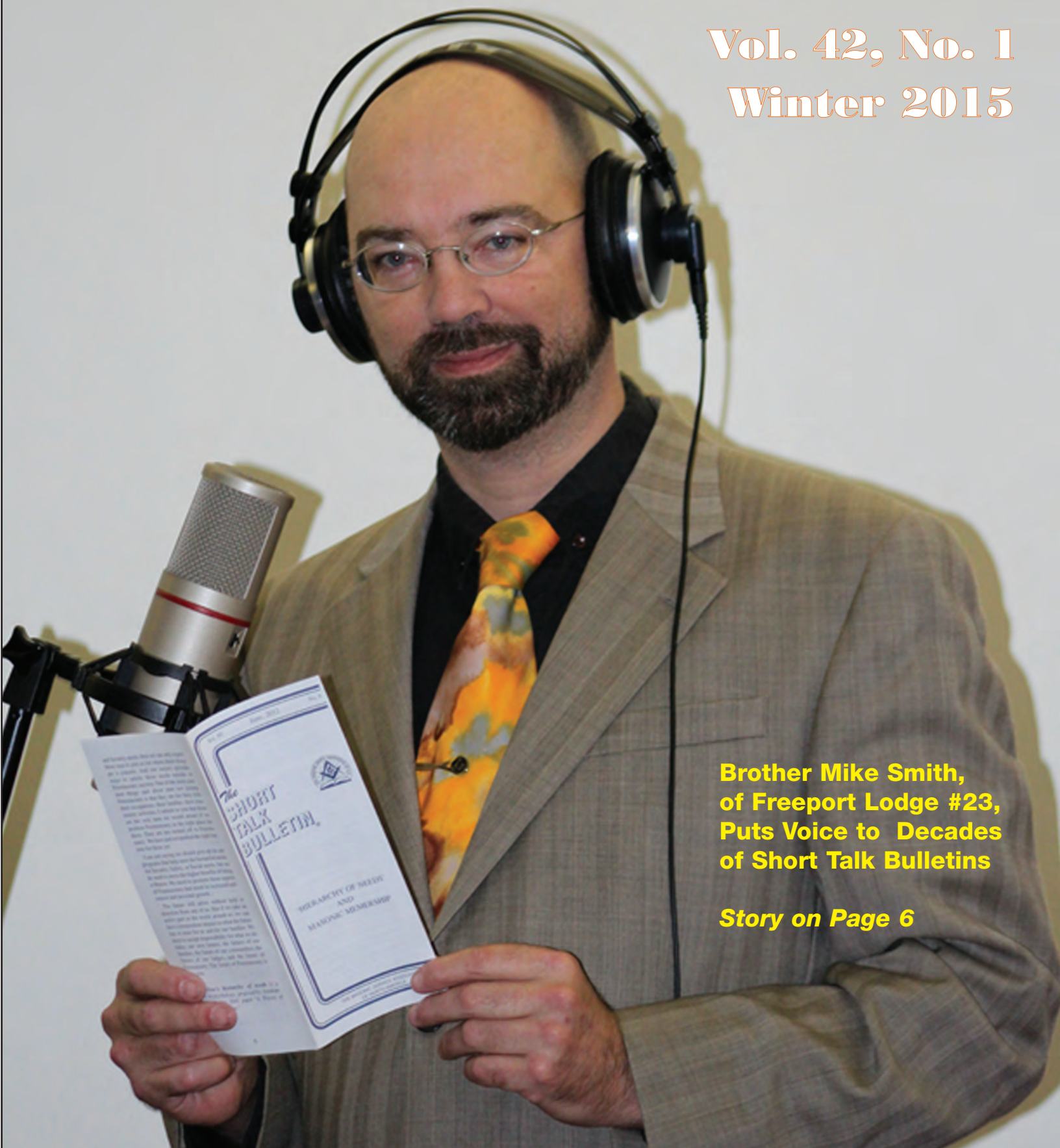


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**Brother Mike Smith,
of Freeport Lodge #23,
Puts Voice to Decades
of Short Talk Bulletins**

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by George P. Pulkkinen

The Enlightenment. Freemasons played an integral part in that historical era we recognize as the period when men questioned, challenged, listened and experienced the exhilaration of sharing new concepts and ideas; of realizing and establishing that new ways of thinking could lead to better and more productive lives.

In this issue of The Maine Mason we learn that Freemasons continue to realize that new ways of doing things can and do make for better and more productive lives, and that Maine Freemasons stand at the cutting edge of that innovation.

Brother Mike Smith's project of making 92 years of printed Masonic Short Talk Bulletins come alive as audio streams of intelligent thought is moving full speed ahead. His audio readings are a wonderful example of a new, improved medium which will expose untold numbers of Masons to the rich gold mine of information contained in those printed pamphlets produced so faithfully by the Masonic Services Association since 1923.

While the bulletins have provided hundreds of hours of interesting reading for me, personally, over the past half century, I must admit the thought of sliding a tape or disc into the car radio is an experience I eagerly anticipate.

That's not to suggest that new technology has pushed aside need for the written word. That's why it's so exciting to see what's happening at the newly-dedicated Grand Lodge Library in Holden. Incorporating a welcome to the entire community -- including children -- with the standing invitation extended to all Masons to enjoy the thousands of titles available on the shelves is another new and enlightened way of thinking.

Both examples offer ample evidence that creative thought continues to produce improvements in the way Freemasons get things done. And both deserve our congratulations and thanks.

From the Grand East

David A. Walker
Grand Master of Masons in Maine

The new Masonic year is well under way for those Lodges that go dark for the summer months. The District Meeting schedule is half complete as well and many Lodges are busy bringing new Brothers into our Beloved Fraternity. It is an exciting time to be a member of the Craft.

In spite of this feeling of excitement, I find it incredible that I continue to hear of Lodges that are doing nothing about introducing their new Brothers to the Masonic Rookie Award Program. This program has been proven to increase the level of knowledge and involvement of Brethren who are new to our ranks. The proof is in the fact that over the last two years over 80% of the Brethren who have completed this challenge have become officers in their Lodges. That figure is incredible and speaks to the fact that getting new Brethren involved and active in the Lodge and community creates a better Lodge for all of its members.

The District Meetings have shown the wide disparities in our Lodges. There are some that are extremely active and some that are just getting by. The active Lodges all have one thing in common, one or more Brothers with a real fire for Freemasonry. Those Lodges are bringing in new members and putting them to work in the Lodge or in the community or both. Brethren, the fire must come from within. When a spark is ignited in your Lodge, watch what happens and enjoy!

The most popular program in the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine continues to be Bikes for Books. This program is putting lodges and Brethren to work and the beneficiaries are the Lodge, the children, the parents, the school and the whole community. The schools that have been a part of this initiative for many years have shown improved reading skills over time. The children

are learning a habit which will serve them well for a lifetime and the image of Freemasonry is enhanced as well. I have issued a decision that there will no longer be dispensation required to wear aprons and jewels while attending a public Bikes for Books presentation. If you are attending, please wear them with pride!

The holiday season is partly over at the time this issue is in your hands. I hope that it is a chance for you to spend time with friends and family and to be truly grateful for all that we have here in Maine. I know that I am.

At meetings that I have attended this year, I have tried to take a moment to say a prayer for some very special men and women in our lives. First and foremost are those that serve and have served in our Armed Forces. They deserve every ounce of respect and admiration we can offer. I have also included in my prayers those men and women who

serve us locally: Police, Fire and Rescue, Warden Service and other groups that keep watch in our communities every day. They are not traveling overseas to defend our rights but they serve us here every day. They are the ones who respond to a crisis at a moment's notice and keep us safe, sometimes risking their own safety. They certainly deserve our respect and our prayers as well. I hope that you will join me in those prayers.

Finally, I would like to ask you all to please remember that the vows we all took at the altar of Masonry are more than just words. They are the promises we all made to the Supreme Architect and to each other to live our lives as Masons. If we can continue to do this, Masonry will remain the best Fraternity that history has ever known.

Your Friend and Brother,
Dave



Around the Grand Lodge Water Cooler...

R.W. Mark E. Rustin, Grand Secretary

ON THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

What value does Freemasonry hold for you? It may seem a banal question. After all, you are a Mason so the value should be obvious. Yet, in conversations I have with some Brothers, in some articles I have read recently, and in the actions of some Lodges, the question forces itself to be answered. All too often, it seems to me, the answers we give side step the question. It is as if we are telling the questioner what the dark side of the moon looks like. When our answers are: "You get out of it what you put into it;" "We'll make you a better man;" or "It is a way for people to get to know and respect you," we are avoiding the introspection it takes to truly begin to describe the Craft.

While these are safe answers, they do nothing to describe the value you place in Freemasonry. However, they are safe only because no one has stood on the dark side of the moon and thus, the answers cannot be refuted. The future of Freemasonry is dim if the only answers we offer to the question of value are "safe" and as such, do not require us to reveal our understandings illuminated by the "light of the moon."

It seems to me that the value we hold for Freemasonry is shown in a very profound manner — not quantified in simple, safe statements. Rather, the value we hold for the Craft is revealed in the lives we live each day which reflect the value we place upon the obligations we took kneeling at a common altar — in the same way the moons reflects the light of the sun.

Freemasonry resides in the local Lodges across this Grand Jurisdiction. Men with goals for self improvement, men yearning for knowledge revealed by the "light" of the Fraternity, and men seeking relationships with other like-minded men with whom they can improve the lot of humankind

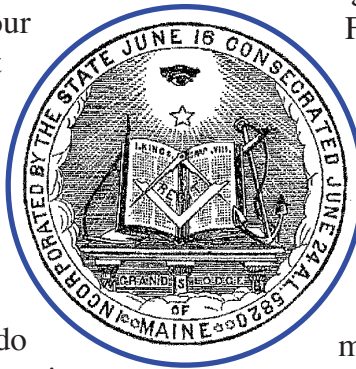
— these are the men of which true Lodges are made. Do you find value in Freemasonry as found in our Lodges? As part of the obligation you freely took upon yourself, do you live that value by regular attendance and support of your Lodge? Do you work with your Brothers in the Lodge to make the regular Lodge meeting a place where fellowship and more "light" in Masonry can be found? Do you take new Brothers by the hand and allow them to find ways to express the value Freemasonry has for them? When you develop other interests or join other organizations, is the obligation you made to your Lodge — Freemasonry — first on your priority list? Look at your life to find the answers.

