

# *Saco Lodge No. 9*

## *2004*



*VW Joel F. Tripp*  
*Master*

At the Annual Meeting in January 2004, Wor. Joel Tripp was elected to his second term as Master. Joel set a number of goals for the lodge making 2004 a very busy year. In all, Saco Lodge met a total of 37 times including 12 stated meetings, a very busy year.

Officers serving in 2004 were:

#### Elected Officers

Master – Joel F. Tripp, PM	
Senior Warden Gregory Milliken, PM	Junior Warden – Seth Dube, PM
Treasurer – James T. Pate, PM	Secretary – Carl Marsano, PM

#### Appointed Officers

Senior Deacon – Paul Michaud	Junior Deacon – Larry Tripp
Senior Steward – Jeffrey Robinson	Junior Steward – Michael King
Marshal – Michael Trembley	Piper – David Smart
Chaplain – Richard Tripp, PM	Tyler – Eric Perkins

#### Meetings

Installation of officers took place on January 17<sup>th</sup>, with Wor. Forrest Tripp once again installing his son as Master. Joel then installed the remaining officers with Wor Carl Marsano as Installing Chaplain. The Installation of Officers was well attended including several potential candidates. Joel outlined goals for the year including completion of the By-laws revision, CHIPs programs for the year, raising a number of candidates and fellowship nights throughout the year.

Inspection was held in February to help balance the District Deputy's schedule. Normally they would be in the fall, and the DDGM would have to do 10 inspections in a short time of three months. The degree performed was the Master Mason degree on Bro. Keith Shirley. We received very good marks for the work completed from the DDGM, RW Gerald "Butch" Gannett. This is now the highest we can receive with Grand Lodge eliminating the excellent designation.

At the March Stated Meeting, we had a request to do two courtesy degrees for an Entered Apprentice from Tennessee who was shipping out from Brunswick Naval Air Station. After having obtained a dispensation from MW Charles Ridlon, who rapidly granted the dispensation, Brother Elliott Hazlerig was Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft on March 5<sup>th</sup>. He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Brother Elliott actually learned his Fellow Craft lesson in four days. Brother Elliott shipped out on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> for an assignment in the Caribbean.

We continued to have a busy spring with eight Entered Apprentice degrees taking place during April and May. We hosted our annual Widow's Night in April, having a Barbershop Quartet doing the entertainment.

We also, for the first time greeted RW Robert Varnum as the DDGM for the 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. Later that month, on May 26<sup>th</sup> we conducted two Entered Apprentice Degrees. A day later we hosted a Ritual School of Instruction on the Fellow Craft Degree.

During June, Saco Lodge performed a Fellow Craft Degree at the Stated Meeting and Brother Gordon Workman was Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Also, at the Master Mason

Degree, we received a contingent of Prince Hall Masons from Massachusetts including a Past Grand Master, PGM Nicholas Locker of JJ Smith Lodge #14 and Prince Hall Representative to England, Other brothers from Rising Sun Lodge No. 3 and Mt. Zion Lodge No. 15 were also present. Wor., James Dufresne coordinated the visitation.



All who were present at the degree (Photo by Wor. Jame Dufresne)



First time in many years we had 12 Fellow Crafts

From the Grand Lodge Constitution...

SEC. 105. A lodge ought to meet once in each calendar or lunar month, but may with propriety stand closed during any three consecutive months once in any fiscal year, provided its bylaws so provide or the lodge so votes.

Saco Lodge's old bylaws did not provide for the summer break and we did not vote to go dark. The result was that we continued to meet during the summer providing us an opportunity to read and vote on applications. We ended up voting on several during the summer. Also, at our August stated meeting we presented a scholarship certificate to???





Also, during the summer, we held our second annual out door degree at the Milliken Farm. Paul David Smart was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in what was the hottest day of the year. Paul was raised by his father, David Smart. Also present were his brother in law Thomas Magadieu and his uncle, RW James Dwyer of Presque Isle.



Dave (the proud father) getting ready for the day



The outdoor lodge





Some of those present at the Outdoor degree



Wor James Pate & Wor Seth Dube signing the candidates bible

During the fall, we became even busier. In October, We held our annual Past Master's Night. Prior to the meeting, Wor. Raymond Locke performed the Past Master's Degree on four Past Masters, Joel Tripp, Greg Milliken, Forrest Tripp and Richard Tripp. Wor. Thomas Cunningham – 1951 was the most senior Past Master of the Night.



Front Row - Millard Tripp, Joel Tripp, Forrest Tripp, Ray Locke, Richard Tripp, Greg Milliken, Thomas Cunningham, Carl Marsano  
Back Row - L. Richard Duross, Gerald Gannett, Norman Wilcox, Ronald Tripp, Robert Hooper, David Perkins, Ronald Husser, Richard Clark

That night Brother Steven Boucouvalos was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.



