

The Maine Mason

A photograph of a green steam locomotive pulling a passenger car at a railway museum. The locomotive is black with green accents and has a circular logo on the front that says "BOOTHBAY RAILWAY" and "1935" around the number "7". Steam is coming out of the smokestack. In the background, there are trees and a group of people, including children, walking on a wooden boardwalk.

**Masonic Family Fun Day
June 17 at the Boothbay
Railway Museum**

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by George P. Pulkkinen

Ah...Spring!

While there's still a bite to the wind piling rows of breakers along tide lines at the beach, there are signs aplenty of the coming season of rebirth in the natural world here in Maine.

Along south-facing foundations and centuries-old stone walls, bare earth, brown though it might still be, is waging war and winning against the layers of white cold that have laid claim to much of the land for many months. And in those bare patches, tiny shoots of green are springing forth to signal that warm days and the earth's bounty are headed our way. A thrilling victory, to be sure, for those of us who have persevered through another, sometimes cruel, winter.

One of my favorite places to celebrate Spring is in the boatyard. Any boatyard. Already eager owners are exposing decks and gunwales, freeing them from protective winter coverings. Still too early to do much work, this is the time to finalize plans for the season, daydreaming a bit, perhaps, about anticipated joy on the water.

Will that sticky chock finally be replaced; is this the year for a new sail or the GPS that has hung, Tantalus like, just out of reach for a couple of seasons. Or will the desire to prolong an always too-short season be sufficient reason to take care of hull demands, then postpone other projects with a decision to get the bottom wet as quickly as possible?

A confession would be appropriate here. I'm always one whose eagerness to feel the exciting lift and roll of water and wind prompts the earliest possible launch.

We all have our Spring rituals, our renewal exercises. Whatever hurls -- or nudges -- you into this exciting season of new life, I hope fills you with the same joy I've experienced since my earliest memories of boats and the medium they, and I, seem to have been created for.

From the Grand East

Thomas E. Pulkkinen **Grand Master of Masons in Maine**

The positive impressions we make today as Masons will last a lifetime.

Last a lifetime? Just ask Mrs. Marion Shepard, widow of Village Lodge's Brother Murray Shepard. She recently sent a letter that shares the impression Freemasonry made on her. She wrote:

"About 70 years ago...I accepted a job in Coral Gables, Florida...I bought my train ticket to go from Portland to Miami, Florida...A classmate who had married a Navy man stationed in Miami would meet me.

"Before I left, Dad (Bro. Fred R. Gould of Ancient Landmark Lodge in Portland) took me aside and said, 'see this ring on my finger? Well, if you should need help and you see a man with a Masonic ring on his finger like this one, you can tell him that your father wears a ring like that and that you need help. He will help you and you can trust him.' My journey, at age 21 and alone, was uneventful. But that talk with Dad gave me peace of mind. I wonder if it is true today. Our world seems to have changed a great deal in the last 70 years. Keep up the good work."

Yes, Mrs. Shepard, it remains true today!

Another story needs sharing as well. I pen thank you notes to all donors to the Grand Master's Annual Appeal and our Charitable Foundation. The notes are truly appreciated by the recipients, and so rewarding to me.

We recently received a donation from Alice Williams of South Portland. My research determined that she is the widow of Bro. Ralmond "Bill" Williams of St. Andrews Lodge in Bangor. He was a railroad man...born in 1906. Knowing that RW Royce Wheeler was a railroad man from the same Lodge, I gave him a call.

"Royce, do you remember Bro. Bill Williams?"

"I worked with him," Royce said.

"Well, we just received a donation from Alice."

"She must be over 100," Royce offered, "I've been to their home."

Bill passed to the Celestial Lodge more than a quarter century ago, but Alice still remembers and honors his Masonic fraternity.

Freemasonry left an indelible mark in the hearts and minds of these two ladies. They are two great examples of an important aspect of Freemasonry at its best. The Craft is an organization of men intended to involve our families and benefit mankind in real and purposeful ways.

Do the Brethren of your Lodge involve their ladies and children in the active affairs of the Lodge? Do you remember your *Special Ladies*, the widows of our departed Brethren? This is the true "work" of the Lodge – practicing the inspirational meaning of our ritual – its moral lessons, that need to be studied and understood at least as much as the words in our Masonic ritual.

Think about what the Scottish Rite Sovereign Grand Commander William McNaughton recently expressed:

Ritual is what we say.

Freemasonry is what we do.

Making positive impressions on potential Masons

Last fall Grand Lodge rolled out a Fellowship Night initiative aimed at bringing many good men from our personal lives and communities into our Lodges to meet Freemasons – men they often already knew outside the Lodge. The nights provide opportunities for us to socialize, to tell our story about Freemasonry in a compelling way, and to let our guests hear about the Brotherhood and our many efforts to improve ourselves and benefit our communities, especially schoolchildren.

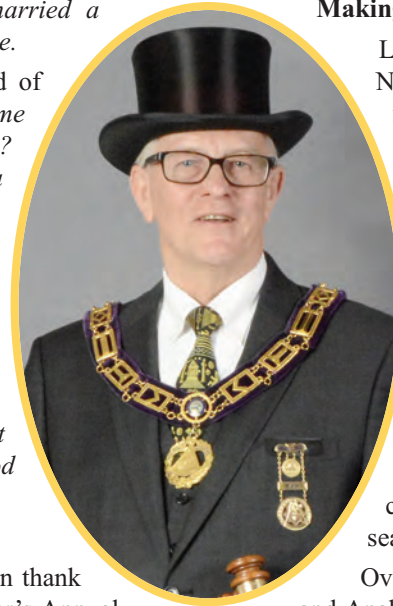
Many Lodges are executing the 12-point plan for holding successful Fellowship Nights. Every Lodge needs to! Missing just one point compromises results. All Masons must be on the search for good men. They're potential Brethren!

Over the past couple months, the leaders of Kora and Anah Shrine Temples and Maine Scottish Rite have each committed to attracting 100 potential Masons to Fellowship Nights in their Shine Clubs and Scottish Rite Valleys. That would be 300 potential new Masons.

But they must be "the right men!" Men of faith who share our values, who want to grow, live and work in harmony, contribute to their fellow men and make a positive difference in their own lives and those of others.

Lodge leaders...all Maine Masons...need to make a similar commitment to identifying and attracting "the right men" to Masonry, and engaging them in Lodge activities and educational opportunities.

This is not an issue of increasing numbers in lieu of quality of character. We need to ensure that the West Gate of our Lodges guard against accepting men who don't meet our expectations. Men should come to Masonry wanting to associate with other good men and endeavor to become better men. We should not welcome them if their goal is just to wear our rings or pins, gain a business advantage, or even ride motorcycles together. Their core purpose must be to practice Freemasonry – to live Masonry.



Around the Grand Lodge Water Cooler...

R.W. Dan Bartlett, Grand Secretary

Are you part of a “big” Lodge?

I would ask you to take a moment and think about your Lodge in the context of how big it is. And I do not mean building size or number of Masons who are members or are active participants. Think of your Lodge size in relation to its *presence* in your life and your community.

Is your Lodge “big”? Let’s face it, this country likes “big”. Big cars, super-size meals and drinks, big stores and malls, big screen TV’s...you get the picture. (See what I did there?)

I want to share some interesting numbers I heard about recently that my Brother Grand Secretary from California (now that’s a big state), Allan Cassalou gathered together. There are about 50,000 Masons in California in 338 Lodges which in raw averages is about **148** members in each Lodge. In Maine, we have about 17,200 members in 183 Lodges so we average about **94** members in each lodge.

The United Grand Lodge of England has about the same number of Masons as California does (50,000) in the London Lodges and there are about 1,250 Lodges. In raw averages that is about **40** members in each Lodge! I’m not suggesting that all 1,250 Lodges are thriving but these figures are interesting.

Why are the Lodges so much smaller in numbers of members? In the early 1700s when Masonry was getting started in England the information provided to Lodges concerning how many members there should be was along the lines of “a Lodge should not have more members than it has work for”. If everyone has work, they will be busy and will attend Lodge because the brethren need them there to do their share of work. As a Lodge grew in membership beyond what they had work for everyone to do, a group of men would split off and start another Lodge somewhere nearby and so on.

Now that’s a concept: no more members than it has work for. In today’s world in this country we keep consolidating Lodges in many jurisdictions because there are not enough members in a Lodge and yet 300 years ago they intentionally kept the membership small so everyone had work to do.

We worry about membership numbers in respect to how much money that generates to operate and maintain our Lodge and the building. Are we focusing so much on a financial aspect of what membership does that we have

lost sight of why we joined the Fraternity in the first place? I would venture that not one of us joined Freemasonry to financially and physically support a building. And, I’m not suggesting that we are needlessly closing Lodges but what I will suggest is that the number of members in a Lodge should not be the only consideration when contemplating what to do with a Lodge that appears to be failing. We are sometimes quick to pronounce a lodge about to go under because they have few members supporting it. Maybe, we need to consider that the focus needs to be lightening the burden of a big building and find a way to focus our efforts in doing Masonry.

Back to the *presence* in a community. We have numerous Lodges in this jurisdiction that are quite small in membership numbers but are quite big in their *presence*. They are active community partners. They are involved in projects that take advantage of the strengths of our Fraternity such as good men wanting to work to improve themselves and their communities as well as the community based grant programs from the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation. Other community members who do not belong to the Fraternity see this and think they might want to join to be involved...to work. To work for the betterment of themselves, their families, their brethren and their community.

If there are 200 members in a Lodge, it’s an easy excuse for 185 of them to not go to Lodge or participate because they have no work to do. “The Officers will be there...I don’t need to go”. So how do I make my Lodge *presence* big you ask? It starts with one Brother. A spark plug if you will who energizes those around him with his enthusiasm and positive attitude.

Recall in the last Maine Mason I spoke of finding that servant leader in your Lodge who stands out as one who lifts others up and is not about exalting themselves. That’s the guy you want...he’s the spark plug almost every time and regardless of his age or his history with the Fraternity it is important that the leadership of the Lodge recognize the “spark plug” and put him to work.

