



Saco Lodge History 2019



Established June 14, 1802



Saco Lodge #9 A.F. & A.M.

Master's Report for 2019

To the Officers and Brethren of Saco Lodge #9,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have helped me during my duration as Master of this Lodge. To the appointed officers, I thank you for your regular attendance and support. It is not easy to make all the meetings and rehearsals that are requested of you, but you have all taken your responsibilities seriously and I don't think that I can effectively express to you how much that does to ensure that we have a smooth running Lodge. To the Wardens, I thank you for your leadership and willingness to get things done. The sense of relief that I felt knowing that I had such solid Brothers having my back cannot be measured. The Lodge will be in great hands in the future with you taking the lead. To Brothers Secretary and Treasurer, your tireless service to the Lodge does not go unnoticed. The amount of work and effort that you put in behind the scenes is a testament to your dedication to the craft and this Lodge. It can be a thankless job sometimes, but you are appreciated. I would also like to thank the Past Masters of the Lodge for their leadership and assistance. Many times I have come to you over the years with questions and issues and you have always freely given me advice without telling me what to do. Finally, I would like to thank all the brethren for their support and patience over the course of the year. You are why we do this and why we are so successful as a Lodge. Thank you all.

Saco Lodge is a very active Lodge and that is one of the primary reasons for our success. Community outreach and charity are paramount to who we are why we continue to be one of the most successful Lodges in the State. We have had many charitable acts and services that we have performed over the last year including but not limited to:

- Coffee with the Veteran's
- Mary's Walk
- Bikes for Books - Over 70 bikes this year!
- Thornton Academy scholarships to 2 recipients
- Bell ringing for the Salvation Army
- Ladies at The Table Event
- Donations to Demolay and Rainbow Girls

Once I decided to join Masonry but before I petitioned to join Saco Lodge, I asked my wife's uncle (who has been a Mason for his entire adult life) to check in to Saco Lodge to make sure that I was joining a Lodge that was active and strong. After making a few phone calls, he informed me that Saco Lodge was a strong Lodge with a good reputation which made me decision to join much easier. As I went through the degrees and the education classes on my way to becoming a Master Mason, I was



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impressed and overwhelmed by the skill and professionalism that I witnessed from the officers and brethren during our ceremonies, all the while feeling welcomed and supported at the same time. Becoming the Master of the Lodge was the furthest thing from my mind. Yet here we are on my final meeting of my year as Master. I am humbled and honored that you have allowed me to serve you in this capacity and hope that I have served you well. My journey in Masonry has made me a better husband, a better father, a better son and a better brother and I thank you all for helping me with this journey.

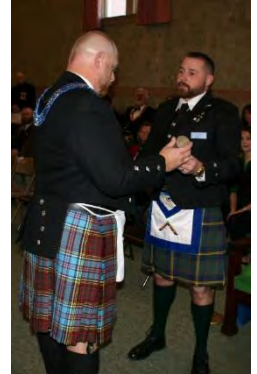
Respectfully Submitted,

2019 Master of Saco Lodge #9

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Officers of 2019

Master's Message for February *Worshipful Andrew Nightingale*

Greetings from the East,

First off, I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as Master of the Lodge for 2019. I am humbled and honored to have been elected to this distinguished position. I would also like to thank everyone who came to the installation to support the 2019 officers and celebrated with us. It was a joyous occasion that was very well attended and it meant a lot to all of us.

With a new year and a new Master comes a renewed sense of purpose and direction. We are fortunate to have such an active and vibrant Lodge and we need to use those qualities to take us into the future. Wor. Galipeau did a great job laying the foundation for the Lodge and moving us in the right direction. I intend to continue to build on that foundation and keep us traveling in a positive direction. A couple of the items that I would like to focus on for the year are increasing our membership and working on our finances.

In the time that I have been a member of Saco Lodge, I have seen the membership numbers slowly, but steadily go down almost every year. While this is the trend in most lodges, I believe that we can buck the trend and increase our numbers this year. Obviously, this is not something that I can do by myself. I need your help. Each and every one of you can assist us with this endeavour. Bring a friend to a meeting dinner, invite them to our Master's Challenge dinner or any other event that we do. It does not have to be a hard sell on your part. My challenge to you is this: bring one person to one event over the course of the entire year. That's it - one person to one

event. If we only were able to convince 10% of them to join the Lodge, we would have a record year. I really don't think that I am asking for too much and the end result would be spectacular!

