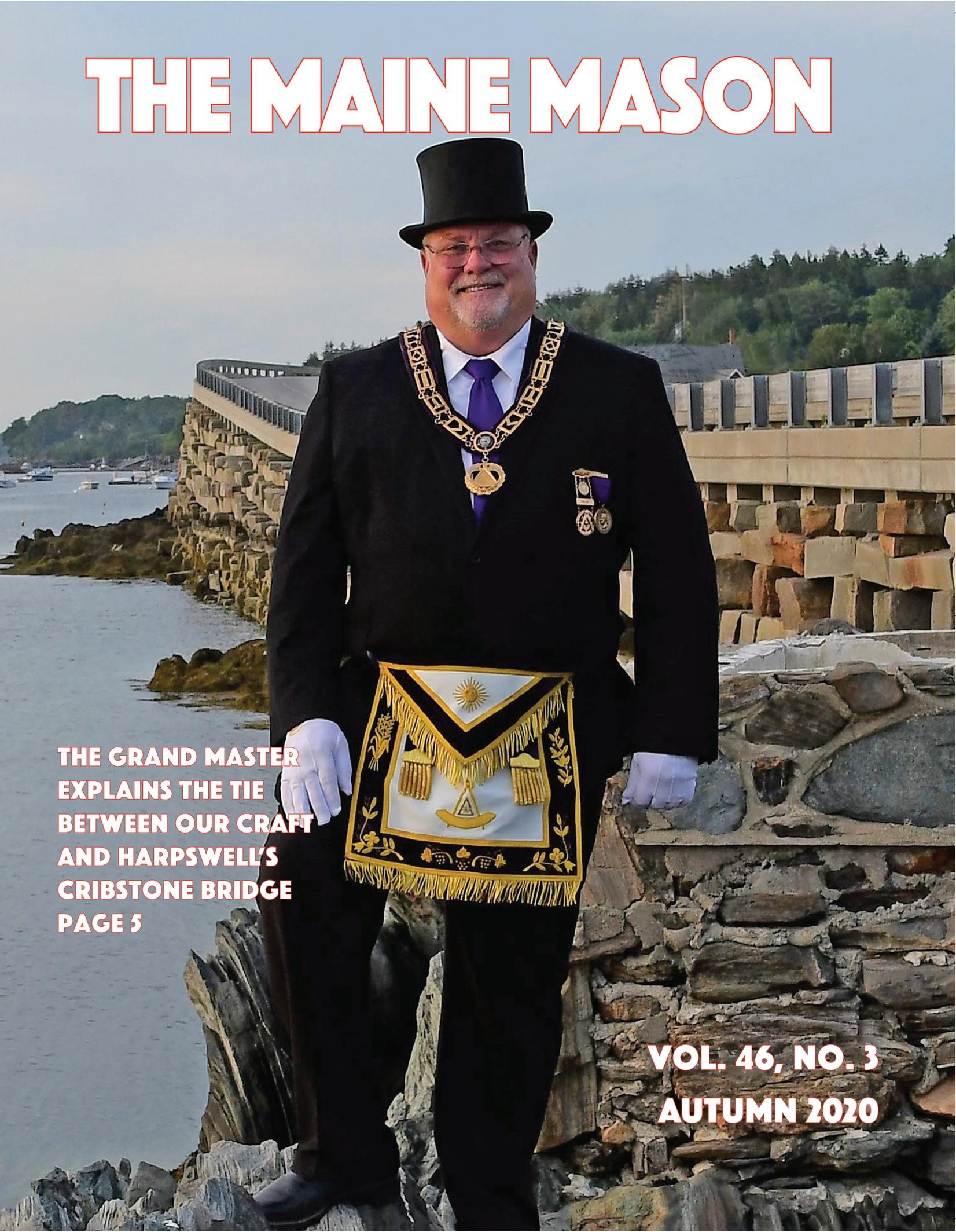


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by George P. Pulkkinen

## The Real Measure

There are many means with which to measure a man. Tall or short, stout or spare, bright or slow, happy or dour, energetic or lazy, encouraging or dismissive, caring or unconcerned; these are but a few among many.

As we continue to struggle with the untimely loss of long-time friend and Brother Wayne Thomas Adams, remembering the qualities of that good man and Mason should prod and prompt each of us to try to emulate the many sterling attributes Wayne demonstrated without fail. His character was recognized early on. While an undergrad at Bowdoin, Wayne received the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Cup, awarded to the student whose "vision, humanity and courage most contributed to making Bowdoin a better college,"

Each of us fortunate to have known him, I suspect, have our own recollections and devices to gauge his measure, but for me Wayne was always the perfect example of dedication and goodness, usually spiced with a flash of quick wit.

Never, in more than 50 years, did I see him waiver from total dedication to whatever the task at hand. That could have been service to country and community, his practice of the law, his untiring effort to make Freemasonry meaningful and enjoyable for all his brethren, or his avocation of agricultural husbandry whether with the beautiful flowers or the Christmas trees he carefully cultivated at the Adams Family Farm.

Big of physical stature with equally grand ideals, his footprint will not soon be filled. I used to quip that when I served as Grand Master I was bright enough to appoint Wayne as District Deputy of the 19th Masonic District . . . and lucky enough when he accepted.

My real good fortune, though, was being able to call him my friend.

# From the Grand East

**Richard M. Nadeau**  
**Grand Master of Masons in Maine**

## Look Forward and Reinvent Yourself

Dear Brethren:

We must all agree; things are challenging at best. In the last 144 days, COVID-19 and accompanying comorbidities has claimed the lives of 145,000 Americans and changed the lives of us all. The chasm of racial divide has widened in protest of yet another senseless killing. A considerable segment of our workforce is unemployed. Heartache and emotional stress are rampant. Pain is everywhere.

So how can we find philosophical peace buried under the tangled wreckage we see wherever we look? It's easy to be drawn into the negativity, yet that is the worst thing we can do. The situation we find ourselves in calls for our best problem-solving, vision-creating, decision-making and action, not blame, and harsh response to the negativity.

Our Masonic tenets and lessons, the core values of the Scottish Rite, the continuation of our Masonic teachings in the York Rite, the heartfelt work of the Shrine, the character-building lessons of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ceremony of Lights in the DeMolay or the lessons of the initiation degree in Rainbow for Girls all remind us of the good in Freemasonry that surrounds us and that we must apply the brakes on this downward spiral of outside forces. We must re-establish a trajectory in our Masonic lives that propels us out of this disruption. That calls for us to remember who we are and what our dutiful role is in the world. Our Masonic lessons teach that good ultimately triumphs over evil, not only in children's fairy tales but in a sane world. Brethren, we need to step up and display our very best – our best character, our best compassion, our best work – to unravel this tangled mess.

So, what can we do? It's unrealistic to think we can erase all the evils that are born of this virus, and it is implausible that we can undo hundreds of years of hatred, discrimination, and tension with a single act or

edict. But we can move forward in our way — “normal” is nothing more than a series of accepted standards, and this may be an excellent opportunity to review and upgrade those standards to emerge from this challenging time better than we were before. We can do what we would normally do, just better, or we can make appropriate changes to generate a better future.

What might that look like? I have the weekly privilege of talking with leaders across the northern masonic jurisdiction, and we are all determined to do as much good as we possibly can. Doing so starts with what we are uniquely poised to do, serve humanity, so they have better opportunities to deal with their many issues.

One outcome of this disruption in our Masonic activities is that many lodges have been closed during the pandemic, and of course, this threatens our membership and robs us of fulfilling our purpose. But it also gives us a rare opportunity to pool our creative ideas to enhance our lodges. With renewed energy and creativity, we can again enjoy each other and continue to serve our communities.

Have you ever wished you could enjoy more brethren on the sidelines? Have more members in your lodge? Do more community outreach? Is there a particular goal you have set but haven't achieved yet? Have you thought about working toward your Masonic Excellence Award? Have you considered being more active as a mentor to our new brethren? Here is your chance to tackle those items that have been tumbling around in your thoughts.

There is no sense in dwelling on the time we've lost nor in remaining stagnant in our current environment. We will all be well served by looking forward and planning the path we will take to achieve the future goals we have in mind.

We can't fix everything, but we can do something. If we look for an opening to serve, to give, to love, then we are doing what we can to reset ourselves, not only in the lodge but in our culture. This has been a massive wake-up call — we can do better, so let's evaluate how we need to show up to not only survive this historic episode but to thrive through it. Our destiny is calling us – how do you plan to respond? Masonry can be applied in many ways – choose yours.



# An Introduction from our Grand Secretary

I am truly honored and humbled to be elected our 19th Grand Secretary in the 200 year history of the Grand Lodge of Maine. Mark Twain once said, "If you love what you do, you'll never work another day in your life." I find this especially true with my new job as those who know me understand my passion for our fraternity and how much I love it. I have often told people that becoming a Mason is the best thing I have done in my adult life, with the exception of getting married and having children. Freemasonry truly does make us better men if we live by those tenets we are taught. Every day I look forward to working on my own ashlar.

Throughout the past few months and despite the pandemic, the Grand Lodge has been fortunate to be able to continue to operate and do the work necessary for the craft. Although we were closed to the public for a short time, it has been a great opportunity for us to train and "learn the ropes". With all new staff here, there is much to learn, and I am thankful for the great work they are doing. Whether in person or on the phone, please welcome both of our new Admin Assistants, Amy Murphy and David Higgins. I am grateful to have them onboard and for the job they are doing.

R.W. Bartlett has left some big shoes to fill at Grand Lodge. I would like to personally thank him for the help I have received getting acclimated. He has made himself available for any need and this transition would not have gone remotely as well without this ongoing support.

As with any changes of personnel in an organization, the way we do things sometimes also changes. I want to highlight some key things that will continue to move us in the right direction.

First will be our enhanced use and reliance of Groupable/M2. The new "MORI" has some great new features to it. You can now search for a member by name, phone or email. You can now also find the contact information for another lodge's officers so if you want to visit a lodge for a stated or degree, you can reach out to them for details ahead of time. The Secretary can enter warrants which will then show a real time snapshot of income vs. expenses and can aid your lodge in planning your annual budget and its cash flow situation. In addition to the Worshipful Master and Secretary, the Treasurer, Senior and Junior Wardens also have read access for your

lodge. This can help them get acquainted with it for when they are in the East and become more involved in your lodge's activities. I have found that many lodge officers still do not have an email in Groupable/M2. Please work with your Lodge Secretary to enter an email for your profile as it is the critical for information that we send out for communications and billings for a lodge.

Our lodge page has an important update. Online dues payments can now have the Credit Card fees be assessed to the member and not the lodge. I am hopeful that this will help convert more lodges to start using online dues payments. This fall Our Lodge Page will also feature enhanced fundraising capabilities which should help your lodge in its efforts of raising money. I am offering to come to any district to hold a training on both Groupable/M2 and Our Lodge Page so that we can make the work you do for your lodge's more efficient. You would be surprised how much time these things can save your Lodge Officers! Please contact your District Deputy to express an interest and get this scheduled.

