

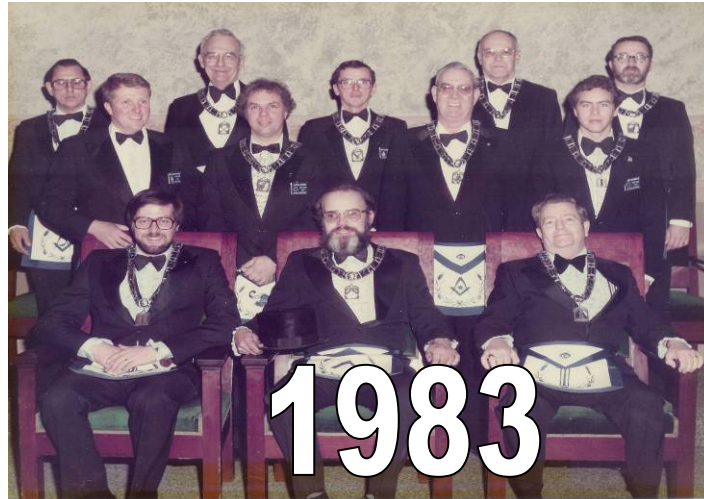
Saco Lodge No. 9

2006



Wor. Gregory Milliken
Master

At the Annual Meeting in January 2006, Wor. Gregory Milliken was elected to his third term as Master, his first being in 1983. He was the first Master since Wor. Philip Tapley (1899 – 1902) to serve three terms, who incidentally served as Mayor of Saco in 1905 & 1906.



Officers serving in 2006 were:

Elected Officers

Master – Gregory M. Milliken, PM	
Senior Warden Seth A. Dube, PM, Arion Lodge	Junior Warden – Jeffrey Robinson
Treasurer – James T. Pate, PM	Secretary – Carl Marsano, PM

Appointed Officers

Senior Deacon – Paul Michaud	Junior Deacon – James Henderson
Senior Steward – Steven Boucouvalas	Junior Steward – Gordon Workman
Marshal – Michael Trembley	Piper – David Smart
Chaplain – Joel F. Tripp, PM & DER	Tyler – Brock Major II

Meetings

From Left to Right
Installing Marshal: Wor. Forrest Tripp
Installing Master: VW Joel F. Tripp, DER
Wor. Gregory Milliken
Installing Officer & Charge Giver: Wor. Carl Marsano
Installing Chaplain: RW Gerald Gannett, PDDGM



Special Hats were given out as gifts to the installing officers and new officers for 2006

Installation of officers then took place, with VW Joel Tripp, District Education Representative installing his successor as Master with Wor Carl Marsano, Grand Steward giving the charge as Installing Chaplain and Wor. Forrest Tripp, PM Saco Lodge was Installing Marshal.



Officers from 2005 being retired



Wor. Forrest Tripp presents Wor. Gregory Milliken to the East for installation.



VW Joel then obligated (above) Greg as Master of Saco Lodge
and invested him with the Jewels of his office (below)





VW Joel then installed the Senior Warden Wor. Seth Dube, Junior Warden Bro. Jeffrey Robinson and Secretary Wor. Carl Marsano
(the Treasurer, Wor. James Pate was installed at a later date)



Wor. Carl Marsano then installed the Deacons (Left) and the Stewards (Right)

The Installation of Officers was well attended including several potential candidates. A buffet lunch was served following the installation, and the Victory Swing Band provided musical entertainment for the second year in a row.

Our first meeting after installation was a special meeting on January 26, 2006. Work of the evening was a practice for the Fellowcraft Degree.

Also, in February we once again held a bonfire at the Milliken farm, as a time of fellowship. Our families and friends were there. Despite a vigorous effort, we did not have much luck in getting the fire going, but a good time was held by all. At the March Stated Meeting Wor. Greg (center) presented the Saco Riverwalk Project a check for \$1,000 to Laurie Mooney (left) & James Brunelle (right). This represented our Community Betterment project for 2006.



On March 21st, the lodge was opened on the EA Degree in Due Form for the purpose of a degree work. Brothers John Frederick Goodreau and Seth Alexander Gillis were initiated as Entered Apprentices.

