

1998

January 7,

A Committee was appointed for 200th anniversary under M. W. John Anagnostis, General Chairman of the program.

It was voted to appropriate \$400.00 for our participation in the community betterment program with a matching amount for Grand Lodge. The money was used to update a program at the York Institute.

Saco Lodge was asked to conduct a memorial service on behalf of Augusta Lodge #141 for Frank W. Davis who died in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. The Service was held on Jan. 10th at 10:00 A.M.

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The purpose of this meeting was the semi-public installation of the officers of Saco Lodge #9 for 1998.

The 1997 officers were piped into the lodge by M.W. George Pullkinen.

M.W. John Anagnostis gave a brief discourse on Masonry

V.W. Richard Clark, the outgoing Master, issued forth with some remarks after which, the outgoing officers were retired.

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Under the direction of R. W. Lawrence N. Davis the new Master, James T. Pate was dully installed. The remaining officers were installed by V.W. Clair V. Tusch, District Rep. for the 19th Dist., R.W. Paul H. Deschambault, D.D.G.M. of the 18th Dist. gave the charge to the Wardens.

R.W. Wayne T. Adams, Past Junior Grand Warded gave the charge to the Master

V. W. Richard E. Clark served as the installing Grand Chaplain.

The Treasurer, Senior Deacon, Marshall and Tyler were unable to attend and will be installed at a later date.

A Buffet was served after and music was provided by "Vintage", a local group of Old-timers.

In attendance, as well as the officers, were 14 Members, 8 Visitors and 21 Guests.

February 4th, \$1,000 was voted on to the completion of the dining hall.

In preparation of the 200th Anniversary of the Lodge we started to do renovations to the Dining Room and the General appearance of the interior of the whole 3rd floor. Meanwhile, the Bank started to make changes to the exterior of the Building and adding more space for its needs. The Bank kept the lodge informed of its planned improvements through our Building Committee.

May 6th, R.W. Stephen Gray introduced R.W. Richard E. Clark as the new District Deputy Grand Master for the 18th District.

September 2nd, report made by Bro. J. E. Dufresne on the activities held at Castine in early August, where a School of Instruction weekend was held for installed and upcoming lodge officers.

It was voted to donate a painting found upstairs, over the lodge, to the York Institute. At our next meeting a letter from Tom Hardiman, Curator of the museum, was

received.

Tom informed us that experts examined the work and attribute the painting to the Buxton artist. Royall Brewster Smith (1801 -1855) and that it filled a gap that existed in their collection on regional painters.

December 2nd, Wor. Brother Ralph C. Lamb was presented with his 50 year medal and pin by R.W. Arthur Gannett, and Wor. Millard (Bud) Tripp his 40 year pin by his son, the Senior Warden, Richard Tripp.