Billing for goods we sell, and insurance policies will see a change. By the time you are reading this, we will have converted to online billing through QuickBooks. When a bill is generated, it is emailed to the Secretary, Treasurer and Master of the Lodge. At the end of each month, a statement will also be emailed out for any outstanding balances. We will now be accepting Electronic Checks or ACH for insurance payments beginning this year. I am hoping that this will streamline our process and we are still able to mail out an invoice or statement by request for those that need us to. Our goal is to make life easier for your Lodge and the Grand Lodge.

One thing that will not change is our willingness at the office to help you in any way. We remain accessible and at your service for anything that arises. I passionately believe we will always meet on the level and the Grand Lodge office is here for our service to the Craft. Please do not hesitate to call anytime with a question or concern. It will always be received in a friendly, respectful manner. Thank you for continuing to make our fraternity the best one in the world.

Fraternally,  
Scott C. Walton, Grand Secretary



# Thanks to RW Bro. Bob Hoyt and his lodge brethren

In this crazy year of 2020 with so many problems there has been an added light at the end of the tunnel for the people who live in our area. When the covid-19 pandemic hit Maine and mills started to slow to a crawl, and smaller businesses started closing, our area was hit very hard. Lots of folks were out of work, just like the rest of the country. The local food cupboards were overwhelmed, and food started to not be available, but we had a light glowing in York County. St Aspidquid Lodge and RW Br. Bob Hoyt delivered. Bob reached out to all of Maine not just our District. I need to go back to add a little history here to help explain. We all should know what a cook Bob is, and I have been able to enjoy many of his meals at Table Lodges. Bob and his crew have traveled the State putting on meals to honor so many worthy Brethren, and we have had the great pleasure of multiple Table Lodges here in the 5th District.

Out of the dark came a call from Bob. We spoke and he explained what they were doing in his area. This inspired a couple of us at Abner Wade Lodge to jump in. We got together and started working with Bob. We put in for the matching grant from Grand Lodge and purchased food to help stock the shelves of our local food cupboards. This helped quite a bit, but the need was more than we knew. Next came the bread, and boy was it well received. Our local food cupboards weren't getting bread. I don't know how Bob did it, but he and his crew started making bread runs to the Central Maine area. We were able to pick up bread to help distribute it all around the

area. Too many loaves to count, thousands and thousands of loaves. What also came along with the bread was doughnuts, lobster bisque and so much more. Enough to help Milo, Dover Foxcroft, Guilford and Greenville, our local food cupboards. For months we met and delivered bread all around and we were able to help them stock up. I don't know if Bob ever sleeps I would get texts from him at 3 AM alerting me that bread was on the way.

I hope that I haven't gone on too long but I am getting to it. I don't know how he knew or how he pulled it off, but thank you Bob. Your food was really needed up here. I can't think of a more shining example of Masonry. But way more than that, Bob is just one of the finest men I have come to know and call a friend and Brother. It's what we strive for as Masons but Bob and his crew really showed us what being a Mason really can mean.

I don't think *thank you* covers what you have done for us, but right now it's the best I can do in these crazy times. I also need to thank Bob's wife, Patricia. I'm sure she has been shoulder to shoulder with Bob thru this whole process, thank you.

To all, please stay safe. I know that we all look to times when this will be behind us. None of us know what that is going to look like or how it's going to feel, but I know there is one thing that won't change. We as Masons will meet and continue to make our communities and world a better place one good deed at a time. Thank you, Br. Hoyt, and God Bless us all.

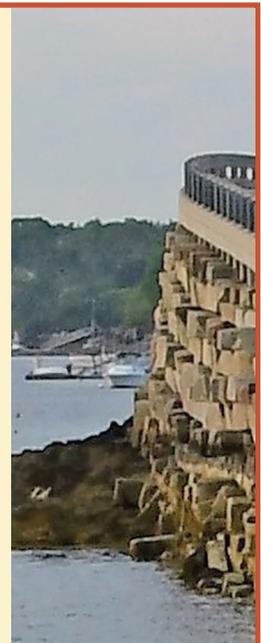
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## About the Maine Mason cover

*The iconic 1,150-foot Cribstone Bridge, the only one of its kind in the world, has connected Orr's and Bailey Islands since 1928. While primarily serving the local residents, it's design amazes visitors to our beautiful Maine coast from around the world. Built in an area known as Will's Gut, which has complicated tidal changes, it was designed to withstand the harsh environment. Each granite slab has a function in the overall strength of the structure. No mortar or cement was used, yet it has withstood the harsh wind, waves, and the ebb and flow of the tides. Sounds familiar doesn't it?*

*This structure is indicative of Freemasonry. We, too, are unique to the world, and although our mission is to spread brotherly love, relief, and truth across the globe, we thrive best in our local communities. Similar to the individual stones of the Cribstone Bridge, every Mason is supported by work that has been laid down before us. Brethren from the past have labored long and hard to construct the foundation upon which the rest of us continue to build. Like us, not a single stone is perfect, yet they work in harmony with each other to create one magnificent structure. Freemasonry has withstood difficult times, and without the support of each Mason, our structure would fail.*

*Cover Photo by Wor. Bro. Keith Dirago, PM Village Lodge #26, Mainely Wildlife Photography*



# Lodges Combine Efforts to fund Project Graduation

Project graduation is a tradition experienced and enjoyed by Maine high school seniors for decades. The purpose is to provide a safe and entertaining way to celebrate completing 12 years of school. Graduating students annually raise money to cover costs of the event. For years local Masonic Lodges have donated funds for this worthy cause. Early this year Village Lodge in Bowdoinham was approached by the group from Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham for a donation. Brethren agreed to donate \$300 with the understanding Grand Lodge would match the grant. The \$600 would purchase 40 signs at \$15 each. Families then repurchased the signs for \$33 each with all funds going towards the \$18,000 needed for the project.

During the planning stages, Village lodge also agreed to work with Project Graduation Committee to assist in other fund-raising efforts such as a bottle drive and a talent show. Then came Covid 19 and everything came to a screeching halt. Not only was Project Graduation put on hold but so was traditional graduation.



Left to right: Village Lodge Historian Steve Edmondson, VW Peter Warner, graduating senior Eli Ouelette, SW Adam Mathieu. Kneeling, lodge Master William Stackpole

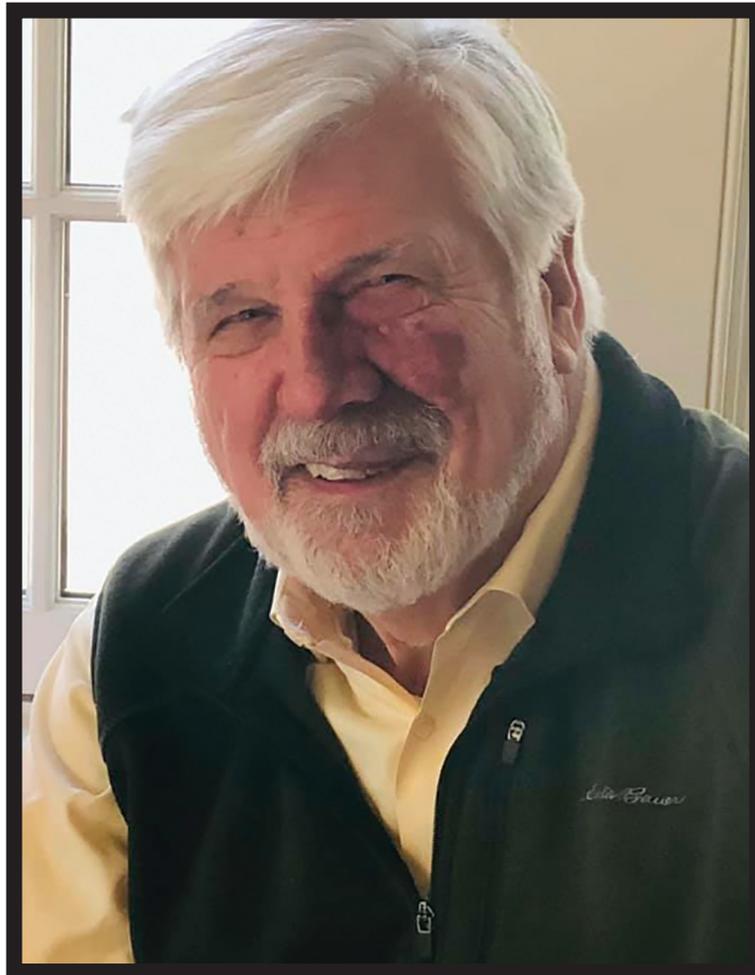
Not wanting the students to go without some recognition for their accomplishments, Village Lodge, along with United Lodge #8 of Brunswick, worked with the committee to purchase additional “Signs for Seniors” to be displayed outside the homes of the graduating students. With Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation agreeing to double the funds raised, the lodges had in excess of \$1000 for the project cost. Those monies now will be set aside to fund a gathering some time in the future. Village Lodge also worked with Richmond High School donating funds to match local contributions to place banners along Main Street in Richmond with each senior’s photo and name.



Wor. Brothers Andy and Ed Caron of United Lodge with high school seniors surrounded by the signs.

# In Memoriam

## Most Worshipful Brother Wayne Thomas Adams



**Our 90th M.W. Grand Master  
Served 2000-2002**

**Born May 24, 1941    Raised April 23, 1963    Died July 28, 2020**

# **Charlie Haskell Ritual Award Established at Pollard Lodge**

*by Ken Bustard  
Junior Warden*

Wor. Jeremy Edwards, Master of Ralph J. Pollard Lodge #217 in Orrington, introduced the Award at the November 6, 2019 stated meeting. Reflecting on the rationale for the award, he said: “The award is to recognize and honor Right Worshipful Brother Charlie Haskell, a longtime member of RJP Lodge. Charlie is known for his exemplary Masonic knowledge and ritual-work.” He went on to say; this award is not only to honor Charlie and acknowledge RJP members who excel in ritual work, but also to encourage members to improve their ritual knowledge and work to attain this esteemed award. “Charlie has been invaluable to our lodge, active in degree work as well as mentoring new officers. He’s that brother you can always call on and depend on.”

Wor. Jason Littlefield, current Master, was the first recipient of what will undoubtedly become a much coveted award. When asked his thoughts on receiving the award, he said: “Charlie Haskell sets one of the highest standards for lectures throughout our Masonic district. He is a joy to listen to during any degree or installation. Receiving the first Charlie Haskell Ritual Award will always be a memory that I cherish as a Mason.”

RW Brother Haskell was asked about his reaction to the award. He candidly stated that “It was a total surprise – very humbling – to think the members thought enough of my previous experiences to create such an award – very humbling.” He then somewhat jokingly added that “Most people don’t get that kind of award until after they’re dead – so I was a little concerned that the RJP brothers may have had some premonition I wasn’t aware of.” Asked about his memorization method he explained that “It’s all about repetition... one paragraph at a time... don’t try to do the whole thing at once. I’m always reciting. Who knows, some day I might be in a nursing home – and will be reciting various lectures.”

