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M.W. Brother  
Dan Bartlett  
with Maine's  
Fort Knox  
in the  
background



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by George P. Pulkkinen

## Inspiration

How many of us recall our first interaction with our lodge brethren? Chances are, we all do. Was it intimidating? Was it friendly? Was it an experience we continue to cherish?

For me, it was. And is. That's why I continue to immerse myself in Masonic activities when and wherever possible. And as I travel I see brethren of all ages who feel the same. There's a palpable joy when we gather together, each brother sharing his own experience in ways that inspire and affect us all.

Talk about inspiration! Two brethren of Springvale Lodge #190, Brother Michael Stanley and Brother Morton Gold, have collaborated to create a beautiful piece of Masonic music that has special meaning to every Mason who hears it. Brother Stanley penned the lyrics to the piece entitled *When I Lay My Working Tools Aside*, and Brother Gold, an accomplished composer, set the words to music.

While the music cannot be included, here are the words to contemplate and enjoy.

When I lay my working tools aside  
And I'm called to quit my labor  
My rude soul a rough stone wrought in life  
I'll offer square unto my maker.  
The truth is laid as corner stone  
Relief binds each man to the other  
So lay my body now to rest  
And raise my soul to join my brothers.  
When twilit orb lay in the west  
To some earthly vision ceased  
But greater light I can espy  
A perfect morn shines in the East.

Brothers Stanley and Gold are sharing this beautiful piece with all brethren. Any lodge or brother who'd like the entire composition need only to contact me at

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I'll email it to you straightaway.

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# From the Grand East

## **Bro. Daniel E. Bartlett** **Grand Master of Masons in Maine**

Greetings Brethren! I hope you have been enjoying our summer months. Your elected Grand Officers have been busy representing Maine Freemasonry at numerous Lodge meetings, Table Lodges, Masters and Wardens meetings, both national and regional conferences, public events and more. I speak for all of us when I say it is our privilege and honor to represent you at these gatherings. On a personal note, I occasionally take a break and stroll the Bucksport waterfront walkway which brings us to my first Maine Mason message as your Grand Master.

On the west bank of the Penobscot River Narrows in Prospect sits Fort Knox. It was established in 1844 to protect the Penobscot River Valley against a possible future British naval invasion. The fort was completed 25 years later in 1869 and was named for Major General Henry Knox, a hero of the American Revolution and America's first Secretary of War who had retired to Thomaston in 1796. A Freemason, the military veteran's lodge of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, instituted in 1926 bears his name: Major General Henry Knox Lodge A.F. & A.M. Across the river on the east bank lies Bucksport which was well established having been incorporated in 1792. Freemasonry has had a long presence in the area as Felicity Lodge #19 was chartered in 1809 and is still to this day a constituent lodge of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Adjacent to Fort Knox is the Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory. The bridge, a 2,120-foot-long cable-stayed structure is home to the Observatory, a 420-foot-tall tower that is the first bridge observation tower in the U.S. and the tallest public bridge observatory in the world. Only 42 months from conception to completion, it was opened on December 30, 2006, 137 years after the fort was completed.

When viewed from Bucksport you cannot look at one without seeing the other. It is interesting to me that these two iconic structures create a thought-provoking image of both the old and the new, equally attractive, and interesting to all who have taken in this panorama.

Throughout our Fraternity we have numerous examples of edifices, both old and new. The Augusta Masonic building built in 1894, Portland Masonic building in 1911 and the more modern Auburn Masonic building in 1970. There are numerous lodges much older and some only a few years old now. These are all interesting buildings in

their own way and all function as a protection from the elements of nature.

Our membership has a parallel interest and beauty. We are blessed with active brethren in their seventies, eighties and even nineties who bring life experiences, wonderful stories, and sage advice to our gatherings, whatever those gatherings may be. On the other end we have young men in their twenties, thirties and forties who bring the exuberance of youth and a thirst for knowledge to know more about our gentle Craft and themselves. This diversity is truly one of our great strengths.

As we move forward in time, we must constantly evaluate how we present our fraternity to the world and how we interact within our membership. I am confident that the construction of Fort Knox was done in a dramatically different manner than the construction of the modern Penobscot Narrows Bridge. Much has been learned over the years and while they are both beautiful structures in their own way, the answer to getting across the river in the middle 1800's was a small boat or travel twenty miles north to Bangor. The first bridge would not be built in Prospect for another sixty plus years.

Masonic organizations have spent a great deal of money in the last few years identifying what men are seeking in our modern world. The data that has been compiled strongly suggests that men are indeed seeking a fraternal connection. We have to always keep in mind that a "connection" is a relationship and for a relationship to be successful on any level it requires both parties to be actively engaged. All who are well experienced in the fraternity at every level must play an active role in connecting with and engaging our members, especially our new brethren in the life of the lodge. While the data suggests there is a desire for fraternal organizations, a plan is only as good as the action taken. We can talk about it all year long but at the end of the day we need to stretch forth our hand and welcome future members and start building that connection. If we do that, we are assured of our fraternity's likely existence long into the future.

Just as the builders of the bridge over the Penobscot Narrows utilized modern, 21<sup>st</sup> century construction techniques and not 19<sup>th</sup> century techniques used to build Fort Knox next door, we must use techniques and processes of the 21<sup>st</sup> century to strengthen our fraternity. We must always honor and remember the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century models that served us well in their times but these days there's a better way of building a bridge to get to the other side. Let's do that.



# Observations from our Grand Secretary

We have all heard the term “many hands make light work” around our Lodges. With an all volunteer membership, the challenge can sometimes be how to get the “many hands” to participate of their own free will and accord. The way that our Lodges are set up and operate I think was purposefully done in part to help facilitate this. A ballot on a member must be unanimous. A Lodge must vote by majority to sponsor a benefit supper, apply for a matching grant, as well as most activities it does. There is good reason for this, it encourages participation. If Brethren feel like they are part of the process and have a say in that process, they are invested in it and thus, more likely to support it. I too often see Lodges that have a driving force with one or two people and while it is great that they are doing things, ask yourself this. Are the things they are doing and promoting what the Lodge wants? Does the Lodge vote on these activities or are they merely announced? What would happen if they were not there tomorrow? Would the events/activities continue or would they be different? We must realize we all have a part in the Lodge and its successes and failures. Following the simple steps of proposing, discussing and voting on them allows everyone to have a say and fulfills our obligation of meeting on the level. I strongly feel it is one of the most critical parts of being a successful Lodge.

The Esoteric emblem of the Beehive teaches us that we should ever be industrious creatures; never sitting down contented while our fellow creatures around us are in want and that the Supreme Architect made mankind dependent on one another because it creates such a strong bond. We can strengthen ourselves and our Lodges by being dependent on each other, listening to each other and pursuing what the Lodge wants, all while not being overly concerned with our own self-interests and needs. We may not always agree, nor believe in the actions our Lodge approves, but we must respect the will of a Lodge and support it without condition or retribution, for it is the will of your Brethren. Supporting your Lodge and Brethren when it is not something you agreed with shows compromise, integrity, and leadership, even if you are not in an office and ensures they will be supportive of things that are important to you in the future. With a world today that is full of conflict where people are quick to complain, argue and attack each other, we have a great opportunity to show that we can be the example of more light in this world, bettering our communities and our own Ashlars.

The Grand Lodge office has had a busy summer. By the time your September meeting rolls around, please be on the lookout for the following:

-If requested in writing by July 15th, a printed copy of the 2022 Proceedings (electronic copy is also available on [me.ourlodgepage.com/files](http://me.ourlodgepage.com/files) NOTE you must be logged in to view or download it)

-Four new complete copies of the constitution (not including the binder, but we have some for sale if you need to replace the binders you have)

-2023 Dues stickers

-Insurance bills for your Lodges and Building Associations (overall only a 1% increase this year, bills and coverage summaries were emailed via QuickBooks to Masters, Secretaries and Treasurers)

-The new Form 1 has been uploaded to the Grand Lodge website for inspections

Although the legislation for electronic dues cards did not pass at our Annual Communication, it does seem there is definitely some interest in improving this process of dues renewals and dues cards. We are working on a bigger dues sticker for your physical dues card this year. I encourage ALL Brethren, particularly Lodge Secretaries, to reach out to me with thoughts and ideas around this process. We want to make it easy and efficient for all involved with this process. How would you like to see the dues renewal process handled from the Grand Lodge side? How can we make it better? Give me a call or shoot me an email and let's discuss it.

With another dues year approaching us, let us know at the office if we can help. Remember that at our Annual Communication, we approved an increase of \$1 to per capita to take effect on January 1, 2023. That puts the total at \$20.50 (\$17.50 per capita plus \$2 for the Maine Mason Magazine and \$1 for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial) for the 2023 calendar year. If your dues require an increase as a result, don't forget to do so before you generate your 2023 dues year in Groupable/M2. If your Lodge doesn't use mori for dues, have us help you set it up this year. It makes printing your notices, recording payments and generally tracking them so much easier. You can also put solicitations on it for your other fundraising efforts like Bikes for Books, Charity Funds and Building Funds. You can also print separate contact forms that will ask your members to update their contact information and making them easier to reach. Have you considered using online dues payments or auto (recurring) payments? Did you know that when you do it updates the member's profile automatically saving the Lodge Secretary a lot of work! We are also happy to assist you with setting these up if you're interested.

Thank you Brethren for electing me for another year of service to the Craft. I look forward to helping your Lodge be successful in any way that we can. We remain at your service.

Fraternally,  
Scott Walton  
Grand Secretary



# What the Heck is She Doing in *The Maine Mason*

On May 3, 2022, my husband Dan Bartlett was sworn in as the 101<sup>st</sup> Grand Master in the State of Maine. He has ‘hit the ground running’ and has spent a good deal of time since that date representing Grand Lodge both in Maine and outside the state at various functions. I, on the other hand, had a new title – First Lady – and in May, I really had no clear idea what to do with it. Since that time, I have given a great deal of thought to that subject. As a result, I have decided that my goal during my term is to help form a strong network between Maine Masonic wives and partners across the state.

To start, we needed a place to ‘meet’. With the assistance of former first lady Rachel Nadeau and Tracey Roy, wife of our Senior Grand Warden – we have set up a Facebook group called Maine Masonic Wives & Partners. The goal of the group is to provide a forum and ‘gathering place’ for those of us who really are the support structure for our Masonic partners – so that we can be a support network for each other. So far the word has been spreading slowly, but I am in hopes that all of you reading this article will pass it along to your wives/partners to see if they might be interested in joining the group.

Getting it set up and populated is step 1 – but step 2 and beyond will be guided by the interests of those who participate. Maybe we foster online ‘forums’ on topics

done by our members on anything from quilting to financial literacy and everything in between. Maybe we write a book that is a compilation of our stories as partners of Masons – we all have at least one that is hilarious!! Maybe we all just get to know each other better so that we also are one big Masonic partners ‘family’ across the state. Maybe we pick a ‘cause’ and all see what we can do with it in our own areas. The options are limitless.