Bros. David Smart (Piper) and Michael Trembley (Marshal) speak with a guest



Richard Tripp, John Anagnostis, Clem Tanguay and Ray Locke      Thomas Cunniungham, Norman Wilcox, Jeff Robinson and Arthur Prentiss

At November's stated meeting, which was our annual "Hunter's" meeting, the officers were all dressed in blaze orange and several applications were read. During this meeting, it was voted to allow a stage company to use the dining hall to practice the musical "Annie Get Your Gun". One of the main characters in the play was VW Joel Tripp.



Wor. Joel Tripp (front right) in "Annie Get Your Gun"



As a gift of thanks for the use of our facility, the stage company gave us several tickets for opening night. These tickets were given out randomly to the guests at the officer installation in January 2005.

Also, in November, four Fellow Crafts were passed. They would be raised in the following month.

The December meeting was our Lobster Stew and Annual Awards Night and Saco Lodge once again received Most Worshipful Claire V. Tusch. The Mason of the Year Award was given to Wor. David Perkins whose work with 18<sup>th</sup> District Master's and Warden's Association and his work at Saco Lodge was recognized. Brother Gordon Workman received his Masonic diploma. At the end of the evening, MW Claire Tusch, Wor. Carl Marsano and Wor. Greg Milliken surprised VW Joel Tripp with a Past Masters plaque in recognition of the fine work he has done over the past two years.

Later in December, four brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. They were Vincent Brown, Robert MacQuillan III, Brock Major II and Michael Lamontagne.

### **Grand Lodge Officers**

Saco Lodge is fortunate to have three present Grand Lodge Officers. In May, Wor Joel Tripp was installed as the District Education Representative with the title Very Worshipful and Wor James Dufresne was installed as the Grand Lodge Librarian. At the June Stated Meeting, Saco Lodge received MW Claire Tusch and Grand Marshal RW Randy Burleigh and Wor Carl Marsano was installed by MW Claire Tusch as Grand Steward.

### **Special Events**

In February, Saco Lodge held a fellowship night with several Candidates. This has been successful in the past, and this year was no exception. As a result of the meeting several applications for membership were obtained.

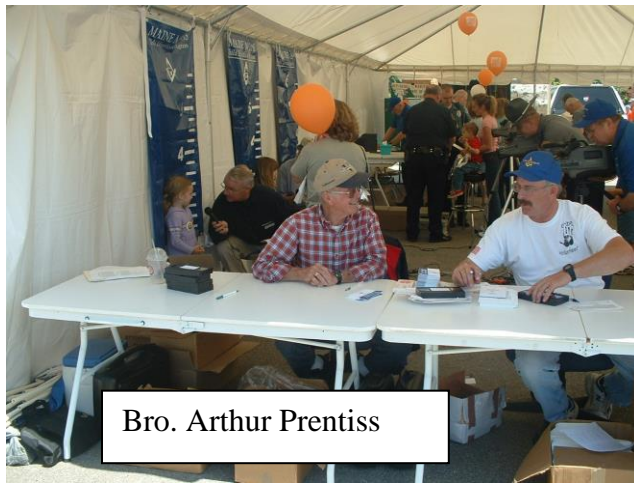
Saco Lodge was involved with two ChIPs programs. The first being at the 18<sup>th</sup> District ChIPs Program at Home Depot in June.



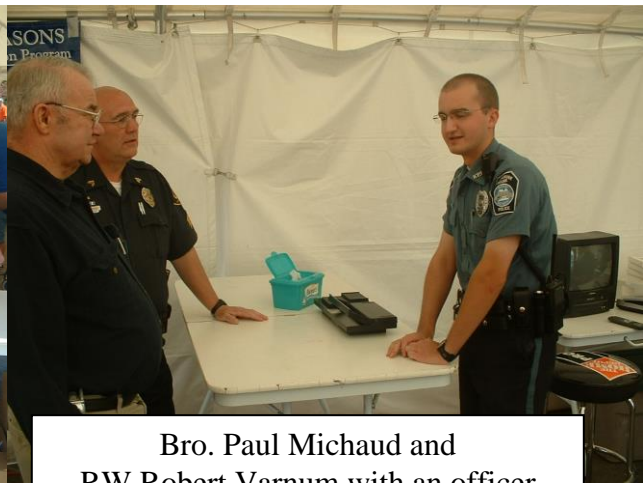
Wor. Forrest Tripp helping out



Forrest Tripp, Wor. Richard Tripp and Bro. Jeff Robinson



Bro. Arthur Prentiss



Bro. Paul Michaud and  
RW Robert Varnum with an officer

Also, during this month as part of Saco Old Home Days we held our second ChIPs program at Fairfield School incidentally whose auditorium is named in memory of a brother from Saco Lodge, Robert Moody, Sr.