Financially, our Lodge is in a relatively good position compared to most lodges. However, that does not mean we should be complacent. I would like to continue working with the finance committee, the treasurer and the brethren to make our Lodge financially viable for the foreseeable future. Ideally, we should be looking to be able to pay all of the Lodge expenses from the income that we generate over the course of the year without dipping into our investment portfolio. By ensuring that we are stable with our yearly budget, that will allow us to be far more generous and charitable long into the future.

Finally, I would extend an invitation to you all to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I did not seek this chair for personal glory or titles, but to serve the Lodge and its members and help move us in a positive direction. I have learned a lot about myself in my time as Master and truly believe that it has helped me to be a better man than I was. I will treat your comments and suggestions with respect and always answer them to the best of my abilities. Once again, I thank you all for this honor.

Fraternally,

Andy Nightingale

Secretary's Message

Another installation has come and gone. It was a pleasure taking part in the ceremony for the 23rd straight year.

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.

My wife's uncle was also installed as Master of Newell Lodge #739 in North Carolina. ON his Facebook page he gave a shout out to Saco Lodge. See below. Wor. Pete has been a visitor several times on his travels to Maine.

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

Now that the dust has settled and I have had time to reflect on my journey to becoming Master of Newell Lodge 739 and having the realization that it really did happen, I have been thinking about how and who helped me get here.

First and foremost my Dad, a mason for approximately 70 years. Not because of his tenure as a mason but for his guidance, courage and discipline in life's journey.

Dottie, I am sure with some trepidation has supported and trusted me not only in masonry but in every endeavor I have ever undertaken.

Richard Johnson, a good friend and strong influence, my coach through the degrees and raised me for my master mason degree.

Members of Saco Lodge #9 in Maine. After several years of being inactive in masonry, they gave me the spark to get involved again in my own lodge.

Finally the members of my lodge, who have encouraged, coached and supported me.

I am sure there are others I have overlooked who have been an influence.

Often someone will see my mason ring or pin and say "I see you're a traveling man" and a tremor of pride fills my heart. Never would I have imagined I would be where I am today. I conducted my first meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019.

With words of gratitude that seems insufficient 'thank you all'.

Peter 'Pete' Davis
Master of Newell Lodge #739, Newell, NC



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

February 6th – Stated Meeting

February 26th – Master's & Wardens – Buxton Lodge

February 28nd – Degree Night, Master Mason Degree

March 6th – Stated Meeting

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

Coming on March 24th – 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.



Presentation of the Gavel

From the West,

I would like to congratulate Worshipful Andy Nightingale on being elected and installed as Master for 2019, I am confident this year will be another successful year. I am looking forward to our first stated meeting of the year and our first Master Mason Degree with our current line of officers to be held on February 28th.

As many of you know Dave Perkins and I are in charge of the Education of our candidates. This has been the most rewarding part of my Masonic career to date. Seeing the newest members of our lodge grow and learn, while they are gaining respect and love for our organization is something to be experienced.

I challenge anyone who is interested in helping our Candidates learn and become better men to speak with Dave or I and step up to the plate in doing so, we would love to have you assist. Don't worry if you do not know all of the ritual spot on, this committee exists so that we can all learn and better our knowledge of the Masonic text.

Wishing all a prosperous 2019;
Steve Polley
Senior Warden

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Greetings from the South,
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Almost Famous Masons...

Much has been written about our most famous Brothers (George Washington and other founding fathers), but because they have been built up to almost mythical status – and deservedly so – I find it hard to relate to them and their life stories.

Lately, I've enjoyed reading about "common" men, not famous, quite imperfect, but very good at the one thing they focused their life on. The following is an excerpt about one such man and fellow Brother.

"Frank Hamer was a mass of contradictions. On the one hand, he was modest, unassuming and humble. He shied away from attention and sought assiduously to avoid newspaper publicity. On the other hand, he was supremely self-confident and aggressive, willing and able to handle any task, no matter how difficult or dangerous. He did not bluster or threaten: he spoke quietly, said little, and meant exactly what he said.