Instead of presenting our 50 year veterans with fruit baskets around Christmas Time, this year we presented them each with “fixins” for a ham dinner at Easter. This was well received by the brethren once again, and is turning out to be a well received tradition.

Later in the month, we held our annual 50 Year Veterans and Widows Luncheon. Approximately 30 were in attendance including our two of our oldest Past Masters, Wor. Ralph Meserve 1942-43 and Wor. Norman Wilcox, 1953.



The month of June was a busy time at Saco Lodge. During one weekend, we had nearly three hundred people show up at the Lodge Hall. The first event was a Grand Family event by Annette Chapter of the OES on June 10th. The following day, RW Joel Tripp's daughter Carrie Anne Tripp was installed as Worthy Advisor of the Pleasant River Chapter of the Rainbow girls. Her sister Dana Tripp was installed as Associate Worthy Advisor, and would be installed in January 2007.

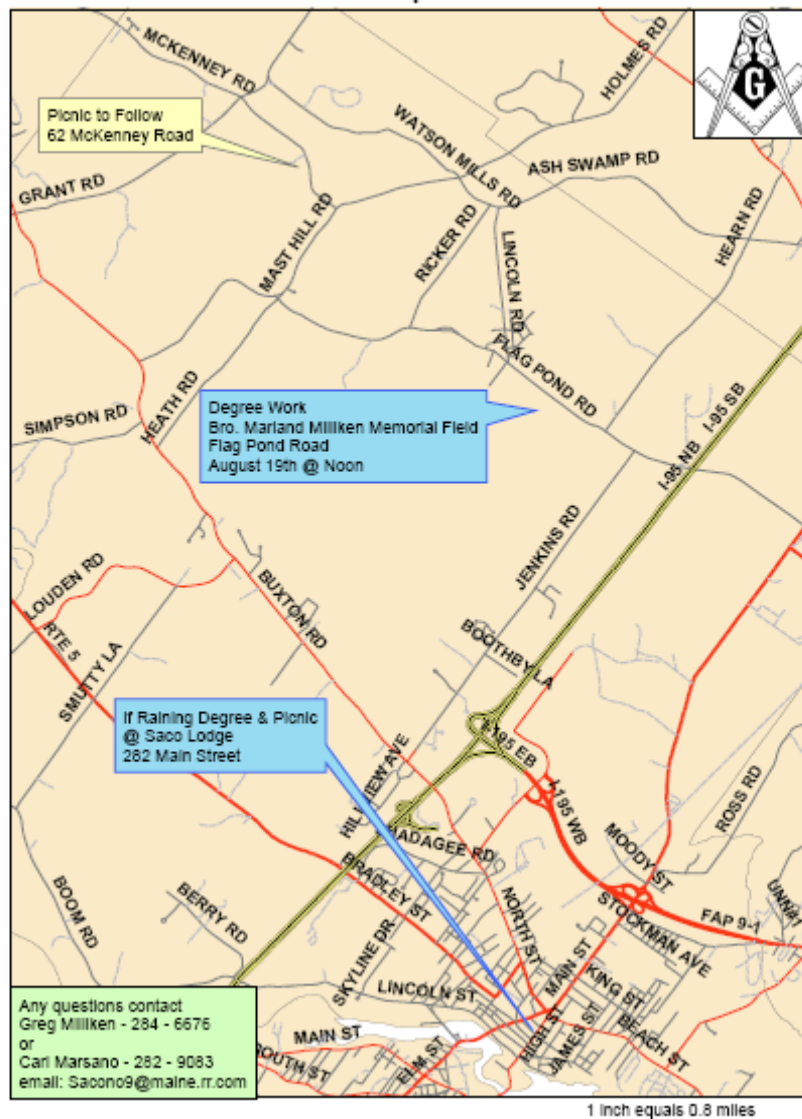


Members of Pleasant River

Outdoor Degree

Saco Lodge No. 9 conducted its annual Outdoor Degree.