We don’t need big membership numbers in our Lodges. We need big *presence* for our Lodges and if you have a big *presence* in your Lodge you can have a big *presence* in your community and by doing that you and your Lodge are successful.

Do Good unto All



Lodge History; Do We Lose It or Use It?

RW Jeff Sukeforth
Grand Historian

I think most everyone in some way or another is interested in history and historical events. The world, the United States, Maine, cities and towns all have their individual historical significance and everyone, rightly so, should be proud of those accomplishments in their very own little part of this world.

Being proud of our history and being able to say you were a part of a singular event should make one swell with pride. This is the same feeling we all should strive to achieve when we speak about our Masonic history. There are many Masons in Maine who are rightfully proud of their Grand Lodge and in turn their very own Blue Lodge. We can all attest to asking an elder Brother about an event that occurred many years ago and this is a wonderful thing to remember and recall events. Now, take a moment and contemplate how we might recall events in our lodges when those elder Brothers are no longer with us.

Lodge historical records provide a permanent record of proceedings and events at meetings to include information about former members, important events, and out ties within the community to mention a few. They help to form the memories of the Lodge.

What if our Masonic Brothers of yesteryear never took the time to record what had transpired within their lodges? Could we claim factually to be the fraternity we are today with such a rich recorded history or would we perhaps not even be in existence because there was no recorded word in which to rely upon? What if we never had the Regius Poem which is considered to be the first document with a recorded men-

tion of freemasonry?

Sadly, if our historical information disappears, answers to questions such as why, who, when, where and how may be lost forever. Lodges unable to prove continuity of meetings may be unable to rightfully stake claim to centenary warrants or charters. In 2020 our 200th Anniversary as a Grand Lodge will be celebrated and I am certain that many will be delving into the archives within their own lodges and Grand Lodge to once again elevate memories and events to be included for this memorable anniversary. Let us not forget that these very same records also provide unique information about local communities and may be of interest to those researching local history.

As you may be aware, at last year's Grand Lodge session a proposal was put forth to amend the requirement for lodges to complete lodge histories on a yearly basis should they so desire. The content of that proposal is as follows;

"The first is to replace existing Section 75.3, which now requires each lodge to submit an annual history not later than March 1st under penalty of fine, with the following:

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Brother Joe Gray is the newest member of Lygonia Lodge #40 of Ellsworth. He was raised January 19. He is the grandson of Wor. Stephen Trimm, the current Potentate of Anah Shrine, and a fourth generation Mason. Pictured here, l-r, are Wor. Scott Edgerly, Wor. Trimm, Brother Gray, SW Ken Grant, Wor. Gary Haslam, JS Royce Mcalpine, JW Robin Freeman, SD Charles Bierce, JD Brent Whitney.

History: Use It or Lose It

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75.3 LODGE HISTORIES – Each lodge in this jurisdiction is encouraged to prepare its history for the preceding year and especially for significant anniversary years. Copies of histories filed with the Grand Lodge by March 1st will be reviewed by the Committee on History of Masonry in Maine for its report and recognition of Lodge histories at the Annual Communication”.

If this change passes it will remove the requirement for a lodge to record a yearly history but will allow individual lodges to decide for themselves if it will record a yearly history. Who will make the decision on whether a lodge will record a history? Will this be an arbitrary decision from the Master or will the lodge vote?

PRIDE: Some reports are so skimpy in information that it begs the question whether the Master of the Lodge actually saw the report being filed with Grand Lodge. If every Master has in fact reviewed the report being sent in as a fair representation of their lodge and they are fine with what has been presented to be laid among the records, then it would appear that Pride is in fact another lost word among the workmen.

If maintaining Masonic records is deemed to not be that important, why did our very own Grand Lodge keep a meticulous card file on every Mason in Maine since its inception and then have that card file be placed onto the Grand Lodge Website for all to see and use? I personally know several Brothers and folks not associated with Masonry who use this database consistently for information of historical matter on our members.

It is a daunting task for members of the History committee involved in the process of making decisions on what lodge(s) may be recognized for providing a history report worthy of recognition. The committee receives many reports and goes through every one submitted by the due date. It is easy at times to cull those that simply do not make the cut from those which do.

The word pride is bantered about in the room where these decisions are made because, it is in fact quite easy to see which lodges have a bit more pride in their reports than others. When a lodge simply sends copies of the visitor and guest register, or sends copies of lodge minutes then pride in their lodge appears to be lacking. Those who take the time to write about their lodge from year beginning to year end in depth, with includes photos to record the event in two ways, demonstrate particular pride in

what their lodge has accomplished.

Some say they were appointed as Historian but have no idea what to do to accomplish this task. To those who say this I say we are all capable of sharing accounts and memories of past events and turning these into stories or “histories.” Histories which rely on memory soon become tall tales and lose factual importance. Recording our history is recording facts not fiction.

I would like to have every Mason know that the only way we can respect and honor the history of our lodges is to have it written down so that it can be kept alive for posterity. Brothers let us elevate and regale our history and show that we are not only Masons but PROUD Maine Masons. Let those who will come after us and read these documents read a history and say to themselves, “I wish I could have been a part of that lodge!” Let us praise those who have gone before and give incentive to those now serving and to those who are coming up in Masonry in the future by striving for the accurate betterment of our historical reports.

If the proposed legislation passes, then it will be a matter of pride for every lodge to file a history report. If it is defeated then pride will also be demonstrated on that day of Grand Lodge, because it will show that many Brothers recognize the importance of maintaining a written historical record of each of our lodges.

Finally Brothers, as Grand Historian, I have taken on the responsibility of developing and having approved a “format” or “example” of what should be placed into a lodge history report. When this is completed it will be sent to every lodge Master and Historian to use in submitting their reports with **PRIDE.**



Monument Lodge members Jody Anderson, PM, left, and JW Lenny Keyes could not be kept away by snow and cold during the Christmas season. The Houlton lodge continued its tradition of helping others, usually privately but at least once a year publicly for the past 25 years.

FROM THE 'NEAR EAST'



The “Hiram” Tree

I recently watched a documentary on horticulture. Featured in one segment was a unique tree. The scientists began with an apple tree with some years' growth and grafted viable branches from several other fruit trees to the original. As the tree grew and prospered that single tree produced fruits from all the grafted varieties as well as the apples on the original branches. The resulting tree provided nourishment of many kinds and flavors as well as a glorious array of blooms, foliage, and opportunities for different types of pollinators. It seems to me there is an obvious analogy to Freemasonry here.

The roots of Freemasonry run deeply in the ground of being from which springs moral and social morality. These roots are the Lodges of Craftsmen who labor to grow and firmly establish the strength and nurture of the Craft in this life-giving firmament. Wherever Lodges put down roots across the face of the earth they are given life from the same moral and social nutrients.

In the maturity of time the firmament became divided into Grand Jurisdictions. The strong roots reached upward to form trunks (Grand Lodges) as markers of the common purpose and strength of the roots (Lodges). The trunks sprouted branches

(Committees, Grand Officers, etc.) allowing for the capture of new energy to feed the roots and strengthen trunk. The “Hiram” tree grew strong, vital, and well nourished.

Because of the nourishment provided by the “Hiram” tree all of society became increasingly aware of the possibilities for human life inherent in the ground of being which nurtured the Lodges and was passed on as the fruits of the tree. Branches of trees which shared the common firmament and produced other fruit were grafted to the trunk of the “Hiram” tree. The Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, OES, DeMolay, Rainbow, and other branches drew nourishment from the Lodge roots and flourished as never before.

Today, the “Hiram” tree puts forth a myriad of opportunities to provide nourishment to the inquisitive mind seeking an understanding of the self, spiritual and ethical tenets, and the interdependence of life. The roots of the Craft still bring forth the vital materials from the ground of being to allow us, as good stewards, to use the resulting fruits to become better men and build a better world.

Fraternally,

Mark Rustin

Deputy Grand Master

Masonic Charitable Foundation Executive Director Position

***The Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation has an opening
for the part time position of Executive Director.***

The position entails administering the charitable and fundraising activities of the Foundation. Applicants must have fundraising experience in a charitable organization. This is a great opportunity for a semi-retired Mason with sound administrative experience.

Requests for more information on this position may be emailed to

GrandLodge@MaineMason.org.

Village Lodge's Handy Brigade...revisited

**Bro. Steven Edmondson, Historian
Village Lodge #26, Bowdoinham**

In a previous edition of the Maine Mason we had an article sharing information about the Village Lodge Handy Brigade. This is a program designed to aide elder residents in our area with small tasks around the house to help them remain in their home.

Since publication of that article, much has happened. In September 2016, representatives from an organization called The Pew Charitable Trusts, came to Maine to observe and write stories about local efforts to assist elder citizens. The story subsequently appeared in the October 2016 edition of their Pew Trust Magazine.

The Pew Charitable Trust is an independent non-profit organization with a mission of improving public policy, informing the public and invigorating public life by encouraging and highlighting participation and strong communities.

Among the programs addressed in the story included those in Harpswell, Bath and Cumberland as well as our own Handy Brigade. The emphasis of the article was to highlight the need to assist our elder citizens. Mentioned in the article was that Maine has the highest median age (44) of any State in the Country. It also revealed the percentage of Maine residents age 65 and older has risen to 19%, up from 16% in 2010 with that number rising to 33% by 2032.

Quoting from the article, The Village Lodge Handy Brigade, run by a team of Masonic Lodge Brothers whose ages range from 21 to the mid-70s, assists seniors in the small farming town of Bowdoinham and in two other towns with everything from changing lightbulbs and installing smoke detectors to replacing storm windows and making minor carpentry fixes.

"This program helps people maintain their independence and keeps their property from deteriorating" said Peter Warner, 60, the Mason's Lodge Master.

Warner said that since his team, whose motto is "One lightbulb at a time", organized in February, it has helped about 30 seniors. On a recent fall day, two team volunteers visited the home of a grateful 76 year old woman and her disabled sons to replace ceiling tiles in a bathroom ruined by a plumbing leak.