Charlie began his Masonic career in March 1993. Raised by his father two months later, Charlie credits his dad with the motivation to become a Mason. In 2000, Wor. Dan Taylor asked him to think about going through the chairs, which he agreed to, starting as Junior Deacon, moving rapidly through the chairs to become Master in 2003. He would later serve as treasurer for five years, District Education Representative for four years and District Deputy Grand Master from 2011 to 2013. PM Dan Taylor recalls Charlie’s introduction to the line. “I



**Wor. Jason Littlefield, left, received the inaugural *Charlie Haskell Ritual Award* from RW Bro. Haskell, center, and Wor. Jeremy Edwards.**

was going into the East for the second time, and needed people to fill the chairs. Charlie was very active and showed a great interest and had an unreal memory. I saw great potential, so I reached out to him and asked if he would be interested in going through the chairs.” The rest is history.

When asked about his overall Masonic experience, Charlie said he’d learned much from people with different perspectives. “To be exposed to a whole spectrum of people from mechanics to lawyers has been great. Also to contribute to the community. Masonry gives an opportunity to part of the community – individuals that don’t belong to organizations like this generally don’t get that chance. It has enriched my life and outlook. You get a chance to feel the pulse of humanity so to speak.”

So what about the future of Masonry? Charlie shared that he sees the challenge being “...keeping people engaged in the craft. There needs to be more emphasis on lodges getting into the community. It is great to see some of the new programs from Grand Lodge, and providing funds, to do more community stuff. It is important for lodges to realize the need to be in their communities. This is how you get others interested.”

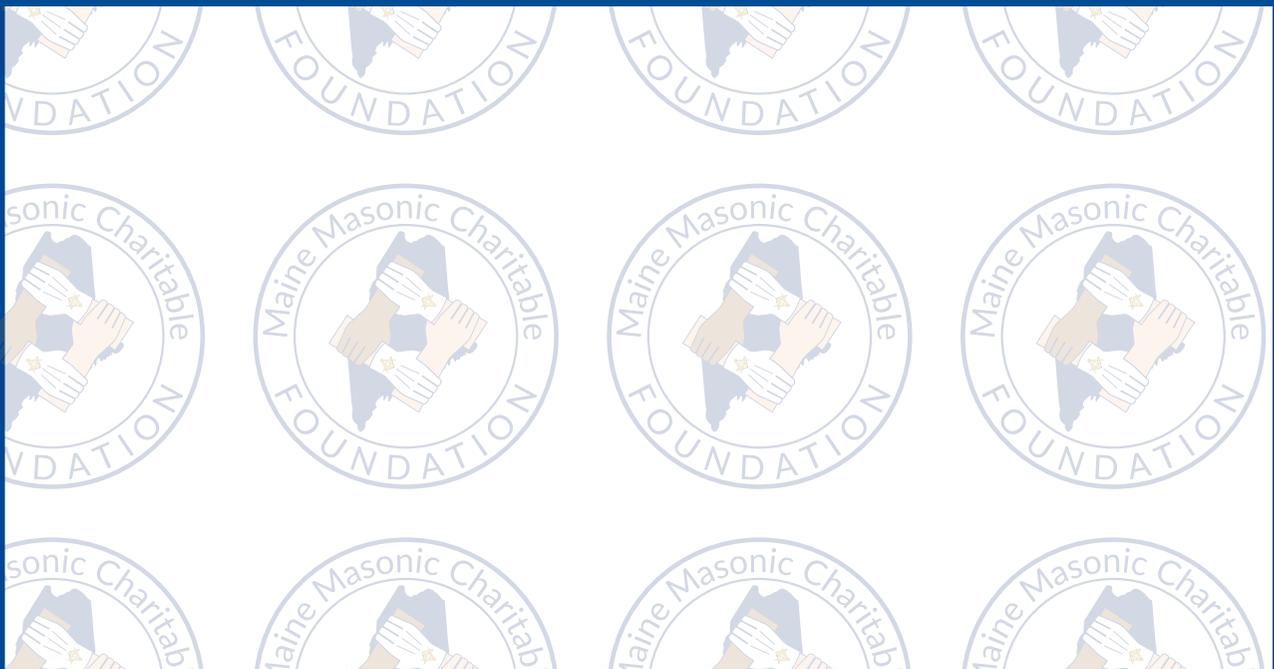
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# Maine Masonic Charitable FOUNDATION

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# Helping to Build Strong Communities in Maine

**DID YOU KNOW** ...the members of Lynde Lodge #174 have been hard at work for weeks. Taking advantage of the COVID-19 Community Betterment Matching Grant and a great idea proposed by Audie Gould, the Masons of Lynde Lodge #174 have hosted 12 Saturday Curbside Dinners for their community. Originally funded through the matching grant program, this team of Masons and some of their wives have served over 2,600 meals and we are not just talking about hot dogs & beans for dinner. They have served roast pork, baked ham, parmesan encrusted chicken, pulled pork sandwiches and let's not forget dessert – homemade chocolate chip cookies and whoopie pies! Moved by the work of a few Masons and their wives on the front line, several Masons who wish to remain anonymous contributed another \$2,000 to make sure the effort could continue. Local restaurants like Moe's Original BBQ and McLaughlin Seafood also donated food – supplying coleslaw and other items - to help feed the record numbers showing up for the curbside meals. Audie estimates the total 12-week effort cost over \$4,500 plus donated items.

Audie and his wife, Roxanna (who made over 100 whoopie pies and raised \$100) were joined by Rich Spring and his wife, Kathy, Ron Lizotte and his wife, Felicia, Mylon Frith, Jason Lang, Larry Davis and Bob Pomroy and his wife, Tracey (who made face masks for all of the volunteers to keep everyone safe).

Truly a team effort!



**HIGHLIGHTS...** This has definitely been an interesting couple of months for all of us here in Maine (and on the planet). From the beginning of April through the end of June, the Foundation provided 5 Relief Grants totaling just under \$7,000 and 12 Brotherhood (emergency assistance) Grants totaling \$7,500.

Not surprisingly, activity under the Bikes for Books (B4B) Matching Grants program is down from this same time last year. From April through June this year, we awarded 33 B4B Matching Grants totaling \$31,000 versus 88 such grants totaling \$88,500 for the same time period last year. While the drop in this activity is completely understandable due to school closures, many Lodges responded by taking advantage of the special COVID-19 Community Betterment Matching Grant program, where we saw 46 Lodges awarded \$43,700 in matching funds. This effort alone put a total of more than \$65,500 into our local communities (when you include the matched funds provided by the Lodges themselves). Job well done!

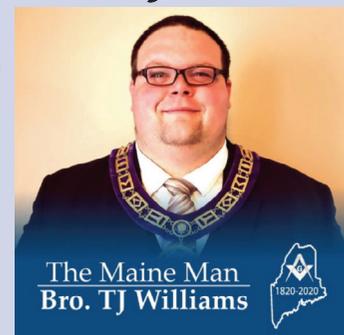
Other matching grant activity includes the following:

- Youth Activities	6 grants awarded totalling	\$ 6,000
- Community Betterment	11 grants awarded totalling	\$10,600
- Project Graduation	5 grants awarded totalling	\$ 4,600
- Seniors Projects	2 grants awarded totalling	\$ 1,600

During these difficult times, we encourage all Lodges to reach out within your local communities to see if there isn't more that we can do. We have the power to make a difference – with over 15,300 Maine Masons and the Foundation's resources – we can put "boots on the ground" providing much needed manpower in addition to helping with some of the financial assistance needed for these community projects!

**INSPIRATION...** Thomas "TJ" Williams is the newest member of the *1820 Society!* He was the first "Maine Man" and what a fitting honor for this young man. For those of you who might have missed the Facebook posting, here's an excerpt...

"a Mental Health Case Manager, TJ works hard in his daily life to support some of the most vulnerable in his community. TJ has committed countless hours volunteering at organizations like the Good Shepherd Food Bank and he also serves as Vice Chair of the Mexico Board of Selectman."



TJ is an inspiration for so many reasons and the Foundation is proud to welcome him into the *1820 Society* for this year. In celebrating his birthday, TJ did a Facebook fundraiser and made the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation the beneficiary of his and his friends' generosity.

TJ makes it all look easy – whether it be at his local lodge, a lodge halfway across the state or within his community. Thank you for all you do TJ!

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*1820 Society*

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*Thomas "TJ" Williams*

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*There is still time for you to become a member of the **1820 Society** this year!*

Please ask us about becoming a member of the  
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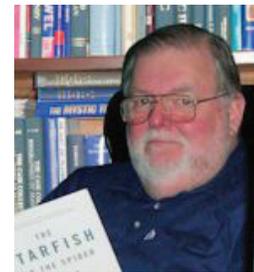
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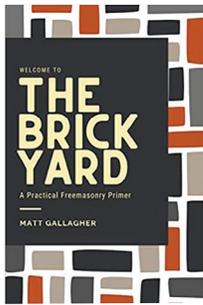
TOGETHER we can make a difference now and for future generations!

In these times of confusion and uncertainty, reading can be of considerable solace and also provide rational perspectives. If you feel overwhelmed by the daily news, take the time to read a book. You'll be happier for it, honestly!

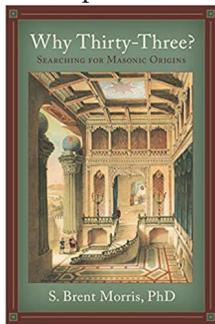
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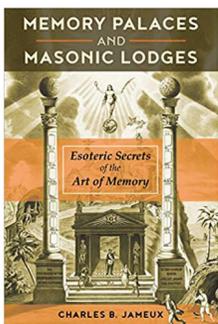
So often I'm asked to recommend a book that will 'resonate' with younger potential members. HERE IT IS: "*Welcome to the Brickyard: A Practical Freemasonry Primer*" by Matt Gallagher. This book covers a wide variety of topics that experienced Masons so often forget but are things hanging in the potential applicant's mind. The writing is very contemporary and even does comparisons to other organizations in order to provide a fair look at the alternatives. Bro. Gallagher's website is [www.PracticalFreemasonry.com](http://www.PracticalFreemasonry.com) and you really *must* visit!



A new book from Bro. S. Brent Morris is always an occasion to celebrate. "*Why Thirty-Three: Searching for Masonic Origins*" is not about the Scottish Rite per se nor is it a 'new' book in the terms we usually speak of. Rather, it's a wonderful collection of many of Brent's best papers and talks about our history, brought up to date where necessary based on new findings. Always a delight to read, primarily because his presentations are so easily understood yet filled with so much information, this is a book that you can dip into for a great 15 minutes or devour for hours. It is SO great to have so many of these 'classics' in one place: I'm sure you'll enjoy it.



Although a mere 128 pages, "*Memory Palaces and Masonic Lodges: Esoteric Secrets of the Art of Memory*" is certainly not a short and simple read. Our French Brother,

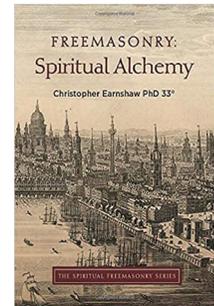


Charles Jameux, has gone deep into the philosophy and conceptual ideas surrounding memory, particularly as it relates to our fraternity. If you're really looking to understand how memory works - as well as how you can improve yours, this is a work you should read. The value of this work really can extend far beyond the lodge room door!