On a personal level, I know how very nervous I have been to attend functions with my husband because I know so very few other wives and partners of Masons. My job prevents me from attending everything public that Dan does. I know that it would help me to have a real connection to a wider number of Masonic wives and partners – and I have to think that maybe I am not the only one who feels this way. Plus, even if there are pockets of the state that already have this kind of connection – there is a large part of the state that does not. Wouldn’t it be great if we all met new people this way? Think how happy our Masons would be if in supporting each other – we provided more support for them and their lodges. Thank you for the opportunity to reach out to those who are ‘the wind beneath the wings’ of Maine Masonry.

Sue Lessard  
First Lady 2022-2024

## For a Masonic Widow

On Saturday, May 21, 2022, Monument Lodge No. 96 in Houlton was afforded the special opportunity to attend to the final needs of a Masonic Widow.

At the request of the family of Melva Folsom, widow of Bro. Dean R. Folsom, the Lodge conducted a Memorial Service and internment at the Jewell Cemetery in Monticello, Maine for her.

Such a service had been conducted for Bro. Dean at the time of his death in 2018. The family was so moved by the message of the service they inquired if such a service could be done by the Lodge for their mother when her time came.

Approval was obtained from the Grand Master to do such so long as there were no specific reference only appropriate for Masons. The essence of the Masonic service with references to the deceased, to the life sought to be lived, encouragement to those attending as they go on, and of the life hereafter was believed to be appropriate. It was not to be a Masonic service but rather a service done by Masons, wearing their aprons and jewels, for a Masonic Widow upon request. “It’s What Masons Do for Masons.”

The service was concluded with the presentation of  
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four roses to the family:

1. A red rose to remind them of the love and respect they had for Melva, wife, mother, grandmother and friend
2. A pink rose to remind them of the appreciation and respect that those of her community had for her.
3. A yellow rose to bring joy and hope to them as they remember the life of Melva and finally,
4. A white rose to remind all of the love and loyalty of Melva as she enters the eternal life of the beyond.



The service was conducted under the direction of Bryan Shaw, Worshipful Master of the Lodge, W. Bro. Elwood “Chip” Wilde as Chaplain, and R.W. Bro Richard L. Rhoda as Master. The service was also attended by R.W. Bro. Donald J. McDougal, Chairman of the Ritual Committee for the Grand Lodge of Maine. A copy of the ritual used for this special request has been provided to the Ritual Committee for its consideration.

Richard L. Rhoda, PSGW, Past Grand Historian



## Kindles for Books, a Neat Switch by Village Lodge #26

Village Lodge #26 of Bowdoinham continued its community outreach with our first Kindle for Books Campaign. Based on our previous Bikes for Books program, we found ourselves at the mercy of the supply chain issue and were unable to obtain sufficient numbers of bicycles to meet our needs.

Three elementary schools in our catchment area participate; Marcia Buker School in Richmond, Bowdoin Central School and Bowdoinham Community School, thus requiring 36 bikes. Realizing we could not obtain the bikes in time for the end of the school year, it was suggested we stay with the reading theme and give out Kindles. Students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grades read books and earned tickets to be entered into the drawing. In early June, each school held an assembly where members of Village Lodge were present to hand out the Kindles to the winners.



Wor. Layton Carver, RW Dave Thompson and Brother Historian Steve Edmondson with winning students from Bowdoin Central School.

## Arundel Lodge Boosts Project Graduation

On May 7th, Arundel Lodge #76 sponsored a project graduation pancake breakfast fundraiser to support Kennebunk High School Class of 2022. With WB. Noel "Pancake" Holmes manning the griddle, Brian "Don't burn the Toast" MacDonald manning the ovens and Dave Crowell prepping the night before and helping to supervise the overall project and of course John Nompoggi collecting the money....the brothers worked with several student and parent volunteers to serve an awesome breakfast. Arundel Lodge donated the supplies. With sales of \$1,150, combined with an additional \$1,000 match from Arundel Lodge and a \$2,000 Project Graduation Matching Grant from the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation, the total amount raised was \$4,150!





# President Theodore Roosevelt and the Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Centers



WHEN attending gatherings of Scottish Rite Freemasons, we often see Brethren and ladies wearing colorful ties and scarfs adorned with little teddy bears. Some ties had been purchased; others were received in recognition of generous donations to the Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Centers (CDCs). The color of the tie tells whether it was purchased for a proud CDC supporter, or received in appreciation of the wearer's generosity. A gold tie or scarf denotes a \$10,000 "Builders' Council" donation.



Soon after the first "Learning Center" was created in cooperation with the Massachusetts General Hospital nearly 30 years ago in Newtonville, Massachusetts, the teddy bear became an insignia for this Masonic charity of the Scottish Rite where trained tutors work one-on-one with children with dyslexia. One parent recently told of her child's reading skills improving from four years behind his peers to matching their reading proficiency in just six months. What great testimony of the effectiveness of this great Masonic charitable endeavor.

What is the significance of the teddy bear and what is its 'tie' to President Theodore Roosevelt? The stuffed bruin is a symbol of love or adoration, of compassion and comfort, and clearly that is what the tutors at the Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Centers bring to children experiencing reading difficulties and their often-resultant low self-esteem.



The teddy bear was named in honor of Brother "Teddy" Roosevelt, who was a big game hunter. According to the Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historical Site, Roosevelt was on a bear hunting trip in 1902, when every hunter except the President bagged a bear. Roosevelt's assistants cornered and tied a black bear to a willow tree, summoned Roosevelt and suggested that he shoot it. Viewing this as extremely unsportsmanlike, Roosevelt refused to shoot the bear.

The news of this event spread quickly across the country through newspaper articles that recounted the story of the President who refused to shoot a bear. A political cartoonist lightheartedly satirized the President's refusal to shoot the bear and his cartoon came to the attention of Morris Michtom, a Brooklyn candy shop owner whose wife made stuffed animals. They decided to create a stuffed toy bear and dedicate it to the President who refused to shoot a bear. He called it "Teddy's Bear." Most of us likely cherished one of Teddy's Bears, and warmly gave these cuddly toys to special children in our lives.

There are over 40 CDCs in the 15-state Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, serving nearly 1,200 boys and girls with a budget of over \$7.5 million. Maine Scottish Rite Masons sponsor two CDCs, located in Portland and Bangor, which sadly are the only facilities in Maine dedicated to serving children with dyslexia. The Portland CDC celebrated its 20th anniversary this summer and Bangor will celebrate its 25 years of service later this year.

Each center must fully fund its services through fundraising and donations; it trains and certifies tutors; and leads and manages its operations. There are many exciting opportunities for Masons and non-Masons to help accomplish the mission of the CDCs. To help fund its operations, the Portland CDC will hold its second Festival of Trees after Thanksgiving and has an annual raffle with \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 LL Bean gift cards as prizes. Many lodges donate to the centers and apply for matching grants from the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation, which is currently producing a public service video on the work of Maine's CDCs and the Foundation's long-standing support of this Masonic charity offered to the children of Maine at no cost to their families.

*RIGHT: Around 80 people attended the Portland CDC 20th Anniversary Celebration in June, including current and past students, parents, tutors, and others. The York County Shrine Club graciously provided the outdoor barbecue that was enjoyed by all while talking with the many stakeholders present to celebrate this special work of the Rite.*



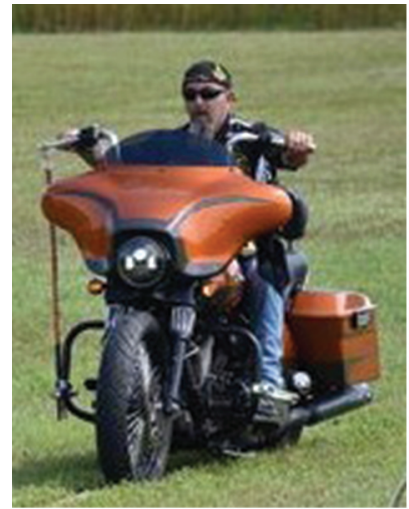
# Tomorrow is Not Promised to Any of Us

My Mom (87 and going strong!) makes the comment often that “Tomorrow is not promised to any of us”. She says this not with sadness or regret, but as a reminder that we need to live each day to its fullest.

For the second time, I am writing about the loss of a Brother, but in his memory, I am not writing of sadness and grief, but of joy and life. Don “Wrench” Charette lived his life to the fullest. On the day he died, he was doing what he loved most, riding and helping others. He came down from the Northern most reaches of the County to present a check to House in the Woods and be a part of an annual ride sponsoring this great cause. He spent his one day off riding on a cool, Spring morning, meeting with Brothers, and being an integral part of this wonderful cause. His nephew, Jesse, also a Mason and Widows Sons member, rode with him. When lunch had ended and it was time to return, they both hugged and shook hands with many Brothers and their ladies and headed North under a blue sky and sunshine. A perfect day for any rider. An accident on their way home took our Brother from us.

I don’t want to concentrate on that tragedy, as we have all mourned in our way and will continue to keep our Brother in our hearts. I want to speak on the joy and life our Brother embraced and left us to carry on for him and ourselves.

There are rides and events all Summer and we, as Widows Sons, live for these opportunities to join in fellowship and give back to our Lodges and communities. We will drink a toast to our Brother’s name and carry on for him as he would have us do. We will tell stories and plan more events. We will carry on and remember that tomorrow is not promised to any of us so, we must do

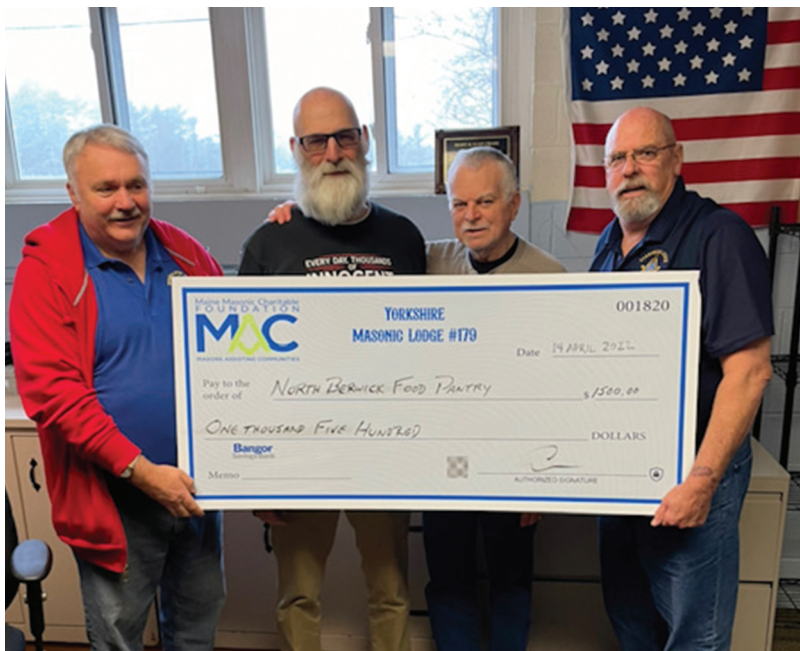


**Don Charette**

everything we can today. We will do it with great joy.

