

2014

Saco Lodge History 2014



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INTRODUCTION

History for the Year 2014

From the East

Greetings Brethren,

I want to say thank you one last time to the Officers, Past Masters, and members of our Lodge for the privilege I have had serving you from the East. This year has been one with many more ups than downs. The memories I have will carry me into the sidelines knowing we did all we could this year to continue the traditions our Lodge has while making new ones.

I hope you will join me in supporting the new officers and members during Gerry's year as Master.

Once more, thank each of you.

Worshipful Master,
Dwayne F. Rembert

1. JANUARY – INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER DUTIES



January

The work of the year for Saco Lodge #9 began early in 2014 with a stated meeting January 1. At that meeting officers for the year were elected and the Master's, Secretary's, Treasurer's and Finance Committee Reports were read and laid upon the records.

A semi-public installation of officers was held January 12. Incoming Master Worshipful Dwayne Rembert was installed by his brother WM Quinones Rembert, assisted by installing officers RW Joel Tripp, RW Carl Marsano, and Wor. Mark Whitmore. WM Dwayne Rembert then installed his elected officers Bro. Gerald Ouellette as Senior Warden, Bro. Jonathan Maynard as Junior Warden, Wor. James Pate as Treasurer, and Carl Marsano as Secretary; and his appointed officers Bro. Gregory Maxwell

as Senior Deacon, Bro. Justin Galipeau as Junior Deacon, Bro. Robert Maxfield as Senior Steward, Bro. Andrew Nightingale as Junior Steward, Bro. Marc Cardullo as Chaplain, Bro. Steven Polley Jr as Marshal, and Bro. Sheldon Nightingale as Tyler.

Candidate training and mentorship was held at 6 PM every Monday beginning January 6. These sessions are held at the lodge every Monday throughout the year, even in the summer, any time there are candidates for degrees.

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.



Wor. Brother Dwayne being installed by his brother Wor. Quinones, PM Deering Lodge

Cake from Saco Lodge for Wor. Dwayne's installation,



Cake from Wor. Dwayne's installation at Deering Lodge in 2013, Note square and Compass



Safely Transferring the Charter from outgoing Master Wor. Mark Whitmore to Wor. Dwayne Rembert



Officers of Saco Lodge 2014

Front row –Bro. Gerald Ouellette, SW; Wor. Dwayne Rembert, Master; Bro. Jonathan Maynard, JW
2nd Row – Wor. Quinones Rembert, IO; Bro. Gregory Maxwell, SD, Wor. Mark Whitmore, Junior PM; RW Joel Tripp, IO
Back – Bro. Marc Cardullo, Chap; Wor. James Pate, Treasurer;

2. FEBRUARY – THE WORK CONTINUES

The stated meeting of February 5 unfortunately coincided with a major snowstorm. Sufficient officers arrived to open the Lodge and conduct a brief business meeting before closing.

On February 6th Bro. Marc Atherton was Initiated to the degree of an Entered Apprentice.

An interesting and useful endeavor began in February with the first meeting of the Past Masters Club February 23 at Run of the Mill Restaurant. This initiative was started by Wor. Mark Whitmore to unite and strengthen friendships and commitment. The Club is also intended to gather the experience of Past Masters as a possible resource to the current Master as requested.

On February 27 degree work was done and Brother Joshua Boldebook was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft.

Attention Past Masters of Saco Lodge

There is a new group forming which consists of all Past Masters of Saco Lodge. Our mission is to be an advisory group only for all Officers of Saco Lodge, to stay connected with each other, and connected with Saco Lodge. Please plan on meeting at the Run of the Mill restaurant on Sunday, February 23rd at 1:00 for lunch and a kick off meeting where we can throw some ideas around as to where and how often we would like to get together, and what our role should be.

I hope to see as many of you as possible.
Mark Whitmore, Past Master 2013
590-1167



3. MARCH – SPRINGTIME IS APPROACHING

March

Our stated meeting was held on March 5.

