

# Saco Lodge History 2021



Established June 14, 1802

Our year at work has been a busy one and we still have six months to go before a changing of the guards. Some highlights so far: Through high heat and with the leadership and direction of Wor. Justin Galipeau, we helped the Seeds of Hope in Biddeford do landscaping, install a window, flowerpots, and a picnic table. We Contributed to the United Baptist Church by donating \$2,000 so they can complete various projects. We raised the Mayor of Saco, Bro. William Doyle to the sublime degree of a Master Mason and had our annual inspection. Led by one of our newest Master Masons we handed out holiday baskets to 14 local members and sent Christmas cards to the remaining 17 of them. Regrettably, we performed six Masonic funerals for members, friends, and fathers who passed to the celestial lodge above.

They are worth mentioning again:

Bro. David Smart

Bro. Thomas Bayley

RW Richard Clark, PDDGM, PM Saco 1980, 1997

Wor. William Kimball, PM Saco Lodge, 1969

Bro. Arthur Prentiss

Wor. Richard Galipeau, PM Harmony Lodge, No. 9, Cranston RI

With three months left before my year is up, adding to the 201 years of Masonry in Maine and 219 years for Saco Lodge we have had some ups and downs. But it feels like we are in the last push of this pandemic that has affected so many. Which has not set us back in any way, only made us more creative and resourceful.

Thank you,

Philip N. Schmidt  
Worshipful Master  
Saco Lodge No. 9

This year we lost 7 brethren in 2021 plus one other in late 2020 to the Celestial Lodge above.



The Evergreen is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By it we are reminded of the immortal soul of man which survives the grave and which will never, never die.  
Brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge Above in 2021

Bro. Donald Edwin Hill – Born February 9, 1927

Initiated to an Entered Apprentice – February 1, 1950

Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft – March 1, 1950

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – May 16, 1950

Died December 18, 2020

Bro. Benjamin L. Smith – Born September 21, 1924

Initiated to an Entered Apprentice February 27, 1948

Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft March 19, 1948

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason June 2, 1948

Died May 4, 2021

Bro. David Carl Smart – Born July 21, 1943 – Affiliated with Saco Lodge January 18, 2003, Lodge Piper

Initiated to an Entered Apprentice December 8, 1966 Nollesemeic Lodge, Millinocket, ME

Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft January 26, 1967

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason March 30, 1967

Died May 29, 2021

Bro. Thomas Russell Bayley - Born September 29, 1959 Affiliated with Saco Lodge March 15, 2021

Initiated to an Entered Apprentice January 27, 1994 Gov. William King Lodge

Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft May 26, 1994

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason June 30, 1994

Died June 27, 2021

RW Richard Elliot Clark - Born December 9, 1929, PM Saco 1981 & 1997, PDDGM 18<sup>th</sup> District

Initiated to an Entered Apprentice October 20, 1959

Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft March 22, 1960

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason April 26, 1960

Died July 27, 2021

Wor. William H. Kimball, Jr - Born February 20, 1929, PM Saco 1966

Initiated to an Entered Apprentice September 6, 1950

Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft October 4, 1950

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason November 15, 1950

Died August 5, 2021

Bro. Arthur P. Prentiss, Jr. - Born November 28, 1929 Affiliated with Saco September 13, 1988

Initiated to an Entered Apprentice February 2, 1951 Mosaic Lodge, Danvers, MA

Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft March 1, 1951

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason April 5, 1951

Died September 7, 2021

Wor. Richard R. Galipeau, Born Feb 19, 1951, PM Harmony Lodge, Cranston, RI, Affiliated Saco May 5, 2014

Initiated to an Entered Apprentice May 10, 1977

Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft September 20, 1977

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason October 20, 1977

Died October 30, 2021



# The Trestleboard

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*Happy New Year!*



## **Master's Message for January** *Worshipful Steven Polley*

From the East,

Brethren,

Happy New Year. It is my sincere hope that we all enjoy a happy and prosperous 2021. I for one am looking forward to this year and my next 6 months serving as Master of Saco lodge.

I want to thank the brethren who took their time out of their Saturday in December to deliver the food bags to our older members as well as those who rang the bell at Biddeford Walmart after Thanksgiving. I hear over \$1,400.00 was earned for the Salvation Army that day thanks to the efforts of Maines 18th district Masons.

Coming up in January we are looking at the possibility of a Fellowcraft degree as well as an EA degree, more information on scheduling to come soon. December was a special Lobster stew night, but for the time being we will not be having dinners just lodge meetings beginning at 7:30 PM. I look forward to seeing you at the stated meeting on January 6th.

Fraternally

Worshipful Steve Polley



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Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft – March 1, 1950  
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – April 25, 1950  
Died July 23, 2020

Bro. Anthony L. Gordon – Born October 28, 1940  
Initiated to an Entered Apprentice January 7, 1986  
Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft March 11, 1986  
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason April 8, 1986  
Died December 2, 2020

Bro. Brett Louis Misenor – Born February 28, 1970  
Initiated to an Entered Apprentice December 18, 2008  
Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft March 10, 2009  
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason March 17, 2009  
Died May 9, 2020

Bro. Timothy Victor- Born June 4, 1936  
Initiated to an Entered Apprentice September 3, 1975  
Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft October 1, 1975  
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason November 18, 1975  
Died January 18, 2020

## 200 Years ago, in Saco Lodge History Grand Lodge of Maine Formation – 1820

In the early part of 1820, Maine was set off from Massachusetts and became a state, and about that same time there was much agitation relative to separating the lodges in Maine from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and forming a Grand Lodge of Maine. In this connection, the Maine lodges met in Portland on September 29, 1819 to discuss the matter and our delegates were Brothers Thatcher, Granger and Calif, and on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1820 the Grand Lodge of Maine was organized.

Saco Lodge accepted the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Maine December 27, 1820.

## **Brethren, Don't forget our Stated Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**

### **Additional Dates to Remember**

**January 6, 2021 – Stated Meeting with Annual Reports from Secretary, Treasurer & Finance Committee.**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> – Fellowcraft Degree**

**February 3, 2021 – Stated Meeting**

**March 3, 2021 – Stated Meeting**

**Monday Nights – Candidate Training Starting at 6:00 PM**



The grave of our first master, RW Jeremiah Hill, is in Woodlawn Cemetery, in Biddeford near the entrance by the Burger King.

RW Jeremiah Hill was Master at Saco Lodge during the years 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1809 and 1810.

Brother Jeremiah Hill served in Col. Edmund Phinney's 18<sup>th</sup> Continental Regiment in 1776. He served as Captain in the Fourth Company. He took part in the Battle of Saratoga. While recovering from smallpox in Boston, he was raised a master mason in St. Andrews Lodge in Boston on July 11, 1776. This lodge has as members such brethren as Paul Revere and John Hancock. After recovering, he moved back to the area, eventually moving to a home on Pierson Lane, in what is now Biddeford. He was one of the few townsfolk who had a college education, a Masters of Art from Harvard.

Jeremiah was the first Federal Collector of Customs for the District of Saco from 1789 to 1804, Town Clerk of Biddeford from 1780 to 1788, Representative in the Legislature in 1809, 1811, 1812 and 1813, and afterwards was one of the Justices of the Court of Sessions for this county before separation from Massachusetts. One unusual event happened to him in 1793, when his uncle, a deacon at the Pool Road Church formally charged him of heresy. The trial ended with him being exonerated.

Bro. Jeremiah Hill was one of the original signers of the petition requesting a lodge be formed in Pepperellboro (Saco). The charter was granted on June 14, 1802. At the first business meeting, RW Bro. Jeremiah was elected to serve as Saco Lodge's first Master and ended up serving seven times.

Twice while Master, he served as a Grand Lodge of Massachusetts representative for the Constitution of new lodges in what would become Maine, Oriental Lodge in Bridgton on 10/17/1804 and Cumberland Lodge in New Gloucester on 09/24/1805.

On October 3, 1805, Jeremiah Hill who had served as Master from the beginning of the lodge made an exceptionally fine speech in which he stated that he did not wish to continue as Master after that year. The speech is an excellent example of the Masonic thought and is interesting in regard to the thinking within the Fraternity at that time and how it has not changed all that much over the years. However, the lodge disregarded his desires and elected him again in 1806. Saco Lodge's first Past Master's jewel was given to R. W. Master, Jeremiah Hill at the expiration of his services on December 11, 1806. He would later serve as Master for two more terms in 1809 and 1810.

On June 13, 1820, the lodge attended the funeral of Brother Jeremiah Hill, who died on June 11, 1820 at the age of 73.

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**Merry Christmas Brethren and Happy New Year,**

A very satisfying project was completed a couple of weeks ago – the delivery of Christmas gift bags to all of our members over the age of ... well, I don't want to embarrass anyone, but there were a total of 28 members that fit this category.

