my mentor. He allowed me to gain knowledge, skills and confidence in a field where I was lacking. He didn’t tell me

what the budget conclusions should be or how they should be articulated, but allowed me to develop skills and grow in my position. In later years, it was my role to guide others in writing reports to many audiences.

Mentoring in Freemasonry

Most of us have experienced similar relationships in our lives, as both the mentor and the apprentice. So it is in Freemasonry. Brethren pass down the ritual, symbolism, protocol and traditions from generation to generation. Masons naturally befriend strangers when they become new Masons and the worldwide fraternal experience continues.

So it was in my case.

Two of my lodge brothers, Tom Hackman and Win Carroll, met me on the night of my First Degree and we remained close friends until death did us part. And these friendships continued long afterwards with their widows. Tom and Win were with me for each degree in lodge, the Scottish Rite and then into the Shrine. Tom got me involved in

my local Scottish Rite Valley. Later, I had the honor of presiding over his memorial service, and he remains close to my heart as I was presented his Thirty-third Degree Jewel, which I wear proudly as – he often said – his “Godson.”

Win, an avid pipe smoker, developed throat cancer and had a tracheotomy: his voice box was removed. He no longer attended lodge regularly as he was concerned about getting an infection in the opening in his throat. And he had to learn to speak with the aid of a synthesizer.

We continued to meet at his home, enjoy each other’s company and engage in a good game of cribbage. The last time I saw Win was a week before he passed. With weakened strength, he tried to speak but could no longer be heard. Before saying goodbye for the last time, I leaned down to give him a friendly hug. During that embrace, he expressed his brotherly feelings towards me with a kiss on the cheek. His action spoke volumes on what our Masonic relationship and friendship meant to one another.

They were two special Masonic mentors, friends made in Masonry, and brothers who shared that warm feeling that Masons should have for one another.

Of course my most influential Masonic Mentor is a special brother, whom you know as Most Worshipful George



Brother John Jenkins of Rabboni Lodge, Auburn, has lectured and trained throughout the U.S., Japan and the Peoples Republic of China.

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Pulkkinen, my big brother in many ways. Freemasonry has strengthened our ties, traveling to lodges to confer degrees together and discussing important issues affecting the Craft. Presenting my brother his 50-year Veteran's Medal was very special, for which I thank our Grand Master. Yet many other Masons have nurtured me, Masonically speaking ... far too many to be mentioned here.

Building New Generations of Masonic Mentors

Reflect on all those who supported you as a candidate, and who guided you as you progressed up the chairs. Remember those who worked with you on lodge projects in the community, and who introduced you to a senior or ailing brother, or Masonic widow, to work on a project around their homes or to take them to medical appointments. These men were your mentors.

Mentoring, as Freemasonry, is relationship building. It's welcoming, it's nurturing, it's teaching, it's befriending! For Masonry to flourish in our hearts and lodges, we need strong mentoring. We need good men spreading friendship and knowledge to our new candidates and brethren in their first year in lodge. They are apprentices on the first step in the process of gaining useful knowledge in Masonry.

Reciting correct ritual is not enough. To appreciate its meaning and origins, and to make it relevant to our lives, requires further light in Masonry. There are countless phrases in our ritual that pass quickly from mouth to ear without context or explanation. Their meaning is left to us to question and discover. Our Masonic forefathers meant it to be that way. They wanted to inspire new Masonic apprentices to pursue more knowledge on their own. Independent exploration for knowledge is essential to growth in Masonry and life.

As an example of going beyond the words in the ritual, remember when you entered the lodge with a slipper on one foot, were then placed in the West end of the lodge, instructed how to take your first step in Masonry, and then told to kneel at the altar in due form. Did anyone ever explain why the slipper was on a particular foot; why the step was as explained; and what the relationship of that slipper and step was to the due form at the altar?

In the second degree, you were told of an ascent by a flight of winding stairs. Think about the symbolism associated with ascending or descending a flight of winding stairs, of not knowing what may appear around the corner? Perhaps there will be a person traveling in the opposite direction, or a toy left dangerously on a stair tread. Will you need to step aside to avert approaching individuals or an unsuspected peril? Such is life; we know not what tomorrow brings. New persons may enter our lives; a lady, a baby. There may be serious sickness, sudden unemployment, the loss of a loved one. All things change! How do we prepare and respond to unexpected happenings?

Recently reminded of the reference to the flight of winding stairs, Bro. John Jenkins of Rabboni Lodge, in

Auburn, carried the symbolism a step further. He said that Freemasonry is like the railing that follows along the flight of winding stairs. Our teachings and relationships provide stability through life, as the railing provides safety when traveling the staircase. It's like that raft which safely wafts us over the troubled waters of life, but that's a symbolic lesson to pursue on another day.

Maine Masonic Mentoring

All District Deputy Grand Masters will soon name a District Mentoring Coordinator, to aid and to gain good ideas from lodge mentoring initiatives. Your District Deputy and District Education Representative stand ready to speak with Lodge officers and brethren wanting to learn more about our Masonic Mentoring initiative here in Maine.

Mentoring workshops will be held on June 1st in Auburn and on June 29th in Bangor. We are very fortunate to have Bro. John Jenkins join us at those workshops. Bro. Jenkins – who served as Mayor of both Lewiston and Auburn – is an accomplished author, educator, trainer, leader and national public speaker. Some readers may recognize him as a former Martial Arts World Champion.

Bro. Jenkins was the keynote speaker on leadership and mentoring strategies at the 2013 Alumni Leadership Conference at the (Sen. George) Mitchell Institute. Those in attendance were individuals who are clearly on their way toward positions of national and international leadership.

For more information on Bro. Jenkins, please visit his website, www.peptalk.com.

Brethren interested in becoming Masonic Mentors are urged to attend one of the two June workshops that will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon, followed by a light lunch. Then starting next fall, courses on mentoring and on Masonry will be offered around the state through the Maine Masonic College and by Grand Lodge.

Building a strong mentoring network in Maine Freemasonry will take time, maybe years. Yet we are now on a defined course for strengthening the ties of new Masons to their lodges and brethren, by providing them further and more penetrating light into Masonry.

Help make good men better by becoming a Maine Masonic Mentor.

Workshop Info and Registration

Masons interested in Masonic mentoring are invited to visit the Grand Lodge website where there is a workshop registration form and more information on Grand Master Jim Ross's latest initiative to strengthen Maine Masonry.

Abner Wade: Who was that Mason, #3

by R.W. Richard Rhoda
Grand Historian

What kind of a man would have a Masonic lodge named for him seven years after his death?

In the case of Abner Wade, Lodge No. 207, a man who was “Mr. Mason” in his home lodge and a leader in his community. It was written of him in “The History of Mt. Kineo Lodge No. 109”:

“He was a man who commanded the respect of all who knew him, and was given many places of trust by his fellow citizens; and “especially was he beloved by his brethren of the mystic tie, who knew him to be a mason in deed.” (Italics Added)

Capt. Abner T. Wade, as he was known, is the third of six Maine Masons we will consider who had a lodge named after him using both his first and surname. He had been dead seven years when a new Masonic lodge in Sangerville was established with using his name.

W. Bro. Abner Wade was a self-educated man who had traveled the world, served the



people of his area in the legislative and was a Mason of singular accomplishment among his peers.

As this writer was to learn, he was not a captain in the U.S. Army during the Civil War. Nor was he Master of Mariner Lodge No. 68 as his information card at the Grand Lodge offices might lead one to first believe, but I digress.

Born on November 1, 1817, Abner Turner Wade was raised at the Phip's Neck Farm in the Town of Woolwich across the Androscoggin River from Bath. He was the first son and second child of Turner Wade and Hannah Carleton Farnham who raised a family of seven. He was of the seventh generation of old English stock which arrived in America in 1635.

He was named for his grandfather Abner who was a captain in the Revolutionary War and also bore his father's given name.

His father died when he was but twelve years of age and there fell upon him the burdens and responsibilities of providing for the family.

Thus was he deprived at a young age of the schooling that otherwise would have been his.

When but sixteen years of age he went to sea and eventually became a respected merchant mariner and a prudent business man. Such were his respected abilities that in 1845 the Pattens of Bath gave him charge of one of their ships as a master mariner or captain. So much for being in the Army or Master of the Masonic lodge in Searsport!!

Not only was he captain of the ship, he was also the business manager for the owners. For years he took cargos of cotton from New Orleans to Liverpool, England.