Rest easy, My Brother, we have picked up the tools you wielded so well and are continuing your work.

Jef H. “Wyzyrd” HamLin



## North Berwick Masons Help Feed the Hungry

Brethren of Yorkshire Lodge #179 in North Berwick, with a grant from the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation, donated \$1500 to the North Berwick Food Pantry. Pictured here. Left to right: Brother Kevin Ham, Wor. Phil Turnbull, John Kerr from the Food Pantry and Wor. Bill Hankin.



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# Maine Masonic Charitable FOUNDATION

## Newsletter

**The Foundation has provided 28 Brotherhood and Relief Grants since April 1<sup>st</sup> totaling over \$30,000.** This does not include all the assistance that individual Lodges provide for their own members.

With inflation driving higher gas and food prices - a factor for most Mainers - it is important that we all make an effort to check on one another and make sure Masons, their families and widows - that may need assistance - are getting the help they need.

The Foundation is here to help your Lodge provide this assistance. If you know of someone you think might need help please talk with your Lodge Master or Secretary. If you have any questions, feel free to call (207) 843-1086 or email the Executive Director at [Director@MaineMCF.org](mailto:Director@MaineMCF.org).



## Join in and have some fun

**DID YOU KNOW...** There is a new Facebook group for **Maine Masonic Wives & Partners** [[www.facebook.com/groups/1086154625271554](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1086154625271554)]. This may be a surprise for some of you, but would you believe that some Masons don't always remember to share information with their wives/partners about social gatherings where spouses are welcomed? I know... incredible, right?!

Well help is on the way! Susan "Sue" Lessard, the First Lady of Masons in Maine has an article in this very edition of the Maine Mason, be sure to give it a read. She and a few other smart ladies [Rachel Nadeau and Tracey Roy] created the group. So if your wife or partner doesn't typically read the Maine Mason, please share with them the information about the new **Maine Masonic Wives & Partners** Facebook group.

### AND NOW JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER...

There is still time for you to join us for Golf

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MAC Golf Classic at the Augusta Country Club in Manchester, ME  
Monday, September 19, 2022



**GOLF**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
*Be a*  
**SPONSOR**

Meet up with some old friends and make some new ones!

For more information please call the Executive Director, Susan Scacchi at (603) 677-2436 or Ashley French at (207) 843-1086. You can register to play or sign up to be a sponsor online at [www.MaineMCF.org](http://www.MaineMCF.org).



## SPOTLIGHT...

### STATISTICS & LARGE NUMBERS WHEN IT IS NOT GOOD TO BE NEAR THE TOP OF A LIST

Suicide is the 12<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the US according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The most recent statistics for 2022 show Maine has a suicide rate of 19.4 per 100,000 residents, above the national average of 16.4 per 100,000 residents - the 12<sup>th</sup> highest of the fifty states.

For 2020, the most recent year available on the CDC's website ([wisqars.cdc.gov](https://wisqars.cdc.gov)) **for men 15 to 44 in Maine**, with the exception of accidental deaths ("unintentional injury"), **suicide is the leading cause of death!**

So what can you/we do? For starters, you should know that your Foundation has long supported SUICIDE PREVENTION efforts in Maine, most recently through a partnership with NAMI Maine (National Alliance for Mental Illness) where in the last four years, we have provided \$120,000 to help fund their Mental Health First Aid® training programs, their Sources of Strength – student led program that focuses on "positive, uplifting, and hopeful messaging" and their Teen Text Line.

The current Grand Master, Dan Bartlett, has made men's mental health his health initiative for this fiscal year. If your Lodge is interested in hosting a NAMI Maine training in/for your community, send the Executive Director an email at [Director@MaineMCF.org](mailto:Director@MaineMCF.org).

If you know or suspect someone is suffering please reach out to them and provide them with the new National Suicide Prevention Hotline **988** or any of the NAMI Maine numbers below.

## NEW NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

# 988



National Alliance on Mental Illness

# nami Maine

## NAMI MAINE HELPLINE

800-464-5767 press 1

TEEN TEXT LINE (207) 515 – 8398

## *Let's talk about Project Graduation Matching Grants*

A Project Graduation matching grant provides funding for a high school's seniors to celebrate their achievements in a drug and alcohol free celebration – dinners, class trips, dance parties.

Last year, the Foundation awarded 17 Project Graduation matching grants totaling about \$17,600 and since April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, the Foundation has awarded 18 Project Graduation matching grants totaling \$26,300. Maybe this is something your Lodge is interested in doing?



St John's Masonic Lodge #51 working with the 2022 seniors of Marshwood High School in a combined fundraiser raised \$736 and the Lodge put in another \$100. Utilizing their Project Graduation Matching grants funds they were able to donate another \$1,672.

And for those of you still reading...when filling out your BIG checks, don't forget to include monies provided by your Lodge – this check should have been made out for \$2,508 (\$1,672 + \$836).

### **The FOUNDATION needs your support!**

Donate what you can when you can - once a year, twice a year or monthly. You can do it all ONLINE. Don't be shy, tell a friend and share on social media.

And please ask us about becoming a member of the *1820 Society* and the **MASTER ARCHITECT SOCIETY.**

Contact SUSAN SCACCHI for more information at (603) 677-2436 (mobile) or (207) 843-1086 (Grand Lodge office) or via email at [Director@MaineMCF.org](mailto:Director@MaineMCF.org)

**TOGETHER** we can make a difference now and for future generations!



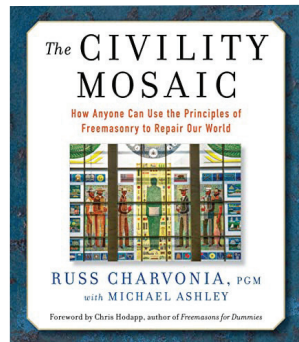
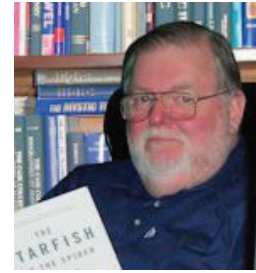
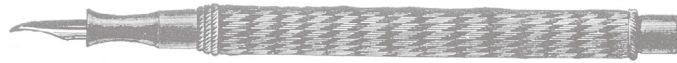
You always hear about 'summer reading,' right? SO....  
Grab some books and it will help  
**"Make your Daily Advancement  
in Masonic Knowledge"!**

Those who've heard Past Grand Master Russ Charvonja of California speak know what a powerful message he brings. Now, thanks to Audible, you can listen to it at home or in the car. *"The Civility Mosaic: How Anyone Can Use the Principles of Freemasonry to Repair Our World"* is a very powerfully presented work. Along with Bro. Michael Ashley, this audiobook is not only a great way to start listening to books but can stimulate you to (hopefully) take action in your lodge and in your life. It's uplifting and truly gives you much to think about in these turbulent times. While there's a printed book too, it's difficult to find at the moment. I'd very strongly recommend the audio: once you start, you won't want to stop.

"Did you know there was a woman Freemason?" the ebullient woman at a vendor table at Masonic Con (Convention) in Manchester, NH a few weeks ago asked. Answering in the affirmative, I seemed to have caught her off guard. Thus began a great meeting with the author of *"Doneraile Court: The Story of the Lady Freemason"* Kathleen Aldworth Foster. No, this is NOT Eastern Star which didn't exist in the early 1700s! It also happened in the second oldest Grand Lodge in the world (congrats to those who said "Ireland"! ) and although the dialog is, of necessity, recreated, Ms. Foster has given us a wonderfully readable story of the circumstances surrounding something that ostensibly shouldn't have happened. The book is really good and an easy read for anyone interested in Freemasonry. I particularly enjoyed it as an audiobook, read by an Irish lass with an amazing voice. The author is planning a series and I'm looking forward to more!

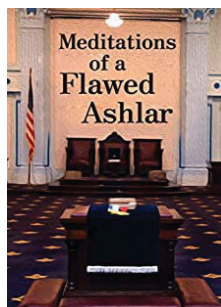
My first experience with *"The Path of Freemasonry: The Craft as a Spiritual Practice"* by Mark Stavish was totally off-putting. The author's suggestion that the reader should take notes using colored pencils just seemed so laughable. Having left grammar school many

## The Old Webmaster's BOOKSHELF



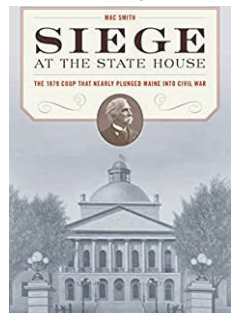
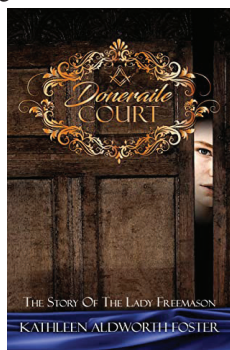
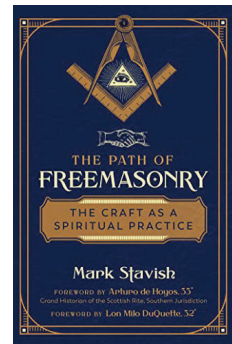
years earlier, I dismissed this as being a bunch of hokem. Well, I'm older now and though some would disagree, a bit wiser. Revisiting this book (and the audiobook is just great too!) I see that I was very foolish and not ready for the maturity of this work. With apologies, I commend it to you now, particularly if you are seeking a work to stimulate your understanding of the esoteric nature of the Craft. An approachable read that will make you think twice about things you may have taken for granted. If it doesn't make you think, read it again!

When a book is SO very personal it can sometimes be a difficult read. Not so *"The Meditations of a Flawed Ashlar"* by Bro. Bill Hosler. Mixing fact and folklore into a poignant series of essays, it will give the reader an opportunity to reflect upon their own Masonic journey, both the good and the bad, and to see the value which has and will surround it. I knew things about this Mason from our mutual internet experiences but this book showed me parts of his thinking I'd never imagined. Self-deprecating and honest to a fault, it's a book that any Mason can learn from. I'm glad I took the time to read it and hope that you will be too.



A crowd surrounded the seat of government, brandishing weapons and threatening the legislature. It could have led to America's second civil war! *"Siege at the State House: The 1879 Coup that Nearly Plunged Maine into Civil War"* by Mac Smith tells of how one man stood up in front of the violent crowd in Augusta: General and Bro. Joshua Chamberlain bared his chest and dared the crowd to shoot him first! A story I'd never heard and a book all Maine Masons should read.

Bro. Ed King would love your suggestions and recommendations for things to read and review! Know of a Masonic author or book that deals with Freemasonry? Drop him a line at [MasonicReading@gmail.com](mailto:MasonicReading@gmail.com) Suggestions ALWAYS welcome!



## ***Plan Now to Celebrate the Cornerstone Rededication at the George Washington Masonic Memorial on February 20, 2023***

Soaring 333 feet from its base atop a lofty hill overlooking historic Alexandria, Virginia, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial is the most impressive public monument ever created by the Masonic fraternity.

