

HISTORY

OF

SACO LODGE # 9

1891--1917

Jan. 7 The following officers were elected, or appointed to serve Saco Lodge for the coming year;

Henry W. Hinckley, W. M.  
Harry C. Quimby, J. W.  
George A. Emery, Sec.  
Herbert H. Dame, J. D.

George Robertson, S. W.  
Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.  
Augusta A. Cole, S. D.  
Jos. F. Chadbourne, Tyler

At first, Chadbourne refused to serve as tyler. Later, after the lodge had voted to pay him \$25.00 a year, same as the sentinel of York Chapter received, he agreed to accept. Labor troubles even then.

Finance Comm..

(Horace Burbank  
(Issac E. Stover  
(Cyrus A. Bryant

It is interesting to note, during this period, how dependent the lodge was on a very few men to carry on the work of the body.

Interest was not too good during this year as evidenced by the fact that, on the regular, March, 4, there was no quorum present and on several other occasions, it was necessary to wait and send out for one or more members to enable them to hold a communication.

In looking over some of these years, it is interesting to note the amount of love and labor given to the lodge by many of the brethren.

Owing to the absence of membership remarks, or degrees bestowed, it is difficult to ascertain the amount of degree work done by the lodge, but it is safe to believe there were no new members raised during 1891.

1892

Jan. 6. The following officers were elected, or appointed to serve the lodge for the coming year

Henry W. Winkley, W. M.  
 Simeon E. Batchelder, J. W.  
 George A. Emery, Sec.  
 Frederick C. Bradbury, Fin. Com.  
 Augusta A. Cole, S. D.  
 Charles Hubbard, S. S.  
 Fred C. Bradbury, Chap.  
 Isaac Stover, Com. Inq.

Harry C. Quimby, S. W.  
 Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.  
 Isaac E. Stover, Fin. Com.  
 Edward P. Burnham, Fin. Com.  
 Herbert H. Dame, J. D.  
 Wm. T. Douglas, J. S.  
 Abram T. Lord, Com. Inq.  
 Augusta A. Cole, Com. Inq.

Although the officers were elected in January, installation did not take place till the regular communication in March. There was more activity and two candidates were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Attention is called to the fact that, at the funeral of three brothers, funeral services were performed by Saco Lodge.

On a proposition to raise the dues of the lodge to \$4.00, it was laid on the table for 2 months and finally rejected.

## 1893

At the annual communication, Jan. 4, the following officers were elected and appointed;

Harry C. Quimby, W. M.  
 Herbert H. Dame, J. W.  
 George A. Emery, Sec.  
 Fred C. Bradbury, Fin. Com.  
 Augusta A. Cole, S. D.  
 Wm. T. Douglas, S. S.  
 Jos. Chadbourne, Mar.

Simeon Batchelder, S. W.  
 Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.  
 Isaac E. Stover, Fin. Com.  
 Edward P. Burnham, Fin. Com.  
 James R. Potts, J. D.  
 Isaac C. Stover, Tyler

These officers installed at the Feb. 1 communication.

Again it is notable that the lodge performed funeral services for two of the brethren who passed away during the year.

The year, 1893 was not a very active one--degree work and the communications were attended by about as many visitors as members, outside the officers

## 1894

Jan 4, the annual communication, The following officers were elected and appointed for the following year. They were installed

later in the evening by our Grand Master, Horace H. Burbank, of Taconic.

Harry C. Quimby, W. M.	Simeon, E. Batchelder, S. W.
Herbert H. Dame, J. W.	Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.
George A. Emery, Sec.	Augusta C. Cole, S. D.
James R. Potts, J. D.	Issac E. Stover, Fin. Com.
Fred. C. Bradbury, Fin. Com.	Edward P. Burnham, Fin. Com.
Abram T. Lord, Com. Inq.	Issac Stover, Com. Inq.
Augustus A. Cole, Com. Inq.	Henry H. Hinkley, Chap.
Issac K. Stover, Tyler.	

Brother Issac Stover must have been a very valuable brother as he was elected to three separate offices at this annual communication.

At the February communication, the W. M. appointed Bros. Wm. T. Douglas and Washington Bean to the offices of senior steward and Junior Steward.

In the summer of 1894 interest was increasing in the lodge and both the July and August stated communications were held on the regular dates.

This was a very active year. Degree being worked at the regulars and at two special communications.

### 1895

Jan 2. Annual meeting. The following officers were elected by ballot for the following year;

Abram T. Lord, W. M.	Herbert H. Dame, S. W.
Fred B. Wiggin, J. W.	Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.
George A. Emery, Sec.	Albert C. Manson, S. D.
Philip C. Tapley, J. D.	Issac E. Stover, Fin. Com.
Fred. C. Bradbury, Fin. Com.	Edward P. Burnham, Fin. Com.

The following officers were named at a special communication on Jan 16;

Herbert H. Hight, S. S.	H. H. Oaks, J. S.
H. W. Winkley, Chap.	Chas. T. Reynolds, Mar.
Issac E. Stover, Tyler.	

And installed by District Deputy Littlefield at the same special.

At the Feb. 6 communication, 6 members were suspended for non-payment of dues. And 5 members had their dues remitted by

vote of the lodge. The use of the Masonic hall was tendered to the Biddeford Masonic bodies.

May 1, 1895 The communications were called off till Sept.

1895

On Dec. 4 the subject of erecting a Masonic building was brought up and the following committee was appointed, after discussion to consider the idea; Abram R. Lord, Fred C. Bradbury, William O. Freeman.