A team from Saco Lodge #9, including friends and family, participated in the 16th annual Mary's Walk, a 2.5 mile walk (or 5K run!) to raise funds to battle cancer. This activity is very popular in the Saco community and our participation showed a high level of community involvement and as well contributed to raising over \$300,000 (not a misprint) for cancer research.

A fundraising Master's and Warden's Scholarship Fund Raising Table Lodge was held on March 22.

On March 27 a special communication was held during which Bro. Michael Hopkins and Bro. James Delage were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

3.1. Mary's Walk



Officers of Saco Lodge Attending the 2014 Edition of Mary's Walk with their families and friends.

3.2. Master's and Wardens Table Lodge

The 18th District gather together to honor VW Roger Berube, the District's Mason of the Year. More importantly was to Raise funds for the M&W Scholarship.



Honoring those who could not be here due to their duties.



Brother Kyle Whitmore and Brother Thomas Casamassa
Both US Navy



Left to Right
RW Seth Dube, DDGM, VW Roger Berube, DER
& Wor. Eric Durgin, President M&W



The Chef, Brother Jonathan Maynard (Center)



The rest of the crew

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

A stated meeting was held April 3. Worshipful Master Dwayne Rembert announced that he had selected Bro. Justin Galipeau as Mason of the Year for our Lodge, citing Bro. Galipeau's extraordinary diligence in the work of the lodge and the great respect in which he is held by his lodge brothers. To this preferment all the Lodge was in full agreement. Justin will be honored at a later meeting of the Masters and Wardens and also have a chance to win Mason of the Year for our district whereby a Table Lodge may be held in his honor next year.

On April 12, several members of the lodge volunteered at a CHIPS program held at Young School in Saco. Over 74 children were signed up and processed. We also assisted in a CHIPS program held April 26 at the Saco Fire Department in conjunction with their Open House event.

On April 17 a Past Masters Night was held. This is a tradition dating back at least to the 1880s. The work of the night was the raising of Bro. Timothy Emery to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

On April 24 a degree night was held during which Samuel Workman was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.



The Paster Masters Of Saco Lodge



Wor. Dwayne Rembert presenting
Diplomas to Bro. Michael Hopkins, Bro.
Timothy Emery and Bro. James Delage



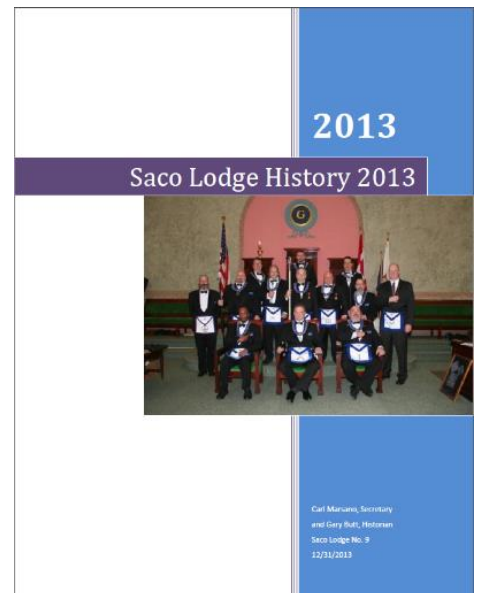
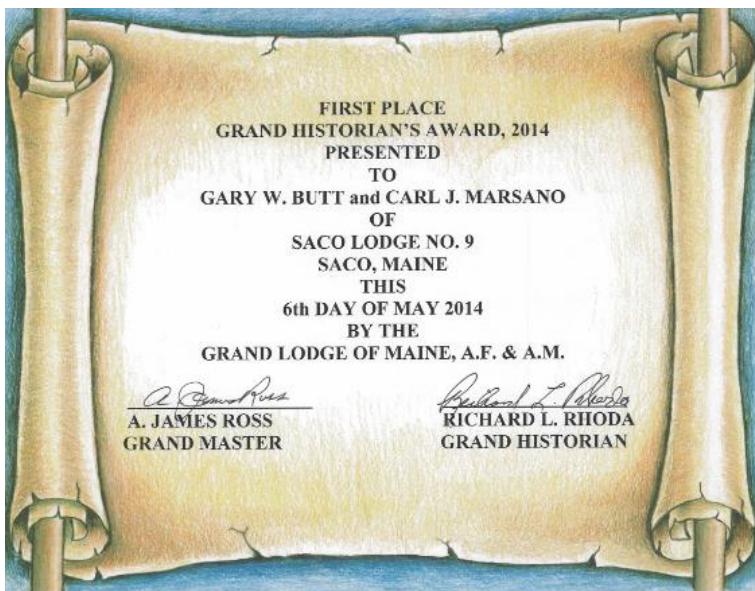
The PM's getting ready for
the night!