On one return voyage he was bringing back three hundred immigrants on the Haleyon when he encountered a succession of terrific gales off the coast which left the ship helpless. Through use of his most skillful seamanship abilities he kept his doomed ship afloat while all aboard were safely transferred to other ships with no loss of life.

By 1859 ill health forced him to withdraw from his service as a master mariner, much to his regret. At this time he returned to Sangerville where he lived until his death on October 29, 1895.

Why would a man of the seas, after spending 26 years of his life on them, retire to Sangerville, a small town in Piscataquis County, some 60 miles from the ocean? For the love of a woman whom he had met, courted and married on September 17, 1843, Sarah E. Ayer, of said town.

Sarah (b. June 20, 1820 to d. March 30, 1896) was the daughter of Dr. Moses Ayer and Lydia Hale. He was a practicing physician in Sangerville.

From this marriage seven children were born, four of whom pre-



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deceased their father including both of his sons. Of his wife it was said "he had a helpmeet (sic.) indeed, sweet, gentle, brave and wise in caring for the home while the husband and father was away on the seas."

Wanting to be more than just a cross road following the Civil War, a group of men in Sangerville formed a mutual Company to build a structure suitable for a woolen mill. Of the eight men named in an article celebrating Sangerville's 100th Anniversary in 1914, A.T. Wade was the first named.

Some fifteen years later he was the Treasurer in a newly formed stock company of which Moses Carr was President of the Carlton Mills. The woolen industry in the community was said to have "been the means of changing Sangerville from a small rural community to a large prosperous village."

His nephew wrote that "... his commanding knowledge of business, his good judgment and his acquired knowledge of law, gave him large influence and usefulness with men in matters of estates and other issues of business.... When the new manufacturing life was offered to Sangerville, Captain Wade was a helper and a supporter both in encouragement and by investment..." His position as an esteemed leader in his surrounding communities is further attested to by his election to two terms to the Maine legislature representing Parkman and Sangerville in 1875 and 1876. He was a Democrat by political persuasion at a time when the Republicans were by far the dominant party.

But what of Abner Wade the Freemason? His service and reputation best answer this question with a quotation from his Masonic Memorial. "... he has been a tower of strength to masonry."

Bro. Abner may have been the inspiration for Bro. George M. Cohan's Yankee Doodle Dandy who was born on the 4th of July for he was Mt Kineo Lodge's Yankee Doodle Mason, raised on the 4th of July, 1861. He had been the first Mason made and the eleventh member of the newly formed Mt. Kineo Lodge No. 109. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on June 22nd and a week later his Fellow Craft Degree. One can only imagine the festivities that 4th of July one hundred fifty-two years ago!

Bro. Wade immediately began to immerse himself in

Masonry, a pursuit which would last for 34 years. Less than three weeks after being raised he became Secretary of the lodge on July 20th.

At the annual meeting in December 1862, he was elected Senior Deacon for the ensuing year. This was followed by being elected Senior Warden for 1864. He served in that station less than three months when he became Master, pro tem, upon the presiding Master moving out of the jurisdiction.

At the annual meeting in 1864 he was elected Master of the lodge in his own right for 1865. This would be a position he served in during 1866, 1869, 1870 and 1873.

In January 1889, he wrote a history of Mt. Kineo Lodge No. 109 covering its first 27 years. He provided a very interesting passage about Bro. Louis Annance, a Native American who lived in Greenville and, at one point, had been Chief of the St. Francis tribe of Indians. It was reported he had been made a Mason in North Star Lodge of Laconia, N.H. in 1834. His connection with the Masons of Mt. Kineo Lodge must have made a significant impression on Bro. Wade for it was he who prevailed upon Grand Lodge to erect a gravestone for Bro. Annance. The Masonic lesson of "Toleration" and its importance must have rung true with Bro. Wade.

Bro. Wade was held up as "a tower of strength to masonry and at all times as a wise adviser and assistant in lodge affairs."

The above are reasons this presenter believes that the founders of Abner Wade Lodge No. 207 chose to honor him in his hometown by having their lodge bear his name.

It is hoped that the lodge members and those attending Grand Lodge will again have a better knowledge and appreciation of the name when they hear Abner Wade's name spoken.

A clarion call that all Masons should heed, even more so today, was written of Worshipful Abner Wade in the lodge's Memorial to him:

"The youthful and mature are called to duty, and by such self-made men are inspired to see what masonry and manhood can do for humanity and the world."

To this we can only add "So Mote It Be."

Lamentations of an Historian

Your presenter immediately found a liking for W. Bro. Wade in his "Introduction" to The History of Mount Kineo Lodge. He told it as it was when he wrote: "... the writer has this to say; if any masonic gentleman has the idea that he can take the records of proceedings of the average country lodge and make much of a book out of it, let him try it. Where during a long series of years nothing is set down except the conferring of degrees, the presentation and payment of bills, and the election and installation of officers, certainly nothing more can come to the hand of the compiler; and it follows, of course, that the results of his work must be meager and unsatisfactory."

He strongly objected to the goal at that time of writing lodge histories in 'concise' form, which means, being interpreted - allowing nothing to go in that can by any possibility be kept out"....

He concluded "if masonic records are to be edited and printed, let there be something to print; and let incidents and transactions be so clearly set forth that when wanted by the compiler, he may not be obliged to dig for them as forbidden treasure."

Masonic Lodges

Support Educational Project Throughout Maine

by Holly Hurd

In 2006, Past Grand Master Walter Macdougall published a book through the Osher Map Library (OML) in Portland about the life and work of Moses Greenleaf, the first mapmaker of the state of Maine. Moses Greenleaf was the elder brother of Simon, a founder of the Grand Lodge of Maine established in 1820 and the state's second Grand Master. Moses served as the first Master of a new lodge he helped create — Piscataquis Lodge #44 — in the wilderness area where he settled in the early 1800s.

Moses became the resident land agent for a newly emerging town known as Williamsburg, located near Milo, Maine. His job was to encourage people to purchase land, establish homesteads, and help build a community there. Moses led the town in building schools, roads and railroads, and in developing industry to sustain the area's inhabitants.

Perhaps most importantly, he was involved in compiling geographic information that he then used to design several maps of Maine. His work included helping to survey regions of the interior with his brother Ebenezer, who was also a Freemason.

Moses was a visionary who understood the problems of settling Maine's wilderness areas. He labored tirelessly his entire life producing maps and books with information on Maine's climate and geography with the goal of encouraging inland settlement in the nineteenth century.

Following the publication of Macdougall's book, the Osher Map Library organized and supported an educational project to help schoolchildren learn about Moses Greenleaf's life and work. A team of teachers wrote lesson plans around Macdougall's materials, and in September of 2010, the OML published another book known as the *Moses Greenleaf Primer*—a student-friendly adaptation of the author's work.

Holly Hurd, an Education Outreach Coordinator at the map library, wrote the *Primer* at a level that is appropriate for schoolchildren in grades 3-8, and her daughter, Lena Champlin, then age 15, created the illustrations.

For the past two years, Holly has been working to supply classrooms with copies of the *Primer* through the support of a number of Masonic Lodges throughout the state.