George Washington was a native son of Virginia who went on to lead the most transformative revolution the world has ever known. As the Father of our Country, he is held in reverence by all Americans. “The Masonic fraternity proudly regards Washington as the foremost Freemason in our history,” said Claire Tusch, Past Grand Master of Maine and the current President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. “That’s why, over a century ago, Masonic leaders from across the country united to build the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.”

The cornerstone of the Memorial was laid on November 1, 1923. With support from Grand Lodges, Craft lodges, and Masons and Masonic groups of every sort, the Memorial’s building was completed. It was declared that the Memorial would forever stand as a beacon of Masonic Light: “physical light to guide the body, intellectual light to guide the mind, spiritual light to guide the soul.” Since then, the Memorial has been an essential stop for anyone visiting the Capital region to learn about George Washington’s legacy. Through the Memorial’s exhibits and educational programs, the Memorial has indeed brought light to humanity. In everything, our vision is always “To inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character, and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason, and Father of our Country.” Now, there is an historic opportunity to join us in that work.

### ***Rededicating the Cornerstone***

In recent years, the Memorial has undergone tremendous improvements. New exhibits have been installed. Extensive repairs have been made, including a nearly

complete restoration of the exterior stonework. One objective of this work has been to make the Memorial ready to mark the centennial of the cornerstone.

The original celebration of the cornerstone was a national Masonic event. Over 10,000 Freemasons attended the Memorial’s cornerstone laying in 1923. In 2023, Masons will gather again at the Memorial to witness the re-dedication of this cornerstone. “The time is now to celebrate the Memorial’s timeless legacy anew,” M.W. Bro. Tusch said. “Please join us in February 2023 and become part of our second century of making history.”

### ***Meetings and Tours — Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19, 2023***

We welcome Lodges and other Masonic groups to attend and participate. Beginning Friday, February 17, through Sunday, February 19, Lodges that wish to tile a meeting in the Memorial may reserve time slots within the Memorial. Visiting Masonic groups may schedule tours during those days as well. Popular speakers such as Mark Tabbert and Shawn Eyer will be available to provide an appropriate message upon request. Time slots are limited, so interested groups are encouraged to register early on our website.

### ***Parade and Cornerstone Rededication Event — Monday, February 20, 2023***

All Grand Lodges, Lodges, Masonic groups, and Freemasons in amity with the Grand Lodge of Virginia may participate in the Parade from historic Old Town Alexandria up to the Memorial’s beautiful grounds. The Parade steps off at 1:30 p.m. Registration is available on our website.

The Rededication Ceremony takes place at 3:00 p.m. All individuals attending the events of February 20, 2023, should register on our website. (Note: Those registered to attend through the Conference of Grand Masters are already considered confirmed.)

### ***Annual Washington’s Birthday Gala — Wednesday, February 22, 2023***

The Memorial’s traditional Washington’s Birthday Gala will be held on Wednesday, February 22. This elegant formal event will, as always, include a reception in Memorial Hall, entertainment in the Theater, and a Gala Banquet in Grand Masonic Hall.

***For complete details, schedule, and to register, visit <https://gwmemorial.org/2023>***





# Register Now to Attend a Special Symposium at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Nov. 4-6 Scottish Freemasons in America, 1750-1800

Have you ever wondered about the influence of Scottish Freemasons in America? If so, please plan to attend *Scottish Freemasons in America, 1750-1800*, to be held November 4 to 6, 2022, at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Over the course of two days, selected academic and Masonic speakers will deliver in-depth academic presentations of the history and impact of Scottish Freemasonry on early American Freemasonry.

The featured speaker will be Robert L.D. Cooper, Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He is a member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, and the author of *The Rosslyn Hoax?*, *Cracking the Masonic Code*, and *The Red Triangle: A History of Anti-Masonry*. He will present "Scottish Masonic Rituals and Customs, 1730-1780."

Other presentations to be given include:



*Mobility and Stability in Scottish Society and Culture in the Eighteenth Century* by Ned Landsman, Ph.D.



*Migration and Scots Freemasonry in America, from the Stamp Act to the Revolution 1760-1775* by Hans Schwartz Ph.D.



*Scots in the Revolutionary and the Early Republic Era of American History* by Jim Ambuske, Ph.D.



*Grand Lodge of Scotland Recognition of American Grand Lodges, 1783 to 1800* by Willam Semple, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Participants will be able to pay a special visit to Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, on the 270th Anniversary of Washington's raising to the third degree. Originally chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Fredericksburg Lodge has the distinction of having twenty-year-old George Washington as one of its first applicants.

The symposium will also include scotch-tasting, Scottish food, and an optional golf tournament.

Plan now to attend this uniquely educational and entertaining event! Complete details and registration forms are now featured on the Memorial's website at <https://gwmemorial.org>.



Geo. Washington Masonic National Memorial



Bro. Richard A. Gaisford recently was presented his 65-year star by son-in-law Wor. Brother Jack Sharkey and Wor. Brother John Busby, both from United Lodge #8 in Brunswick. Brother Gaisford was raised May 27, 1955 in Standish Lodge #70, and transferred his membership to Oxford Lodge #18, Norway, in 1998. Brother Gaisford also holds membership in the Scottish Rite Valley of Portland and is a former member of Kora Shrine. The presentation was made at the Highlands where Bro. Gaisford and his wife, Lorraine, now reside. Brother Gaisford is 92 years old.



BETHLEHEM LODGE #35 of Augusta provides financial assistance to numerous worthy organizations to support great work being done in the local community. Recently, Wor. Bud Pringle, Wor. Lewie Manter, and RW Bob Stratton visited the Augusta Food Bank, Salvation Army, Chelsea Food Bank, Lithgow Library Children's Collection, Bread of Life Food Kitchen, Green Street Methodist Church, Cony High School, and the Angel Food Network. In the final photo, RW Stratton meets on the level with RW Nate Richards, Assistant Grand Chaplain and Pastor of South Parish Congregational Church, on behalf of the Angel Food Network.





ACACIA LODGE #121, Durham, presented a scholarship this year to Kayla Bernier. Miss Bernier has chosen to study Early Childhood Education at Central Maine Community College (CMCC), where she will obtain an Associate's Degree. She then plans to transfer to a four year college to complete her Bachelors so that her dream of becoming a teacher in a pre-k through second grade level setting can come true. Pictured here at the presentation are, left to right: Brother Tim Dobson, Kayla Bernier, Wor. Brother J. C. Mills, and Brother Mark Blake.



On April 14, 2022, members of CORINTHIAN LODGE #95 in Hartland held their annual Bikes for Books presentation at Somerset Valley Elementary School in Hartland. The school has 224 students grades K-4. The program started in early March. By the April 14 drawing date students had read 5715 books, giving an average of 25+ books per student. Two students whose names were drawn said they had bikes and asked that a name be redrawn for someone else who might need a bike.

In February, a 3rd grade class in the school decided they wanted to do something to help students in Ukraine during the turmoil. They met with the principal and decided to do a fundraiser activity. Setting a goal of \$200.00, students Planned a Read-a-Thon, a bottle drive, and a school bake sale. Students advertised throughout the school, in the School Newsletter, and on social media. On March 22, they made a donation of \$2,276.31 to United Way earmarked for the people of Ukraine.

# A Fun Masonic “Fact Check” Test for All Brethren

**by: Brother Ed Tooma**

Rising Virtue Lodge No 10, Bangor,

Brethren - The more we know about our Craft, the better we can communicate. The following list of questions and answers can be added to your personal Masonic library for ready reference. This way, it will always be readily available whenever in doubt. "What's wonderful about our institution is: Questions like these are never-ending." Try using them for trivia on a program presentation night, etc. Please feel free to continue building on this list. And share accordingly. Test your knowledge before looking at the answers on page 39 of this Maine Mason. No peeking!

**1. George Washington was Master of what Lodge?**

- a. Alexandria Lodge No. 22
- b. Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22
- c. Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4
- d. American Union Lodge No. 1

**2. George Washington was raised as a Master Mason in:**

- a. Alexandria Lodge No. 39
- b. The Lodge at Fredericksburg
- c. Alexandria Lodge No. 22
- d. American Union Lodge (Military)

**3 . George Washington was Grand Master of?**

- a. Virginia
- b. Pennsylvania
- c. New Jersey
- d. Never A Grand Master

**4. The first known Lodge in America was in:**

- a. Boston

- b. Savannah
- c. New York
- d. Philadelphia

**5 . The two states with the longest Masonic history are:**

- a. New Hampshire and Rhode Island
- b. Massachusetts and Pennsylvania
- c. Virginia and Maryland
- d. Georgia and New Jersey

**6. St. John The Evangelist Day is:**

- a. June 24th
- b. August 4th
- c. July 4th
- d. December 27th

**7. Degrees that are higher than Master Mason:**

- a. 32nd
- b. Knights Templar
- c. Holy Royal Arch Degree
- d. None

**8. Music Composer John Philip Sousa was a Freemason? True or False?**

**9. What famous Mason gave us the Pledge of Allegiance?**

- a. DeWitt Clinton
- b. Francis Scott Key
- c. Chauncey M. Depew
- d. Francis Bellamy

**10. Name two U.S. Presidents that were Masons?**

- a. Grover Cleveland
- b. Theodore Roosevelt
- c. Martin Van Buren
- d. Franklin D. Roosevelt

**11. All of these actors were**

**Masons? True or False?**

- a. John Wayne
- b. Ernest Borgnine
- c. Danny Thomas
- d. Clark Gable

**12. Senior and Junior Wardens should qualify themselves to discharge all of the duties of the Worshipful Master?**

True or False?

**13. A Demit can be issued upon a verbal request to do so? True or False?**

**14. All Lodges should have a copy of the book "List of Lodges - Masonic" for examination? True or False?**

**15. It's more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle? What is it?\_\_\_\_\_**

**16. The Badge of a Mason is?**

- a. The Square and Compasses
- b. The Apron
- c. Trowel
- d. Cabletow

**17. At a Masonic Funeral who carries the Bible?**

- a. The Chaplain
- b. Worshipful Master
- c. Oldest Member
- d. Senior Deacon

**18. What is a clandestine Lodge?**

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## ***Lincoln Lodge Brethren don their 'Bib' Aprons for a good cause***

On June 16, 2022 Lincoln Lodge #3, Wiscasset, was once again called upon to use their BBQ skills for the Wiscasset Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards event. In addition to their terrific chicken, the chefs added some grilled shrimp to their menu, which was well received.

This year, Lincoln Lodge has continued to show support as well as receive support from Wiscasset's citizens. With programs like Bike for Books, Food Bank contributions, and Fire Dept./ EMT defibrillator fund drive, its membership remains enthusiastic. Pictured here, ready to cook, are R.W. Chuck Billings, Wor. Dave Sawyer and Wor. Jim Munson. Wor. Pete Smythe of Presumpscot Lodge in Windham, also pitched in to help.