Just looking at some book titles is enough to scare you away in some cases. Our next work is one which I ap-

proached with caution, believe me! "*Freemasonry: Spiritual Alchemy*"

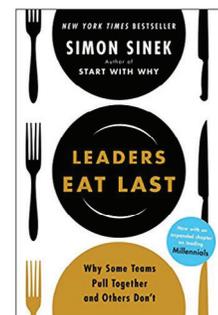
by Bro. Christopher Earnshaw was a title that, frankly, I didn't think would be 'my cup of tea' However, after reading it (it's the second of a four book series he's doing called "Spiritual Freemasonry"), I'm sorry I put it off for so long. You may not agree with everything he suggests (I don't) but this is certainly an opportunity to think more broadly about our history, our founders, the times when our Craft was in its infancy, and why things are the way they are.



Being active as a Mason is more challenging each day as this page is being written. Now, though, may offer you that rare chance to slow down and reflect: something we can all benefit from. A book that was published over 15 years ago bears mentioning here. "*Level Steps*" by Jonti Marks is just wonderful for this. The book's description says: "100 Daily Meditations for Freemasons" is a beautiful and practical book offering insight and inspiration to all Freemasons who are interested in the deeper meaning of the Craft and who wish to make '...a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.'



Do you have a member in your lodge who insists on being at the end of the line at meals? I'm one of those and there's a rationale behind this behavior which seems SO counter-intuitive to many Masons. The title "*Leaders Eat Last*" will give you a clue, though. Simon Sinek has written a truly understandable and inspiring work any Mason could benefit from reading. Senior NCOs in the military are taught this concept - and, by golly, it works! I'd encourage you to learn why - and I'll see you, my Brothers, at the end of the chow line.



Bro. Ed King would love your suggestions and recommendations for things to read and review! He's working dilligently to get a whole bunch of reviews online. Stay tuned for an announcement! Email him at [MasonicReading@gmail.com](mailto:MasonicReading@gmail.com)

## Adult Special Olympians Need Assistance. Masons Can Help

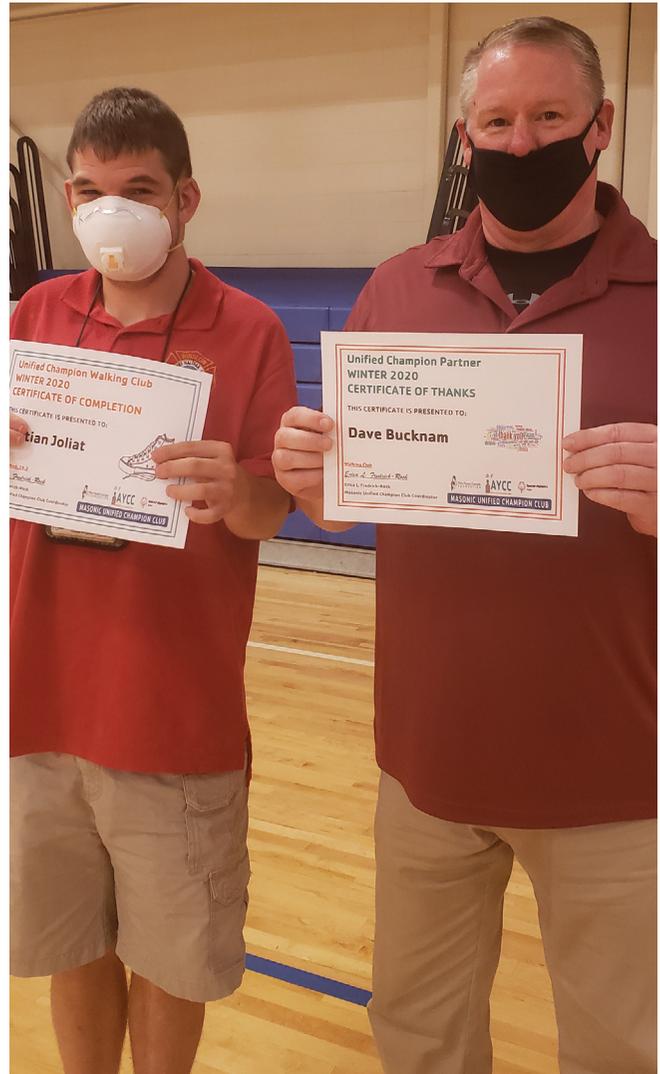
In the fall of 2019, the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation partnered with the Alford Youth & Community Center and Special Olympics to create the Nation's first Unified Champion Club for Adults! The program kicked off in January of 2020 with a basketball and walking program.

Brother David Bucknam from Messalonskee Lodge #113 is a board member for this program and is putting out a call to all brothers for Masonic participation. This program has already grown from 2 activities to 8 with more coming as we obtain athletes and partners.

Volunteering can be as simple as an hour a week or more with your athlete. Like Masonry, what you put into something is what you get out of it. The program works with the volunteers to create meaningful and manageable experiences for both participants. This unique experience is currently being offered in Waterville, but we would like it to become a statewide initiative with participation and eventually sporting competitions between traveling athletes.

To find out how to represent your lodge with this program you can reach Brother Bucknam on his cell at 915-491-2955, or email at [dabucknam606@gmail.com](mailto:dabucknam606@gmail.com) or you can contact AYCC Director Erica Fredrick Rock at 207-872-8584, email [erock@clubaycc.org](mailto:erock@clubaycc.org)

In the wake of this pandemic where meetings in person at lodge or other events came to a halt; think how isolated the Special Olympic Athletes feel and how you can make a difference in their lives right now. In the words of Brother Albert Pike: What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us, what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal!



Brother David Bucknam, right, shown here holding a Certificate of Thanks, while a program participant proudly displays his Certificate of Completion for the Winter Program.



In May of this year a food drive benefiting Freeport Community Services Food Bank was jointly conducted by Freeport Lodge #23 and Boy Scout Troop 45 resulting in several hundred pounds of food and a significant cash donation matched by the Charitable Foundation. Pictured here at the presentation are Lodge Chaplain Richard Miller, Community Services Director Sarah Lundin and Brother Colin Britton.

## New Opportunity to Learn More About Maine Freemasonry

Freemasonry is about improving ourselves and helping others. It's about enriching lives through education, charity and spiritual growth. It's about sharing brotherhood and searching for enlightenment.

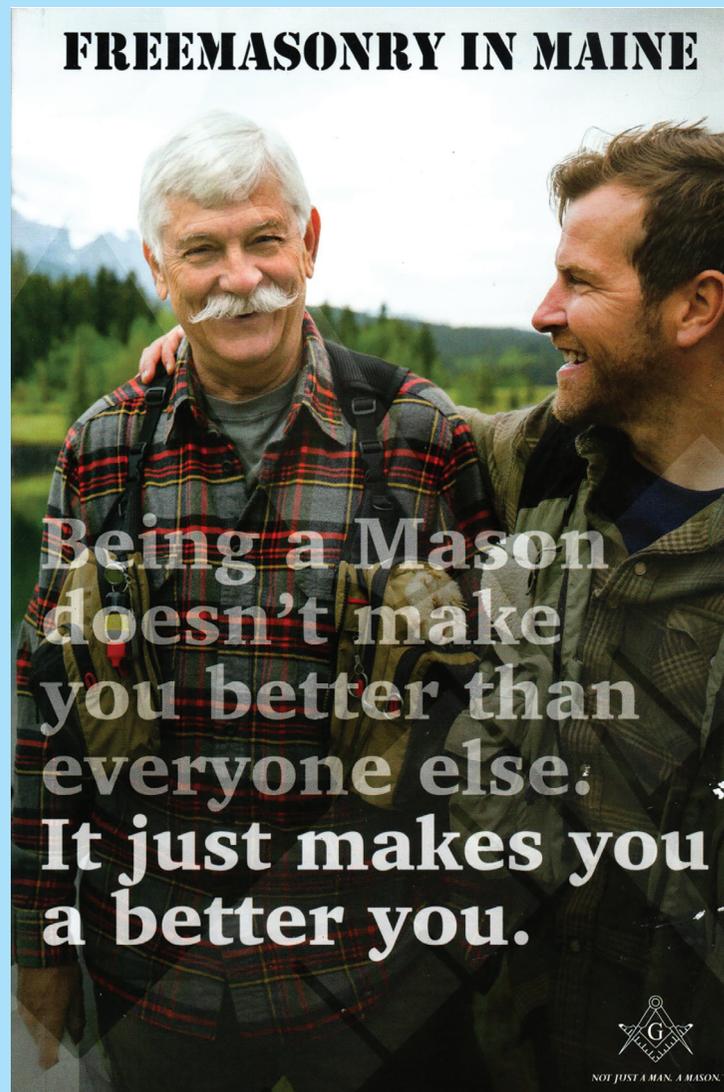
A question that Brother Richard Nadeau repeatedly asked himself when preparing to serve Maine Freemasons as Grand Master was "What actions might I undertake as we celebrate our bicentennial to best achieve Masonry's role in the lives of men?" How might we: promote the strong delivery and understanding of our Masonic ritual; offer opportunities to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood; and provide opportunities for Masons – and non-Masons – to learn more about our ancient and honorable fraternity.

Many initiatives are currently underway to address these important priorities, and one product of these initiatives is now available to you – a great new book on Freemasonry in Maine. The 156 page book beautifully tells the story of: who we are as Masons; our relationships with our Lodges; the teachings and symbolism of our degrees; the many opportunities available to experience Freemasonry beyond our individual Lodges; the role of Grand Lodge and how it recognizes meritorious service to the Craft and mankind; as well as our many charities and opportunities to gain further light in Masonry. Did you know that Masonic charity totals more than \$3 million a day in North America?

The 200th Anniversary edition of Freemasonry in Maine should be in the library of every Maine Mason; it should be shared with our families, friends and men interested in Freemasonry. Nearly 1,000 copies of

the book have been sold since Brother Nadeau became Grand Master in early May. A copy will be given to each newly raised Master Mason. The book and 200th Anniversary Coins will be available at District Meetings this fall and at other Masonic events. So far four Lodges have bought books for every Lodge member, as a gift in recognition of the loyal service and commitment to Masonic principles that Lodge members have demonstrated through the years. Please contact Bro. Tom Pulkkinen at [TEPulkkinen@aol.com](mailto:TEPulkkinen@aol.com) on the opportunity to make bulk purchases of the book.

The book is available from Grand Lodge for only \$5 plus taxes and shipping charges. You may purchase copies of Freemasonry in Maine by calling the Grand Lodge office at 207-843-1086 Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Why not buy a coin for yourself at the same time, and buy a set for a Masonic friend?



# Lodges Welcoming men Who Want to become Freemasons

Now that Maine seems to be experiencing a decline in COVID-19 cases and the state is gradually returning to the way life in Maine should be, many Lodges are once again busy at work conferred degrees and voting on new applications received from men who want to become Freemasons. It sure is good to once again be meeting on the level and parting on the square. Maine Masonry has been leading the way among Masonic jurisdictions in returning to Lodge and conferring degrees. Hopefully, we'll have Lodge dinners and Third Degrees come September.