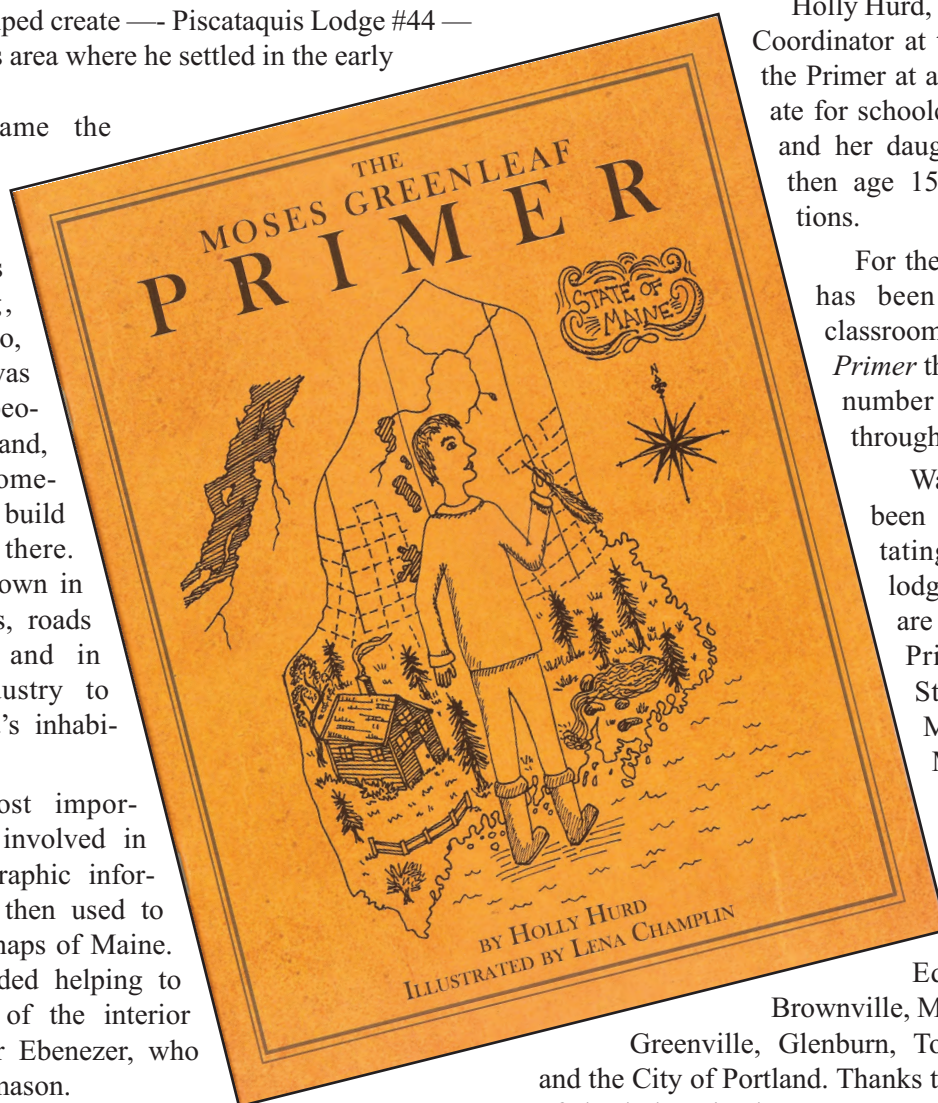
Walter Macdougall has been instrumental in facilitating the connection of lodges and teachers who are interested in using the *Primer* in their Maine Studies units. So far, Masonic Lodges in Maine have purchased the *Primer* for fifteen different schools in fourteen different towns including Lincolnville, Paris,

Edgecomb, Guilford,

Brownville, Milo, LaGrange, Dexter,

Greenville, Glenburn, Topsfield, Scarborough, and the City of Portland. Thanks to the generous support of the lodges in these areas, 363 Maine students have received copies of the *Primer*!

The Freemasons who have helped secure funding for this educational project are: Charles Micklon, Dale Flint, Keryn Annis, Kevin Campbell, Rick Whitney, Harland



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Happy students at Nickerson Elementary School in Greenville.

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Hitchings, Royce Wheeler, Robert Lind, Eugene Murray, Scott and Nathan Knight, Dannel Starbird, Harold Clover, Marty Taylor, Eric Kuntz, and Walter Macdougall. School children and their teachers are grateful for the Masonic support that has helped them learn about an important Mainer who contributed a great deal to the settlement of Maine and to the field of cartography, guided by the principles of Freemasonry.

There are still many teachers who would like to use the *Primer* in their classrooms. If you are part of a lodge that may want to support this project for students, or would like a copy of the book, please contact Holly Hurd at 207-829-9376.



Students at Wentworth Intermediate School in Scarborough.



Holly Hurd and her daughter Lena Champlin wearing t-shirts with Moses Greenleaf's silhouette.



Students at Milo Elementary reading the Primer.

“Wilson Day” Celebrated at Columbia-Doric Lodge

On October 23, 2012, Columbia-Doric Lodge #149 in Greenville worked the degree of Master Mason for Richard David Wilson, a fifth generation Mason to be raised in this lodge. Brother Wilson was raised by his father, Donald A., who, at the same meeting, was presented his 50-year Veterans Medal by Past Grand Master, M.W. Walter Macdougall.

Brother Richard Wilson began his Masonic journey at Star in the East Lodge #59 in Exeter, New Hampshire, receiving both his Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees there. Because of the special family connections, arrangements were made over the summer for him to receive his third degree at Columbia-Doric.

The Wilson connection began when Henry I. Wilson joined Doric Lodge #149 in the 1800's prior to the creation of Columbia Lodge #200. His son Alfred J., followed by both of his sons, Alfred Jr. and Donald H., were raised at Columbia #200, followed later by Donald A. in 1962. Donald's other son, and Richard's brother, Steven, was raised in June of 2011 at Mount Pickering Lodge # 446 in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. That makes both Richard and Steven also fifth generation Masonic brothers.

Present at the October event were friends and officers from Star in the East Lodge including Wor. Paul Brown, S.W. Joseph Kenick, Jr., and Wor. James Ryan, Past Master and Richard's mentor, and friend and neighbor Jack Shaw of Major General John Sullivan Lodge # 2 in Epping, New Hampshire.

Richard has since taken the position of Senior Deacon at Star in the East Lodge, while Steven is currently serving as chaplain at Mount Pickering Lodge. Both are entered into their respective Scottish Rites as were three generations before them.



ABOVE:

Brother Donald Wilson receives congratulations from M.W. Brother Walter Macdougall after being presented his 50-year Veterans Medal.

LEFT:

Brother Steven Wilson, Brother Donald Wilson, Wor. Bruce Wyman, Master of Columbia-Doric, and Brother Richard Wilson, candidate on the special event.



Maine Masonic College Students Enjoy Speech Program

The Maine Masonic College presented an outstanding program on "Persuasive and Informative Speech" at the Bangor Masonic Center in early January. Guest speaker was Dr. Diane Marie Keeling, Communication and Journalism Department Professor at the University of Maine.

Over thirty attendees came from about the state, from Brownfield and Oxford to Limestone. The program was heartily endorsed by M.W. A. James Ross. Many of his field officers were present as were wives and children of Masons.

Dr. Keeling began the lesson with a review of Aristotle's three major components of rhetoric: creditability (ethos), emotions (pathos), and reasoning (logos). Dr. Keeling spoke on the different situations one could find him-or-herself in when being called upon to give a speech or short comments. This was especially directed to situations in which Masters and District Deputies often find themselves.

As part of the four hour program, the attendees were broken into smaller groups. Each person was given a short time to develop a five minute talk about themselves which they had to present. In addition to developing personal enhancement skills, new friendships were made as people shared two of their self-perceived character traits in short five minute talks. This led to a deeper new friendship level rather than just an introduction followed by small talk.

A delightful meal was prepared and served by W. Bro. Audie Gould, Master of Lynde Lodge No 174, assisted by lodge members, W. Bro. Ted McLeod, Brothers Ray Land and Ed Wilks. Their services were given as a gift to the Maine Masonic College.



Among those at the Maine Masonic College January meeting were R.W. John O. Bond, Sr., D.D.G.M./19; Joel, son of W. Bro. Meon Stephenson; guest speaker, Dr. Diane Marie Keeling; and Wendy Eaton, wife of R.W. David Eaton, D.D.G.M. /16.

Ashlar Lodge No. 105 A.F. & A.M.

"Civil War" Master Mason Degree

Friday Evening - May 10, 2013

at Kora Shrine Temple in Lewiston, Maine

Supper will be at 6 pm - \$6.00

Degree work will begin at 7 pm



All Master Masons are welcome to attend.

(Please bring your own apron if you can)

Must show current Blue Lodge Dues Card!

Degree Team will be made up of Civil War Reenactors
and Guest Officers dressed in Civil War Period Uniforms

Period music provided by **MBQ**

**Make reservations by Monday, May 6 with Wor. Steve Peterson
at 207-713-5318 or ashlar105@down-east.com**

Gov. Wm. King Lodge/U.S. Marine Corps partner in Toys for Tots Program

By R.W. Scott Whytock

One of the many noble goals of a Masonic lodge is to give back to its community. In times of lagging membership and difficult financial conditions, having a lodge engrained in its community is a key component to gaining new members and reminding us all of one of the many reasons why we joined this fraternity.

Two years ago, Brother Chris Volan came to a stated meeting with the idea of having a Toys for Tots drive at our Scarborough lodge. His idea was met with much excitement from the lodge members, and Brother Volan committed to chairing this effort himself.

