



Saco Lodge History 2018



Established June 14, 1802

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

YEAR IN REVIEW 2018

2018 marked the two hundredth sixteenth year of the founding of Saco Lodge #9. 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 Lode of Maine was formed and Saco Lodge #9 retained its identity and obtained its number.

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 9th year in a row that a Past Master has no re-occupied the Master chair in Saco Lodge. The last Master that served 4 times as Master of Saco Lodge was Worshipful Greg Milliken.

January 7, 2018. Brought us to the Maine Veterans Home in Scarborough where we joined our veterans with a coffee and donut social. This is a program that the 18th Masonic District participates with lodges in the district having their assigned months, it is greatly appreciated by staff and veterans.



From Left to Right –

James Pate, Andrew Nightingale, Justin Galipeau with his sons, Nikolai and Charles, Robert Mercier with Guitar, Sheldon Nightingale, Gerald Ouellette and David Perkins

January 14, 2018 was the Installation of officers for the new year those presiding were.

Right Worshipful Carl Marsano Presiding Officer

Worshipful Mark Whitmore Installing Officer

Worshipful Stephen Cappers Installing Chaplain

Worshipful Gerald Ouellette Installing Marshal

Bro James Delage - Piper

Officers Installed for 2018

Master. Wor. Justin Galipeau

Senior Warden Bro. Andrew Nightingale

Junior Warden Bro. Steve Polley

Treasurer Wor. James Pate

Secretary Right Wor. Carl Marsano

Senior Deacon Bro. Steve Joyce

Junior Deacon Bro. Ward Grossman

Senior Steward Bro. Sorren Arneson

Junior Steward Bro. Phillip Schmidt

Marshall Bro. Sheldon Nightingale

Chaplain Bro. Robert Maxfield

Historian Wor. Michael Tremblay

Tyler Bro. David Perkins

Audio Engineer Bro. Charles Estano

Piper Bro. James Delage



Galipeau Family Picture



Officers plus installing members

January 23rd brought us to Saco Lodge for the monthly Master's & Warden's meeting. This is where the 10 Lodges that compose the 18th Masonic District meet on a monthly basis with lodges hosting throughout the district. It is a way to interact and visit with brothers from other lodges and learn the history of our brethren.

February 7th 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 70 bikes for the program.



Masters & Wardens at Buxton Lodge February

February 22nd brought us to our usual degree night, in order to make it easy on our officers we have deemed the 4th Thursday of the month as our Degree Night.

Our strong mentoring program continues with Worshipful David Perkins and Bro. Steve Polley assisting our new brothers with their lessons, it has helped many to progress.

Under the direction of Andrew and Sheldon Nightingale, we were successful in raising the funds to receive a matching grant towards the bike for books program.

The membership committee continues their work with several programs one being the first annual golf tournament. Under the direction of Brother Steve Joyce and Bro. Justin Galipeau 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.

We ordered the 71 bikes for the Bike for Books and decided to hold the **Golf** tournament once again at Dutch Elm Golf Course in Arundel.

Saco Lodge including our family, friends and pets, was also a participant of Mary's Walk and was held on March 18, 2018. Mary's Walk began in 1999 as a unique way to recognize and remember Mary Kerry Libby, a much-loved member of the Saco-Biddeford community who passed away from Burkitt's Lymphoma.

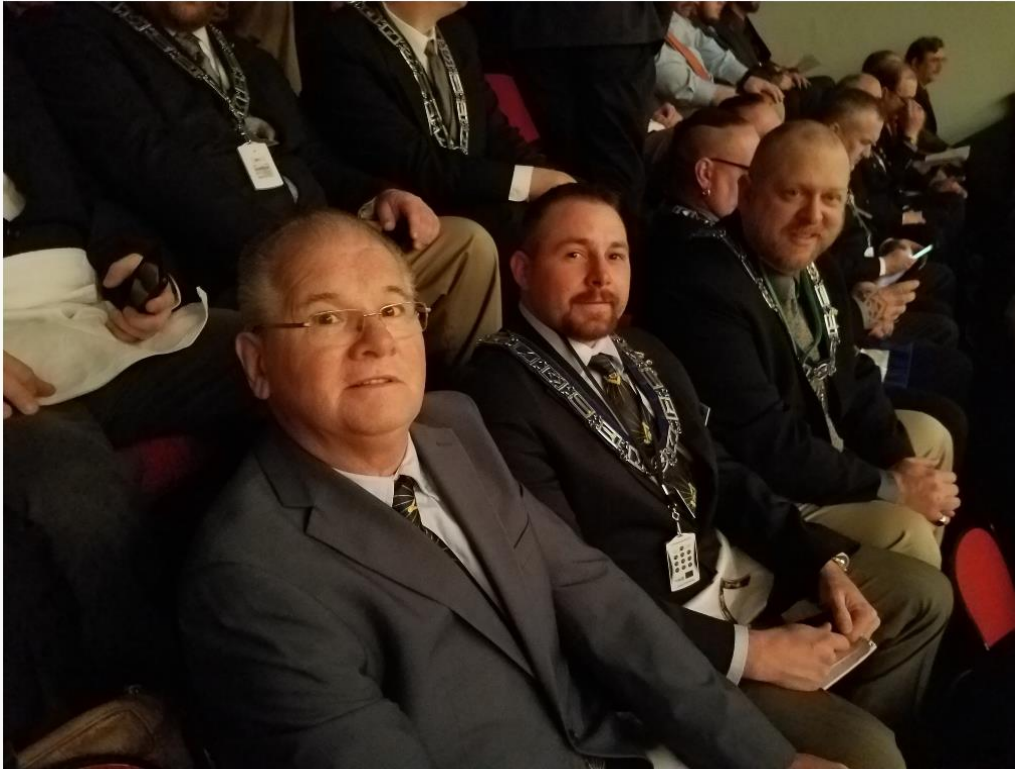


Mary's Walk

March 30th 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. On April 4th we joined the kids at Fairfield School where the assembly was out of this world, with great support from the staff and teachers at Fairfield School. The Gym at Fairfield School is name in memory of the former principal and Saco Lodge member Robert Moody.

April 4th was our Master's Challenge and stated meeting, were brethren were invited to bring a prospective candidate and break bread and learn about Masonry. Our program was based on the history of Saco Lodge by R.W. Carl Marsano, followed by the present and future events we hold within the community and what we do at Saco Lodge presented by Bro. Andrew Nightingale.

May 1st brought us to the annual Grand Lodge Session which took place at the Grand Lodge of Maine Building in Portland. A very impressive building and a testament to the history of Free Masonry in Maine. The all-day event was great and meeting brothers from all over Maine is outstanding. The election of Mark Rustin as Grand Master was the highlight of the day.



At Grand Lodge Session

May 2nd took us to Saco Lodge with are stated meeting. We continued our tradition dating back to at least the mid-1990's to welcome the newly installed District Deputy for the 18th District, RW Michael Tremblay. Wor. Justin went out and bought a red carpet to welcome the DDGM.



May 5th was our bike assembly day with brothers and their families assembling the 70 bikes that were earned by our readers in the Bikes for Books Program.



Bikes for Books Assembly Day

May 19th brought us to the Saco Public Works Facility where the winners picked up their bikes, smiles in the millions were seen on the kids and their parents. Also joining us for the event were several community programs, the Saco Police, Fire Dept. and of course Saco Public works. A bike Rodeo was great with hot dogs and all the fixings. We also donated a bike for the Young School PTO to raffle as a fund raiser for the school various programs.

May 24th brought us Past Master's Night with our traditional Ham Dinner with raisin sauce 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 said, "if you forget a word or get stuck on one, just make it sound Masonic." He was a great man and mentor to Saco Lodge and he is deeply missed by all. Brothers Jason Grant and Craig Labreck were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the Past Masters of Saco Lodge #9.



RW Richard Clark Presenting Past Masters Medal to Wor. Greg Maxwell



Past Masters Assembled with Wor. Justin Galipeau

June 6th brought us to our stated meeting and our annual awarding of the RW Dr. G. Patrick Shaw Scholarships to two students preparing to go to college.



Scholarship Recipients & Families

Dr. George Patrick Shaw was born in Manistique, Michigan on August 8, 1929. Initiated to

the Degree of an Entered Apprentice on November 24, 1950. Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft on December 29, 1950. Raised in Lakeside Lodge, No. 371 in Manistique, Michigan on March 24, 1951. He Affiliated with Saco Lodge on December 4, 1963. He remained a dual member for the rest of his life. He served in the following chairs: Marshal – 1966, Senior Steward – 1967 and 1970, Junior Deacon in 1971, Senior Deacon in 1972, Junior Warden in 1973, Senior Warden in 1974, Worshipful Master in 1975, District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th District in 1977 and 1978.

At the time of his death he was chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Webber Hospital in Biddeford, now SMHC. He was a Deacon of the First Parish Church in Saco. He was a member of the US Naval Reserve. In 1979, he passed away suddenly in Waterville, ME at the age of 49.

In Saco Lodge the Light of Masonry is never dim, only because the sun shines brighter as we continue to work in the community and enjoy the summer with our family and friends.

July 14th brought us to our 5th annual picnic at Worshipful Justin Galipeau's home with a pig roast and all the fixings. As usual no lack of food or friendship, this is another way to get together with family and friends.

August 11th 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 5th. brought us back to full light at Saco Lodge, as we prepared for our annual Golf Tournament with the proceeds going to the Bikes for Books Program.



September 8th 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 over came the chill. The 8 o'clock start up sent 41 golfers rumbling about in their golf carts. Our own Dennis Healy provided the cannonade start and music abounded all day. We reflect on what we have done, we had a fun time raising money for a great cause.



Saco Lodge #9
is Saco's oldest fraternity. We were originally chartered in 1802 and held our meetings at Cleaves Tavern in Pepperell Square.

Since 1907, we have been located on Main Street, on the third floor of the Saco Biddeford Savings Bank.

We are proud of our history and our ancestry in Saco. The names of our great elders are on buildings, schools and parks throughout the City of Saco. In addition, Saco Masons have bravely fought and made the ultimate sacrifice in every major war since 1802.

Our mission is to take good men and make them better. We do this through fellowship and moral leadership.

Our philanthropy is focused on the truly needy – the young & innocent, old & frail, and brave & selfless.

Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/sacolodge>
or
Contact Steve Joyce at smjoyce@qwi.net



2nd Annual
Saco
Masonic Lodge
Charity Golf Tournament

Benefitting
Bikes for Books

Saturday, Sept 8
7AM Registration
8AM Shotgun Start

Dutch Elm Golf Course
5 Brimstone Road
Arundel, ME

Golf Tournament



Saco Lodge Masons

October 3rd brought us to our stated meeting with much to be proud of a successful Golf Tournament. We also began talking about next year.

November 7th was our annual hunting attire stated meeting with warm stews and soups to prepare us for our winter bones. The Master wore his Blaze Orange Top Hat, and everyone had an enjoyable night with much to look forward to as Worshipful Justin Galipeau near the end of his term as Master of Saco Lodge #9. Bro. Jason Grant performed his proficiency flawlessly.



Brother Jason Grant being congratulated on his proficiency

November 24th 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 presence, what great fellowship and support of charity, Thank You to the Salvation Army for letting us be a part of their good works.