Lodges are encouraged to pursue the Masonic Excellence Award as a way to plot a positive course forward in the post-COVID shut-down environment: pursuing ways to engage our Brethren; benefit our Masonic brothers and communities; build financial stability; strengthen Masonic education and ritual delivery; and attract qualified candidates. Thousands of men responded this Spring to the new BeAFreemason.org website developed by the 15-state Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, which includes Maine, in cooperation with Shrine International and the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction. The names and contact information of those men living in Maine have been forward to many Lodges with a request that they follow up on the prospective Masons. If your Lodge received referrals, now is the time to pursue the referrals.

All Lodges – big and small – should make a plan to attract, engage and retain members...and then work the plan towards Masonic strength and prosperity. Our large Lodges usually welcome the most candidates; little town Lodges often say that they only have a small pool of eligible men from which to attract new members.

But in 2019, small Lodges were the leaders in welcoming new Master Masons and retaining members. The accompanying tables prove the point. On a percentage basis, every Lodge with the highest percentages of men being raised and gains in membership is located in a small community. And these Lodges are often in the lead when it comes to absolute numbers of Masons be raised or reinstated as well as in membership growth.

Charleston, Maine has a population of fewer than 1,500 people, yet no Lodge in the state raised more candidates in 2019 than Charleston's Olive Branch Lodge. It also had the second largest growth in membership last year and is back working candidates again after the COVID shutdown. There's something special going on in Olive Branch Lodge, as there is in all these small Lodges.

Washburn Lodge has been on a roll for a few years now, welcoming many new Masons each year. Paris Lodge became reinvigorated after its magnificent building renovation project. Fort Kent Lodge started annual public lobster feeds on the town common and last fall took on an important community project – reroofing the town library. Webster Lodge typically has 30-40 Masons at their meetings, and Mystic and Lynde Lodges epitomize the benefits of Masons working well together and making their presence noticeable in their communities. Each Lodge on the lists has its own story to tell.

Lodges working the most candidates aren't lucky. They are achievers the old-fashioned way – they work for their success; they're energized and welcoming places to attend. They are also good examples for us all to emulate as we return to Lodge and consider pursuing the Masonic Excellence Award this fall.

## Raising the Most - #

Olive Branch Lodge	6
Trinity Lodge	6
Webster Lodge	6
Mystic Lodge	5
Ashlar Lodge	5
Lynde Lodge	5
United Lodge	5
Monument Lodge	5

## Raising the Most - %

Washburn Lodge	6.7%
Paris Lodge	6.7%
King Hiram Lodge	6.1%
Baskahegan Lodge	5.9%
Olive Branch Lodge	5.8%
Fort Kent Lodge	5.8%

## Largest Gain in Membership - #

Drummond Lodge	6
Yorkshire Lodge	5
Olive Branch Lodge	5

## Largest Gain in Membership - %

Freedom Lodge	10.00%
Drummond Lodge	9.84%
Paris Lodge	6.67%
Yorkshire Lodge	5.10%

## Reinstating the Most

Yorkshire Lodge	4
Lygonia Lodge	4
Limestone Lodge	4
Island Falls Lodge	4
Tranquil Lodge	4
Saccarappa Lodge	4
St. Andrew's Lodge	4

# Mt. Olivet Lodge Assists Local Students

In March, shortly after the Corona virus caused the suspension of classes for the remainder of the year, the teachers and kitchen staff at Prescott Memorial School in Washington began preparing meals for all children under the age of 18. Teachers assisted in delivering the meals to each child's residence, approximately 180 meals per day.

One of those teachers was Len Lewis, Senior Warden of Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203. Len and Don Grinnell, Secretary, came up with an idea to deliver to every K-6 student an activity bag which included a grade appropriate work/activity book and school supplies. Each bag cost approximately \$15.

With the approval of the Master Alan Heath, Mt. Olivet applied for a grant to the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation under the Kids Activity program. With donations from several Masons and from the local PTA, the Lodge raised \$500. MMCF gave a quick and enthusiastic approval and contributed a 2 to 1 grant of \$1000 to the project for a total of \$1500.



SD Barry Peabody



Sec. Don Grinnell



SW Len Lewis

On a Sunday morning, Len and Don were joined by Senior Deacon Barry Peabody. While practicing social distancing, they packed the activity bags which were delivered the following week. Each book was labeled "Donated by Mt. Olivet Lodge." The lodge received numerous accolades from both Prescott Memorial staff and parents. Highlight "thank you" was this hand painted rock which appeared on the lodge front steps shortly after the bags were delivered and is now prominently displayed in the lodge room.



A recent Olive Branch Lodge meeting. Candidate is Brother Casey Wright, Master is RW Brother Donald Young.

# Time and a Phone Call

Dear Editor:

During the shutdown of Lodges because of the COVID-19 pandemic our lodge sought to personally reach out to all its members. Our Master had calls made to all lodge members to just touch base with them and be sure there was nothing anyone needed that we could help with.

Everyone who was personally contacted, there were a few machine messages left with no call backs, indicated that there was nothing he or his family needed. Life was good, all things considered, and “thanks for the call.” Those calls were generally only 3 to 4 minutes long.

One Brother, who I hardly knew, did share that his wife had been in the hospital for 2 ½ months, now had a broken hip and would be there or in a nursing home for some time. There was nothing he really needed, not even an occasional meal brought into him. He was “OK,” he said.

After 27 minutes, this 60 year plus Mason paid me the nicest compliment. He said, “Thanks for calling. I’m looking forward to the next one.” He had appreciated my concern and my time. He made me proud to be a Mason. That one call was worth all the time put into the other calls. “It’s what a Mason does for a Mason.”

Anonymous



On July 9<sup>th</sup> Blue Mt. Lodge had the pleasure of presenting a check to Amanda Viles and Yvonne Woodcock of the Economic Ministry Food Bank in the community of Phillips. The one thousand dollars that was presented will be used to give food to those neighbors who have been struggling during these challenging times.

The tragic events caused by COVID-19 have left many with a sense of confusion and unknowing, but through the charitable acts of Blue Mt. Lodge, there is now an opportunity to ease those



troubled minds in the community and give a sense of peace. A special thank you to our 15th District Deputy RW Gerry Gilman, Blue Mt. MW Dean Durrell, Treasurer Bro. Bill Peterken, W Brian Ellis, and Bro Lenny Ellis for being there to give this check to the food bank. One final thanks to the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation for their kindness to match what Blue Mt. Lodge was able to raise.

# AURORA LODGE #50

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September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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



## Masonry in Dark Times

Walter M. Macdougall, PGM

### 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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Three books which deserve to be on every Masons' reading list are Jasper Ridley's *The Freemasons*, Margaret Jacob's *Living the Entitlement*, and Steven Bullock's *The Revolutionary Brotherhood*. All three are written by non-masons who, in the course of their scholarly research, have encountered Masonry as a noble institution laboring among and for humanity. Together these scholars and students of the human story bring a realization that Freemasonry is far more significant as an agent and servant of civilization than many Masons have come to casually presume.

Too many of us take our Masonry as donkeys munch their hay, to use an old phrase. Most of us cherish the associations with men who, through the fraternity, we have come to trust and appreciate. We feel personally worthwhile by participating in a community service. We are touched when a brother reaches out a helping hand to us or to our family. Certainly these are treasured aspects of our Masonic experience.

But then there comes an event which rips apart the social fabric, which sends civilization stumbling, which, after an inferno of flame and twisted death, leaves the very taste of darkness. Suddenly we see what all along has been the true aim of our Masonic practice. Suddenly we know for what we have been preparing. In a moment of revelation, we realize why men have dedicated themselves to Masonry and have for centuries known it worth their time. We understand the deeper strength and necessity of the tenets of our profession and why Freemasons have taken a stand wherever and whenever freedom, human dignity, and human compassion have been endangered.

In such a moment of anguish and anxiety there comes before our inner eye scene after scene from our Masonic instruction. Principle on principle pass in review until with an ordered establishment, as ancient as the rising of the sun and as quietly inspiring as the moon riding high against the firmament of God, we understand our calling as Freemasons. In the strength of each other's company and with ancient truths unfolding, we have been on a journey of preparation.

Then in the exigency of the moment, we realize that we have known our purpose all along even when it was covered over with lesser concerns. It is to provide builders to a world broken and in darkness. It is to send forth men who keep even minds no matter the extremity, "whose arms are strengthened by justice", whose spirits are illuminated and tempered with wisdom and compassion, and whose proclamation rings with the possibility of human kind under God, the Grand Architect of Heaven and Earth.

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

Brother George M.A. Macdougall

*This Part 2 on Aristotle is one article in a series on the people who created, discovered or redefined how modern architecture, engineering and science came about.*

**“It is a mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”**

As John Anagnostis PGM, a great friend of mine and to most of you as well, would often quote from the ritual, “To the Greeks therefore and not to the Romans, we are indebted ...” This next installment of the Minutes is a continuation of our discussion on another Greek that we are all truly indebted to. Aristotle was a Greek philosopher and scientist born in the Macedonian city of Stagirus, in 384 BCE. His writings cover many subjects – including physics, biology, zoology, metaphysics, logic, ethics, aesthetics, poetry, theater, music, rhetoric, linguistics, politics and government – and constitute the first comprehensive system of Western philosophy. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, “Aristotle was the first genuine scientist in history ... [and] every scientist is in his debt.”

All aspects of Aristotle’s philosophy continue to be the object of active academic study today. Though Aristotle wrote many elegant treatises and dialogues, it is thought that only around a third of his original output has survived. The Roman Statesman, Cicero described his literary style as “a river of gold”.

His ethics, though always influential, gained renewed interest with the modern advent of virtue ethics.

**“Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts, temperate by doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts.”**

Virtue ethicists discuss the nature and definition of virtues and other related problems which focuses on the consequences of action. These include how virtues are

acquired, how they are applied in various real-life contexts, and whether they are rooted in a universal human nature or in a plurality of cultures. **Virtue ethics** emphasizes the role of one’s character and the virtues that one’s character embodies for determining or evaluating ethical behavior. Virtue ethics is one of the three major approaches to Ethical Action. The other two are Deontology and Consequentiality.

Deontology is the normative ethical theory that the morality of an action should be based on whether that action itself is right or wrong under a series of rules, rather than based on the consequences of the action which emphasizes duty to rules.

Consequentialism is the class of normative ethical theories holding that the consequences of one’s conduct are the ultimate basis for any judgment about the rightness or wrongness of that conduct.

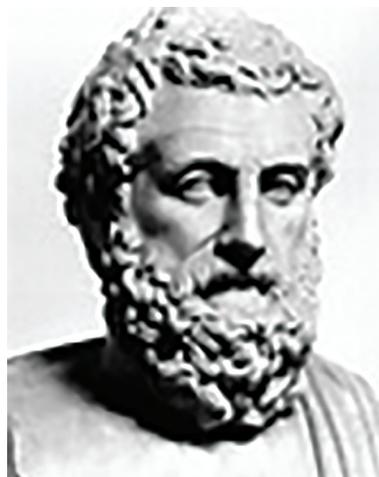
The difference between these three approaches to morality tends to lie more in the ways in which moral dilemmas are approached, rather than in the moral conclusions reached.