- a. A Lodge in another state
- b. A Lodge not in session
- c. A Lodge not issued a Charter from a Grand Lodge

### **19. What is meant by the term Dotage?**

- a. A young man who is uninformed
- b. A diminished state of mind
- c. The loss of membership by the vote of the Lodge

### **20. What does The All-Seeing Eye represent?**

- a. Sanctum Sanctorum
- b. Holy of Holies
- c. Lodge of Master Masons
- d. Deity

### **21. What is the principal working tool of a Master Mason?**

- a. Level
- b. Plumb
- c. Compass
- d. Trowel

### **22. What do Signs, Tokens, and Words mean to a Mason?**

- a. Symbols of Officers rank
- b. The language of Freemasonry
- c. Methods of recognition

### **23. A Trestle-board is an excellent way to notify members of upcoming events? True or False?**

### **24. What do these letters stand for?**

- a. A. F. & A. M.

### **25. Masonically, a Profane is a Non-Mason? True or False?**

**Answers to these 25 Masonic Questions can be found on Page 39.**



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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## #35 The Minutes of "Old Builders Lodge #1000"

Brother George M.A. Macdougall

*This is one article (a corrected version from the Spring Issue) in a series on the people who created, discovered or redefined how modern architecture, engineering and science came about.*

While attending the University of Maine in the 80's, we would stretch a lot of steel specimens to see when they would start to stretch and eventually snap. We would plot our results in Stress-Strain curves and learn the constant ratio between how much load was applied and how much the specimen elongated. In this way, we learned Hooke's Law. By this law, we would determine the tensile strength of the steel. This is a characteristic that is needed to design steel structures like bridges and buildings! When you build a structure, the most common steel types are A36 and A50. The 36 and 50 are the minimum tensile strength of the steel beams, that is the load before they deform or stretch. The 36 and 50 stands for 36,000 or 50,000 pounds per square inch.

In this article we will discuss Robert Hooke who discovered this law in the 1600's.

Historian Allan Chapman gave a lecture to the Royal Institution of Great Britain in 1996, titled "England's Leonardo: Robert Hooke and the art of experiment in Restoration England". In this lecture he said Hooke "was an extraordinarily quick learner, possessed a manual dexterity which enabled him to build an impressive array of mechanical devices". Robert Hooke was born July 18, 1635, on the Isle of Wight, England and died March 3, 1703 in London. He was not a gentleman in that he did not have independent means. He was an English physicist who in 1676, discovered the law of elasticity, also known as Hooke's law. In 1662 he was appointed curator of experiments to the Royal Society of London and was elected a fellow the following year. In 1665 he was appointed professor of geometry at Gresham College.

Hooke's Law of elasticity states that the stretching of a solid body (e.g., metal, wood) is proportional to the force applied to it. Simply put, his law states that applied force ' $F$ ' equals a constant ' $k$ ' times the displacement or change in length ' $x$ ', or  $F = kx$ . The value of  $k$  depends not only on the kind of elastic material under consideration but also on its dimensions and shape.

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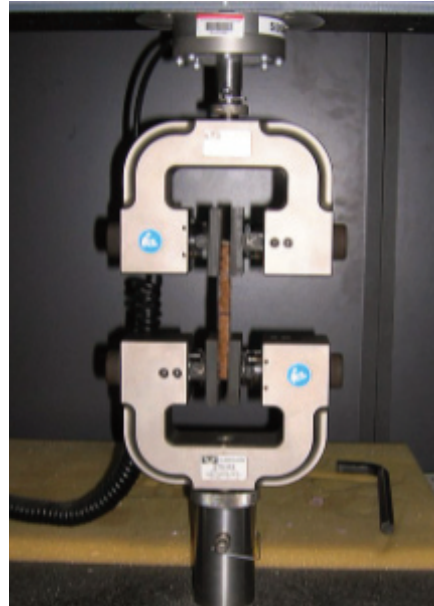
Steel stretched but still obeying Hooke's Law will return to its original shape and maintains its strength the whole time it is being stretched or while it is in the *Elastic stage*!! After it no longer meets Hooke's Law it is being deformed and will not return to the original shape and is considered in the *Plastic Stage*.

The law laid the basis for studies (and our university labs!) of stress and strain and for the understanding of elastic materials and even applies to springs. Hooke applied these studies in his designs for the balance springs of watches.

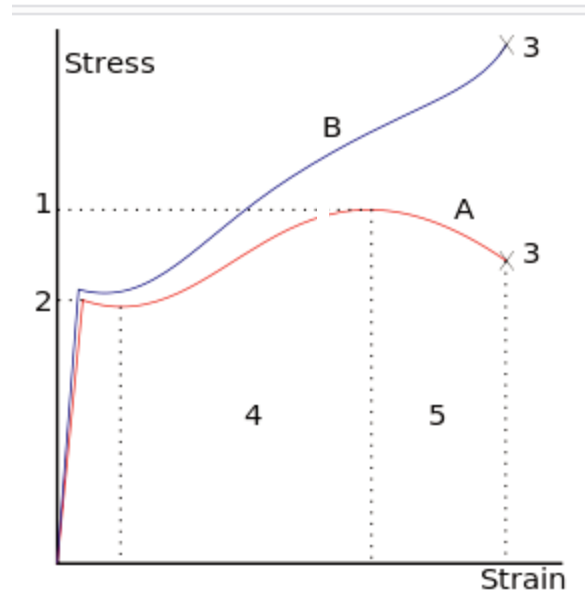
Hooke is also noted for his use of microscopes. He designed several of excellent quality and their use formed the basis for his book, 'Micrographia', published in 1665. Using one, he observed a cork and saw that it was composed of smaller pieces that looked like jail cells packed together. He named these smaller pieces 'cells,' a term we still use today!

He also served as chief surveyor and helped the architect, Christopher Wren (who designed St Paul's Cathedral!!) rebuild London after the Great Fire of 1666. He worked out the correct theory of combustion; assisted Robert Boyle in studying the physics of gases; and invented or improved meteorological instruments such as the barometer, anemometer, and hygrometer.

And yet, for all this, there are no known portraits of Hooke in existence.



Specimen being stretched to find its tensile strength.



Above, Typical Stress-Strain Curve: Up to #2, the specimen stretches but will return to its original length. This is the load range that we design for. #2 to #3 the specimen is stretching and will not return to its original length. At #3 the specimen breaks.

At left: reconstruction of Hooke's compound microscope copied from the engraving and description in his book *Micrographia*. Credit: SSPL/Getty Images



# MAINE MASONIC COLLEGE COURSES

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

## **September 10** “Military Lodges and their History”

This class will explore the possible connections between Masonry and the Military. We will discuss the core values that go along with the branches of the armed forces and the bodies of freemasonry. We will dive into the history of “military lodges” as to how they were formed, why they were created, and the different lodges that were created.

We will have the pleasure of conducting the class right after the Chili Cookoff hosted by Triangle Lodge #1 in Portland. SO bring your appetite for food AND knowledge as this should be a wonderful day!!

**Instructors: Brian Ellis, Derrick Gittleman**

**Location: Triangle Lodge, Portland** **This Class is at 2 P.M.**

**The following Courses are on Saturday mornings from 9-12 with lunch to be determined.**

## **October 8** “Music, the 6th Liberal Art”

NOTE – Lunch will be provided for this class

As I travel around, I notice a gaping hole in a great many lodges... Old pipe organ, piano and melodeon are present, but are unplayed, untuned and broken down. None of the brothers join in rejoicing singing. There is no music to intensify and decorate the ancient symbolic rituals. This was not the case in former times, and I would like to do what I can to bring music back into the temples of Freemasonry. Live music with singing would significantly enhance and enrich our time together as brothers.

**Instructor: Philip Amadon**

**Location: Messalonskee Lodge, Oakland**

## **November 5** “Critical Thinking”

Clear thinking is desperately needed in every aspect of today's world. This course looks at critical thinking and how this skill set should be incorporated into our daily work life. The topic is explored in detail using short class exercises and discussions to dig into the operational side of thinking critically. The class challenges participants to exercise judgments and to abandon patterns of faulty reasoning in favor of asking a few more questions in the elusive search for truth.

**Instructors: Don McDougal, George Macdougall**

**Location: Meridian Lodge, Newport**



# Wor. Brother John Nompleggi, Master Builder

by RW Brother Jonathan Rosen, PDDGM/19

In April, I had the pleasure of awarding WB. John Nompleggi with the Master Builder's Award. The Master Builder Award is designed to allow the Lodges to seek statewide recognition for these exceptional Brothers. The Brother must have at least 10 continuous years of service in the Craft. The Brother must have regularly attended the meetings of his Lodge during that period. and the Brother must have served in various line offices including Master for one year; and/or provided ancillary services related to the smooth operation of the Lodge; and/or been instrumental in successful Lodge programs in the community, Lodge fund raising activities, and/or Lodge outreach efforts which portrayed the Lodge in a positive light in the community it serves.

## My Nomination Letter:

Brother Nompleggi was raised a Master Mason on March 15th, 1966. In January 1975 he served as Master of Arundel Lodge. Since 1996, our brother has served honorably and tirelessly as Secretary of Arundel Lodge.

Most people would look at John's years of service as Secretary to a strong and vibrant lodge like Arundel and say to themselves, "that's a tough job, he probably deserves the award for tenure alone".

There is so much more to John's story than simply being our Secretary. I don't recall the last time he missed a meeting. He has "managed up" many Worshipful Masters, guiding us in the "Masonic Way" adhering to our by-laws, supporting change, advocating for charity, Masonic education, and ritual. John has been a fixture of Arundel Lodge for so long he is truly our historian, often providing meaningful context to why so many things are done the way they are.

Beyond all of that mentioned above. John exemplifies to us, what it is to be a Mason. He is not perfect, none of

us are. He may look curmudgeonly and act cranky, but beneath that stolid New England exterior, he is a warm, kind and loving husband, father, and true and worthy brother to all of us at Arundel Lodge. I am biased. I have sat countless hours talking with him about every topic under the sun.

He has strong opinions on many things, but one only has to look at how tirelessly he works with new candidates on their lessons; how he makes himself available for anyone to learn a lecture; he knows them all. John has spent countless untold hours checking in on Arundel Lodge widows. As I

have made my rounds, calling them, I have heard countless stories of John fixing things for them, or ensuring they get the help they need.

I would not be a member of Arundel Lodge had he not responded to my email inquiry and been warm and inviting. I would never have learned a ritual part had he not asked me gently. Of course, many would attest that he wasn't so gentle with my ritual following that. He always knew I could do better, and I always wanted to live up to his expectations.

In the end, I am blessed to have a big brother like John Nompleggi in my life. He is the reason Masonry means so much to me and his example is one I hope to carry forward to new mem-

bers of Arundel Lodge and now new members of the 19th district and Maine Masonry.

Based on the award criteria, I realize we should have a vote of the Lodge, but I want to surprise our Brother and I sent an email to the officers of the Lodge and the Wor. Master, all of whom resoundingly support this nomination. I hope there is some wiggle room to that requirement.

In summary, WB John Nompleggi loves Masonry, loves Arundel Lodge and deserves this recognition. I can only hope my words adequately convey this.