He possessed in spades what modern police officers call command presence: the ability to exert his authority simply by his stature and physical demeanor. But his body language was the opposite of erect military bearing. He did not swagger but walked with a lazy, rolling gait. He did not stand erect; he slouched, often leaning against walls or doorways, a cigarette dangling from his lips. Even on horseback, he slouched in the saddle, swaying left and right in rhythm with the animal. Despite his barrel chest, massive shoulders, and oaklike legs, he carried himself with graceful ease. At the same time, he had a temper that was easily aroused. In the presence of women and children, he was the paragon of Texas gentility, but when his blood was up, he swore like a longshoreman.

In Texas, Frank Hamer is known as the most famous Texas Ranger who for decades sought to correct injustice. Outside of Texas, he is merely the man who killed Bonnie and Clyde."

*Texas Ranger, The Epic Life of Frank Hamer, 2016, John Boessenecker

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Mary's Walk 2018

Master's Message for March *Worshipful Andrew Nightingale*

Greetings from the East,

Spring is just around the corner (anytime between March to June it should begin) and with it comes a very busy schedule for Saco Lodge! I strongly believe that fellowship and community outreach are the most important parts of what we do as Masons and we are very fortunate to have several opportunities to participate in those activities in the very near future:

1. Stated meetings are always a great place to see your Brethren and keep track of the Lodge and its activities. Our March stated meeting will also include a brother doing his Master Mason's proficiency.
2. We will be having MM degree on March 28th. Our degree for February had to be postponed so we will be extra prepared to perform an outstanding degree. So come and support our newest brother in this sublime event.
3. This will be our 6th year having a team for Mary's Walk. This is an exceptional way to be a part of the community and show our support for a great cause. Please consider joining our team and walking with us or donating to our team page to raise funds for a charity that has raised millions of dollars for cancer research in Maine. Just go to www.maryswalk.org and search for Saco Masonic Lodge. I guarantee that you will have a good time.

4. We will be having our annual Master's Challenge dinner at our April stated meeting. This is a great opportunity for you to bring a guest to dinner for a short presentation on the history of the Lodge as well as our current goings on. We will start dinner early at 6:00 PM so that we can start the meeting on time.

5. Masters & Wardens are held every month on the 4th Tuesday and rotate between the Lodges in our district. It is a great way to see other Lodges and to interact with brethren from across the region.

6. And finally we have one of our most popular programs (and my personal favorite) the Bikes for Books program. This is a great way for us to show the community that we care and demonstrate our love for literacy and children while having a ton of fun in the process. I urge you all to take part in this program. It will quickly become your favorite program as well.

We are very fortunate in Saco Lodge to have such an active membership and so many great programs to be a part of. I encourage each and everyone of us to try to be a part of at least one or more of these events. The satisfaction and joy that you will get will make your efforts seem more than worth it. I look forward to seeing you all.

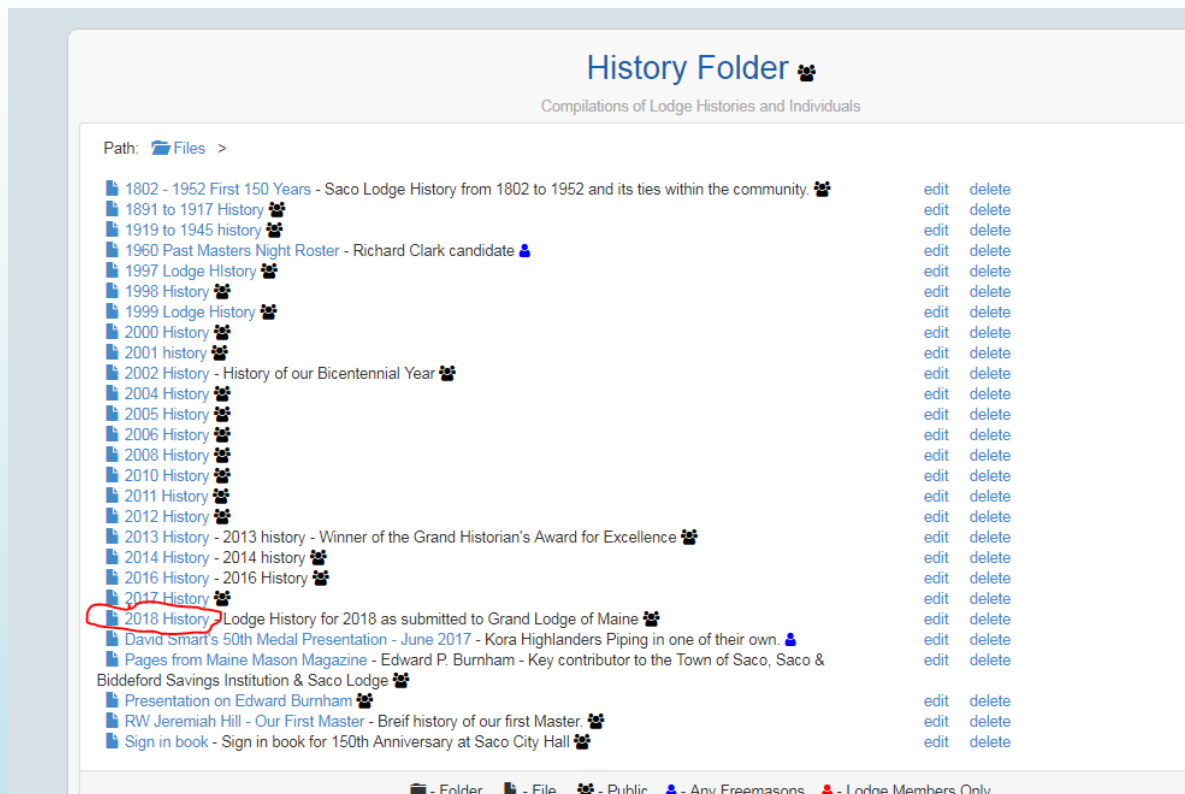
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The last of the required forms and reports have been turned in including the 2018 History. Copies of it can be downloaded from the Saco Lodge website.