We have many vital Lodges across this Grand Jurisdiction. They are the places where Freemasonry is accomplished. Though varied in their approaches, they have one common denominator. They recognize and accept the obligation they took upon themselves to participate in and work with their Lodge to help one another grow and build a better world to live within. They recognize the true nature of Freemasonry and show the value it has for them in the way they live it out — in Lodge and in the broader world.

To be sure, many of these men do not lead one-dimensional lives. They are local elected officials, involved with youth programs, belong to other fraternal organizations, deeply involved with their families, etc. However, the manner they prioritize their lives is revealed by their fealty to their obligation to their lodge where Freemasonry lives. In these vital and active lodges we can see the myriad ways Lodges of Freemasons can "build" an enduring future for the Craft and the world.

It is in these vital lodges -- and only within them -- that Freemasonry lives, innovates, and moves into the future to meet the challenges of the day.

That's it from here -- back to work.



Masonic Library Dedicated, Town, Kids Invited

Saturday, November 14, 2015 was a *great* day for Freemasonry in Maine as the Grand Lodge Library expansion was formerly dedicated. More than 70 Masons and members of the community of Holden were there for the event. Scottish Rite brethren who'd barely finished an excellent degree program in Bangor, Holden town officials, Grand Lodge officers coming early for the 6th District Meeting in Bangor just a couple of hours later were all there. Arriving mostly on their motorcycles despite the barely 40 degree temperature were some 14 members of the Low XII Riders, Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association, there to support their Treasurer, Grand Librarian Ed King. It was a good turnout indeed.

From the start of Grand Lodge occupancy of the building in Holden in 2011, Grand Master Greenier and acting Clerk of the Works PGM Gerald Leighton determined that the facility could and should be made available to the public — and thus began the path to where things are today.

Even before that, however, during the first showing of the building, the real estate agent pointed out the window to the bank drive-thru area and noted that it was part of the footprint of the building — that we could simply enclose the space if we wanted to expand! Of course then it was nothing but talk.

As the months moved on, Brother Ed King donated his book collection of some 1,300 Masonic and 2,700 other books to the library, adding to those that had made

the trip from Portland. It soon became apparent that we'd be running out of room and thus began discussions of expansion. That drive-thru area was eyed seriously.

After a few discussions, Grand Secretary Mark Rustin took the idea to the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation members who enthusiastically supported the project. That night Brother Rustin began fund-raising efforts. Surprising everyone (including even himself as he said at the dedication), the community and our membership came together to provide the funds to make it



A shelf of fiction with Masonic connections.

happen. Four months from conception to ground-breaking!

On a cold winter day in early April, with snow still

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Grand Secretary Mark Rustin addresses the assembled as Grand Master Walker and others listen.

Local Mason Goes World Wide (with some brotherly help)

by Michael A. Smith

This all started one cold December evening in 2013, when I was serving as the Tyler for our stated meeting at Freeport Lodge #23 in the great State of Maine. As I was scouring the anteroom for anomalous eavesdroppers and cow-hands, my gaze fell upon a dusty line of books that had likely been standing upon the display case for decades, unread. One title grabbed me, "Short Talks on Masonry," by Joseph Fort Newton, published in 1928.

I have been producing and publishing audio books for some years and in many genres, but this was different. This was a book made up of short, deep yet digestible independent chunks, disseminating upon the history, allegories and meanings to be found within Masonry, and *exceedingly interesting to my recently raised eyes. Here were some explanations about what I had gotten myself into. For example, in the Short Talk entitled "The Ruffians" (STB V05 N9), Newton talks about the blows given by them to the throat, heart and head, explaining them as allegories for statecraft, priestcraft, and the mob mind, that can kill by robbing us of our freedoms of speech (throat), belief (heart) and thought (head). This would make a great audio book, I thought.*

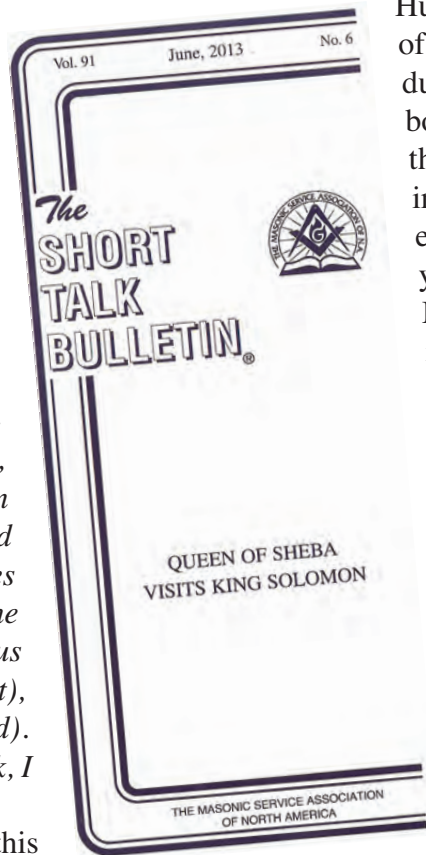
In pursuing the rights to turn this excellent book into audio, I ultimately found myself corresponding with MW Bro. George Braatz, PGM of Ohio and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America in Washington DC, whose mission is to spread masonic information among Grand Lodges, and support disaster relief campaigns and hospital visitation throughout North America. Apparently, no one had ever seriously considered producing audio from their publications, so I composed a contract that brought profits back to the MSANA to directly support their worthy campaigns, and sent it off. Five

months later, I had a dream in which my deceased grandfather, a 58 year member of Hiram Lodge in South Portland, stood talking with somebody I perceived to be Exceedingly Worshipful, and they were both smiling at me. Two days later, I received confirmation of the contract.

"The Builders — A Story and Study of Freemasonry," also by Newton and a seminal work on the history of Freemasonry, was next on the list. Rather than keep all the fun for myself, I contracted with another narrator, Bro. Craig Hummel, who also happens to be a PGM of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. He has produced an eminently listenable audio book, and had this to say about it: "By the way, this project has been an immense joy and educational experience. It may have been written over 100 years ago, but his observations, like Masonry, are absolutely timeless." Both it and the first Short Talks on Masonry audio books are now available through Audible.com, Amazon, and iTunes.

I discovered that the Short Talk Bulletins have been published by the MSANA every month since 1923, and the 33 that I produced for the audio book were but a drop in the bucket. The MSANA is currently publishing a five-volume hardbound anthology, containing more than 1100 Short Talks, written by some of our most influential thinkers - the very leaders of our modern Craft. If Masonry in North America was a church, these would be the sermons.

That's great, I thought, but all of that wonderful information is contained in big reference volumes, and not exactly accessible to the average smartphone savvy brother - on the go, at the home or sittin', listenin' to th' hoot owls upta camp. But then, after some excellent conversation with our own Grand Librarian, Ed King, a vision took shape for the Short Talk Bulletin Online Audio Library, where



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Local Mason Goes World Wide *Continued)*

for a \$20 annual subscription that directly supports the MSANA, members receive the current Short Talk Bulletin as a professionally produced spoken audio file, and also access to ALL of the historical STBs as they are produced, through a smartphone or a computer. It can now be found through the MSANA web page (www.msana.com) or directly at 301-476-7330.

Again, not wanting to keep all the fun for myself, I'm recording other brothers delivering Short Talks for the Audio Library, a list of whom

appear on the front page. Brother Hummel is enthusiastically taking part, and the vision includes many more brothers, especially some of the authors of the more recent STBs voicing their own writing, like RW Arthur Borland (DGM Oregon, STB V93 N9, *Masonry and the Art of Fly Fishing*), and Maine's own Grand Secretary, RW Mark Rustin (STB V92 N9 *Tuscan, Corinthian Columns Working Together*). The vision concludes with hope that these books and this thousand-plus-faceted jewel of Masonic Light can benefit all who might have ears ready to hear. So Mote It Be (STB V05 N6).

Who Is This Brother, Michael A. Smith?

Michael A. Smith grew up listening to his dad preach every Sunday, and returning to the family home in Maine every summer. He attended high school with the Jesuits in southwestern Connecticut, and then North Park, a small, Christian, liberal arts college on Chicago's north side. He spent two years as a music major, but then, after conversation with his Dad about the hard life of musicians, switched to a mathematics major, and graduated with a B.A. and teaching certification.

Smith taught high school mathematics (and occasionally music) in Chicago for 14 years, with his favorite class being Honors Geometry. During this time he wrote for grants and started an after-school recording studio, where he taught (and learned) songwriting and music production. He also was "creative consultant" for his Dad's first novel, "The Last Bridge."

In 2004 tragedy struck, and he lost his Dad in a construction accident. He then moved to Maine to be with his family and finish the log home in Durham that was his Dad's dream. He taught high school for three more years in Maine, but eventually decided to quit teaching and produce audio books full time, starting with "The Last Bridge."

After living in Durham for a few years, and getting a little frustrated with the isolation of living in the woods, he had a conversation with his grandfather, a 50-plus year member of Hiram Lodge in South Portland. "Grump." as he was affectionately known, advised him to join the local Masonic Lodge in Freeport, as the Masons are "a good outfit." He did, and was raised the next spring, with his grandfather in attendance.

Eventually, serving as Tyler for Freeport Lodge #23, he discovered a book of Short Talk Bulletins published by the Masonic Service Association in 1928. Being a preacher's kid, he recognized the quality of the writing, and the truth and relevance of the content. Acquiring the rights to produce that book in audio led in a



Mike Smith

very few short steps to the discovery of the vastness of this body of work called the "Short Talk Bulletins" published every month for almost a hundred years, and written by some of the wisest heads in the Craft. Brother Smith is a huge fan of the obvious, and it became obvious that that body of work and his skills as an audio book producer were a match made by the Great Architect Himself. Thus was born the Short Talk Bulletin Online Audio Library.

