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Saco Lodge History 2016



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Secretary and Larry Tripp, Historian
Saco Lodge No. 9
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 Back Row: Bro. Sorren Arneson, Mar, Wor. James Pate, Treasurer; Bro. Sheldon Nightingale, Tyler; RW Carl Marsano, Secretary; Wor. Gerald Ouellette, Chaplain; Bro. Larry Tripp, Historian.

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INTRODUCTION

Master's Report for 2016

Our year started off with the installation performed by my father RW Richard E H Maynard. This ceremony meant so much to me and my family. I can proudly say 4 generations have installed their sons. At the age of 70 and after reciting for a whole year to deliver a flawless degree, this was likely the last consecutive generation in my family to install a son. I say well done. Very proud of you.

I'll briefly state an overview of the important events that happened at the Lodge this year:

- A couple improvements include a new refrigerator for the kitchen and computer for the secretary.
- An internal audit of the Lodge's bank account was performed by the finance committee without issue.
- This was the first year the lodge held Bikes for Books program which successfully gave 61 children a new bike as an incentive for reading. I'd like to thank the many Brothers who made this a community success, but especially Bro Andrew Nightingale.
- We held the annual visitation dinner for the 18th district which included Bro Scott Wolter, a forensic geologist. His presentation was compelling and enjoyed by any who had the opportunity to listen. I'd like to thank RW Eric Durgan who planned the event.
- And finally in December we had Ladies at the Table and Honorees Dinner. Thanks again to all the Brothers who helped in the kitchen and a special thank you to Bro Justin Galipeau who planned the dinner.
- Saco Lodge raised 3 Brothers, Jeffrey Boynton, Andrew Clark, and Steven Joyce.

I'd like to take a moment and acknowledge the Brothers who have gone to the Celestial Lodge. Listed in order of departure:

Bro. Alfred Kennedy
Bro. Heider Schirazi
Bro. Walter Coito
Bro. Earl Murray
Wor. Keith Thompson
Bro. Gary Butt

I'd like to thank my line officers for the great work they've done this year. To Greg and Justin, thank you for being there when I couldn't. Hopefully these last few months have provided you a little insight and will ease your transition towards the East.

To Bro Ward Grossman thank you for your years as custodian.

To Wor Jim Pate thank you for the last 15 years as treasurer.

To RW Carl Marsano, what is there to say but thank you. If you've been a Master in the last 15 years you already know how much Carl does and knows. He has been invaluable to me and I want to acknowledge how grateful I am to him.

I hope in the coming years those that follow me will protect the values and ideals that make Saco Lodge such a success. At 197 members strong, and within the top 10 lodges in Maine, I feel it proves Saco Lodge is doing Masonry well. I would further suggest our Lodge should not look to others to replicate but should be proud of the work already being done.

Thank you for affording me the pleasure of serving as Master for 2016.

Worshipful Jonathan W. Maynard

1. JANUARY – INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER DUTIES



Master's Message

By Worshipful Jonathan Maynard

From the East

Brethren,

I want to start off by thanking Worshipful Jerry for the great job he did last year and for leaving the lodge in such great order. Although he has not traveled far from the chair in the East, he will be missed as Master. It was my pleasure to serve as your Senior Warden. It is also my pleasure to have you as my Chaplain for this coming year. Worshipful Jerry was able to Raise his stepson in the outdoor degree that was held at the Milliken Farm this past summer, it was a special day for them both. It was also a special moment during the installation when I presented him the Past Master's jewel that belonged to his father-in-law, Worshipful Laurence R. Duross, Master in 1968, which is the same year Worshipful Jerry was born. You were an inspiration to look up to as Master and have certainly earned the title Worshipful.

The installation for the Officers of 2016 was a special day for me. My father RW Richard E H Maynard performed the entire installation in New Hampshire ritual. It was a ceremony performed for him by his father, RW Herbert H Maynard, which was done for my grandfather by my great grandfather, RW Ernest F Maynard. The same Tile was presented to my grandfather by his father in 1953 when he was installed as Master for the first time. It is believed that it was a top hat that came from my great grandfather's hat shop.

I want to take a moment and thank the installation suite for the day's events. It was made up of all Tripps and one Maynard. RW Joel Tripp was the Marshal and Bro David Tripp was the Chaplain, others were Wor Forest Tripp, Wor Richard Tripp, Bro Larry Tripp, and Bro Terry Tripp. It was a site to see them all together. Being married into the Tripp family it meant a lot to me to have the opportunity to bring them all together again. Bro Terry Tripp who has not been in the lodge since 1959 was presented his 55 year star. A special day for all.