In the secretary's report for the year; 2 elected to receive degrees, 2 to membership rejected, 11 degrees have been conferred, 6 suspended and 6 had their dues remitted. Thus ends 1895

1896

At the annual communication held on Jan. 1 these officers were elected or appointed;

Abram T. Lord, W. M.  
Fred B. Wiggin, J. W.  
Geo. A. Emery, Sec.  
Philip C. Tapley, J. D.  
Fred C. Bradbury, Fin. Com.  
Jos. F. Chadbourne, Chap.  
Freeland H. Oaks, J. S.

Herbert H. Dame, S. W.  
William O. Freeman, Treas.  
Albert C. Manson, S. D.  
Issac E. Stover, Fin. Com.  
Edward P. Burnham, Fin. Com.  
Herbert E. Hight, S. S.  
Issac P. Stover, Tyler

The foregoing officers were duly installed by P. M. Harry C. Quimby, as Grand Master assisted by Bro. Chas. T. Reynolds as Grand Marshal.

An interesting event occurred in Saco Lodge this year, a brother, John N. Clark, of Georgia, became stranded and without funds to enable him to return to Georgia. So he appealed to the lodge for funds. The members of Saco Lodge contributed \$25 and York Chapter \$15 to enable him to return home. This proves that charity was understood and practiced in those days by the brethren.

During the year; 7 were elected and 7 rejected and one application for membership was rejected.

A cash balance of \$460.85 was reported for the year, being the best financial showing for a long time.

1897

At the annual meeting, the following officers were elected and installed;

Fred B. Wiggins, W. M.	Freeland H. Oaks, S. W.
Harry McNeally, J. W.	William O. Freeman, Treas.
GEO. A. Emery, Sec.	Philip C. Tapley, S. D.
Austin H. Fish, J. D.	Isaac E. Stover, Fin Com.
Fred C. Bradbury, Fin Com.	Edward P. Burnham, Fin. Com.

The installation ceremony was performed by Past Grand Master Horace Burbank, assisted by Bro. Charles T. Reynolds acting as a Grand Marshal.

Feb. 3 the W. M. appointed the following officers;

Henry Hinkley, Chap	Committee of Inquiry
Committee on charity	Harry C. Quimby
F. B. Wiggin	Warren W. Ford
Jos. E. Chadbourne	Abram R. Lord
F. C. Bradbury	

At the June communication the lodge was called off till Sept.

On Oct. 16, a special communication was held and the lodge performed Masonic funeral services for Bro. Charles Lorenzo Foss.

Nov. 3 A communication was received from the Grand Master of the dedication of the Masonic Hall of Dunlap Lodge on Nov. 17 at 7.00

An interesting error occurred in the records of the Dec. 1 communication as follows; a communication was received from Mrs. Jeanie Millikin, asking for the amount of dues of our late Bro. Charles O. Millikin, her husband. She wished to pay the dues, as she desired his reinstatement, saying that she wished to join

Biddeford Lodge and desired his reinstatement from suspension for non-payment of dues so that she could have a certificate that he was a member in good standing. He was probably thinking of the Eastern Star.

The Grand Master to whom this request was referred decided that there was no way in which the request of Mrs. Charles O. Willikin could be granted as he was not in good standing at the time of his death.

During this year, seven degrees was conferred and five members died.

At the close of this year, the financial condition of the lodge remained about the same as at the close of 1896.

1898

Annual communication held Jan. 5. The following officers were elected and appointed;

Fred B. Wiggin, W. M.	Freeland H. Oaks, S. W.
Jos. E. Cole, J. W.	Geo. A. Emery, Sec.
Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.	Austin H. Fiske, S. D.
Herbert E. Hight, J. D.	Fred C. Bradbury, Fin. Com.
Edward P. Burnham, Fin. Com.	Issac E. Stover, Fin. Com.
Samuel E. Lane, S. S.	John W. Shaw, J. S.
Harry C. Quimby, Tyler	Warren W. Ford, Com of Inq.
Abram T. Ford, Com. Inq.	Harry C. Quimby, Com of Inq.

Feb 2. The W. M. appointed Winfield Hasty as marshal and Henry W. Hinkley, chaplain and District Deputy Good installed the officers of Saco Lodge.

March 2. A letter from Washington asking aid for a Masonic Temple to be erected was received. No action taken at this time.

April 6. A committee consisting of Brothers Fred B. Wiggin, Fred C. Bradbury and Harry A. McNeally was appointed to meet with a committee from the Chapter to see about repairs to the hall.

At the June communications meetings were called off till September.

Oct 5. Bro Henry Hinkley resigned as chaplain, having removed from Saco. During the year 1898, one member was demitted--one admitted to membership--nine degrees conferred--2 rejected--membership 132.

1899

Jan. 4 Annual communication of Saco Lodge. There were 33 members present. The following officers were elected;

Philip C. Tapley, W. M.	Joseph E. Cole, S. W.
George E. Morrison, J. W.	Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.
Geo. A. Emery, Sec.	Austin H. Fiske, S. D.
Herbert E. Hight, J. D.	Edward P. Burnham, Fin. Com.
Fred. C. Bradbury, Fin. Com.	F. H. Oaks, Fin. Com.

The appointed officers were not named at this communication and, after refreshment, Bros. Cannon and Hodet were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. On Jan. 6 a special communication was held to attend the funeral of Bro. Dexter W. Berry of Solar Lodge, Bath. The officers performed the Masonic services and also acted as bearers.

The following officers were appointed;

Frank L. White, mar	Jos. F. Chadbourne, Chap.
Harry C. Quimby, Tyler	John W. Shaw, S. S.
Winfield Andrews, J. C.	

These officers were installed by our P. M. G. M. Horace Burbank as Grand Master, assisted by Charles Reynolds acting as Grand Marshal.

At the March 1 communication a letter was received from the Grand Master saying that fraternal relations had been restored with Peru.