In 1947, Major Bill Hendricks and a group of Marines collected more than 5,000 toys for children in California. Over the years the program grew. In 1991 Toys for Tots was organized into a non-profit and the charity became a major effort around the country. So far, Toys for Tots has distributed what is estimated at more than \$750 million in toys.

Many lodges have great ideas about raising money, increasing membership, and integrating with the community, but often times there is a lack of leadership for these initiatives. In this case, with Brother Volan's leadership,



Some of the 2,000 toys collected.

many in the lodge rallied behind the Toys for Tots drive. Other lodges in the area chipped in and donated toys to further our efforts. We learned some lessons during this first year, yet were able to collect and hand over 600 toys and raise \$300 for the local food pantry. Many community residents visited the lodge, sat with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and asked about Masonry.

In 2012, the lodge was much better prepared and our efforts expanded so much that the Marines asked us to help in the collection and distribution of more boxes in the Greater Portland area. We secured a \$500 community matching grant from the Masonic Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Maine so that we could purchase more toys. We placed dozens of boxes in the area and added a community breakfast with Santa to the events of December 8. We ended up collecting almost 2,000 toys. In a year where toy collection in the state was down, Scarborough and surrounding communities and lodges were able to make an incredible showing in support of those less fortunate.

For the Masons and their families who worked on this project, it was an incredibly fulfilling experience. To see so many boxes of toys in our lodge hall is something that just can't be described. So many families have benefited from our efforts that we immediately began planning for 2013.

We would love to see other lodges become involved with this worthwhile project. The brethren of your lodge will experience an immense sense of pride when they scan your lodge hall and see the toys they collected that will bring great joy to unfortunate children in your community.



Wor. Bill Daggett honored for 70 years' Service

On Saturday, January 5th, Orient Lodge of Masons in Thomaston along with the Grand Master of Masons in Maine, A. James Ross, honored William "Bill" Daggett of Thomaston on his 70 year membership in Masonry. Bill was made an honorary Grand Sword Bearer by the Grand Master. Attending this event were, l-r: Wor. Ronald S. Gamage, Grand Master Ross, Wor. Daggett, Wor. George Mele, Master of Orient Lodge, and RW Alfred Butler. Bill Daggett is a young "active" 101 years old. He was Master of Orient Lodge of Masons in 1942.

Photo by R.W. Brian Messing

Wor. and Gov. John H. Reed remembered

Maine Masonry has lost an honored Brother and leader with the passing of W. Bro. and Governor John Hathaway Reed on October 31, 2012. He was born on January 5, 1921 in Fort Fairfield, the son of a Mason, Walter M. Reed, Sr. and Eva Seeley.

He will be remembered in the First Masonic District as a leader who applied his Masonic lessons both in the lodge and for the good of the public which he served for some twenty-seven years.

He was raised a Master Mason on April 9, 1946 in Eastern Frontier Lodge in Fort Fairfield. He first served as a lodge officer in 1947 and finished as Master in 1952.

In 1991 he affiliated with Monument Lodge in Houlton after his mother lodge had closed. He was one of the guest speakers at the dedication of the George Washington Maine Masonic Monument in Houlton in 1999. He shared with a lodge

member last spring that 2012 would be the first year of his life that he had not been to Fort Fairfield. He quickly added that he wanted to be remembered to all his Brethren. Unfortunately, he made it home.

While he will be remembered and missed as a Brother, he had a wonderful career in public service which took him far from his Fort Fairfield roots.

In 1955 he entered into politics as a Representative to Augusta. He served as Governor of Maine for seven years from 1959 to 1966; Chairman of the National Safety Transportation Board from 1967 to 1975 and two terms as Ambassador to Sri Lanka between 1976 and

1985.

He will be remembered as the Aroostook County boy and man who met with success far beyond its borders and still remained one of us.



Bethlehem Lodge Brethren open their Dining Room at Christmas

By Brother Edward M. Libby

On Saturday, December 29th, the fruition of Wor. Brother Michael Kimball and his brethren of Bethlehem Lodge #35 in Augusta came to be.

From 3:00 until 6:30 PM the Bethlehem brethren and friends provided multiple turkeys, chickens and hams, with all the trimmings, for a public holiday meal.

Open to all people who did not have a home, a hot meal, or perhaps no-one to share them with, Bethlehem Lodge opened up more than its doors. The brethren opened their hearts as they shared a love, kindness and respect for our fellow man along with the delicious food.

More than 100 men and women from the area attended the meal. Two men said they had not eaten in two days. As the event was winding down, an individual who

ran a local shelter showed up with ten more folks in need of a good meal and the shared warmth. Even though everything had been cleaned up and stored back on the shelves these late comers were not turned away. Brothers Mike Kimball, Meon Stephenson, Robert Stratton, Michael Meservey and Ken Gotreau quickly opened the kitchen cupboards and began cooking fresh hot food served with joy and love for our fellow man.

Many brothers, family members and friends helped to make this event a success. Some had very minor roles, others carried much more weight, but all helped make it a wonderful time of fellowship with many in need.

This was a wonderful example of Maine Masonry in action, brethren rolling up their sleeves to help our fellow man.

Stretching Forth a Hand to DeMolay and Rainbow

By RW Thomas E. Pulkkinen

I was at a Masonic meeting a few years ago when the question was asked: “How many of you are senior DeMolays (former members of the Order)?” Many hands shot up. A glance around the room identified hands raised by several Grand Masters. Permanent Members. District Deputies. Lodge Masters. It became demonstrably evident how many Masonic leaders of the Craft got their start as members of DeMolay...and, therefore, how important DeMolay is to Freemasonry...as well as to the boys themselves.

But will we get the same response to that question if posed 25 or 50 years from now? If we fear not, then this is the time to change the vital membership trajectory of not only the Order of DeMolay for boys but also the Order of Rainbow for girls. By teaching traditional social values, these bodies make a positive difference in today’s youngsters – who will become tomorrow’s leaders throughout the Masonic family of organizations, as well as the parents, teachers, preachers and role models of future generations of American children.

Why after so many years of declining membership in our youth organizations, as in our Blue Lodges, is this a good time – perhaps the critical moment – to respond to the challenge before us? Why is now the time to strengthen the foundation upon which to build the future of Maine Freemasonry, Eastern Star and the many other organizations in our Masonic family?

Why Commit to DeMolay and Rainbow Now?

To me, the answers to this question are twofold! First, because it is essential to preserve and rebuild what we have...caring associations that help our youth achieve all that they desire and might dream of becoming. Second, because under our Grand Master, positive change is coming to Maine Freemasonry and the time to share that positive change with our youth organizations is NOW!

Helping Our Youth DeMolay and Rainbow were each organized by Freemasons more than 90 years ago, with the aspirational vision of making a positive, lasting difference in the lives of our youth. They offer an opportunity for men and women to share Masonic values and life’s experiences by serving as mentors and role models. One of the first boys to join DeMolay in 1919 perhaps said it best, that the Masons “...are concerned about only one thing and that is that we should grow into decent men who will be respected in the community.”

Decent men who will be respected in the community!

Isn’t that what our lodges should be seeking in our membership and developing through our ritual, educational programs and charitable endeavors?

Active involvement in our youth organizations builds self-confidence, broadens perspectives and fosters relationships. The bodies favor their members with uplifting and positive values: loyalty, courage, patriotism, education, love of God and family, charity, personal responsibility and more.



Grand Master Ross has been a long and strong supporter of Maine DeMolay. Joining him recently were Brother Steve Farrington, State Master Councilor and a member of Temple Lodge of Readfield, and Amanda Redmond, Grand Worthy Advisor of Maine Rainbow and a member of Deering Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

As those values were important nearly a century ago, so are they today and perhaps even more so. Our youth of today are so often exposed to lowered personal values, aspirations, discipline and spirituality. Their time is often too fully consumed by social media sites on computers and smart-phones. Sitting at computers can be beneficial in many ways, but it won’t build interpersonal skills, personal relationships and teamwork, and it most likely will not build character and positively influence what a person might become.

US Senator Olympia Snowe was a Rainbow girl when she grew up in Lewiston and Auburn. She fondly remembers her time in Rainbow, saying “I am proud to be a Rainbow Girl. This group instilled in me the values

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Frank S. Land invested President Franklin Delano Roosevelt with the collar of Honorary Grand Master of DeMolay International on April 13, 1934 at a ceremony at the White House. At least two other Presidents have served in that capacity, MW Harry S Truman, Past Grand Master of Missouri, and Bro. Gerald Ford.