Address is <https://9-me.ourlodgepage.com/> located under the files tab in the History Folder. As you can see there is a lot of interesting information regarding Saco Lodge.

Fraternally,
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April 3rd – Stated Meeting – Election of Grand Lodge Proxy & Review of issues at upcoming Grand Lodge Session

May 1st – Stated Meeting

May 3rd & 4th – Grand Lodge Session, Voting taking place on Saturday, May 4th

June 5th – Stated Meeting

Don't forget 4th Tuesday of the month – Master's and Warden's – Check with the DDGM for locations.

I found this of interest, perhaps some of you may.

From the Grand Secretary,

Constitutional Corner,

It's back and this time we have a good one. I've received numerous calls about this topic and undoubtedly will ignite a discussion in some lodges. There is a well-entrenched "Masonic Oral Truth" (my term) amongst our lodges that the identity of the members of the Committee of Inquiry are to remain secret. While there is ample documentation concerning the Committee's deliberations remaining private, a search of the applicable Grand Lodge Proceedings reveals nothing regarding the identity of who is on that committee. I have been told that it is in a DDGM handbook, that a Grand Master told a lodge secretary and even the old standby, it's always been that way. My response: It is not in the current DDGM handbook. It is not codified in our Maine Masonic Code and just because it's always been that way, doesn't necessarily mean it's correct. If someone can point out where it is in our Maine Masonic Code I will humbly eat some crow but at this point in time I can't find anything. Not knowing who is on that Committee would seem to me to be counterproductive to having a well governed lodge not tainted by secrecy.

If anyone wants to discuss this further, I am happy to have a conversation about it. Just give me a call.

Fraternally,

Dan Bartlett
Grand Secretary

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I like to read, especially things of a historical nature. So, after I was raised, my father gave me many old books on Freemasonry. Some were my grandfathers', some were my fathers', and origins of others are unknown – having been passed down through multiple generations.

My favorite is The Encyclopedia of Free Masonry by Albert Mackey, 1917. It contains a wealth of information on all things Masonic – sometimes just a couple of sentences, sometimes multiple pages. I refer to it often.

There are at least two copies of the Mackey books in our lodge library, available to anyone that wants to use them. Other useful and easy-to-read books include the 3-book series (one on each degree) "Introduction to Freemasonry" by Carl Claudy, and "The Craft and Its Symbols" by Allen Roberts. Each of these small books can be read in less than an hour.

Here is an "interesting, but useless" bit of information related to the Master Mason degree:

"Bells. The use of a bell in the ceremonies of the third degree, to denote the hour, is manifestly, an anachronism, for bells were not invented until the fifth century. But Freemasons are not the only people who have imagined the existence of bells at the building of the Temple. Henry Stephen tells us of a monk who boasted that when he was at Jerusalem he obtained a vial, which contained some of the sounds of King Solomon's bells. The blunders of a ritualist and the pious fraud of a relic monger have equal claims to authenticity. The Masonic anachronism is, however, not worth consideration, because it is simply intended for a notation of time – a method of expressing intelligibly the hour at which a supposed event occurred."