We wasted no time in starting the year. We have in the books our first EA Degree and the Officers performed a near flawless degree for Bro Nicolas Cronin, only two days after the Officers were installed. Job well done

Brothers! We also had the pleasure to perform this degree in front of more than 30 Brothers on the sidelines. One of them being MW Wayne Adams. He said it was one of the best EA Degrees he has seen in a long time. MW Adams told me after what he saw tonight my year will be easy. I was very proud of the work performed on that night. To see a young man go through the degree with his father, Bro. Bob Cronin from Saco Lodge, and grandfather, RW Robert Lobley, past Junior Grand Warden on the sidelines makes for a memorable moment for the candidate and for others that were there.

We have a superb group of men in the lineup that have been working hard on making the Masters job easy. It has been this way for some time now. We are fortunate at Saco Lodge to have a healthy membership to fill chairs who also have the drive to learn the degree and lecture work to give the candidate a top notch Degree. I have heard from a few Masons from around the Country that many lodges they've visited have many Past Masters in the lineup.

In closing, I hope this year goes by slowly. Many Past Masters have said the year will fly by. I hope to relish this coming year. I soon hope to share with you in the upcoming weeks the goals and plans I have in mind for my stay as Master. If there is anything that you need help with or have questions, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at (207) 432-8900 or by email at

maynardsheating@yahoo.com

So come one, come all, and join us for fellowship.

Wor. Jonathan Maynard

On further note - I have one request of the Brethren. Please, if you have something that needs to be brought to Light and discussed in open lodge, notify me first so that I am not left in the Dark and blindsided. My sincere thanks.

We have a lot of work to do this year. We have 5 or 6 candidates in the process of becoming third degree masons.

1.1. Installation of Officers

Installation of officers was conducted on Sunday, January 13th. It was a well attended event with three Grand Masters, MW A. James Ross GM, MW Wayne Adams, PGM and MW George Pulkkinen, PGM and the Deputy Grand Master, RW David Walker, attending.



Officers escorted in by
Installing Marshal RW
Joel Tripp

RW Richard Maynard
Installing his son, Wor.
Jonathan.



Wor. Jonathan
installing the
Deacons

Wor. Gerald Ouellette
Outgoing Master
receiving his Past
Masters Apron

Assisting RW Richard Maynard were:

RW Joel Tripp, PDDGM 18th – Installing Chaplain
Bro. Douglas Whitmore – Installing Marshal
Wor. Steven Boucouvalas, PM Saco – Assisting Officer
MW George Pulkkinen, PGM – Installing Piper

Wor. Gerald Ouellette handed the gavel of Saco Lodge to the installing Master, father of the incoming Master, RW Richard Maynard, PDDGM GLNH. The 2015 Officers of Saco Lodge were conducted out of the lodge by the installing Marshal, RW Joel Tripp.



RW Richard Maynard conducted the installation assisted by Wor. Richard Tripp and Bro. David Tripp as Installing Chaplain.



Bro. Terrance Tripp was presented his 55 Year Service Star by the newly installed Master Wor. Jonathan Maynard.



RW Joel Tripp, W. Richard Tripp, B. Terrance Tripp, B. David Tripp
and W. Forrest Tripp with Newly installed Master, W. Jonathan Maynard



Officers of Saco Lodge 2016

Front row – Bro. Gregory Maxwell, SW, Wor. Jonathan Maynard, Master, Bro. Justin Galipeau, JW
 2nd Row – Bro. Andrew Nightingale, SD, Bro. Michael Hopkins, SS, Bro. Andrew Orr, JS, Bro. Steven Polley, JD
 Back – Bro. Sorren Arneson, Marshal, Wor. James Pate, Treasurer, Bro. Sheldon Nightingale, Tyler, RW Carl Marsano, Secretary,
 Wor. Gerald Ouellette, Chaplain

1.2. Degree work for January

On January 19th...Past Grand Lodge Officers Present – MW Wayne Adams, PGM, RW Richard Lobley, PJGW & RW Carl Marsano, DDGM

With Bro. Justin Galipeau sitting in the East, Bro Nicholas Cronin was Initiated to the Degree of an Entered Apprentice.



Wor. Jonathan Maynard welcoming RW Richard Lobley to the East. RW Richard is Grandfather to the candidate & father-in-law to Bro. Robert Cronin, father of the candidate.

1.3. Masters and Wardens

On January 26th, Saco Lodge hosted Masters & Wardens. The program of the night was titled “Engineering and the Parallels with Masonry” given by RW Carl Marsano.

Famous engineers who were Masons, Samuel Colt, George Pullman – Trains, Walter Chrysler, Ransom Olds & Andre Citroen – Cars, Angus Lyall Paton – Aswan High Dam, James Watt, King Gillette, Astronauts – John Glenn, Buzz Aldrin, Gordo Cooper, Steve Wozniak – Co-founder of Apple. Not to mention George Washington. Saco Lodge won the gavel that night.