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of service, honesty, and leadership, among others. I have carried these ideals with me throughout the years. Being a member of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls reflects well on a young woman's character and integrity and will benefit today's Rainbow Girls throughout their lifetime."

Spreading Positive Change Under the leadership of Grand Master Jim Ross, new initiatives and spending priorities are taking hold, including, attracting new members; activating new brethren and Masonic veterans;

strengthening leadership skills and tools; and mentoring new brethren and our youth. Are the initiatives working? Time will tell to what extent, but there were around 100 more applications for the degrees received in 2012 than in 2011; more than 165 brethren from 78 lodges have attended the leadership seminars so far; and mentor training will start later this year, with the Maine Masonic College supporting the new mentoring initiative.

Not only are more membership applications being received – and many resulted from the fall open houses, but the interest in Masonry is coming from many young men, who might relate well with members of our youth organizations and who may have, or may soon have, sons and daughters who would someday qualify for membership in DeMolay or Rainbow.

The Grand Master's initiatives are important and are bearing fruit, not only for our Grand Lodge and many of the 186 Maine Blue Lodges, but also for all the appendant and related bodies within the Maine Masonic Family, including our youth groups. That's one reason that the Grand Master meets annually with the leaders of all the Masonic bodies in Maine.

How Can You Make a Difference?

As a Maine Mason or a member of the Orders of Eastern Star and Amaranth – or as a Lodge, Chapter, Court or appendant body, there are actions that you can take to help our youth organizations: encourage membership; support an existing Chapter or Assembly, or help form a new one near you; attend meetings; and provide financial support to Maine DeMolay and Rainbow.

Sponsor Membership Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a Mason or a member of one of the youth organizations? If so, encourage them to join. This includes your children, grandchildren, their friends and your neighbors. And don't forget all those kids

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Donation to the Masonic Charitable Foundation for Maine DeMolay and Rainbow

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who benefit from the Bikes for Books program. Explain how much you enjoy and gain from your fraternal experience, and express your belief that they would likewise.

DeMolay Chapters are located in Auburn, Brunswick, Buxton, Hamden, Union and Windham. DeMolay Chapters welcome boys ages 12-21, and there are *Squires of the Roundtable* groups for boys ages 10-12. Contact a lodge in those towns, or email info@medemolay.org for more information.

There are 12 Rainbow Girl Assemblies in Maine, located in Auburn, Brunswick, Buxton, Calais, Dover-Foxcroft, Ellsworth, Orono, Pittsfield, Sanford, Waterville, Windham and Yarmouth. Membership in the Order of Rainbow is open to girls ages 11- 20. Each location also has a Rainbow Pledge program for girls 8-11. Contact a lodge in those towns, or email mainerainbow@gmail.com for more information.

Help Sponsor a New Youth Group The new George's River Valley DeMolay Chapter recently opened in Union and another new Chapter is on the Trestleboard in South Portland. New Assemblies are being pursued in Augusta and Westbrook.

Two of the leaders of the effort to form George's River Valley Chapter are Brothers Aaron Chandler and Stephen Boivin, the Senior and Junior Deacons of Union Lodge – they have been Masons for less than two years. A Past Master Councilor of Bangor Chapter, Bro. Chandler feels that his “experiences in DeMolay are the fondest memories of my childhood and one of the primary reasons I became a Mason.” While he has wanted to give back to DeMolay as an adult, he credits the Chapter's formation to three young men, Dean Penney, Ryan Flanders and Lauren Merritt who wanted to become members of DeMolay because of their desire to give back to the community. “That is a testament to what DeMolay is all about; young men leading the way,” said Bro. Chandler.

Dean Penney is Brother Boivin's stepson. Together with Ryan and Lauren, he approached Steve about being involved in something community oriented. The idea for a DeMolay chapter sprouted from there. Knowing that Bro. Chandler is a Senior DeMolay, he was brought into the discussion. Once word got out, Union Lodge offered to provide the home and the Valley of Rockland offered to financially sponsor them.

Bro. Chandler cautions that “starting a DeMolay chapter

requires patience and dedication. Ultimately the young men determine the course but it doesn't happen without the support of Masonry. Being a DeMolay Advisor is a deceptively tough job because it requires the ability to be supportive and to let the members determine their own course. We provide a place to meet, rides, and advice but the young men are the ones who chart the way. Through their successes, and even their failures, they grow and learn and there's no better feeling.” (It sounds like a great mentoring experience to me.)

As encouraging and exciting as the formation of these new bodies is, we once had some 45 DeMolay Chapters and 45 Rainbow Assemblies in Maine. Imagine how many youngsters we could reach if more of these bodies were open throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine?

If you or your Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star Chapter, Scottish Rite Valley or York Rite bodies would be interested in pursuing the formation a new Chapter or Assembly, please contact info@medemolay.org or mainerainbow@gmail.com, or contact the Grand Secretary at 207-843-1086. The youth groups will gladly send out a representative to meet with you on supporting an existing group or forming a new one in your area.

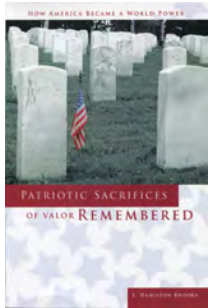
Attend Meetings and Become a Youth Leader Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters – in fact all Masonic bodies – always love to see the sidelines filled, and so do our youth groups. As a Mason (or his wife) or Eastern Star / Amaranth member, you can attend these meetings, help the adult leaders in many ways, or just show your interest and support by being there. Ask your lodge secretary to find out the meeting times in your local area, or contact the groups directly at the email addresses listed above.

Make a Donation Holding DeMolay and Rainbow events, sponsoring members' attendance at leadership schools, and starting up new Chapters and Assemblies requires not only people but financial support. The Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation provides direct support to both the DeMolay and Rainbow groups in Maine, and your personal support would greatly benefit our youth groups as well.

You may make a tax-deductible donation to the Masonic Charitable Foundation and specify whether the donation is for DeMolay, Rainbow or to be split between the two. Your financial support will make the youth experience all the more memorable, and may help new groups get started. Please send your donation and the form on Page 19 to Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation, Grand Lodge of Maine, PO Box 430, Holden, ME 04429-0430.

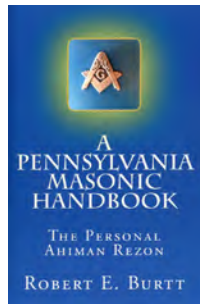
There's a proliferation of Masonic books hitting the shelves today, although most of those shelves are now found online. Books are no longer at publisher's 'list price' and the quality is so much better as well. Despite gaffes in spelling here and there, it's a great time to be(come) a student of Freemasonry...

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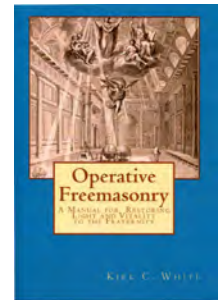
A book by a Maine Mason is always worth noting and this issue we've got a good one for you. **Patriotic Sacrifices of Valor Remembered** by (Bro.) E. Hamilton Brooks is about the Spanish-American War (1898), something we would scarcely remember today were it not for the sinking of the Battleship *USS Maine* in Havana, Cuba. This is a short, personal and very interesting read and could benefit even teens who have a thirst for knowledge. The sub-title says much: "How America Became a World Power" and it tells the story from records and more especially diaries of a Mainer who lived much of his later life in Freeport. It's quite an inspiring story indeed and it's one which will make everyone who reads it feel great pride in their country!

I doubt there's ever been a Mason who has visited a lodge outside of Maine and didn't see something unique and different. Moreover, he'll talk about it at any opportunity. (I know: when you point a finger at someone else, you point four at yourself - and alas, I am more guilty than you all!!!) A **Pennsylvania Masonic Handbook** by (Bro.) Robert E. Burt is an excellent way for you to have such an experience without ever leaving home. Written as a guide for Masons in that state, it helps provide a lot of information for those who love to compare the inter-jurisdictional minutiae of Freemasonry. More than that, it's a compact but important introduction for the new Mason, providing historical grounding and practical advice. If you were to write a book for a new Mason, this is the book you'd want to write. Thanks to the author, we now have multiple copies of this volume in the Grand Lodge Library. Consider taking a peek: you'll be glad you did.