All communications were called off during July and August



During this year, one was demitted, 11 degrees conferred, 9 applications received, 7 accepted, membership 134. A gain of 2 for this year.

1900

The annual communication was Jan. 7. The following officers elected;

Philip C. Tapley, W. M.	Frank L. White, S. W.
John W. Shaw, J. W.	William O. Freeman, Treas.
Geo. A. Emery, Sec.	Ralph H. Burbank, S. D.
Herbert H. Hight, J. D.	Edward P. Burnham, Fin. Com.
Fred C. Bradbury, Fin. Com.	Freeland H. Oaks, Fin. Com.

At the Feb communication the following officers were appointed;

Abram T. Lord, Chap.	Warren W. Ford, Com of Inq.
Harry C. Quimby, Com of Inq.	Winifield Andrews, Com of Inq.

All the officers were installed by Bro. Reynolds as Grand Master assisted by Bro. Jos Cole as Grand Marshal.

Bro. Charles A. Evans was granted a demit.

Feb. 12 A special communication held for degree work. And 5 brethren were passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft.

At the March communication it was voted that the W. M. be a committee of one to procure aprons and suits for the candidates.

Also voted that the Worshipful and Bros McNeally and Wm. O. Freeman be a committee to confer with a like committee from the chapter and the owner of the hall on improving the hall.

March 26 Another special communication was held for degree work. Two degrees going worked--the E. A. and F. C. The Committee on repairs appointed to confer with the Chapter informally reported that they had conferred with the Chapter with the result that the first plan reported was to cancel the lodge's lease of the hall and then release the hall jointly. They conferred with the owner of the

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hall and it was estimated that it would cost \$400.00 to decorate it in a first class manner. The committee thought the owner would also heat the rooms with steam.

May 2 communication. The lodge voted to go ahead with the repairs on the hall but the expenditures were not to exceed \$500.00. Nine applications were voted on and accepted. Attendance during 1900 has increased very noticeably.

May 16 special for working the E. A. degree

Special on May 29 for the purpose of working the E. A. degree and the P. C. degree.

On the stated communication, June 6, the committee on repairs reported that it was not feasible to repair as the Savings Institution would not furnish heat for the hall.

Special, June 20, 4 brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Stated communication was held on July 4.

Stated communication was held Aug. 1. The E. A. degree was exemplified

Special communication on August 22 for the purpose of working the Master Mason degree.

At the stated communication, Sept. 5, the Fellow Craft was worked.

At a Special, Sept 18 the Master Mason degree was worked.

Several times during the year the officers worked two degrees during a communication. The year 1900 was the most prosperous ever experienced. at 4 meetings, 5 degrees have been conferred. There were two dimissions--5 rejected--elected to membership--22 have received degrees--4 deaths--present membership 152. The secretary

reported that several brothers owed over 4 years dues. The secretary, George A. Emery, stated that this was his last year as secretary and thanked the brothers for their courtesy toward him while he was in office.

1901

Jan 2, stated communication. The following officers were elected and appointed;

Philip Tapley, W. M. 3d year  
George H. Dyer, J. W.  
Abram T. Lord, Sec.  
Wm. M. Harmon, J. D.  
Harry A. McNeally, Fin. Com.  
George A. Emery, Chap  
Samuel W. Cassaboom, J. S.  
Charles T. Reynolds, Mar.

Winfield Andrews, S. W.  
William O. Freeman, Treas.  
William H. Stackpole, S. D.  
Philip Tapley, Fin. Com.  
Harry C. Quimby, Fin. Com.  
Alonzo A. Seavy, S. S.  
Samuel M. Seavy, Organist

The above officers were duly installed by P. M. Abram T. Lord as Grand Master, assisted by Bro. Ralph H. Burbank, acting as Grand Marshal.

At the Feb. 8 communication, six applications were received and referred. Six members were suspended for non-payment of dues.

At the march 6 communication the W. M. expressed his appreciation of the gift of a valuable Masonic Charm which had been presented to him by members of the lodge.

At the April 3 communication and at a special on April 19 both the E. A. degree and the F. C. degree were worked.

August 22 a special communication for the purpose of holding funeral services for Bro. Albion K. P. Chellis.

No regular communications were held during the summer.

It is of interest to note that at the Spet 4 communication a committee of Bros. P. C. Tapley, P. M. Horace H. Burbank and Geo. A. Emery were appointed to write a history of this lodge for the past fifteen years.

On Nov. 5 a special communication was held for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. Menzies Smith and performing the Masonic services.

During this year there were 7 applications accepted and 5 rejected--21 degrees were conferred and 1 member ~~demitted~~--1 reinstated and 6 were suspended for non-payment of dues. Three have died. Present membership 150. Bro. Ralph Burbank was elected proxy to the Grand Lodge.

The lodge showed a very good balance in its finances at the close of the year; \$864.67.

## 1902

At the stated communication on Jan. 1, the following officers were elected or appointed

Philip C. Tapley, W. M.  
(4 th year)

Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.

John. M. Shaw, S. D.

Geo. A. Emery, Fin. Com.

Luther R. Moore, Fin. Com.

Alonzo A. Seavy, J. B.

Jos. F. Chadbourne, Chap.

George H. Dyer, S. W.

Dr. L. E. Willard, J. W.

Abram T. Lord, Sec.

Clarence F. Sawyer, J. D.

Harry C. Quimby, Fin. Com.

Samuel W. Cassaboom, S. S.

John G. Smith, Mar.

Harry C. Quimby, Tyler

These officers were installed by P. G. M. Horace H. Burbank as Grand Master assisted by Abram T. Lord as Grand Marshal.

A special communication was held Jan. 19 for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. Joseph A. Dame of Humane Lodge #21 of Rochester, N. H. and performing the Masonic funeral services.