4th Annual Outdoor Degree and Inspection



Keeping with a tradition that RW Robert Varnum PDDGM had started, it was also our inspection. VW Carl Marsano introduced and conducted RW Joel Tripp to the East, where he was accorded Private Grand Honors. Past and present Grand Lodge officers were introduced and accorded Public Grand Honors. Before the meeting started, RW Joel instructed the brethren that anyone who wanted to wear a hat to protect themselves from the sun were more than welcome to do so.



Lodge Altar – with granite donated from Dunlap Lodge in Biddeford

Wor. Greg Milliken erected a sign that said the following:

“M G Milliken Memorial Outdoor Lodge Hall – Bro. Marland Milliken, long time Tyler of Saco Lodge, gave the Lodge permission to use this portion of his family farm as an outdoor Lodge Hall four years ago, in 2002. DDGM Butch Gannett inspected the site at that time and approved it for use.

Bro. Marland laid down the working tools of this life in March of 2004, but he is with us in spirit.”

For the second section

Wor. James Pate (PM Saco), Wor. Chad Poitras (Present Master Buxton Lodge) and Bro. Larry Tripp – as the gates

Bro. Jeffrey Robinson – SFC

Wor Bernard Gaines & Bro. Arthur Prentice NSFC

Wor. David Perkins – Wayfaring Man

VW Walter Lamb, DER of the 17th Masonic District gave the charge.



Candidate Martin Scott Rogers (center) and attendees at the outdoor degree.

A family picnic at Greg Milliken's house followed the degree.





Wor. Seth Dube (PM of Arion Lodge and Saco's Senior Warden) giving Bro. Jeffrey Robinson's son a ride on his motorcycle.

Table Lodge

This years table lodge was held on September 16th in honor of Wor. James Pate, Treasurer and VW Carl Marsano, Secretary.



Wor. Gregory Milliken presented Wor. James Pate (Left) and VW Carl Marsano (right) with green Masonic shirts as a symbol that they handle the money.



This year's theme was German with German Food and German non-alcoholic beer, (of course!).



Wor. James Pate gave a talk on his goals for Saco Lodge financially in the coming years, including establishment of a scholarship fund to fun all brethren's kids while in college or increase the amount given to each student.



VW Carl Marsano gave a talk on Table Lodges, Friendship and what Freemasonry meant to him. (Copy attached in Appendix.)

A standing ovation was given to the kitchen crew.



From left to right above
Bro. Larry Tripp, Bro. Gordon Workman, Bro. Steven Wayne and RW Joel Tripp



Lodge Piper, Bro. David Smart preparing to play Auld Lang Syne.



Brother Steven Boucouvalas coordinated a Saco Safety Days at the Saco Armory, and of course Saco Lodge was there, along with others from the district. This promises to be a successful event in the coming years and only helps raise our profile within the community.

At the October Stated Meeting, Bro. David Kennedy of Tehachapi, California paid a visit to Saco Lodge in order to receive his 50 Veteran's Medal. Present also was his Bro., Bro. Alfred Kennedy of Granada Hills, California. In April on the month of his anniversary, Bro. David contacted Saco Lodge and asked if his wife, friends and family could attend, Wor. Greg agreed to hold a semi public meeting for the purpose of awarding the medals and service stars. Three other brothers received their service stars Bro. Charles Allard, Bro. A Wendell Stackpole and Bro. Arthur Prentiss. After the awards, the lodge recessed for picture taking. Upon resuming to complete business, Bro. David Smart, Lodge Piper, at the request of Mrs. Kennedy, entertained the wives and guests in the dining room



Front Row (Left to Right) – Bro. David Smart, VW Carl Marsano, Wor. Seth Dube,

Wor. Gregory Milliken, Bro. Brock Major II, Bro. David Kennedy, Bro. Alfred Kennedy, Bro. Clement Tanguay, Bro. Michael Trembley and Bro. A. Wendell Stackpole.



Bro. David Kennedy signs the bylaws of Saco Lodge adopted in 2005, and was presented with a copy of them.



.Brother Charlie Allard receiving his service star for 65 years as a Mason.