We thank Wor. Dave Perkins, Wor. Jim Pate, and Bro. Jack Neumeyer for their help in delivering the bags.

All of the recipients were pleasantly surprised; some being truly touched by the gesture. Some are anxious to get back to Lodge once they are more comfortable doing so. One unfortunate bit of news was discovered during the deliveries – the death of one of our Brothers only 12 days earlier – Bro. Anthony Gordon.

This project didn't take much time or money, but I think the impact on these members was worthwhile. It also benefits the newer members in meeting the Brother who previously sat in those same chairs and did their part in making our Lodge what it is today. I hope the Lodge is willing to continue this project in the future.

Fraternally, Bro. Steven Joyce

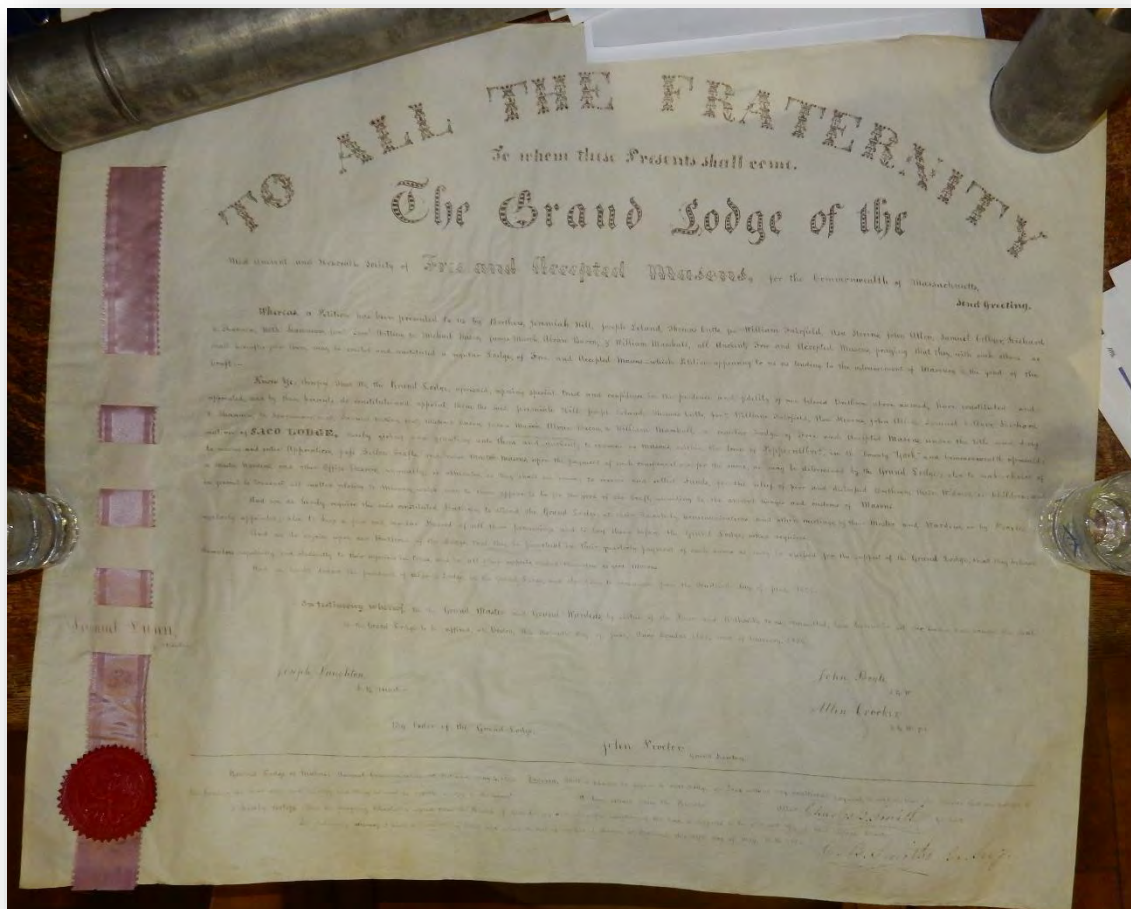




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2021 February



## Master's Message for January Worshipful Steven Polley

From the East

Brethren,

Happy February, As we are now mid-winter my hopes are that all are remaining warm and dry and trying to find a way to enjoy our days the best that we can and staving off the mid winter blues.

In January we hosted Masters and Wardens on Jan 26th and will perform a Fellow Craft Degree the week following. I would like to thank the officers and Brethren who attended and filled in for open chairs allowing our brothers to receive the best degrees possible. We are planning an Entered Apprentice degree for 2 candidates for February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. For the time being we are still suspending dinners prior to Meetings and Degrees. I look forward to seeing you all at our February stated meeting 7:30 start time.

P.S. Anyone interested in an officers chair for 2021 (voting etc will take place in June) feel free to step up, we have many openings and would love to see some new faces in the officers chairs. It is definitely a fulfilling experience and your participation helps to keep Saco Lodge vibrant and alive.

Fraternally,

Worshipful Steve Polley



## Secretary's Message,

This month's cover photo is of our charter. This charter is a copy of the original which was lost in a fire.

The lodge moved to the hall in Batchelder's Block on Cutts Island which housed "The Union", the forerunner of the "Biddeford Journal" and the post office and was on the same site that was later occupied by the Calif Block. The Hall was dedicated February 22, 1853. From September of that year, the Chapter shared the hall with the lodge, each paying its proportional share of the rent.



Fire destroyed this hall and its contents on September 2, 1854. All the property of the lodge including the Charter (with the exception of the records) was lost. As luck would have it, the records were in the care of the Secretary at the time of the fire. He was putting together a history of Saco Lodge.

A special dispensation was granted by the Grand Lodge to continue the meetings in temporary quarters furnished by the Saco Lodge of Odd Fellows. This condition obtained until November 29, 1854, when the lodge moved to the hall above the York Counting Room.

Dispensation granted "Sept. 12, To Saco Lodge at Saco, authorizing them to continue their labors under their present organization, they having lost their Charter by fire."

From the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1855:

On motion of Bro. Burnham, the petition of Saco Lodge for renewal of charter was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

One year later, Bro. Edward P. Burnham would serve as Master of Saco Lodge on his way to becoming Grand Master in 1877 & 1878.

**Brethren,**

One of the most critical functions of a lodge is membership. The past few years has been tough on the overall numbers of members. Current membership stands now at 164. Basically, the same as it was 20 years ago.

Should you know someone (or perhaps several) who may be interested, encourage him (them) to look into joining Saco Lodge.

Since 1802 when the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts granted the charter, Saco Lodge has been active in the community. Jeremiah Hill, our first master, was a Revolutionary War Captain who fought in the battle of Saratoga, was Town Clerk of Biddeford and was a Representative in the Massachusetts legislature. Other charter members also took part in the Revolutionary War, Joseph Leland who fought at Bunker Hill and Ephraim Ridlon (a distant cousin of two Grand Masters MW Wayne Adams 2000\_2002 and MW Charles Ridlon, 2002\_2004) who was aid de camp to Gen. Henry Knox.

Several Saco Lodge members have contributed greatly to the community and have been honored in return.

*Young School – Bro. Theodore Young*

*Linnell Gymnasium – Bro. William Linnell (Thornton Academy)*

*Moody Gymnasium – Bro. Robert Moody (Fairfield School)*

*Cushman Wing – Wor. Howard Cushman (C. K. Burns School)*

Over the years, members have come from all walks of life, from business men, engineers, farmers, doctors and lawyers, owners and employees, many have belonged.

Did you know, nearly 20 years ago in 2001, the lodge held its first Table Lodge of Instruction. The honoree was Wor. Laurence Richard Duross, who was unaware of this fact until his arrival at the Hall that night. Wor. Brother Duross was honored for his service to the lodge and Masonry in several capacities.



Front Row (Left to Right) : RW Chester Chapman,  
Wor. L. Richard Duross, Wor. David Perkins  
(Presiding Master)  
Back Row: Wor. James Pate, Wor. Forrest Tripp,  
RW Richard Clark



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7:30 Meeting (Unless otherwise noted below)**

**Additional Dates to Remember**

**February 3, 2021 – Fellow Craft Degree – 6:30, Stated Meeting afterwards (at 7:30)**

**February 25, 2021 – EA Degree – Note: Meeting Starts at 6:30.**

**March 3, 2021 – Stated Meeting**

**April 7, 2021 – Stated Meeting**

**May 5, 2021 – Stated Meeting**

**June 2, 2021 – Stated Meeting and Election of Officers.**

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*Don't Forget to Spring  
ahead on March 14<sup>th</sup>*



## **Master's Message for March** *Worshipful Steven Polley*

From the East,

Brethren,

Welcome to March. As we begin to approach spring, I am happy to report that Saco lodge is lively and well. At our February stated meeting we performed a Fellowcraft degree, I would like to congratulate all the brethren who were part of the degree as many of you assumed positions other than yours or filled in a chair as a non-officer it was an excellent degree and you should all be proud of your work.