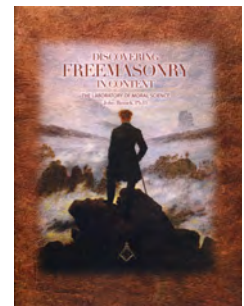


"Pssssttt. This is a book you'll just love!," said the whispered e-mail message from a friend and Brother. Knowing that I tend to be a 'meat and potatoes' kind of guy (and Mason), he was 100% right. In these days where everyone is seeking the 'magic bullet' to increase mem-

bership, a Vermont Mason has, in my opinion, 'hit the nail on the head' with this book of practical ideas and recommendations that are, as the sub-title says, "A Manual for Restoring Light and Vitality to the Fraternity." Masonic writers seem to gush over every new or repackaged idea or concept which, like sands in the hourglass, then pass away quickly and imperceptibly. Kirk C. White in his **Operative Freemasonry** instead offers down-to-earth suggestions and proven actions that have been shown time and time again to work like a charm but which we seem to forget every couple of years. There's nothing fancy here but for those seeking a 'back to the basics' building block guide to lodge improvement, you need look no further. My Brother was right - and some of these ideas will be put into action in my own Masonic life much more often thanks to this book. If you're a Warden or plan to be, you owe it to your lodge to read this.



For so long, I've felt the need to have a book which placed the various actions which involve Freemasonry in the context of history as to time and place. Although it's not exactly what I was seeking, **Freemasonry in Context** by John Bizzack, Ph.D., comes pretty darn close. It's a much larger book than we customarily find today because it's jam-packed with detailed information about all sorts of highlights and sidelights of the Masonic fraternity's passage through time, from the earliest presumed roots on through the most recent times. Footnoted appropriately (something SO rare!) with only a couple of mistakes, it is a work everyone interested in digging further into our history will want to own.



One more thing: ALL of these books can be borrowed either from your local public library or from the Grand Lodge library. Take advantage of all that libraries have to offer!

Although many think Bro. Ed King spends his life online, he's an avid reader and writer as well. He also occasionally publishes essays on the web as "The Old Webmaster". His personal website at www.masonicinfo.com - Anti-Masonry: Points of View had over 3.2 million individual visitors last year. He's (the husband of the) Webmaster for our Grand Lodge and is also our Grand Librarian.

Boy Scouts Raise Funds at Masonic Center for New Tents

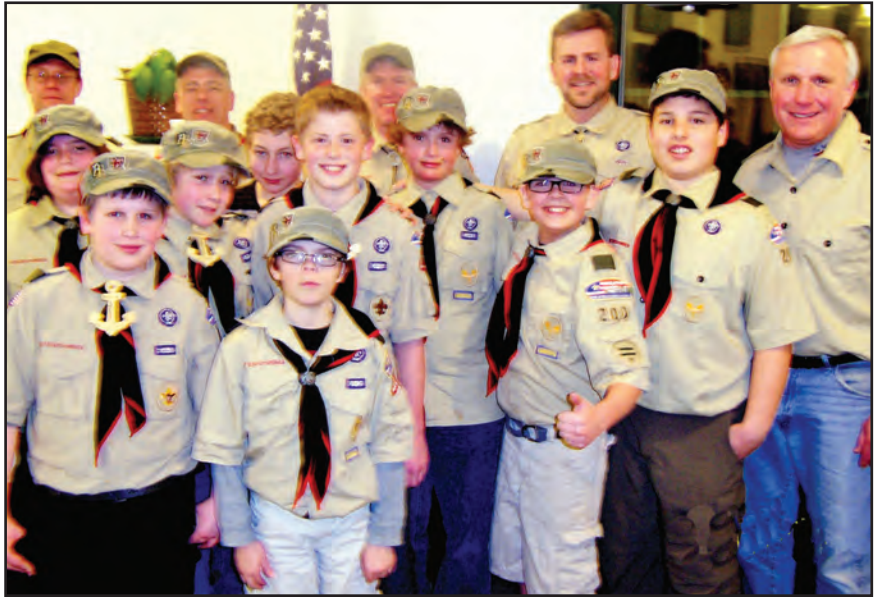
On March 2nd Boy Scout Troop 200 held a fund raising supper with the help of the Masons of the Rockport Masonic Center and was able to raise some much needed money toward the purchase of new tents for the troop.

Andy Clement, Scout Master, spoke with the Masons about doing a spaghetti supper to raise funds to replace their old tents which had been ruined while in storage when the troop was dormant. According to Jeff Sukeforth, Amity Lodge Secretary, the Masons volunteered to host the supper, provide the spaghetti, sauce, bread and drinks if the Scouts provided desserts, Scout power to help set up, serve and clean up. For the Scouts' diligent efforts the Masons will take the money raised and submit it to their Grand Lodge Charitable foundation and request a youth matching grant.

For the Scouts' efforts that evening they raised over \$500.00 at the supper and this will be turned into a \$1,000.00 check for them to aid in

the purchase of the new tents with the aid of a Youth matching grant from the Charitable Foundation.

Andy Clement commented that it is good for the Scouts to interact with the Masons as they can see that their work and actions have positive results.



Troop 200 Scouts (l-r) front row: Jon Heath and Zachary Dorr. Middle row: Max Powell, Ian Fordyce, Nate Van Lonkhuyzen, Sam Hebert, Spencer Johndro, Jacob Clement, James Lynch, Troop 200 Asst. Scoutmaster David Heath. Back row: Troop 200 Asst. Scoutmaster Dale Fordyce; Pack 200 Cubmaster Brian Hebert, Pack 200 Commission Member Chris Mills, Troop 200 Scout Leader Andy Clement.



Brother Clyde Cox receives 50-Year Veterans Medal

Brother Clyde Cox, a member of Ralph J. Pollard Lodge in Orrington, shown here receiving his Grand Lodge of Maine 50 Year Veterans Medal from RW Brother Pete Forrest. Brother Cox received his EA Degree on March 29, 1962; his FC Degree on May 10, 1962; and his MM Degree on May 24, 1962. He now lives in Zephyrhills, Florida where the presentation was made. The photo was taken by RW Brother Jack Lagerquist who, with RW Brother Forrest, travel throughout the Sunshine State presenting Veterans' Medals, in timely fashion, to Maine Masons living there.

The Tenets of Masonry...on wheels

We speak often of the “Tenets of Masonry” and on the many ways that these tenets are put into play in our daily lives. This article is crafted based on the recent rise in enthusiasm for a little different way in which Masons in the Greater Bangor area have come to live these tenets.

In the late summer months of 2011, a handful of Masons got together to talk about forming a group interested in riding their motorcycles together. These Brethren wanted this group to be more than just a bunch of Masons riding together. They wanted the group to have meaning and purpose. They wanted it to be a Masonic group. They wanted the group to be Masons first. They wanted the group to exemplify the tenets of Masonry. They chose to organize a chapter of the Widows Sons Motorcycle Riders Association. Not a motorcycle club, but an international riders’ association with chapters all over the country and the world dedicated to Tenets of Masonry and in particular to the relief of Widows and Orphans of Masons. In September of 2011, The Grand Chapter of Widows Sons in Maine granted our charter and the Low XII Riders chapter of the Widows Sons was born with 12 founding members. The organization grew over the next year and on its birthday in September of 2012 had 24 charter members and continues to grow.

One of the tenets of Masonry is Brotherly Love and that’s certainly no more evident than within an organization like the Low XII Riders. Motorcycle riders are a tight knit group to begin with, but factor in the bonds of Masonry and it’s difficult to imagine a more powerful bond unless, of course, one were to add a cause. That cause is Relief in myriad different forms.

The second tenet of Masonry is Relief. That is the cause which solidifies the bond of Brotherly Love that

exists within the Low XII Riders. This tenet reaches beyond Masonry for relief in general is the duty incumbent on all men, but more especially Masons. To this end, Low XII Riders have sponsored and participated in rides which are not only closely associated with Masons and their families, but also extend to our fellow man in general. We started with the Marvin Tarbox Jr. Ride, sponsored by the Low XII Riders, which established and supports a scholarship in the name of a fallen Brother and also is a fundraiser for future charitable projects. We have also held raffles to raise money and “pass the hat”



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Veteran Masons Honored in Old Town lodge

On June 25, 2012 awards were presented to several members of Star in the East Lodge of Old Town. WM Glen Sherman arranged for the much deserving brethren to be present at the meeting where RW Brother Charles Norburg Jr. made the presentations. George Blake received his 40 year pin; Arthur Preble Jr., Willard McAllister, Harry Buchanan and Arnold Stanwood, received 50 year Veterans Medals; and 55 year stars were presented to Robert Spencer and Donald Spencer. Front row: Arnold Stanwood, George



Blake, and Harry Buchanan. Middle Row: Willard McAllister, Wor. Brother Glenwood Sherman, and Robert Spencer. Back Row: Arthur Preble Jr., RW Brother Charles Norburg Jr., and Donald Spencer.