Brother A. Wendell Stackpole getting his service star for 65 years as a Mason.

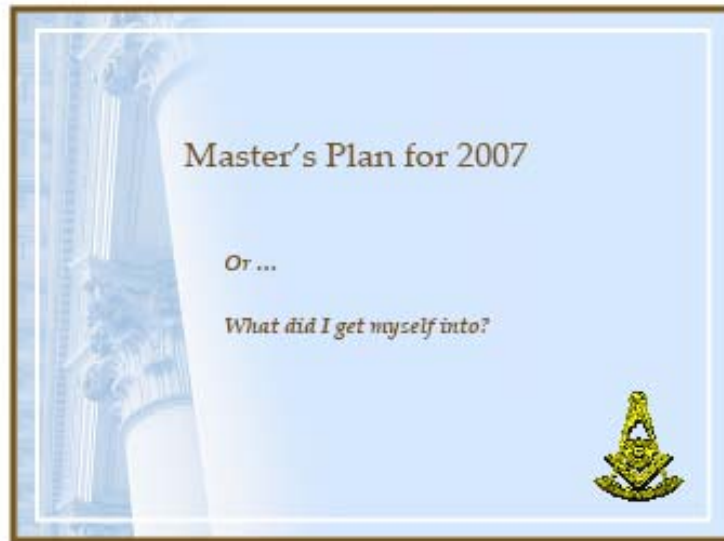


For the second year in a row, the Saco Masonic Families gathered together and took to the road on October 7th to raise money and awareness for Alzheimer's disease. Present

were members from Blue Lodge, Eastern Star, Rainbow and Demolay. While there, we ran into a brother from Deering Lodge who had read about last year's walk and hopes to expand it to an area event.

Incoming Masters Breakfast

Carrying on a tradition that has started several years ago within the 18th District, Saco Lodge hosted an Incoming Master's breakfast to educate the incoming officers (not just Masters). About thirty brethren attended this mostly from the 18th district, but there were others from the 17th and 19th district. A PowerPoint presentation was to the brethren. A copy is attached in the appendix.



Master's Breakfast 2006 at Saco Lodge

Awards Night 2006 – December 6th



Once again, Wor. Greg decided that this meeting should be a semi public affair so non Masons can witness these worthy brothers receiving their medals. RW Joel Tripp was introduced by acting Grand Marshal VW Carl Marsano. RW Joel Tripp was invited to the East where he was accorded Public Grand Honors.



RW Joel Tripp Received and Introduced four brothers who were accorded Public Grand Honors From Left to right
Wor. Forrest Tripp – 50 Year, Bro. Arthur Prentiss – 55 Year, Bro. Arthur Rumery – 50 Year,

Bro. Eben Emerson – 40 Year



RW Joel Tripp pins the 50 Year Medal on his Father, Wor. Forrest Tripp



RW Joel Tripp presenting 50 Year Medal to Brother Arthur Rumery



VW Carl Marsano pins the 40 Year Pin on his Father in Law, Bro. Eben Emerson



From Left to Right – Wor. Forrest Tripp, Bros. Arthur Prentiss, Eben Emerson & Arthur Rumery
Back Row – Wor. Gregory Milliken, RW Joel Tripp and VW Carl Marsano



RW Joel presented a 25 year pin to Greg who did not get his 25 year pin.



Wor. Gregory Milliken present Arthur Prentiss with his first service star.



Wor. Gregory Milliken presented Masonic Bibles to
Brothers (left to right) Mathew Provencal, Seth Gillis and Martin Rogers.

Game Room Project



In transition ...



Finished product with floor properly sealed.

New Brothers for 2006

The following brothers were raised in Saco Lodge for 2006.

Martin Scott Rogers
Seth Alexander Gillis
Mathew Provencal

In Memory

During 2005, two brothers from Saco Lodge ascended to the Celestial Lodge Above.