"Older folks don't want to be seen as needing help, but with the Handy Brigade, they know of them and may even have someone in their

family who was a Mason", said Patricia Oh, who coordinates senior services for Bowdoinham and works with the team.

The recognition of our Handy Brigade didn't stop there. In December, representatives of MPBN, tagged along with two members of the Lodge as they installed handicap accessible equipment in a bathroom so a senior gentleman could safely return to his home from the hospital. In the on-line article, it begins with the line "Driving through downtown Richmond, Peter Warner and Dave Thompson don't get far without passing by a house of a senior they've helped." WBs Peter Warner and Dave Thompson are quoted as they described the various projects performed by the Handy Brigade since its inception. "It started about a year ago after one member helped a senior with a small project. Warner decided to develop it into a program to help others in the community who need it. After spreading the word through the local senior's group, Warner says the Handy Brigade has assisted about 30 households."

On the day of this visit, WBs Warner and Thompson were installing a grab bar and wand hose in the shower

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Wor. Brothers Warner and Thompson at labor.

Maine DeMolay Bridges the Gap with Masonic Bodies

by Jeremy Larkin

State DeMolay Communications Director

Many Maine brethren have heard the updates and news about our Maine jurisdiction of the International Order of DeMolay. The updates have included mentions of important events such as Wreaths Across America, and Conclave, and participation in our very own Bikes for Books initiatives. This is the DeMolay that Tony Bessey, newly appointed personal Representative to the Grand Master of DeMolay International, has decided is in dire need of some new life. But where should that new life begin? Dad Tony decided it should start with the members themselves, and re-engagement with the organizations that have given so generously to Maine's youth for so many years.

Tony reached out to William Brann, Maine DeMolay's State Master Councilor, about how to bring new membership and life to the organization. William agreed that the numbers showed that membership was not growing as quickly as was hoped. He studied the budget for the year and recognized the names of generous benefactors who had provided funding that enabled him and his brothers to enjoy DeMolay activities and experiences. What do you think, he was asked, about reaching out to some of those donors to explore putting on an event with them? The idea was floated of asking the Widows Sons Knights Templar Chapter to help put on a fun run to build membership and let people

learn about DeMolay? Other possibilities would be a Medieval Manor co-sponsored by the Maine Consistory at the Portland Masonic Temple complete with a tour for young men interested in theater; and an Easter Sunrise service organized by partnering with the Grand Commandery of Maine on the steps of the State Capital Building.

Suggestions led to action.

An invitation arrived to attend a stated meeting with the Knights Templar Chapter of Widows Sons. William, an excellent speaker whose skills were honed by DeMolay experiences, was prepared to make his pitch. At the close of the standard business, Chapter President Stephen Lawrence invited William to speak. With a calm demeanor many politicians would envy, he stood and addressed his audience and explained the idea for a fun run to support DeMolay membership by asking riders and participants to bring young men of DeMolay age to the ride, or provide information to contact parents of eligible youth. To reduce the cost of the ride, DeMolay, he explained, would pick up the cost of a cookout after the run, and 80% of the ride fee would go to the chapter, with the other 20% to be discounted completely for any riders who brought up to five contacts for DeMolay. William was given a round of applause and three members of the chapter to help with his cause.

He returned to his fellow state officers, explained how things went, and asked for their help. New levels of interest and creativity exploded as members stepped forward to help with publishing, creative art work, and designs with the goal of making the name of DeMolay a household word.

As each new plan comes together, and each of the Maine Masonic bodies is engaged, positive feedback is rolling in. While these brethren have long demonstrated willingness to donate funds to help our youth, they appear even more willing to engage directly by participating in these events. R.E. Grand Commander Jeff LeDoux, Stephen Lawrence, Secretary of the Scottish Rite Valley of Portland Bradford Blake, Scottish Rite State Deputy Alan Heath and Active 33rd Jeff Simonton, and Aaron Joy have all been instrumental in giving form to the plans laid out by the DeMolay youth. While these brethren may have been among the first approached, they will not be the last. In the words of Dad Tony, "If you haven't heard about Maine DeMolay recently, you will. If you haven't been asked to join us for an event, you will. And if you're a Senior DeMolay, we're waiting for your call"

Handy Brigade

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so an elderly resident could come from the hospital. Thirty minutes later and the job is done. "These guys are a blessing in disguise for anyone who needs their service" the homeowner says, sitting at his kitchen table a week later.

Once again the Handy Brigade received recognition with WB Peter Warner taking part in a webinar aired on the internet. On February 14th, Warner, along with representatives from three other volunteer groups tasked with aiding seniors, participated in the conversation hosted by Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging.

The three Tenants of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Looking deeper into Masonic writings you find the terms morality, charity and social responsibility. The Village Lodge Handy Brigade is spreading this Masonic tradition, one light bulb at a time.

Elections and Other Business at Annual Session

Although there are ten positions to be balloted on at our 198th Annual Communication, only two will be contested. There are two candidates for the office of Senior Grand Warden, and seven candidates seeking two positions on the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation.

R.W. Brother Rufus Cox is one of the candidates for Senior Grand Warden. He will be opposed by Wor. Brother Michael Kimball who originally had sent out a letter announcing his candidacy for Junior Grand Warden.

Candidates for the Charitable Foundation include MW Brother Wayne T. Adams, RW Brother Donald W. Pratt, RW Brother Ralph G. Knowles, Wor. Michael P. Tremblay, Bro. Dale F. Knapp and Bro. Dylan C. Wing.

RW Brother Kenneth A. Caldwell is running unopposed for Junior Grand Warden.

Officers seeking re-election include: Grand Master, Thomas E. Pulkkinen; Deputy Grand Master, Mark E. Rustin; Grand Treasurer, Scott Whytock; Grand Secretary, Daniel E. Bartlett and Finance Committee members, RW Brother Ron Murphy and RW Brother John Irovando.

The Grand Lodge budget will also be dealt with, and

again calls for no increase in the per capita.

A proposed amendment to Sec. 75.3 LODGE HISTORIES -- would, if accepted, encourage but not mandate annual Lodge Histories; and a proposed amendment to Sec. 86 - APRONS, if accepted, would allow the Masonic apron to be worn, without dispensation from the Grand Master, when participating in Memorial or Divine services, Grand Lodge approved processions, ceremonies to recognize Masonic veterans or to present Grand Lodge awards.

The following proposed amendment, offered by Brother Daniel DiDonato of Ancient Brothers Lodge #178 in Auburn, will receive a first reading. "If any brother is summoned by Grand Lodge, for any reason other than the Annual Communication or duty voluntarily assumed, the following will apply: if the distance traveled is more than 30 miles, the summoned Brother shall be compensated for all travel at the rate of \$1 per mile, payable upon his arrival. If the distance is 100 or more, the Grand Lodge will ascertain if lodging is required, if so, Grand Lodge will secure such lodging, as would befit the Grand Master."

ANNOUNCING THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES



THIS YEAR'S FOCUS IS MATHEMATICS

Presenters will be Brother Luke Shorty, MS Mathematics, and Wor. Dan Gaucher, MFA

Brother Shorty will present an illuminating talk on the 47th problem of Euclid and the Golden Ratio, better known as the Pythagorean Theorem and the mathematical constant Phi. Though these two concepts seem like they are not connected we will discover that the 47th problem can be a gateway to constructing the golden ratio that is found throughout all of architecture, nature and art. We will explore what these concepts are, where they can be found in nature, art and architecture, their history, and their deep roots in geometry, and how they can be constructed with square and compasses.

Brother Gaucher's presentation, "Beauty to Adorn," describes linear perspective as a mathematical system for projecting the three-dimensional world onto a two-dimensional surface, such as paper or canvas. A series of rules were adapted during the early Renaissance and developed over the following centuries. This presentation will cover one-point, two-point and three-point perspective and highlight how these rules have been used in everything from Brunelleschi's and Raphael's masterpieces to modern day video games.

APRIL 15 AT THE SPECTACULAR EVENTS CENTER

395 Griffin Road, Bangor. :- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm :- Registration 8:00 am

If you want lunch, please pre-register with Theresa at the Grand Lodge Office, 843-1086

Masons Assist Youth and Coaches with Futsal Gear



From left to right: Bro. Wayne MacPherson, Bro. Brian Schoff, Coach Scott Riddell, Bro. Dave Larson, Coach John Rafferty of FitSobo, Bro. Ricky Schoff, Coach Chris Melino, Bro. Bill Young, and Bro. Jerry Illig.

John Rafferty and Chris Melino have been instrumental in getting the game of Futsal off the ground in South Berwick and Eliot. Futsal is also referred to as “Five-A-Side” or “Mini-Soccer”, and was originally developed in Uruguay in 1930 by Juan Carlos Ceriani, as a version of soccer for youth competition in YMCA’s. Futsal is played either indoors or out on basketball-sized courts and has primarily been a fall / winter activity in the area to keep youth engaged in a soccer based activity in the off-season.

When Futsal dad and Freemason member Bill Young heard that John had to drive to Lee, NH every week to borrow nets and drive all the way back to return them, he knew that his lodge could help. Members of St. Johns Lodge (Bill Young, Wayne MacPherson, and Ricky Schoff), showed up to help raise money by selling popcorn and drinks at a free Friday night futsal clinic. When parents found out about their fundraising effort, they were more than generous and provided donations to support the cause. Donations received from parents provided the matching contributions needed in order to maximize the funds available from the Maine Masonic Youth Activities matching grant. Within days John and Chris had 4 new futsal nets and 14 youth sized futsal

balls to use in clinics and after-school programs.

The Maine Masonic Charitable Grants offer matching funds for projects like this in an effort to expand the opportunity for community betterment, and masonic member involvement in their communities. The grants require involvement from members to engage the community, and provide the opportunity to match funds raised for specific projects, currently \$2 matched for every dollar raised up to the first \$500. The futsal nets and balls purchased benefit children in our community by providing them the opportunity to learn the rules and fundamentals of the game using regulation approved equipment. The new equipment is not only being used at the Central and Great Works schools afterschool programs, but will also benefit kids that attend the free futsal clinics that John and Chris provide most Friday nights [grades 1-8].