2. FEBRUARY – THE WORK CONTINUES



2001 Lobster Stew Night – Wor. Gerald Savage center with MW John Anagnostis at his left. Across the table is Wor. Ralph Meserve PM 1942, 1943 and Wor. Norman Wilcox, PM 1953. At the far end is Wor. Ronald Tripp, PM 1957, 1958. Not sure who is sitting beside Wor. Gerry on his right.

Master's Message By Worshipful Jonathan Maynard From the East Brethren,

I recently had the opportunity to sit down and talk to one of our Past Masters from our Lodge. Worshipful Gerry Savage. He was Master in 1991.

When I met with Wor Gerry, his daughters, Cheryl and Jen, were just finishing lunch and we talked about things that were going on in the lodge. How many members, candidates, dinners, degrees and much more. But every now and then his daughters would say you remember so and so, and worshipful would think back and would talk about that person. Jen would say I remember you in the living room pointing here and there. She stated, he was always learning or practicing something. That led me to ask about "On yonder book".

Worshipful Gerry is the reason we have that charge in Saco Lodge today. He was asked by brother Alton Philips (died 1996) also a member of Saco Lodge to go and watch the charge done at another lodge. They both went and watched the charge and Wor Gerry said to himself that he thought it could be done better than what they saw that evening. So he practiced many many times in that living room which is what his daughters recall seeing him perform. Worshipful Gerry was in good spirits and loved the company. I will be stopping in from time to time to play a game of cribbage that he so enjoys. If you are in the area of Scarborough Veterans Home and have some time I'm know he would enjoy talking with you as well.

We are on our way to a great year and I hope you can join us for some good fellowship and a great meal before the stated or a degree.

Worshipful Jonathan

2.1. Degree work for February

Degree on two candidates: Bruce Reynolds and Steven Joyce. \$30.00 was collected from both candidates. There were 24 Brethren in attendance with Wor. Steven Boucouvalas as the Sr. Warden, Bro. David Tripp as the Jr. Deacon and Wor. Mark Whitmore as the Secretary for the evenings work.

One first time visitor, Bro. Mike Campbell from Arion Lodge # 162 was introduced and presented with a 200 year celebration coin of Saco Lodge.

Current Grand Lodge Officers: Wor. Steven Boucouvalas, Grand Steward.

Past Grand Lodge Officers: R.W. Richard Galipeau.

Past Masters present: Wor. Gerald Ouellette, Wor David Perkins, Wor. Steven Boucouvalas, Wor. Michael Tremblay, Wor. Steven Cappers, Wor. Richard Galipeau and Wor. Mark Whitmore.

Sickness and Distress: Bro. Gary Butt is in the Hospital. A card expressing our thoughts and prayers was signed by all. Wor. Michael Tremblay will deliver this.

Excellent Degree work was enjoyed by all, most especially the Candidates. Lectures were given. The Lodge was closed at 9:45 in good harmony, with Fellowship at the Run of the Mill afterward enjoyed by many.

3. MARCH – SPRINGTIME IS APPROACHING

3.1. Fellowship Day

Master's Message

By Worshipful Jonathan Maynard

From the East
Brethren,

I write with great regret to inform the Lodge that at the end of this year Worshipful James Thomas Pate will be retiring from the Treasurer's position after fifteen years in the chair. (He would later change his mind and run for re-election)

Worshipful James' journey started when he was young. His father, Brother Robert Pate, is a 50 year member of Saco Lodge. But Worshipful Jim officially began his journey on the night of November 21, 1991 where he was Initiated. He was then Passed on the night of January 14, 1992, which for what I have been told having a degree in January at Saco Lodge was quite uncommon back in the day. He took his Sublime Degree on the night of April 7, 1992 and was on the fast track to the chair to the right of the Worshipful Master in the East. Just under 6 years later on January 10, 1998 with a fresh dusting of snow Brother James Pate was installed as Worshipful James Thomas Pate, Master of Saco Lodge #9. The Master's charge was given by R.W. Wayne T. Adams, Past Junior Grand Warden, who we all know now carries the title M.W. Wayne T. Adams. Our own M.W. John Anagnostis gave a brief discourse on Masonry. V.W. Richard E. Clark was also part of the installation suite serving as Chaplain. At the May Stated VW Richard was introduced as Right Worshipful as the District Deputy Grand Master for the 18th district.

Worshipful Jim has achieved his goal of getting to fifteen years as the Treasurer of Saco Lodge. I'm sure things have changed since he first took the office. Having served 15 years, he will have his name read at Grand Lodge and be part of the proceedings. A tremendous accomplishment which speaks to his dedication. Jim, I want to thank you for your benevolent years of service. You will be sorely missed in the North East corner of the Lodge.