# ***The Olde Charges in Response to Medieval European Social Upheavals***

*By Brother Donald McDougal*

Social and political disorder impacted the nations of Europe periodically during the Middle Ages. Subsequently, to avoid being forbidden and outlawed by the Church and Ruling Classes, Lodges had to review, bring into current compliance, and republish the rules and regulations which governed their Lodge. We call those operating regulations **“THE OLD CHARGES”**. Copies of many of these documents, some as old as 1200 years, have been passed down to us. According to *Anderson’s Constitutions*, 1723, one the earliest, recognized by some, is the old-time *“York Constitution”* ratified in 926 and written by Prince Edwin under authority of his father Athelstan. *The Old Charges.com* has an extensive set of these old documents online

The 1300’s seem a century of enormous turmoil. In medieval Europe the Church was the all-powerful political institution above the Ruling Kings and Queens. In 1307, hundreds of Templars were arrested on Friday Oct. 13 in France. They were then tortured, forced to admit heresy and blasphemy, and later executed. In 1326 upset with the increasing power of Tradesmen’s Guilds, the Pope issued the Avignon Decree, a Papal Bull referencing “the radical suppression of societies, leagues and conjurations, referred to as brotherhoods”. Torture and execution were not recommended. Rather, violators were to be given *“salutary”* (beneficial) punishments.

The Plague struck in 1348 with frequent outbreaks until 1365. Mortality rates are estimated around 40% of the population with peasants having higher mortality than other levels of society. In 1381 the Peasant Revolt took place - triggered in part by a high tax burden on a decimated population. It started when bureaucrat John Bampton, tried to collect unpaid taxes from Brentwood citizens in May 1381. They demanded a reduction in taxes and the end of peonage.

Two 1388 Acts of Parliament affected Tradesmen; the first being: *“that all and every the Masters and Wardens of all gilds and brotherhoods whatsoever... shall send up returns to us and our council, in our Chancery, fully, plainly, and openly, in writing, ... ,*

*wheresoever it may be, as to the manner and form and authority of the foundation and beginning and continuance and governance of the gilds and brotherhoods aforesaid: And as to the manner and form of the oaths, gatherings, feasts, and general meetings”* (Corpus of Middle English Prose and Verse - quod.lib.umich.edu). The second act demanded that they submit a return stating their holdings and financial records.

1356 According to the *Masonic Trowel*, **The Anglo Norman Charges** were developed by a group summoned by the Mayor of London to settle disputes because; *“divers dissensions and disputes have been moved in the said City, between the Masons who are “hewers” , and the light-Masons and “setters”; because that their trade has not been regulated in due manner....”*

1370 The **York Ordinances** updated a set of directions for workers who were hired to work on the Cathedral of York (York Minster). Construction started in the early 1200s and was finished in 1472.

*“All Masons shall ... be each day in the morning at their work ... at as early an hour as they can clearly see by daylight. And they shall stand there faithfully working ... all day after that, as long as they can clearly see to work,*

*They may dine before noon, and also eat where they like, so long as they shall not remain away from their work ... more than such a short time that no reasonable man shall find fault with their remaining away. And in the time of eating at noon they shall, at no time ..., be absent ... from their aforesaid work, over the space of an hour; and after noon they may drink in the lodge, and for their drinking time... they shall not cease nor leave their work beyond the space of time that one can walk half a mile*

*And they shall not cease nor leave their work in sleeping time exceeding the time in which one can walk a mile.*

*No Mason shall be received at work on the work of the aforesaid Church unless he is first tested for a week or more as to his good work;*

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*,he must swear upon the book that he will truly and carefully, according to his power, without any kind of guile, treachery, or deceit; maintain and keep holy all the points of this aforesaid ordinance ... and that he will not go away from that aforesaid work unless the Masters give him permission to depart from the aforesaid work.*

*Let whoever goes against this ordinance ... have God's curse and Saint Peter's."*

About 1390 The **Regius Poem** was written and is considered to be a response to the 1388 Acts of Parliament.

The 1600's were again a time of continued upheavals; Charles I, crowned in 1625, dissolved Parliament in 1629. This gave rise to Cromwell's Power. In 1639-1640 the Scottish Bishop's Wars took place. Charles called a new Parliament in 1640. The Irish Rebellion was in 1641. The English Civil War started in 1642. In 1645, Charles was placed under house arrest, convicted of treason, and beheaded Jan 30, 1649. Cromwell was sworn in as Lord Protector in 1653 and died in 1658. Charles II was crowned King of Scotland, England and Ireland in 1660. The Plague reemerged in 1665 -1666.

#### **Inigo Jones Manuscript (1607)**

*"no Mason shall be a common player at hazard, or at dice, or at cards, nor any other unlawful game*

*no Mason shall be a common lecher, nor pander, or baud"*

#### **Slone No 3840 1636**

*"first charge is that you shall be true man to God; and the Holy Church;*

*you shall be true liegeman to the King, without treason or falsehood*

*no Mason be a thief in company*

*you shall be true to the Lord and Master that you serve*

*you do no villainy in that house whereby the Craft shall be slandered*

*no fellow slander another falsely behind his back; to make him lose his good name*

*no Mason shall play at hazards or any other unlawful game*

*no Mason shall be a common ribald in lechery*

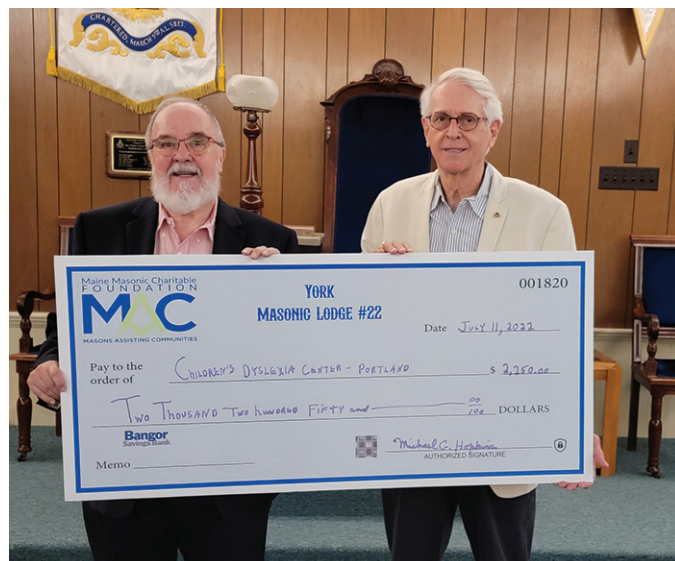
*every Master and fellow shall come to the assembly (An institution, through which a free man could obtain judgment and defend himself.) within fifty miles"*

#### **The Dumfries No. 4 Manuscript (1710)**

Based on older charges

*"When you enter a roome you must say is ye house cleen if they ansure it is dropie or ill thatched upon this answe you are to be sillent this is ye most matieriall questions belonging to mason"*

This has been a brief survey of the 1000 year heritage which we strive to perpetuate and pass on in our Charters, Lodges, and Ritual. As we enter the third Century of Masonry in Maine, we find a task laid out for us to maintain that progression for our successors.



## **Masons Supporting Children with Dyslexia**

Wor. Mike Hopkins of York Lodge No.22 in Kennebunk presents a check for \$2,250 to Dr. Reuben Bell, Vice-Chair of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Portland. Funding for this York Lodge-sponsored project was raised at a motorcycle run in May supported by several Widow's Sons Chapters and was matched by the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation.

## Horeb Lodge Masons Making a Difference in their Community

Horeb Lodge #93 Masons are busy in the Town of Lincoln. Pictured here are Master Kent Oliver, Senior Warden Robert Gauthier, Senior Deacon Reginald Ogden, Tyler RW Kenneth Hanscom Jr., Michael Kalinowski, and RW Mike Lambert DDGM/24, presenting a check for \$3000 to members of the Lincoln Food Cupboard. The award was made possible with a matching grant from the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation.



This photo shows the check presentation to the Lincoln Little League for \$900, again made possible with a Charitable Foundation matching grant. Master Kent Oliver on left, Brother Dan Macachern on the right with RW Mike Lambert beside him. Holding the banner are members of the Lincoln Little League. Coach and President of the Lincoln Little League President Dustin Hanscom stands at the rear.

### To the Editor:

I am writing as a follow up to your article in the last *Maine Mason* regarding the Abyssinian Meeting House Restoration Project in Portland. The Maine Lodge of Research is happy to attribute \$3,010.00 in donations from twenty-four contributors in response to your article to date. We thank you.

We are committed, along with North Star Lodge No. 22, Prince Hall Freemasons of Bangor, to provide a bronze plaque to be exhibited in the refurbished building. It will honor the nineteen Abyssinian members who died in the sinking of the S.S. Portland in 1898 in what became known as the "Portland Gale" on Thanksgiving weekend. The financial consequence of their deaths was devastating to the Meeting House and led seven years later to its closure.

Leonard Cummings, Portland's oldest Civil Rights leader and founder of this revitalization program, was most pleased to learn of the voluntary commitments made by the Masons of the Grand Lodge of Maine. He truly appreciated our unexpected outreach. It seems that he felt another special sense of accomplishment by his lifetime commitment to Civil Rights.

Donations for a tie may still be made payable to The Maine Lodge of Research and mailed to Richard L. Rhoda at P.O. Box 743, Houlton, ME 04730. W. Bro. Rhoda has played a central role in this initiative on the part of the Maine Lodge of Research.

Fraternally yours,  
Reuben P. Bell, Jr.  
W. M. Maine Lodge of Research



## Evening Star Lodge turns Brethren's Generosity into a Game Room

At Evening Star Lodge #147, Buckfield, we have many members who have been with our lodge and part of the fraternity for many years. The time they give to the lodge, fraternity and community through the years is very commendable and sometimes goes unnoticed.

One such brother is Worshipful Morris E. Tucker. He was raised a Master Mason in 1955 and installed Worshipful Master in 1962. He was awarded his 50 year Veterans Medal in 2005, and presented a 65 year Service Star in 2020.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite, and for more than 50 years a member of Mountain View Chapter 197 of Eastern Star. He also is a lifelong member of the Buckfield Community Church where he served as a trustee and treasurer for many years.

Wor. Tucker joined the Army towards the end of WWII in 1945, and was discharged in 1946. He was with the Military Police stationed in Biloxi Mississippi. He had the rank of Corporal.

Wor. Tucker will turn 95 years old this November. He heard we were thinking of what to do with a spare room at the lodge. Always finding good solutions to problems, he donated his pool table to the lodge to turn this room into a "Game Room", a place where brethren can gather, shoot some pool, (Billiards for the fancy term) play some cards, or just relax and discuss whatever needs discussing at the time.

We as a Lodge decided to use this idea and take it further. We decided to name the room, the "Wor Morris E. Tucker Game Room" to honor him, and to celebrate his years of service he gave to lodge, community, and to his country.

An appropriate plaque was placed on the door of the room. R.W. Robert Perry, another senior member, donated a cribbage board. Paddle fans were also given to help circulate the "hot air" that will be present during gatherings.



### 60 Years of Service

Wor. Bro. Clayton H. Wentworth received his second 5- year star signifying 60 years of active membership from RW Jeffrey S. Peaslee, DDGM/12 and Wor. Bro. Mayo A. Cookson, Jr. Master of Unity Lodge #58, Thorndike, on May 18, 2022. Wor. Bro. Wentworth was raised in Unity Lodge on May 10, 1962 and still is an active member.