Bell Ringing

November 29th brought the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maine as we hosted Most-Worshipful Mark Rustin to Saco Lodge #9 for the 18th Masonic District Meeting. It was a very informative meeting with the Grand Master and an excellent meal was put on by the Ladies of Annette Chapter #184, with no one going home hungry.

December 1st brought us to our Ladies at the Table Lodge, which honored our Mason of the Year Steve Joyce along with Brothers Sheldon Nightingale and Chuck Estano for their work in making Saco Lodge a better place. Brother Sheldon has assisted in making the lodge finances better. Brother Chuck is our Tech guy and in charge of being our sound tech, so no one can say they can't be left out due to their hearing problems.



The night was great with an enjoyable time had by all. Even the brothers serving were also having a great time. This is an event that should be part of any lodge social activity and is a big thank you for wives or significant others who give us the time to participate in lodge.

December 5th brought us to Saco Lodge for our stated meeting AND Lobster Stew Night, the dining room was full as usual and we continued on, Not only were special people honored this night, but it was our annual Inspection. With Brother Arthur Prentiss receiving the Second annual Most Worshipful Edward Burnham award for all his help to Saco Lodge and the craft a well deserving award to a brother with 67 years in Masonry. Bro. Shawn Knispel was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft.

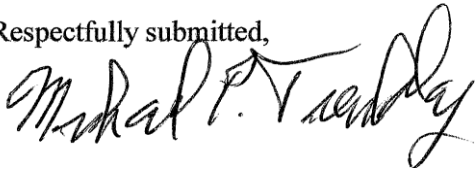
December 8th brought Light in Masonry to downtown Saco. Saco Lodge participated in the 9th annual Festival of Lights Parade. With 90 units in attendance, Saco Lodge members and their families marched in the route, followed, by a spectacular Christmas Tree made out of Lobster Pots and a glowing Square and Compass. What a wonderful way to promote Free Masonry in Saco with over 3,000 people in attendance.

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 2018. We await the year 2019 with vigor and anticipation as officers will ascend to their respective duties and stations.

January 2nd brought us to our stated and annual meeting. reports were read, and new officers of the lodge are ready to continue the work. Worshipful Justin Galipeau now has become a Past Master and Worshipful Andrew Nightingale ascends to the Oriental Chair as Master of Saco Lodge #9 to bring us into the 217th year of service to masonry and our community, leading the brethren to greater light.

The following are including excerpts from the Saco Lodge #9 Trestleboard.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael P. Tremblay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "T".

Right Worshipful Michael Tremblay
Past Master Saco Lodge

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Justin M. Galipeau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "G".

Wor. Justin Galipeau
Master, Saco Lodge 2018

The Trestleboard

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Officers of 2018



Master's Message for February

Worshipful Justin Galipeau



From the East,

I would like to thank our 2017 Officers, Committees, and Brethren for all the hard work and accomplishments they succeeded last year for Saco Lodge and our community.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2018 Installation of Saco Lodge. What a day having The Kora Legion of Honor posting the colors, the Kora Highlanders bag piping the Officers in, over 12 Past Masters of Saco Lodge installing the 2018 Officers. The 100 in attendance of family, friends, guests, Grand Master, our DDGM 18th district, Past Grand Masters, Eastern Star and the Brothers from our Lodge, District, State, and all the way from Rhode Island Lodge. The atmosphere was truly unbelievable watching our Past Masters perform the ritual work and the Fellowship at the reception afterwards was full of joy, laughs, and excitement.

The year has already started off busy, Saco Lodge hosts Master and Wardens and our new Officers will put on their first EA Degree right out of the gates.

We will continue to have Degrees on the same date as last year being the 4th Thursday of every month. 6:30 supper, 7:30 degree. Please come out and support your new line of Officers

as they have been studying very hard to give the best degree to the Candidate and the sidelines.

Your Officers have already met together and was provided direction and fulfil how communication will be this year. The top 3 Officers have met as well and discussed long term ideas, and working together to make things flow easier. I have met with our Committee Chairmen's and provided my confidence and support I have in them and the expectations of this year.

Please keep looking at the Trestleboard for upcoming events and dates starting very soon from the Committees agenda. If you want to join a Committee please reach out and they will add you to their roster. Many hands make workloads light and any help will be greatly appreciated. As they get work accomplished they have fun at the same time doing it.

I hope to see you all for the February stated meeting and our Fellowcraft degree later in the month. The Lodge would love to see you no matter how long you have been away, we're all here to help so please don't miss out in spreading Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love.

Congratulations 2018 Officers!!!!

Worshipful Master, Justin Galipeau

Secretary's Message

Another installation has come and gone. It was a pleasure serving as Master of Ceremonies for the Installation. Many thanks to all those who helped out, making the job look easy to all who attended.

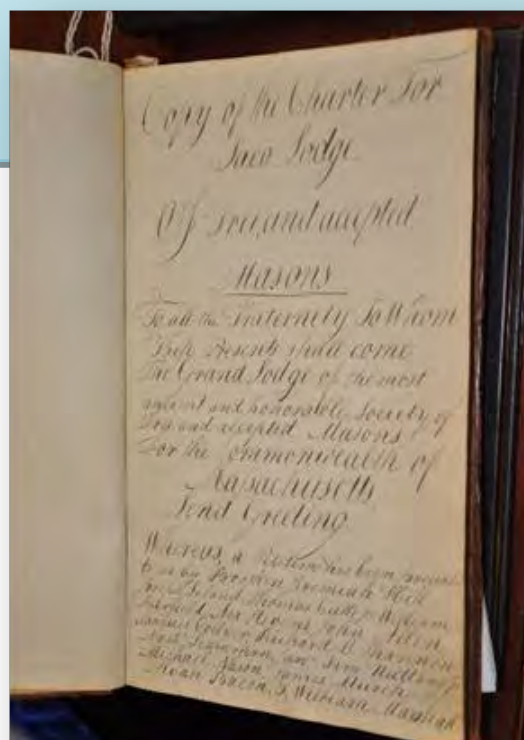
A new Master sits in the East. As I do each year, I look forward to the coming year. I hope each and every one of you do the same as it promises to be another fine year. Come to our meetings and enjoy the fellowship.

The Master receives the records of the lodge as part of installation. "You also receive in charge the By-Laws and RECORDS of your lodge. You are to see that the By-Laws are faith-fully obeyed and that the RECORDS are correctly kept, determining what is proper to be recorded." Every installation for the past 16 years we have brought out our oldest records to present to the Master. These date back to the founding of Saco Lodge, back when the city was called Pepperellborough. Pepperellborough was incorporated as a town in 1775; name changed in 1805 to Saco. So it shows we were ahead of our time, by 3 years. Either that or lodge brethren influenced the decision!

The first entry is from August 5, 1802. Also, in this book is a copy of the original Charter and by-laws of the lodge. See below.

Dues are coming in quite well. If you haven't paid, please do so as soon as possible. It helps us with our budget keeping us from tapping our investments to pay the bills. This time of year we have several bills (rent and Grand Lodge assessment & fees are the main ones) that need to be paid and these dues help pay for them.

Fraternally,
Carl Marsano, Secretary



Attention Past Masters of Saco Lodge

A few years ago, we started a new group forming which consists of all Past Masters of Saco Lodge. Our mission is to be an advisory group only for all Officers of Saco Lodge, to stay connected with each other, and connected with Saco Lodge.

Please plan on meeting at the Run of the Mill restaurant on Sunday, February 18th at 3:00 pm for short meeting and fellowship. Wives are invited and expected to attend.

I hope to see as many of you as possible.

Mark Whitmore, Past Master 2013
590-1167

Brethren, Don't forget our Stated Meetings 1st Wednesday of the month

Additional Dates to Remember

January 23rd – Master's & Warden's Meeting at Saco Lodge, all are welcome

January 25th – EA Degree

February 7th – Stated Meeting

February 18th – Past Masters Meeting – Run of the Mill – 3:00 PM

February 22nd – Degree Night

February 27th – Master's & Wardens – Buxton Lodge

As always Suppers – 6:30 pm and Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM unless noted

Coming on March 18th – Mary's Walk, Noon, Come support a good cause and your lodge!

Monday Nights – Candidate Training Starting at 6:00 PM

Be on the lookout for upcoming events such as Past Masters Night later this spring! Master Mason Degree.



Greetings from the West,



As the coldest winter I can remember continues on, I found something that truly warmed my heart at the Coffee with Veterans event that we participate in every year on the first Sunday of January. The event itself was a rewarding allocation of my time as it always is. Getting to sit down with these men & women, listen to their stories and show them that they are not forgotten is well worth the effort and I often feel that I get more out of it than they do. The thing that made this year's event extra special was that we got to see one our brothers that we have not seen a quite a while.

Bob Mercier has been a member of Saco Lodge for many years, but most of you might remember him as the director of the CHIPS programs that we used to have in our district. Bob has recently had some events in his life that caused him to reevaluate what really matters to him. Luckily for us, music is one of those things. Bob brought his guitar and wanted to sing a few songs for the veterans. He was very nervous to be sure, but as he started to play and sing, you could see his confidence grow and his voice become stronger and stronger. It was a very special moment for everyone and I could not be prouder of Bob for putting himself out there. It is a great reminder to all of us that we need to focus on what really matters to us and what is truly important. Well done Bob. Well done.

Little Known Masonic Fact: Masonic symbols are usually regarded as existing because of the fraternity's secrecy. However, in reality, Freemasonry started being illustrated by symbols because at the very beginning most Freemasons could not read, so the symbols served to remind members of the fraternity's teachings.

Clear in the West,
Brother Andy Nightingale

Saco Lodge Officers of 2018



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Audio Engineer
Bro. Charles Estano

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Building Committee Members: Bro. Robert Selberg, Wor. Michael Tremblay, Bro. Dennis Healey

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From the South,



First off I would like to Congratulate Worshipful Justin Galipeau and all of the officers of Saco Lodge for being installed into their new appointments and elected positions for the year 2018. For the 5 years that I have been a member here Saco Lodge has always been a busy and thriving lodge, I am certain this year will be no exception.

Masonic education of new candidates has always been an extremely important part of our lodge. Not only do our newest members receive assistance with Degree lessons, he also learns and receives Fellowship, Lodge Etiquette, and Masonic Mentoring, along with providing an informal place to ask questions to gain more knowledge and light in Masonry. I challenge anyone who has time and interest in assisting these Men, to contact me and volunteer as an Education Committee member.

Dinner for the February Stated meeting on 2/7 is going to be a few different kinds of Beans and Hot Dogs.

Clear in the South;

Steve Polley

Junior Warden

The Trestleboard

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Master's Message for March

Worshipful Justin Galipeau

From the East,



The roll of the workmen has been called and Brother Walter Johnson did not answer the call. I would like to thank all those Brethren who assisted me in the memorial service giving Walter a 66-year member to the craft a proper Masonic send off to the Celestial Lodge above. At the March stated we will drape the charter and remember him at Lodge.

Saco Lodge was also called to do a memorial service for PM Harry Smith 61-year member of Orchard Lodge and once again thank you officers for doing this last minute.

Where there is darkness, there is light. I want to congratulate our 2 new Entered Apprentices. What a degree presented just 2 weeks out of the gates from Installation. Our Junior Warden did a fantastic job and officers as perfect as a degree could get. It really showed the hard work they put in. Don't miss our Fellow Craft degree on February 22nd.