By the time of this reading we will have also Initiated 2 Entered Apprentices on February 25th. We also plan to be doing a Fellowcraft Degree in March and a Past Masters Master Mason degree in April. I am looking forward to the next 4 months serving as your Master.

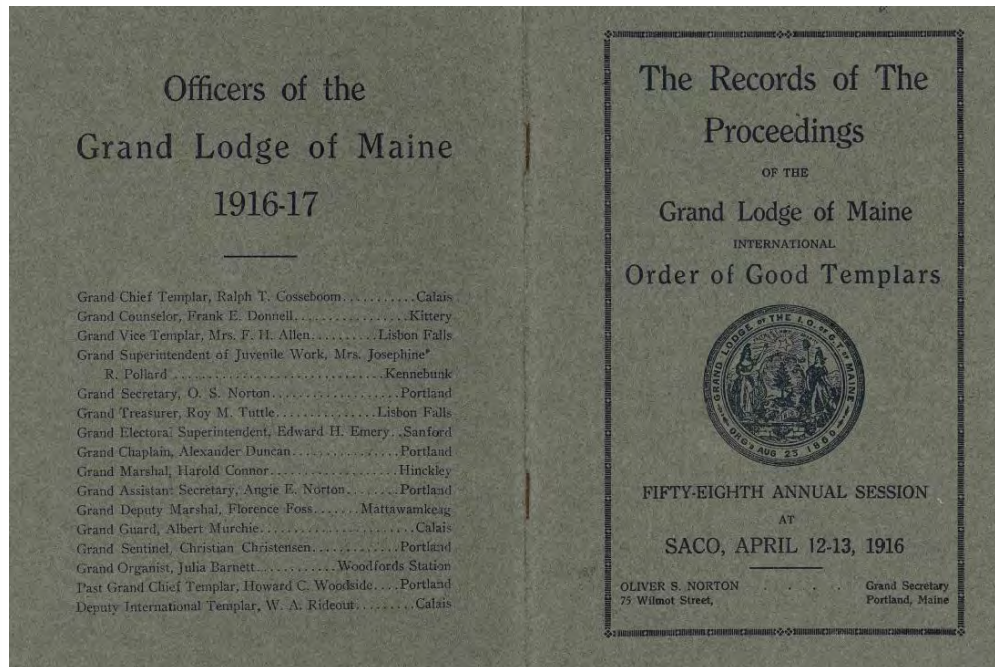
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This was sent to me by an individual who thought it was related to Masonry. Sure sounded like it was, but I was unaware of them. This order's annual session was held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Saco, if it was related to masonry, it would have been held at our hall which was built in 1907. So I thought, must be related to the Odd Fellows. Upon further digging I found it was not related to them either.

From the Scottish Rite Museum web site, "Founded in 1852, with a Grand Lodge of North America organized in 1855, the Independent Order of Good Templars (IOGT) was a total abstinence temperance organization. From its inception, the group accepted men and women equally as members. Women frequently held elected office within the organization. The temperance movement in the United States in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries - with much of its leadership and organization comprised of women - was also aligned with the women's suffrage movement, which led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment one hundred years ago this month."

At the time of this publication, they had 27 lodges throughout 8 counties in Maine. Membership in 1916 was at 1006 members. There appear to be no lodges left in Maine, and only two in New England, both in Connecticut. Who knows why, with women's suffrage, prohibition and repeal of it, may have dealt them fatal blows. Whatever it was, the organization is a shadow of what it once was, all because of the lack of members.

This all brings me back to Masonic membership, statewide we are now at approximately 14,500 members. Continuing our decline. We do have the power to turn it around, so if you know of someone who might be a good Mason, talk to him and introduce him to Saco Lodge.

Some Brethren are already doing this, we have three candidates in the pipeline, with a Master Mason Degree coming up on one of them in April. Hopefully, a Past Master's night. So keep your eyes open, on the announcement.

Fraternally,

Carl Marsano

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**March 14<sup>th</sup> – Day Light Savings begins**

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## March dates in Saco Lodge History

On March 7, 1805 appears the last mention of Pepperellborough, for about that time the name of the town was changed to the former name of Saco by an act of the Massachusetts legislature.

On March 3, 1875, the lodge voted to consent to the forming of a new lodge in Biddeford to be called Palestine Lodge. That lodge was united with Dunlap Lodge at the time the Masonic Block in Biddeford was built, in 1895.

March 13, 1883, the lodge attended the celebration of the seventieth anniversary of York Lodge No. 22 of Kennebunk.

On March 3, 1915 approval was given to form the Lodge at Old Orchard and the next year we gave some of our furniture to the young lodge.

On March 7, 1945, Saco Lodge once again appeared in "full dress after a lapse due to war conditions. Yes, war wasn't over quite yet, but the end was near.

In March 2002, we planned a Fellowship night in which seven potential candidates attended, along with Lauren Fensterstock, the curator of the Saco Museum. Saco Lodge presented a Community Betterment Grant to Lauren to assist the museum with the Saco Lodge Bicentennial Display. From this fellowship night, we had two future brothers attending.



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From the South:

Brethren,

Thank you to all of those who supported the lodge for the last FC degree, I think we all did a fantastic job and look forward to the two candidates at the end of this month.

I wanted to leave you all with an exert from "The Level and The Square" by Brother Rob Morris, Poet Laureate of Freemasonry written in August 1854:

“We meet upon the Level, though from every station come,  
The rich man from his palace and the poor man from his home;  
For the rich must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door,  
And the poor man finds his best respect upon the Checkered Floor.”

This sentiment is also echoed in the second EA lecture, “...masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.”

Thank you,  
Bro. Phil Schmidt



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2008 PM Night



2015 PM Night

## Master's Message for April

Brethren,

We are now officially in the spring of 2021 and one full year since Saco lodge was closed due to the ever-mentioned virus that has plagued our population. We are still wearing masks in lodge and practicing all the other socially distanced guidance and Edicts. We are still meeting and beginning discussions around holding events and gatherings, though none have been officially scheduled I am hopeful that we can ramp up social and charitable events to the level we have enjoyed in the past.

Saco Lodge is continuing to be a beehive of Masonic activity, and I am proud to report that we have recently initiated two Entered Apprentices and we are in the midst of planning a Past Masters Master Mason Degree on April 29th. The conference of this degree in April has been a Saco Lodge tradition since the 1880's so let's make an extra effort to fill the sidelines and cheer on our Past masters while they perform what I expect will be an exemplary degree. Welcoming our Brother Ralph (Jack) Neumyer into the ranks of many esteemed Brethren raised as Master Masons in April During Past Masters Night. We will be serving dinner at 6:30 prepared by the Eastern Star ladies and degree at 7:30. Be on the lookout for emails for an upcoming Fellowcraft degree, no date is determined yet but I expect it will be soon.

Finally, I look forward to seeing the Brethren at the April stated meeting 6:30 dinner 7:30 Meeting.

Fraternally,

Worshipful Steve Polley





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**Photo Albums**

- 2013 Year 41 photos
- 2017 Year 12 photos
- 2016 Year 2 photos
- 2001 Year 7 photos
- 2002 Year 12 photos
- 2004 5 photos
- Lodge Hall 4 photos
- Officer Photos 23 photos
- 2007 13 photos

**Files**

- 2018 Trestleboards - Newsletters for the Year
- 2019 Trestleboards - Andrew Nightingale Master
- 2020 - June 2021 Trestleboards - Steve Polley - Master
- History Folder - Compilations of Lodge Histories and Individuals
- Lodge Activities - Active Events During Year
- Past Trestleboards - Trestleboards from the Past
- Trestleboards - Previous Years Trestleboards

- Folder - File - Public - Any Freemasons - Lodge Members Only

Most of the files and folders are available even if you don't sign in, which also makes it a great recruiting tool. Have someone who is a potential candidate check it out, and they will get a better understanding of our lodge.

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Fraternally,

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Brethren,

Saco Past Master's Raised in April, likely on PM night. I say likely since none of which were on a Stated Meeting Night.

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Wor. Gordon Workman was Master that year when Wor. Steve Polley was Raised.