A special communication was held on March 14 to work the E. A. degree.

On April 6 a special communication was held for the purpose of performing the Masonic services at the funeral of Bro. Nathaniel H. Falker.

On April 13 another special communication was held for the same purpose of attending and performing the Masonic funeral services of Bro. Alden B. Littlefield.

On April 18 the 3rd special communication was held for the purpose of working the Fellowship and Master Mason degree.

On June 4 the committee on the 100th anniversary celebration gave their report together with the following program: Prayer-- Banquet--Historical address by P. G. M. Horace H. Burbank--Music-- Poem by John W. Locke--Music--Address, Grand Master Alfred T. Kimball--Music--Letters from absent members--Music Auld Land Syne-- Benediction.

It was recommended that the anniversary be celebrated on the evening of June 30 at the City Hall, Saco, and that H. Q. Tanner be employed as caterer, with the banquet at 7 P.M. It was reported that \$597.00 had been subscribed for the celebration. The report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

Sept. 3 Committee on anniversary reported. The anniversary was held on July 9 at the Old Orchard House and the total amount of money raised was \$611.00 Total spent, \$519.00. The balance, \$91.71, was voted into the watchers fund. There were 90 contributors; 89 men and 1 lady. The report of the committee was very enticing and included the following:

Bisque of Clams	Potatoes Julienne
Broiled Mackerel	Olives
Cucumbers	Fillet of Beef Bordelaine
Salted Almonds	Roman Punch
French Peas	Spring Chicken and Toast
	Lettuce Mayonnaise
	Lobster Salad

Cold Turkey  
Neapolotian Ice Cream  
Fancy Cakes  
Coffee  
Cheese and Crackers

Special communication held on Sept 13 for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. Albert O. Manson and performing the Masonic services.

On Sept 16 another special communication for the same reason, attending the funeral and performing the Masonic burial services for Bro. Geo. P. Seavey.

A special communication was held on Oct. 22 and the P. C. degree worked.

It was very gratifying to note that the attendance has greatly increased during the communications of 1902.

Nov. 5 The lodge worked the M. M. degree at this communication.

The report of the secretary for this year showed the following; 16 applications received--6 accepted and 10 rejected--25 degrees had been conferred--1 brother demitted--1 suspended--1 addiliated. Present membership 153 and 5 have died.

## 1903

Annual meeting Jan. 7. The annual reports were read and ordered spread on the records. The following officers were elected or appointed;

Jos. E. Cole, W. M.	George H. Dyer, S. W.
Lawrence E. Willard, J. W.	Abram T. Lord, Sec.
Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.	John W. Shaw, S. D.
Edwin M. Phipper, J. D.	Wm. M. Harmon, S. S.
Samuel W. Cassaboom, J. S.	Ralph H. Burbank, Mar.
A. S. Seavey, Tyler	Geo. A. Emery, Fin. Com.
Luther Moore, Fin. Com.	Geo. F. Owen, Fin. Com.

These officers were installed by P. M. Philip C. Tapley as Grand Master, Assisted by W. H. Stackpole as Grand Marshal and Geo. A. Emery as Chaplain

On Feb 4 at the regular meeting, the F. C. degree was worked and also a committee was appointed to select a P. M. jewel for Philip Tapley who had served 4 years as Worshipful Master for Saco, Dodge.

On the March 4 meeting, the M. S. degree was worked and at the April, May and June meetings there was no degree work. At the June meeting, five out of six applications were rejected.

At the July 1 communication the S. A. degree was worked on 2 candidates. Two candidates were passed to the degree of a F. C. at the Sept communication. A special communication for the purpose of raising a bro. to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason was held on Sept 8.

During the year 1903, the most important event was the celebration of the 100th anniversary, which was observed in an appropriate manner.

During this year 13 applications were received, three elected, 8 rejected, leaving the impression that the lodge was very selective as to its membership. There were 10 degrees conferred, 2 brothers demitted and 3 have died.

## 1904

At the annual meeting of Jan. 6 after the reports of the finance committee and the secretary had been read and accepted, the following officers were elected;

George H. Dyer, W. M.  
John W. Shaw, J. W.  
Abram T. Lord, Sec.  
E. M. Piper, S. D.  
Luther Moore, Fin. Com.

L. E. Willard, S. W.  
Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.  
Orville G. Noyes, S. D.  
Geo A. Emery, Fin. Com.  
Geo. F. Owens, Fin. Com.

Feb 3. A committee of three was appointed to revise the by-laws; consisting of Bros. Geo. A. Emery, P. C. Tapley and the secretary, Abram T. Lord.

The officers, both elective and appointive, were duly installed by Philip C. Tapley as Grand Master, C. D. Barnes, Marshal, Rev. R. L. Slogget, Chaplain A. A. Seavey, Tyler.

Apparently the months of March, April and May and June were busy ones for the lodge as 3 special communications were held during that period in addition to the regular communications. Regular meetings were also held during the summer.

On Oct 5, it was announced that a new stove had been installed in the hall at a cost of \$25.00.

In December the lodge held a special in addition to the regular communication and the year 1904 appears to have been a very active and successful year for the lodge.

In 1903 labor was as follows; 16 applications have been received--3 elected--2 applications for membership have been received and elected--and 2 have been suspended. Present membership 155. 26 degrees have been conferred. 6 bros died. To ends 1904.