Upcoming Events: On April 3rd, at the stated meeting, we will be holding our annual open house event. Our 30' banner will be proudly displayed across Main Street. The Membership Committee is working on a few changes to this event and details will be forthcoming. If you know of any potential candidates, this is a great event for them to attend.

Brother Steven Joyce
Junior Warden



KEEPING YOUR LODGE ALIVE



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Mary's Walk 2019



Master's Message for April *Worshipful Andrew Nightingale*



Greetings from the East,

Spring is finally here, and Mud season is already in full effect in my driveway. Soon we will have our usual 2nd Winter, followed closely by true Spring and then we will be on to Black Fly season.

And, as it has for the past 21 years, Mary's Walk takes center stage in the city of Saco. Once again, it was a very well attended gathering of so many people from near and far coming together to raise money to support the research that helps to fight cancer. As we have for the past 5 years, Saco Lodge #9 put together a team of walkers, runners and supporters to do our part to support this noble cause. I want to personally thank all of those who helped out this year by donating their time and effort to such a great endeavor.

Looking forward, April will be a busy month for Saco Lodge. First up will be our stated meeting on the 3rd. This will be our annual Master's Challenge meeting. Please bring a friend or colleague to the dinner (on us)

and a short program about the history of the Lodge given by our very knowledgeable secretary, Carl Marsano and also what our current programs are in the community by me. Dinner will start at 6PM with the program at 7PM. The meeting will start at the normal 7:30 start time.

The Bikes for Books program will also be in full swing this month. The schools will all be running their programs through the month of April into early May. We will be having our annual Bike Building day towards the end of April. I will announce a date once it has been set. As any of you who has participated in the program knows, it is easily going to be one of your favorite things to do every year. The smile on those kids faces when they are sitting on their new bike is priceless.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting or around town.

Fraternally,

Andy Nightingale

Secretary's Message

The history of our lodge is quite rich. While I will not be giving anything away on what my topic will be for April's Stated, below is some history you may find interesting.

A "real celebration" was held on July 9, 1902, to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Saco Lodge. It was held at the Old Orchard House at Old Orchard Beach. There were invited Masons of Saco Lodge, affiliated resident Masons, five Grand Lodge officers, the District Deputy Grand Master, officers and Past Masters of Dunlap Lodge. A banquet was enjoyed, after which came a program, both interesting and instructive. The cost of this affair borne by donations, the amount of which came to six hundred and eleven dollars, more than enough to cover expenses incurred – five hundred and nineteen dollars.



Horace Burbank, PGM



The program consisted of Prayer, Banquet, Address by MW Alfred Kimball, Grand Master, Music, Letters from absent members, Keynote Address by MW Horace H. Burbank, PGM.

MW Horace Burbank was born in Limerick, Maine, on October 27, 1837 and died in Saco in 1905. He was the eldest son of Abner and Eliza Adams (Harmon) Burbank. His early education was obtained in the village schools of his native town, and the academies at Limerick and Yarmouth. After the usual preparatory studies, he entered Bowdoin College, and graduated in the class of 1860.

He served in the 27th and 32nd Maine Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. On July 30, 1864, he was taken prisoner, together with many other officers of his regiment. He managed to escape in February 1865 and managed to find General Sherman's Army and fought in Fayetteville, GA. He was discharged in May 1865. After the war, he practiced law in Limerick and Saco. He held numerous positions in the County and State including Register of Probate and Representative to the State Legislature. He was married Elizabeth Porter Thompson of Kennebunk on June 11, 1872, and had four children, two boys and two girls.

He was made a Mason in Freedom Lodge, Limerick, February 17, 1864, and served as Master of the lodge in 1869 and 1870. He demitted from Freedom Lodge in February 1877 and affiliated with Saco Lodge on May 2, 1877 upon his moving to Saco.

M.W. Brother Horace H. Burbank (above) who, faithfully and well, was made Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine for the years 1894 and 1895, became a 33rd Degree Mason and even after his Grand Lodge tour of duty was ended came back and delivered the keynote address at the one hundredth anniversary of Saco Lodge.