## From 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet



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\*Edgar H. Pellerin, 1928; Lionel R. Cartwright, 1929

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Hutchinson, 1938; Louis A. Patriquin, 1939; Charles S. Towle, 1940

BACK ROW, left to right:  
Arthur T. Dixon, 1941; Ralph H. Meserve, 1942-43; H. Thompson Stackpole, 1944; Charles E. Clark, 1945; Lawrence N. Emerson, 1946; Philip E. Graves, 1947; Clement L. Taylor, 1948;  
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## Lineup for Night RW Richard Clark was Raised

*Past Masters Night 26 April 1960*

OPEN: WOR. Ralph C. Lamb  
1st Sect. WOR. RONALD K. TRIPP  
2nd Sect WOR. Ralph H. Meserve  
Lecturer  
Closing R. WOR. Edward P. Johnson  
S. WARDEN WOR. Joseph J. Stirling  
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SECRETARY WOR. RUFUS L. DOE  
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SR. STEWARD WOR. CHARLES S. TOWLE  
JR. STEWARD R. WOR. THOS. H. HOOPER  
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1st Gate R. WOR. FRED E. CLARK  
2nd Gate WOR. RALPH C. LAMB  
3rd Gate WOR. LAWRENCE N. EMERSON  
Speaking F. C. WOR. EDWARD M. CLOUDMAN



Front: W. Robert Hooper, W. Ronald Tripp (D), W. David Perkins,  
W. Millard Tripp (D), MW John Anagnostis (D), RW Richard Clark

2<sup>nd</sup> Row W. Forrest Tripp, W. Richard Tripp, W. Jeffrey Robinson,  
W. Gregory Milliken, W. Raymond Boughner (D)

Back row RW Joel Tripp, DDGM 18<sup>th</sup>, VW Carl Marsano, DER 18<sup>th</sup>



## Master's Message for May



From the East,

Brethren,

As we look forward to our new suite of officers to be voted on in June I encourage any and all of you to become involved in your lodge again, due to current events and other circumstances our ranks have dwindled leaving our officer line very thin. If you are willing and able please step up and ask to become an officer, get involved with Membership efforts or Education. Remember many hands make light work.

Our Membership Committee has been reformed therefore if you have any interest in joining and working with membership and the all-encompassing efforts of this team please reach out to Brother Jason Grant for more information.

On April 29<sup>th</sup> we will be performing a Master Mason degree to be done by a suite of Past Masters. I for one am looking forward to attending and seeing a Master mason Degree, it has been since September of 2019 since we last performed a Master mason degree. 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Degree with Dinner to be served by our Eastern Star Ladies.

We also have 2 EA's who are nearly ready for their second degree, it is my hopes that we can have those done in the month of May, setting both candidates well on their way to their Master Mason degree by this summer.

I am happy to report that we have received 5 scholarship applications from Thornton Academy and am looking forward to awarding scholarships to 2 of these individuals, we will be announcing the recipients during our May stated meeting.

Finally, as this is one of my final messages as Master. I want to take a minute to wish all Brethren and their families a healthy and enjoyable spring and summer.

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William H. Kimball	1969
John Knox	1979
Richard E. Clark, D.D.G.M.	1980, 1997
James Curtis	1982
Gregory Milliken	1983, 2005, 2006, 2009
Robert Barris	1986
Michael J. McKenney	1995, 1996
James T. Pate	1998
Richard E. Tripp	1999
Forrest E. Tripp	2000
David R. Perkins	2001, 2008
Carl J. Marsano, D.D.G.M.	2002
Joel F. Tripp, D.D.G.M.	2003, 2004
Jeffrey W. Robinson	2007
Michael Tremblay, D.D.G.M.	2010
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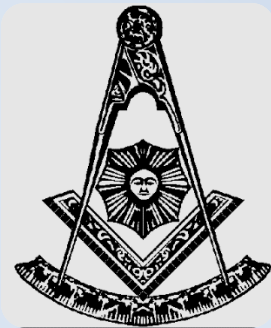
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Brethren,

I want to send a quick note to thank all the ones that regularly attend lodge, as well as the degrees. Freemasonry in Maine, especially in Saco, is still going strong, and that is because of our amazing, passionate Brethren. We can see the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, but we are not out of the woods quite yet.

Thank you.

“Associate with people who are likely to improve you. Welcome those who you are capable of improving. The process is a mutual one: men learn as they teach.” Seneca

Clear in the West,

Bro. Phil Schmidt

## Master's Message for June and Annual Report



From the East,

Brethren,

The opportunity to serve as Master of Saco lodge for the last 18 months has been a pleasure and an honor. We as well as all other Lodges in Maine and across the globe have, and some still face some rather difficult times. I am pleased to say that Saco Lodge is still on its feet and definitely on its way to thriving again. Most Masters of their lodge including myself have the goal to leave the lodge in a better place than when they found it, by adding membership, new initiatives, special projects, etc. This term as Master was just the opposite of what we all hope to achieve. With the pandemic in play we found shrinking membership, brethren who usually come to lodge keeping their distance, all of our events cancelled, and for a period of time finding our lodge building shuttered allowing us no access whatsoever. I am sure we can only count on one hand the number of times this has happened in our nearly 220 years of existence as a Lodge. With this being said we did have the opportunity to Raise one brother to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, as well as initiate 2 new Brethren as Entered Apprentices. We have also rebuilt our ever so important Membership committee, maintained our Education Committee thanks to Worshipful Dave Perkins, and have begun talking about bringing back our usual work in the manner that we are accustomed to.

I want to thank who was here to support Saco Lodge over the last 18 months as I know it has not been an easy task but your efforts and dedication are certainly appreciated. Without you all Saco Lodge may not have made it through this time. My gratitude goes out to Right Worshipful Carl Marsano for keeping our Proceedings straight and reminding me when certain things needed attention. Worshipful Jim Pate for maintaining our books and investments which at times over the last 18 months experienced some extreme lows and highs, but his and our Finance Committee's steadfast attention and recommendations to the matter helped us to come out fine in the end. Worshipful Andy Nightingale for always being there to assist with anything needed, help with ritual work, and a nudge to let me know when I was making a mistake or forgetting something. Brother Phil Schmidt and Brother Jason Grant for always willing to step up and assist wherever needed whether it was their job or not. And finally, all of the other officers, fill in officers, and brethren on the sidelines who attended lodge during this time of unrest.

The Washington Post published an article listing the top 3 words to describe the year 2020 listed in order are "Exhausting", "Lost", "Chaotic". I am certain as a whole we have experienced more of these feelings than we are normally accustomed to, but as of this writing it seems like these adjectives are waning and being replaced with "Hope", "Progress", and "Normalcy" if you still find yourself using the previous words in your daily regiment, please know that you have Brethren that have taken an oath to aid and assist in whatever capacity needed within the length of their cabletow. Do not hesitate to reach out to them.

Fraternally

Worshipful Steve Polley

Brethren,

I came across this article discussing the white leather apron, I wrote a few years ago (December 2005!). Thought you might find it interesting...

“Early in November, I was asked to give the first half of the Master Mason lecture at a neighboring lodge. Unbeknownst to me, it turned out to be the son of someone who I sat next to at work for seven years. We got talking about the lambskin, and he told me how he wasn’t supposed to wear it again until he died. To make a long story short, I convinced him that it was ok to wear his again that night for his Master Mason degree. I even gave the lecture wearing my apron.

That night got me to thinking about how on my travels throughout the district and the state, something so common, and yet has so many different traditions associated with it. Many lodges give the lambskin apron to the candidate the night he is initiated, only to take it back that night and give it back to him the night he is raised. I know of one lodge that doesn’t even give the apron until after they are raised. Many of these candidates are told the next time they wear the lambskin is when they die.

At Saco, in keeping with the Apron Charge, ‘It is yours; yours to wear throughout an honorable life, and at your death be deposited upon the coffin which shall enclose your lifeless remains,’ the tradition at Saco is to give it to the candidate the night he is initiated and request that he bring it with him for each degree. I wonder if it has always been this way.

It basically comes down to a personal decision. For me, I have worn my lambskin apron many times, for each degree and for the night I took my obligation as Master of Saco Lodge and plan to wear as the occasion requires it.”

From the Masonic Textbook...

#### THE LAMBSKIN, OR WHITE LEATHER APRON.

Is an emblem of innocence, and the badge of a Mason; more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle; more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other Order that can be conferred upon you at this or any future period, by King, Prince, Potentate, or any other person, except he be a Mason, and which **I hope you will wear with pleasure to yourself** (my emphasis) and honor to the Fraternity.

I still wear mine from time to even to this day. MW John Anagnostis, PGM & member of Saco Lodge, always wore his when visiting other lodges for the first time. He would get the sitting Master to sign the back of it.

Fraternally,  
Carl Marsano  
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PS Don’t forget the website... <https://9-me.ourlodgepage.com/>



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Brethren,

I look forward to our stated meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, where we will be having our election of officers, as well as our installation. I have some seats left to fill, namely Junior Warden and possibly Junior Steward. If you are interested in getting in the line, please contact me beforehand. I am also looking for considerations for committees too, so please step forward if you can.