## 1905

On Jan 4, the following officers were elected or appointed;

Lawrence W. Willard, W. M.  
Orville G. Noyes, J. W.  
Abram T. Lord, Sec.  
Benj. D. Stewart, J. D.  
Luther Moore, Fin. Com.  
Roscoe S. Graves, Chap  
Roland W. Libby, S. S.  
Alonzo A. Seavey, Tyler

John W. Shaw, J. W.  
Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.  
John B. Smith, S. D.  
Geo. A. Emery, Fin. Com.  
Geo. E. Owen, Fin. Com.  
Alexander Currie, Maf.  
Fred F. Graves, J. S.

These officers were regularly installed by Daniel G. Walker, D. D. G. M. of Kittery, Maine.

On Feb. 1 a committee was made to confer with the Chapter committee in relation to better accommodations and to make the hall more presentable than it now is. Committee appointed was; W. M. Fred



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P. Graves and C. D. Barnes.

March 1, the W. M. called attention to the death of our late Bro. Horace W. Burbank and it was voted that a page in our records be inscribed to his memory.

At the April communication, it was voted to have the W. M. procure a working charter for use in the lodge, also to have the ballot box lined. Communications were, again, held during July and August in 1905. The secretary was authorized to take such care as is necessary to preserve the old by-laws contained in record book.

Sept. 6 The secretary reported as having received a charter certificate from the Grand Lodge and he was instructed to have same framed and the original charter placed in safe-keeping.

Dec. 4 A social communication was held and 2 degrees were worked on the same candidate at this communication.

Work of the year; 13 applications received--5 elected--5 rejected--3 pending--4 new members--1 reinstated--1 died--2 suspended. Present membership 155 at end of the year.

1906

These officers were elected and appointed to serve Saco Lodge for 1906

John W. Shaw, W. M.  
Fred P. Graves, J. W.  
Abram T. Lord, Sec.  
Benj. D. Stewart, J. D.  
Luther R. Moore, Fin. Com.

John G. Smith, S. W.  
Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.  
John P. Deering, S. D.  
Geo. A. Emery, Fin. Com.  
Geo. F. Owen, Fin. Com.

The installation of officers took place, Feb. 7, and was performed by P. M. Philip C. Tapley as Grand Master, assisted by Charles Reynolds as Grand Chaplain and Harry C. Quimby as Marshal.

March 5 At a special communication, the degrees of E. A. and Fellowcraft were exemplified.

March 7. A committee was appointed from the lodge to confer with a like committee from the Chapter to see the officials of the Savings Institution to see about obtaining a hall in their new contemplated block, also with the York Mfg Co., in regard to remaining in their present quarters. Committee consisted of Jos. . Chadbourne, H. H. Mitchell and F. C. Bradbury.

April 4. Jos. F. Chadbourne, chairman of the hall committee, reported that they had seen the treasurer of the S. & B. Savings Institution and that a block was to be built and that the Masons could have a hall in the block for \$600.00 a year, including heat, and that everything pertaining to the hall would be to our liking. It was voted that the committee from the Blue Lodge should meet with a similar committee elected by York Royal Arch Chapter in the matter of moving into the new hall and to make such arrangements as may be necessary and proper.

At the communication of May 2 it was reported that the officials of the bank had informed the lodge that the price of the rent on the hall was too low, owing to the high costs of building and the cost of the rent must be considerably more. On motion, it was voted that should the lodge hire the third floor of the new hall, the Masons should have exclusive use of the same. On motion it was voted that the committee from the lodge and the committee from the Chapter be authorized to contract with the bank for quarters in the new block, rent not to exceed \$600.00.

The lodge held their regular meeting during the months of July and August.

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Sept 2. The committee on acquiring the hall reported that they did not see that they had any power on the decoration and furnishing the new hall and that a new committee should be appointed. It was voted that the same committee have power to act in conjunction with a committee from the Chapter on this matter.

During Oct and November, work proceeded in the usual routine manner. In Dec. the secretary reported that 23 applications had been received--13 had been accepted--8 rejected--2 pending action at the January communication. Membership, reported last year, 155--8 have raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason--3 have been affiliated--1 member suspended and 3 have died. Present membership 162. A very fine year for Saco Lodge.

1907

Annual communication in January 1907. An important announcement was made at this meeting by Bro. F. C. Bradbury to the effect that Mrs. Caroline Buckminster had placed in the bank one thousand dollars for the benefit of Saco Lodge #9 F. & A. M. It was voted that a page be inscribed in our records in accordance with this gift and that it be known as "The Thomas Buckminster Fund."

The following officers were elected or appointed;

John G. Smith, W. M.	Fred P. Graves, S. W.
W. O. Freeman, Treas.	Abram T. Lord, Sec.
E. R. Woodbury, S. D.	E. D. Stewart, J. D.
Geo. A. Emery, Fin. Com.	Luther R. Moore, Fin. Com.
P. C. Tapley, Fin. Com.	Fred E. Witham, Chap
Albert J. Foster, S. S.	Walter S. Mitchell, J. S.
Ralph H. Burbank., Mar.	A. A. Seavey, Tyler

These officers were duly installed by D. D. E. M. Edgar Minot. Assisted by P. M. P. C. Tapley as Grand Marshal.

A letter was received and read that a collective ballot should

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not be taken on a group of applications but that each one should have a separate ballot. This letter was a decision by the Grand Master.

Feb 6 it was voted that the committee appointed to draft by-laws be discharged and that a new committee be appointed for that purpose. The W. M. appointed L. E. Willard, E. H. Mitchell, Abram T. Lord, Philip C. Tapley and Fred Graves.

At the March 6 communications, it was voted that the committee on the new hall be authorized to procure a lease for such a period of years as in their judgement may seem best. Also, voted this committee be empowered to dispose of the old furniture in this hall as will not be needed in the new one.

June communication, the committee on by-laws reported their work as completed and a copy was presented to the lodge to be voted upon at the next communication.

During the months of July and August, 7 communications were held with work at every meeting.