From Bethlehem to Alexandria

An interview with Wor. Brother Andrew Hammer

by Bro. Jason Carey

First I would like to welcome you all. This timeless visit to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was elevated by a personal greeting from a very distinguished Mason indeed. Wor. Brother Andrew Hammer, Past Master and current Secretary of Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22, personally greeted my family as we entered the exquisite memorial for a tour — and what a tour it was! I won't elaborate on it but when the tour came to its finish we found ourselves in a very special place - we were inside Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22. What followed was an intimate interview in serious language behind closed doors.

The following is transcribed from that interview granted by Brother Hammer, author of *Observing the Craft: The Pursuit of Excellence in Masonic Labour and Observance*, while visiting the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia this past August 14th, 2015.

Bro. Jason Carey, Senior Deacon, Bethlehem Lodge #35, Augusta, ME: WB Andrew how do

you find traveling to be an essential part of developing one's position as a good Brother?

Worshipful Brother Andrew Hammer:

I think that travel is essential because what it does is it helps to expand the body of knowledge of Freemasonry, in other words when you travel to other jurisdictions, not just other lodges but other jurisdictions, you have an opportunity to see how things are done elsewhere and when you are looking to find out about the overall history of Freemasonry, what is intended for us to do - how our history both unifies us and allows us to be divergent in how we go in different ways, traveling from place to place allows you to see that while everything is different it still is essentially the same. There is a common bond which unites us. And though the rituals may be different, that still speaks the fact that any Mason anywhere can recognize where he is in a Lodge because he'll recognize certain common elements.



Wor. Brother Andrew Hammer

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The George Washington Masonic National Memorial

From Bethlehem

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Not only between jurisdictions in this country but also throughout the world.

JC: What kind of inspiration do you draw from the language of Freemasonry as spoken by other Brothers?

AH: Well I think it goes hand in hand. When we look at ancient forms of religion, not really focusing on any one in particular, but if I were to choose to talk about one I would choose Hinduism as an example of how ritual and the language of ritual has an impact. The development of that particular religion began with rituals and the philosophy came later. In the same way, one could offer the observation that Masonry, through its rituals, if it's done correctly... now if it's done incorrectly you can end up with parrots as we call them - men who know all the words but don't know what they mean, but if it's done correctly, when the ritual is done in a way that is reverent with decorum and with an understanding of what's being meant, you actually give birth to the meaning that follows after it. When you add that to spontaneous contributions of Brothers in the Lodge, I find that, in my Lodge in particular, we enjoy both very meaningful presentations and also the contributions of Brothers' questions and discussions after the presentations. Having that "language" in Lodge, both ritualistic and philosophical/educational, it helps to build that bond in the Lodge which let's us know, it reminds us why we're all here in the first place.

JC: What else do you have to offer before we move on from here?

AH: We are living in an age of renewed inquisitiveness and the men who are coming to us now are coming to us in search of what we offer in terms of meaning and philosophy. Men can be improved as individuals and go out and do things on their own, to improve the world if that is what they are called to do. This never was a fast food sort of organization, it's always been slow cooking. If we don't give these men who are coming in something that is cooked slow, something they can own themselves, something they can find meaningful, then as many men that are coming in will just as easily go out.

Thank you Andrew for your dedication to the Craft. Also, thank you for sharing those moments we continue to expand on here in Maine.

I personally want to thank the Maine Mason Magazine for sustaining this quality outlet for Masonic expression and observation. I've been searching for this kind of publication for a long time. It seems that I have reached a stage in life where I just enjoy spending some time writing messages to friends and wishing them all a grand Masonic journey.

And of course thank you to my Brothers at Bethlehem Lodge. Let every social and moral virtue cement us. So mote it be.



Brother Hammer and Brother Carey at the altar of Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22.

50-Year Veteran



Wor. Charles Parlin, a member of Maine Lodge #20 East Wilton, shown here receiving his 50-year Veterans Medal from RW Brother Pete Forrest In Davenport, FL

--Photo by RW Jack Lagerquist

Fathers, Sons, Brothers

By Jeff Sukeforth
St. Paul's Lodge #82, Rockport

It began as any other degree evening begins, folks trickling in for a bountiful supper by the Junior Warden assisted by his Stewards of a hearty Beef Stew and biscuits.

It was soon evident that this might not be just any old business meeting put on by St. Paul's lodge. This was a noteworthy evening of unifying two fathers and two sons into brothers. And it would seem that the large family tree of Masons would soon have new branches spreading wide over these New England states all the way to Massachusetts.

What was happening that caused this stir within the Masonic fraternity; it was the raising of Zachory and Aaron Annis, sons of Wor. Matthew Annis and RW Keryn Annis respectively, becoming more than Father and Son; they all became Brothers.

Now this might not seem too impressive to the lay member but down around these parts of the mid-coast the name Annis just might be deemed synonymous with Freemasonry! A quick look back in the Annis Masonic ancestral tree as well as in MORI, (and I am certain this is most likely not all correct, but as we say around here, "tain't perfect but it fits good nuff"), reveals 69 members with the last name of Annis. Now adding the several members of the tree who are "from away" in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, that number most likely goes up to about 75 Annis living and deceased who have been members of this great Fraternity.

I must state in fact that MORI has a number of Annis Masons with widespread lodges in Maine; Amity, St. Paul's, Marine, Mariners, Ocean. Yorkshire, Rising



Dads and Sons, L-R: Zachory Annis, Matthew Annis, Keryn Annis and Aaron Annis.

Virtue, Herman, Penobscot, St. Andrews, Lewey's Island, Kennebec, Bethlehem, Hiram, Meridian, Solar Star, Pownal, Triangle, Crooked River and Waterville. Now I am not certain that all these Brothers are related but can assure you that many are and many more just do not realize it yet!

So it was on October 17th, 2015 at 7 pm sharp, St. Paul's members, guest officers, visitors and an extended Annis Masonic family joined together to first witness an exemplary proficiency by Aaron and Zachory Annis with the help of RW Keryn Annis. It was then time for the work of the evening to proceed and proceed it did.

It was almost as if you could not turn in the lodge without finding an Annis sitting in the East providing degree work, doing some lecturing, and giving an Oscar worthy performance as the Wayfaring Man. Needless to say it was a night filled with fellowship, fun and pride.

Pride perhaps being most important! It was on this simple October evening that gave witness to what can only be described as perhaps the greatest bond a father can muster, that of raising his son to the sublime degree of a Master Mason and becoming something even more — Brothers.



Annis Clan: 1st row L-R: Bob Annis, Liam Annis, Aaron Annis, Zachory Annis, Bill Annis. 2nd row: Scott Annis. 3rd row: Gregg Annis, Keryn Annis, Matt Annis. 3rd row: Herb Annis, James Freeman.

Weary Traveler Finds a Friend in the Wilderness

By Wor. Brother Will Halpin
Pleiades Lodge #173, Milbridge

Each fall I make my annual trek into the north woods for an end of the season fishing trip. This year had an interesting twist to it. I traveled a good deal off the beaten path to a wilderness campground on a lake where I had heard that the trout fishing was excellent.

After a long drive I arrived at my destination, checked in, and launched my old twelve foot aluminum skiff to check out the lake.

To my surprise just a short way up the lake lay a line of boulders and tree stumps seemingly blocking any further progress in that direction. I navigated carefully about but the rocks seemed to be everywhere so I decided to let prudence rule and return to the campground to try to acquire some local knowledge of the area.

Nearby my cottage I noticed a gentleman setting up his square stern guide canoe in preparation for launching. I decided to ask if he might be willing to help me, knowing full well that most dedicated fishermen would rather give out their social security number before divulging the secrets of a favorite fishing spot. Timidly I approached the man, complimented him on his nice looking canoe and asked if I might glean some information out of him as to how best navigate the lake safely so I might fish the following morning.

To my surprise the man said that after supper he was going out to try his luck and that I was welcome to join him. He offered to show me safe passage up the lake and a few fishing spots as well. Later that evening we met at the waterfront, rods in hand, and embarked on a delightful couple of hours on the lake as the sun set.

As it turned out, the unusually warm weather was not conducive to catching trout so we returned to the dock. As we were about to get out on the dock John mentioned that he would have arrived the previous day but he had a lodge meeting that night. I said that I also had attended lodge the night before and had a grand time as we had a good group of brothers attending including several past masters such as myself.

When I went to get out of the canoe John stretched out his hand and said let me help you out with the strong grip of a master mason or lions paw. As it turned out John is presently sitting in the East at his lodge so we enjoyed discussing various lodge activities. Now, as a retired Merchant Marine officer as well as a veteran, I have traveled all over the world and met many Masons in my travels, always willing to lend a helping, welcoming hand but never have I met one as friendly and as willing

to be so helpful to a stranger in the wilderness as John was to me.

The following evening we chatted over his campfire and once again had a pleasant time. On my way home a couple of days later I realized why I had joined the Masons more than thirty years ago and what a pleasure it is to be a member of the craft where friendship and brotherly love prevail.



Black Ghost Cabin in the wilderness.

The Yod

Hebrew letter

With depth of Soul.

You announce what is //

You proclaim the glory //

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Yah

The Name that is given //

Is real

Inviting us

To know

Who you are //

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Bro. Michael Glidden

It Once Was Lost...and Now It's Found

**By Wor. Brother Robert Haigh
Morning Star Lodge #41**

Morning Star Lodge in Litchfield, Maine applied for its charter on July 10, 1822; it was granted five days later on July 15, 1822. Nearly 170 years later, on March 18, 1992, the lodge building was destroyed by fire.