With the vaccines rolling out and the CDC relaxing some of the guidelines that kept us safe for many months, it is my hope that we can get back to the awesome work that we have been known for in our great community. If any of you have plans or ideas about the upcoming year, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the other officers so we can see what can be done to completing that.

I thank you for being patient during these tumultuous times that have impacted every facet of our lives. As a final remark, I implore all of you to reach out to a Brother whom you haven't seen at lodge in a while and ask them if they're okay or need anything and if they would like to attend lodge.

Clear in the West,

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“If you can't fly, then run. if you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but, by all means, keep moving.” Martin Luther King Jr.

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<a href="#">Saco #9, Saco</a> – Meeting the 1st Wednesday of the month.	<a href="#">Freedom #42, Limerck</a> – Meeting the 4th Wednesday of the month.
<a href="#">Dunlap #47, Biddeford</a> – Meeting the 1st Monday of the month.	Day Spring #107, West Newfield – Meeting the 2nd Monday of the month.
<a href="#">Buxton #115, Buxton</a> – Meeting the 1st Monday of the month.	<a href="#">Greenleaf #117, Cornish</a> – Meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
Drummond #118, No. Parsonsfield – Meeting the 1st Thursday of the month.	<a href="#">Arion #162, Goodwins Mills</a> – Meeting the 3rd Thursday of the month.
<a href="#">Orchard #215, Old Orchard</a> , – Meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month.	Adoniram #27, Limington – Meeting the 2nd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.)

# The Trestleboard

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## *201 Years of Masonry in Maine, 219 Years for Saco Lodge!*



### **Master's Message for September** *Worshipful Philip Schmidt*

Brethren,

Welcome back after being dark. Just a few topics of interest to touch upon. While being dark, the great work that we do for each other, and the community did not stop. Regrettably, four brothers passed to the celestial lodge above this summer, RW Richard Clark, Bro. David Smart, Bro. Thomas Bayley and Wor. William Kimball. Saco Lodge conferred masonic funerals for RW Richard Clark and Bro. David Smart, and the attending officers and brethren did a phenomenal job with their parts, the families were very impressed.

We were able help the community by lending aid to the United Baptist Church and Seeds for Hope.

Our work is continuing in September when we will raise Bro. William Doyle to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 30, please pass on the word so we can see the sidelines full. I reached out to RW. Chris Mowatt so we can have our inspection, too.

Lastly, I am going to open the lodge weekly on Tuesday nights from 5:30pm to 6:30pm starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, to help brethren with their ritual and/or to answer any questions that they may have about the upcoming year. I hope brethren who don't usually come to lodge monthly or to degrees will take advantage of this opportunity.

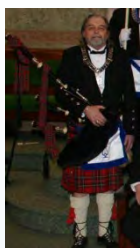
Thank you all for the great work thus far and I look forward to a fantastic year.

Fraternally,  
Wor. Phil Schmidt



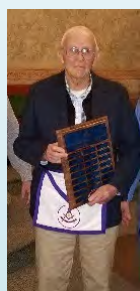
## Secretary's Message,

This summer we lost 4 brethren to the Celestial Lodge Above. Below are their Masonic Records.



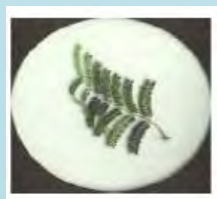
Bro. David Carl Smart – Initiated in Nollesemic Lodge, Millinocket on December 8, 1966,  
Passed to a Fellowcraft on January 26, 1967  
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on March 30, 1967  
Affiliated with Saco Lodge January 18, 2003  
Saco Lodge Piper – From 2004 to 2012  
Received his 50 Year Medal on June 7, 2017  
Died May 29, 2021.

Bro. Thomas Russell Bayley - Initiated in Gov. William King Lodge, Scarborough, ME on January 27, 1994  
Passed to a Fellowcraft on May 26, 1994  
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on June 30, 1994.  
Affiliated with Saco Lodge on March 15, 2021  
Died June 27, 2021



RW Richard Elliot Clark – Initiated in Saco Lodge on October 20, 1959  
Passed to a Fellowcraft on March 22, 1960  
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 26, 1960  
Past Master of Saco Lodge in 1980 & 1997  
District Deputy Grand Master in 1998 to 2000  
Received his 50 Year Medal on April 26, 2009  
Inaugural winner of MW Edward Burnham Award for Lifetime Masonic Achievement 2018  
Died July 27, 2021.

Wor. William Kimball - Initiated in Saco Lodge on September 6, 1950  
Passed to a Fellowcraft on October 4, 1950  
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 15, 1950  
Past Master of Saco Lodge in 1969  
Receive his 50 Year Medal on December 12, 2000  
Died August 5, 2021



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Recap for Seeds of Hope Charitable contribution from Saco Lodge #9:

On August 11<sup>th</sup> Saco Lodge No. 9 was asked for help from Seeds of Hope in Biddeford to landscape, hardscape, install window and regular flowerpots with flowers, and provide picnic tables.

This task was to help both the sanitation of the neighbors who go to Seeds of Hope as well as their volunteers from tracking in mud, dirt, and dust from the entrance of the building bringing it into the establishment.

Improving the curbside appearance and outside gathering with pots and flowers, and the extra seating room out back with more flowers will surely help these neighbors' emotional experiences when visiting Seeds of Hope. Even with temperatures in the high 80s we were able to complete the job and I want to thank those who attended as well as those who reached out to me about this job.

With another project completed to positively impact the community, this is what I love about Masonry. Great work Saco Lodge!!!

Fraternally,  
Justin Galipeau



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From the South,

Brethren, I would like to thank you all for your support and trust in electing me as Jr. Warden for Saco Lodge #9. I would like to congratulate the other officers elected and appointed to our Lodge. I look forward to a wonderful year working with them and all of you.

As Jr. Warden one of my duties is being the superintendence of the Craft during the hours of refreshment, with that being said, I will try my best to make sure I provide you with a menu for both the upcoming stated meeting and degrees for each month in the Trestleboard as well as reminders. I have already been in contact with the Worthy Matron of Eastern Star about meals and Karen is very excited and hopes more people will attend to enjoy the delicious meals they worked hard to provide. Your stewards have already had their feet wet in the kitchen for our Fellowcraft degree we did in June before going dark, and they will also be in assistance during the hours of refreshment for any help they can provide to you.

Don't forget that at stated meetings suppers you can invite anyone you feel would become a great mason to the fraternity, have them walk through the Lodge, ask questions, meet and mingle with the Brethren. As always meals are free of charge to guests of the Lodge.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and can't wait to hear about it from our old and new masons at our September stated meeting.

Clear in the south,  
Justin Galipeau  
Junior Warden



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## Master's Message for October

*Worshipful Philip Schmidt*

Brethren,

A brief note: We are raising Brother William Doyle to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason as well as having our inspection on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 Supper and 7:30 Meeting.

Due to unforeseen circumstances our Senior Warden, Bro Jason Grant, will be moving to northern Maine. We wish him well on his relocation.

If any willing brothers would want to step in to assist the officers as Junior Warden, please reach out to me with my contact information below.

I will leave you all with this quote, "Masonry was not made to divide men, but to unite them, leaving each man free to think his own thoughts and fashion his own system of ultimate truth. All its emphasis rests upon two extremely simple and profound principles, love of God and love of man." – J. F. Newton

Clear in the East,

Worshipful Phil Schmidt

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## Secretary's Message,

We continue to lose brethren to the Celestial Lodge Above. We lost long time member Bro. Arthur Prentiss Below is his Masonic Record.

Bro. Arthur Prentiss – Initiated in Mosaic Lodge (Danvers, MA) on February 1, 1951,  
Passed to a Fellowcraft on March 1, 1951  
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 5 1951  
Affiliated with Saco Lodge September 13, 1988  
Received his 50 Year Medal on December 6, 2001  
Saco Lodge's Mason of the Year – 2013  
MW Edward Burnham Award Winner for lifetime achievements in Masonry 2017  
Died September 7, 2021.