New applications are flowing in, so don't worry if you missed this EA degree there will be another one shortly. Now is a good time if you know a person that would be a great mason to start his journey and be grouped up going in so they're not alone.

I must apologize for rescheduling the February stated meeting due to the snow storm. I did not want anyone driving to Lodge and risk hurting themselves or others. For those of you who didn't know, that in our by-laws we have 48 hours to reschedule during this period. With the conflict of other bodies using the Lodge is why that time and date was chosen for the reschedule meeting we had. If you are not on the Mori email system please let our secretary know your email address to get last minute changes that could occur.

Last month Saco Lodge took back the Traveling Gavel at Masters and Wardens with 15 Brothers. Let's try to hold on to it for a while. Any mason can attend, you do not have to be a Master Mason. It is a great way to see other Lodges and interact with Brothers in our District.

Please look through this whole Trestleboard as we have a lot happening. Bikes for Books, Masters Challenge, Golf tournament, Mary's walk, and more for dates so you can enjoy the fellowship and participate.

Master's Challenge: I challenge the brethren to invite a friend, co-worker, neighbor, or an acquaintance, someone you know that would be interested in being a Freemason. Let them know that their dinner will be paid for on us. We will also do an open program of the history of Saco Lodge and then what Saco Lodge does presently within our community and our Fraternity. This will be held at our April stated meeting so you have time to think of someone.

Brethren keep up the great work, as you know many hands make workloads light. Please if you're interested call or email a committee chairman and be added to their roster. There might an area that interests you or if you have free time you wouldn't mind stretching forth a helping hand.

March stated meeting program is going to be Amanda Larson, Director of the Maine Charitable Foundation. Amanda will speak at the beginning so the Lodge will be open to everyone. Remember that dinners are open to prospective candidates and your family members. If they are interested in hearing Amanda speak please have them join us. After the program we will start our business.

Clear in the East,
Worshipful Master, Justin Galipeau

Secretary's Message

For many years, we have tried to set up a web page for the lodge. Unfortunately, these pages ran into difficulty once a brother no longer wanted to run the page. When this happened we would have a dead page with out of date information. Our Facebook page answered many of the issues we had by keeping it more timely. There are however several drawbacks to a Facebook page. We could not post the Trestleboard without converting it to a picture one page at a time, historical information and reports could not be posted either.

The makers of MORI have made a web page much easier with a new service called our lodge page. The GL of ME has signed the entire state up for it. I believe it is the answer to having a web page. It is interactive with MORI, updates officers and contact info automatically and can send out reminders to the brethren of an upcoming meeting, news or events. There is a smart phone app for both Android and Apple phones that will provide updates and news as soon as they are posted.

It also allows for on-line payment of dues. Something the newer members are asking for. We can add an upcharge/convenience fee for using the online feature so it doesn't cost Saco Lodge money.

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Mary's Walk
Mar 18, 2018 - 10:00am
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Saco #9
Chartered on 06/16/1802 by the Grand Lodge of Maine, Saco Lodge #9 A.F. & A.M. is a Masonic Lodge in Saco, Maine. Saco #9 is part of 18th District. The Lodge address and meeting times are specified below.

Location
Saco #9
PO Box 873
Saco, ME 04072

Meetings
1st Wed Jan-Jun/Sep-Dec @ 7:30 PM

Officers
Master
Justin M. Galipeau
Senior Warden
Andrew S. Nightingale
Junior Warden
Steven Polley
Secretary
Carl J. Marsano
Treasurer
James T. Pate
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Sorren R. Arneson III
Junior Steward
Philip Schmidt
Tyler
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News
2nd Annual Golf Tournament
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Hey guys and ladies, mark your calendars for Saco Lodge's Second Annual Golf Tournament to be held Sept 8, 2018 at Dutch Elm. This year we will be raising money for Saco Lodge's Bike for Books Progr...
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Check it out. I have posted quite a bit of information, Trestleboards, Histories, Photos and articles.

You should receive an email from Our Lodge Page inviting you to join. You will have to create your own account. So far 16 brethren have already signed up, and it is only been online for a week.

Address is <https://9-me.ourlodgepage.com/> or you can google "Our Lodge Page Saco".

Fraternally,
Carl Marsano, Secretary

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February 27th – Master's & Wardens – Buxton Lodge

March 7th Stated Meeting

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April 4th Stated Meeting – 6:15 Supper – Master's Challenge – Bring a Guest

7:30 Meeting - Discussion of Upcoming Grand Lodge Session

April 7th – Master Mason Day in Maine

April 26th Degree Night

May 1st Grand Lodge Session at Portland Masonic Building (aka Old Grand Lodge Building)

May 2nd Stated Meeting – Receiving of the New DDGM

May 24th – Past Masters Night

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Monday Nights – Candidate Training Starting at 6:00 PM



Greetings from the West,

As I type this article, the snow is melting and we are looking at temperatures for this week in the 60's! I am not naive enough to believe that winter is done with us yet though. So while we are dealing with Mud Season #1, I have been spending a lot of my leisure time watching the Olympics. It is the only time that I tend to pay any attention to the vast majority of the sports that are being played, but there is something about the Olympics that transcends my usual interests. A big part of it for me is rooting for my fellow American citizens, but another aspect of it is watching these athletes, who train for 4 years to get here, rise to the occasion and put down their best performances. Sometimes they still fall short of the gold, but the triumph of the human spirit makes it very compelling to watch, regardless of their country of origin. It is a great reminder to us all, that we can all try our hardest and reach for our goals, whatever they may be. I know, that was pretty cheesy, but I really do believe in it.

In honor of the Olympics, this month's Did You Know is about famous athletes who are also Masons: Usain Bolt (Olympic Sprinter), Arnold Palmer (PGA Golfer and 33rd Degree Mason), Boxers Sugar Ray Robinson and Jack Dempsey, John Elway (NFL), James Naismith (Inventor of Basketball), Red Auerbach (GM and Coach of the Boston Celtics), NBA stars Shaquille O'Neal and Scottie Pippen and MLB greats Honus Wagner and Ty Cobb.

Clear in the West,

Brother Andy Nightingale

From the South:



I SEE YOU'VE TRAVELED SOME
Author: Bro. Edgar Albert Guest
Wherever you may chance to be
Wherever you may roam,

Far away in foreign lands;
Or just at Home Sweet Home;

It always gives you pleasure,
it makes your heart strings hum

Just to hear the words of cheer,
"I see you've traveled some."

When you get a brother's greeting,
And he takes you by the hand,

It thrills you with a feeling
that you cannot understand,

You feel that bond of brotherhood
that tie that's sure to come

When you hear him say in a friendly way
"I see you've traveled some."

And if you are a stranger,
In strange lands all alone

If fate has left you stranded
Dead broke and far from home,

It thrills you--makes you numb,
When he says with a grip of fellowship,
"I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes,
To take a last long trip,

Adorned with Lambskins Apron White
and gems of fellowship

The tiler at the Golden Gate,
With square and rule and plumb

Will size up your pin and say "Walk In",
"I see you've traveled some."



Edgar Albert Guest was a prolific English-born American poet who was popular in the first half of the 20th century. Guest was made a Freemason in Detroit, where he was a lifetime member of Ashlar Lodge No. 91. In honor of Guest's devotion to the Craft, community, and humanity in general, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan established the Edgar A. Guest Award for lodges to present to non-Masons within the community who have demonstrated distinguished service to the community and their fellow man.

This poem is one of my favorites and thought I would share it with those who have never seen it. On the surface this poem reads of one that refers to Masons literally traveling to lodges and meeting others. To me what I get out of it is the deeper meaning of the spiritual travels of a Mason; Receiving his degrees, Learning the ritual, Meeting good men, and everything else Masonry has to offer. "You get out of Masonry what you put into it" this is the road of enlightenment and service we should all endeavor to achieve which will allow us to receive these words from our Brethren "I see you've traveled some".

The Meal for the March Stated meeting will be A New England Bean Suppa: Beans, Hot Dogs, Brown Bread, White Bread, Coleslaw, Spice Cake and all the fixins.

Clear in the South

Steve Polley Junior Warden

Brethren,

Your Membership Committee is currently working on 3 events.

First, the Master's Challenge is scheduled for the April 4th, which is also our Stated Meeting. Similar to last year, our 30' banner will be displayed across Main Street for the two weeks prior to event. Our Lodge will be opened up to the public and RW Carl Marsano will be giving a brief presentation on the history of Saco Lodge. Our guests, and potential members, are welcome to join us for a corned beef and cabbage dinner at no charge. Dinner will start at 6:15pm, the presentation at 7:00pm and the Stated meeting at 7:30pm.

This is a great opportunity to invite a man that has expressed an interest in Freemasonry or a man that has the necessary qualities but perhaps doesn't know about us. This could include a family member, co-worker, or neighbor. If you will be bringing a guest, please contact Steven Joyce for a head count.

Next, our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 8th at Dutch Elm Golf Course. This year, the proceeds will be supporting the Bikes for Books program. We are pleased to announce that RW Carl Marsano joins Wor. Mike Tremblay and Bro. Steven Joyce as Chairmen of the Committee. It seemed appropriate that at least one of the Committee Chairman know how to play golf.

Additional gratitude goes out to Deb Marsano for all her help so far. More details will be forthcoming, but mark it on your calendars. As with most events, if you do not play golf, there are still plenty of volunteer opportunities.

Finally, we are looking into some changes for the annual picnic normally held in July. Different venues, different type of event, perhaps an event at the Portland Sea Dogs. We are still in the exploratory stage, but if you have any input, you are invited to attend our meetings or at least send me an email with your thoughts.

Our meetings this year have been averaging 8-10 attendees, which is greatly appreciated. We meet on the Tuesday after the Stated meeting, so for the rest of the spring, the dates are March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, and Jun 12th.



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Bikes for Books:

It has been a busy month of February with Saco Lodge's 3rd Annual Bikes for Books program. We began our fundraising efforts and are looking to raise enough to purchase 90 bikes again this year. This will bring our total over 3 years to over 240 bikes!



That is a lot of smiles on a lot of kids faces (there might be a few smiles on ours as well). This year we are introducing 2 new ways to fundraise on top of our previous methods. We are having a raffle for a Weber grill or a \$500 gift card. The tickets are only \$10 each and there will only be 200 tickets sold.

We will announce the winner at the April Stated Meeting. If you would like to purchase tickets or if you think you might be able to help us out by selling some tickets, please contact me. The other initiative that we have began is a new take on an old method. In the old days we would have done a bottle drive. Nowadays we have this magical system called Clynk. Most of you are probably familiar with this, but it works like this: you fill these specially tagged plastic bags with your returnable bottles and cans, then you drop the bag off a Clynk location (at almost every Hannaford's). The money from the returnables gets put in the Bikes for Books account and we then buy bikes. It is a simple program that doesn't cost you anything up front, but helps to fund a great program. Brother Sheldon Nightingale has the bags all ready to go. We will have them at every lodge function for you to take home or feel free to contact us and we will get some to you. Thank you all for your support and look for the upcoming dates for the bike giveaways at the schools. It is not something you want to miss.

