

2000

A Semi-Public Installation of officers occurred on Saturday evening, January 15th with R.W. Lawrence Davis, assisted by his suite. R. W. Davis was flawless in the installation. M.W. John Anagnostis PGM was the guest speaker. A reception was held in the dining hall following the installation.

The following officers were installed:

Worshipful Master	Forrest Tripp
Senior Warden	David Perkins
Junior Warden	Carl Marsano
Treasurer	Wor. L. Richard Duross
Secretary	Wor. Millard Tripp
Chaplain	Wor. Richard Tripp
Senior Deacon	Joel Tripp
Junior Deacon	Eric Perkins
Marshall	R.W. Richard Clark
Tyler	Marland Milliken

In April, Saco Lodge hosted a blood drive by the Red Cross in our hall and dining room, which resulted in 76 pints of blood collected.

During the spring and summer, we sold or gave away many pieces of old furniture as part of a general cleaning of our quarters. Saco Lodge No. 9 replaced the carpet in the foyer and preparation room. The old rheostat for dimming the lights was replaced by the Saco Biddeford Savings Bank as part of upgrade to current electrical code. The bank had the main electrical distribution panel for the whole third floor upgraded and a three phase power feed installed. The bank also, purchased a new electric range to replace our gas stove. Code requirements,(alarms, fire protection, ventilation)to upgrade the gas service was too costly. Saco Lodge then donated the gas stove to Freedom lodge for the cost of a roast beef supper.

Most of the foregoing changes were required as of a building alteration and expansion by the Saco Biddeford Savings Institution during 1999 and 2000. Saco Lodge gave them permission to use the lodge dining room, kitchen and restrooms for their personnel while their facilities were drastically altered. The lodge experienced some inconveniences during this time but made adjustments and continued our work and activities. Most of the meals during this time were potluck as the gas to our range was cut early in the construction phase and the electric range had not been installed.

In September, Boy Scout Troop #317 conducted a blood drive in our quarters in September as part of an Eagle Scout program. Also, Saco Lodge held a Widows and 50 Year Members luncheon with Orchard Lodge in their hall.

In November, Past Masters Night was held with Richard Tripp presiding in the East and the Master Mason Degree was conferred on Brother Thomas Soyden.

In December, during the Annual Awards Night, R.W. Chester Chapman, DDGM, presented six 40 Year pins and one 25 Year pin.

During this year Saco Lodge conferred two Entered Apprentice Degrees, two Fellow Craft Degrees, and three Master Mason Degrees. We had one reinstated for a gain of four brethren. We lost seven brethren by death and five for none payment of dues for a total of twelve lost. This results in a net loss of eight brethren for 2000.