The charter, along with other valuable lodge possessions, had been kept in a fireproof safe found among the rubble in the ashes. While not destroyed, the charter, written on lambskin, had shrunk drastically. A decision was made to take the charter to Bowdoin College to have it restored. That was the last time it was seen, more than 22 years ago.

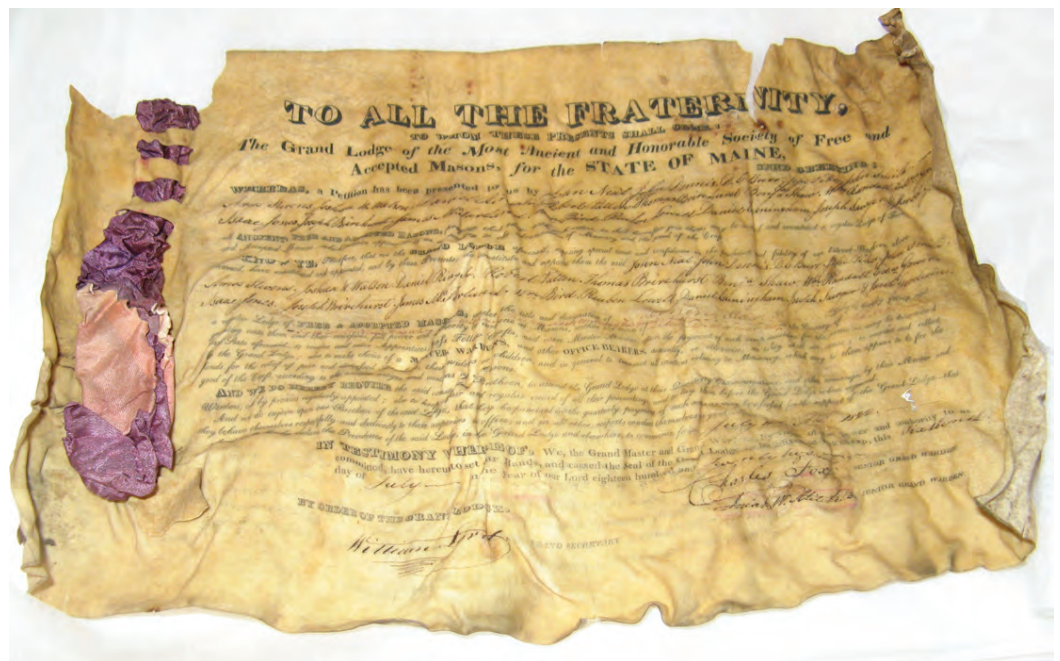
Since being initiated, I have often heard the story of the missing charter. Whenever I looked at our Certificate of Charter on the lodge room wall there was a feeling of emptiness; something was missing. When I became Master of the Lodge this year, finding the original charter was on top of the list of things to accomplish during 2015. We searched high and low in the lodge, but had no luck. A trip to Bowdoin College to see if it was in the archives there produced another dead end. It seemed futile to continue trying to find our original empowering document.

Then, on October 25th, we held a public breakfast at Morning Star. After eating I asked some of the brethren to help me clean the back room. With the help of Brothers Peter Ahearn, Matt Ouellette, Dale Denbow, Doug Caton, we got everything ship shape.

While cleaning the room, I opened a box and saw that mice had been in it; paper inside was reduced almost to a powder. I first thought I should just throw the entire box away but something told me to check it out. Hoping not to get bitten by some resident rodent, I stuck my hand in and pulled out three cyphers, one from 1914 and two others from 1943. It was exciting to see them. But there was something else deeper in the box. Brushing the

powder away, I discovered another smaller box with the words "Guest Book, Morning Star Lodge" on the cover. There was no guest book inside that box but there was a certificate showing that a Brother had been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Massachusetts. And there at the bottom was the original Charter for Morning Star Lodge #41!

I called the other brothers and as we examined the charter, we were like children at Christmas. To see the handwritten names of the original lodge members, to touch the charter and think what it must have been like for those men to affix their signatures on a document that would inspire and change the lives of so many members for so many years to come, gave me a feeling I will never forget.



I carefully carried the charter home to examine it with a magnifying glass, and then took it to R.W. Brother G. David Byras, Sr. A broad smile crossed his face as he beheld the shrunken, long-absent treasure.

What's ahead? Folks at the State of Maine Museum in Augusta said it is not possible for them to restore the document, but they suggested a place in Massachusetts that does such restorations. It may be impossible to restore our charter but perhaps it can be preserved to prevent further damage.

Many brothers in our lodge have never seen this Charter. Some have moved away, some have passed away. But for now, this document will be on view in our lodge display cabinet for all brethren to see.

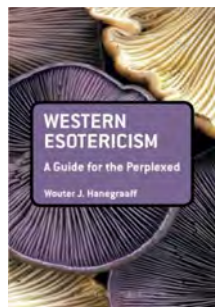
In this issue, you'll get to read about and see the results of YOUR Library's expansion! Every Maine Mason can be proud of what's been done - and in addition, you can directly benefit through the various books etc. we have. We're adding material daily and reading suggestions happily offered!

THE OLD WEBMASTER'S BOOKSHELF



It's my belief that leading Freemasonry and Freemasons - whether at a local or grand lodge level - requires constancy, diligence, and endurance. It also mandates an understanding of the varied current topics of concern to all of us. *Taking Issue* by John Bizzack, Ph.D. gets you thinking about opportunities and challenges like few other books today. Easily read, it will provide you with a background from which to shape solutions that are so desperately needed as we move forward. There's thoughtful commentary on mediocrity, repeating history, solicitation, what's worn at a lodge meeting, and so much more. Every Mason - EVERY MASON - should read this book! If everyone who cared did, we would be a LOT further ahead.

The vast majority of Freemasons today care little about esotericism. In fact, most would be hard pressed to provide even a vague definition of it - but then again, scholars and academics can't agree on one either so.... That notwithstanding, a goodly number of those now approaching our outer door seeking membership are doing so because of a belief that Freemasonry is the source of great esoteric wisdom. They're probably right - but we Masons don't really realize it. "*Western Esotericism: A Guide for the Perplexed*" by Wouter J. Hanegraaff will help you to understand just what this 'woo-woo' stuff is all about and can likely help you speak to and relate with those whose interests go beyond just the fish fry and minute-reading only meetings. There's a very deep and ancient background to what we have today and you'll find your enjoyment of Masonry truly enriched if you take the time to learn more about it.



The Goat, the Devil and the Freemason: A study in the history of ideas by David West is a book I should have reviewed some time ago. At one level, the book explores the twisted lies of anti-Masonry including the foolishness of Levi, the accusations about Pike, and more. If you're not familiar with all of this 'stuff', you really should be - and Bro. West makes the journey of learning both interesting

as well as easily understood one. It's the sort of thing that all Masons should be familiar with, just so they'll have an understanding of the reasons why many in the past have avoided membership. Twisting and interlocking tales, along with much embellishment, is complicated but this work helps sort it all out. I'd encourage you to read it as well as Bro. West's book on a completely different topic titled *Things to Do When You Have Nothing to Do ...: Or How to Find Those Candidates Who Have Been Looking for You All This Time*. Is your lodge in a slump? Although it's written from an English lodge point-of-view, the lessons learned can be applied right here, right now! Check it out. You can't go wrong with these.



An important note: this Bookshelf edition is being finalized the day after the Grand Lodge Library Extension dedication. You'll read more about it elsewhere in this issue. It was a truly wonderful day and every one of you should be proud! I'm pleased and humbled to have been a part and my heart swells thinking of the future.

Remember, you can search our continually growing book catalog online 24/7. Go to www.mainemason.org - click the link at the top of the page or the tab in the lower right. We've got LOTS to keep you learning. And the Library is open Monday thru Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm with other hours by arrangement. Come and visit or call/email for what you'd like to read. Become a more informed Mason: READ!

Here's Harley taking a peek at *Togus, A Coon Cat Finds a Home* by Wor. Don Carrigan. It's one of the many books in the Youth Section of YOUR Masonic Library. We believe we're the only Masonic Library in the world with a section just for youth!



Bro. Edward King is our Grand Librarian as well as Museum Director & Curator. He also pretends to be Webmaster for our Grand Lodge but most of you know who REALLY does that work! Looking for a good read? Call Ed.... <wink>

Masons Gather at the Quarry for Work

by RW Walter Kyllonen, PJGW

The sixteenth annual “Quarry Degree” was held September 26, 2015 in South Paris at the Durgin Mine on Mount Marie overlooking Streaked Mountain. The tradition for this event was started in 2000 when the masters from Evening Star Lodge No 147 of Buckfield and St Aspinquid Lodge No 198, York, planned a joint outdoor degree initially held in Buckfield at the Bennett Mine. By 2002 the Buckfield site was no longer available for our degree work but the Durgin Mine became available and has been in use ever since.

The seeds for this enjoyable tradition were planted in 1998 when, as a Junior Warden, I visited Evening Star Lodge while my wife’s uncle, Wor. Richard Pope, was the sitting Master. I was introduced to RW Robert Perry, DDGM, who suggested the two Lodges join together when I became master of St. Aspinquid Lodge in 2000 to conduct a joint Quarry Degree which they had started a couple of years earlier. Thus was born a remarkable relationship between two Lodges.

The Grand Artificer provided us with a beautiful cloudless day for our first joint “Quarry Degree.” RW Mike Blank and I shared the Oriental Chair that day to raise Bro. Charles Powell of St Aspinquid to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. MW Wayne Adams sat in the East with us and my high school English teacher and friend, Wor. Joe Perham, honored us by accepting the role as Chaplain. MW Claire Tusch provided the lecture and an event that could only occur at an outdoor event prompted all eyes to look skyward when two turkey vultures continually circled overhead during the second section of the degree.

The 2004 degree was interesting since MW Claire Tusch installed several officers. He Installed RW George Kimball as DDGM and VW Mike Blank as District Education Representative both for the 20th Masonic District. We also asked him to install the St Aspinquid candidate, Bro. Dustin Price, as the Lodge Junior Steward. MW Tusch being adamant in his belief

that one should have a proper Masonic knowledge before being installed as an officer quizzed Bro Dustin. Much to the surprise of most Brethren present, Bro. Price chose to perfectly recite the middle section of the Entered Apprentice lecture to demonstrate his knowledge. He passed the quiz and was installed as Junior Steward.