A very special event took place Sept 24 when our new quarters in the new Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution building were dedicated. There were about 260 members and visitors present at the services and the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Maine were introduced and performed the dedication services in a very efficient and interesting manner.

The first stated communication in the new hall was held on Oct 2. A committee was appointed to purchase an organ for the new hall. Three meetings were held in December and thus ended a very busy year for Saco Lodge. 57 applications for degrees received.

36 elected and 21 rejected--raised 36- reinstated 1--demitted 2--  
suspended 4--4 have died--present membership 189--exemplified 96  
degrees in 1907. Finest year in the history of Saco Lodge to date.

1908

Annual communication held on Jan 1 and the following officers  
were elected or appointed;

Fred P. Graves, W. M.	John P. Deering, S. W.
Ernest R. Woodbury, J. W.	W. O. Freeman, Treas.
Abram T. Lord, Sec.	Harry A. Sawyer, S. D.
Wm. L. Gerrish J. D.	Geo. A. Egery, Fin. Com.
Luther R. Moore, Fin. Com.	Philip P. Tapley, Fin Com
Robert C. Meserve, S. D.	Daniel C. Moulton, J. S.
Theo. T. Young, Chap.	Harold L. Emmons, Mar.

The above officers were duly installed by P. M. John W. Smith,  
as Grand Master, Assisted by Ralph H. Burbank as Grand Marshal.

The Feb. and March communications were quiet. At the April  
meeting Bro. Winfield S. Dennett gave to the lodge a lot of land  
at Ferry Beach as his part toward paying for the organ. This gift  
was accepted with a vote of thanks by the lodge.

At the May communication, the treasurer was authorized to  
make a loan of \$350.00 to pay the balance due on the organ.

Communications were held during July and August and degrees  
were worked at each communication.

Sept. and Oct. were quiet months.

At the Nov. communication it was voted that the treasurer be  
authorized to make a loan of \$300.00 for current expenses of the  
lodge.

A stated and a special communication were held in Dec.

The general result of the years work follows. It is of in-  
terest to note that the lodge had the following notes against money  
loaned them as follows;

Organ note--York Nat. Bank	\$350.00
Sept 22 note, York Nat Bank	300.00
Maine Council note--dated	<u>700.00</u>
May 9, 1907	1350.00

Secretary reported 19 applications received--6 were elected--  
13 rejected. The lodge was very selective in their new members during  
the year of 1908. 6 raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason--  
3 suspended for non-payment of dues--1 demitted--1 reinstated-- 1  
admitted to membership. Present membership 191.

The committee reported that the liabilities for the lodge was  
in the shape of notes amounting to \$1,350.00 and that they recommended  
a special assessment be made on the members of the lodge to pay this  
indebtedness as soon as possible.

1909

At the Na. communication the following officers were elected  
or appointed;

John P. Deering, W. M.	E. R. Woodbury, S. W.
H. S. Sawyer, J. W.	W. O. Freeman, Treas.
Abram T. Lord, Sec.	Geo. A. Emery, Fin. Com.
Luther R. Moore, Fin. Com.	P. C. Tapley, Fin. Com.
C. E. Thompson, S. D.	T. T. Young, J. D.
E. L. Whitehead, S. S.	F. J. Morrison, J. S.
Thomas H. Hopper, Mar.	Fred A. Lord, Chap.
Chas. L. Millikin, Organist	A. A. Seavey, Tyler

These officers were regularly installed by P. M. Fred P. Graves  
as Grand Master with Philip C. Tapley as Grand Marshal. A report  
of the cost of moving into the new hall and furnishing and decorating  
same gave the cost as \$4,487.59. This sum was divided between the  
Blue Lodge and York Royal Arch Chapter #5.

Feb. 3 It was voted to lay the matter of an assessment on the  
table for 2 months.

March 3 The official visitation of the E. D. G. M. J. M.  
Birleigh, who complimented the officers for the good work done.

Five communications were held during April and a great deal of labor accomplished. There were also 4 communications held in the month of June. To point out the interest in Masonry, at this time, on Oct. 6 at their stated communication, the lodge worked the Master Mason degree and previous to the work 165 members and visitors attended a bountiful supper.

The following was taken from the secretary's report for 1909; 35 applications received--24 accepted--10 rejected-- 1 to be acted on later--21 raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason-- 3 members demitted--1 suspended--present membership 217. Thus ended a very prosperous and busy Masonic year for Saco Lodge.

1910

At the stated meeting on Jan 5, the following officers were elected or appointed;

Ernest R. Woodbury, W. M.	Harry S. Sawyer, S. W.
Clarence E. Thompson, J. W.	Wm. O. Freeman, Treas.
Abram P. Lord, Sec.	Frank J. Palmer, S. D.
Frank L. Whitehead, J. D.	Luther R. Moore, Fin. Com.
Philip C. Tapley, Fin. Com.	Franklin Jordan, Fin. Com.
Fred J. Morrison, S. S.	Richard Libby, J. S.
Rev. A. B. Whitney, Chap	Justus B. Cobb, Mar.
W. J. Gilpatrick, Organ.	A. A. Seavey, Tyler.

These officers were duly installed by P. M. Philip C. Tapley, acting as Grand Master.

Feb 2. Bro. Philip C. Tapley reported on the feasibility of incorporating Saco Lodge #9. Voted that the same committee be in charge and that the lodge be incorporated.

March 18. A special communication was held for the purpose of the annual inspection and the D. D. G. M. John M. Burleigh inspected the work in the F. F. degree. He complimented the officers as well as pointing out mistakes in the work of the evening.