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

The stated meeting was held May 7. Prior to this meeting the lodge presented the Dr. G. Patrick Shaw Scholarship awards to Miss Mayson Picard and Lauren Bartholomew. The award ceremony was attended by Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw, widow of Dr. G. Patrick Shaw, PDDGM 18th who initially started and funded the lodge scholarship fund. At the stated meeting a report was made of recent Grand Lodge proceedings.

On May 10 a breakfast Master Mason Degree was held at which Bro. Joshua Boldebook was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Following the degree work, a Fellowship Day was held with free breakfast and great company.

Once again at the grand Lodge Session, Saco Lodge took home an award. For the second time in five years we have once again won the Historians Award. A lot of effort went into this, many thanks to Bro. Gary Butt and Wor. Mark Whitmore who assisted in putting this all together.



MW Jim Ross had this to say: "When I read the history in its very attractive format, I told the committee that Saco just raised the bar. They told me the same without question. Great work and congratulations to Saco Lodge!"



Elizabeth Shaw (center), Widow of Dr. G. Patrick Shaw, PDDGM 18th,
Presenting the G. Patrick Shaw Scholarships to Mayson Picard and Lauren Bartholomew.

Dr. G. Patrick Shaw was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on March 24, 1951 in Lakeside Lodge, No. 371 in Manistique, Michigan. He affiliated with Saco Lodge in December 4, 1963, was Master in 1975 and served as DDGM of the 18th District. He passed away on June 24, 1979.

6. JUNE SUMMER IS HERE!

A stated meeting was held June 4. Preparations were discussed for the second annual Saco Lodge Picnic on July 12.

A Master Mason Degree ceremony was conducted June 19 during which Brother Seth Umel was Initiated to the degree of an Entered Apprentice.



Brother Benjamin Smith showing off what he found at his home in Colorado. A natural square and compass that may have had some assistance when it was growing. The tree he figures was over 100 years old, so the help the tree got was quite a while ago.

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

Although the lodge is dark for the months of July and August, members and their families enjoyed the 2nd annual Saco Lodge Picnic at Ferry Beach in Saco on July 12. 87 brethren and their families attended to enjoy great food and camaraderie. This represented a 25% increase over attendance last year.

Our mission is not only to attract new members, but keep existing brethren engaged.

Event No. 1

Saco Lodge will be hosting our 2nd Annual Masonic Family BBQ on Saturday July 12th from 11am - 2pm at Ferry Beach State Park in Saco. Please come and bring your family (*and don't forget potential candidates*) to a fun filled day where they can mingle and enjoy a relaxing BBQ. Soda, Water and BBQ lunch will be provided from the membership committee.

Cost to get into the State Park is: Senior 65+ is free, Adults 12-65 is \$4, Children 5-12 is \$1, kids 0-5 is free.

Parking is \$1, Veterans that have a park pass are free admittance.

Please RSVP Brother Gary Butt how many will attend from your family so we can plan accordingly.

garsyl94@gmail.com or (207) 229-1720

We hope to see you there for of these events.

Fraternally, Greg Maxwell

Brothers Gary Butt, Justin Galipeau, Greg Maxwell, Andy Nightingale and Bill Cline



Families having fun!