The year is moving quickly along and the Lodge is very active. We have done a few degrees and have many more to come as the candidates are diligently learning from the Education Committee who meet every Monday night at the Lodge. We will be also be having our annual picnic at Ferry Beach State Park on July 9th. Plenty of food and fellowship. The attendance grows in numbers every year.

Coming up we will be having a Widows and Fifty Year members' luncheon, the date to be set soon. Also in August we will be attempting to hold an Outdoor Master Mason Degree, weather permitting. I know you're telling yourself it's just another Degree, but they are quite different with the wind blowing through the trees and the birds singing, all the while listening and watching as the Degree unfolds before you. Followed by Fellowship and lunch.

Clear in the East
Worshipful Jon

3.2. Degree Work for March

The lodge was opened on the FC Degree in due form.

Present Grand Lodge Members – Wor. Steven Boucouvalas, Grand Steward
Past Grand Lodge – RW Carl Marsano, DDGM 18th Masonic District

Past Masters

Wor. Steve Boucouvalas, RW Carl Marsano, Wor. Dave Perkins, Wor. Mark Whitmore, and Wor. James Pate

50 Year Members

Bro. Arthur Prentiss, 64 Year Member

Charlie Miller fell and is recovering. He appreciates visitors. Lester Poole member of Arion Lodge infection at Room 106 at South Ridge. He too would like visitors.

With Bro. Gregory Maxwell presiding in the East Candidates Andrew Clark (left) and Jeffrey Boynton (center) were passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft.



3.3. Annual Mary's Walk for Cancer

Once again Saco Lodge team was well represented at the Annual Mary's Walk for Cancer.



Present were Bros. Andrew and Sheldon Nightingale, Justin Galipeau, Steve Polley, w. David Perkins and W. Gerald Ouellette and their families. Over \$500 was raised by Saco Lodge.

4. APRIL – SPRING IS HERE AND SO ARE THE PAST MASTERS

Master's Message

By Worshipful Mark Whitmore

Master's Message

I hope this message finds you all well. With the winter in the rear view mirror we can look forward to new beginnings. Spring flowers are forging forward and the birds have returned. I heard the first peepers the other night. But as I sit here writing, I look out the window and a fresh blanket of snow has made everything white and tranquil one last time, something a true Mainer would say...

The lodge has been without the Care and Share Committee for some time. I am pleased to announce that committee is back up and running. I have asked Worshipful Mike Tremblay to head this group and Worshipful David Perkins has offered up his services to help out. They will be looking for more people to help on this committee. Over the course of the year, they will be reaching out to the older members and widows to see if there is anything they need. There will be a permanent section in the trestle board where a contact number will be listed.

The other program I'd like to see get off the ground is called Hiram's Transport. A Master always wants to have a constant flow of new members entering and fortunately we do. Hiram's Transport is a way to get those of you who prefer not to drive at night an opportunity to come back and sit in Lodge again. I have asked Worshipful David Perkins to chair this program. His number will be listed and he will determine which volunteer lives closest to give you a ride. There are a few Brethren who have volunteered to be on the list and I am sure more may be needed.

At the March Stated I had the greatest pleasure in re-presenting Worshipful Charlie Miller his 50 Year Medal and Pin, it was first done by Worshipful Richard Clark back in December, but for some reason he didn't receive them. As many of you may not know of Worshipful Charlie he is a Past Master of Lincoln # 3 in Wiscasset, Maine. Worshipful Charlie suffers from Parkinson's and is a determined individual not to let this rule his life. I have had many opportunities to talk with him over the years and have learned things that you may not know. One I will share is that he has a love for trains. He tells me that he has been working on a large display in his basement, I'm sorry to say, that I have not yet seen. It's on my list of things to do. Worshipful Charlie has a passion for Masonry. He tries to be at all Stated and most Specials. Often if he can't make it he will call to let me know. It makes me smile when I see him in Lodge as he's a model individual to look up too. Thanks for all that you do Worshipful Charlie.

Don't forget we will be having the Annual Past Masters night on April 28th. I believe it is baked ham for dinner. I personally will pass on the raisin sauce.

Starting in May we also will be doing a Special every third Thursday of the month.

So Mote It Be
Worshipful Jonathan

4.1. Degree work for April – Past Master's Night



Front Row: W. Gerald Ouellette, W. Gregory Milliken, RW Richard Clark, W. Jonathan Maynard, W. Robert Hooper (Senior PM), W. John Knox, W. David Perkins, W. Michael Tremblay, W. Steven Boucouvalas.

Back Row: W. Forrest Tripp, W. Steve Cappers, W. Richard Tripp, W. Michael McKenney, RW Carl Marsano, W. James Pate, RW Joel Tripp, W. Mark Whitmore.

Bro. Arthur Prentiss, 65 Year Member was presented his 3rd Service Star by W. Robert Hooper, Senior PM.



With Wor. Gregory Milliken presiding in the East, Bro. Jeffrey Boynton was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.