For example;

A consequentialist may argue that lying is wrong because of the negative consequences produced by lying—though a consequentialist may allow that certain foreseeable consequences might make lying acceptable. Or ‘The Ends justify the Means’.

A deontologist might argue that lying is *always* wrong, regardless of any potential “good” that might come from lying. Or ‘The Ends do not justify the Means’.

A virtue ethicist, however, would focus less on lying in any particular instance and instead consider what a decision to tell a lie or not tell a lie said about one’s character and moral behavior. As such, the morality of lying would be determined on a case-by-case basis, which would be based on factors such as personal benefit, group benefit, and intentions (as to whether they are benevolent or malevolent).



# Masonic Artist's Work Presented to Monument Lodge



Lois Morin, widow of Roger J. Morin, in February presented to Jody Anderson, Master of Monument Lodge of Houlton, a self-portrait which her husband had painted to celebrate his becoming a Master Mason at Monument Lodge in 2008. Brother Morin, known as Maine's Masonic artist, died July 8 of last year.

Brother Morin's 6'x4' Masonic painting, *"Living Our History,"* was displayed for two months at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia in 2008.

Brother Morin is well remembered as a Mason who shared his personal skills with and for the betterment of Masonry.



*Presentation Photo by Patrick Bruce*

## ***Maine Mason Assumes Vows of Franciscan Friar***

Brother Matthew M. Ryder, a Past State Master Councilor of the Maine DeMolay Association and a 25+-year member of Presumpscot Lodge #70, recently became a 1<sup>st</sup> Order Franciscan friar as a Novitiate in the Order of St. Francis.

During the past two years as both a candidate and postulant he spoke with his formation counselors about how his involvement with DeMolay and love of Freemasonry was a big part of his journey toward choosing to live a religious life.

Brother Matthew is currently based in the Washington DC area and volunteers as a Chaplain at INOVA Alexandria Hospital not far from the George Washington National Masonic Memorial where he provides emotional and spiritual support to patients and family members from many different faith traditions. Bro. Matthew explains that his membership in Freemasonry has enriched his prayer with people who are not Christian. For that he is most grateful.

The Order of St. Francis is an Apostolic Christian religious order within the Anglican Communion in communion with the See of Canterbury. Rather than living in an enclosed communal setting, OSF Brothers live independently in different parts of the world, with ministries based on the needs of local communities. Members are baptized men who have been confirmed within the Anglican Communion who voluntarily commit to live by a set of professed vows for a term of years or for life.

As a Franciscan, Bro. Matthew always wears the Tau cross and often remembers the connection between the Tau and Freemasonry. While he has chosen to devote his life to the Franciscan way, he quickly acknowledges he will always be proud of his family's long history with Freemasonry and how it has shaped his journey toward becoming a friar.



# A Travelling Man

By Bro. Ed Tooma  
Rising Virtue Lodge #10 - Bangor

Remember the song “I’ve Been Everywhere Man” by the great Hank Snow? Sometimes I feel that way myself. I’ve been a traveling man for 50 plus years and have set foot in many lodges around the world.

My very first experience attending a foreign lodge was in Berlin (West) Germany, known at that time as the Divided City, or the Four Powers City. The lodge was Outpost No. 46. I still remember the Worshipful Master wearing a Turban which I thought was rather strange at first sight. Mainly because it was different from what I had been used to seeing.

While stationed in Bremerhaven, Germany, I visited the North Sea Armed Forces Lodge No. 829. This was my first experience watching a degree in the German language. Surprisingly, I was able to follow along. Armed



Forces Lodge has since relocated to Bremen, Germany.

And, in the Republic of Korea, I had the opportunity to meet with brethren at MacArthur Lodge N183, named after General Douglas MacArthur.

Here stateside, I have been in lodges from Bangor, Maine to Washington, DC to right here in the Commonwealth of Virginia where I now reside. I guess what I am trying to say is - take the opportunity every chance you have to visit your lodge, and other District Lodges - not to forget neighboring jurisdictions.

Can visitation be a learning experience? Absolutely! Although our rituals are pretty much identical, it is amazing to watch and listen as others interpret their own delivery style.

Rather impressive to say the least.

And, fine-tuned degree work makes for an everlasting memory.

Do yourself a favor and round up some Brothers, map out places you have never been too, and go for it. Then, you too can say “I’ve Been Everywhere Man.”



Pictured from left: Bro. Bruce Adams, Wor. Steve Cobbett, Daddy O’s owners Aaron and Amanda Ouelette, an unnamed helper and Wor. Skip Mowatt.

Brethren of Paris Lodge #94, South Paris, rolled up their collective sleeves to help respond to need as a result of Covid 19. They donated \$500, received a match from the Charitable Foundation, and requested an additional donation for Daddy O’s Restaurant. That totaled \$2500 which provided approximately 300-400

meals. Recipients had a choice of four meals and Daddy O’s owners Aaron and Amanda Ouelette asked only two questions; how are you doing and how many meals do you want? Additionally the Ouelettes kept two unlocked freezers in their entry and told everyone “if you need meals, just take them.” A great effort by all!

# A Short Personal Treatise on the Power of Symbols

By Bro. and Dr. Charles W. Plummer, Ph.D.

It is the impact that symbols are having today on human behavior, not only in our country but in others as well, that has motivated me to write this short personal treatise that I like to think would be timely. It is my hope that it will broaden the reader's understanding of the important role that symbols play in our daily lives, especially as it relates to decision-making.

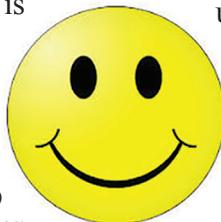
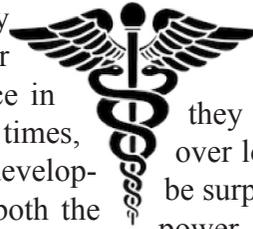
Symbols have aptly been described as "profound expressions of human nature" and we see this on a daily basis when we read the newspapers and watch the evening news on television. They have occurred in many world cultures over eons of time and from their first appearance in the Paleolithic cave paintings to modern times, they have played an important role in the development of human culture and, I would add, both the good and the bad. However, I think that it is important that we should not overlook the fact that symbols are much more than what has been described as "cultural artifacts" because they do send us powerful messages that impact our intellect, our emotions, and our spiritual life.

It is my personal belief that because we become so habituated to the fact that human communication depends in large measure on the use of written and spoken words, as well as the use of pictures, images and gestures, that we have lost sight of the fact that symbols are representations of our world of reality that we make consciously and that we might say are "readily recognizable echoes of objects, actions, and concepts that are everywhere in the world that we live in and that influence our emotions and our decision-making." However having said that, I think that it is important that we do not overlook the fact that another important aspect of symbolism that may be less explicit is that it has a strong relationship to our psychological and spiritual world and can be thought of as "a deep intuitive wisdom that at times is somewhat difficult to express."

The power of symbols was recognized by older civilizations. They used them in their myths, rituals, art and religious practices. The use and significance of symbols has not diminished in modern times and are still used in art, literature, and film. They are also used both subliminally and cynically in advertisements and in the images and rhetoric of political campaigns. The well-known psychologist and psychotherapist Dr. Carl Gustav Jung, who studied the importance of symbols in one's psychological life, distinguished symbols from what he labeled "the consciously interpretation in one's everyday life." In his words, "a symbol becomes a personal challenge to our thoughts and feelings."

As it relates to the power of symbols, they tend to accumulate their meanings slowly over long periods of time. Therefore it should not be surprising that there is a connection between the power of symbols and their antiquity. This is because so-called primitive societies lived their lives in a world where warmth, food, shelter, sunshine, rain and sex were very important to survival. Coupled with these needs was an instinct to find meanings that would make sense to them of the necessities on which their lives depended. This led to the creation of myths and symbols that are associated with them that still resonate with power in today's societies. It is my belief that this, in part, explains why even ancient symbols appear to be full of potential energy as if they are addressing some hidden center within the minds of human beings today.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not express my personal belief that the interpretation of the meaning of symbols is a very personal thing because their interpretation depends in large measure on one's life experiences. Therefore no single interpretation can apply. I also believe this is true of the symbols that are a part of the Masonic ritual. I fully realize that there is much more that can be written about the power of symbols and I will continue to study them and explore the impact that they can have on the human psyche, including my own.



# Are You Rite Minded?



No, Freemasonry is not asking about your political persuasion – right or left, or your party of choice. That’s your personal business, which should not be discussed in Lodge. What’s being asked is “Are you of the mind to pursue more light in Masonry?” In Freemasonry, we have two “Rites” – the York Rite and the Scottish Rite, each with its own solemn ceremonies, social customs or practices, and customary observances, *i.e.* rites. Master Masons are eligible to join either the York or Scottish Rites, or both, and of course they may also become Shriners. There are so many exciting ways for Masons to pursue opportunities for more light, service and brotherhood in our great fraternity in addition to being active in our Masonic Lodges.

During the COVID-19 era when in-person meetings were off limits, the Scottish Rite presented several degrees on-line for members to watch on their computers. And thousands did...every week; hundreds more asked to have their membership reinstated so they could watch the degrees; and other Masons asked if they could conveniently begin their Scottish Rite journey at home or locally with other Scottish Rite Masons by watching these

professionally produced degree presentations.

Now, as we are hopefully exiting the COVID-shutdown period, the Scottish Rite of Maine is planning a variety of opportunities to become a Scottish Rite Mason and to witness many of the 29 Scottish Rite degrees, each depicting a core value of our fraternity. These beautiful and poignant degrees span events from the building of King Solomon’s Temple, through the formation of our country and World War II.

There are six Scottish Rite Valleys (or regional lodges) in Maine. Their degree plans as of the date of this *Maine Mason* are listed below, along with information on how to contact the Valleys to register as a candidate. This information, constantly updated with times and details, is also available on the Grand Lodge calendar at [www.Mainemason.org](http://www.Mainemason.org) and the Scottish Rite website <https://scottishritenmj.org/>. Members and candidates may also experience the degrees this fall at three Virtual Reunions with the degrees viewable at home or in other venues via your computers).

Master Masons may apply for membership or reinstatement as a Scottish Rite Mason by contacting the local Valley Secretary. Applications may also be completed on-line at <https://scottishritenmj.org/membership-application>.

## **Saturday, October 24**

Degrees – 4th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 25th and 32<sup>nd</sup>

### **Multi-Valley Reunion in Portland Masonic Temple**

**Valley of Portland**, 415 Congress St.

Contact: Brad Blake – 207-772-7711 –  
[Secretary@ValleyofPortland.org](mailto:Secretary@ValleyofPortland.org)

**Valley of the Androscoggin**, 1021 Turner St., Auburn

Contact: Kenneth Richardson – 207-577-2182 –  
[Krichard150@roadrunner.com](mailto:Krichard150@roadrunner.com)

**Valley of Augusta**, 317 Water St. Augusta

Contact: Robert Smith – 207-778-3066 –  
[AugustaValleySecretary@gmail.com](mailto:AugustaValleySecretary@gmail.com)

**Valley of Rockland**, 456 Main St., Rockland

Contact: William Chapman – 207- 236-2468 –  
[RocklandValleyScottishRite@gmail.com](mailto:RocklandValleyScottishRite@gmail.com)

**Saturday, Sept. 19th** – 4th, 5th and 22nd Degrees

**Valley of Bangor**, 294 Union St. – 8:00 am

Registration Contact: Guy Chapman – 207-942-0144  
– [GFCNBC@BangorValley.org](mailto:GFCNBC@BangorValley.org)

**Saturday, November 7th** – Degrees to be determined

**Valley of Aroostook**, 230 State Street, Presque Isle

Contact: Lee Oliver – 297-538-7119 –  
[trestleboard96@yahoo.com](mailto:trestleboard96@yahoo.com)

### **Saturday, Virtual (computer-based) Reunions**

(open to all members and candidates)

Degrees may be witnessed at home or in designated Masonic Halls. Ask a Valley contact about hosting degrees in your Lodge Hall.