Brother Andy Nightingale
Chairman Bikes for Books

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Mary's Walk 2018

Master's Message for April

Worshipful Justin Galipeau

From the East,



The roll of the workman has been called and Brother Dean Coniaris did not answer the call. I want to thank everyone who participated at Dean's memorial service. I will say I have never experienced anything like it nor have I been told from the brethren and guests giving their respects. The funeral home was beyond

packed with over a hundred people, and when our ceremony took place you could hear a pin drop fall. The powerful and moving memorial service that we as Masons do are beyond words but life remembering.

Another snow storm interfered with our stated meeting but that will not stop us as Masons of doing what we do best towards each other and the community. As spring is upon us, I am confident we will have a stated meeting on schedule for April. April stated is also the Masters Challenge that started last year. This night is about showing potential candidates what we do as Masons and why we love doing it. I challenge you all to invite someone and see if that person is duly and truly prepared worthy and well qualified to join Freemasonry. The program that is open to them and you are about the past and present of Saco Lodge, how it was established and what we currently do now. Please come out and learn something you might not already know.

Brethren next month we have Grand Lodge Communication that is occurring April 30th and May 1st. This will be taking place in Portland at the old Grand Lodge building off Congress street. We all are the future of Masonry and have the power to vote who we see fit best for the next leadership of the Craft. I will be attending this event and hope since it's close to home many of you will be able to make it.

I hate to be redundant but please look at our Trestleboard. In it you will find many great things we are doing for the Lodge and the community. Our committee chairmen's will be reaching out to the Brethren for help on new projects that have been approved and annual ones coming up. Saco Lodge strives in excellence because of all the help that everyone, from the youngest Entered Apprentice in the Northeast corner of the Lodge to the Worshipful Master in the East, works together.

Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome,

Clear in the East

Justin Galipeau
Worshipful Master

Secretary's Message

Many of you (greater than 30) have already signed up for access to "Our Lodge Page". I have continued to update the page with additional information and news such as our upcoming Golf Tourney. Address is <https://9-me.ourlodgepage.com/> or you can google "Our Lodge Page Saco". If you haven't already signed up, please do, there is a wealth of information about Saco Lodge and Masonry available on it.

The approach of April not only signals the end of winter and beginning of mud season in Maine, it usually signaled Past Master's Night at Saco Lodge, but not always. A few years back we celebrated it in December. This year it will be in May.

Reflecting upon my first experience with a Past Master's night (and as a Master Mason) was on April 15, 1997. I now realize how important a night that can be. Not just as a candidate, but for those brothers who have served Saco Lodge so well. I open my Masonic Bible and look at the names from that night 16 years ago. It all comes back like it was yesterday with Wor. James Curtis, (PM 1982) presiding in the East, Wor. L. Richard Duross ('68) as Senior Deacon, Wor. Millard Tripp ('64) as Senior Warden, Wor. Ralph Lamb ('56) as Marshal, Wor. Everett Huston ('73) as SFC, VW (now RW) Richard Clark (81 & 97), Wor. Urbain Roberge, Jr ('67) 3rd Ruffian, Wor. John Knox ('79), Wor. Michael McKenney ('95 & '96), Wor. Gerald Savage ('91) On Yonder Book, Wor. Ralph Meserve ('42 & '43) and Wor. Norman Wilcox ('53).

As I look at the names, I find it hard to believe that so many of them have passed to the Celestial Lodge Above. However, they still live on in my memories. As their efforts do for many of the brethren of Saco Lodge. I am sure Past Master's Night 2018 will live on in the candidate's memory and especially in the collective memory of the members of Saco Lodge.

Even those on the sidelines that night in 1997 were spurred to action, several brothers from that night would become Masters of Saco Lodge in the years that followed and involved with the craft. Wor. James Pate, Wor. Richard Tripp, Wor. Michael Tremblay and I all became Masters. While I like to think that particular night inspired all of them, all I know is that it did me and keeps me inspired to this day.

You see Past Master's night is not just for the candidate or for the Past Masters who get to relive some memories and re-establish some connections. It is for all of the membership. So make sure you attend, take in the night and be sure to thank those who have helped Saco Lodge get to where we are now. You will be glad you did.



Fraternally,
Carl Marsano, Secretary and Past Master

Brethren, Don't forget our Stated Meetings 1st Wednesday of the month
As always Suppers – 6:30 pm and Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM unless noted

March 22nd – EA Degree – 6:30 Supper, 7:30 Degree

April 4th Stated Meeting – 6:15 Supper – Master's Challenge – Bring a Guest

7:30 Meeting - Discussion of Upcoming Grand Lodge Session

April 7th – Master Mason Day in Maine, 8:00 am Saco Lodge MM Degree

April 26th Degree Night

May 1st Grand Lodge Session at Portland Masonic Building (aka old Grand Lodge Building)

May 2nd Stated Meeting – Receiving of the New DDGM

May 24th – Past Masters Night

June 6th – Stated Meeting

September 8th – 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Dutch Elm in Arundel 8:00 am shotgun start



Greetings from the West,

I want to send out a big "Thank You!" to all the brothers and their families who came out to support Mary's Walk again this year (See front page). The weather was perfect and it was a great time as always. This year marked the 20th year for the local cancer research fundraiser and the 5th year in a row that we have had a team walk. There were some great conversations and fellowship had during the walk and it also puts Saco Lodge out in the community. This event, as well as others, really helps us as Masons show our city that we are an

integral part of the community while also helping with a great cause. Once again I want to thank you all for helping out this year with all of our community outreach programs and if you have any ideas on ways to improve what we do or how to expand them, do not hesitate to contact us.

Almost Spring in the West
Brother Andy Nightingale

April Little Known Fact - It is estimated that Masons throughout the United States donate over \$1.4 million a day. That adds up to over \$500,000,000 each year! (www.masonicworld.com)

Bikes For Books

It is a busy time for the Bikes for Books Program here at Saco Lodge. We have many things coming up this month. First off - we need help raising money!

1. We have the Clynk bags available at the Lodge so please feel free to take some and fill them up.
2. We have raffle tickets available for a Weber grill or \$500 cash. The tickets are \$10 apiece and there will only be 200 sold. I will have them at every meeting or contact me directly and I will get some to you. If you think you can sell them at work or anywhere else, I will give you a stack for you to help with.
3. Donations. We really need your help in this department. I don't necessarily mean from you, but if you know a business or organization that could donate, please help us by reaching out to them.. I have fundraising letter that I would be more than happy to give you to help out.

There are also a bunch of dates coming up for Bikes for Books Assemblies:

March 30th @ 9:00 AM - Kickoff Assembly at the Fairfield School

April 4th @ 8:10 AM - Kickoff Assembly at the Young School

May 8th @ 8:10 AM - Bike Winners Assembly at the Young School

May 11th @ 1:15 PM - Bike Winners Assembly at the Fairfield School

May 19th 8:00 AM- Noon - Bike Rodeo at the Saco Public Works Building

We will be setting the dates for the assemblies at the Burns school soon and will set up our Bike Build Day once we get closer to the end of April.

Thank you for all your help so far and keep up the good work,
Brother Andy Nightingale

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From the South:

Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit Mankind.

Andrew Jackson

This quote from Andrew Jackson speaks volumes about the mission of Freemasonry in just 8 words. Freemasonry makes good men better and by making us better we become men who benefit our family lives, communities, and lodges thereby benefitting mankind as a whole.

The meal for the April stated meeting will be a New England boiled dinner with corned beef, cabbage, carrots, etc.

Clear in the South

Steve Polley Junior Warden



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Master's Message for May

Worshipful Justin Galipeau



From the East,

Brethren,

The 1st quarter of my term has past very rapidly, and as the Lodge has accomplished multiple tasks already, we still have a full year of items on our agenda. I want to thank everyone who participated, and helped make the Masters Challenge successful for the April stated. It was impressive to see our 30-foot banner hung across downtown main street for 2 weeks. The dining hall blinds project will be underway very soon and the building committee will be needing assistance from the Brethren so please reach out to them for any help by, holding the ladder, passing tools, using your experience etc.

This past month we participated in the Grand Lodge Master Mason challenged and raised our new candidate on Saturday, April 7th. It was a nice change having it on a Saturday seeing everyone bright eyed and bushy tailed ready to welcome / congratulate our newest raised Master Mason.

What does May bring to the Craft? May starts off with our annual Grand Lodge Communication here in Portland at the old Grand Lodge building. A new slate of Officers will be elected from the Grand Master to his appointed Grand Sword Bearer.

As I will be in attendance I invite all of you to join your Saco Lodge Brothers who will be attending Tuesday May 1st as well.

We will announce the elected GL officers the very next day at our stated meeting. I encourage everyone to attend as we get to receive our new 18th District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) who is very close to all of us here in Saco. If you need a ride

please let our Hiram transportation know or myself and we will accommodate a ride for you.

Past Masters Night is just about finalized that is on May 24th 6pm supper, 7pm Master Mason Degree. I want to thank Wor. Greg Maxwell for gathering the Past Masters for this evening. I want to thank all the Past Masters that are attending and for those who can't make it thank you for your dedication to the Craft no matter where or when you sat in the Oriental Chair.

Your committees have been extremely hard at work and now the snow is melted our road cleanup committee gets underway. Brethren please let a Chairmen know if your interested in helping out. Their hard work exposes us to the community of how Masons act, care, and help out where we can.

Bikes for Books has been in full swing, Golf Committee has made great improvements from last year's debriefs, Education has FC and MM teaching, Finance has been working diligently to keep us on budget, and our Membership is gearing up for our 5th Annual Masonic BBQ on Saturday July 14th at a different venue here in Saco.

Lastly, installations of our appending bodies here in Saco was recently, I want to congratulate our own Brother Bill Cline in his new position as High Priest of York Right with his slate of Officers, and Roma Pelletier as Worthy Matron with Brother Bob Maxfield as Worthy Patron of Annette Chapter and their slate of Officers as well.

Clear in the East,

Justin Galipeau

Secretary's Message

I came across this on my desk in the Secretary's office. I was fortunate enough to get to know Wor. Norman.

A Masters Report from 1953 – Wor. Norman Wilcox.

Brethren, I should like to express my heartfelt thanks to those of you who have been so helpful during my year as Master. There have been times when the impossible was made extremely easy, thanks to you.

The Past Masters and Junior Officers are certainly deserving of the fair share of praise. No general ever won a war by himself. In order to be successful, it was necessary that he have the most competent advisors and utmost cooperation of those to whom the tasks were assigned. I believe I had both, thank you.

There is another item that I am extremely grateful, and that is the number of times you Brethren have stopped me outside of the Lodge to express an opinion or discuss some question. Whether you know it or not, these are the most gratifying experiences a master can enjoy. It shows that the members are taking an active interest in the affairs of the Lodge and I sincerely hope you will continue to do so, even more actively.

During the past year we were favored by visits from several Grand Lodge Officers. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, The Senior Grand Warden and District Deputy Grand Master, twice. I feel proud of the esteem in which they hold Saco Lodge and am grateful that in some small measure I may have been able to contribute to that esteem.

You know, Masonry is a rather peculiar "thing". You can't eat it or use it as a blanket at night, but you can practice it. It is impossible to earn a living by it as we practice it, it is not a Religion but Brethren, if we abide by its principles and practice the lessons that we are taught in the various degrees, "it is impossible for us to materially err". We would become better masons, necessarily become better men. And in the turmoil and insecurity of the present-day world we would "become an agency for good among all men".