For more information about Futsal clinics or teams see www.Fitsobo.weebly.com/ or you can find more on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/FitSobo.

For more information about St. John’s Lodge No. 51 in South Berwick, or Freemasonry, see – www.stjohnslodge51.org, or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stjohnslodge51/

And we lose another of the Greatest Generation...

May all Maine Masons, their Masonic sons, grandsons and even great-grandsons take a moment and remember the Masons of the Greatest Generation and also those who were not Masons.

Their numbers dwindle down to a precious few each and every day. May we make the special effort to reach out to them while we still can.

In this past year we lost Bro. Leon F. Higgins, II, Past Master of St. Andrews Lodge #83 in Bangor. He was a man and a Mason well respected in all facets of his life.

A young college freshman of 18 years and one day, he enlisted to defend his country the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked. He attained the rank of Major and piloted a twin engine B-26 on special missions because of his extraordinary "20-10" eyesight.

Bro. Lee would tell you that he was nothing special, that he was just doing his job.

He would be right except that they were all special, each in his own way. They gave up their youth, and many their lives, for God, Country and Family.

Like many Masons who came back from W.W. II, he followed his father into Freemasonry. Like many others of his generation he faithfully served his Blue Lodge and was active in a concordant body. He served as Most

Wise Master of the Bangor Chapter of Rose Croix.

The men of The Greatest Generation were predominately in their late teens to late 20's, boys who became men in an instant.

Seeing Bro. Lee's picture in a "Thank You" note from his beloved girlfriend and wife, Audrey, one is truly struck by the youth in the face of that man.

Last April 22nd, at the age of 92, he took his last, long, and peaceful flight.

Many knew him as that perpetually older man with short gray hair and a few wrinkles on a fuller face taken up with a smile, the way we tend to think of those men of The Greatest Generation.

But look at that boy in the picture and remember that it is because of men that young that we enjoy the liberties we share today.

"Our Brethren of 'The Greatest Generation,' we Maine Masons 'Honor you and Thank You' for all you did for us and our families."

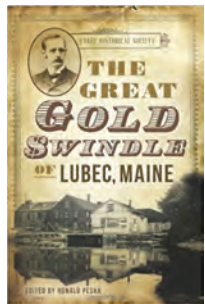
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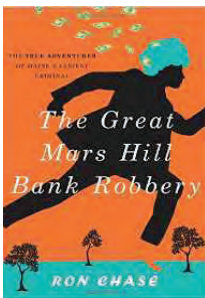
A plaque was presented by the District 6 Masonic Organization to Lee Stanley of Copia Specialty Contractors in appreciation of the company's support of our Bikes for Books Program. The Stanley family allows use of their warehouse as a distribution point for the program. Pictured, left to right: RW Brother Dan Bartlett, Grand Secretary; Lee Stanley, and Wor. Archie Gould of Lynde Lodge #174 in Hermon.

SO many lodges in Maine now support 'Bikes for Books.' About 1,500 bikes and helmets will be given to youngsters this year but that's nothing to the thousands more who'll become life-long readers and learners, bettering our society! Your lodges and the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation can be rightfully proud of this wonderful work!

THE OLD WEBMASTER'S BOOKSHELF

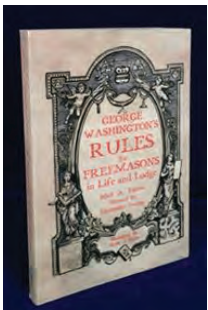


BUT despite the tremendous efforts made for our youth, few Masons themselves read. Am I wrong? How many books have YOU, my Brother, read this past year? And yet there's SO much of interest, even if you're not a self-professed reader. Consider what you've missed: the gold swindle in Lubec, the gangland shooting in Bangor, a bank robbery in Mars Hill, what a Brother Maine Game Warden encountered in his years of service, and hundreds of other works about things that happened (or could have) right in your area in the past? (In some cases even, the future!) There are hundreds of books, both fiction and non, about things that could surely tweak your curiosity. From the creation of Moxie on to the Nazis landing in Bar Harbor, there's fascination galore. And if you've got a phone or tablet which



allows programs (those things called 'apps'), you can have all of these stories in your pocket: a perfect alternative to when you get tired of waiting in the parking lot with that little blue book in your hand! (Every Mason understands that reference for sure....) If you want to learn more about how to enhance your reading, let's talk. There's a world out there just waiting for you, one that's constantly expanding.

Taking pride in finding new works about Freemasonry is something in which I've taken pride over the past few years. However, there's a Maine Mason who *clearly* has me beaten. A PDDGM from District 4 and a Grand Organist, **RW Charlie Briggs**, who - although living in Massachusetts - not only finds wonderful books but also sends them along as donations to our Grand Lodge Library. The most recent package to arrive contained a book that you should

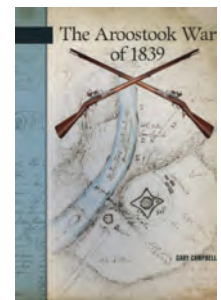


all consider buying: one for yourself and one to give as a gift for a Brother. Oh, and perhaps your lodge should think about getting these for newly-raised candidates also. **George Washington's Rules for Freemasons** by Bro. Mark Tabbert has taken the 'copybooks' from which our forefathers learned cursive writing and amplified these emulative phrases as they relate to the world of Freemasonry. Hard to describe but inspirational indeed. Thanks AGAIN, Bro. Briggs, for your ongoing support!

Most of us know of the book burnings that occurred during the Nazi era side by side with the concentration camp horrors. More than just burnings occurred, though: hundreds of thousands of books owned by those in the several persecuted groups (Jews, Freemasons and others) were spirited off to various venues for study by Nazi henchmen. A new book, **The Book Thieves** by Anders Rydell, tells the story of how these books were systematically stolen from libraries and homes throughout Europe - including many Grand and local lodge libraries. Today, a small group of dedicated librarians are working dilligently to restore these to their rightful owners, a Herculean task considering the passage of time and the death of so many. This is a book which will make you angry, sympathetic, and frustrated at how our collections were mistreated.



Part of Maine's past is the Aroostook War (sometimes, believe it or not, called the 'Pork and Beans War') which arose from border disputes with Canada. It was a bloodless confrontation that also had Masonic connotations as lodges on both sides of the still undefined border sought to add to their membership, much to the chagrin of their 'brothers' who saw it as poaching. Learn more with **The Aroostook War of 1839** by Gary Campbell and others like it in YOUR Grand Lodge Library! Extra points to the Brother who can identify the GM who wrote about this conflict.



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

Awards Presented at Rockland's Aurora Lodge



First two photos show RW Floyd Montgomery presenting 25-year pins to Brother Elwyn Chadbourne and Wor James Dayboch. Third photo shows RW Henry Carey presenting RW Montgomery with his 50-year Veteran's Medal on June 15, 2016, exactly fifty years from his raising in 1966. Bottom photo shows the newest Master Mason of Aurora Lodge, Henry E. Hustus, III, who was raised June 15, 2016. From left to right, first row: DDGM RW Alfred McKay; Lowell Jones, Jr, SD; Jon Thompson, Jr, SW; Brother Hustus; Wor Lee Robinson, WM; Wor George Grey, chaplain. Second row: Simon Cook, Steward; RW Montgomery, Secretary; Wor Kenneth Allen, Treasurer.



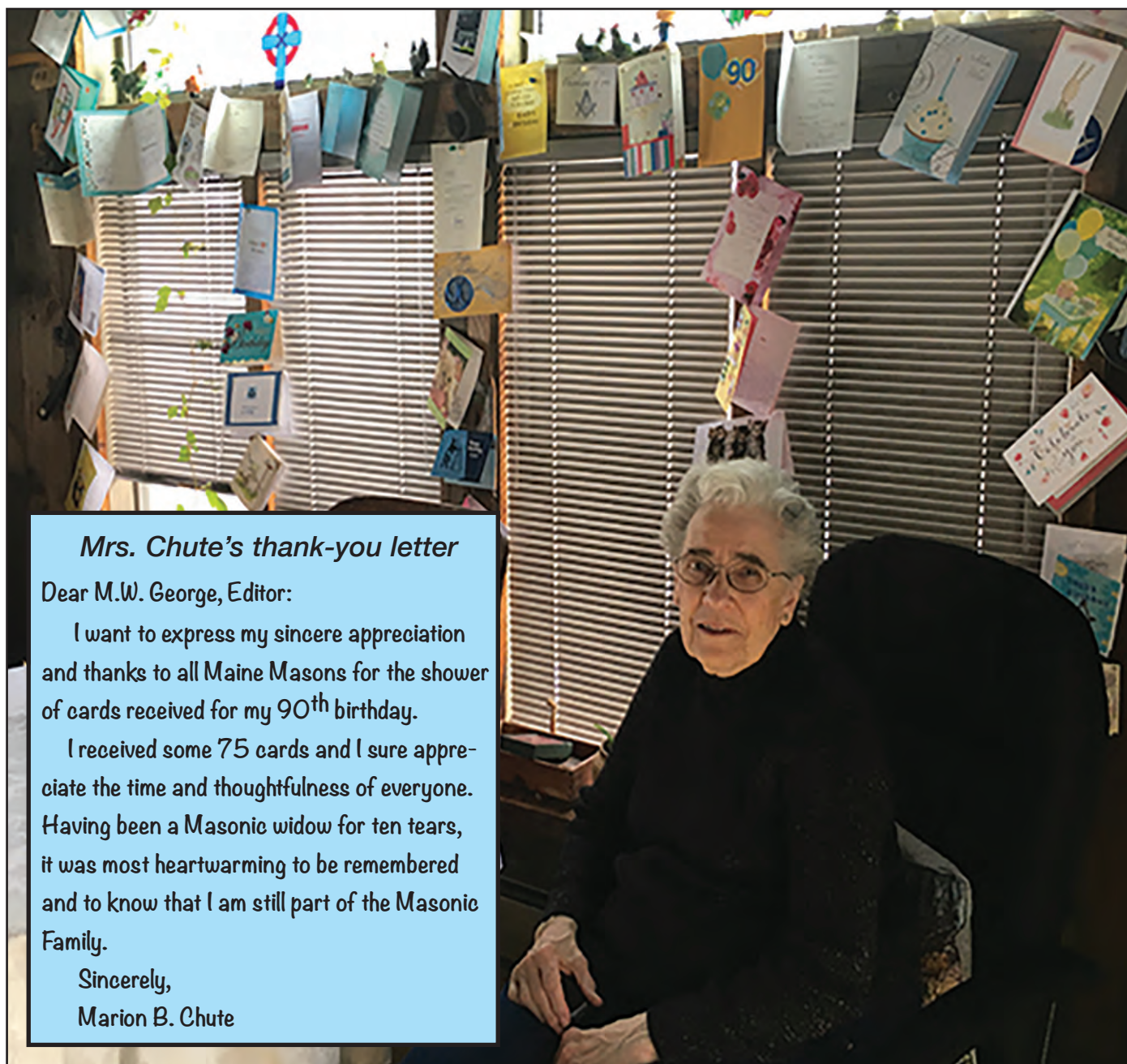
Marion Chute Remembered Warmly on Her 90th Birthday