**October 3rd** – 4th, 6th, 15th and 23rd Degrees

**October 24th** – 4th, 17th, 19th and 26th Degrees

**November 14th** – 4th, 12th, 29th and 31st Degrees

# Making Good Men Better...

By Donald McDougal

That is a phrase we often hear and use but how does it impact us as individuals? So, I thought I would do a quick online search. I typed that into a common search engine and was amazed to have over four and a quarter billion results appear in just seconds. To check those numbers I tried again a second day and over three billion results appeared.

**Lodgeeltnam.com** emphasized the “Freemasonry does not focus on creed or color. It focuses on those ideals which should be in the heart of all civilized men.”

**Braclodge9470.com** said that the focus of Freemasonry is “growth in character, morality, truth, and justice. By caring and helping another you simultaneously improve your own qualities.”

**Quora website**, a discussion forum, hosted the following question (one we all too often hear) and answers:

Q -“Why is the Masonic motto ‘Making Good Men Better’ when the public watches a man, with Masonic patches, rings, and logo on car, engage in ...” (followed by a long list of uncomplimentary behaviors)?

A few answers which were given: (some rather harsh indictments)

“Making Good Men Better is more of an advertising slogan than a motto.”

“Not every Mason is really a Mason.”

“ ‘We make good men better’. It’s not true it’s not a lie. We, as Masons, do not make ‘anyone’ better. If they do not earnestly desire and strive to be better...Masonry can do nothing for them.”

“It is up to the brethren of the lodge to provide tools for personal improvement. If the tools of a Mason are used incorrectly, or left to rust in the rain, there is little recourse.”

Medium.com posted “Making good men better is to extract the essence of the Masonic experience. The ritual and ceremony serve to convey and teach certain moral lessons....”

The very first Masonic Lecture we each heard as a candidate during our Entered Apprentice experience contains several allusions to a man’s character. “It was the internal and not the external qualifications of a man which should recommend him to be made a Mason.” “To confirm all things a man plucked off

his shoe and gave it to his neighbor and that was a testimony in Israel.” We “are under one more tie to” (fellow Masons) “than to the rest of mankind.” “You were in the hands of a true and trusty friend in whose **fidelity** you might with safety confide.” “The right hand was said by the ancients to be the seat of **fidelity**.” “They had a deity they worshipped by the name of **Fides**...represented by two right hands joined, at other times by two human figures holding...by the right hands.” “ But we, as Free and Accepted Masons, make use of the right hand in token of our sincerity and as a pledge of **our fidelity**....”

We heard the words **Fides** and **fidelity** used four different times in that first Masonic lecture.

The authors of our ritual must have thought those two words particularly important in the makeup of a man’s character. A quick check in a dictionary brings up:

Fides – Roman Goddess implying confidence & trustworthiness.

and Fidelity – noun, strict observance of promises & duties, dependability, integrity, trustworthiness.



A temple to Fides was built on Capitoline Hill in the mid 300’s AD. In that temple treaties and important documents were signed and displayed. Britannica.com says that an annual celebration was held in her honor. The conducting priest performed the event with his right hand wrapped in white cloth. It was shielded “because it was considered as consecrated when used to swear fidelity” and “was liable to the wrath of heaven if the fidelity was violated.” She was considered “patroness of all agreements entered into with a gesture of the right hand.” Her concern was to monitor our personal integrity and to see that we followed through on all of our commitments large or small.

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## Euclid Lodge Supports Food Cupboard



Members of Euclid Lodge #194, Madison, presented a \$1,500 check to the *People Who Care Food Cupboard* on July 29 to assist them in their work in the community. Wor. James Owens, Secretary of the lodge, along with Bro. Lewis Bryson and RW Robert Ward, made the presentation to the director of the food cupboard, Shannon Blouin Drury accompanied by Cassandra Williams and Janice Parlin. Euclid Lodge thanks the generous donor of these funds as well as the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation, making this project possible.

## Good Men

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John Adams, @ [csun.edu](https://www.csun.edu) wrote that “Fides” was the first virtue of human character to be considered a god in Rome. To them, Fides was an absolute necessity in the character of a person and in “all social and political” interactions. Violations involved both religious and legal concerns and actions.

Dictionary interpretations of Fides & Fidelity include such traits as: loyalty, dependability, trust, trustworthiness, reliability, honesty, and integrity. We often hear laments that these characteristics of personal integrity are lacking in modern human cultures. Stephen M.R Covey, a business consultant and author of *Speed of Trust* says that “Trust is on the decline in our culture at large. It is significantly lower than a generation ago. Research shows that just 49% of employees trust management and only 28% believe CEO’s are a

believable source of information. The World is experiencing a crisis of Trust.” In place of fidelity, we employ bureaucratic checks-and-balances. A 2004 estimate put the cost of compliance with governmental rules and regulations, put in place because of lack of trust, at \$1,100,000,000 - \$1.1 trillion - slightly more than 10% of our gross domestic product. He goes on to say that trust, “the one thing that changes everything”, is “born of two dimensions: character and competence both essential in the emerging global economy.”

PGM Brother Walter Macdougall says “Humanity needs the principles of Freemasonry now more than ever.” Our Ritual was written to “Focus on the ideals which should be in the heart of all civilized men.” Many lodges close with a statement that “Every human being has a claim on your kind offices.” Is this just a feel good slogan? Are the Ideals conveyed by our Ritual being left to “Rust in the Rain”? It may be time for Masons, collectively, to share those ideals embraced by our Ritual with all Humankind.

# Social Media: Why Do We need a Policy?

By Bro. Daniel E. Bartlett  
R.W. Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Lodge of Maine Social Media Policy originated in June 2013 and is the same today as it was seven years ago when then Grand Master Ross issued it. At that point in time he was concerned by the increase of insulting rhetoric of general disrespect towards institutions and individuals and noted in his Grand Master's address at the following Annual Communication "A subject that sorely bothers me..." and spoke of his deep concern about the social media conduct of Masons. It was apparent that without guidance and direction there was a likelihood of a Brother's social media posting unintentionally bringing discredit to the Fraternity and to all those associated with it.

That occurs because there are those in society who are made bold by the impersonal nature of social media. They find pleasure in pointing out in a negative manner what that individual perceives as an affront to their personal beliefs or values, without having to worry about consequences for such postings. It is amazingly easy to be negative when you are looking at a screen rather than looking the person in the eyes. They may find humor in someone else proliferating negative or inappropriate statements -or worse- they agree with hateful or extreme postings. They have a larger audience on social media than they would when talking to someone in the Post Office.

Consider for a moment the process to make a personal statement on any topic prior to the early 2000s. Personal computers had been around for about 20 years, but you still needed to write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper or send an email to a circle of your peers. And, maybe you wrote that letter in a moment of frustration or anger and by the time you went to put it in the envelope to mail it you had time to consider your words. Many people given that time would soften the tone of what they were trying to say. By 2013 there were already over a billion users of Facebook and YouTube and so with one angry or frustration fueled rant, one could potentially reach thousands of people. What an impact! It may take a few days to spread that far but once you send it, it is out there, and you cannot get it back.

One would think that in our Fraternity, we would have only thoughtful, caring men who would consider their words

and choose them carefully to make a point. Prior to accepting them into our midst, they were investigated by a committee of Masons and found to be good upstanding men.

Unfortunately, these types of postings are not a good reflection of their character. While most Freemasons circumscribe their desires and keep their passions within due bounds, there is an occasional straying from that precept and there is a hateful and vicious statement made. Or, a "sharing" of a post that is hateful or demeaning. There are many people in this world who make a living crafting these types of posts specifically to incite others. As that type of statement when posted on social media circulates, it is not read by just Freemasons.

Remember, once it is posted or sent, you cannot get it back.

There will be those who will speak about their

Constitutional rights and that the Fraternity is infringing on those rights. I would offer without equivocation that there is no infringement on anyone's Constitutional rights. The First Amendment makes it unconstitutional for government to suppress speech and expression with certain limitations, i.e., obscenity, perjury, incitement to lawless action etc. The Fraternity has a standard of behavior that

all of us chose to abide by of our own free will and accord. If a Brother feels the tenets of Freemasonry conflict with his personal beliefs and desires, that Brother is free to take a Demit and end his association with Freemasonry. There is no forced march here.

As men who are proud of our affiliation with the Fraternity, many have photographs of themselves wearing regalia or a shirt with their lodge name prominently displayed on their social media pages. If that Mason posts a hateful or inappropriate statement or photograph, there is an implied connection between the Fraternity and the hateful or inappropriate post.

Perception is reality for everybody, and the reader of that offensive post has likely made an association between the two. The individual who posted it is secondary now. That Mason has probably unintentionally but nonetheless painted Freemasons with that brush of negativity, hate and anger.

Let me give you a few examples of social media posts that cross the lines of decency which we as Freemasons earnestly subscribe to...

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# WWII Vet Honored on 95th Birthday



Brother Les Ames was honored February 1 with a celebration of his 95th birthday. Brother Ames, a WW II veteran wounded in the Battle of the Bulge, was a 72-year Maine Mason. He was raised in Amity Lodge #6 in Camden on March 5, 1948 and was a member of Federal Lodge of Rockport when he passed away April 18 at Togus VA Medical Center. Pictured here with Brother Ames are RW Brother Don Pratt and MW Brother Mark Rustin.

## Social Media

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Dozens of photos of naked women that would easily be considered pornographic.

Posts of World War II German soldiers, including one of a Nazi soldier pointing a handgun at the head of a naked woman standing in front of him.

A post threatening to gather a group together to attack and physically assault an 18-year-old woman and her peers at an event she was organizing because he did not agree with her politics.

Posts threatening duly elected public officials from all political parties with violence or repulsive name calling.

Those posts were found on social media accounts of Maine Masons and brought to the attention of leadership. The Grand Secretary and office staff spend their time and energies on many important duties and surfing through Mason's social media accounts is certainly not on that list. Many may not wish to believe that a Maine Mason would behave in such a manner and while it is not an everyday occurrence, it does occur. When it does, it needs to have a light shone upon it and it needs to be addressed for what it is, conduct unbecoming a Mason. That light is always illuminated by a Brother or

community member questioning the appropriateness of a post.

We must also acknowledge that there are times when a social media post lands in a gray area and is not as easy to categorize as posts containing nudity, racism, or violence. I believe we can all agree that a Mason whose posts include these needs to be confronted. For those in the gray area it may be more challenging to address but a conversation needs to be started with the author of the post to determine his motivation.