Masonry is peculiar on another respect. Sometimes we may wonder why this or that brother even bothered to fill out his application and take his degree work. For the joiner, or the chap who aspires to a better job the disappointment must be real. It is an established fact that Free Masonry is just like a savings account. If you are continually making even small deposits on that account you will most assuredly draw more interest than the fellow who opens the accounts and forgets it.

As I look over the time spent in the various chairs, I am filled with a sense of perhaps relief for the lessening of responsibilities, and certainly on of sadness. It means a lessening of those pleasant associations of the past year. In time this sense of loss will fade and as time passes by it will be forgotten, but the happy experiences will never be forgotten.

May I hope that the past year has given each of you a better understanding of Masonry and that the coming ones will be even more pleasant in your memories.

I thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Norman A. Wilcox



Norman Wilcox, Past Master 1953
50 Year Member – November 22, 1990
Died – April 4, 2009

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April 26th – Fellowcraft Degree, 6:30 Supper, 7:30 Degree

May 1st Grand Lodge Session at Portland Masonic Building (aka old Grand Lodge Building)

May 2nd Stated Meeting – Receiving of the New DDGM from Saco Lodge!

May 5th – Bike Building Day 9:00-12:00 13 Holmes Rd, Saco - BBQ to follow

May 8th – Bike Winners Assembly 8:10 AM - Young School

May 11th – Bike Winners Assembly 1:15 PM - Fairfield School

May 19th – Bike Rodeo 9:00-12:00 - Public Works Building

May 24th – Past Masters Night, 6:00 PM Supper, 7:00 PM MM Degree

June 6th – Stated Meeting

July 14th – Annual Picnic/BBQ – Be on the lookout for details – New Location!

September 8th – 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Dutch Elm in Arundel 8:00 am shotgun start

Don't forget even though we will be “dark” during July and August, we will still be busy.

Watch for announcements!



Greetings from the West,

As spring has finally arrived, I find myself with less free time to contemplate life and come up with these great articles that I always write (heavy sarcasm), so this month I have decided to print an article that I found regarding Masonic rings.

THE PROPER WAY TO WEAR A MASONIC RING

"What is the proper way to wear a Masonic ring? Should the points of the compass be toward or away from the body?"

"If you were hanging the American flag, would you put the stars down? The same holds true of the ring. Usually it is a gift, and has sentimental value for the wearer. It should look right side up to him. Rings are therefore worn with the points of the compass toward the wearer."

This subject is one on which Grand Lodges have made no regulation and popular opinion is divided. We must therefore reason from analogy. When the emblem of the square and compasses is displayed on a building, pennant, button, watch charm etc., universal custom requires the points of the compass point downward. When displayed on the Altar they point away from the Master. As the Master from his station views the compass from the Altar of his lodge, the points are from, not towards him. As the wearer of a compass watch charm views it, the points are down and away from his eyes. In a similar way as he views the emblem on his ring the points should be down or away from his eyes.

The square is the symbol of earthly, the compass of heavenly perfection. As a combined emblem the ends of the square point up as a symbol of man's aspirations toward God; the points of the compass are down to represent heavenly qualities coming down from God to earth. Therefore it would seem that the proper way to wear a ring would be that in which its symbolism is best expressed; namely, that in which, when the hand is held in its usual position the points of the compass are towards the earth and away from the wearer's eyes.

Thus it will be seen that our conclusion does not agree with the writer in Temple Topics. He truly says that in hanging an American flag we would not put the stars down, but in hanging a compass or a square and compass, he surely would put the points of the compass down. The same rule holds when worn as a ring or button or a watch charm; namely, they would be worn the same way with the points down. When so worn they all serve the same purposes, and by no means the least of these purposes is to announce to the world the proud wearer is a Mason.

(Copied from THE MONTANA MASON, May 1936, page 15)

Clear in the West,
Brother Andy Nightingale

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From the South:

Brethren, Saco Lodge is in full swing for the year 2018 and it looks like it is starting off to be a good one. I was reading a small piece on Masonic Etiquette and I want to share a portion of it with all.

Shouldering the work

"It is good Masonic Etiquette to accept a request made in the name of the lodge if it is within your abilities. Why? A lodge is a working "beehive of industry". A request made of you from your lodge acknowledges that the lodge trusts you to competently fulfill such a request based upon your knowledge."

Saco lodge is very fortunate that we have a lot going on and a good group of people willing to "Shoulder the work" Though If you are not currently involved with any of the committees or activities of Saco lodge and it is within your Cable-Tow to assist feel free to step up and join in even if you are not asked. Your participation will be well accepted and is greatly appreciated. Ask the Worshipful Master, Andy, or Myself if you are not sure where you can help out and we will guide you in the right direction.

Dinner for the May stated meeting will be American Chop Suey, Salad, and Bread, with Brownies for desert. Clear in the South

Steve Polley, Junior Warden



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2018 Past Masters Night



Master's Message for June *Worshipful Justin Galipeau*

From the East,

The roll of the workmen has been called and Brother Philip Sherman did not answer. Brother Sherman was a 95 year old veteran of WWII and a 55-year member to the Craft. I want to thank all the Brethren who assisted me in giving our Brother the proper honors to the Celestial Lodge above.

I want to congratulate our 2 newest Master Masons that was raised on Past Masters Night. I want to thank all Past Masters for showing up and watching those in the degree dust off their books and show us their own unique style of ritual.

I would also like to congratulate our newest District Deputy Grand Master for the 18th District our own Saco Lodge RW Mike Tremblay and his suite of District officers.

I want to thank everyone from the Bikes for Books Committee and fellow Brothers who helped build and present the 71 bikes to children in Young, Fairfield, and C.K. Burns schools last month. At the build day there was just over 30 people building the bikes on a warm day with great fellowship. The time and effort this committee has worked since February has been incredible and I applaud you all.

There is a lot happening at our June stated meeting. We will be introducing our scholarship winners from two students at Thornton academy along with their families. This is a great evening helping these young adults by Saco Lodge contributing to their education costs. We will also be inviting them to have dinner with us and meet the Brethren so please your family are welcomed to join.

We will be announcing our 2018 Saco Lodge Mason of the Year and our table lodge honorees at the June Stated as well. These masons have been called upon by the craft numerous times and have went up and beyond to help the Lodge and our community. Please come out and support our newest Mason of the Year.

Brethren as you know June is a very hot time in the Lodge so please dress accordingly. The officers will be in suits until after the scholarship presentation then we will be in our Officer short sleeve collared shirts.

As we get ready to go dark for two months please be advised that we have our 5th annual family picnic on July 14th starting at noon. This is open to your family, kids, grandkids, and a perspective candidate you may know. There is a flyer enclosed in this Trestleboard.

Over the summer help our Golf Committee by spreading the word of our 2nd annual Saco Lodge Golf Scramble. We will need volunteers, teams, players, and sponsors. If you know of anyone and can't fill a 4-person team, we will help you out. This is a CO-ED event and open to all, whether you are a pro or a person that goes through 50 balls in the woods a day, come have fun. It is on September 8th at Dutch Elm. Our Golf flyer is enclosed in this mailing. If you need more pamphlets contact Brother Steve Joyce.

Brethren be safe and have a great summer, if you know a Brother or are in need of help around the yard please ask and we can make accommodations to assist you in anyway.

Clear in the East,
Worshipful Justin Galipeau

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June 4th – Tri-City Community Chorus – 6:45 PM, all are welcome

June 6th – Stated Meeting

July 14th – Annual Picnic/BBQ – See attached announcement - New Location!

September 5th – Stated Meeting Back from Darkness!

September 8th – 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Dutch Elm in Arundel 8:00 am shotgun start

Benefitting – Bikes for Books

Even though we will be “dark” during July and August, we will still be busy. Watch for announcements!

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From the South:



Brethren,

Summer is soon approaching and I am looking forward to spending time with family as well as the Saco Lodge family at our upcoming summer events such as the Golf Tournament, Summer picnic, and possibly even some degrees while we are dark. I hope to see many of you this summer at these events.

Dinner for the June Stated meeting will be a summer BBQ theme with homemade pulled pork cooked by me, cornbread, and a wide variety of summer salads provided by the members of Eastern Star.

Clear in the South,
Steve Polley, Junior Warden

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Master's Message for September

Worshipful Justin Galipeau

From the East,
Brethren, it is that time the craft is called back to labor and continue its work to the fraternity and community. I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the weather which was pleasantly comfortable compared to previous years. One special memory I have from this summer is our Saco Lodge's 5th Annual Family Picnic. It was a warm sunny day which fit with our Hawaiian theme outing. My wife and I want to thank everyone for how respectful and courtesy you were on our property. Great work once again with the Membership committee preparing this event. I want to thank the Wardens for staying overnight assisting me smoking the pig and serving. I want to thank the head dignitaries from Council, Chapter, and Eastern Star that was present. Lastly and most especially I want to thank all the Brethren who attended with their families. Plenty of delicious food, games for both the adults and kids, and most especially spreading Brotherly love and friendship.

September stated meeting I have set up a program that will be on proper Lodge etiquette, from entering a Lodge, how to speak to other Brethren, Officers, Grand Lodge members, and proper protocol. If anyone feels like it's been a long time since you have been back to Lodge and are nervous because you can't remember some things, this is the time to come with no

judgment or worries. You will be refreshed again and comfortable attending at any Lodge.

Congratulations to our Senior Deacon, Brother Steve Joyce for being Saco Lodge's Mason of the Year 2018. He will be at the head table for our annual Ladies at the Table on December 1st. Tickets will be available at the stated meeting. He will also be joined with two honorees at the head table, Brother Sheldon Nightngale and I will announce the other at the meeting.

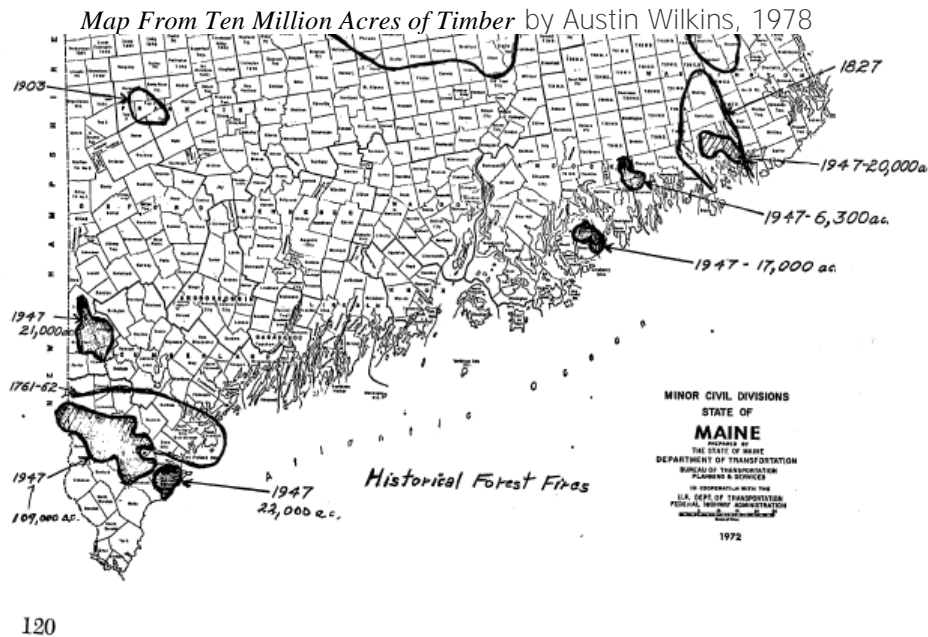
Our next community outreach is our 2nd Annual Golf Scramble supporting the bikes for books program here in Saco. We are still taking team registrations and last-minute sponsors. Please contact Brother Steve Joyce with any questions, his contact is on the back of this trestleboard page under Senior Deacon.