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at all “fun rides” and meetings. In addition to our own sponsored rides, the Low XII Riders have participated in no fewer than 20 rides over the last year.

Many of these rides have been in support of other Widows Sons Chapters:

Some have supported Masonic Events;

As well as many other worthy causes;

And even a ride to welcome a soldier who hiked the Appalachian Trail for the Wounded Warrior Project.

This penchant for coming to the relief of others did not end with the riding season as not one, but two truckloads of goods were transported by Widows Sons and other Masons into the heart of the area of our country hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy.

The final tenet of Masonry is Truth for without truth there would be no foundation for trust and fellowship. The Low XII Riders have been honest and truthful with themselves for this is where truth begins. They are Masons who ride in Fellowship. They meet upon the level and part upon the square. They are open and honest about who they are and what they are about. When the Low XII Riders first came into existence, there were many misconceptions about who and what they were. As the truth came out and the misconceptions were dispelled, the trust built. We are Masons and we live our Masonry.

This article ends at the beginning with our first ride, the Tarbox Ride. We will be riding again this year on May 19 in honor of Marvin Tarbox Jr. Please join us for the ride and the celebration to follow. If you ride and wish to join the Low XII Riders or just participate in some of the rides, check out our website at www.lowxiiriders.com and contact one of the officers for further information.

York Lodge #22 in Kennebunk Celebrates 200th Birthday



R.W. Brother Ross Pope, Grand Lecturer of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, reads the York Lodge Charter, issued exactly 200 years earlier, on March 9, 1813.

escorted the Grand Master into the lodge to the skirl of the pipes, beat of the drum, and under an arch of steel. Brother Arthur McIntyre presented the special Kilwinning Charge to Brother Hludik at the conclusion of the degree.

In addition to the work of the day, brief remarks were offered, a wonderful banquet was enjoyed and the brethren shared stories stretching back many years.

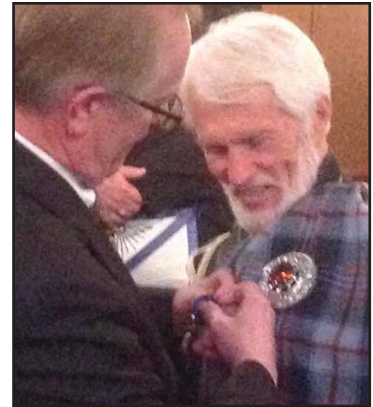
York Lodge continued its Bicentennial celebration with a Table Lodge in April, and will offer a Community Day Pig Roast in May and a special music event in June featuring the work of Masonic composers.

MORE than 85 brethren from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maryland gathered March 9th at York Lodge #22 to celebrate the lodge's 200th anniversary

M.W. Brother George Pulkkinen was in the East for the Master Mason degree. He was joined by a group of his peers, brethren who also have served the lodge as Master, in working the degree. The several Past Masters' participation emphasized their many contributions to York Lodge over the years.

Brother Michael Hludik was the outstanding candidate for the historic event witnessed by M.W. Brother A. James Ross, Grand Master of Masons in Maine, and four Past Grand Masters.

Another highlight of the day was the participation of several members of the famed Kilwinning Club of Boston properly dressed in Scottish attire and bearing bagpipes, drums and swords. Club members



R.W. Tom Pulkkinen pins a Veterans Medal on M.W. George Pulkkinen who was the candidate 50 years earlier, at York Lodge's 150th anniversary.



Five Past Grand Masters, l-r: Roger P. Snelling, George Pulkkinen, Wayne T. Adams, Charles E. Ridlon and Claire V. Tusch.

Veteran's Star Awarded to Wor. Paul Wilbur

Wor. Brother Paul Wilbur was presented his 55-year Star on January 8 of this year by M.W. Brother A. James Ross, Grand Master of Masons in Maine. Paul was raised on Jan. 4, 1958 at Lynde Lodge #174 in Hermon, where he served as Master from 1972-1973. He served as Grand Tyler in 1995. His son, Donald, was raised on Feb. 17, 1973 and was Master from 1978-1979 and again in 2001-2002. He will be receiving his 40 year pin this year. Pictured here with Brother Wilbur are, l-r: Wor. Audie Gould, Master of Lynde Lodge, Wor. Donald Wilbur, Brother Paul and Grand Master Ross.



On the Road Again with *Maine Masonry's Roving Sunshine Ambassadors*



Brother Lawrence Bennett receives his Veterans Medal, and a congratulatory handshake from R.W. Brother Pete Forrest as Mrs. Priscilla Lawrence looks on.

Pete Forrest and Jack Lagerquist, both Past Senior Grand Wardens of our Masonic jurisdiction, have taken upon themselves the time-consuming but personally rewarding task of presenting 50-Year Veterans Medals to Maine Masons now living in Florida.

This project has caused the two dedicated Masons to travel many miles north, south and west from the East Coast communities where they winter with their wives.

Most recently they have visited Mainers in Cape Coral where the coveted Veterans Medals were presented to Wor. George McVety and Brother Lawrence Bennett. Wor. Brother McVety is a Past Master of Northeast Harbor Lodge #208. Brother Bennett is a member of Triangle Lodge #1 of Portland.



Mrs. Judy McVety smiles her approval as R.W. Brother Forrest pins Wor. Brother George McVety with his Veterans medal.

In another recent medal mission, they travelled to Lake Wales where they presented Brother Brian Craig of Meridian Lodge #125 in Pittsfield with his Veterans Medal.

During the annual Maine Day festivities held February 10 at Sahib Shrine Temple in Sarasota, Brothers Forrest and Lagerquist watched Grand Master Jim Ross present a Veterans Medal to Brother Richard Harris of Waterville Lodge #33.

The efforts made over the years by these two dedicated Masons, to deliver, in person, the Veterans Medals earned by members of the Craft, has proven repeatedly the length and strength of the mystical cord that binds brethren together regardless of the miles they may live apart.



Brother Richard Harris receives his medal, and congratulations, from Grand Master Jim Ross.



R.W. Pete Forrest and Brother Brian Craig.

Union Lodge #31 Hosts Saint Patrick's Day benefit for library



Left to right: Paul Godreau, Ginny Noble, and Vicky Harriman of the Vose Library, Bro. Stephen Boivin, and Bro. Ricky Starrett, Union Masonic Lodge #31 Bikes for Books Program.

Union Masonic Lodge #31 recently hosted a St. Patrick's Day dinner to raise money for the Vose Library in Union that suffered water damage from a recent winter storm. The dinner was an outstanding success with 130 people attending and more than \$1000 raised! A traditional boiled dinner was served with corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and onions with a variety of homemade desserts.

The first bicycle was also presented to kick off this year's Bikes for Books program at the library. The bicycle will be placed on display in the library to highlight their summer reading program. This year Union Lodge provided six bicycles and helmets.



The chefs (l-r): R.W. Dan Beardsley, PDDGM/7; Bro. Stephen Boivin; Bro. Ricky Starrett; R.W. Dale Flint, DDGM/7; and R.W. Greg Moody, PDDGM/7.

The House of Solomon

*Beginning
On the move —*

Through dust, sand, and storm!

*A Thundering Voice
Riding high
Above the clouds —*

Then Standing still so softly —

*Upward
Climbing
Reaching*

*Twisting stairs
Winding upward!*

*As a
Beacon of light
Towering Hope*

A Blazing star

Full of Glory!

*All eyes
Ever perceiving ever Knowing—*

All in a whisper!

And in the silence

*Golden rods with
Puffs of smoke
Ascending upward*

*To make
Atonement —*

*And Blood shed
with
Death*

*The mortal becomes
Immortal —*

The Veil is torn!

And Life is poured out

Into the Great City —

And Beyond!