Night Arthur received his 50 Year Medal, December 6, 2001



From L to R, Wor. David Perkins, Bro. Arthur Prentiss, Wor. Ronald Tripp, Bro. Reed Rumery, MW John Anagnostis and RW Chester Chapman



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**December 11<sup>th</sup> – Ladies at the Table - Tentative**

**In keeping with the Junior Warden's message, below is a letter written by our first Master, RW Jeremiah Hill in 1805. His attempt at declining another year as Master. As a reward for such fine writing the brethren elected him to another term!**

**While the prose may be different, you will be surprised that how constant the message of Masonry has been over centuries.**

Dearly beloved Brethren,

The attention you have paid to me ever since our first attempt to form a Lodge in this place, in repeatedly choosing me for your Master, demands my warmest acknowledgements. It has ever been my sincere desire to promote the Honor, Interest and prosperity of the Institution; but finding old age fast approaching and seeing so many young men embracing the Royal Art, whose abilities I flatter myself will do ample justice to this Lodge and the Craft in General. I feel warranted in manifesting my wish to be excused from the arduous Task of presiding over you another year, tho I ever did and hope I ever shall find a sincere pleasure in attending upon the Sacred, benevolent Institution, whose true and real Characteristic is "to deal justly, to love mercy and walk humbly with him, who first said, "Let there be Light and there was Light." How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who bringeth good tidings. But my Brethren, how much more beautiful are the feet of him who runneth to the assistance of the distressed, whose hands are calling for help. How beautiful are the Knees of a Brother bending to supreme Architect, imploring his kind mediation. How beautiful the Brest where the heart can deposit its Casket in perfect Security. How beautiful the Hand which backs a falling Brother, and the mouth which whispers in his Ear the Signals of Hope. Though I wish to be excused from presiding as Master of this Lodge, yet let it be remembered, that I do not relinquish my attachment to the Craft, and this Lodge in particular, but here I shall ever attend the regular meeting of the Lodge whenever my situation and circumstances will admit, and then if necessary be ready and willing to take an active part in the Labors thereof and now request when the Great Grand Master shall see fit to summon me from this earthly lodge, that you will, if my future conduct shall prove worthy of the Honor, accompany my Remains to the silent Grave, there to rest till, He shall summon his all perfect Lodge; and desire your prayers that I may so live, and so die, as to be hailed by him with this Euge: "well done good and faithful servant, enter in, and partake of that hidden manna, that Celestial Refreshment duly prepared for all those who are found in the way of well doing."

(Signed) Jeremiah Hill"



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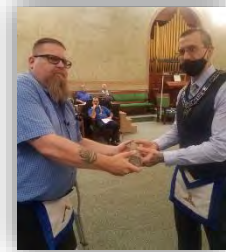


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From the South,

My message this month is about reflecting back to some items we were taught entering Masonry in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

As Masons, sometimes we lose track of the teachings and lectures of our first degree and introduction into masonry. One imprint this year especially after losing 5 members to the Celestial Lodge above is the Lambskin. We learned through the Apron Charge the importance and value it holds for us as Masons and as men. To hear how this white leather apron is a remembrance of our purity of life and rectitude of conduct. We also wish to hear those words "well done good and faithful servant! Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things! Enter thou into the joy of the Lord." We are then taught the first time how to wear the lambskin in Lodge when we welcome a new initiated member in the Northeast corner of the Lodge.

We also learn how we should divest our time using the working tool of the twenty-four-inch gauge, which one part is to devote eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother. As we have seen our Lodge Brothers have been in distress these past two years and it still weighs heavy upon us. Sometimes our Brothers may not call for distress in any way, shape, or form but that does not mean they don't need it, and we should continue to reach out.

As there is so much information in this degree, I ask you all to take the time to look at your cipher and think back to what you remember, what you forgot, and what you can continue to learn. We know as masons were only as strong as a foundation being built and so is the valued education taught and retained from each degree.

Clear in the south,  
Justin Galipeau

2021 November Edition

# The Trestleboard

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## *Hunting Attire Night*



### Master's Message for November

Brethren,

Lots of great work is continuing with fall knocking at our door. Please come out November 3 and show your support during our hunting attire stated meeting, which never disappoints. .

With Veteran's Day right around the corner, I wanted to share an excerpt from "Gentlemen with White Aprons" which talks about how, even though the North and South were pitted against each other in a fight for what they both believed so strongly, our Masonic ties were stronger and that each and every one of you are part of something very special.

"These and similar claims of Masonic beneficence in prison may seem remarkable, but they are verifiable, and many are corroborated by more than one contemporary source. Those not independently verifiable usually occasion little suspicion, being typical of those that are. For example, in December 1864 an anonymous Captain J. W. C. of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteers wrote of his nine months of captivity in Libby Prison in a letter to Cornelius Moore, editor of the Masonic Review. His account typifies the experiences of a Freemason in a Civil War prison and seems eminently credible, though no supporting evidence exists, I was captured at Winchester, Va., June 15, 1863. I was taken to Richmond a few days thereafter and lodged in the famous Libby Prison, of which loathsome place I was an inmate until March 21, 1864.... About the 1<sup>st</sup> December, our government sent some 15,000 outfits for the relief of our suffering men. The Confederate authorities appointed a committee of our officers.... I was the only one of the number who was a Mason. Capt. D. D. Munro, 3d N.C. Regt., C.S.A., performed the same duties on the part of the rebels. He was a Scotchman, made a Mason in a Lodge in Scotland, "had passed the chair," and held a Diploma from a Lodge in Philadelphia.... I never asked any favors on the grounds of my being a Mason because I do not believe it is according to the teachings of Masonry—unless I was in very destitute circumstances. This same Captain had charge of the distribution of private boxes sent to us from the North. Although they were always critically examined, mine did not have to pass such an examination, and they were always delivered to me very promptly, as well as those of a few particular friends for whom I requested the same favor.... This Captain used his influence with the Commandant of the prison, and had my name placed on the list [of those prisoners selected to be exchanged]. He then came up in the prison and informed me that I was to go the next day which I did. He also informed me that his life was saved at the battle of Gettysburg, by the use of a certain —, well known to the Craft." There is one fact I wish to state: during 27 months service in Virginia, I have visited some twenty Lodge rooms, filled the east in two or three, and in not a single place have I found one disturbed, although some of them had been alternately in possession of the opposing armies five or six times in a single campaign."

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## Secretary's Message,

In keeping with the Master's message, it is surprising that the early records do not reflect the role that Brethren have played in the various conflicts throughout the years. Surely enough the histories reflect the roles that our founding members had in the American Revolution, such a RW Jeremiah Hill fighting at Saratoga or that our first and longtime Tyler Ephraim Ridlon was aide de camp to General Henry Knox. Our records do not show, anything. During the war of 1812, we were closed due to the economic hardship brought on by the war. No mention of brethren fighting in the Civil War, which they surely must have. Same for World War One, the war to end all wars, and from which we get Veteran's Day. For on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, the Armistice was signed.

World events rarely enter into the records of Saco Lodge, but the approaching storm in Europe and Asia, Wor. Louis Patriquin spoke eloquently on the gifts we have living within these United States. January 3, 1940 – Master's Report from Wor. Louis Patriquin, who later served as Treasurer of Saco Lodge.

"I have tried to emphasize particularly through our notices and in our meetings from time to time, the importance of remembering the privileges which are ours in these times of world confusion. Privileges of living our lives in a country where men may think and speak freely, which automatically makes the individual responsible for his own government. A great responsibility to be cherished and developed by every Mason, to the end that belief in God is and will continue to be foundation on which the superstructure of our lives is safely built."

It wasn't until the first meeting after Pearl Harbor where, we first see mention of world events in the records. The lodge voted that "buy Defense Bonds to the limits of our cash resources. And that the Treasurer be empowered to purchase these Defense Bonds as soon as feasible."

At the December Stated in 1942, the brethren voted to remit all dues to those serving in the armed forces. It is a tradition we carry to this day. 19 members were serving in the conflict.

The following brethren were reported to be in the armed forces or merchant marine at the end of 1943:



Norman H. Bryant	Justus E. Cobb, 2nd	Lawrence H. Dyer	Charles C. Foss, (PM 1989)
Arthur S. Hamilton	William R. Johnston, III	Fred Kosiba	Harry A. Mapes
George A. Martin	Ernest B. Pollock	Philip R. Scammon	Robert W. Seaward
M. Calman Savage	Ivory H. Towle	Lyle D. Wiggins	Norman A. Wilcox (PM 1953)
Lewis E. Webber	Charles E. Walker	Phillip E. Graves	



Many other members of Saco Lodge served in the armed forces during World War Two before joining Saco Lodge. Wor. Gordon Flood (PM 1970) served in the 101st Airborne and was at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. Bros. Thomas Quigley Davis (USN), Arthur Rumery (USMC) and Reed Rumery (USN) also served. [My apologies to the families of those brethren who served and are missing in this listing.]

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**December 11<sup>th</sup> – Ladies at the Table – Tentative more on this**

**January 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting and Financial Reports for 2020 Year**





**Annually we present the MW Edward P. Burnham award for lifetime achievement in Masonry for a Saco Lodge member. The initial winner was RW Richard Clark, others include Bro. Arthur Prentiss (2018), Wor. Gregory Milliken (2019) and Wor. David Perkins (2020).**

**To give you an idea on who MW Edward P. Burnham was outside of Masonry below is from his memorial in the Grand Lodge of Maine Proceedings of 1903.**

Bro. JOSEPH A. LOCKE presented the following memorial, which was accepted: IN MEMORIAM-EDWARD P. BURNHAM, P. G. MASTER. We remember that at the last communication of this Grand Lodge one was absent who had not been absent before during a long course of years. Past Grand Master BURNHAM was not here. We remember also that at the last Proceedings of the May, session of that communication, upon the motion of Past Grand Master DRUMMOND we stood up, unanimously desiring to send some friendly word to the brother that was ill. And now-both of these brothers are away and can neither speak nor be spoken to. At that last meeting we could not know that when again we met in annual communication our words would not be to these brothers but of them, and of them very gently. They are asleep, but it is not mortal sleep from which the touch of brother hand can rouse them that they longer minister to our needs.