Brethren, as we know September is still a very hot and humid month. Please dress accordingly for our Stated meeting. Your officers will be wearing their short sleeve collard blue shirts with slacks. We will go back to our formal attire in October.

I look forward to seeing you all at Lodge and can't wait to hear how your summer has been.

Clear in the East,
Worshipful Justin Galipeau

With the fires burning out in the western United States, it reminded of our history and when Saco Lodge played a small role in fighting the great fire of 1947. A fire that is still the largest single fire within a state. For the record, the Salvation used our kitchen facilities during the forest fire crisis. A letter of appreciation from the Salvation Army was read in lodge on November 5, 1947. The Salvation Army thanked us for the use of the kitchen and equipment during the disaster to help feed those fighting the fire.



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Although not documented within our records, I am sure our members played a larger role 51 years ago in October of 1947. It is unlikely that a brother would turn his back on a fellow neighbor when in need.

From: Wildfire Loose: The Week Maine Burned, published by Downeast Books

The week of Oct. 20 was a devastating week. The largest forest fire occurred in York County, in southern Maine, and burned 131,000 acres. Some idea of the size of this fire can be shown by the fact that it burned in 15 towns and had a fire line perimeter of 150 miles around. There were three separate fires involved. These fires were at widely separated points. On the day of the big wind of Oct. 23, these three fires were whipped into a fury never experienced by native firefighters in Maine. The North Kennebunkport fire, fanned by the wind, carried a solid wall of fire clear to the Atlantic Ocean, wiping out valuable summer beach homes and properties.

From the New England Historical Society web page <http://www.newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/maine-fires-1947-year-state-burned/>

When the alarm went out, men and boys dropped what they were doing and rushed off to fight the fires. Men who **went to work in small towns didn't know if they'd be called on to fight the Maine fires that day. Volunteers came** from all over Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. An eight-mile-long wall of fire burned in Kennebunkport. In North Waterboro, nearly 60 residents and volunteers were trapped for more than an hour behind a line of fire before escaping.

In York County, the fires destroyed most of the homes in Shapleigh and Waterboro. then swept toward the sea and consumed swathes of Alfred, Lyman, Newfield, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Arundel, Dayton, Wells, Biddeford and Saco. The Army-Navy Day in Boston scheduled for October 26 was cancelled. The **USS Little Rock**, a light cruiser harbored in Boston for the celebration, sailed to Portland instead with 1,000 servicemen and equipment to help fight the Maine fires. They saved the town of Hollis and many other small villages, working **'as if their own homes were endangered.'**



Brethren, Golfers & Volunteers,

After 8 months of meetings, fundraising, and promotional work, we have just two more weeks until our largest event of 2018!

We already have more players and sponsors than last year. There are teams from other Lodges and from local businesses. Men and women, Masons and Non-Masons, young and old.

If you haven't registered yet, it's not too late - but we ask you to hurry. It's alright if you don't have a team. As with last year, there are a number of single players signing up. These players will be assembled into teams on the morning of the event.

Stacey Nightingale - volunteer coordinator and de facto Master of the Lodge 2019 - has reminded me that if you haven't volunteered your time yet, we still have opportunities for all ages, skill levels, and time commitments. This means that we still want you even if you can only show up for an hour in the morning, afternoon, or any time in between. Some of the tasks that need to be done include taking pictures throughout the day, putting up & taking down the hole sponsor signs, delivering water and snacks to the players, working the putting contest, working the registration table, assisting with the awards and gift raffles, and (admittedly the most popular) just riding around in golf carts making fun of the bad golfers.

And while we are on the subject of bad golfers - don't worry, our latest shipment of golf balls and tees just arrived, so we have you covered.

Lastly, we have been very successful this year with raffle prizes. A lot of people will be leaving with some type of gift under their arm. Just a sample of the prizes include: 3 Growlers (with a gift certificate to have them filled), a Crown Royal quilt, 2013 Red Sox picture, soda from Capt'n Eli's, free rounds of golf from Dutch Elm and Dunegrass, and many more.

Thank you in advance, especially the Membership/Golf Committee. A lot of work goes into these events and the meeting attendance was often 10+, including spouses.

Hope to see you on Saturday the 8th.

Fraternally,
Steven Joyce



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Greetings from the West,

It has been a long, hot and humid summer, but we finally have some more traditional Maine summer weather which makes me happy.

Another thing that makes me happy is the Bikes for Books program. This past spring, we were able to give away over 70 bikes to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in the Saco school system. By far the biggest hurdle that we have to cross in order to continue this program is raising money to offset the cost of the bikes. This year the golf tournament committee has chosen to donate its proceeds to the Bikes for Books program for Saco Lodge. I can't even begin to tell you how much that means to the program and the volunteers that help with it to not have to do all the fundraising on our own.

That being said, I implore you to play a part in helping this program by dusting off the golf clubs and putting together a team or playing as an individual in this low stress, fun-filled golf tournament. If you don't play golf - that's OK! Volunteer to help on the day of the tournament or make a small donation as a hole sponsor. It will be a lot of fun and you will be helping a great cause. I look forward to seeing you all at the stated meeting on the 5th and at the golf course on the 8th!

Fraternally,

Andy Nightingale

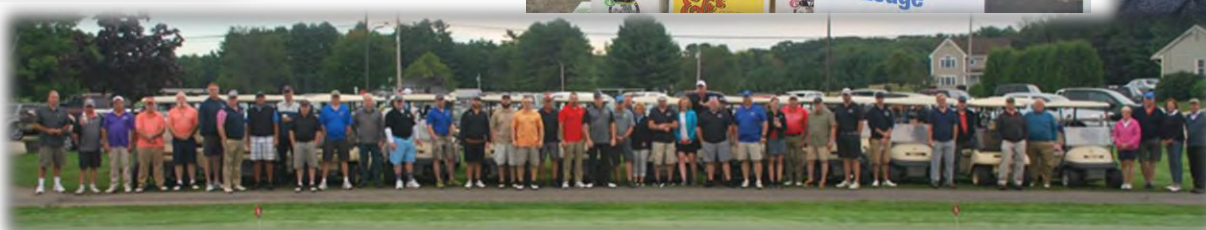
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Master's Message for September Worshipful Justin Galipeau

From the East,

Another month has passed, and the Lodge is still working on all full cylinders accomplishing what we do as Masons towards our Fraternity and the community. I want to thank those who assisted me in the memorial service for Worshipful Brother Raymond Boughner. I want to inform you that after six months of planning our annual Golf Charity Scramble, it turned out even a bigger success than last year, by more participants and sponsors. I want to thank Chairman Steve Joyce, Co-Chairmen RW Carl Marsano, RW Mike Tremblay, the rest of the committee, and volunteers for all the hard work and commitment planning this event. Even our Ladies had a huge impact on helping the Lodge out and our charity Bikes for Books. I know next year will be even more of a success, so if you missed out, don't worry plan to attend next year and enjoy in the fellowship we all had.

Fall is a great time of year to say goodbye to the hot days and welcome the cooler nights, with this don't forget to attend Lodge and support our new candidate going through the degrees and attend our stated meetings. Last month we had a great program by VW Chris Mowatt, teaching us proper Lodge etiquette. Looking ahead in two months in November, I have been talking with Eastern Star about hosting a Sewcial Hour inviting our Ladies to join them while our meeting is

taken place. Please look at the flyer included in this Trestleboard. I want to thank Michelle Boucouvalas for this idea and look forward to seeing your significant others and even your family there to learn how to sew and make gifts. This is intended to be fun and educational.

We will be having our annual Ladies at the Table on Saturday December 1st. Contact Sheldon Nightingale or Steve Joyce for reservations and tickets. We will be honoring our Mason of the Year Steve Joyce, and 2 Honorees Sheldon Nightingale and Chuck Estano.

Lastly, I have a favor towards the Lodge, it has been my primary goal this year to include our Widows, who we should never forget. RW. Carl Marsano and I have been trying to find phone numbers, address, and any contact information to update our MORI system of our Widows. We unfortunately have not been have the best success because people move, or change their numbers. My goal is during the Holiday season that is rapidly approaching, I want to deliver Point Setters to them and any Brethren who wants to come out and join.

I am very excited and pleased how hard the Lodge works in every area to stay diverse. Without the help of the Craft, our Lodge would not be in the place it is today. Be proud being a Saco Mason!!!

Clear in the East,
Worshipful Justin Galipeau

Recurring message...

Over the years, I have probably written this message at least 15 times. 😊

Dues will be coming out at the end of November. They will be going up to \$75.00 to help cover the cost of rent and cleaning expenses.

If you haven't paid 2018 dues, please do. We can always use the money to help with expenses.

Fraternally,

Carl Marsano
Secretary, Saco Lodge

More scenes from the Golf Tourney



Brethren, Golfers & Volunteers,

2nd Annual Saco Lodge Golf Tournament Results

Rather than bore you with colorful commentary on how many lost balls there were or the fact that our Worshipful Master's golf team stopped keeping score because they couldn't count that high....How about a list of all the people and businesses that made this event such a great success – raising over \$3900 for our Bikes for Books program!

Volunteers:

Gerry and Joyce Ouellette, Ward Grossman, Jason Grant, Dennis Healy, Greg and Lori Maxwell, Roma Pelletier, Deb Marsano, Stacey Nightingale, Bob Mercier, Sami Labreck, and the entire Saco Lodge Membership Committee

Business Sponsors:

Dennet Craig & Pate, Lady & The Mensch, Saco Biddeford Savings Bank, Deering Lumber, Northeast Laboratory Services, Greenscapes, J. Rallo Remodeling & Construction, Pine Point Lobster Bake, Pillar to Post Home Inspectors, 18th District Officers, Wor. Justin Galipeau

Gift Donations:

Janice Emerson, Shuttlebus Zoom, Carl Marsano, Justin Galipeau, Nonesuch Books, Northeast Credit Union, Dutch Elm Golf Course, Capt'n Eli's Soda, Bikes for Books, Dune Grass Golf Course, Run of the Mill Restaurant, Traditions Restaurant

In Memorium Sponsors (Honoring 17 of our Deceased Brothers):

Greg Maxwell, Sorren Arneson, Steven Joyce, Mike Tremblay

Players (Masons and Non-Masons):

Mark & Martha Whitmore, Carl & Deb Marsano, Stephen Bedell, Steve Bedell, Andy Taranko, Scott Bedell, Rod Carpenter, Al Shutz, Norm Carpenter, Rob Pitkin, Jeff Simonton, Chris Dilios, George Koukas, Tim Gikas, Kevin Eugley, Joe Scott, Don Vogel, Steve Grenier, William Doyle, Don Pilon, Rick Martin, Josh Doyle, Craig Labreck, Andrew Gaudet, Tony Goulet, Morgan Foote, Brian Cloutier, Justin & Kelsey Galipeau, Scott Gagnon, Scott Gorham, Steve & Tammy Polley, Andy & Stacey Nightingale, Sheldon Nightingale, Andrew Lynch, Greg DeLauter, Joe Rallo, Jason Galipeau, Bruce Gammon, Brian Jeffers, Steven Joyce, Bob Maxfield, Jack Culloton, Mark Hov, Kevin Hov.