4.2. Additional Work for April

The lodge was opened on the EA Degree in due form.

Grand Lodge Officers – Wor. Steven Boucouvalas, GS

Past Masters – Wor. Michael Tremblay, Wor. Steven Boucouvalas & Wor. Steven Cappers

50 Year Members – Bro. Arthur Prentiss 65 Years

Bro. Gary Butts is in Togus battling an infection.

With Bro. Justin Galipeau sitting in the East, Bro Jonathan Delage was Initiated to the Degree of an Entered Apprentice.

Good of the Order – Wor. Jonathan Maynard congratulated the officers for a fine job

4.3. Adopt a road – Jenkins Road

Many thanks to all the brethren who assisted with the spring cleanup of Jenkins Road. We ended up picking up quite a lot. This is the 15th year we are doing this. The City of Saco appreciates the work we do.

Thanks again,
Wor. Gerry Ouellette

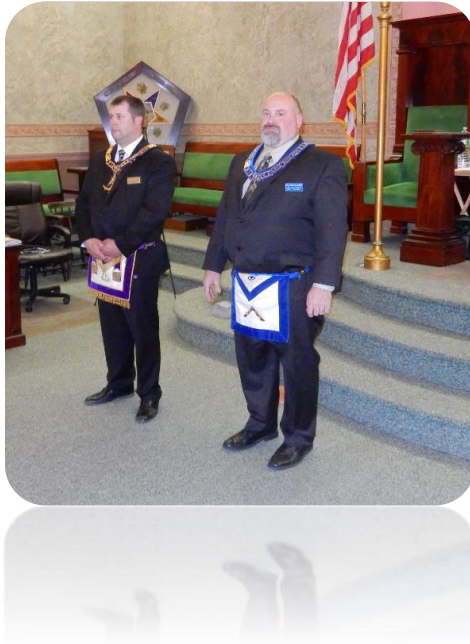


5. MAY – GRAND LODGE SESSION AND MORE...

5.1. Reception of the District Deputy

This year's Grand Lodge session occurred before Saco Lodge's May Stated.

Present Grand Lodge Officers – RW Eric Durgan, DDGM of the 18th Masonic District, received for the first time in the 18th District. This was the first time in six years the District Deputy was received on his installation day. Previously, it had been a time honored tradition dating back to the 1980 if not further back.



RW Eric Durgin discussing the Grand Lodge session – Grand Lodge proceedings covered the votes. Hot topics discussion on the previous memo on Tennessee & Georgia. Decision is to state our feelings as Masons that we disagree with their positions taken. We will review next year. Essentially tabled.

Proposed Assistant Grand Lecturer position for each district. Rejected by a wide margin. Moving forward, the DRI will have more responsibility. Organizing the schools of instruction, assist in the inspections for ritual accuracy.

Background checks was rejected out of hand.

Adoniram Lodge No. 27 got their charter back.

22 Lodges were not in attendance.

5.2. Degree Work for May

A special communication was held on May 19th. With Bro. Gregory Maxwell presiding in the East Candidates Bro. Steven Joyce was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft

6. JUNE SUMMER IS HERE!

Master's Message

By Worshipful Jonathan Maynard

From The East

As the sun set towards the West for Saco Lodge once again, I find myself asking where did the time go. There are never enough hours of daylight. Good thing the tractor has head lights!

We are swiftly coming upon the Wilderness Degree. It will be held at the Milliken farm on the Flag Pond Rd. I can remember back to last year when the rain stopped just in time to start the degree. It had been five years I think since we were last able to do one outdoors. If you have not been to one, you are missing out. Last year while the lectures were being delivered I found myself drifting off to the sounds of the wilderness. The wind blowing through the pines with a low breathe. The birds singing the words of the lecture as you listen with the attentive ear. All the while I was watching for the snake to show its self again from under the stone alter. Worshipful Jerry let's just say that he is not a great fan. It was also great to watch Wor Jerry raise his stepson. And with the meal that followed made for great fellowship. The date this year is August 6th.

This will be the first years that I am able to make the cookout that will be at Ferry Beach again this year. We are normally gone during that time, but this year we are local. All that I know is that I have been told that it is a great time. The date for this picnic is July 9th.

We will be doing a Master Mason Degree on June 23rd. We may also be doing a special on a weekend due to one candidate that works second shift.

Hope you all have a great summer and we will see you in September.

Clear in the East

Worshipful Jonathan

6.1. Special Work for June

On Thursday June 23rd, The lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in due form. The pledge of allegiance was given. With Wor. Jonathan Maynard presiding in the East, Bro. Andrew Clark was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

7. JULY/AUGUST SUMMER WE ARE DARK...YEAH RIGHT

7.1. Annual Picnic at Ferry Beach State Park

Despite the bad weather we still had close to 60 brethren, family members and guest show up for the annual picnic. This picnic was started under Wor. Gordon Workman and has been a wonderful success. It is held at Ferry Beach State Park.