Brother BURNHAM was born in Kennebunk in this state December 3, 1827, and departed this life at Somersworth, New Hampshire, May 12, 1902. His early education was received in Bridgton Academy, followed by a clerkship of four years in an uncle's store in Kennebunk. When eighteen years of age he decided to fit himself for the law and entered upon his studies in the office of WILLIAM B. SEWALL, ESQ., of that place, with whom, and afterwards with Hon. EDWARD E. BOURNE, Judge of Probate for many years in York County, he completed his studies, being admitted to the Bar in York County, April 4, 1849. For two years he followed the practice of law at Bangor, in this state, and at Holyoke, Mass., when, being offered the position of Deputy Collector of Customs, at Kennebunk, he accepted, remaining there two years.

April 18, 1853, when twenty-five years of age, having been elected Secretary and Treasurer of Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution, he moved to Saco and entered upon his life's work. Soon afterwards he was also elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Saco, and he held these positions until his resignation in 1885. Of keen intelligence, a shrewd financier, patient, kindly and honest in his dealings with all with whom he came in contact, he soon acquired the entire confidence of the community and the surrounding towns, with the result that under his management this Savings Institution became stronger and stronger as time passed, and it was not many years before it became one of the soundest and safest banks in the state.

It was when making a deposit in this bank, October 14, 1853, six months after Brother BURNHAM'S election as Secretary and Treasurer, that one of us first met him. He was a mere lad, nine years of age, his father taking him to the bank to deposit his first boyish savings of five dollars. He can never forget the kindly greeting he received. He thought Mr. BURNHAM one of the finest gentlemen he ever met. Mr. BURNHAM obtained his full confidence at once. That deposit with its small additions and accumulations still remains in that bank, as evidence that he still thinks his confidence was not misplaced.

In 1885, on account of his wife's health, with the hope that a change of climate might be beneficial to her, he resigned his position as Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank and the Insurance Company, positions of emolument and trust, in which he had so signally succeeded, and moved to Roxbury, Mass. Thus, he showed his love and attachment to his family, ties stronger than any words we can utter. The change of location not proving beneficial, after a three years residence there, he returned to Saco in 1888, when he was elected President of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution, in the building up of which he had devoted so many years of his active business life. This position he held until October 1901, when he resigned and moved to Somersworth, New Hampshire, where, although 74 years of age, he again took up the study of law, which he was systematically and industriously following when stricken down by his last sickness.

Bro. BURNHAM was highly esteemed and possessed the confidence of the business community of Saco, as is evidenced by the fact that in addition to his Banking and Insurance business he was called upon to be Executor and Trustee of many estates and had a large amount of Probate business. He was keenly alive to the business interest of his city, serving in the city government as Alderman of his Ward for five years, and being Mayor of Saco in 1872 and 1873.

He was also deeply interested in historical and genealogical matters; was a member of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society in Boston; of the Webster Historical Society of Boston; of the Maine Historical Society; of the Sons of the American Revolution; and a constant attendant at their annual meetings at least, and of the monthly meetings of some of them. His mind was a vast storehouse of historical information, and he was probably the best-informed man in York County in its history and in the genealogy of its prominent families. He was methodical in these as in all other matters, 'making a record of all important events as they occurred. In this way he became, and continued until his death, an authority on such matters. This habit, coupled with a remarkable memory, made him a "Very interesting and instructive conversationalist". A man of reliable judgment, and consequently of strength and high standing in the community.

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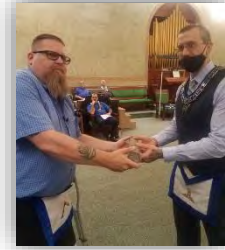


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From the South,

The changing of another season is upon us and this time of year is absolutely beautiful watching the leaves turn in all different colors before they fall. This also means our annual hunting attire supper is this month and with that, the dinner will be beef stew, as well as, a venison stew donated by Worshipful Gerry Ouellette with fall desserts. So please come to Lodge and enjoy a hearty fall meal and as always bring someone you know who is interested in being a mason.

This past month I attended our annual district communication which was hosted at our masters and wardens meeting. One of the things I wrote down from this was membership. As we all know every year the discussion is how do we get more members and what can we do to attract them, which is no different than my first paragraph asking to bring someone who may be interested in being a member to dinner, show them our Lodge, and mingle with the Brethren. R.W. Dan Bartlett our current Deputy Grand Master spoke about this topic of membership and I thought it was very interesting to share with you all. In 1971 there were 44,211 active Masons in Maine with 206 active working Lodges. Today unfortunately there is 14,862 active Masons which is about a 66% decrease, but the upside is still 177 working Lodges in the state. As you can see quality out beats quantity with our fraternity and Masonry will still always survive.

As we learn in the On Yonder Book charge "This great question confronts you, will you be worth anything or nothing to Freemasonry or will Freemasonry be worth anything or nothing to you? The answer is in you yourself"

Clear in the South, Justin Galipeau





2021 December



# The Trestleboard

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Burnham Award Winners  
Arthur Prentiss (2018), Richard Clark (2017) and  
Greg Milliken (2019)

## Awards Night



50 Year Medal presented to  
Bro. Curtis Scammon

### Master's Message for December

Brethren,

“Will you be worth anything or nothing to Freemasonry and, will Freemasonry be worth anything or nothing to you?...’  
“Marcus Aurelius was adopted into an imperial family much larger than the one defined by his blood relations. By assuming the purple in 161CE, he became the last link in a chain of the so-called “Good Emperors”, in what we now refer to as Pax Romana. 250 years prior to Marcus’s ascension, Cato the Younger would be born into a similar legacy, this one of great Roman statesmen. His great-grandfather Cato the Elder made his name fighting for ancestral customs against the modernizing influences of a budding empire. His father was serving as tribune of the plebs and a candidate for the praetorship when his ascendant career was cut short by sudden death. His grandfather did attain praetorship but died his first year in office. Cato came to see himself as successor to a long line of protectors of Rome’s mos maiorum—the old ways, the ways of his ancestors—against decay and destruction.

These men, from Cato the Elder to Marcus, whose lives spanned more than four centuries, woke up each day aware of the obligations that their positions placed upon them. They tried to be good stewards, to not let their ancestors down, and to leave Rome better than they found it.

Each of us has been entrusted with something similar. Not just in our roles as citizens, but in whatever responsibilities we have in our work, our businesses, our families, even the environment. The question we should always be asking ourselves then is: Are we being good stewards? Are we improving things? Making decisions with the long view, trying not to be selfish, treating what we own or oversee as something we hold on behalf of someone else—like guardians rather than possessors. Let this standard guide you. Like Cato and Marcus, let it keep you honest. Let it make you great.”

-Taken from the *Daily Stoic* by Ryan Holiday.

‘...The answers lie within you yourself, for if you will apply to your own life the lessons that you have received in the three degrees, it will make you a better citizen, a better father, a better son and a fonder husband’

Fraternally,

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## Secretary's Message,

50 Year Members of Saco Lodge, newest members of this distinction are Wor. Stephen Cappers and Bro. Ralph Rumery.



Ralph F. Rumery	50
Stephen Cappers	51
Steven L. Ellis	51
Joseph H. Fogg	52
Curtis L. Scamman	52
John W. Tarbox	52
Bernie Gaines	52
Thomas Goulding	52
Ormand W. Bedell	53
James Macos	54
Robert S. Spulick	56
Raymond Coffin	56
Robert D. Pate	57
Richard H. Grant	59
William E. Gilpatric	60
Richard H. Emery Sr	61
John H. Burnham	62
Robert H. Hooper	62
Terrance B. Tripp	62
David G. Kennedy	65
Forrest E. Tripp	65
Donald E. Hill	71



## Members who are eligible for an anniversary pin.



Sorren R. Arneson III	5
Jeffrey M. Boynton	5
Andrew Clark	5
Steven Joyce	5
Richard J. Rousseau	5
Tom Casamassa	10
Christopher C. Cosgrove	10
Erik A. Cote	10
Justin M. Galipeau	10
Robert C. Guillette	10
Ronald T. Husser	10
Gregory R. Maxwell	10
Charlie Needham	10
Paul M. Niemczyk	10
Andrew R. Orr	10
James R. Trask	10
Seth A. Gillis	15
Steven Wayne	15
Paul N. Michaud	20
Robert J. Cronin	25
Seth A. Dube	25
Steven W. Freeman	25
Lloyd A. Mason	25
Robert W. Barris III	40
John A. Clark	40
Paul R. Goulet	40
William G. Samaris	40
Richard E. Maynard	45



**Brethren, Don't forget our Stated Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**

**6:30 Supper and 7:30 Meeting unless noted below**

**November 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Bell Ringing at Biddeford Walmart**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – Stated Meeting – Lobster Stew and Awards Night**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> – Festival of Lights Parade, no supper**

**January 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting and Financial Reports for 2020 Year**

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Dues will be coming out shortly and will be once again \$75.00. Some of you who have a legit email address will be receiving emails regarding dues owed. We still have not set up an electronic payment system. Best way to pay is to attend a meeting and hand it to me directly. Come and meet other brethren, get reacquainted with Saco lodge.