Mrs. Marion Chute, long-loved and respected widow of M.W. and Dr. Harold Chute, our 74th Grand Master who led the Craft in 1968 and 1969, and the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation for many years, celebrated her 90th birthday earlier this year.

In an example of our warm feelings for her, Maine Masons sent an impressive number of birthday greetings to “our Marion.”

Brother Dick Rhoda, a Past Senior Grand Warden and former Grand Historian, stopped by to visit shortly after her birthday and snapped this photo of Mrs. Chute surrounded by the many cards hung around the windows of her family room.

“What a lady,” Brother Rhoda said in an email to The Maine Mason, “and one who is still so interested in the happenings of Maine Masonry!”



Mrs. Chute's thank-you letter

Dear M.W. George, Editor:

I want to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all Maine Masons for the shower of cards received for my 90th birthday.

I received some 75 cards and I sure appreciate the time and thoughtfulness of everyone. Having been a Masonic widow for ten years, it was most heartwarming to be remembered and to know that I am still part of the Masonic Family.

Sincerely,
Marion B. Chute



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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COURSE OFFERINGS

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

-- ALL CLASSES OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC --

Please Note: There will be a lite luncheon served after each class. The charge is \$5.00. If you plan to attend the meal you must pre-register for the class by calling Theresa at the Grand Lodge office at 843-1086.

July 1

Critical Thinking:

This presentation is on the importance of Critical Thinking in society and our lives. Don McDougal and George Macdougall present on what Critical Thinking is, where it is used, how easily the brain can be fooled and ways to get to the correct decision.

Instructor: George Macdougall, Don McDougal

Location: Cornerstone Lodge, Portland 9AM-12PM

July 22

Symbolism

This course will help establish a foundation of understanding for several Maine Masonic College courses dealing with Masonic and other forms of symbolism, allegory, myth and philosophical expressions of belief. It was developed from a psychological and practical perspective which examines the use of dynamic roles of symbols as instruments of understanding and vehicles of exploration both in our personal lives and in our mutual and significant inter-relationships with others.

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

Instructor: RW Eric Kuntz

Location: Mt. Moriah, Brownville 9AM-12PM

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

The College Briefly...

Our name inspires us to a 'higher educational calling.' We are not a bricks and mortar school but a "Temple of Knowledge," offering a growing variety of learning opportunities in various modalities

We believe that Freemasonry is relevant in society today, helping to create a continuum of knowledge for those who are interested in personal enrichment.

Masonic ritual exhorts us to broaden our knowledge of the seven liberal arts and sciences. Thus, our programs include topics of interest to anyone with an inquisitive mind: ethics, astronomy, logic, public speaking and more. We have molded the Maine Masonic College on the best features of not only traditional and modern Masonic-oriented education but also "senior college" and lifelong learning endeavors.

In addition, we are developing audio and video material along with reading lists and more. At the Maine Masonic College, we encourage your input, your recommendations and - most of all - your....

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

Brother George M.A. Macdougall

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This is one article in a series on the people who created, discovered or redefined how modern architecture, engineering and science came about. It powers almost everything that makes our lives livable. It has been harnessed by humans for so long and in such an all-encompassing basis that most people alive take it completely for granted. It provides light to see by, heat to warm us and cold to preserve food; it can even power our cars. We get it out of the rivers and from the four winds of Heaven

Of course, I am talking about electricity. The last issue on Nikola Tesla raised a lot of comments from people so I thought maybe it would be fun to delve into electricity itself. So this issue will deviate from the usual practice of talking about a ‘person’ and instead talking about a ‘thing’ that changed our lifestyles.

What exactly is electricity? It is simply the flow of electrons.

Long before any knowledge of electricity existed, people were aware of shocks from electric fish such as electric eels. Ancient Egyptian texts dating from 2750 BCE referred to these fish as the “Thunderer of the Nile”, and described them as the “protectors” of all other fish. Electric fish were again reported millennia later by ancient Greek, Roman and Arabic naturalists and physicians. Several ancient writers (1st century Roman for instance) attested to the numbing effect of electric shocks delivered by catfish and electric rays, and knew that such shocks could travel along conducting objects. Patients suffering from ailments such as gout or headache were directed to touch electric fish in the hope that the powerful jolt might cure them. Possibly the earliest and nearest approach to the discovery of the identity of lightning, and electricity from any other source, is to be attributed to the Arabs, who before the 15th

century had the Arabic word for lightning (raad) applied to the electric ray.

Ancient cultures around the Mediterranean knew that certain objects, such as rods of amber, could be rubbed with cat’s fur to attract light objects like feathers. Thales of Miletus made a series of observations on static electricity around 600 BCE, from which he believed that friction rendered amber magnetic, in contrast to minerals such as magnetite, which needed no rubbing. Thales was incorrect in believing the attraction was due to a magnetic effect, but later science would prove a link between magnetism and electricity.

Electricity would remain little more than an intellectual curiosity for millennia until 1600, when the English scientist William Gilbert made a careful study of electricity and magnetism, distinguishing the lodestone effect from static electricity produced by rubbing amber. He coined the New Latin word *electricus* (“of amber” or “like amber”, *elektron*, the Greek word for “amber”) to refer to the property of attracting small objects after being rubbed. This association gave rise to the English words “electric” and “electricity”, which made their first appearance in print in Thomas Browne’s *Pseudodoxia Epidemica* of 1646.[10]

We will explore more on this subject in future ‘Minutes’.



malapterurus electricus
Electric catfish of the Nile.

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August 5

Examining the Modern Social Landscape: Implications for Freemasonry

The seminar serves as an introduction to understanding the complexities of demographic, social, and economic trends. We would focus on both the United States as a whole and the State of Maine specifically. Masonic lodges have been an integral part of the social landscape for centuries. To maintain our viable and relevant presence, we need to develop an enhanced awareness of and critically examine the changing sociocultural factors that impact our fraternity.

Dr. Christopher Howard is the Chair for the Social Science division and an Associate Professor of Psychology at Husson University. Christopher is currently serving as the Worshipful Master of Seminary Hill Daylight Lodge as well as the Dean of the Maine Masonic College.

Instructor: Christopher Howard

Location: St. Paul Lodge, Rockport 9AM-12PM

Aug 19

The Wondrous Fellow Craft Degree- a Journey for Our Times

This course explores the Fellow Craft Degree as the central introduction to the quest which Freemasonry offers. 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.

Assisted by visual images and interactive discussion this exploration will begin with that ancient legend that two great pillars stand at the beginning of the journey that all must take if they are to find wisdom, strength and establishment. What will follow is a consideration of the ways in which the Fellow Craft Degree introduces the candidate to this most remarkable passage which leads to a world of enlarging enlightenment, ability and contentment. Exploration will include the winding stairs, the liberal arts and sciences, the references to our human history and role of geometry and architecture, the jewels of a Fellow Craft, the passage to the Middle Chamber and the gem of Masonic Teaching, the "Letter G Lecture".

This course is designed to bring new focus to that all important middle degree in Freemasonry and to afford an opportunity for new masons as well as their mentors to expand their horizons as they labor to be builders of knowledge and worthy, life giving vision and ideals.

Instructor: Macdougall & Co.

Location: Lynde Lodge, Hermon 9AM-12PM

Sept 9

Esoteric Freemasonry

This is a continuation of the initial symbols course and is a deeper and more direct exploration of the symbols and esoteric exploration of each of the degrees. The course will be divided into each of the three degrees and requisite will be that the attendee has reached that level in their lodge. Although not a requirement, a recommendation will be that the attendee has attended at least one additional degree of that level prior to attending the course.

The course will go in depth into the ritual of the degree. The overall opening of each degree will be covered as well as the initiatic degree itself. The emphasis will be on both the words of the ritual and the objects, gestures, and movements throughout the lodge.

This course is highly recommended for all masons, but particularly for those who want to be able to further guide and help new masons coming along who are looking for how to more deeply understand the ritual and its meaning.

Instructor: RW Eric Kuntz

Location: Rising Sun Lodge, Orland 9AM-12PM

Mt. Olivet Brethren's Efforts to keep Their Town Warm

On Saturday, December 10, 2016, Mt. Olivet Lodge #203 dedicated the Reggie Upham Community Warming Shelter.

Brother Upham was received into the Celestial Lodge Above on May 14, 2016. His family requested that donations be made to Mt. Olivet Lodge in lieu of flowers. Those funds, along with an Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Town of Washington and a matching Community Betterment Grant from the Grand Lodge, allowed Mt. Olivet Lodge to purchase a portable generator with an electric start. This will allow the lodge dining room to be used as an emergency daytime warming shelter.