7.2. Special Degree Work for August

The lodge was opened on the MM Degree in Due Form. Pledge of Allegiance was given. RW Carl Marsano welcomed everyone who attended. This was supposed to be an outdoor degree having been granted a dispensation for. However, Mother Nature did not cooperate. A second dispensation was granted by Grand Lodge for the use of New Jersey ritual for the lecture.

Sickness and Distress – Bro. Gary Butt died on August 5th. A moment of silence was held in his memory, and a card circulated for his widow. A card was circulated for Wor. Jonathan Maynard who was suffering with kidney stones and for Bro. Sheldon Nightingale who was in the hospital.

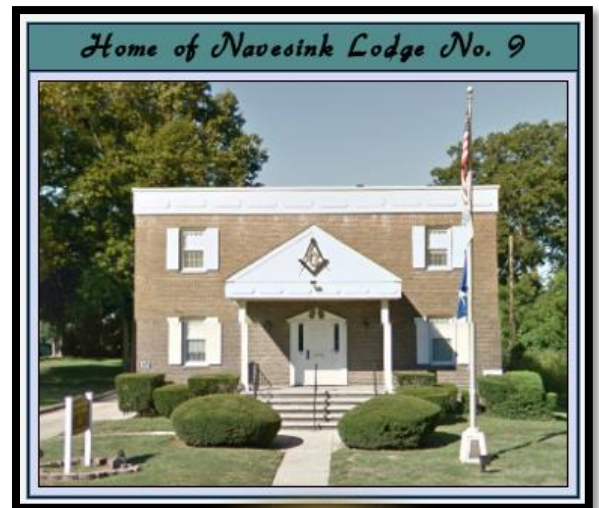
Past Masters – Wor. Michael Tremblay, Wor. Gerald Ouellette, RW Carl Marsano and Wor. Richard Joyce, PM Navesink Lodge, No. 9, Red Bank, NJ

50 Year Members or First Time Visitors – None

With RW Carl Marsano presiding in the East, Steven Mark Joyce was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The Master Mason lecture was given by his father using New Jersey ritual. Wor. Dick Joyce is a certified ritual instructor from New Jersey.



Wor. Dick Joyce (Left), of Navesink Lodge No. 9 with his son, Bro. Steven Joyce (center), Saco's newest Master Mason



Brother Mike Hopkins (Left) presenting Bro. Steve with a name

7.3. Masonic Service Work

The lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in the anteroom for the purpose of conducting a memorial service for Bro. Gary Butt who passed away on August 5th.

The lodge gathered together to say good bye to one of its own, Bro. Gary Wayne Butt, who was an active member serving on the membership committee and also as lodge historian in 2013.



A Masonic Service was given at the lodge hall. Eulogy was delivered by Wor. Michael Tremblay. A poem was read by Silvia Butt, Gary's widow. She thanks the brethren who helped her get through this difficult time.

A Navy color guard presented Sylvia with the flag of our country.

7.4. Project Work for August

In August 24th led by Wor. Gerald Ouellette, we picked trash alongside Jenkins Road. We have made a tremendous difference, the first outing 15 (yes 15!) years ago, we had 27 bags of trash. This day we ended up picking about 12 bags. It is work that we have committed to, and I for one like doing. So the next time it comes up, think about helping out, it takes only a short time and is good exercise. We all need to get more exercise and fresh air.



8. SEPTEMBER – SUMMER’S OVER

In The East...

Where does the time go? Nine months have passed us by and it's time for getting wood up for winter and making sure snow blowers are ready to go. It seems to me like it will be a short fall season, perhaps not much of any color.

Last week we had a practice for our annual inspection which went off without a hitch, so proud of the line we have this year. As I was saying, before practice the membership committee was in a meeting and I had the opportunity to sit in for a bit. The question was asked whether the Square and Compasses Day was worth doing again this year.

As in this day, we've tried countless things over the years to get current members back on the sidelines. It's always been an intrigue of mine to find out why or what would prompt members to return. I have one duty left on my plate. I will be sending out a questionnaire to every member. It will only have two questions on it which will be anonymous unless you want to put your name down. It'll come with a self-addressed stamped envelope which will not be an expense to the lodge. I'd ask that you don't hold back, write what you wish.

These will be sent out by the middle of October and I'd like to have them back by the December Stated. If you wish to drop it off in hand that night you will get a good meal I'm sure, as its lobster stew night. My hopes are to compile those that I receive back to see how we may answer your requests and fix the dislikes.

One last thing, I hope to see a lot of you at the 18th District Annual Meeting on November 1st. We are hosting it, and the program is very interesting. It won't be a bunch of boring speeches, I promise.