# African History, Secret Societies, and Freemasonry

by Bro. Charles Plummer, PSGW

The notion of secret societies is nothing new in the annals of history. The fact is that secret societies are among the oldest of mankind's institutions and they exist on every continent and among many different peoples.

The first purpose of the secret society was its ritual of adulthood or "rites of passage" as it was called. Young boys and girls were separated from family and society and placed with their peers in a gender-oriented manner. In the guidance of teachers, these youngsters would endure challenges of the mind by memorizing new information. They were also made to endure challenges of the body. The purpose of this physical duress was to show steadfastness and, most importantly, the philosophy of mind over matter.

These physical and mental tests helped to build bonds of trust among not only the initiates but with their teachers as well. Once these rites were completed, the initiates could enter society as adults and they could wear certain clothing and symbols.

The second purpose of the secret society was its association with caste. This should not be confused with the hierarchal social castes of India. Once one became a member of the caste through initiation, one could be taught the secrets of warfare or woodworking. An important feature of these castes was that although they were different, they all worked together for the good of society.

The third purpose of the secret society was what can be called "the sacred society." The function of this society was the spiritual nature which was already apparent in both the first and secondary functions of the secret society taken to the highest level.

The European Enlightenment then arrived on the scene and brought forth a philosophy espousing knowledge to uplift the individual as well as society. The Enlightenment boasted such figures as Newton, Voltaire, Rousseau and Hume. Of particular interest is that nearly every important figure of the European Enlightenment, particularly in France where it reached its greatest heights, was a member of Freemasonry. They generally saw none other than Egypt as the very repository of divine knowledge or Enlightenment. This fascination with Egypt, of course, did not entail a fascination with Blacks. It can be said that these figures were notoriously anti-Black or anti-Black-African which was a typical trait of the times.

This brings up the question, "Why would European members of the Enlightenment, many of whom were

Freemasons, hold such a fascination and reverence for Egypt? The answer to that question is a complex one and begins with none other than sacred geometry which is the notion that certain geometric properties hold sacred and divine qualities. Thus buildings may be built to a certain geometric precision, to face a certain direction, and for other reasons. Many of the cathedrals built in Europe bearing such geometry have been attributed to the Knights Templar. This brings up another question, "Why would these Enlightenment figures connect the Templars with Egypt?"

Many of them believe that King Solomon's Temple represents the most important symbols of Freemasonry and one of the reasons for its importance is the reputed elements of sacred geometry which permeated the Temple. They also believed that many of the Knights Templar were trying to emulate this very type of sacred geometry in the Christian structures. But many of enlightened Freemasons may have known that the Hebrew Temple of King Solomon was not built by Hebrews according to the folklore builder reputed to be in charge of building the Temple, Hiram Abiff. Hiram Abiff's attention to sacred geometry, if he were a real figure, would have come about as a result of Phoenician deities and beliefs, and not those of the Hebrews. This provides us with an interesting link because many Phoenician deities can be traced back to Egypt.

It is not difficult to understand why Enlightenment Masons linked Egypt to sacred geometry and divine knowledge. Following the link from the Knights Templar, Solomon's Temple, and Hiram Abiff to Phoenician deities, and eventually ending in Egypt is a continuous course. Some believe it probable that Hiram Abiff worshipped an Egyptian architect named Imhotep.

Osiris was a mythic god king who was killed and raised from the dead. This ritual of being raised from the dead is a key fact of Freemasonry and many other secret societies. And such rituals would have been practiced during Imhotep's time and much later during Hiram Abiff's time. These rituals of being raised from the dead symbolized Osiris' triumph over both physical and mental death. Thus it was both a triumph over ignorance and a victory for divine knowledge. And as it is written in Egypt, ignorance is evil and it would have symbolized a triumph over destructive evil forces as well. Nearly all secret societies speak of one dying mentally and being reborn with new knowledge.

Ptah in Egypt was one of the earliest gods of creation.

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## The Fowles...More Than 100 Years and Going Strong



This was a year for Masonic anniversaries for the Fowle Family. Top left is VW Brother Matt Fowle presenting a 60 year star to his grandfather RW Ronald Fowle at Naskeag Lodge in Brooklin. Top right is a three-generation photo of Matt, RW Ronald Fowle and RW Ronald Fowle II, PJGW, and bottom right is VW Brother Fowle presenting his dad, RW Brother Ronald Fowle II with his 40-year pin at Corinthian Lodge in Hartland.



### **History, Societies** Continued

He was called the father of the gods. More importantly, he was the keeper of sacred geometry, Grand master Architect, and creator of the universe. With Egypt's vast dedication to sacred geometry in its temples and pyramids, one can see that Ptah was probably the most revered god of all.

Thus it is no wonder that the Freemasons of Enlightenment Europe saw a connection with Egypt to their ideas of sacred geometry. To anyone versed in history and mythology in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the trail back to Europe was not too difficult to notice. And once one did find his way back to Egypt, the vast amount of architecture boasting sacred geometry, the concealed mysteries, secret societies, etc. would not be too difficult to notice or understand. Thus, Egypt became the great repository in their minds of ancient knowledge as well as the most divine knowledge of mankind originating in the heart of Africa itself. Initially all of this seems mind boggling but if one gives it serious thought, it does make sense.





## Lygonia Lodge #40, Ellsworth, Celebrates 200 Years



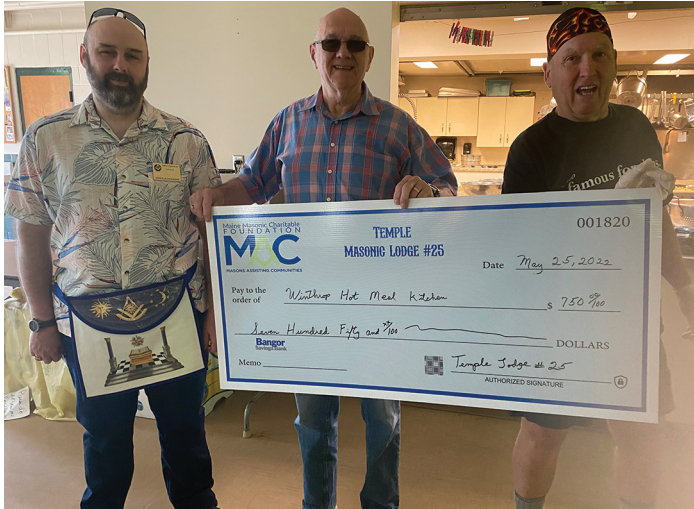
Brothers Tony Polantaino and Jacob Jordan were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at a June 25th meeting of Lygonia lodge #40 in Ellsworth. Work of the evening was done by a Widows Son Degree Team. That same evening the lodge received a Benjamin Franklin Award of Distinction plaque from the Northern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite recognizing and congratulating the lodge for its 200 years of service to the Ellsworth brethren and community.

Holding the plaque is Wor. Brother Cody Workman.





## Winthrop Citizens Benefit from Temple Lodge Donations



On May 25, brethren of Temple Lodge #26, Winthrop, presented a \$750 check, assisted by the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation, to the Winthrop Hot Meals Kitchen. Pictured are Wor. Joshua Hooper DR, 11th District, Wor. Carroll Paradis, Lodge Master, and Steve Dodge, representing the Winthrop Hot Meals Kitchen. The Hot Meals Kitchen is run out of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Parish Hall, and provides 70 plus hot meals daily to people who might otherwise not have anything to eat that day. A wonderful service these volunteers provide!

On June 6th, Temple Lodge brethren also presented a \$750 check, with a matching grant from the MMC Foundation, to the Winthrop Food Pantry. Pictured here are Wor. Joshua Hooper, lodge secretary, and Wor. Carroll Paradis making the presentation to JoEllen Cottrell. The Winthrop Pantry has recently moved into a new building and they were thrilled to be getting monetary help. The new facility is double the size of their previous location.



Wor. Dan Goodwin received his star representing 55 years of service to Yorkshire Lodge #179 of North Berwick at the lodge's March stated meeting. Wor. Brother Goodwin has also served his community as a Selectman among many other responsibilities assumed over the years. He is pictured here receiving the award from RW Brother DK Horne and Wor. Art Sullivan.

## St. Croix Lodge Honors Its Veteran Masons



The picture at left was taken at St. Croix Lodge #46, Calais, on April 4th. Included here are Bro. Arthur L. Carter, who received his 55 year bronze star at the March 7th meeting of St. Croix Lodge. The other members are Bro. Larry Mahar (50 year Veterans Medal), Bill Tracy (40 year pin), and Jamey Gower (DDGM/2).

In the picture at right, Bro. Ronald C. Mahar, left, stands beside his father, Bro. Lawrence C. Mahar, as he received his 50 year Veterans Medal. from RW Jamey Gower, DDGM/2.

*Photos by W Bro. Brian R. Mays*



### The Rejected Cornerstone

As the workmen were in the quarry, gathering rough ashlar to make them perfect, they stumbled upon the most beautiful piece of stone they had ever seen.

“Look at this!” One shouted to the other. “It is already a perfect ashlar. And it is so perfect, there is no way we could make one look as good as it.”

“What should we do with it?” Another asked.

“We must hide it,” said the third. “No one must see it. If they see it, they will either believe we made it, and have not been doing a proper job the rest of the time, or we are not qualified for this work.”

But before they could hide it, others had seen it and praised it. For it was clearly made by the hands of God and not of man.

Many had carried it out of the quarry, to lay it as

the cornerstone to the Temple of God. But the three craftsmen, still fraught with vengeance, spread lies about the perfect ashlar.

“It is materially weak,” said one.

“It is too perfect. There must be something wrong with it,” said another.

The workers at the Temple were won over by the lies, and decided it would be best to bury this perfect cornerstone in the rubbish of the Temple.

Yet, no matter how hard they tried to get rid of the perfect ashlar, it still survived. It sits today to be used as a cornerstone for a Temple of God. So will you choose to use the rejected cornerstone for your personal temple or a flawed piece of rock instead?

—Pastor Forrest B. Genthner  
Assistant Grand Chaplain



# Our Chart

*ny Bro. John Graybill*

*Secretary, Evening Star Lodge #147*

IN 1869 OUR LODGE, Evening Star Lodge #147, in Buckfield, was granted a Charter to become a Lodge of Free Masons, becoming part of the Grand Lodge of Maine. At that time, the lodge acquired a chart to be used for the lectures during the three degrees of Masonry.

That chart was hung on the wall for all to see. It was a big chart 72" high, by 72" wide. Over the years, candidate after candidate, who petitioned the lodge to become a Free Mason, sat in front of that chart listening to the words of the lectures as they were being given, and looking at the chart as the symbols and characters were being pointed out, explaining Free Masonry and the meanings behind them.