More fun!



Except Steve!



Mmmmm food.

7.1. Special Work for August

On August 23rd led by Wor. Dave Perkins, we picked trash alongside Jenkins Road. We have made a tremendous difference, the first outing 13 (yes 13!) years ago, we had 27 bags of trash. This day we ended up picking about 10 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.



7.2. Shrine Event at Hadlock Field

The lodge was also well represented at the Shrine/Mason ball game at Hadlock Field on August 3rd with MW David Walker throwing out the first pitch. Wor. Mark Whitmore did a fine job of organizing it, and well over 80 brethren and family attended.



Brothers Mark and Andrew Gilbert, father & son from Saco Lodge



Organizer Wor. Mark Whitmore, PM Saco with MW David Walker, Grand Master.

Beautiful view down the first base line!



8. SEPTEMBER – SUMMER’S OVER

Honoring our Special Ladies



Widows were honored at the September Stated Meeting: Dawn Ducharme, Lucille Duross, Margorie Johnston, Iva Tripp, Dolly Tripp, Lillian Husser, Claire Scammon, Jeanine Pendleton
Back Row: W. John Knox, W. Ray Boughner, W. David Perkins, W. Robert Barris III, RW Gerald "Butch" Gannett, W. James Dufresne, RW Richard Clark, W. Gordon Workman, W. Michael Tremblay
Photo by Larry Tripp

By Worshipful Dwayne Rembert
From the East
Brethren,

First and foremost, I want to thank all those that helped plan, participate and attend the First Annual, Past Masters and Special Ladies night held at our Lodge September 3rd. The event was well attended and all were well fed (by the diligent and kind women of Eastern Star) and entertained by the events of the evening. I hope I can join the list of invited guest next year as we honor our Past Masters and Special Ladies with enthusiasm, honor, and passion for the craft.

As the temperatures drop and we transition into the beautiful Maine Fall, our Lodge will be very busy from now until late December. First up is the annual Square and Compasses day which is a statewide celebration of Masonry in Maine. The date is set for October 18th at the Lodge. There will be a Master Mason Degree in the morning followed by breakfast and other festivities planned for the special day. If you know of any interested friend or relative that is wanting to learn more about Maine Masons or our Lodge as a whole, please invite them October 18th for the Square and Compasses day. I'm sure it will be informative and fun for all.

We will have our annual Inspection on Thursday, October 23rd on Master Mason Candidate Chris Cassette. Chris has been installed as State Master Councilor for DeMolay in the state of Maine. We are surely lucky to be the Lodge to raise such a young man. Also, in October we will have our second annual Women of the Table, Table Lodge. This is planned for the 25th, a few days after the Inspection. Tickets will be available at the stated meeting in October. Our Junior Warden, Jonathan Maynard will be preparing the foods for the evening. Please contact him if you would like to assist in the kitchen or help serve.

I hope to see you soon at one of the upcoming events.

Warm Fraternal Greetings,
WM Dwayne Rembert

8.1. Special Work for September

Additional Scenes from September Stated, it was a well-attended Night!



Wor. Dwayne Rembert handing out Past Master's Medallions to the Past Master's



9. OCTOBER – IN THE GROOVE



Masonic Lodge Open House

Public Welcome

October 18, 2014

9am to 3pm

Square and Compass Day – October 18th

- 7:30-9:30 Degree
9:30-10:00 Fellowship and Open House
10:00-11:00 Free Breakfast provided by the membership committee for all brothers and potential candidates.
11:00-1:00 Fellowship and Speakers
1:00 Open House over

All brothers are highly encouraged to come to any or all of the activities. Please bring someone you feel would make a good candidate for Freemasonry.

Andrew Nightingale

A stated meeting was held October 1st.

On October 18th there was a Master Mason Degree ceremony was held during which Justin Stackpole was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The degree was followed by a breakfast and festivities related to Square and Compasses Day.