April 8 It was voted that a committee be appointed with a committee from the Chapter to see about the advisability of procuring a power blower for the organ and to report at a later meeting. The committee was Walter J. Gilpatric, Harry C. Sawyer and Franklin Jordan.

Nov 2. The committee on incorporating reported that the Grand Lodge does not allow subordinate lodges to become incorporated, but does recommend the election of 9 members, who shall become incorporated as trustees in charge of property of the lodge. It was voted that the committee have further time to report at a later meeting.

Annual meeting Dec. 7. At this meeting it was voted that the secretary insert in the notices for Jan. 4, 1911 that a vote would be taken on an assessment of \$1.00 per member. The matter of letting the hall to outside parties was taken up and after some discussion it was voted to let Mrs. H. P. Carl and have the outside rooms of the hall on Dec. 28, subject to the direction of the trustees.

This communication sums up the work of the year 1910. 17 applications received--4 still pending--raised 9--affiliated 2--died 4--present membership 214--a gain of seven.  
1911

At the annual communication on Jan. 4, the following officers were elected or appointed:

Clarence E. Thompson, W. M.	Harry C. Sawyer, S. W. Sec.
Frank L. Whitehead, J. W.	W. O. Freeman, Treas.
Abram T. Lord, Sec.	Philip C. Tapley, Fin. Com.
Fred A. Lord, Fin. Com.	Fred S. Moody, Fin. Com.
Fred J. Morrison, S. D.	Walter J. Gilpatric, J. D.
Archibald Houston, S. S.	Fred A. Lord, J. S.
Rev. A. B. Whitney, Chap.	Waldo A. Eicker, Mar.
A. A. Aeavey, Tyler	

These officers were installed by P. M. Ernest R. Woodbury as Grand Master assisted by Philip C. Tapley as Grand Marshal



and Rev. A. B. Whitney as Grand Chaplain. 3 specials were held during the month of January.

During the Feb. stated communication, the resignation of Wm. O. Freeman a Treas, was accepted by vote of the lodge and Fred A. Lord was elected treasurer. It was also voted that the Treas be bonded to the extent of \$1,000.

March 1. At this stated the Master Mason degree was exemplified and the D. D. M. commended the work of the officers in this degree. Refreshments were served to 172 members and visitors after the work.

May 3 The committee on incorporations made its report. It was accepted and the Lodge voted to have the incorporation done by a board of trustees in accordance with the wishes of the Grand Lodge. John P. Deering and John G. Smith were added to the committee, making a group of three trustees. The W. M. stated that there would be no stated communications until the September communication.

Nov. 1 At this communication the matter of incorporations and amendment to article 2 of the by-laws was taken up and discussed at some length. After which, it was voted that it be laid on the table.

December ended another very full year for Saco Lodge--17 applications have been received--13 have been rejected--1 pending--membership last report 214--raised during the year 11 affiliated 1--demitted 2--died 4--suspended 1--present membership 219.

1912

At the annual communication on Jan. 3, the following notice of amendment to Sec. 1 of Art. 9 of the by-laws was read. In com-

pliance with Art. 9 of our by-laws, the proposition is hereby made to amend Sec. 1--Art 9 of said by-laws by striking out the word "two" in the second line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word "three", signed by John P. Deering and John G. Smith.

By vote of the lodge, consent was given to the Council to use the kitchen properties and the dining room on January 12.

The following named officers were elected and appointed to serve the lodge for the coming year;

Harry S. Sawyer, S. W.	Frank L. Whitehead, S. W.
Fred J. Morrison, J. W.	Fred A. Lord, Treas.
Abram T. Lord, Sec.	Philip C. Tapley, Fin. Com.
Fred S. Moody, Fin. Com.	Clarence E. Thompson, Fin. Com.
Walter J. Gilpatrick, S. D.	H. J. Millikin, J. S.
Waldo A. Ricker, Mar.	Ernest R. Woodbury, Chap.
A. A. Seavey, Tyler.	

The above officers, elected and appointed, were duly installed by P. M. Clarence E. Thompson as Grand Master assisted by P. M. Lawrence E. Willard as Grand Marshal.

At the Feb communication an amendment to Article xl was taken up and duly disposed of. It was discussed, after which, it was voted to accept the amendment, bringing the annual dues from 2 to 3 dollars per year.

A special communication was held March 15 for the purpose of exemplifying the E. A. degree and the inspection of the work by D. D. G. M. Albert W. Osserve. After the work, the inspecting officer highly complimented the officers of Saco Lodge on the high standard of the degree work.

Communications were suspended during July and August.

There was a very noticeable drop in lodge activities during

this year as may be evidenced by a notation of the lodge work done this year--12 applications received--4 elected--7 rejected--1 pending--3 raised--4 died--present membership 218-- a loss of 1 in the membership during the year.

1913

At the January annual meeting the following officers were elected or appointed;

Harry S. Sawyer, W. M.	Fred J. Morrison, S. W.
Walter J. Gilpatric, J. W.	Fred T. Lord, Treas.
Abram T. Lord, Sec.	Philip C. Tapley, Fin. Com.
Fred S. Moody, Fin. Com.	Clarence E. Thompson, Fin. Com.
Archie F. Houston, S. D.	John C. Gray, J. D.
Albert Millikin, S. S.	Robert C. Meserve, J. S.
Waldo A. Ricker, W. M.	A. A. Seavey, Tyler.

P. M. Harry S. Sawyer, as Grand Master assisted by P. M.

Lawrence J. Willard, as Grand Marshal regularly installed the new officers, both elected and appointed for the year 1913.

Feb. Communication. A very important event took place. 7 members of Saco Lodge, residing in Old Orchard and 13 other masons presented a petition asking for permission to apply to the Grand Lodge for a charter to organize a lodge at Old Orchard, Maine, such lodge to have jurisdiction in the town of Old Orchard and surrounding territory.