The only time we conferred other than a Master Mason degree provided a memorable experience. We were in the midst of conferring a Fellow Craft degree for an Evening Star candidate when we found ourselves in a drenching downpour. We hastily retreated to my “Hiram’s Hideaway” camp to set up a makeshift lodge and finish the degree. A couch became the Oriental East, the coffee table the altar. Brethren sat themselves on the circular stairs leading to the sleeping loft and were referred to as the three, five and seven steps during the Middle Chamber lecture.

We have been honored over the years to have seven Grand Masters and a significant number of other present and past Grand Lodge officers attend and participate in our degree work. In fact, there has not been one

event without the presence of Grand Lodge officers. The two years MW A James Ross was Grand Master he volunteered his suite of officers to conduct the degree work. The opportunity for Brethren not normally accustomed to mingle with and participate in degree work has provided a tremendous opportunity to broaden their fellowship experiences.

Meals following the degree work each year have been interesting. We started by leaving to attend a meal at Evening Star Lodge but we discovered many skipped the meal, so we began having our meals at “Hiram’s Hideaway” just a quarter mile down the hill from the Mount Marie degree site. One year we roasted a pig and on another we barbequed chicken but on most years we grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and such other dishes as; lobster bisque, clam chowder, chilli and sausage soup.



Quarry Degree candidates Brother Kevin Lindsay and Brother Ryan Reed.

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Quarry Work

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The bakers from Evening Star have always provided homemade pies. We not only enjoy the fellowship from several Lodges, we eat well also.

Our 2015 degree also proved to be a beautiful cloudless day as we had experienced on our first joint degree in 2000. We were honored to have in attendance MW George Pulkkinen, Past Grand Master and RW Thomas Pulkkinen, Deputy Grand Master who honored us by participating as Senior Warden and Junior Warden, respectively. MW Pulkkinen further honored us by entertaining us at lunch with bagpipe music and again at the quarry prior to commencing the degree work. Watching MW George descend the steep incline toward the degree site playing his bagpipes sounded like music heaven sent, perhaps, as a message from the Grand Artificer.

Wor Gregg Clark of St Aspinquid and Wor David Castonguay of Evening Star Lodge opened the Lodge. Wor Clark remained in the East to confer the obligations for St Aspinquid candidate Bro Kevin Lindsay and Evening Star candidate Bro Ryan Reed. Bro Kevin Lindsay is the son of Bro David Lindsay who was raised at the very same site two years ago as the St Aspinquid candidate. This was the first father and son to be raised at our "Quarry Degree." Wor David Castonguay conferred the obligation for Bro Ryan Reed but the second section became interesting. We have over the years found the Evening Star Lodge ruffians to be unruly and difficult to extract from the boulders comprising the "Cleft of the Rock." One year one of these true ruffians was delivered behind the altar upside down kicking and resisting the Speaking Fellow Craft. This year we experienced a new element of unruliness when they started one of our parked vehicles and attempted an unsuccessful escape. As most of us are aware, RW Tim Turner is the main unruly ruffian! The lecture by MW George Pulkkinen and the "On Yonder Book" charge by Bro John Graybill of Evening Star Lodge were letter perfect as was the Fellow Craft lesson exam by Bro Ryan Reed before the degree work.



Wor. Gregg Clark, wielding the 9th District Travelling Gavel from our Mother Jurisdiction, MW George Pulkkinen, RW Tom Pulkkinen, and Wor. Dave Castonguay.

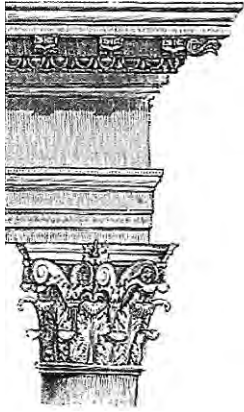
Wor John Belanger, Philanthropic Lodge from Marblehead MA. and an affiliate of St Aspinquid presented the 9th Massachusetts Masonic District Traveling gavel to Wor Greg Clark for use during the degree. Could this be the first time a Massachusetts traveling gavel was transported for use in a Maine degree? Another Philanthropic Lodge member, Bro William Linskey, and a St Aspinquid affiliate member brought a cooking trailer made from a previous roadside radar trailer. What a treat to have our breakfast, lunch and burgers cooked on that apparatus and the meals enjoyed out of doors.

The "Quarry Degree" is the catalyst that allows us to enjoy one another's fellowship for a brief moment, but what bonds us to another Lodge is the continuing appreciation we have for our friendship. We share the knowledge of our successes and failures, attend each other's table lodges and join in fellowship nights. The good relations we share and the enjoyment of joint experiences is priceless.

-- Quarry Degree Photos by Wor. Brother John Belanger



The East, left to right: Wor. Dave Castonguay, Wor. Gregg Clark, Wor. Paul Foster, chaplain; RW Walt Kyllonen and RW Bob Hoyt.



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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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In its continuing effort to offer "more light in Masonry" the Regents of the Maine Masonic College announce the following course offerings. As with all College offerings, they are designed to provide brethren the opportunity to expand their vision of Freemasonry and its principles. Whether you are on the path to a Masonic College Diploma or simply want to be a more enlightened Mason, these programs are for you. As the cold, dark season of mid-winter comes upon us, the offerings of the Maine Masonic College heat up with three, light filled opportunities!

DEC 5

UMO-ASTRONOMY

WHERE: UNIVERSITY OF MAINE PLANETARIUM, ORONO 2PM

DEC 12

DON & GEORGE - CRITICAL THINKING

WHERE: OCEAN LODGE, WELLS 8AM-12PM 19th District

DEC 12

ERIC KUNTZ- SYMBOLISM

WHERE: MORNING STAR, LITCHFIELD 9AM-12PM 11th District

JAN 9

BRIANNE SULDOUSKY- RHETORIC

WHERE: RALPH J. POLLARD, ORRINGTON, 9am-12pm 6th District

JAN 9

DON BEANE- ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT:

WHERE: HIRAM, SOUTH PORTLAND 9AM-12PM 17th District

FEB 6

DON BEANE- HISTORY OF THE FREEMASON UNTIL EARLY 1700s:
ANALOGIES, METAPHORS AND LEGENDS

WHERE: ARUNDEL, KENNEBUNKPORT 9AM-12PM 19th District

FEB 13

CHARLIE PLUMMER- WHY RITUAL AND MYTH

WHERE: MYSTIC LODGE, HAMPDEN 9am-12pm 6th District

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

Brother George M.A. Macdougall

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

This edition of the Minutes is a deviation from the usual format. Instead of a person, I wanted to talk about something I find amazing that is in the news. Pluto. No, not the Walt Disney dog character but the namesake for that Disney Character, Pluto the (former?) planet! Discovered in 1930 by Clyde Tombaugh and named for the god of the underworld, Pluto was the namesake for the Walt Disney dog created in the same year to give Mickey some company; and the element Plutonium also discovered that year. It was named Plutonium as the tradition had been started with Uranium, named after the planet Uranus which was found the same year Uranium was discovered. Pluto got its name from one of thousands of suggestions sent to the Lowell Observatory, where Tombaugh worked, by Venetia Burney, an eleven year old girl in England who was interested in classical mythology.

Planet or not Planet, that is the question; but why all the controversy? One source states that a conventional definition of a Planet is a body that orbits a star, shines by reflecting the star's light and is larger than an asteroid. According to NASA, technically, there was never a scientific definition of the term Planet before 2006. When the Greeks observed the sky thousands of years ago, they discovered objects that acted differently than stars. These points of light seemed to wander around the sky throughout the year. We get the term “planet” from the Greek word “Planetes” - meaning wanderer. Pluto is part of the Kuiper (KYE-per) Belt. It was the recent discovery of an object larger than Pluto within the Kuiper Belt that changed everything. Is this object, now named Eris, our 10th planet since it is larger than Pluto? But if Eris is not a planet, then is Pluto still a planet?

Because of this discovery, there was a new definition of what a planet is. According to this new definition, an object must meet three criteria in order to be classified as a planet. First, it must orbit the Sun. Second, it must be big enough for gravity to squash it

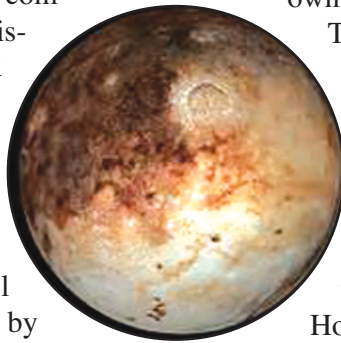
into a round ball. And third, it must have cleared other objects out of the way in its orbital neighborhood. To clear an orbit, a planet must be massive enough to clear smaller objects – like asteroids – from their own orbit. The gravity of the planet would pull in smaller objects which would become part of the new planet.

According to the International Astronomical Union (IAU), Pluto does not meet this third requirement but is now in a new class of objects called “dwarf planets.” It is this third part of the definition that has sparked debate. Exactly how much does Pluto have to “clear” from its neighborhood to be considered a planet? And how much has Pluto already influenced its own neighborhood since the planet formed?

These and other questions have been raised in response to the IAU's definition of a planet.

But why is this planet, or non-planet, in the news lately? Ten years ago, NASA launched New Horizons with a destination of Pluto and beyond (for those Buzz Lightyear fans out there!). In something that sounds like a science fiction plot, New Horizons travelled 4.7 billion miles in those 10 years and hit its target!!! It did take two minor corrections in its trajectory but with a distance of 4.7 billion miles, I guess that would be considered pretty accurate! Some other things that make this an incredible feat; New Horizons was roughly going an average of 41,000 mph in order to get there in just ten years. It passed the moon in just 9 hours after launch! Next, Pluto is not stationary. It is travelling around the Sun at 10,600 mph.

