

# 2017

## Saco Lodge History



Worshipful Gregory Maxwell, Master  
Wor. Michael Tremblay, Historian  
12/31/2017

## INTRODUCTION

### History for the Year 2017

Brethren,

It has been my pleasure to have been your Master for 2017.

It was a good year.

We raised three candidates to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, one at Past Masters night, one at the Kora Kraftsmen Night and one at our Annual Inspection.

Thanks to Brother Andy Nightingale, and Brother Sheldon Nightingale, with the help of many others, we gave away over 90 bikes, in the Bikes for Books program, which helps kids learn to read, and are rewarded with the chance of winning a bike. Such a worthy cause.

We incorporated short Programs in Lodge, thanks to Bro. Mike Hopkins. We helped many Brethren in need, we raised money for the Saco Food Pantry, and scholarships for Thornton Academy students.

We are a busy Lodge. Thanks to your future Wor. Master, Justin, with the help of our Membership Chairman Steve Joyce, the First Annual Golf Tournament was a great success, and will continue to grow from here.

We also had some trials as well, with two Brothers getting suspended for Un-Masonic conduct. That is never anything a Master wants to have to deal with, but nonetheless, it's something that is part of Masonry, that we never want to have happen.

We finally brought the Lodge into the 21st Century, with both the secretary, and treasurer having computers, to keep our records current. Thanks also to our anonymous donor, for the wonderful gift of our sound system, and Brother Chuck Estano for running it.

I want to thank all that supported me this year, it made things go a lot smoother.

I especially want to thank my Secretary and Treasurer, Carl Marsano, and Jim Pate, for all their help and support during this year.

For the Last Time,  
Clear in the East

# SACO LODGE NO. 9, F. & A.M.

## YEAR IN REVIEW 2017

2017 marked the two hundredth fifteenth year of the founding of Saco Lodge. At that time the Grand Lodge of Maine was non-existent and we were chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts since Maine was still a province of that state.

1820 brought the formation of Maine as a state and the Grand Lodge of Maine was formed and Saco Lodge #9 retained its identity.

Saco Lodge #9 continues to be an active part of the communities with its many programs and participation in city life and community service.

January 4, 2017 brought us to our stated meeting with the election of new officers and appointments to various committees. We celebrate the fact that this marks the 8th year in a row that a Past Master has not re-occupied the Master chair in Saco Lodge. The last Past Master that served was Worshipful Greg Milliken, who was a 4 time Master of Saco Lodge

January 15, 2017 was the Installation of officers for the New Year those presiding

were. Right Worshipful Carl Marsano Presiding Officer  
Worshipful Mark Whitmore Installing Officer  
Worshipful Gordon Workman Installing Marshall  
Worshipful Steven Boucouvalas Installing Chaplain  
Worshipful Peter Stinson Piper  
Brother Ryan Sherman Drummer.







Officers Installed for 2017

Master. Wor. Greg Maxwell (Center Front)  
 Senior Warden Bro. Justin Galipeau (Left Front)  
 Junior Warden Bro. Andrew Nightingale (Right Front)  
 Treasurer Wor. James Pate and Secretary Wor. Carl Marsano  
 Senior Deacon Bro. Steve Polley and Junior Deacon Bro. Michael Hopkins  
 Senior Steward Bro. Sorren Arneson and Junior Steward Bro. Steven Joyce  
 Marshal Bro. Sheldon Nightingale  
 Chaplain Wor. Jonathan Maynard  
 Historian Wor. Michael Tremblay  
 Tyler Bro. Jeffrey Boynton



In attendance was MW Thomas Pulkkinen, Present Grand Master who gave words of encouragement to Wor. Gregory Maxwell

February brought us to our stated meeting with the usual business, but work in the coming months of projects was started. First up was our fund raising for the Bikes for Books program held in three of our schools in Saco. Fairfield, Young and Burns Schools would be the recipients of 90 bikes for the program with 30 bikes at each school. All three schools have a connection to Saco Lodge. Young School is named after Bro. Theodore Young who was the last brother Raised at Calef Hall before we moved to our present location in 1907. Fairfield's gymnasium is named after Bro. Robert Moody and at Burns the new wing is named after Wor. Howard Cushman, PM of Saco Lodge.

The membership committee continues their work with several programs one being the first annual golf tournament. Under the direction of Brother Steve Joyce, Bro. Justin Galipeau and Wor. Michael Tremblay work was started in organizing this event. The money was to be raised to benefit a local charitable organization in the Saco communities.

March brought us with meetings galore, the Bike for Books, Golf Tournament, Scholarship Fund and other charities promoted by the Lodge.

Under the direction of Andrew and Sheldon Nightingale we were successful in raising the money to receive a matching grant from the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation. We ordered the 91 bikes for the Bike for Books and continued to look into a Golf Course to hold out tournament at. After much discussion it was voted to hold the tournament at the Dutch Elm Golf Course in Arundel.