The bills will look like this (except the dues amount)

★★★ This is a sample dues notice, using sample data ★★★

<b>Saco #0009</b>	
<b>Annual Dues Invoice</b>	
Payment Due 12/31/2020	
A12345	
SACO LODGE NO. 9 P.O. BOX 873 SACO, ME 04072 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED	Dues (2021): \$100.00 Arrears (2019, 2020): \$200.00 <b>Amount Due: \$300.00</b> G. Patrick Shaw Scholarship \$ _____ Masonic Relief \$ _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____
JOHN Q. MEMBER 123 MAIN ST ANY TOWN, NY 12345	
Make check payable to Saco Lodge No. 9. Remember your contributions and payments help our efforts within the community & among the brethren. Please review back side of bill for important information.	

Any questions let me know, best by email [cmarsano@maine.rr.com](mailto:cmarsano@maine.rr.com)

One final note, do not forget about Salvation Army Bell Ringing this November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Biddeford Walmart.



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From the South,

December has rapidly approached us and the time has come for family gatherings, holiday work parties, and being with friends to spread cheer, reflect on 2021, and look forward to the new year.

As a Lodge we have done the same for years and years especially looking forward to our December Lobster Stew night. This night is made special to us Masons and also our families with a delicious meal made by Wor. Jim Pate and his Wife Lisa makes. I will also make Mac n Cheese with chicken nuggets for those who want to bring their children. We encourage you to come out with your family and join us for dinner and after in open Lodge while we present our annual awards and celebrate those masons who hit their milestones, as well as our new 50 year member being pinned that night, Wor. Steve Cappers.

We have changed some events up such as our annual Ladies at the Table in December which will now be on February 5th 2022 incorporating a Valentine's Day theme. If anyone is interested in cooking this event, kitchen help, or serving please contact me. My information is on the last page of the Trestleboard. We also have changed our installation from January to June. This method was to keep the momentum of the Lodge moving forward without the pause halfway through, incorporating our Masons who travel south for the winter months to now have a chance to attend, and also to rule out snow and ice weather conditions that would postpone the installation.

Lastly, I want to sincerely thank Worshipful Phil Schmidt, Saco Lodge No. 9, 17th, 18th, 19th district lodges, and those past and present Maine Grand Lodge officers and Rhode Island past Grand Lodge officers who took part of the memorial service of the passing of my father and those who reached out with thoughts and prayers. It truly meant so much to my family and they mentioned how professional and meaningful the service was to them, and too me this was a true definition of how Masons are a brotherhood and family.

Safe travels this holiday season, wish you all a wonderful and prosperous new year.

Humble in the south,

Wor. Justin Galipeau





# The Trestleboard

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*Happy New Year!*



Brethren,

'Twas the night before Christmas at Freemason's Hall  
Where the Lodge was busy, and the orders were tall;  
Reams from Grand Lodge, a notice of motion,  
A ballot or two and a pause for devotion  
To brethren departed of the months gone before,  
Plus, a candidate who would soon walk the floor.

Our own Junior Warden, when facing the crunch  
Said "Let's call off and all go for Lunch".  
The Master replied, as Masters all do,  
In toned in a voice reserved for the few  
"Before we partake of fellowship there,  
Is a summons to read and a ballot to clear -  
Not to mention the candidate quaking with dread  
At the stories of whether the goat has been fed".

The Master, exhorting the brethren to work,  
With a firm grip on the gavel, turned with a jerk  
To the Secretary, putting shine to each lens,  
Polishing both to a luster, and reached for his pens.

"It's half past the hour", the Master then winced  
At the stuff left to do, and remained unconvinced  
That the evening would go as smoothly as hoped  
Since he'd gone to the trouble of "feeding the goat"  
"Though the ballots behind us and notice is gone,  
Grand Lodge is finished, but the work still goes on."

The Inner guard knew, as the Tyler did too,  
That knock, knock, knock was the right thing to do.  
Sidebenchers slept soundly and were only stirred  
When a crack of the candidate's knuckles were heard.  
The slight groan that penetrated lips pursed  
Appeared to the Deacon as just a light curse.



**Newest 50 Year  
members!**

**Steve Cappers  
and  
Ralph Rumery**

Onward they travel, the guide and the man,  
Seeking truth and enlightenment wherever they can.  
The secrets were given, the grip and the token  
Obligations were offered, the words then were spoken.  
Though never, not once, was one heard to gloat  
As the Entered Apprentice never did meet the goat.

The evening now ended, the candidate clear,  
Junior Warden entreats from the south us to hear.  
The oath we looked forward to right from the start  
"Happy to meet, and sorry to part".

Christmas had come to the members that night  
As men came together under the light  
Giving freely of time as a labour of love  
As they bent to the task of the Most High above.

To Stewards, to Deacons, the Tyler and Guard,  
The Wardens, the Master, who all work so hard,  
To Past Masters steady, sidebenchers too  
To Treasurer, Chaplain, the D of C who  
Help carry the Lodge, year in and year out  
To your family extended, a warm Christmas time  
Thank the G.A.O.T.U, we've run out of rhyme!

Wishing you a safe and wonderful holiday season from the  
East,

Wor. Phil Schmidt

**Brethren,**

**Don't forget our Stated Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
As always, meal before the Stated at 6:30**

**Additional Dates to Remember**

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**Monday Nights – Candidate Training Starting at 6:00 PM**

From the South,

A brand-new year is upon us and since a very long time for Saco Lodge the present officers will continue to sit in their respective stations until June for our newly changed election of officer's. As an officer we must ask ourselves when taking such obligations, elected or appointed, what are those duties and responsibilities to the Lodge and to the Brethren that continues throughout the year after installation? The Brethren who attend meetings, degrees, functions, and other community outreach programs, I thank you for your dedication, support, and love for your Lodge and Brothers. One of the reasons why Saco Lodge has always stood out in Masonry and in our community.

The Lodge is in need of help, and for those interested in joining any committees we do have an opening for chairmen of the Membership committee and also our Facebook social media committee. In past years the membership committee had up to a dozen active members who met monthly to discuss and plan Lodge and community activities. Please contact our Worshipful Master or myself if you are interested in helping out with these committees or chairing one of them. We will assist and mentor you throughout the process, so you feel comfortable taking over.

Please Brethren during these winter months check in on each other especially assistance in snow shoveling those who can't, either their walkway, making a path to the oil tank, or clearing their deck. For those who don't feel comfortable driving to Lodge in these wintery months ahead please don't be bashful to reach out to a Brother or an officer who can assist you in picking you up and dropping you off.

The January stated meeting dinner will be a hearty meatloaf meal with mash potatoes and gravy with a vegetable and dessert from our wonderful Eastern Star Ladies.

I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!!

Clear in the south,

Wor. Justin Galipeau

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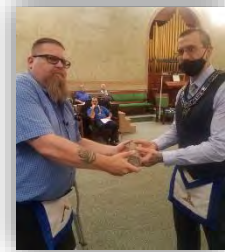


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Secretary's Message,

Reminder that Saco Lodge will elect and install its officers in June.

From the records of Saco Lodge "On May 2, 1882, it was voted to change the time of the annual meeting to the first Wednesday in January." It was originally moved due to the summer vacation. Now we have now changed it back to June, to take advantage of better weather and timing so the Masonic year will not be broken up by the summer months.

Also, note that we lost 8 brethren over the past year. 469 years of Masonic experience, an average of 58 years per brother. They will all be missed.

While we cannot escape their fate, you can help ensure that Masonry survives, by bringing in new candidates. Not all will be a 58 year member, but some will and help ensure that Saco Lodge will continue for another 70 years. Current membership stands at 160 members.

Think about those you know who would be a good addition to Saco Lodge and ask them to an event, or even a dinner before a meeting.

Fraternally,

Carl Marsano



# Saco Lodge History 2021