Some interesting facts about Pluto: Pluto has five known moons: Charon (the largest, with a diameter just over half that of Pluto), Styx, Nix, Kerberos, and Hydra. Pluto and Charon are sometimes considered a binary system because the center of their orbits does not lie within either body. Pluto does not have a circular orbit around the Sun like the (other) planets which makes it sometimes closer to the Sun than Neptune. It is travelling around the Sun at 10,600 mph (the Earth is going 66,671 mph) but it is so far out as the last planet that it takes 248 earth years to make one revolution around the Sun, it hasn't even been around the Sun once since it was discovered in 1930. Light from the Sun takes about 5.5 hours to reach Pluto at its average distance.



Maine Masonic College Course Offerings *(continued)*

MAR 5

ERIC KUNTZ-SYMBOLISM

WHERE: LYNDE, HERMON 9AM-12PM

6th District

MAR 26

REGGIE WING-TENENTS & CARDINALS:

WHERE: MAINE LODGE, WILTON 9AM-

12PM 15th District

APR 16

COLBY COLLEGE STAFF-LIBERAL

ARTS AND SCIENCES

WHERE: BANGOR MASONIC CENTER

9AM-12PM 6th District

APR 23

CHARLIE PLUMMER-UNDERSTANDING
WORLD

WHERE: SPRINGVALE LODGE, SPRING-
VALE 9AM-12PM 19th District

MAY 7

SAM MCKEEMAN-CRITICAL THINKING

WHERE: MERIDIAN LODGE, PITTSFIELD
9AM-12PM 22nd District

JUNE 18

SAM MCKEEMAN-ETHICS

WHERE: WATERVILLE LODGE, WATER-
VILLE 9AM-12PM 12th District

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



This colorful photo above shows the Children's Dyslexia Center's "Library of Donors" bookcase at the Bangor Masonic Center. The bookcase is actually a two dimensional painting on the wall by the entrance to the dining room. It does appear to be three dimensional and makes passersby try to pick a book off the self. Each donor who donated at least \$5,000 to the Scottish Rite Bangor Learning Center has his or her name painted on the binding of a book. When the Learning Center at the Masonic Center was being built, doors to the various rooms were sold for \$12,000 each and a plaque with the name of the donor was placed on the door. Their names also appear on the binding of one of the books. Eventually the Learning Center ran out of doors. Hence the 'Bookcase Idea." The Bookcase was dedicated on the night of the Appeals Banquet, September 12th by Ill. Alan Heath, Scottish Rite Deputy for Maine. The artist is Wor. Brother Perry Clark from Buxton Lodge in Buxton.



R.W. Brother (and Gen.) Steve Nichols Honored for his Service

R.W. Brother Steve Nichols is a man of exemplary service. He contributed much to Maine Masonry after retiring from the US Army with the rank of Major General following a distinguished military career. During the summer Brother Nichols and his wife moved out of state to be nearer family. Before departing, he was honored by Buxton Lodge which he served as Worshipful Master, by the Grand Lodge and by the Maine Masonic College which he served in various capacities for several years. In the above photo, right, he is shown receiving the Joshua Chamberlain Medal from Grand Master

David A. Walker. The Medal is presented to a Maine citizen "who best exemplifies the characteristics of leadership, citizenship, honor and integrity as repeatedly demonstrated by that great Maine man and Mason, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain." Above, left, Brother Nichols displays the Honorary Leadership Diploma from the Maine Masonic College, presented by RW Mark E. Rustin, Chairman, and RW Dr. Eric W. Kuntz, Dean of Academics. Both presentations were made at the thank you/send off dinner put on by the College for Brother Nichols in Waterville on July 13th.

WM Scott Johnson of Crescent Lodge #78, Pembroke, was honored at the Second District Annual Meeting this fall by MW David Walker and DDGM/2 Larry Clark as Mason of the Year for the District. He has been a four time Master of Crescent Lodge with untiring dedication to numerous projects in the district. A true Mason and Brother. L to R, MW Brother Walker, Wor. Brother Johnson, and RW Brother Clark.



King Solomon's Lodge #61 Honors Veterans



R.W. Brother Sherel Collamore, Past Senior Grand Warden, received his 50-year Veterans Medal from RW Brother Jeffrey Curtis. with Wor. Brother William Dail, Master of King Solomon's Lodge assisting.

King Solomon's Lodge in Waldoboro honored several brethren with service awards at the lodge's annual Past Masters' Night on June 8th.



RW Brother Jeffrey Curtis, left, presented a 50-year Veterans Medal to Brother Foster Williams, assisted by Wor. William Dail.



Left to right, RW Brother Jeffrey Curtis, Brother Robert Nelson and Wor. Brother William Dail. Brother Nelson was presented his 50-year Veterans Medal.



Wor. Carl Cunningham, Jr. and Wor. Ronald Glidden received 40-year service pins. They are shown here flanked by Wor. William Dail and RW Brother Jeffrey Curtis.



Brothers Shedd Honored

Bros. Alton Shedd and Derward Shedd were presented their first bronze stars signifying 55 years of service to the Craft by MW Bro. Louis Greenier II on June 8 in Pine Tree Lodge, Mattawamkeag. Bro. Greenier previously presented the Shedds with their 40-year Service Pins, their 50-year Veterans Medals, and promised to return to present them with their second bronze stars in five years. Pictured left to right: R.W. Bro. Byron Sanderson DDGM/24, Wor. Bro. Alton Shedd, Very Wor. Bro. Derward Shedd, M.W. Bro. Louis Greenier II.

A Hard Look at Approaches to Membership

R.W. Richard N. Bergeron, Jr.
SGW of the Grand Lodge of Maine

Freemasonry has existed in some form at least since the 14th century. We know that in its organized speculative form it has existed since 1717 when the United Grand Lodge of England was created. Although we cannot be sure of what it was originally, we think we know what it is now. But do we?

Freemasonry has been defined using many glowing terms over the years; "Freemasonry Makes Good Men Better," "Freemasonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," Merriam Webster defines a Freemason as "a member of a major fraternal organization called Free and Accepted Masons or Ancient Free and Accepted Masons that has certain secret ritual." These definitions and many others have been used over the years but if someone asked you what Freemasonry is, can you really answer them? Do you really know what Freemasonry is?

We sometimes evaluate lodge success in terms of quantity rather than quality. Our attempt to return to those days when we were raising 20 to 30 new masons a year per lodge or of having to serve supper in two settings because the dining hall couldn't accommodate everyone at once are long gone and will probably not return any time soon.

There have been two different approaches over the years to looking at the health of the fraternity. One camp includes those who are concerned primarily with numbers and will try anything to initiate, pass, and raise more masons; the other camp is peopled with brethren concerned strictly with not wanting to change because when we change we somehow diminish the original concept of the fraternity.

Think about what the pressure was like for brethren in the mid to late 1600s when Masonic lodges consisted only of Operative Masons. They were craftsmen skilled in building great architectural structures, many of which survive to this day. When there was no longer the demand to build those structures what do you think was going through their minds? At some point a mason floated the idea that their craft guild should be more inclusive and invite professional people, realizing that the change would make the organization a speculative fraternity. What a change that was! What a difficult decision that must have been!

For the past four decades we've been concentrating our efforts on the decline in membership. It's important to realize that Freemasonry is ever evolving, and that evolution

mean change. We each have an obligation to be certain that any changes we make will be of benefit to the Craft. We have changed more over the past few decades than we have since that initial change. But we certainly have not stopped the decline in numbers. Why is that?

Perhaps it is time for us to examine more closely what has been done for membership, what other jurisdictions are doing and have done, what may have worked and shown promise.

I believe we must use a combined approach to this issue. We need to constantly attract new members because members, quite simply, are the lifeblood of any organization. As we do this let's look at how we first became a great fraternity, and examine the three main reasons why our Craft grew the way it did:

1. Freemasonry was one of the first organizations that accepted good men from all walks of life. The concept that all men were equal is/was what attracted us in numbers.

2. Freemasonry attracted some of the greatest minds that ever lived.

3. Freemasonry remained selective on the quality of the man it would accept.

The deletion of any one of these reasons would have prevented the Craft from being what it has become. I am convinced that

the loss of any one of these will also destroy it, at least in the form we have today. That brings us to the underlying question that everyone should be asking; what are we doing to save our fraternal organization?

There is no doubt, my Brothers, Freemasonry is the greatest organization ever conceived by man. It has shaped the evolution of society beyond anything other than organized religion. There can be little doubt that without Freemasonry the civilized world, in its present form, would not exist. That being a given, is there any question that we must take a back-to-basics approach to Masonry.

Masonic education, mentoring programs, family activities, encouraging members to attend church, and constantly demonstrating masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth through our everyday actions are all areas that must be vigorously employed. We may lose members who joined for

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The Grand Lecturer's Corner: *The Regius Poem*

by R.W. Don McDougal, Ass't Grand Lecturer

The "True" history of Freemasonry is a fascinating unending topic of discussion and interest within the Craft. Reliable documentation is limited. One dependable source we have is the Regius Poem which is accepted as the oldest authentic record of the Craft of Masonry. It is generally considered to have been written between 1390 & 1425. However some scholars place it as late as 1450.

THE FIFTEEN ARTICLES OF THE REGIUS POEM

This second in a three part series about the Regius Poem or Halliwell Manuscript is based on the translation found on the website of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon.

The poem contains fifteen articles and fifteen points. *"Fifteen articles they there sought, And fifteen*

points there they wrought." Following are the fifteen articles of the manuscript.