Brother Upham's family and friends attended the dedication and filled the dining room. Grand Master Tom Pulkkinen dedicated the shelter along with Reggie's wife of 52 years, Linda Upham.

Town of Washington Emergency Management Director, Christopher "Kit" Lascoutx, credits Mt. Olivet's secretary, Brother Don Grinnell, with the foresight and ability that guided the shelter project to completion.

The shelter is an important addition for the town. In case of a power outage it will provide a place for residents to warm-up, get a hot drink or bowl of soup, draw water for home use, charge electronic devices, receive updated news and information, and connect with other citizens.



Mrs. Linda Upham and the Grand Master.

Dear Brethren:

Would you, and possibly other adult companion(s), want to participate in the Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC on Dec. 16, 2017? www.wreathsaacrossamerica.com

Anticipate the itinerary to include an additional 1-2 days in DC for sightseeing, and 1-2 days in New York City on the way home with an option to attend the Radio City Rockettes Christmas Show. In addition to Arlington, travelers will have an opportunity to visit government and non-government sites, museums, etc. in the greater DC area.

By June 15th, please share your affirmative interest by submitting the names of travelers, their postal and email addresses, home and cell numbers. (This information will remain confidential.) Please reply via either postal mail, electronic message, or phone to "sender" whose contact info appears on the bottom of this invitation. Once we know the number of interested travelers and where they reside, we will work out the specific itinerary, mode of travel, overnight accommodations, costs, etc.

Please contact Rick Olfene with questions or concerns, and please share this invitation with others.

This trip is not endorsed by any individual, for-profit business, non-profit entity, group or organization, charity or government agency. This trip will not offer travel insurance, guarantees, warranties, especially re the weather. Due to any number of reasons, this adventure may be cancelled. If so, prospective travelers will be notified in ample time.

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Polishing the Stone

“Making Good Men Better”

By Bro. Lorne Urquhart
[a personal opinion]

*“Freemasonry is not about how good a man you are
..... It’s about how good of a man you want to be.”
- Robert Herd.*

Far too often, lodges lose brethren for reasons that could and should have been avoided, if we would only pay more attention to our work. We have all experienced the demands of delivering degree work only to have that brother fall away for reasons that are unclear and do not seem to be in our power to prevent. In Freemasonry, as in all efforts in life, shortcuts cause problems that should not have occurred.

This would be the same as a person going to the gym because he wants to increase his strength and muscle mass but who does not want to be bothered with what he considers unimportant issues such as warming up, taking it slow etc. No, he wants to look like Arnold

Schwarzenegger within the shortest time possible and so with little or no indoctrination, rushes off and lifting the heaviest weights possible, injures himself and shortly thereafter stops going to the gym! Many of the problems we experience in the Craft, are of our own doing as well, but in order to prevent them, we must recognize them for what they are and address them immediately, preferably during the interview/indoctrination period of a potential candidate.

We often hear the words, “We make good men better.” Some take these words to heart without question, fully understanding their intent and act accordingly. For the majority of Masons, however, they are certainly familiar with the phrase but do not fully comprehend its measure of purpose. Some hold the opinion that the good charitable work they perform, somehow sets the standard of qualifying themselves as being made better, however this activity, although commendable, is a by-product that shines through as a result of one building his internal temple. So, you may well ask, how do we make

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From Generation... ...to Generation

Jordan Richard Hallett is pictured here receiving his lambskin from his grandfather, Richard Hallett, a two-term Potentate of Anah Shrine and a 59-year Masonic veteran. Brother Jordan took his Entered Apprentice Degree in Trinity Lodge #130 in Presque Isle on February 21 of this year. He graduated from Husson University and is employed as a Systems Technician at MMG Insurance. Brother Jordan is a fifth-generation Mason. His dad, Greg Hallett, also a member of Trinity Lodge, was away on business in Texas and so missed Jordan’s initiatory degree. According to good sources, “he will most definitely be at the next two degrees.”

Polishing *Continued*

good men better? To properly answer this question, we will need to take a closer look at these words.

If we could place them under the microscope we would find something like this: “through the efforts of knowledgeable and capable Freemasons who, by providing ‘proper’ instructional Masonic education to men who have qualified through ‘proper’ investigative procedures and found to be ‘good men,’ are helping them to ‘make’ (build) their internal temple, you know, that spiritual temple, — a temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” Let us examine this part of the wording, “men who have qualified through ‘proper’ investigative procedures and found to be good men.”

Well it does seem clear, that by utilizing ‘proper’ investigative procedures we will then be able to better judge a person’s character and make the appropriate recommendations as to whether he qualifies to be a candidate for membership or not. Indoctrinating those found to be good men may well serve to curb any future loss of brethren as a result of undisclosed information.

For example, one situation I am familiar with, dealt with a brother who, being Jewish, demitted upon learning of a candidate in his lodge who was Muslim. This was an unfortunate situation which might have been prevented, if, during the indoctrination process the petitioner was found, as a result of certain questioning, to be biased, in which case the interviewer would be morally obligated to reject his petition because religious and racist bigotry must never be tolerated.

Dictionaries define the word ‘proper’ as meaning genuine, bona fide, official, true etc. and it is in this context that this word is used so often in describing something that is of great importance to Masons. When interviewing a petitioner this is setting the foundation for what is to come.

We all know and understand how important it is to have a ‘proper’ foundation, especially for one’s home, to insure that it maintains structural integrity in protecting our investment. The same may be said to describe ‘proper’ investigative procedures, for if they are not

‘proper,’ this foundational process will soon begin to crumble and it too will lose its intended integrity! In other words, prospective candidates for membership in the Craft must be made of the ‘proper’ mental material if we are to support and sustain the ancient teachings of the Craft.

Unfortunately, because ‘proper’ investigative and indoctrination procedures have not always been utilized, the Craft has lost many men, some not worthy, and some because of our failure to inculcate a sense of moral responsibility. So, this prompts the question, “why do we not conduct ‘proper’ interviews consisting of investigations and indoctrinations?”

The answer to this is two fold: first, we unconsciously employ poor practices because we are not taught the importance and the ‘proper’ methodology behind its value, and second, many Masons are under the false impression that we are somehow desperate for members and so, as long as a petitioner has a heartbeat and a checkbook, he must be deemed good enough! This half measure of attracting possible candidates only compounds our problems.

By conducting a ‘proper’ interview, asking the ‘proper’ questions, only this will unmask the petitioner, allowing his ‘true’ character to shine forth which will identify him as being either worthy or unworthy of further work. We do not want to guess if a petitioner is worthy or not, we need to know for certain. To not encourage ‘proper’ interviewing and indoctrination practices of a petitioner is subliminally making the statement that we don’t care or respect our fellow brethren enough to protect them from those that may be deemed unworthy and or unprepared, which far too often is the cause of brethren falling away in silence!

Remember, improper interviews only lead to “stone rounding” which are unfit for temple building!

So Mote It Be!

Brother Urquhart is a member of the Maine Lodge of Research.

The Maine Lodge of Research meets quarterly on the fourth Saturday of March, June and September and the first Saturday of December at the Bangor Masonic Center at 294 Union Street. If you would like to learn more about Freemasonry be sure to visit, you will not be disappointed! All attendees meet on the level in comfortable surroundings and your attendance will be appreciated.

How to Become More Likeable and Popular

by Bro. Michael Corthell -- Pythagorean Lodge #1, Fryeburg

Many people believe that being likeable and therefore popular comes from natural ability only—unteachable traits that belong only to the fortunate—the beautiful people, the outgoing social type, and those that are highly talented. Not true at all. It helps to have great natural social skills and unique well honed talents, but in reality, being likeable is mostly under your control, and it's a matter of your mind and your positive thought.

Below are some of the key behaviors that positive thinkers practice that make them so likeable and popular with their peers and others.

Likeable People Ask Questions. When you are in a conversation with someone, ask questions and then truly LISTEN. Don't think about what to say next. It is a common mistake. Just slow down and LISTEN.

Likeable People Put Away Their Phones. Don't answer the phone or even take a quick glance at it. When you start a conversation, focus all of your energy on that conversation. It will be more enjoyable and effective when you are immersed in your conversation. Likeable People Are Genuine. Being genuine and honest makes you automatically likeable. No one likes a counterfeit. It is a matter of trust. It is difficult to like someone when you don't know what they are about and how they really feel.

Likeable People Don't Judge Others. If you want to be likeable you have to be open-minded. Being open-minded makes you more approachable and interesting to others. Few people want to have a conversation with someone who has already formed an opinion and is not willing to listen.

Likeable People Aren't Attention Seekers. People shy away from those who grovel for attention. You don't need to develop a big, extroverted personality to be likeable. Simply being friendly, confident and considerate is all you need to win friends and influence people.

Likeable People Are Consistent and Reliable. This trait instills confidence and trust in you by the people you interact with. Your behavior must assure people that even when your mood goes up and down it doesn't affect how you treat other people.

Likeable People Use Positive Body Language. Become aware of your mannerisms, expressions, and tone of voice, making certain they're positive, will attract people to you. Using enthusiasm, and uncrossing your arms, maintaining eye contact, and leaning towards the person who's speaking are all forms of positive body language.

Likeable People Leave a Strong First Impression. Most people decide whether they like you or not within the first few seconds of meeting you. It's true. Make those seconds count. Strong posture, a firm handshake, smiling, and opening your shoulders to the person you are talking to will do the trick.

Likeable People Greet People by Name. Research shows that people feel validated and therefore special when the person they're speaking with refers to them by name during a conversation. If you're great with faces but have trouble with names, have some fun with it and make remembering people's names a brain exercise. For instance, relate their name to a feature of their face or other part of their body or the way they talk. And don't be afraid to ask the person their name a second time. People like that.

Likeable People Smile—A Lot. People naturally (and subconsciously) mirror the body language of the person they're talking to. Smile and the whole world smiles with you.