	<i>Brother Gordon Harold Mabey</i>
<i>Degree</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>EA</i>	<i>November 5, 1951</i>
<i>FC</i>	<i>December 5, 1951</i>
<i>MM</i>	<i>December 27, 1951</i>

Died – December 18, 2007
50 Year Veteran of Saco Lodge

Brother Melvin L. Wilbur

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>EA</i>	<i>February 17, 1953</i>
<i>FC</i>	<i>March 4, 1953</i>
<i>MM</i>	<i>April 14, 1953</i>

Died January 14, 2006
50 Year Veteran of Saco Lodge

Appendix

Award for History

Text from Greg Milliken's Master's Message

Table Lodge Speech from Carl Marsano

Master's Breakfast Presentation with notes

FOURTH PLACE
GRAND HISTORIAN' S AWARD, 2005
PRESENTED

TO
BROTHER CARL MARSANO
OF

SACO LODGE NO. 9
SACO, MAINE

THIS

2ND DAY OF MAY 2006

BY THE

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, A.F. & A.M.

CLAIRE V. TUSCH
GRAND MASTER

HOLLIS G. DIXON
GRAND SECRETARY

Master's Report 2006

Stated Meeting of Laco Lodge No. 9, January 4, 2006. This was our Annual Meeting, Elections were held, and I was elected Master for a second consecutive term.

We held a work night on January 13 and did a general cleanup of the lodge rooms. Preparatory for Installation.

On Jan. 16, the Master and Officers of Arion Lodge exemplified the Master Mason Degree on one of their Candidates here at Laco Lodge. Officers from Laco Lodge assisted.

Installation took place on Jan. 21, 2006 at 1pm. VW bel F. Tripp was Installing Officer, Mr Carl Mariano did the Charge, Mr. Forrest E. tripp was Installing Marshall, RW Butch Gamett was Installing Chaplain. Knit Winter Caps in Royal Blue with Laco Lodge's logo were presented to the officers and Installing suite by the Master. A Buffett lunch followed, along with musical entertainment provided by "The Victory Swing Band". Rainbow Girls of Pleasant River Assembly assisted with serving and cleanup.

Feb. 23 the Master and three officers attended a School of Instruction at Freedom Lodge in Limerick. The School covered the EA Degree.

In February we also attempted to hold a bon fire, but we couldn't get the brush-pile to burn - just like the previous year.

At the March Stated Meeting we presented River Walk Trail pps. Laurie Mooney and Jim Brunelle with a Community Betterment Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Grand Lodge matched our \$500 with \$500 for the Grant.

We held an informal Tri-District Meeting on April 2, 2006 at Mulligan's Restaurant in Biddeford. Lodges from our District and the two adjoining Districts were invited. approx. 14 Brethren were in attendance and a good time of Fellowship was had by all.

April 15 was a busy day. First thing in the morning we did a Roadside Cleanup on Jenkins Road. Later that day we delivered Ham Dinners to our 50 year Veterans.

I attended Grand Lodge on May 3, 2006 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Portland. Also attending from Iaco Lodge were: Stuen Bonicvold, SS; Jeffry Robinson, JW; and Fred F. Tripp, Chaplin and Dist. Ed. pps.

At our Stated Meeting on May 3, we officially received newly selected D.D. G.M.

Joe F. Trapp, and Wm. Earl Marsano, Dist. Ed. Rep. They had been installed the day before at Grand Lodge. It isn't everyday that a D.D.G.M. is installed and gets to make his first official visit to his Home Lodge the next day at their stated meeting.

We did something a little different at this meeting. The Chicken that was to be our supper wasn't fully cooked at supper time, so we opened Lodge, and recessed for dinner partway through the meeting.

Sunday May 24, our Fifty year Veterans, and Masonic Widows were our guests for lunch with 25 in attendance. Musical entertainment was provided, and a good time was had by all.

Members and friends of Isaac Lodge attended a showing of the "Divine Code" on May 25 at Cinemasix theater in Leno.

At the June stated we did what I hope will become a standard practice. We opened in the FC Degree, did the Degree work, then conducted the monthly business meeting. That way the two Candidates who received their FC Degree could join us for the meeting rather than sit outside. Among

Business discussed at this meeting, we voted to sponsor Br. Darrin Landry's going with a Medical Mission to Guatemala. Grand Lodge matched the amount we put forward. Later in the meeting I was presented my Past Master's Diploma by Past EDCM, RW Robert Varnum.