March stated communication, the petition for permission to apply to Grand Lodge for a charter to form a lodge at Old Orchard was taken up and, after remarks on both sides of the question it was voted not to grant the request. As the lodge was about to close, the D. D. G. M. Robbins arrived, having failed to make train connections to Saco for his official visitation. He made a few remarks of explanation and the lodge was closed and the members repaired to the din-

ing hall where a fine banquet was served to 75 members and 42 visitors.

During the remainder of the year, Masonic activities were nearly normal. The following is the summing up for the year 1913; 9 applications received--4 were accepted--5 rejected--raised--reinstated 1 - lost by death 4--present membership 220--a gain of two.

1914

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected and appointed;

Fred J. Morrissey, W. M.	W. E. Stackpole, S. W.
A. F. Houston, J. W.	Fred A. Lord, Treas.
Abram T. Lord, Sec.	Philip C. Tapley, Fin. Com.
Fred W. Moody, Fin. Com.	Clarence E. Thompson, Fin. Com.
Ernest R. Woodbury, Chap	Howard A. Whitten, S. D.
Horace J. Millinki, J. D.	W. M. McLeod, S. S.
Fred. L. McDonald, J. S.	Robert L. Maybury, Mar.
A. A. Seavey, Tyler	

The officers were duly installed by E. H. Harry S. Sawyer as Grand Master and he was assisted by Lawrence T. Willard as Grand Marshal with P. M. Ernest R. Woodbury as Grand Chaplain.

March 4. Saco Lodge was again petitioned to allow a number of Masons residing at Old Orchard to apply for a charter to the Grand Lodge. Same was laid on the table for one month. The committee on obtaining a piano for the use of the Lodge and Chapter reported that they thought the way was by subscription and that already over half of the money had been raised and that the piano was in the smoking room.

April 4 It was voted not to assent to the forming of a new lodge at Old Orchard. It is noted that during this period it was customary to exemplify two degrees at the same meeting.

Dec. Communication. The master appointed the following committee to look into the matter of procuring a blower for the organ;

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brothers T. C. Bradbury, R. W. Libby, C. E. Thompson, L. W. Willard, F. R. Chesley and Fred Rowe, Jr. were appointed.

The membership for the year 1914 follows 11 applications received--5 elected--5 rejected-- 1 pending-- 10 died--2 demitted-- 15 raised--present membership 217

1915

Jan 6 annual meeting and the following officers were elected and appointed;

William H. Stackpole, W. M.  
Ralph W. Dow, J. W.  
Abram T. Lord, Sec.  
Fred T. Wood, Fin. Com.  
Frank R. Chesley, J. D.  
Richard A. Libby, S. E.  
Ernest A. Woodbury, Chap.  
A. A. Seavey, Tyler.

A. P. Houston, S. W.  
Fred A. Lord, Treas.  
Philip O. Taylor, Fin. Com.  
C. E. Thompson, Fin. Com.  
Thomas A. Hooper, J. D.  
Rob't L. Maybury, J. D.  
Fred J. Brant, Tyler.

The above officers were installed by D. D. G. M. Clarence E. Thompson as Grand Master assisted by R. M. Harry E. Sawyer as Grand Marshal.

Feb. 8 A petition was received from a group of members of Saco Lodge for the lodge to grant its approval for a new lodge to be formed at Old Orchard Beach. On motion ~~the~~ Worshipful Master appointed this committee to confer with the petitioners and report back at the next regular meeting; L. E. Willard, Jos. B. Dow, Harry Sawyer.

March 3 It was voted that approbation of this lodge be given to the Old Orchard petitioners in the matter of organizing a new lodge. At this communication, D. D. G. M. Clarence E. Thompson made his official visitation to Saco Lodge and expressed his appreciation of the work of the lodge.

The actual membership work of the year was as follows--9 applications received--6 elected--3 rejected--9 have been raised-- loss by death 6--suspended 3--demitted 2--present membership 213

1916

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a loss of 4 for years work.

1916

At the annual communication on Jan. 5, the following officers were elected and appointed:

William H. Stackpole, W. M.	Philip I. Towle, S. W.
Howard A. Whitten, J. W.	Fred A. Lord, Treas.
Abram T. Lord, Sec.	Phil. C. Tapley, Fin. Com.
Thomas H. Hooper, S. D.	Richard, A. Libby, J. D.
Ark. B. Black, S. S.	James A. Weithers, J. S.
Wm. M. Elmer, Mar.	A. A. Seavey, Tyler

These officers were duly installed by P. D. D. Clarence E.

Thompson as Grand Master, assisted by Past Master Philip C. Tapley as Grand Marshal.

March 1. Saco Lodge inspected by E. D. G. W. George M. Stevens and he made some interesting remarks on the condition of the lodge.

Communications were suspended during July and August.

At the Dec. meeting Saco Lodge recieved an invitation to visit the new Orchard Lodge at Old Orchard and work the Master Mason degree.

Work accomplished during the year--all applications received--  
8 elected--1 rejected--1 pending--6 were raised--lost by death--  
3 suspended. Present membership 210. Loss of 3 for the year.

1917

The following officers were elected and appointed for the year:

Howard A. Whitten, W. M.	Myron E. Savage, S. W.
Thomas H. Hooper, J. W.	Fred A. Lord, Treas.
Abram T. Lord, Sec.	Fred S. Moody, Fin. Com.
Richard A. Libby, S. D.	Earl B. Black, J. D.
Ralph N. Perry, S. S.	Archie P. Houston, J. S.
William L. Elmer, Chap.	Clyfton Hewes, Mar.
Thomas J. Moody, Tyler.	George Cassaboom, Organist