Likeable People Know Who To Touch and Touch Them. Appropriate light touching reinforces human connections. It releases 'good feeling' neuro transmitters into our brain. Relationships are formed not only from words, but also from feelings as well. Touching someone appropriately is another good way to show someone you care. Likeable People Balance Passion and Fun. People are attracted to those who are passionate. But it's easy for passionate people to come across as too serious and appear uninterested because they tend to get absorbed in their work. All existence is balance. Likeable people balance their passion with the ability to have fun.

Likeable and popular people are invaluable to society. Society values them because they drive change and positive progress. They network easily, foster harmony at work, and bring out the best in everyone around them. They are the ones who have the most fun and they get the most out of life. Why not be a positive person and be likable?

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Saturday, June 17, 2017

10:00 am until 3:30 pm

Masonic Family Fun Day

Boothbay Railway Village, 586 Wiscasset Road, Route 27, Boothbay, ME

- ⚙ All Masons and their families are invited to visit the Boothbay Railway Village founded by a local Mason. Bring your Lodge or Eastern Star dues card to avoid paying the entrance fees: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65+, \$6 for children 3-18. (A \$36 savings for a family of four!)
- ⚙ Ride the rails of the old narrow gauge railroads in train cars from the 1800s
- ⚙ Visit the model railway exhibit, the old railway stations (Freeport and Thorndike), the antique machine exhibit, and the heritage village artisan shops
- ⚙ Tour the auto exhibit with cars over 100 years old; maybe ride in a Model-T Ford
Display your antique auto or street rod for your Brethren, their families and other Railway Village visitors. You may bring in your display vehicle starting at 9:00 am
- ⚙ Lodges and Districts are invited to host games for the kids and serve up tasty dishes in the old Boothbay Town Hall, to feed your Brethren and their families and perhaps earn some money for your Lodge
- ⚙ Outdoor Railway Degree: While families spend time at the Railway Village and take in other local activities, Brethren may drive the short distance to the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway Museum located at 97 Cross Rd, Alna, ride the rails to the site of an outdoor degree and lunch. The train leaves the train yard promptly at 1:30 pm. Check the Grand Lodge calendar on www.Mainemason.org for June 17th for more information.



While in Boothbay, visit the world famous Boothbay Botanical Gardens, attend the Tom Rush concert on Saturday evening at the Boothbay Opera House. (This will likely sell out early.)

Arrangements are being made to allow Masonic families to take advantage of discounts being offered by local merchants to Freemasons on Friday-Sunday, June 16-18, 2017, when you show your dues card. Participating businesses -- campgrounds, motels and restaurants -- will be announced at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication and on its webpage and Facebook page.



Masonry, Medieval Warming, The Plow and the Plague

By Brother Don McDougal
RW Past Assistant Grand Lecturer

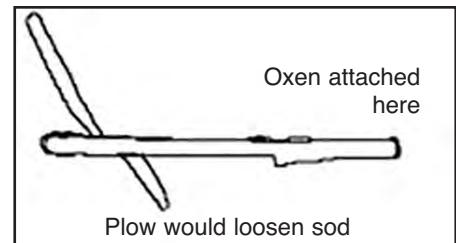
Until about 10,000 BC Europe was gripped by an ice age. At that time this interglacial period we now enjoy began with unprecedented modifications of earth's climate and geography. Those changes brought about revolutionary conversions in human distributions, lifestyles, and culture. With occasional reversals, continuing modifications have persisted into our present times.

During the millennia of Glaciations, cultural advancement for humans in northern climates was almost nonexistent. Most eked out a bare subsistence for their short lives with stone tools and fire.

From about 1000 AD until 1300 AD, Europe was enveloped by the "Medieval Warming Period". Northern Europe underwent a period of unprecedented economic and societal growth. These changes were supported by a surge in agriculture. Crop yields doubled and Europe's population and culture followed. Life spans increased by as much as fifteen years. Towns and cities grew. Trade and business blossomed as people were freed from a bare subsistence diet with its accompanying threats of frequent famines.

Cultural changes and movements away from a predominately rural population led to a need for clean water supplies, sewer systems, castles, churches, and cathedrals which touched the sky. Until the development of reliable and affordable steel and concrete, any culture which wished to build permanent structures had to build with stone. Thus a need for a dependable pool of skilled stone workers developed. To fill that need and provide

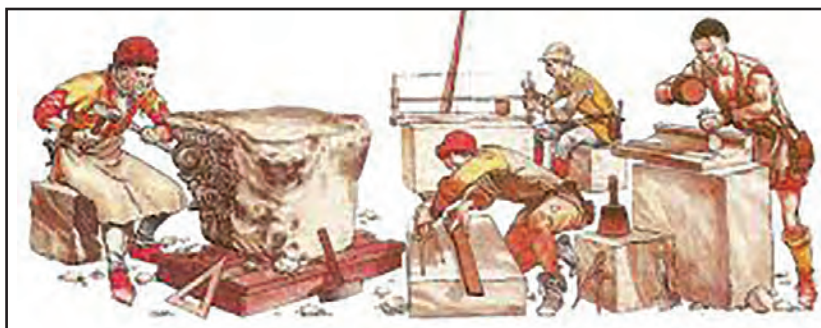
The agricultural surge resulted from several factors. The favorable climate allowed more northerly, fertile, heavier soils to become productive. By 1000 AD the invention of the heavy plow replaced the early scratch plows of pointed sticks. An improved plow and development of a better harrow provided tools to work these heavier soils. While oxen still outnumbered horses into the 1700's, the increased use of horses with their speed advantage over oxen contributed to this agricultural boom.



A warming climate and improved agricultural equipment let the Northern European areas produce more than Southern areas. This increased production, with its impact on the evolving urban populations, assisted a shift of political and economic power to the northern countries of England, France, Germany, etc. In addition, Viking raids diminished allowing increased stability for urban societies and towns.

Economic and societal changes during this period created a surge in trade and trade routes across the world. That created wealth for tradesmen and merchants but also provided an avenue for invasive species to travel from their indigenous areas to other areas of the known world. One particularly notable species was *Yersinia pestis*, the Black Death. This bacteria primarily affects rodents but their fleas can infect people who can then infect others very rapidly. During the 1330's an outbreak began in China. By 1348 it had reached England where 30-40% of the population of Britain died by 1350.

In the early 1300's the 'Little Ice Age' first impacted the northern hemisphere. At that time the British Isles were suffering from crushing overpopulation. That huge pool of cheap labor was convenient for upper class land owners but obscene and brutal for peasants. After the Plague outbreak between 1348 and 1350 with its unbelievable loss of life, this pool of cheap labor had disappeared. Labor costs soared, peasants enjoyed a new sense of power, social/political upheaval raced across England, and the lower classes demanded more rights. In England, an all



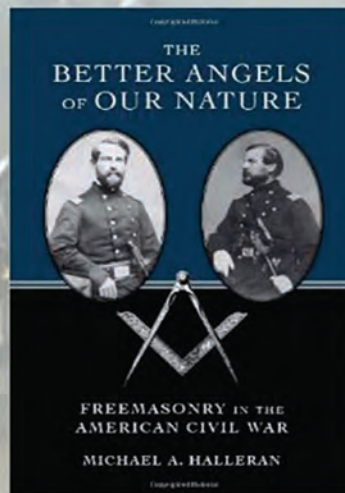
that expertise over long periods of time, Craft Masonry, Lodges and Masonic Guilds blossomed. During those three hundred years of sustained economic prosperity, a new class of tradesmen and merchants formed between the ruling upper class elite and the subservient powerless peasantry. This class eventually became today's "Middle Class".

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Honoring Our Masonic Veterans



Bro. Charles Pooler receives his 75-year star from MW Walter Macdougall just prior to his 101st birthday. Bro. Pooler passed days later on Feb. 26th.



Bro. Roger Conant, Bethel Lodge #97, received his 50-year Veterans Medal from RW Pete Forrest in Edgewater, FL.



Bro. Milton Geller of Bayview Lodge #196 in Boothbay received his 65-year star from MW Tom Pulkkinen at Maine Day in Florida. Bro. Geller is pictured here with his son, Bro. Mark Geller, a member of St. John's #1, Portsmouth.



Brother Andrew White, Tranquil #29, Auburn, offers a few remarks after receiving his 50-year Veterans Medal from MW Pulkkinen in Florida.



Brother Harvey Donald, left, Buxton Lodge #115, received his Veterans Medal from RW Butch Gannett, also of Buxton Lodge, and MW Pulkkinen.



Brother Gale Jameyson, Hiram Lodge #180, receives his Veterans Medal from RW Pete Forrest in Daytona Beach.



Brother Linwood Moody, Aurora #50, received his Veterans medal from RW Floyd Montgomery on Feb. 23



Brother Irving Murray, Jr., Rising Virtue #10, receives his Veterans Medal from the Grand Master at Maine Day.



Brother John McDonough, Hiram #180, received his Veterans Medal from VW Thomas Hill, Jr. with Wor. Val Graffa offering congratulations.

powerful central government attempted to reestablish autocratic control over lives. Parliament passed statutes that controlled how many trades in which a laborer could work. One passed in 1363 required all people of “mysteries” to choose and hold only one.

In a 2011 article on the BBC Website, Dr Mike Ibeji “Black Death: Political and Social Changes” wrote: “The immediate reaction of the elite was to legislate against this. The Ordinance of Labourers was published on 18th June 1349, limiting the freedom of peasants to move around in search of the most lucrative work. This was promulgated through Parliament as the Statute of Labourers in 1351: *(It was lately ordained by our lord king, with the assent of the prelates, nobles and others of his council against the malice of employees, who were idle and were not willing to take employment after the pestilence unless for outrageous wages, that such employees, both men and women, should be obliged to take employment for the salary and wages accustomed to be paid in the place where they were working in the 20th year of the king’s reign [1346], or five or six years earlier; and that if the same employees refused to accept employment in such a manner they should be punished by imprisonment)*”

By the 1370’s, serious problems were developing. Parliament was used by the king and landed gentry as a means to keep the common people under control. Desperate for cash to pursue the never-ending Hundred Years war with France, and searching for new sources of wealth to tax, the October 1388 Parliament issued a Writ requiring the masters of guilds and brotherhoods to send the King a “Return” of origins, holdings, and regulations of their guilds. Due to the upheavals, much of the Cathedral building was put on hold – some for centuries. The gradual decline of craft masonry began and the change to speculative masonry occurred during the next three centuries.