Worshipful Jon

8.1. Work for September

The charter was draped at the Stated Meeting for the following:

Wor. Keith Thompson died on July 3rd. He was:

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Freeport Lodge on November 1978

Passed to the Degree on November 20th 1978

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on January 15, 1979

Affiliated with Saco Lodge on January 5, 1982

Master of Saco Lodge in the year 1988

Bro. Gary Butt died on August 5th. He was:

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on February 20, 1990

Passed to the Degree on September 11, 1990

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 7, 2010

8.2. Annual Inspection

Wor. Jonathan Maynard received and welcomed RW Eric Durgin, DDGM of the 18th District who was present for the purpose of his annual inspection. The acting Grand Marshal, RW Gerald (Butch) Gannett, PDDGM 18th escorted the DDGM to the East, where he was accorded private grand honors.

RW Butch then introduced the remainder of the suite: VW Michael Shaw, present District Education Representative, RW Joel Tripp, PDDGM 18th, RW Carl Marsano, PDDGM 18th, RW Richard Maynard, PDDGM 6th (NH) and Wor. James Pate, PM Saco.

First time visitors – Wor. Jacob Smiley, PM Central Lodge #45, China, Maine.
Bro. Michael Ingalls from Chicago.

Work in a Lodge of Master Masons was suspended and a lodge of Entered Apprentices was opened for the purpose of performing degree work.

With Wor. Jonathan Maynard presiding in the East, Bros. Philip Schmidt and Dennis Healy were Initiated to the Degree of an Entered Apprentice.

Apron Charge was given by Bro. Justin Galipeau.

Lectures were given by Bros. Michael Hopkins and Andrew Nightingale.

EA Charge given by Brother Steven Polley, Jr.

RW Eric Durgin complemented everyone on the fine work and gave his final words.

9. OCTOBER – IN THE GROOVE

Master's Message

By Worshipful Jonathan Maynard

In the East,

Well I have to say that I was wrong on the fall color this year. It has been spectacular.

The Lodge is in full speed these next few months. November 1st we will be hosting the 18th District Masters and Wardens annual visitation from Grand Lodge. Tickets are being sold for dinner due to having prime rib and space. Tickets are available for \$10 and you can contact myself or the Wardens for information. They are flying in a guest speaker, Bro. Scott Wolter from the History Channel, to give a presentation (see page 3). I would encourage you to come and support the line of officers putting this dinner on and your home lodge.

The following night is our November stated meeting. It is also our hunting attire night. Come dressed as you would be in the woods. Ending the month with a Special on the fourth Thursday. Don't forget Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army on November 26th. Saco Lodge has its usual time slot, 9:00 to 11:00.

December is also packed. The stated is on the 7th with Lobster stew night. Awards will also be given this night. We still have tickets for the Ladies at the table Lodge dinner which is on the 10th. At the Table Lodge, we will be celebrating our Mason of the Year, who also won District 18 Ritualist of the year, Brother Michael Hopkins.

We will be honoring two Brothers for this year's Table Lodge. The first honoree is Worshipful James Pate for his 15 years of service for being our Treasurer. The second honoree is Brother Andrew Nightingale for his success on the first year run of the Bikes for Books. Come and help celebrate the success of this Lodge.

Tickets are available through the Wardens.

In closing the letters that I talked about should be reaching you by the time you are reading this. Please bring them to the stated in December or mail them back with the envelope provided. Finally, I ask you to reach out to a Brother that you have not heard from for a while and see how they are doing.

Worshipful Jon

Brethren, Don't forget our Stated Meetings 1st Wednesday of the month Additional Dates to Remember

November 1st – 18th District Annual Meeting, Semi-public
Guest speaker Bro. Scott Wolter, forensic geologist
and host of the history channels America Unearthed.

Tickets can be purchased from Bro. Greg Maxwell



10. NOVEMBER – DEER SEASON

Master's Message

By Worshipful Jonathan Maynard

From the East

For the District 18 Masters and Wardens annual visitation from Grand Lodge we hosted a prime rib dinner for 80 plus people including Brother Scott Wolter who was the guest speaker for the evening. He is a forensic scientist of stone (a.k.a. Geologists). He has tied the Templars to being in America in 1362 from a stone found by a farmer clearing land in Kensington, Minnesota in 1898. It was very informative and entertaining.

Worshipful Jon

PS. Don't forget Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army on November 26th at the Biddeford Walmart.

Saco Lodge has its usual time slot, 9:00 to 11:00.

The lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in prior to the meeting for the purpose of the 18th Masonic District's Annual Meeting.

Wor. Jonathan Maynard received and welcomed MW Thomas Pulkkinen and RW Eric Durgin, DDGM of the 18th District

The pledge of allegiance was given.