At times I find myself thinking, over the past 150 years how many men sat in front of this chart. What types of men they were and "who" they were? Some men may have been prominent members of the community while others may just have been quiet members of society. Some may have been doctors, lawyers, police officers, truck drivers, farmers, construction workers, or other types of successful business owners and tradesmen. How many young men joined the military; how many men went off to war and gave their lives to fight and protect our freedom. The question remains but I think we all can agree that every Mason who sat before that chart was a better man for it.

In 2016 our chart fell from its perch on the wall. It was found by one of our members, lying on the floor torn, crinkled and in bad condition. He carefully carried it to our spare room and gently laid it out, trying not to cause further damage. He used chairs, boxes, and other large objects to place around the chart, protecting it from being stepped on until we could figure out what to do.

After three years of discussions, ideas and making inquiries to professionals, we finally came up with a plan on how to fix and restore this valuable document. We ordered the equipment and material that was recommended but it was still years before anything got done. Brethren remained concerned that we might damage it further and lose it forever. Finally, a few members decided it was time to take the chance and got started.



On Monday night Dec. 13, 2021, five years after our chart fell, we arrived at lodge for our regular Stated Meeting, and to all our members' surprise, the chart was hanging back on the wall where it should be. There was a feeling of happiness, joy and a big relief to have our 150-year-old chart back in the lodge again.

Repairs are not 100% complete yet, but it is back where it belongs, hanging on the wall in the northeast corner, just in time for our next candidates coming thru the degrees.

These new brethren will not only be tied to our lodge as members, but they will also be part of the history of men who have sat in front of that chart. Who knows how many more years our chart will withstand the test of time, educating candidates and turning them into our brother Free Masons. Who knows . . .

Time will tell.

## 19th District Travelling Gavel



Wor. Art Sullivan of Yorkshire Lodge, #179 North Berwick, passes the 19<sup>th</sup> District Travelling Gavel to RW Brother Elroy Moulton of Naval Lodge #184 of Kittery at the June Stated Meeting. Brother Moulton is supported by, left to right: Fellowcrafts Mike Long and Jeff Arnold, and Wor. Brother Doug Remick in back. Brother Mike took his MM Degree in July, and Brother Jeff was the candidate when the Military Degree Team worked at Naval Lodge on August 9th.

## Gorham Masons Supporting Police Canine Project

Harmony lodge #38 donated \$2700 to the Gorham Police Department for its dog program. The donation was made possible with a matching grant from the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation. The presentation was made on May 4 after Wor. Brother Dan Verrill presented the idea to the lodge and the brethren agreed it was a worthy cause.







Excitement was the word of the day for these kids on the beautiful morning of June 15, 2022. The entire student body at Crescent Park Elementary School in Bethel, and many parents, had gathered at the school. All bright eyed with anticipation they waited, and celebrated every name called to receive a bike. 12 bikes were awarded, two per grade, K-5. It was wonderful to see each parent for every recipient present to cheer and celebrate with their child. The lodge also gave gift certificates so each student could pick out his or her own helmet. This day was a hit out of the park in every way. Bethel Lodge Masons present left to right: Br. John Walker, Chaplain; RW William McAloney, Senior Deacon; and RW Michael Lowe, Worshipful Master.



CORNER STONE LODGE #216, Portland, with the help of Bro. Rick Olfene's fund raising and The Maine Charitable Foundation's Matching Grant Program, has proudly supported the Westbrook High School Football Boosters with a \$2000 donation presented by Wor. Brother Mike Chambers and RW Brother Jonathan Rosen, pictured here with players from the Westbrook High football team.



## Mt. Kineo Lodge #109, a Happening Place

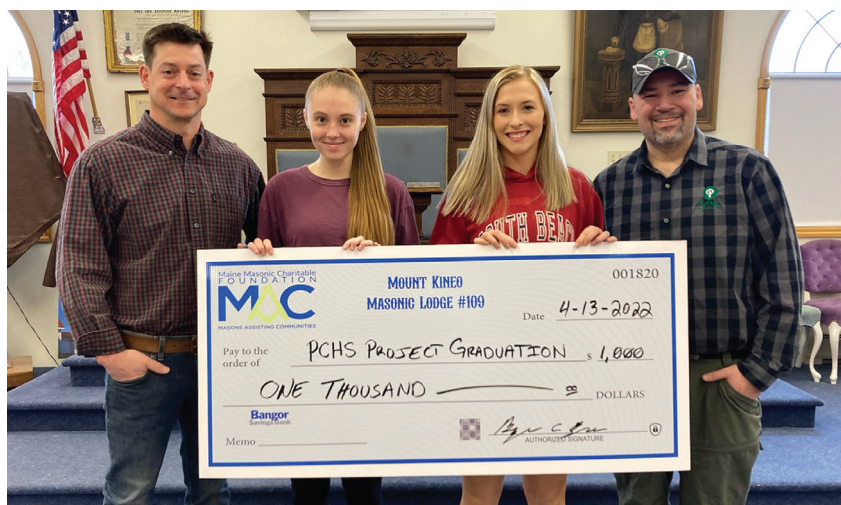


Top photo shows a \$2205 check presentation to Community Fitness Center of Guilford. Left to right: Wor. Bryan Boyce, Britney Gallagher, Director of the Fitness Center; Terri Kelly Palin, instructor of the Heart4Health class, and Wor. Tom Goulette. This grant resulted from a donation of \$735 from the lodge and a 2:1 match from Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation and funds a full year of the Heart4Life program designed to assist in rehabilitation of heart patients and the prevention of cardio-vascular disease. It also strengthens participants for the next level, the Silver Sneakers program.



Photo at left shows RW Jef Hamlin PDDGM/5, Wor. Graham Goulette and Wor. Tom Goulette. Wor. Graham Goulette is holding the Excellence Award that Mt. Kineo Lodge received for 2020; Wor. Tom Goulette is holding the Excellence Award earned by the lodge when he was Master in 2016. Since the photo was taken, Brother Graham has been appointed DDGM/5 and Brother Tom is the new DER/5.

The bottom photo showing the \$1000 check to support Project Graduation includes Wor. Graham Goulette, PM; two ladies from the high school senior class, Hailee Hartford and Sydney Hutchins, and Wor. Bryan Boyce. The lodge provided the facility and several brethren assisted in serving as the class and parents of high school seniors offered a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. The event netted more than \$4,000 with the boost from the lodge and with the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation's matching grant.





# 6th Generation Mason in White Family



Newly-raised Bro. Alex White is shown here holding a past issue of the *Maine Mason* magazine that has his great grandfather and great, great grandfather on the cover. So in this picture are 5 of the 6 generations, remarkable! A truly eventful week for the youngest White: he is raised a Master Mason on Wednesday, presents his grandfather RW Ken White with his 50-year Veteran's Medal the same night, and graduates from Presque Isle High School on Saturday. Left to right: Jeff Gotreau (cousin), Bro. Alex White, RW Marshall White (father), and RW Ken White (grandfather).



On May 11, 2022, Brother Douglas Foster Timberlake traveled from Rockland to Blue Mt. Lodge #67 in Phillips. He was there to receive his 50-year Veterans Medal from RW Charles W. Smith PDDGM/15. Assisting with the presentation was Wor. Jason Plog, current Master of Blue Mt Lodge, and RW Peter Farnsworth DDGM/15.



Brethren of Yorkshire Lodge #179, North Berwick, with a grant from the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation, donated \$1500 to the town's Fuel Assistance Fund. Pictured here: Rebecca Carter, representing the town, Wor. William Hankin and Wor. Phil Turnbull.



## Home at Last

On June 8th VW Jon Thompson and RW Russell Thompson, PDDGM/9 visited Rising Star #4, Orland, to present a Master Mason certificate to their Master that has belonged to Bro. Josephus Grindle. The certificate was from Hancock Lodge #4, later merged with Rising Star. This certificate was dated 1819 and was signed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts prior to Maine becoming a state and chartering our own Grand Lodge. Present were RW Charles Grindle DDGM/4, Wor. David Drew, VW Jon Thompson and RW Russell Thompson.



## Evening Star Lodge's Anniversary Flag

In 2019 Evening Star Lodge #147, Buckfield, celebrated 150 years as a chartered lodge of Free Masons. We had a special "Open" Communication to celebrate our anniversary. We invited MW Mark Rustin and his suite to be part of the celebration. MW Rustin shared with us his words of wisdom and knowledge. He gave us all encouragement to continue our work together as a lodge, as well as each of us as Masons.



One of our members Wor. Jerry Marstaller took it upon himself to do something special for our celebration. He contacted United States Senator Angus King in Washington DC, explaining to the Senator the history of our lodge and about our anniversary.

After that communication our lodge was informed, on February 22, 2019, exactly 150 years from the day our lodge received its charter to become a Lodge of Free Masons, that the American Flag flown over the Nation's Capitol was in honor of Evening Star Lodge #147. When the flag was lowered, it was folded and sent to our lodge, where it is on display for all to see, and remember that day.

Thank you Wor. Jerry Marstaller.



Brother Tom Dube received his 50-year Veterans Medal in Katahdin Lodge #98, Patten, on September 26, 2021. It was presented by RW Brother Mike Lambert with Wor. Master Kerry McNally looking on.



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## Grand Master's Schedule of Official Visitations

District 1	10/22/2022	Caribou Lodge #170, Caribou	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
District 2	11/19/2022	St. Croix Lodge #46, Calais	12:00 PM	Following Meal
District 3	11/19/2022	St. Croix Lodge #46, Calais	12:00 PM	Following Meal
District 4	10/24/2022	Ira Berry Lodge #128, Blue Hill	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
District 5	10/15/2022	Mt. Kineo Lodge #109, Guilford	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
District 6	9/23/2022	Mystic Lodge #65, Hampden	6:30 PM	Following Meal
District 7	9/15/2022	Federal Lodge #6, Rockport	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
District 8	11/3/2022	Belfast Lodge #24, Belfast	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
District 9	9/28/2022	Aurora Lodge #50, Rockland	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
District 10	11/15/2022	Alna-Anchor Lodge #43, Damariscotta	6:00 PM	Following Meal
District 11	10/8/2022	Morning Star Lodge #41, Litchfield	1:00 PM	Following Meal
District 12	12/17/2022	Waterville Lodge #33, Waterville	11:00 AM	Following Meal
District 13	9/10/2022	Carrabassett Lodge #161, Canaan	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
District 14	12/3/2022	United Lodge #8, Brunswick	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
District 15	10/29/2022	Wilton Lodge #156, Wilton	12:00 PM	Following Meal
District 16	12/2/2022	Oriental Lodge #13, Bridgton	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
District 17	11/18/2022	Presumpscot Lodge #70, Windham	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
District 18	10/25/2022	Arion Lodge #162, Goodwins Mills	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
District 19	10/27/2022	St. Aspinquid Lodge #198, York	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
District 20	10/14/2022	King Hiram Lodge #57, Mexico	6:00 PM	Following Meal
District 21	10/24/2022	Ira Berry Lodge #128, Blue Hill	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
District 22	11/11/2022	Meridian Lodge #125, Pittsfield	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
District 23	11/4/2022	Auburn Masonic Hall, Auburn	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
District 24	10/21/2022	Baskahegan Lodge #175, Danforth	6:00 PM	7:00 PM