During the middle ages, Masonry was there for the opening of a middle class in society. In the 18th century, it championed a governance change from an inherited aristocracy to a democratic system controlled by the people. Today we seem to be again in the midst of great scientific, technological, cultural, and social changes to which the body of humanity must adapt. We wonder what Masonry’s response and obligations will be. MW Bro Walter Macdougall in his Vitruvian Seminar finds it imperative that, among other things, to navigate this turbulence we begin by championing a resurgence of a “Civilization of the Mind” with its accompanying Civility, Integrity, Honesty, and Justice to replace the Deception, Distrust, Incivility, and Dishonesty so often found.



Above: Brother Herman Savage of Tremont Lodge #77 in Southwest Harbor was presented his 50-year Veterans Medal on February 4, 2017, the 50th anniversary of his raising. From left to right, Senior Warden Scott Alley, Brother Savage, and RW Edward Jellison III, DDGM/21.

Below: Thursday, Jan. 19th was a special day for Yorkshire Lodge #179 of North Berwick and family members of two long-time members. On the same evening, Bro. Richard Goodwin, 91, received his 70-year star and his son, Wor. Dan Goodwin, received his 50-year Veterans Medal. Under the direction of RW Brian Ingalls, DDGM/19, Wor. Goodwin pinned his dad with the star. Bro. Richard reciprocated by slipping Bro. Dan’s 50-year jewel into his sport coat pocket. Just two weeks later, on February 4, Bro. Richard passed to the Celestial Lodge above.



Legend and History

by Brother Michael Hopkins

Saco Lodge #9

Legends and symbols are integral to Masonry. All the mysteries of the Order are taught by one or the other, or by both in combination. From mouth to ear, the Freemason has no other way to reach our esoteric teachings.

A legend is the offspring of tradition and differs from historical narrative in that its authenticity cannot be established by the tools used by historians; that is, by the close critical and technical examination of documents. The legend persists independently of whether some of its details are unverifiable, or even established as false, because the object of a legend is not to teach historical fact but, as in the case of our Masonic legends, to convey a spiritual idea and moral principle.

In its Masonic application symbols and legends work together in instruction. The symbol is a visible, the legend an audible, representation of the ideas Masonry seeks to communicate to the inquisitive mind.¹

Myth-making appears to be a universal human activity. The great Southern historian C. Vann Woodward wrote that "[E]very self-conscious group of any size fabricates myths about its past: about its origins, its mission, its righteousness, its benevolence, its general superiority."² Masons were surely not immune from this activity. Like other medieval trades, stonemasons had guilds and those guilds developed mythical histories stressing their antiquity and the importance of their craft and linking them with religious and moral

concepts. They also had their trade secrets and ceremonies to mark the initiation of new members. In this operative masons did not differ from other crafts. What did distinguish them was that their mythical history, as reflected in the Old Charges, was unusually elaborate. These features included identification with geometry, emphasis of morality, and importance of King Solomon's Temple and ancient Egypt.³

What use was made of the Old Charges in the late Middle Ages is not clear, but internal evidence indicates they were intended to be read or recited at meetings, especially when new entrants were admitted to the craft. "Through it they were taught pride in their craft; its importance in the general scheme of human knowledge; its antiquity; and of the great men who had revered and patronised it. The repeated message reinforced the mason's self-respect as the heirs to a great tradition, and bound him to his fellows to form an organisation of brothers with common ideals and a common heritage to maintain."⁴

In addition to its legends, symbols, and myths, Masonry also has its history, difficult as that may often be to discern. We know of real people like Schaw, Hutchinson, Preston, Calcott, and Webb and can trace through documents their contributions to the development of our craft and its ritual. We can similarly examine events in Masonic history like the issuing of the two Schaw Statutes in 1598 and 1599 or

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**Wednesday
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7:00 – 8:15 A.M. SIGN UP
8:30 A.M. SHOTGUN START

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LUNCHEON & AWARDS

Sixteen Kora Shrine Greeters visited Tranquil Lodge the evening of Sept. 14, 2016 when Harold "Pop" Gilbert was presented with a fourth star to add to his Fifty Year Veterans Medal signifying 70 years as a Mason. A short article was presented recounting Pop's service as a B17 crew member in WW II. There were more than 1300 years of



Masonry on hand to congratulate Brother Gilbert. Pictured here, left to right, 1st row: Arthur Dunlap, Grand Marshal Richard Nadeau, George Herrick Jr., DDGM/23, Bro. Gilbert, Wor. Etheridge "Bo" Tate III, Wor. Paul Dupuis. 2nd row: RW Richard Pulkkinen, Dwinal Pulkkinen, Mike Wise, Wor. Crawford Perry, Craig Rubner, Norman Rollins. 3rd row: Wor. Aaron Burke, Peter White, Thomas Boyer, James Delage, Wor. Frank Hilton, Robert Drake, and William Petherbridge.

the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717. How we go about understanding those people and events reflects on the duty of a historian, which, as expounded by the outstanding twentieth century masonic historians Douglas Knoop and G.P. Jones, is "to hunt for facts and verify conclusions, and not to fill in gaps by the dangerous argument of analogy...or by an equally dangerous exercise of the imagination."⁵

It should be clarified that imagination is a legitimate tool of the historian as a safeguard against a jumble of disjointed facts. What Knoop and Jones were warning against was not imagination, but speculation or invention.

The Old Charges are not history, they are myth-making. True historians like Knoop and Jones, who regard masonic history not as something separate from ordinary history but rather as a branch of social history, have termed it such. The early Regius and Cooke manuscripts state that King Athelstan first established regular assemblies of the craft to govern it, but Knoop and Jones conclude "there [is] very little historical probability that it dated from Athelstan's time." Also, that the narratives which bring the history of masonry down to the reign of Athelstan (925-40) must be regarded as myths.⁶ Maymus Grecus (in all the variant spellings of the name) is a legendary person. Neither Adam, nor Noah, nor even King Solomon were Freemasons in any historical way.

In their important function as legend and myth, it does not matter that historicity is lacking. Moreover, anyone's legitimate use of those, as well as esoteric symbols, in masonic teaching is not diminished by the fact that the story did not occur in history. There is no problem with delving into the esoteric, the symbolic, the legend, the myth—not only no problem, but great value—but one must know the boundary. In short, one must not lose sight of the difference between legend and history.

¹ Mackey, Dr. Albert G., The Symbolism of Freemasonry, 1869 (the edition I used was a Project Gutenberg e-book #11937 at www.gutenberg.org/files/11937/11937-h/11937-h.htm . The footnoted section derives from the

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³ Stevenson, David, The Origins of Freemasonry, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1988, pp.5-6

⁴ Ibid, p.21

⁵ D. Knoop and G.P. Jones, The Scope and Method of Masonic History, Manchester Assn of Masonic Research, Oldham, 1944. Quoted in Stevenson, p.2

⁶ Knoop, Douglas and Jones, G.P., The Genesis of Freemasonry, Manchester University Press, 1947. Version used is available at www.phoenixmasonry.org/genesis_of_freemasonry.htm

Summer Activities in Maine's Masonic Mid-Coast

"RAILROAD DEGREE" at the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway

Saturday / June 17, 2017

97 Cross Road / Alna, Maine

District 10 will be hosting the annual "Railroad Degree" this year which was started years ago by Lincoln Lodge of Wiscasset – open to all Maine Masons. This unique event takes place in the open air, with the train leaving promptly at 1:30 PM. All should be at the staging area fifteen minutes prior with a folding lawn chair in hand for sitting during the degree. There will be a barbeque prior to the degree, with the degree taking place at Lincoln Lodge in Wiscasset should there be rain. For further information, contact Wor. Jeff Averill of Lincoln Lodge at cindieandjeff@gmail.com

CLAMBAKE AT CABBAGE ISLAND

Friday in July (*Date not established at press time.*) Contact Lodge Secretary Charlie Bamberg in early April for date... cbamberg@juno.com **This event fills up fast!**

The annual Bay View Lodge clambake for Masonic brethren and their spouses and guests promises to be another enjoyable occasion and an opportunity to introduce our families as well as prospective members to the lodge.

The boat, the Bennie Alice, will leave promptly at 5:00 p.m. from Pier 6 at Fisherman's Wharf in Boothbay Harbor. Boarding begins at 4:30 p.m. with the need to exchange your Bay View Clambake ticket at the Cabbage Island ticket booth on Pier 6 for a boarding pass onto the Bennie Alice and a Cabbage Island meal voucher. Make sure to allow time to navigate the heavy Friday afternoon traffic and to find parking downtown.

DISTRICT 10 BOOSTERS' ASSOCIATION FAMILY WEEKEND AT PITTSTON FAIR- GROUNDS

August 11-13, 2017

District 10 Boosters' Association will be having their second annual "Family Weekend" at the Pittston Fairgrounds from August 11 – 13, 2017 — with the event open to all Maine Masons and their families. The entire Pittston Fairgrounds has been reserved for this annual event, with hook-ups for camper available at no charge and areas available to set up tents for those brave at heart. The Fairgrounds does have dumping stations for those needing one, with showers on the property for all's use. Planned activities as of now, include a Woodchoppers' degree (open to all at \$25.00 per person) and at pot luck Saturday night dinner with possible entertainment – with more in the works. For further information or to be on District 10's mailing list for the latest, feel free to contact Bro. Charlie Bamberg at cbamberg@juno.com



**10th Anniversary Run to Benefit
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Information about the session can be found on Page 10 of this issue.

Credentials Committee members will be at their stations at 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 2. Every brother will need show a valid dues card to gain admission to the session.