"The first article of this geometry" outlines qualities a Master Mason must exhibit. It emphasizes integrity, character, and honesty. He *"steadfast, trusty, and true"* must be and must *"take no mede; (bribe) of lord nor fellow, whoever he be."* Craftsmen under his care must be paid fairly. *"And pay thy fellows after the cost ... And pay them truly, What they deserven."* Acting as judge in some dispute, he must *"stand upright, And then thou dost to both good right."*

"The second article of good masonry, ... every Master Mason, Must be at the general congregation," The "General Congregation" was the group assembled for religious worship. The mason had to be told where *"the assembly shall be holde"*. He was then expected to attend church unless he had *"a reasonable skwasacyon (excuse)"* or was *"disobedient to the craft, or overtaken with falsehood, or sickness hath him."* Sickness, especially, was singled out as *"an excuse good and able."*

"The third article forsooth it is, That the Master takes to no 'prentice, Unless he have good assurance to dwell Seven years with him." Less than that wouldn't be enough time to learn the craft well enough to benefit the apprentice or the craft of Masonry.

"The fourth article this must be," outlines the qualities Masons should look for in apprentices. *'Nor for no covetousness do him take; of honesty, Take a 'prentice of higher degree. ... By old time written I find the 'prentice should be of gentle kind;'"* *"no bondman 'prentice make, For the lord that he is bound to, May fetch the 'prentice wheresoever he go.'* Bondsmen were peasants or serfs bound to service to others without wages. Originally slaves, bondsmen transitioned to become indentured servants. Medieval Peasant revolts and the English Rising of 1381 began the gradual demise of this class structure.

The fifth article lists requirements for an apprentice. Because of the physical nature of the craft, it was felt that he had to be of "lawful blood" with no physical handicaps, deformities, or missing limbs.

"The sixth article you must not miss". Masons were cautioned never take a person from a higher social class as an apprentice. They needed to assure their apprentices

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other reasons but we must embrace these concepts and set our lodges to work these areas.

Each of us must ask ourselves the following questions. Am I well read on masonic topics of the day? Am I truly attempting to bring more light to the brethren of your lodge? Do we have regular masonic education programs in my lodge? Am I looking for brethren who may need financial assistance or am I waiting for them to ask for help?

Our lodges must have a purpose. We should know when a brother needs help because of an illness, or when a widow needs to have her roof fixed. We should be making sure all the masonic gravestones in the cemeteries in our town are visited each year. We should be making more of an effort to include our families in lodge events.

When we embrace a true back-to-basics concept, I believe we will not have a membership problem. The quality of the Craft must not be permitted to decline. We say we are a Brotherhood of Men under the Fatherhood of God, a Fraternity designed to make good men better or what our Grand Master prefers to say, "Freemasonry is a fraternity designed to allow you to make yourself better using the tools provided by the Craft."

We should reexamine our approach because if we fail, the whole world loses. Give it some thought, my Brothers. What are we trying to save?

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that, even though they were serving for several years without the wages that others of their age were receiving, it would all be worth it in the end. *"And ere his term come to an end, His hire may full well amend."*

The seventh article alerts Masons to be careful in their associations - never with criminals, and be certain to associate only with "Good" families. *"That no master for favour nor dread, Shall no thief neither clothe nor feed. Thieves he shall harbour never one, Nor him that hath killed a man, Nor the same that hath a feeble name, Lest it would turn the craft to shame."*

Eight warns against employing substandard craftsmen. *"The eighth article sheweth you so, That the master may it well do. If that he have any man of craft, And he be not so perfect as he ought, He may him change soon anon, And take for him a more perfect man."*



Article Nine warns Masters not to undertake projects unless they can complete the work timely, profitably, and without flaws. *"That the master be both wise and felle; (strong) That he no work undertake, Unless he can both it end and make; And that it be to the lords' profit also, That it neither flaw nor grake. (crack)"*

The tenth article cautions about undercutting or displacing each other on a job. *"The tenth article is for to know, Among the craft, to high and low, There shall no*

master supplant another, But be together as sister and brother, Nor shall he supplant no other man, That hath taken a work him upon, ...For no man in masonry Shall not supplant other securely, ...In such a case if it do fall, There shall no mason meddle withal. Forsooth he that beginneth the ground, If he be a mason good and sound, He hath it securely in his mind To bring the work to full good end."

Given the lack of suitable artificial lighting, Article Eleven says: *"no mason should work by night."*

Twelve emphasizes our "Never to injure him in his good name". *"The twelfth article is of high honesty To every mason wheresoever he be, He shall not his fellows' work deprave, With honest words he it commend,"*

Articles Thirteen and Fourteen delineate the teaching and education responsibilities a Master Mason has for his apprentices. The master is commanded to completely teach the apprentice specific topics so that the apprentice is widely recognized for his thorough knowledge of the craft.

The master is directed to not accept an apprentice unless he can teach, during the apprenticeship, the necessary skills and provide the general educational opportunities required of a skilled Master Mason. *"if that the master a 'prentice have, Entirely then that he him teach, That he the craft ably may conne, (know) Wheresoever he go under the sun. The fourteenth article by good reason, Sheweth the master how he shall don; (do) He shall no 'prentice to him take, Unless divers cares he have to make, That he may within his term, Of him divers points may learn."*

The fifteenth article says that a Master Mason is a friend and must not enable shortcomings, lies, or other personal imperfections in his brothers. *For to the master he is a friend;...Nor maintain his fellows in their sin,...Nor no false oath suffer him to make,...Lest it would turn the craft to shame, And himself to very much blame."*

It is rewarding to consider the parallels between the ethical and moral principles in these fifteen articles and the principles in our Ritual and disconcerting to consider if we, as Master Masons, do enough to perpetuate and uphold these 14th century standards.

The next article will focus on the Fifteen Points within the Halliwell Manuscript.

Father and Sons Act at Caribou Lodge #170



ABOVE: Caribou Lodge Masons dig in to a delicious prime rib supper prior to the work of the evening.

RIGHT: Wor. Brother Ralph Conroy kneels at the altar with newly-raised son Dylan as son Colby looks on approvingly.

At the November Stated Communication of Caribou Lodge #170 AF & AM, Past Master Ralph Conroy had the pleasure to raise his second son, Bro. Dylan Conroy, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Wor Conroy also raised his first son Bro. Colby Conroy in April of 2013. The evening began with a prime rib dinner with over sixty in attendance. Wor Ralph Conroy is the coordinator for the Maine Veterans Home monthly breakfast in Caribou, which both his sons (now Brothers) have assisted with since they were teenagers. Wor. Bro. Conroy's daughter Makenzie also assists with the monthly breakfast.



65-year veteran Honored at Rising Star Lodge #4

Wor. Brother Russell Doyle was presented his 65-year star at Rising Sun Lodge #4 in Orland on October 6. It was a happy evening with, as this photo shows, plenty of smiles all around.

Wor. Bro. Charles Phinney Honored for Service



Wor. Brother Charlie Phinney, Past Master of Pleiades Lodge #173, Milbridge, received his third bronze star recently signifying 65 years as a Mason. The photo at right is of another star he was presented on Oct, 3 by the Maine Army National Guard. It is the Army's Silver Star for Gallantry during World War II combat action. The case also holds the Army's Bronze Star. It seems Charlie collects "stars" wherever he serves.



!!!!!!ATTENTION!!!!!!

MAINE MASONS WHO WILL BE IN FLORIDA ON FEB.14, 2016

M W. Bro. David A. Walker and his lady Audrey would like to invite the Masons of Maine and their spouses/friends to the 14th Annual Maine Masons Day in Florida, at SAHIB Shrine Center, 600 N.Beneva Rd, in Sarasota, FL.

This is intended to be a time of social enjoyment and a chance to meet and make new friends among Maine Masons and Maine Masonic Widows who reside or winter in Florida.

The time to assemble is recommended to be 11:00 to 11:30 which will allow us time to socialize prior to lunch being served at 12:00 P.M. for a cost of \$ 22.00 for the men. Ladies will be guests of the Grand Master.

Following lunch M. W. David Walker will be making a presentation.

It would help us if the visitors would share their temporary Florida addresses.

Directions to Sahib Shrine Center are: Take exit 210 off I 75 and go west about 1-2 miles to N. Beneva Rd. Turn right and go north on Beneva about 2 blocks. The Shrine Center is on your right.

You may make reservations for this affair through R. W. Brother Pete Forrest in one of the following ways: Phone: 772-344-6564; email: rgpeteforrest@aol.com; mail: 609 SW Treasure Cove, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986.

Deadline for reservations is February 8, 2016

The meal will consist of a table salad, Roast Pork Loin with Mashed Potatoes
Chef Choice of Vegetable, Rolls/Butter, Chef Choice of Dessert, Iced Tea/Coffee

Note: There will be a vegetable plate for those who cannot eat pork.
Please advise if you need this at time of your reservation.

To The Editor

The following letter was sent by Brother Bill Bilal to Wor. Clarence Jones, Master of Monument Lodge in Houlton. For years the lodge has sent out Masonic Birthday Notices. Many times the lodge gets letters from those who live away with notes of "Thanks" and remembrances of what Masonry did or still does mean to them.

This letter is about what Masonry means to one Brother. Maybe it will prompt others to share why and what Masonry means to them.

WM, Clarence Jones:

And Brethren of the Lodge:

First of all, I must say that I really miss not being here, especially today. I know you will forgive my absence. We in masonry are indeed good citizens and good family men.

I remember the days I used to live across from the lodge. Sometimes in the evenings I used to see men, nicely dressed, going up the building. Then I found out that these were Masons. I was very excited. The kind of excitement you get seeing something rare, something dangerous. I had no clue what the Freemasons were, or what they did, except all the rumors.

Then one day Lodge arranged for a series of public lectures. These were like an open house for me. I attended the lectures. This became a great opportunity for me to not only learn what was in the lectures, but more importantly to learn about the Freemasons and all those mysterious men who used to go up the stairs and vanish.

I found these men to be good men. I learned that this organization was up to some real good and meant no harm to anyone. I learned what a true character of a Freemason is. He is a good man when nobody is looking. That is the character of a Freemason. I was honored to be accepted in at the lodge. Anyone, from whom I sought guidance and help in learning the Craft, was very helpful...I am grateful for that.