Bro. Michael Glidden

Brotherhood Day at Quarry Hill Retirement Center

Several members of Amity Lodge of Masons in Camden, along with fellow Masons from Union and Thomaston held a Brotherhood Day at Quarry Hill retirement center on March 3, 2013. According to Jeff Sukeforth, Secretary of Amity Lodge, this event was something that had been in the planning phase for some time. Jeff related that when he first began looking at developing a Brotherhood Day he knew of three Masons residing at Quarry Hill who belong to Amity Lodge as well as one from Orient Lodge in Thomaston and one from Eureka Lodge in Tenants Harbor, but after digging a little more it was discovered there were other Masons living there as well.

With a couple emails to Dale Flint and Joel Parsons, District Deputy Grand Masters for the 7th & 9th Masonic Districts, and to Jim Ross, Grand Master of Masons in Maine, the day was set up and the meeting held to hold fellowship and present Masonic awards to the Brothers for their service to Freemasonry.

Family, friends and Masons packed the media room at Quarry Hill where a brief report was provided on each recipient by Sukeforth who told the gathering that typically Masons do not seek recognition for their deeds done or their years of service to the craft. He continued saying the Grand Lodge of Maine understands the importance of recognizing good deeds and service and has for years provided Masonic lapel pins to recognize 25 and 40 years of service. When a Brother reaches the 50 year membership point they are awarded a 50 year veterans service medal and for every five year period after that the Brother is awarded a bronze star to be affixed to his medal.

After a short biography was read of each recipient, the awards were presented by MW Jim Ross with the assistance of RW Dale Flint and RW Joel Parsons. RW Bill Metzger, was presented a 25 year pin, Brother Gil Hall was presented with a 55 year bronze star, Brother Roger Hannemann was presented with 55 and 60 year bronze stars and the highlight of the afternoon was Brother Bob Crabtree being presented with his 70 year bronze star. After the presentations were made there was one more event which was recognized and that was Bob Crabtree's upcoming



R.W. Joel Parsons gives R.W. Bill Metzger his 25-year pin.

98th birthday March 29th and everyone in attendance joined in a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday for Bob.

According to Sukeforth these four Brothers represent 222 years of Masonic history and service to the craft and are members as follows; Bill Metzger, member of Eureka Lodge of Tenants Harbor; Roger Hannemann member of Orient Lodge of Thomaston and Joseph Warren - Soley Lodge of Lincoln Mass.; Gil Hall and Bob Crabtree are both members of Amity Lodge #6 of Camden.



Front row L-R: RW Roger Hannemann, Gilbert Hall, Robert Crabtree & RW William Metzger. 2nd row L-R: RW Dale Flint, VW Joel Wentworth, RW Keryn Annis, Les Ames. 3rd row L-R: MW Jim Ross, RW Joel Parsons, RW Herb Annis, Wor. Steve Gibbons, Bill Chapman, Brian Gasser & Wor. Dick Gunn. 4th row: Wor. Aaron Chandler.

Kente Bow Ties and Grand Master James Ross

By R.W. Robert Hancock, DDGM/1

YOU, MY BROTHER, are invited to show your support for Grand Master Ross' advocacy for diversity and toleration in Maine Masonry by supporting the *1st District Masonic Beau Tie Society's* 2nd offering.

The Kente Tie draws together cultural African colors from Ghana which reflect symbolic death, renewal and intense spiritual energies with spiritual purity and purification.

Net proceeds will be donated to the Grand Lodge of Maine Charitable Foundation to help support the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc.

We have members in our Grand Lodge and there are many other citizens of Maine who can be affected by this crippling disease.

For \$15.00, plus \$2.00 postage, you will receive one bow tie and a certificate of membership in the *1st District Masonic Beau Tie Society* which has **NO** annual dues. The only requirement of the Society is that you wear this

tie to the first day of Grand Lodge to show your support for diversity and toleration in Maine Masonry.

Lodges which have ten members join will become honorary members of the Society and will receive one tie to present to a brother of their choice. If each lodge had just five members join we could raise over \$9,000.00 for the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation.

Your support will show:

Your recognition of diversity and concern for a Brother Mason;

Your support for Grand Master A. James Ross' pursuit of diversity and toleration;

When you wear it, of your personal commitment and growth to becoming a being man.

Please complete and return by e-mail or slow mail to:

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Grand Master A. James Ross and his suite of twelve were the guests of North Star Lodge No. 22 of Prince Hall Masons, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in Bangor on Saturday, March 2, 2013. They were greeted by Worshipful Master Leslie "Buck" Buchanan and R.W. Bro. Glenn Payne, D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District covering Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. At the meeting Kente Beau Ties were presented to

all the hosts by the First District Beau Tie Society by M.W. A. James Ross, R.W. Robert Hancock, DDGM/1, and R.W. Richard Rhoda, its "Roving Ambassador." Pictured left to right: Grand Master Ross, Brothers Richard L. Rhoda, Robert Hancock, Glenn Payne, Buck Buchanan, Chris Barber, Ricky Hall, Reed Broadus, Sterling Dymond, III, and Steve Lloyd.



**Run to Benefit
Masonic Youth Charities**

Sponsored by York Lodge #22

Saturday, May 18, 2013

(Rain date May 19)

REG. FEE \$20.00 per bike (includes t-shirt)

8:00 AM Sign-Up

Breakfast Available

10:00 AM On The Road

Stop for refreshment

**Return to Bentley's for a Raffle,
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16 Masons Offer Themselves as Candidates at Grand Lodge

Four incumbent officers stand unopposed at the Grand Lodge session. There is enthusiastic unanimity that Grand Master A. James Ross, Deputy Grand Master David Walker, Grand Treasurer Scott Whytock and Grand Secretary Mark Rustin deserve to be re-elected. And one can be certain they will be.

For the two Grand Wardens, and positions on the Charitable Foundation and Finance Committee voting members will have to do their homework to make the wisest possible selections for these important challenges.

Two men, R.W. Richard Bergeron and R.W. Christian Ratliff are seeking the position of Senior

Grand Warden while the Junior Grand Warden's chair is being sought by R.W. Alfred Haskell, Wor. Michael Kimball, R.W. Brian Messing and R.W. Lawrence Vennell.

Two brethren, R.W. Barry Gates and R.W. James May seek election to the Finance Committee.

Two brethren will be elected to three-year terms as a Director of the Masonic Charitable Foundation. Candidates for this important office include R.W. Paul H. Deschambault, R.W. Randall L. Elliott, R.W. John T. Ironvando and M.W. Claire V. Tusch.

Bristol Lodge Brethren Honored

Bristol Lodge #74 member James Brackett recently was awarded 3 bronze stars for his 50 year medal signifying 65 years as a Master Mason. Lodge members attending the presentation pictured at right with Brother Brackett are, l-r: Sam Hafford, Jack Brackett, and DDGM/10 Robert Cushing.



Howard Gamage of Bristol Lodge #74 received his 50 year Veterans Medal at Cove's Edge in Damariscotta on Dec. 30, 2012. Bristol Lodge members present in the photo with Brother Gamage are, l-r: Brother Terry Lowd, Brother Dave Tonry, PDDGM Sam Hafford, and DDGM/10 Robert Cushing.

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The 194th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine will meet at Kora Shrine Center, Lewiston, ME May 7 and 8, 2013

When M.W. Brother A. James Ross raps the 194th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to order at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, representatives of Maine's 185 lodges will set to work making decisions that will determine the direction of this Grand Lodge for the next year, and in some cases, far beyond that.

In addition to electing and installing the men who will lead the Craft (*a complete list of candidates can be found on page 31, inside this back cover*), a budget will be adopted for the ensuing year. (Thanks to careful scrutiny by the Finance Committee, no per capita increase will be necessary.) And several proposed amendments to the Constitution will be considered.

Among the most likely of those to generate discussion is a proposal recommended by the Finance Committee that the penalty for lodge non-representation at the Annual Communication be increased to \$75. (The penalty has been \$10

since it was first adopted in 1976, 37 years ago.)

Another proposal offered by the Finance Committee would ask approval of a plan to adopt a \$1.00 per member annual donation to support continued operation and maintenance of the magnificent George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA. Every new Mason now contributes \$5.00 to this cause, and Masons in 24 states make the additional \$1 annual contribution to support the memorial.

With much business to attend to, it's sometimes easy to forget that one of the most important benefits of attending Grand Lodge is the opportunity to share fellowship with hundreds of brethren assembled from every corner of Maine.

This year there's the added benefit of seeing and exploring the magnificent Kora Shrine Center. Many claim it is the most beautiful building of its kind in northern New England. Come decide for yourself!