Sunday June 26 we celebrated St John's Sunday at the North Side Cong. Christian Church. I participated in the service, Br. Jeff Robinson spoke about Masonry.

Law Lodge's Annual Out Door Degree and Inspection took place on Aug 19 at the Marland S. Milliken Memorial Outdoor Lodge Hall. This year the work was M Degree on one candidate. Br Martin Rogers was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. We received "excellent" inspection grades. Twenty-seven officers and Brethren were in attendance. A cocktail followed at my house.

During the dinner the Game Room and Men's Room floors were re-tiled with beautiful results.

Two of the three members of the Committee of Inquiry resigned at the September Stated Meeting. I decided to appoint two Brethren to investigate each petition as they

are received. Doing the investigation in this manner gives more of the Brethren a chance to participate in the process.

A Table Lodge of Instruction was held on Sept. 16. We honored Mr. James Pate, Treasurer, and VV Carl Morrane, Secretary. We presented them with Saco Lodge Polo Shirts, in green rather than blue, since they handle the Lodge's money. Br's Gordon Workman and Steve Wayne prepared a delicious traditional German meal. Several Brethren assisted in serving the food, and "re-loading the Commons". approx. 40 were in attendance.

October found us straying from tradition slightly, by holding a semi-public supper and Awards Presentation at the stated meeting.

Br. David Kennedy was visiting from California and was due his 50 year medal, which was presented to him by the District Deputy. Br. Charles Allard was presented with three service stars to add to his 50 yr medal. after the presentations, a recess was called, photos taken, and our non-Masonic guests were entertained in the dining room by our Br. Piper, David Smart.

We had taken a collection at the beginning of the meeting for the "Memory Walk" Alzheimer's

project and received \$25 to donate to this very worthwhile cause. Several members of our local Masonic Branches and friends participated in the walk.

I appointed Br. Jeffy Robinson Chairman of the Committee to organize the Hundredth anniversary celebration of our building, next year 2002. We have had a meeting with Officials from the Bank and they seem even more excited than we are about the event.

November was our annual Hunting attire night. Our secretary had the honor of reading his son's petition for Degrees. Nor-Richard tripp's son, and Brad tripp's Grand son's petition was also reviewed and read. Its great to see the next generations taking an interest in Masonry.

As is our tradition, the December stated was also Lodge's annual awards night. This also is the traditional lobster stew night. I decided to make it a semi-public event this year. Nor James Pate prepared a delicious stew, and Br. Gordon Workman prepared chicken for those who didn't want lobster. After dinner, VW Carl Mariano presented a Power Point

review of my last two years as Master, which was great, Carl, you did a great job, thank you.

Bro Forrest E. Trapp was presented his 50 year medal, Bro. Art Prentiss, and 2002. Ronald Trapp received Lovere Star. I received my 25 year pin, actually I have been a member 32 years, but didn't get the pin in 1999.

After the awards, recess was declared, photos taken, and our non-Masonic guests retired.

Dec. 27 was a special for the EA Degree on two Candidates. There were so many Past Masters present that we decided to make it the un-official Past Masters Night.

Observations & Recommendations:

Use Semi-Public Meetings, or parts of meetings, whenever awards or other general interest activities are planned.

It gives the Brethren's families a chance to see what goes on. It also is a chance for men who are not Brethren to come up and meet us.

Appoint two different Brethren as

investigators each time an application is reviewed. If more than one application is received, appoint two Brethren for each application. This way more Brethren participate in the process. Brethren who may never want to be Officers may be willing to investigate applications.

If you have Degree work slated for a stated meeting, do the Degree work first, then the business meeting.

Ask for advice, but remember that you are the Master of the Lodge and your decision is the final one. The Brethren elected you to this position of leadership, and have confidence in your abilities.