March 29th started our kick off for Bike for Books Program with a rally at Young School. What a great time as Andy Nightingale and other Saco Lodge members were blown away by the excitement displayed by faculty and the kids about the Bikes for Books Program. It was well received and we look forward to the presentations of bikes in May.

March 29th also brought us to Fairfield School and we received the same great reception and added feedback from the staff about how great this program is. Not to be out done we visited Burns School and once again received the same great reception for the program by staff and students. What a great way for Masonry to be involved in the community.

April 27th brought us Past Master's Night with our traditional Ham Dinner and work of the evening presented by the Past Masters of Saco Lodge #9. The candidate was well received and the Past Masters may be old, but they know their ritual. As Most Worshipful John Anagnostis once told me, if you forget a word or get stuck on one, "Just make it sound Masonic." A great man and mentor to me and he is still deeply missed by all who knew him.



With RW Carl Marsano presiding in the East, Bro. Philip Schmidt was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.



Bro. Philip Schmidt, Wor. Gregory Maxwell and RW Carl Marsano

On May 3rd Saco Lodge open its doors with the New Member Challenge at our stated meeting with a nice Prime Rib dinner and a presentation of Saco Lodge history by Right Worshipful Carl Marsano, Saco Lodge activities by Brother Justin Galipeau.

May 5th was the D-Day for Bikes for Books with a rally at Burns School to kick things up. Once again the staff and students showed home important this program is, 30 bikes were given away and the number of books that the kids read was in the hundreds. One child in particular read 20 books.

May 19th were the rallies at Young and Fairfield Schools. Once again you thought you were at a football game, the kids did a great job and the staff was talking about how some kids who never pick a book were involved with the program, another great day for Saco Lodge #9.

May 20th was awards day, the kids came with their parents to pick up their prize, they also received a helmet and were treated to a bike rodeo and with several bike organizations present were enlightened about bike safety.

The bike rodeo is held in conjunction with the kick off of National Public Works Week, the director Patrick Fox greeted us warmly and opened his facility. Also present were the Saco Police and Fire Dept. What a great day for all of us, mixing education, public safety and fun for all into one day.





June 7<sup>th</sup> brought us to our stated meeting and the meetings of all our committees, planning the annual picnic and golf tournament. Saco Lodge never goes dark during the summer months, we are active with our families and our community.

This was a special night for all of us, as we recognized Brother David Smart with the presentation of his 50 Year Veteran Medal. Brother Dave was raised to Master Mason on March 30, 1967 at Nollesemic Lodge in Millinocket. He became a member of Kora Temple Shrine where he was active with the Kora Highlanders who performed at this ceremony. Although Brother Dave suffered a serious medical condition, this has not dampened his spirits.



June 20<sup>th</sup> brought the Kora Kraftsman to Saco Lodge to conduct the Master Mason Degree on Brother Dennis Healy, wonderful work and a memorable night for all especially for Brother Dennis. The Kora Kraftsmen were organized to promote continued brother friendship and conducting degree work for all lodges when requested, an excellent way to spread knowledge and meet brothers from other lodges.



July 8<sup>th</sup> brought us to our annual picnic at Ferry Beach State Park in Saco. As usual no lack of food or friendship, this is another way to get together with family and friends.

August 19<sup>th</sup> brought us to the Lobster Bowl Game held in Saco where many of Saco Lodge members attended. Many of our members also volunteered their services since most of the members are also members of Kora /Shriners.

September 6<sup>th</sup> our stated meeting and we continue our good works and start assembling the year end events, looking forward to our visit from the District Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Eric Durgin of the 181h Masonic District. Also a great presentation was given by Very Worshipful Michael Shaw on the Fellow Craft Degree.

September 8<sup>th</sup> brought us to Dutch Elm Golf Club on a beautiful sunny day, a little chilly for our set up, but the warm hearts of our brothers overcame the chill. The 8 o'clock start up sent 34 golfers rumbling about in their golf carts. Our own Dennis Healy provided the cannonade start and music abounded all day. Our charity this year was the Royal Family Kids Camp. This is sponsored by the United Baptist Church of Saco. Several of our members are very involved in this camp for kids who have experienced physical and verbal abuse. It was even better when the winners of the tournament donated their winnings to the camp, talk about brotherly love and charity. We reflect on what we have done, we had a fun time raising money for a great cause.



We also took the time to reflect on all the good things done this past few months such as Bikes for Books, Golf Tournament and our Scholarship awards. Also honored several members for the good works they do for the Lodge.

September 28<sup>th</sup> brought us back to the Lodge to bestow the Master Mason Degree on Brother Bruce Reynolds. This was our Annual Inspection.