Brother Burbank was stricken with a shock of paralysis, and died at his home in Saco, January 8, 1905. He is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery overlooking the Saco River.

From the Grand Lodge proceedings in 1905: "Our pleasure, however, is alloyed with sadness. We do not, we cannot, forget that during the year, death has taken two of our best known and most prominent members, Past Grand Masters Marquis F. King and Horace H. Burbank, both gentlemen, both upright citizens, both earnest, active, aggressive masons, both having troops of friends...Their places will be hard to fill. We shall miss them, their ability, their wise counsel, their earnestness."

Fraternally,
Carl Marsano, Secretary

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April 3rd – Master's Challenge and Stated Meeting – 6:00 PM Start, Program at 7:00 PM and Business/Stated Meeting at 7:30

May 1st – Stated Meeting, last one before Grand Lodge Session

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From the South:

Brethren,

Masonic etiquette is an important part of our lodge and all others. During our education meetings I do my best to inform our candidates of the proper etiquette also when and where to use it. Below is a brief description of when and where to salute our Master, as well as why it is important to perform this task properly.

SALUTE TO THE MASTER

Our Lodge offers a salute to the Master. Each of the brethren shall salute the Master in the proper degree form when they enter or retire from an open lodge room. We also salute the Master when addressing the master or responding to him directly in open lodge and during degree work.

Why? The Masonic etiquette of saluting the Master is your renewed pledge of fealty and service. It is your public display of decorum before all other brothers of your obligation.

It shows your courteous respect for all that the Master stands for and shows that you acknowledge his authority.

Salutes should reflect your heart-felt respect to all that for which he stands.

The salute to the Master is your pledge of honor and service, your publicly shown obligation. A lazy, sloppy or improper salute is to be Masonically impolite and, thus, to exhibit poor Masonic etiquette.

Clear in the South,

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Unfortunately, there were seven funerals to participate in last year. There was one particular reading that always sounded very poetic and made me want to learn more about what it meant. It is from Ecclesiastes 12, the lesson of the Master Mason degree, and here is one interpretation that I found:

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth (many young and middle age people overlook their surroundings and God, but as old age comes to them, they start to become concerned with how they arrived at where they are now and now try to get caught up). While evil days come not (when your body and mind don't work the way they used to). Nor the years draw nigh (your time and years are drawing to a close). When thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them (when you can't do that which took you no effort in youth to do and now all you can do is sit and watch or have someone else do it for you). While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened (when death finally prevails and you are no longer part of the wonders of life and nature). Nor the clouds return after the rain (rains created new growth and life, a fresh start). In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble (the keepers of the house are the hands, arms, and legs. The trembling comes with feebleness of old age). And the strong men shall bow themselves (when they become stooped over or bow legged, not able to stand erect). And the grinders cease because they are few (the grinders were the teeth which were very few in old age, if you were fortunate enough to have any). And those that look out of the windows be darkened (the windows are the eyes, a failing trait common to old age). And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low (the doors are the lips, the street is the mouth and the sound of grinding is the human voice. In old age when teeth are lost, mumbling is a very common attribute). And he shall rise up at the voice of the bird (in old age mankind is more restless in slumber and early rising is a habit of many). And all the daughters of music shall be brought low (the daughters of music are the ears. The voice loses its strength and hearing becomes less acute in old age). Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high (in declining years men fail to scale the heights in their prime they ascended with ease). And fears shall be in the way (timidity is a common fault of older people). And the almond tree shall flourish (referring to the white flower of that tree and the allegorical significance is to old age, when the hair of the head becomes gray or white). And the grasshopper shall be a burden (to the weakness of old age when even the weight of such as small thing is a burden). And desire shall fail (the appetites and desires of youth cease in the declining years). Because man goeth to his long home (Literally to his grave or to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns). And the mourners go about the streets (referring to the original custom of having official mourners who make public lamentations for the dead). Or ever the silver cord be loosed (the silver cord is the spiritual cord which connects man to his God). Or the golden bowl be broken (the skull is the golden bowl from its yellow color). Or the pitcher be broken at the fountain (the pitcher is the great vein which carries blood to the ventricle of the heart, here called the fountain). Or the wheel be broken at the cistern (the wheel represents the aorta). Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it (upon decomposition, the body will return to mother earth from where it first originated and the spirit shall return to God who gave it).