I am proud to be a member of this Fraternity. I am even more proud to have joined the Fraternity in the great State of Maine.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued service to our lodge. Your work among the Craft is greatly appreciated. I will also like to remind you to be always mindful of our widows and families of our deceased brothers.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Fraternally,
Bill Bilal
(Bakhtawer Bilal)
Jamesville, NY 13078

Some Eastern Star Info

If you enjoy being a Mason then your love and devotion to a fraternal order could be shared with your spouse by becoming members of the Order of the Eastern Star together.

Who can become a members of the Order of the Eastern Star?

Wife, daughter, legally adopted daughter, mother, widow, sister, half sister, granddaughter, stepmother, stepdaughter, stepsister, daughter-in-law, grandmother, great granddaughter, niece, great niece, mother-in-law sister-in-law, aunt, first and second female cousins of affiliated Master Masons of an affiliated Master Mason in good standing, or if deceased was in good standing at the time of his death as well as to members - either active for three (3) years or majority of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or of the International Order of Job's Daughters, each of whom have attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

The top elected officers of the Grand Chapter are the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron who are elected to serve for one year at the annual Grand Chapter Session which will be held May 15-18, 2016 at the Augusta Civic Center.

The Subordinate Chapters and the Grand Chapter supports many charities. Among them are Cancer Research, Heart Foundation, Shriners Hospitals, The Children's Dyslexia Centers, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, ESTARL (scholarship program for residents of Maine going into the Ministry or a related field), Grand Chapter Charity, Wreaths Across America, and others.

Most Subordinate Chapters support various community non-profits and often give scholarships to high school seniors. Subordinate Chapters and the Grand Chapter also financially support the Rainbow Girls and the DeMolay Boys.

Visit our website at www.maineoes.org to learn more of what the Eastern Star is doing in Maine and to locate a chapter in your area.

Brother Arnold Palmer

One of the Greatest Golfers of All Time

The following article appeared in the Oct. 12 Update of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council Membership/Leadership Team. With appreciation and thanks to the Supreme Council, we rerun it here for the enjoyment of all who read this magazine.

There are so many men of tremendous character and courage past and present in our fraternity. To remind us all of the great men who are part of our history, and to inspire us too, we feature occasional profiles from our recently completed Gourgass Medal ebook.

Did you know that Arnold Palmer has been a Freemason for more than 55 years?

Arnold D. Palmer was selected for the Gourgass Medal in 2010 for his excellence in his field and for his many charitable endeavors. Palmer is regarded as one of the greatest golfers of all time. With other members of the “Big Three,” including Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, he helped popularize golf among the general population. Palmer turned professional in 1954, and won the Masters tournament in 1957.

In all, he notched 94 professional wins including four victories at the Masters, the U.S. Open, and the P.G.A. Championship in 1974. Palmer shot 19 holes-in-one over the course of his career. He is a member of the Golf Hall of Fame.

In 2004, Palmer competed in the Masters for the 50th consecutive year.

“The embodiment of success,” Palmer negotiated to build the first golf course in the People’s Republic of



China, and he is one of the founders of TV’s Golf Channel. He was the first golfer to be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom (2004), and the second golfer to be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal (2009).

MASONIC CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Arnold D. Palmer was raised a Master Mason in 1959 at the Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh. Palmer was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in 1998. In 2010, he was awarded the John James Joseph Gourgass Medal, which recognized his several decades of civic, philanthropic and Masonic service.

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The stacks at our new Grand Lodge Library.

piled deep on the ground, construction began. Less than five weeks later, the drive-thru area became a part of the building. Shelving was another matter. Those who make library shelving require months of lead time and thus there was a long delay in simply getting the interior pieces in place. It was the only “hitch,” however, and once that part was resolved, things came together.

At lunch one day during the building process, Ed and Mark were entering a restaurant when Ed suggested that they should have something for youngsters to do when their parents/grandparents were at the building. Just inside the door, the restaurant had an Etch-A-Sketch and before the afternoon was over, a couple of them were on order.

This, however, began a larger thought process. Couldn’t we have a few books for the kids? Where would we put them? Mark immediately pointed to the area outside of his office saying, “Put it right there!” That entire matter -- conception to approval -- took less than three minutes. *Think about that when your lodge is agonizing over whether to have egg salad or chicken salad.* We now have what we believe is the ONLY Masonic library in the world with a section for youth.

Nearly a dozen people, many non-Masons, have already donated books to provide a vibrant reading opportunity and we now are making tentative plans with a Mason and his wife to start a story-time program next summer.

It was this and more that we shared with Masons and the community. They were pleased and excited. The Town of Holden publicized the opening on their town signage and website, and Holden presented the Library with a selection of children’s books. The Town Manager noted what a wonderful thing the Masons had done for their community.



Low XII Riders Widows Sons.

One particular event of note during the proceedings was the appointment by Grand Master David Walker of Bro. William F. Connell as an Honorary Assistant Grand Librarian. Bill, aged 91, has spent numerous hours getting books ready for cataloging and shelving. It was an honor well deserved.

Ceremonies ended recognizing office staffers April Cruz and Theresa Hatch for their help and support in so many ways, not the least of which was getting refreshments ready, and for which all present were particularly grateful.

Grand Lodge Library Donors

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Village Lodge Supports Community



Top photo shows SW Peter Warner handing an \$800 check to Janette Sweem, Director of the Richmond area Food Pantry. Below, Wor. Jeremy DeVane hands \$800 check to Kathy Tome of the Bowdoinham Food Pantry. These monies came from a summer fundraising event with a matching grant from Grand Lodge.



\$100 gift cards went to Bowdoinham, Bowdoin and Richmond elementary schools to be used for food baskets. The two photos, above and below, show lodge treasurer, Wor. Arthur Chapman, handing over the cards to representatives of Bowdoin and Bowdoinham Schools.





Pretty? in pink.

This photo shows Bro. Paul Jerome (left) of Ralph J. Pollard Lodge in Orrington and RW Russ Maynard, DDGM/6 at the 22nd Annual Paws on Parade Fundraiser in Bangor. RW Maynard lead the fundraising team and promised to wear a pink tutu during the parade if the team raised \$5,000. Bro. Jerome promised to wear a tutu if he was able to personally raise \$500. Both goals were met, and both brothers fulfilled their obligations. We'd say pink is definitely not their best color. What do you think?

Portland Trustees Seek Input

The Trustees of the Portland Masonic Temple welcome constructive criticism concerning the continuing efforts to upgrade the facility at 415 Congress Street.

When we are aware of real problems they are attended to immediately. For example, there are now "hard wired" carbon monoxide sensors installed as part of our security alarm system.

Please remember that a Mason does not need be a representative of the Trustees to be heard, but Masonic Bodies housed in the Temple are best heard through their representatives. Addressing the Trustees through a representative will help facilitate continuing improvements and will keep in place the harmony that cements us into one sacred band of friends and brothers. As I've stated before, Trustees meetings are open and Masons can ask to be placed on the Agenda to be heard.

Does the Temple continue to have problems? Of course it does due to decades of neglect, indifference, hostility and deferred maintenance which placed our legacy in serious jeopardy. Now, the Trustees are committed to identifying and correcting those problems so the Temple is again whole for ourselves, the general public and future generations of Masons.

Please join with us in our efforts to reestablish the Masonic Temple as an example of Masonic inspiration for today and for all who follow us.

Robert Kahn

Chairman, Masonic Trustees of Portland



Brother Carl Burbank, a member of Naval Lodge in Kittery, was recently presented his 50-year Veterans Medal in Davenport, Florida by RW Pete Forest.

-- Photo By RW Jack Lagerquist

9th ANNUAL

Scottish Rite Ladies Weekend Out

All Master Masons and their Ladies are cordially invited to attend our 9th **"Ladies Weekend Out"** to be held

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
January 22nd, 23rd & 24th, 2016
at Point Lookout Resort in Northport, Maine

Accommodations:

One Bedroom King Studio Cabin; \$99 per night.
Two Bedroom Queen, Two Bath Cabin; \$139 per night.
Three Bedroom, Two Bath Cabin; \$179 per night.

Please make your Cabin reservations with Point Lookout Resort

67 Atlantic Highway (US Route 1), Northport, Maine
Tel: 800-515-3611

Room Reservation must be made by December 24, 2015 for these prices.

The activities reservations below must be made through the Scottish Rite Office by **January 15th**
Checks payable to **Valley of Portland**, and mailed with Registration Form below to:
Valley of Portland, PO Box 303, Bowdoinham, ME 04008

Any questions call Brad Blake at 207-772-7711 or email him at scottishrite@mainemason.org

Friday Night Dinner at the Rockport Masonic Center

361 Main St, Rockport 6:00 PM Social 6:30 PM Dinner

Saturday afternoon - Bowling Tournament & Card Playing at the Resort 1:00-4:30 PM

Saturday Night Banquet / Dancing 6:00-7:00 Social Hour 7:00 Dinner

Sunday Morning Breakfast at The Summit at the Top of the Resort 8:00-10:00 AM

- Couples Package #1** - For those spending 2 nights at the Resort - **\$99**
(Friday) Dinner at Masonic Ctr; (Sat.) Bowling, Banquet & dancing; (Sun.) Breakfast; all at Resort.
- Couples Package #2** - For those spending 2 nights at the Resort - **\$89**
(Friday) Dinner at Masonic Ctr; (Sat.) Banquet & dancing; (Sun.) Breakfast; all at Resort.
- Couples Package #3** - For couples spending 1 night at the Resort - **\$79**
(Saturday) Bowling; Banquet & dancing; (Sunday) Breakfast; all at Resort.
- Couples Package #4** - For couples spending 1 night at the Resort. - **\$69**
(Saturday) Banquet & dancing; (Sunday) Breakfast; all at the Resort.

Saturday night dress; Jacket & Tie; Ladies dress appropriately. - All other events casual.

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Thousands of books are now “officially available” in the new Masonic Library dedicated November 14 as part of the Grand Lodge headquarters on Route 1A in Holden, An open invitation is extended to all, Mason and non-Mason alike. *See story, page 5.*