Thank you to all the people and business listed above. If you patronize any of these businesses, mention that you saw their sign at our event and that Saco Lodge appreciates their support.

This event was measurably more successful than last year and we have already discussed improvements for 2019. Save the date for Saturday, September 14, 2019.



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Greetings from the South,

Looks like Saco Lodge is back in full swing. We had excellent attendance at the September stated meeting and looking forward to the remainder of this year.

Dinner for the October Stated meeting on 10/3 is going to be Shepard's Pie.

Clear in the South;

Steve Polley

Junior Warden

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2017 Bell Ringing for Salvation Army



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From the East,

With the start of winter approaching, I hope everyone is preparing their households and being one step ahead of Mother Nature. Our November stated annual Hunter's attire night is a great way to break out the camouflage, fluorescent orange, and eat a hearty meal in comfortable clothing.

Don't forget our last event of the year, The Ladies at the Table on Saturday, December 1st. Please order your tickets now as we were only selling 80, contact Sheldon Nightingale or Steve Joyce for payment and reservations. For those who haven't been it is a great time enjoying a 7-course meal and socializing with families, friends, and potential new candidates are welcomed as well.

We have our annual Ringing of the Bell at the Walmart in Biddeford on November 24th. Bring your holiday spirit, unique funny hats, and your own famous bell to raise as much money as we can for the Salvation Army. This is truly a fun, enjoyable morning spreading cheer to the community and helping patrons.

We have our Annual District Meeting November 29th 630 meal 730 start time. We have been honored to host this event with our Grand Master of Masons of Maine MW Mark Rustin holding the program of the evening. This is going to be a tiled Lodge and only Masons will be admitted. I hope Saco Lodge has a strong presence of Brethren on the sideline. Officers we will be in our stated business attire to open and receive the Grand Master.

Our Annual Inspection will be on our December stated meeting/Lobster Stew Night in the Fellow Craft degree. More details in next month's Trestleboard

Lastly Brethren I am still in need of everyone to help Carl Marsano and myself, to get our widows contact information updated. This is one of our obligations and we must not forget them. Send any information you have to one of us, so the Lodge can present them a Pointsetter around the holiday season and all are welcomed to join.

Clear in the East,

Worshipful Justin Galipeau

Recurring message... just as relevant today as it has been in the past.

The 2nd Section lecture of the Master Mason Degree deals with the symbology and gives valuable lessons to all Masons. There is one paragraph which is often overlooked, but is a valuable lesson today in this era of social media.

“The Book of Constitutions guarded by the Tyler’s Sword, reminds us that we should be ever watchful and guarded in our thoughts words and actions, particularly when before the uninitiated; ever bearing in mind those truly Masonic virtues, silence and circumspection.”

Remember that we are Masons, and that our replies/comments can have an impression to the uninitiated, both positive and negative. Saying something provocative may end up reflecting negatively on the Fraternity. After all, it is not that hard for anyone on Facebook to figure out those of us who are Masons through our postings.

The Grand Lodge has a policy regarding this and regularly enforces it. You can look it up on their web site.
<https://www.mainemason.org/grand-lodge/policy-regarding-social-media-and-maine-freemasons/>

Masonry can be more valuable today than ever. It gives us a way to cut out those daily distractions and meet upon the level. A way to build a community of brethren, some of whom may never have met without it.

From MW Wayne Adams: “It is time for us 21st century Masons to reflect on the importance of Masonry’s original role as a teacher and model pointing out the important features of our common national experience, identifying the rich heritage of our public philosophy and promoting by thought, word and deed the values we treasure most in our community life...

Perhaps now is a good time to return to the idea that a lodge should be a model community; a place where no man is regarded for his worldly wealth or honors; a place where all strive to see who best can work and best agree; a place where we learn to contribute liberally to the relief of another, and a place where we learn that all the world has a claim on our good offices.” Northern Light Magazine - May 2007.

Scenes from Last Year’s Parade



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November 24th, Bell Ringing at Walmart in Biddeford. Saco Lodge starts at 9:00 am.

November 29th – District Meeting at Saco Lodge.

December 1st – Ladies at the Table, see below for details.

December 5th – Lobster Stew and Annual Awards Night, Annual Inspection – Fellow Craft Degree –
6:00 pm Stew, 7:00 pm public awards, 7:30 Meeting

December 8th – 8th Annual Holiday Festival and Parade of Lights, Main St, Saco



Ladies at the Table Dinner

Saco Lodge No. 9 AF&AM

December 1, 2018

6:30 pm

Honoring our Mason of the Year Steve Joyce
And Brothers

Sheldon Nightingale & Chuck Estano

**Seven Course Southern Barbecue
Seven Toasts**

Donation: \$ 45.00 cpl - \$ 25.00 ea

For Tickets Contact

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Greetings from the West,

As November comes near and the temperatures continue to drop, I find myself looking at the coming year with anticipation, nervousness and excitement. Thanksgiving is not just a day off where we eat too much food and then sit around with the top button of our pants undone, it is also a time to be thankful for all the good things in our lives.

There is a lot that I have to do to get ready for my year in the East (if you all are kind enough to allow me to get there). Though, as I am preparing, I am touched and thankful for the help that so many have offered me in my years as an officer for this Lodge and for the coming year. No one ever goes through their Masonic journey alone and I am thankful for every one of you that have helped me along the way. I encourage you to take the time to be thankful for those that have helped you as well.

Clear in the West,

Brother Andrew Nightingale

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Master's Message for December *Worshipful Justin Galipeau*

From the East,

As 2018 is quickly coming to a close and another year for Saco Lodge #9 will be written in the archives of the Lodge. Our Lodge has been extremely active in all aspects of Freemasonry and community service. This past month unfortunately we held another Masonic service, Wor. Charlie Miller passed to the Celestial Lodge above and I want to thank the Officers and Brethren who assisted me in giving him and his family the proper honors.

As time moves swiftly before we know it, so does being a Master. I reflect my year towards the hourglass we learned in the third-degree lecture symbolizing how quickly time flows like the sand passing from one side to the other. On one side the hourglass is full, ready to start a new year, energetic, nervous, determined, and full of life. The other side quickly filling up with sand, representing the end is near, completion, success, and exhaustion. Though we cannot turn back time to change what has been done, we can only reflect the past and move towards the future for Masonry. But when we think about life, this concept of the hourglass has an end for each one of us.

"Behold! how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close! We cannot without astonishment behold the little particles which are contained in this machine; - how they pass away almost imperceptibly! and yet, to our surprise, in a short space of an hour they are all exhausted. Thus wastes man! To-day, he puts forth the tender leaves of hope; to-morrow, blossoms, and bears his blushing honors thick upon him; the next day comes a frost which nips the shoot; and when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring, he falls, like autumn leaves, to enrich our mother earth."



As our next set of holidays draw near, please reach out to our Brethren who lost a loved one or illness in their family, a widow, one in distress, or just a courteous conversation to know they are not forgotten and not alone.

I would like to thank our membership committee for finalizing our last two events of the year before they take a break after all they have done.

Please join us in these events; Ladies at the Table Dinner on Dec. 1st and the Festival of Lights Parade on Dec. 8th where once again we will have our float entered with lobster traps full of lights. Come walk with us, ride in the truck or in the back of the truck and bring your family. It is a time where downtown Saco is full of thousands of people watching, cheering, singing, and us showing the exposure of being a Saco Mason and the fun we have.

Clear in the East,

Worshipful Justin Galipeau

At this years Lobster Stew Night the following brethren are due their service pins or stars (for 50+ Year Members)

Member	Raised	Year
M031789 BENJAMIN L. SMITH	06/02/1948	70
M018619 ALFRED W. KANY	05/15/1953	65
M018429 MICHAEL R. JORDAN	11/28/1972	45
M016995 CLIFFORD E. HOWARD	02/20/1973	45
M036432 ROBERT A. WEISS	11/28/1972	45
M013507 JAMES R. GOULD	03/21/1983	35
M035479 TIMOTHY VICTOR	11/18/1975	35
M001450 DANIEL G. BAILLARGEON	05/24/1983	35
M000648 JOHN E. ANAGNOSTIS	04/12/1988	30
M023297 MICHAEL J. MCKENNEY	12/13/1988	30
M000646 EFSTRATIOS J. ANAGNOSTIS	04/12/1988	30
M026380 DAVID R. PAQUETTE	02/15/1993	25
M001616 BRUCE R. BARDEN	10/19/1993	25
M039778 JOEL F. TRIPP	09/16/1997	20
M042655 BENJAMIN C. MILLIKEN	09/24/2003	15
M042602 ANDRE R. GOULET	06/12/2003	15
M042238 JOSEPH W. COTE	06/17/2002	15
M042604 JEFFREY W. ROBINSON	06/13/2003	15
M042716 WILLIAM MICHAUD	11/18/2003	15
M045261 JOSEPH D. SCOTT	05/21/2003	15
M042656 ROBERT E. MAXFIELD	10/21/2003	15
M045456 JASON E. LITTLEFIELD	03/27/2008	10
M045490 MARK C. WHITMORE	04/30/2008	10
M045493 ANDREW J. MCMULLIN	04/15/2008	10
M045495 THOMAS J. CASAMASSA	06/12/2008	10
M045781 ASHLEY B. MILLIKEN	12/08/2008	10
M057372 ANDREW M. GILBERT	01/24/2013	5
M057373 MARC L. GILBERT	01/24/2013	5
M057234 DAVID J. ARCHAMBAULT	10/24/2013	5
M057400 CHARLES K. ESTANO	09/10/2013	5
M058584 CHRISTOPHER J. GLENN	09/10/2013	5
M057374 JEREMY J. GUILLETTE	11/29/2012	5
M057305 SHELDON E. NIGHTINGALE	05/30/2013	5

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December 1st – Ladies at the Table, seE Bros. Sheldon Nightingale or Steve Joyce for more info.

**December 5th – Lobster Stew and Annual Awards Night, Annual Inspection – Fellow Craft Degree –
6:00 pm Stew, 7:00 pm public awards, 7:30 Meeting**

December 8th – 8th Annual Holiday Festival and Parade of Lights, Main St, Saco

January 2nd – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

**January 13th – Installation of Officers, Officers arrive at Noon, 1:00 pm Prompt Start,
3:00 pm at Run of the Mill**

While writing the 2018 Membership Committee annual report, I began to wonder if anyone in the year 2118 would even be interested in what we were up to. But then I remembered that RW Carl Marsano regularly quotes historical items of interest from the early 20th century, so I don't think these chores are in vain. Perhaps a hundred years from now, when physical books and bicycles might not even exist, our future Brothers will be amused by the Bikes for Books program.

Here are some of the key events from this past year.