September 30<sup>th</sup> brought us to Saco Lodge for the Mason of the year awards Table Lodge for the 18th Masonic District. Right Worshipful Merle Googins of Greenleaf Lodge for Mason of the year and our own Brother Andrew Nightingale as Ritualist of the year

October 4<sup>th</sup> was our stated meeting and many things continue to be planned for the upcoming months to keep the brethren involved in our Lodge.

October 17<sup>th</sup> brought us to Saco Lodge for the annual 18th Masonic District meeting. The guest speaker was Brother Gary Crooker a Maine Humorist who kept everyone in stitches all night. Brother Gary went to the Police Academy with Worshipful Mike Tremblay way back in 1974, it was a great reunion.

November 1<sup>st</sup> brought us to our stated meeting where the Tuxes and Suits are retired for the night and everyone comes attired in their hunting gear. Brothers come wearing their blaze orange vest, hats and whatever. Other brothers come in their camouflage gear, we have a great time as we remind ourselves to have fun. Saco Lodge presented Wor. Greg with an appropriate Blaze Orange top hat for the occasion.





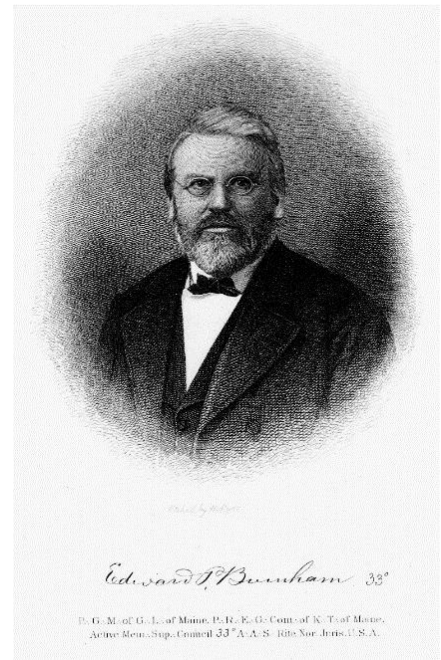
November 25th brought us to the Wal-Mart in Biddeford for our Masonic Duty of Charity. We meet to raise money for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive, this was well attended with 14 brothers ringing the bells and greeting the shoppers as they entered the store. This is the Masonic 18th District Lodges with every Lodge in the district putting in a two hour presences, what great fellowship and support of charity, Thank You to the Salvation Army for letting us be a part of their good works.



December 2nd brought Saco Lodge to the Main Street in Saco for the annual Festival of Lights Parade. A float with Christmas Lights, Masonic Square and Compass all lit up, banners of the Saco Lodge Families all about the float, also several members marched in the parade which lasted for over an hour with many organizations participating. Once again we shinned under the direction of Brother Steve Joyce.



December 6th brought us our stated meeting AND Lobster Stew Night, the dining room was full and we continued on, a presentation on MW Edward Payson Burnham, PGM and Past Master of Saco Lodge was conducted by RW Carl Marsano.



Special people were honored this night.

Brother Phil Schmidt receiving his Rookie Award,

Brother Ormond Bedell receiving his 50 year veteran's medal



and last but not least was Right Worshipful Richard Clark, PDDGM receiving the first annual Most Worshipful Edward Burnham award for all his help to Saco Lodge and the craft. It was well deserved.



RW Eric Durgin DDGM of the 18th Masonic District was in attendance and bestowed upon Worshipful Greg Maxwell is Past Masters Certificate.



December 9<sup>th</sup> brought us to Saco Lodge as the snowflakes started falling to have our Ladies at the Table Lodge diner. What a better way to celebrate the season with wives and significant others there to have a great time. The table lode also honored Worshipful Michael Tremblay who was Saco Lodge Mason of the Year for 2017.

As Christmas approached the members of Saco Lodge #9 are reminded of the virtues of Masonry, the joy, fellowship and charity that we have been a part of in 2017. We await the year 2018 with vigor and anticipation as officers will ascend to their respective duties and stations.

January 3<sup>rd</sup> brought us to our stated and annual meeting, reports were read and new officers of the lodge are ready to continue the work. Worshipful Greg Maxwell now becomes past master and Worshipful Justin Galipeau ascends to the Oriental Chair as Master of Saco Lodge #9 to bring us into the 216<sup>th</sup> year of service to masonry and our community, leading the brethren to greater light.



Respectfully submitted, Worshipful Michael Tremblay

Past Master Saco Lodge #9



## **BRETHREN WHO PASSED TO THE CELESTIAL LODGE ABOVE**



The Evergreen is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By it we are reminded of the immortal soul of man which survives the grave and which will never, never die.

### **Wor. Gerald Edward Savage**

Initiated on April 15, 1987

Passed May 12, 1987

September 15, 1987

Master of Saco Lodge in the year 1991

Deceased – September 13, 2017

### **Bro. Clement Raymond Tanguay**

Initiated – February 2, 1980

Passed – March 18, 1980

Raised – September 16, 1980

Deceased – November 29, 2017