I have really enjoyed the last two years, thank you Brethren of Laco Lodge for allowing me to serve as Master for the last two years. Thank you all for asking me to take the L. W. Station, and getting me active in Masonry once again. Respectfully submitted January 3, 2007,
Wor. Gregory M. Pulliken, Master, Laco Lodge No. 9.

Speech from VW Carl Marsano given to the brethren of Saco Lodge:

First of all, I want to thank Worshipful Greg for honoring us for our service to Saco Lodge. I got me to thinking, which is always a dangerous thing, about Table Lodges. You see it's the DER in me coming out.

- Well after reading the ritual for table lodge and its history, the GL website tells us that The Table Lodge is no mere banquet or dinner - it is a special ceremony. It is complete with a Ritual which incorporates terminology of centuries ago. It includes toasts, Masonic songs, and a good Masonic speaker. We emphasize "good Masonic Speaker" because no other kind will do. (I am afraid you guys are stuck with us)
- Famous Masonic authority H. L. Haywood, in "More About Masonry" says: "In the Eighteenth Century Lodges the Feast bulked so large in the lodge that in many of them the members were seated at the table when the lodges were opened and remained at it throughout the Communication, even when the degrees were conferred. The result was that Masonic fellowship was good fellowship in it, as in a warm and fruitful soil, acquaintanceship, friendship, and affection could flourish - there was no grim and silent sitting on a bench, staring across at a wall...to such a lodge no member went grudgingly, nor had to be coaxed, nor was moved by that ghastly, cold thing called a sense of duty, but went as if drawn by a magnet, and counted the days until he could go. "What business has any lodge to be nothing but a machine for grinding out the work: It was not called into existence in order to have the minutes read (ironically as Secretary I agree with this): Even a mystic tie will snap under the strain of cheerlessness, repetition, monotony, dullness. A lodge needs a fire lighted in it, and the only way to have that warmth is to restore the lodge Feast, because when it is restored, good fellowship and brotherly love will follow, and where good fellowship is, members will fill up an empty room

So you see even Grand Lodge thinks a table lodge is a good thing...

Now as I look back, I realized that it has been ten years since I filled out my application to join Saco Lodge. I can remember as if it was yesterday, stopping by Father in Law's house on the way back from the Rumford mill to get his signature. He also, did me a favor, and sent me a message which looking back now I can appreciate now. You see when I was going for my EA and FC degrees, he didn't come. He didn't need to. He told me, they will take care of me and he knew that they would. Such is the nature of our institution. He also knew that it would have been true of any lodge.

At the time of my raising I had no idea that I would be standing here tonight. This has caused me to look back over the past ten years and to quote the Grateful Dead, "What a Long Strange Trip It's Been". In fact I had no idea what I was getting into, that was obvious. If someone had told me, I never would have believed it or if I did, it might have scared me off.

You see, my wife and I had just moved back to Maine from what we termed our 9 years in exile and had only moved to Saco the year prior. Both of us, graduated from the "big city", Portland for those you who don't know, so we really didn't know that many people in Saco.

Tonight, I look out at the columns on my left and right and what do I see. I see not brothers but friends. Most of you I did not know prior to joining Saco Lodge. This, my brothers is the key to Masonry, one of our tenets. This brotherly love, fellowship or friendship, call it what you want. It is the foundation that makes us great. Or as we like to say it is the cement that binds us into a sacred band or Society of Friends and brothers.

Just a couple weeks ago in the Maine Sunday Telegram, they had an article discussing the lengths people go to meet friends when they move to a new city or town. In this connected age, people are even less connected to each other and their community. If they only knew what we know about Masonry and how easy it is to make friends and be a part of the community. All they have to do is to talk to a brother, fill out an application, come to a few meetings and get to know the members.

So when we gather tonight as a Table Lodge, we are not only acknowledging our past practices of the 18th century, but we are celebrating one of our tenets of our profession, brotherly love.

Let me conclude with this quote... Some of you may recognize this.

Finally, my Brethren, as this association has been formed and perfected in so much unanimity and concord, in which we greatly rejoice, so may it long continue. May you long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can afford. May kindness and brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons. And may the tenets of our profession be transmitted through your lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

Thank you once again for this honor.