While the policy has not changed, the enforcement and response varies from Grand Master to Grand Master ranging from a letter or phone call suggesting a modification of the offenders social media posting up to zero tolerance for violations resulting in suspension from the Fraternity.

In a boiled down version of the Social Media Policy, if you would not say it or show it in open lodge with your Brethren, to your mother, sister or daughter or allow someone else to show it to them, you likely should not put it on your social media page. It really can be that easy.

We all lead by example in our everyday lives. How we conduct ourselves is observed not just by our Brethren, but also our children, families, co-workers and community members. We have the ability and responsibility every day to make determined efforts to lead positively from a moral and upright place, or not. The choice is yours.

Think before you post!

# Stratton Mason Sings for Others' Suppers

For 11 years Vern Bean, secretary of Mount Bigelow Masonic Lodge # 202 in Stratton, performed over the Memorial Day weekend with his band "Foggy and Friends" at the Plaza Hotel to benefit the Stratton-Eustis Food Pantry.

This year, for the 12th annual event, he was not able to do things as usual due to the Coronavirus restrictions. Instead, he coordinated with Wor. Brother Peter Farnsworth, Master of Mount Bigelow Lodge, to make this a Lodge fundraiser. Working also with both the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation for matching grants and the Stratton-Eustis Lions Club President, Sally Iverson, Brother Bean held a virtual fundraiser.

With the support of the members of both the Masonic Lodge and Lions Club, this was the annual event's most successful fundraising effort to date. At a recent Lions Club meeting, Bean presented a check for \$3,546.97 to Chris Hobbs, Lions Club Stratton-Eustis Food Pantry manager.

The virtual event raised \$1,546.97 in donations with the first thousand dollars matched by the Charitable Foundation with two dollars for every one dollar collected using two different matching grant categories.



Mount Bigelow Lodge Secretary, Vern Bean, presents a check for \$3,546.97 from his virtual "Foggy and Friends" concert fundraiser to Chris Hobbs, Lions Club Pantry manager.

*Photo by Emerson Dyer*

Bean said, "I would like to thank everyone who helped put this fundraiser together and especially all the Masonic Brethren and Lions Club members who promoted the event and made donations in these difficult times."

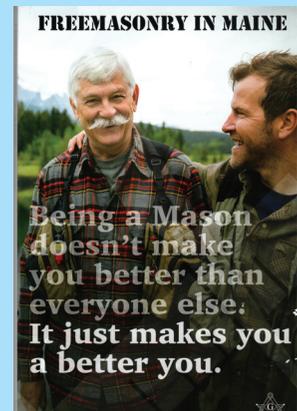
"The Food Pantry has served many more families than usual in the past months and this donation really helps," added Hobbs.

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# Three Years and Counting...includes

By Ken Bustard

Ralph J. Pollard Lodge #117, Orrington

This begins my third year as a Master Mason, currently occupying the Junior Warden chair with the East not far away. My initial goal of reflecting on my first year as a Master Mason never transpired as I was still processing and struggling with adequately articulating my Masonic experience to that point. Admittedly, I occasionally questioned if this was a path I wanted to continue.

The past two plus years have been a Masonic whirlwind. I reflect on the time learning the “EA Charge” and my first time reciting it at an actual EA Degree. Volunteering to oversee the Hunters Breakfast, Orrington Old Home Days float and helping with Bikes for Books as well as putting up and taking down the flags throughout Orrington. There have been so many activities and projects in our very active lodge – too numerous to mention. Clearly, opportunities have been there....

Joining the Widows Sons fueled my Masonic enthusiasm. Getting to know and working alongside many more brothers than are active at our blue lodge, I saw the best, and occasionally the “not so best,” of Masonic brothers. I observed brothers who genuinely live the tenets of Masonry, meeting on the square and parting on the level. Then there was that occasional brother lacking the necessary humility to do so, or the couple incidents that were contrary to Masonic teachings. Masonry, like every organization and institution, is made up of imperfect men – some, most actually,



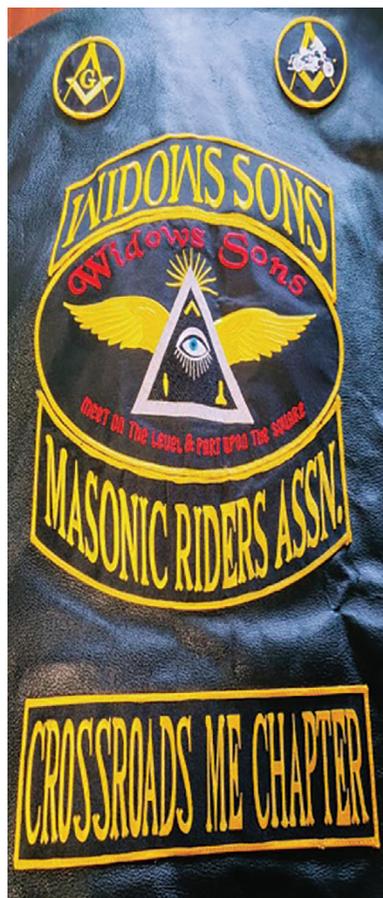
striving to be better.

This past year, I experienced the true essence of Masonry and now use that single experience when talking to others who are curious or interested in the Craft. My older sister, who lives in Ozark, Missouri, had purchased a home, allowing her to finally leave a bad housing situation.

Her husband, unfortunately, had become disabled. During one of our weekly phone calls, she shared her concern about how she was going to move to the new home, with limited financial means and her husband’s physical challenges. I encouraged her not to worry, that I would fly out and somehow we would get it done.

I did something that was a first, and far outside my comfort zone... I reached out to Masonic brothers, whom I did not know, for assistance. Posting a brief “request” on the Missouri Widows Sons Facebook page, I shared my situation. Literally within the hour, Brother Tony Thomason of the Missouri Widows Sons Mystic Tie Chapter was in touch. We communicated over the next few weeks.

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, my nephew who also lives in Ozark, along with seven Widows Sons from Mystic Tie Chapter were at my sister’s house with pickups and



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# Widows Sons and Brotherly Love

trailers. Four hours later, furniture and personal belongs were successfully moved to their new home. My nephew, a young Harley Davidson enthusiast, experienced his first interaction with Masons and Widows Sons. My sister and brother-in-law were in awe as they watched their possessions handled as if by professional movers, not a single thing broken. She later posted on her Facebook page “What an amazing weekend we had. By 11:00 the Widows Sons group from the Mason Lodge in Branson along with Ken and my oldest son Warren had us moved out of the duplex...It was interesting meeting them because we never felt like we were meeting strangers. It was like family. We got so many hugs... these men gave not expecting anything back. They will be blessed by the Lord for doing that...I just know they showed us more Christian love than we have experienced in a long time.”

A part of me will forever reside in Ozark, MO, the “Show Me” state. Now, show me one other organization, where such an experience would happen — where a man can reach across state lines, and hear only “Thank you for reaching out – we will be there.” I cannot begin to measure the impact this had me, my family and so many others whom I shared it with.

I have belonged to various organizations, many faith based, over the years. I have been stranded, in other states, with need for assistance – which at times never came or was difficult at best. How many times I have wondered how much different things would have been during those years, had I been a Mason.

Masons, and certainly Widows Sons, don’t just talk the talk. We are a true brotherhood that “Walks the Walk.” Where do I see my future in Masonry? Kick Stands Up all the way....headed to the East.



Mystic Tie Widows Sons Chapter brethren from Ozark, Missouri.



Wor. Basil Pottle receives his 50-year Veterans Medal.



RW Roy Kilby receives his 50-year Veterans Medal.



Wor. Wayne Seeley receives his 40-year service award.

## ***Veteran Masons Honored at St. Croix Lodge***

St. Croix Lodge #46, Calais, opened up in August to conduct business while practicing social distancing. This meant giving out long-overdue Service Awards representing more than 140 years of service to the Craft. The awards were presented by RW Brother Jamey Gower, DDGM/2, pictured left in each photo. Right in all photos is Wor. Richard Ramsey. Master of St. Croix Lodge. Shown here receiving 50-year Veterans Medals were Wor. Brother Basil Pottle and RW Brother Roy Kilby, PDDGM/2. Receiving a 40-year Service Award was Wor. Brother Wayne Seeley. Milestones for sure.

## Coffee with Veterans and Masons of the 18th Masonic District



Saco Lodge brethren at January 5th veterans coffee. From left: RW Michael Tremblay, Wor. Steve Polley, Wor. Andrew Nightingale, Wor. Justin Galipeau and Wor. Dave Perkins.

### **By RW Brother Michael Tremblay DDGM/18**

We are privileged to have a great Veterans' Home in Scarborough. It has been the custom for many years that on the first Sunday each month, brethren from lodges of the 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District gather with veterans there for coffee and donuts.

Our veterans are among the most important people in our lives. They joined and served to keep watch and fight to preserve our freedoms. Because of confidentiality concerns at the Veterans Home we are not able to learn which residents are Masons, but we frequently meet one as we did when Saco Lodge #9 visited in January.

The home is a great place when a veteran needs the special care provided there. When visiting lodge members indicate their

Armed Service branch, great discussions with residents often occur.

As DDGM/18 I congratulate all District 18 lodges for their continued support of this program, and hope many lodges in other districts become involved in this program to show all our veterans that Masons truly appreciate their service.



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9/12/2020	District 7	Union Lodge #31, Union	time TBD
9/17/2020	District 20	King Hiram Lodge #57, Dixfield	7:00 PM
9/19/2020	District 6	Bangor Masonic Center, Bangor	9:00 AM
9/22/2020	District 18	Dunlap Lodge #47, Biddeford	7:30 PM
9/29/2020	District 12	Messalonskee Lodge #113, Oakland	7:30 PM
10/3/2020	District 17	Presumpscot Lodge #70, Windham	1:30 Rededication, 2:00 Meeting
10/6/2020	District 10	Alna-Anchor Lodge #43, Damariscotta	7:30 PM
10/8/2020	District 13	Euclid Lodge #194, Madison	7:30 PM
10/10/2020	District 15	Kemankeag Lodge #213, Rangeley	2:00 PM
10/16/2020	District 24	Location TBD	time TBD
10/17/2020	District 1	Trinity Lodge #130, Presque Isle	7:00 PM
10/20/2020	District 8	Belfast Lodge #24	7:30 PM
10/22/2020	District 19	Naval Lodge #184, Kittery	7:30 PM
10/28/2020	District 11	Morning Star Lodge #41, Litchfield	7:30 PM
11/12/2020	District 16	Pythagorean Lodge #11, Fryeburg.	7:30 PM
12/5/2020	District 14	Location TBD	7:00 PM
12/12/2020	District 23	Webster Lodge #164 at Auburn Hall	7:30 PM

*If you have information missing in the above list or have not yet responded, please do so ASAP.*

*I can be contacted at [mainegrandmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:mainegrandmarshall@gmail.com) (yes, 2 l's in marshall).*

*The calendar is filling fast. Please check the Grand Masters calendar on the Grand Lodge of Maine website for updates.*