On October 23rd a Master Mason Degree ceremony was held during which Christopher Cassette was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Chris has already distinguished himself as State Master Councilor for DeMolay in the state of Maine. He is a great young man and we are sure he will prove to be a fine Mason. The degree work was in conjunction with our annual inspection conducted by RW Roger Berube, DDGM.

9.1. Masonic Open House



The brethren present for Square & Compass Day



Wor. Dwayne with newly Raised Brother Justin Stackpole. Justin was also, the degree work for Square and Compass Day in 2013 as an Entered Apprentice Degree

10. NOVEMBER – DEER SEASON



10.1. Special Events

The stated meeting of November 5 was our annual Hunting Attire Night. It was preceded by a Rusty Nail Degree where members who may not have been to the Lodge for a while or who may not attend regularly were reminded of due guard and signs as well as other aspects of Masonic life and ritual.

Master's Message for November

By Worshipful Dwayne Rembert

From the East

Brethren,

This is a fantastic time of year to be alive and witness the beauty God has given us with the colors that are abound. The Fall season is upon us and we as a Lodge are in full swing of activities for you. If you have not been in the Lodge in a while the November Stated meeting is the one you should consider attending. We are having our First annual Rusty Nail Degree for those that may have forgotten how to enter into a Lodge Hall. This is also our "Hunters Night" at the Lodge for the Stated Meeting and all Brothers are free to wear their favorite "Hunting Attire".

You may notice the officers of our Lodge are eager to move up and they will be called on in the next few months to "step up" and take on more leadership roles within our Lodge. I can remember being in each of their seats knowing what was ahead and eagerly looking forward to the challenges. Now I feel a different anxiousness, turning over the reins to the next Master elect. Our Lodge Officers this year have been more than I could have asked for. Each man has been accountable for various on goings for our Lodge and its future success as this district's best Lodge.

I hope to see all members that can attend, to please attend the November Stated Meeting, and Rusty Nail Night. Wednesday, November 5th 2014. Rusty Nail Degree at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm Stated Meeting starts at 7:30PM.

With warm Fraternal Regards,

Dwayne Rembert

10.2. Bell Ringing for Salvation Army



On Saturday November 29th, more than a dozen members participated in the Salvation Army bell-ringing at the Biddeford Wal-Mart. Although this always seems to be the coldest place in North America on bell-ringing day, fellowship and hot coffee got us through---together with the knowledge that we were raising funds for a very worthy organization.

11. DECEMBER – FINAL DAYS



Master's Message for December

By Worshipful Dwayne Rembert

Brethren,

First and foremost I want to wish each of you a very Happy Holiday season filled the love of family, bliss, and cheer. Another Masonic year is soon to close but before we do there is a very Special Communication we are having on December 3rd, 2014. As many of you know it is our annual Lobster Stew and combined Awards night. For the Dinner, all are welcome and the Lobster is free for those that wish to bring guest. Secondly, our Lodge will be open to the public for the first part of the Stated Communication. Several Brothers will be receiving awards that evening. (see list below)

Please look to see if it is your year to receive a pin from the Grand Lodge of Maine. These are for 5, 10, 15 year Mason and so on... If you have not been in Lodge in a while this may be the perfect time to come and enjoy the evening's delights.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Warm Fraternal Regards,
Worshipful Brother Dwayne Rembert

50 Year Members

Theodore M. Sawyer, Everett R. Nutting, Benjamin L. Smith, James N. Duffus, Alfred N. Kennedy, Donald E. Hill, William H. Kimball Jr, Arthur P. Prentiss Jr, Walter A. Johnson, Alfred W. Kany, Roland A. Fogg, Albert W. Taylor, David G. Kennedy, Forrest E. Tripp, John M.

Bell, John H. Burnham, Terrance B. Tripp, Robert H. Hooper, Richard E. Clark, Richard H. Emery Sr, William E. Gilpatric, Richard H. Grant and Philip C. Sherman.