Plaque honoring Robert Moody (Left) ChIPs sign at Entrance (Right)





Chip Program at Fairfield School

In August, a tour of Brunswick Naval Air Station was arranged by Brother Elliott Hazlerig, who affiliated with Saco Lodge in September. The brothers who attended were impressed with the Navy Base and it gave us a chance to investigate two applicants to the lodge.

In December, Members of Saco Lodge participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> District Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the Biddeford Wal-Mart. A record amount of money was raised that day, over \$1,794.

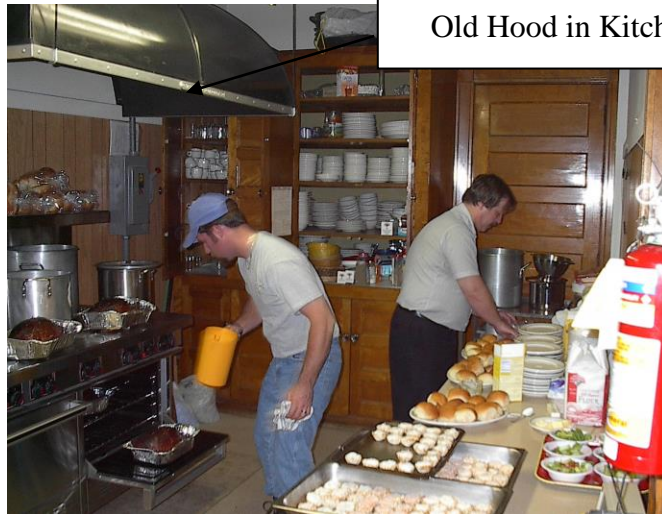


From Left to Right  
Wor. David Perkins, Wor. Richard Tripp,  
Bro. Paul Michaud and VW Joel Tripp

From Left to Right  
Bro. Bill Michaud, RW Richard Clark,  
jkjkkk and Wor. Richard Tripp

## Lodge Kitchen and Bank Expansion

Our landlord, Saco Biddeford Saving Institution decided to expand their office space and convert the attic area into usable space. This caused us some difficulties, but with patience, we were rewarded with a new code compliant kitchen including new stove hood, dishwasher, and four sinks. Another big change was the restoration of the lobby to its original dimensions with the removal of the elevator. Access to the lodge and dining hall is now from the back of the bank building. Other work included converting the cloakroom into closet space for Eastern Star and Council.



Old Hood in Kitchen in 2003



Dining Hall



Hallway towards  
Game room

Before and During Construction Pictures

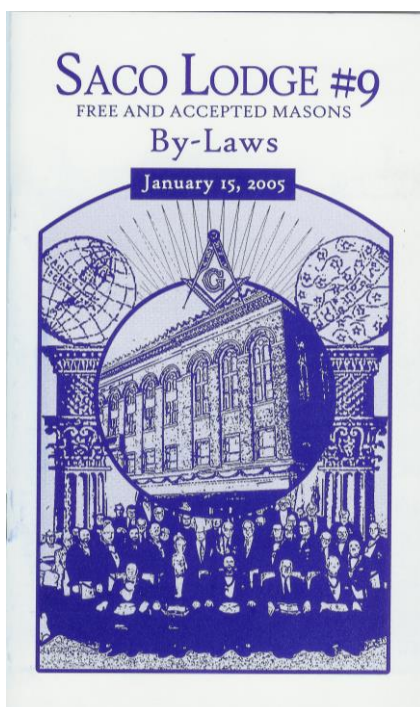




After Construction – Note New Stove Hood, Sinks and Dish Washer

## Bylaws

In February, Wor Joel and Wor Carl Marsano rewrote the bylaws of Saco Lodge with the goal of simplifying them to prevent rewriting every few years to account for changes in dues or life memberships. Key changes included having the finance committee serve separate three-year terms to promote stability and to limit membership to serving only two consecutive three-year terms. Another change was to link the life membership to IRS actuarial tables, current dues and present interest rates. These were presented to the membership in March and voted on in April. Grand Lodge approved these during the summer, and they were formally presented to the lodge at the January 2005 Installation.



## **In Memory**

During 2004, six brothers from Saco Lodge ascended to the Celestial Lodge Above. Memorial services were performed for four of them.

### **March**

Brother Marland Milliken long time Tyler and whose property was used for the outdoor degrees. Of note, he was raised by his son. Raised in 1976.

Brother Leroy Mitchell – 30 Year Member of Saco Lodge, raised in 1971

### **May**

Brother John Kelvin Black – 50 Year Member of Saco Lodge, raised in 1952

### **November**

Wor. Donald Fogg – Past Master of Saco Lodge – 1961, raised in 1956

Wor. Ralph Lamb – Past Master of Saco Lodge – 1955, raised in 1948

### **December**

Bro. Ernest Pollock – 60 Year member, Raised in 1942