Presentation – 18th District Annual Meeting, Semi-public Guest speaker Bro. Scott Wolter, forensic geologist and host of the history channels America Unearthed.

MW Tom complemented everyone on the fine work and gave his final words.

No further business appearing, the lodge was duly closed in ample form by MW Tom Pulkkinen.

A good time was held by all who attended.

10.1. Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army



Once again for over 20 years Saco Lodge and the Masons of the 18th Masonic District rang the bell for the Salvation Army. This year we had 18 brethren show up during our usual timeslot of 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

10.2. Annual Hunting Attire Night

A tradition that has been going on for 15 years is our Annual Hunting Attire Stated Meeting in November. Table Lodge Honorees were announced

Wor. James Pate – 15 Year Treasurer



Bro. Andrew Nightingale for spearheading the Bikes for Books program.



11. DECEMBER – FINAL DAYS



From the East

The year is quickly coming to an end. The firewood is stacked and the yard is cleaned up and with turkey day behind us we look forward to that time of year when the kids come home and everyone is around the tree. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We have the Ladies at the Table on the 10th and I believe we still have a few tickets left. It will be a good time had by all I'm sure.

December always means a great meal of lobster stew cooked by Worshipful James Pate and his wife Lisa. Awards will also be given out at the stated and it will be step up night for the officers. See the Secretary's message for those who are due for a pin.

We will also be bringing back the Master Mason proficiency at the altar in open Lodge with Brother Steven Joyce. The last time this was done in open Lodge was a few years ago with myself. Come and support a Brother and may it bring back memories from your Third Degree.

Worshipful Jon



11.1. Lobster Stew Night and Awards

A tradition at Saco Lodge for over 50 years is the Annual Lobster Stew Night, a night where we hand out Service Awards and other items. As well as serving up delicious Lobster Stew by our Treasurer, Wor. James Pate and his wife. It is usually our biggest meeting of the year, and this year was no different.



RW Eric Durgin Presenting Past Masters Certificates to Wor. Jonathan Maynard (left) and to Wor. Forrest Tripp and RW Joel Tripp (right picture)

11.2. Ladies at the Table – table Lodge



Our Annual Table Lodge event honoring Wor. James Pate and Bro. Andrew Nightingale. A festive time.

Note table in center honoring those who serve our country and were unable to attend due to commitments to our country.

Two pictures are on the table, brethren who both are serving in the US Navy.

Brother Kyle Whitmore currently serving in Rota, Spain



and Bro. Thomas J Casamassa who is serving in San Diego



12. BRETHREN WHO PASSED 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.

Wor. Keith F. Thompson
Initiated on November 1, 1978
(Freeport Lodge)
Passed November 20th 1978
Raised - January 15, 1979
Affiliated - January 5, 1982
(Saco Lodge)
Master of Saco Lodge in the year 1988

Deceased – July 3, 2016

Bro. Walter Coito
Initiated – November 7, 1951
Passed – December 7, 1951
Raised – December 27, 1951

Deceased – April 13, 2016

Bro. Heidar Schirazi
Initiated June 16, 2003
Passed – November 5, 2003
Raised – December 16, 2003

Deceased January 19, 2016

Bro. Gary W. Butt
Initiated – February 20, 1990
Passed – September 11, 1990
Raised – April 7, 2010

Deceased – August 5, 2016

Bro. Alfred N. Kennedy
Initiated - February 1, 1950
Passed – March 1, 1950
Raised April 25, 1950

Deceased January 12, 2016

Bro. Earl B. Murray, Jr.
Initiated – May 4, 1983
Passed – September 20, 1983
Raised – October 25, 1983

Deceased – May 19, 2016

13. CANDIDATES DURING THE YEAR

Each year begins full of promise and as it has been for the past 214 years, it was a promised fulfilled.

Present Membership 203

Saco Lodge has been at the forefront of a rebirth of Masonry within the state and it is now spreading. If you travel, you now see more and more active lodges within the 18th District and beyond.

Dennis	Healy	ELECTED
Dennis	Healy	INITIATED
Jeffrey	Boynton	PASSED
Jeffrey	Boynton	RAISED
Nicolas	Cronin	INITIATED
Andrew	Clark	RAISED
Andrew	Clark	PASSED
Steven	Joyce	INITIATED
Steven	Joyce	PASSED
Steven	Joyce	RAISED
Bruce	Reynolds	INITIATED
Jonathan	Delage	ELECTED
Jonathan	Delage	INITIATED
Philip	Schmidt	ELECTED
Philip	Schmidt	INITIATED

14. AND THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

On January 15, 2017, Wor. Gregory Maxwell was installed as Master of Saco Lodge. RW Carl Marsano, Wor. Mark Whitmore, Wor Steven Boucouvalas and Wor. Gordon Workman performed the ceremony of installing the officers of Saco Lodge for another year.



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