Newest 50 Year Members - Robert D. Pate and Albert F. Eunson

New 40 Year Members – James E. Curtis, Richard Tripp and Gregory Milliken (all Past Masters!)

New 30 Year members - David Perkins (another PM)

New 25 Year Members – James Dufresne (PM) and Lucien Guay

New 20 year Members – James D. Curtis and George J. Shaw

New 15 Year Members – Arthur Littlefield, Stephen Littlefield and Ward Grossman

New 10 Year – Members James S. Henderson, Gordon N. Workman (PM), Paul D. Smart, Steven P. Boucouvalas (PM), Douglas K. Whitmore, Brock D. Major II, Robert A. McQuillan III

New 5 Year Members – Marc Cardullo, Gerald J. Ouellette, Jeffrey L. Pellerin, Erin L. St. John, Dean Coniaris, Brett L. Misenor, Kyle A. Whitmore, Chris Gregoricus, Kevin W. Eugley, Calvin Wilson, Francis A. Sena Jr, Scott N. Lachance, Craig A. Barden, Kristopher P. Barden

11.1. Ladies at the Table - Special Work



Ladies at the Table

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2014 (Note new date)

Time: 4:00 pm Social Time, 5:00pm start.

Cost: \$25.00 individual, \$45.00 per couple

Guest of Honor: Bro. Justin Galipeau, Saco Lodge Mason of the Year, 2014

Head Chef: Bro. Jonathan Maynard and staff will be producing a gastronomical Delight for all, main course to be Chicken Cordon Bleu.

For Tickets, please contact R.W Carl Marsano, or Worshipful Mark Whitmore. Solid confirmations may also be e-mailed to mnmwhitmore@gmail.com, and tickets will be set aside for you to pay for at the door. You will be responsible for these tickets as all proceeds from the Table Lodge, and the Lodge's half of the 50/50 will be donated to the Saco Food Pantry.

Please join us for the Fellowship, and help to make this event successful to help feed those less fortunate.

Mark Whitmore, PM



Many Thanks to the
Decorating Committee

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.

Bro. Theodore M. Sawyer

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice – October 22, 1946

Passed to a Fellowcraft – November 6, 1946

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – December 17, 1946

Bro. A. Wendell Stackpole

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice – September 19, 1939

Passed to a Fellowcraft – October 17, 1939

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – November 14, 1939

Wor. John M. Bell

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice – February 6, 1957

Passed to a Fellowcraft – March 6, 1957

Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – March 26, 1957

Master of Belmont – Beaver Lodge, Belmont, MA – 1992

District Deputy Grand Marshal – 5th Masonic District (MA)



Wor. John Bell with Wor. Mark Whitmore
at the 2013 Lobster Stew Night

13. MEMBERSHIP DURING THE YEAR

Each year begins full of promise and as it has been for the past 13 years, it was a promised fulfilled.

Present Membership 204

This marks the 13th consecutive year where we have either held membership steady or increased membership. It is also the fifth year in a row that our membership is above 200.

This is not done by accident or happenstance. There are many members who should take pride in the work they do and have done over the past 12 years. They do not look for recognition but are working for the greater good and their own satisfaction. Each and every one of you should take pride in the fact that we are one of the leading lodges within not only the district but the entire state and perhaps even New England.

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.

We also, were mentioned once again in Grand Lodge Membership. We were one of seven lodges who had positive growth in 4 of the last 5 years. The other year we broke even.

Triangle Lodge #0001, Saco Lodge #0009, Cumberland Lodge #0012, Delta Lodge #0153,
Webster Lodge #0164, Orchard Lodge #0215, Seminary Hill Daylight Lodge #0220

All of these lodges are very active and most are in the growing areas of the state.

Many thanks to the Membership Committee who efforts are vital to the success of Saco Lodge.

14. AND THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

On January 11, 2014, Wor. Gerald Ouellette was installed as Master of Saco Lodge. RW Joel Tripp, RW Carl Marsano and Wor. Mark Whitmore performed the ceremony of installing the officers of Saco Lodge for another year.



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