In April, the Lodge hosted the Master's Challenge where potential new candidates were invited to join us for dinner and two short presentations - one on current activities by Bro. Andy Nightingale and one on the history of our Lodge by RW Carl Marsano. For the second year, we have received good feedback and we hope to host it again in 2019, with the usual tweaks to increase attendance.

In May, we assisted Bro. Andy Nightingale with his very successful Bikes for Books program.

In July, we hosted the Annual Picnic/Pig Roast at Wor. Justin Galipeau's home. The weather and food were great. My last memory of Wor. Charlie Miller was at this event. I'm glad he was able to join us before he passed to the Celestial Lodge Above.

The main event of the year was the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament in September. Due to a late arriving donation, the final tally was over \$4000 raised for the Bikes for Books program. See the October 2018 Trestleboard for all the players and sponsors.

The two main winter events that will be happening shortly after this is printed are the 16th Annual Ladies at the Table Dinner and the Saco Christmas parade float. Bro. Steve Polley has promised us seven courses of delicious southern BBQ. As for the parade float, we will get one more year out of our lobster trap tree theme before retiring it.

Finally, no one on the membership committee does this type of work for personal recognition. It's important though, for you to know who they are:

Justin Galipeau, Andy Nightingale, Steve Polley, Ward Grossman, Sorren Arneson, Sheldon Nightingale, Bob Maxfield, Chuck Estano, Carl Marsano, Mike Tremblay, Gerry Ouellette, Jason Grant, Craig Labreck, Bob Mercier, Jim Pate, Greg Maxwell, Dennis Healy.

Thank you to all the Brothers listed here and especially to any that I may have missed.

Fraternally,

Bro. Steven Joyce

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Secretarial Stuff...

As you can see, over half of our membership does not have a current email Address with the lodge. It would be greatly appreciated if you could forward me this information at either cmarsano@maine.rr.com or cjmarsano@gmail.com. Email is our most cost-effective way of communicating to you. Postage for this Mailing cost nearly \$100.00 in postage alone, not to mention envelopes and printing.

Action Items
2 bad addresses to correct
\$6369.00 outstanding dues to collect
173 members missing a cell phone
97 members missing an email address
14 members with email delivery issues

Dues this year have gone up to help meet our budgetary needs. They will be \$75.00 for standard membership. As you can see above, there is a substantial amount of dues owed. If you owe, please get them in to help pay our bills.

One last thing, if you move and don't tell us, it is hard to track you down. Keep us in mind when you move, and let us know.

Happy New Year! - 2019

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Master's Message for January *Worshipful Justin Galipeau*

From the East,

It is that time for a Master to step down and a new one to direct the Lodge into the future to keep Masonry striving forward in the world. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for such a wonderful year I have had, it couldn't of went by as well as it did if not for each and every one of you. I thank you all for the support, attendance, help, guidance, and trust in me with our Lodge. My journey in Masonry has not ended as there is truly more light to be learned. I will still be present supporting Saco Lodge and our new candidates coming through because that's what we do as Saco Lodge masons. I wish the brethren, officers, and new Master of 2019 not only congratulations but the best of luck going forward.

What does an Installation mean? I have found myself over the years asking myself this question, what does it mean to me, what does it mean to the Craft, and what does it mean to our Lodge. As I cannot speak for others, or the Lodge's I have traveled to watching their installations, whether it be just Masons, semi-public, or to their doors wide open to anyone. To me, an installation has many achievable meanings, a day of celebration, and a time to reflect Masonry's continuation in the world.

What is achievable, is it the fact that a Lodge has added another year in the archives of its history books? Is it that another Master has kept his Lodge successfully operating and he is ready to join a prestige group of Masonry called a Past Master? Is it that another year of community outreach has been achieved with our numerous programs we have initiated ourselves in, like the bikes for books, salvation army bell ringing, Saco food pantry, scholarships, and breakfast at a Maine Veterans home with those Veterans and Masons? Is it we achieved the fraternal side of Masonry by having a past Master's night, annual family picnic, ladies at the table dinner, awards night, lobster stew night, master's challenge, and many more events we continue to do showing friendship, morality, and brotherly love? This is how I see how Saco Lodge has achieved another year in Masonry.

A day of celebration in Masonry is by far why an installation should be celebrated. This day should be spread with accomplishment of the outgoing Master, the welcoming and direction of the Master elect getting ready to lead your Lodge, celebrating the continue line of officers and new officers towards their journey to the Oriental chair and dedication to their Lodge. It is a celebration to all the Brethren that help, attend, support, step up, and commitment to their Lodge for another year. It is a time to bring our family, friends, and other Masons together and celebrate together, meet each other, and start new beginnings.

Lastly, we reflect how our Lodge and the Craft has made it this far by honoring all our past and still present members. When we come to Lodge we should talk about how our older Masons quotes are still mentioned within the Lodge. Talk about how our old Masonic hall was by the train tracks just down the street, how processions and parades took place when Civil War officers came down main street to visit our Lodge. Talk about how our charter came from Massachusetts and the journey it took. We need to talk about our history more, so it never, never dies!!!!

Most sincere thanks in the East,
Worshipful Justin Galipeau





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.
Brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge Above in 2018

Bro. Walter A. Johnson

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice – February 6, 1952
Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft – March 5, 1952
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – September 23, 1952

Bro. Dean Charles Coniaris

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice – January 13, 2009
Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft – January 27, 2009
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – March 17, 2009

Bro. Mark Steven Duranceau

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice – December 8, 1992
Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft – March 9, 1993
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – April 20, 1993

Bro. Philip C. Sherman

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice – September 18, 1962
Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft – October 3, 1962
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – April 9, 1963

Bro. Roland Arthur Fogg

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice – April 1, 1953
Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft – May 6, 1953
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – June 3, 1953

Bro. Everett R. Nutting

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice – June 24, 1947
Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft – September 16, 1947
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – November 13, 1947

Wor. Raymond Brock Boughner

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice – April 17, 1979
Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft – May 22, 1979
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – November 27, 1979
Master of Saco Lodge - 1990

Wor. Charles E. Miller

Initiated as an Entered Apprentice – September 23, 1965
Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft – October 7, 1965
Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason – November 18, 1965
Master of Lincoln Lodge No.3, Wiscasset, ME 1973
Affiliated Saco Lodge – June 1, 2011

Scenes from our Annual Awards Night and Annual Inspection



3 Generations of Galipeaus including two Masters and perhaps a third? The DDGM and his suite of distinguished brethren

RW Michael Tremblay, DDGM of the 18th District and his suite of distinguished brethren

Bro. Arthur Prentiss receiving MW Edward Burnham award for lifetime of service to Masonry by RW Richard Clark & Wor. Justin Galipeau



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January 6th – Visitation to Maine Veterans Home, US Route 1, Scarborough – 9:00

**January 13th – Installation of Officers, Officers arrive at Noon, 1:00 pm Prompt Start,
3:00 pm at Run of the Mill**

January 22nd – Masters and Wardens at Saco Lodge.

February 6th – Stated Meeting

If you like southern style BBQ, then you shouldn't have missed the 16th Annual Ladies at the Table Lodge.

On Saturday, December 1st, sixty-four Masons (from 3 different Lodges) and their ladies dined on 6 courses of fine southern food and wrapped up the evening on homemade bread pudding with rum sauce (non-alcoholic of course) – all expertly prepared by JW Steven and Tammy Polley.

The guests of honor were Bro. Chuck Estano, Bro. Sheldon Nightingale, and myself. On behalf of Chuck and Sheldon, I'd like to thank the Brethren for the honor. Like all the Masons before us, none of us wanted the personal recognition, but it is appreciated.

In fact, as preparations are made for our 216th year and installation of officers, it's difficult to not think of all our forefathers. Some of our 150+ Worshipful Masters have had good/productive years and some might have had unexceptional years. I bet some even had awful years, not necessarily due to anything they did. Regardless, each of our ancestors has made the Lodge what it is today and none did it for personal recognition.

Perhaps the one thing current Masons have in common with our ancestors is described in the Master Mason lecture, "Thus was man formed for social and active life, the noblest part of the work of God; and he that will so demean himself as not to be endeavoring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding, may be deemed a drone in the hive of nature, a useless member of society, and unworthy of our protection as Masons."

Trying To Not Be a Useless Member of Society,
Bro. Steven Joyce

From the South,

As 2018 comes to an end I would like to thank the ladies of Eastern Star for their assistance in preparing and serving meals for our stated meetings throughout the year, without their help there is no way I could have been able to do my job as Junior Warden.

I hope that everyone who was able to attend the Ladies at the Table event enjoyed the meal and fellowship of the evening. My friend Jim Swain was the lead for creating this meal and I am forever grateful for his help. Right Worshipful Mike Trembly, Phil Schmidt, Brock Major, Bob Maxfield, and Ward Grossman were also part of the kitchen team and without their assistance the evening would not have gone as smoothly as it did and I greatly appreciate them being there to help with the kitchen duties.

Looking forward to 2019;
Steve Polley
Junior Warden

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A final greeting from the West,

As I sit here writing this, I have just gotten back from my brother-in-law's installation as Master of his lodge in Illinois. This event caused me to reflect upon my journey in Masonry to get to this point and also what is to come. First off, I would like to take a moment to congratulate our outgoing Master for an excellent year for our lodge. Worshipful Galipeau's leadership, organization and guidance have truly been a great asset to our lodge and its membership. He has handled the pressures of his office with patience, dignity and honor and I have always felt that the lodge was in very capable hands during his tenure. If I can be half the Master that he is, then the lodge will be in great shape. Thank you Justin. I will miss having you in the officer corps in the coming year, but fear not, I am sure that I will be calling you for advice on a somewhat regular basis.

I am writing this article under the assumption that things will go as planned and I will humbly be elected as the next Master of Saco Lodge. While I will have some big shoes to fill, I am looking forward to the challenge. I am excited to continue moving the lodge in a positive direction and build upon the foundations that have been set for us all. One of the biggest challenges that I foresee for the upcoming year is growing our membership. We need to bring in more good men. This will allow us to also grow our ability to do community outreach and charity work, which are essentially important for the longevity and purpose of our craft. This can only be done effectively by you - the brothers of Saco Lodge #9. Bring a worthy friend to any dinner or event. Talk to them about the work we already do - our annual golf tournament, Bikes for Books, Salvation Army bell ringing just to name a few. The success of the lodge rests on the shoulders of all us regardless of any titles.

The next article that I will be writing for you will hopefully be from the East if you will allow me that honor. My pledge to you all is that I will do everything in my power to leave the lodge in a better position when I am done being an officer than when I found it. I can not do this alone though and I call upon each and every one of you to help the lodge to grow and prosper and be a shining light in our community. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Sunny in the West,

Brother Andrew Nightingale

Bell Ringing at Walmart – Bonus Page

Pictures by Wor. James Dufresne

It was a well attended event with 17 brethren at one time or another ringing the bells. We even had a visit from RW Richard Clark who kept his streak going from 1982 to the present!



From left to right: Wor. Gerald Ouellette, Wor. Mark Whitmore, Bro. Robert Maxfield and Bro. Ward Grossman



From left to right: RW Michael Trembaly, (current DDGM), Bro. Sorren Arneson, Bro. Ronald Husser< Bro. Charles Estano, Wor. David Perkins and Bro. Sheldon Nightingale

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