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Please Come to Bike Build 2019



Master's Message for April *Worshipful Andrew Nightingale*

Greetings from the East,

May is finally upon us and with it comes a very busy time for the Lodge. The Grand Lodge Annual Communication is coming up on May 4th. The Scholarship committee is reading through all of the applications to find this year's worthy recipients. District Mason of the Year and Ritualist of the Year announcements will soon be coming out. Planning is in full swing for the golf tournament and Bikes for Books is going full speed ahead as well. We are very fortunate to have such an active and vibrant lodge here in Saco. The success of this Lodge is largely due to the efforts and time put forth by many of our brethren who give of themselves without expectation of any sort of payment other than the knowledge that they have made a difference.

All of us joined Masonry for our own reasons with our own expectations of what we thought we would get from

it. If you ask yourself "Why am I a Mason?" and you struggle to find an answer, I highly recommend that you contact myself, a committee chairman or any brother and ask how you can help with the many projects that the Lodge is involved with in the community. I consider myself extremely fortunate to be a Mason and particularly to be a part of this Lodge that does so much good in the community.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the officers and brethren who donated a part of their weekend to attend the memorial service that we held for Bro David Tripp on Sunday, April 14th. It was a unique service that we were honored to host in the Lodge. There were many Brothers in attendance and the officers did a great job with the ceremony. We received a lot of positive feedback from the friends and family of Bro Tripp, which is a direct reflection of the time and effort that the officers put in to make the ceremony special. Thank you.

Fraternally, Andy Nightingale

Brethren – Below is a summary of the speech given at the Master's Challenge prior to the Stated Meeting.

Welcome to Saco Lodge, and our beautiful lodge room. It is 112 years old, built in 1907 by Saco Biddeford Savings specifically for use as a Masonic Lodge. I could talk to you more about the hall and our relationship with Saco Biddeford Savings, but I am going to take back to a time before Maine existed, the City of Saco and even Saco Lodge existed for that matter.

The year is 1801. At the time, we were in the District of Maine and still part of Massachusetts. Imagine a man, at his desk, quill and ink at the ready, writing by lamp light, invitations to the Masons in the area. We can imagine that he hand delivered these invitations. Although the post office had been established, he most likely did not want to risk someone else reading them.

How do we know this? On April 21, 1801 he wrote: "By the request of a number of the masonic brethren in this town and Biddeford, I am pleased to inform you that it is their intention to meet at Mr. John Cleaves Inn on Thursday coming next at 7 O'clock PM. At which time, your attention is requested to consult on certain items that then may be thought in open to adopt for the Good of Masonry." Signed by William Fairfield.

At least 13 invitations were written/sent since there were 14 petitioners to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The petitioners were as follows: Jeremiah Hill, Joseph Leland, Thomas Cutts, Jr., William Fairfield, Asa Stevens, John Allen, Samuel Collyer, Richard C. Shannon, Nathaniel Scammon, Jr., Samuel Nutting, Jr., Micheal Nason, James Murch, Alvan Bacon, and William Marshall.

Cleaves Inn (or States Tavern) was located on Pepperell Square. Records show it was located in the southeast corner of the square.

15 months later, On June 14, 1802, in answer to that petition at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts granted a Charter to "Saco Lodge". Two days later, the charter of Saco Lodge was signed in Boston on June 16, 1802, by Grand Master Samuel Dunn. Because of the time it took for the charter to travel to Pepperellborough, Saco Lodge didn't meet until July 20th, again at the Cleaves Inn/Tavern. 9 of the original petitioners and 4 others, Benjamin Patterson, Thomas Buckminster, Samuel Pingree and Ephraim Ridlon were present. At this meeting, election of officers and bylaws adopted.

Several of our founders had ties to the Revolutionary War. Jeremiah Hill our first Master, served as a Captain at the Battle of Saratoga, where Revolutionary forces defeated the British and captured British General John Burgoyne. Joseph Leland was at Bunker Hill and served in the Army for the entire war eventually being promoted to Lieutenant. Ephraim Ridlon, served as aide de camp for General Henry Knox.

Saco Lodge remained open until the economic depression brought on by the impressment of our sailors by the British and which by the way lead to the War of 1812. Saco Lodge reopened after the war in 1816. At the same time, the District of Maine was getting restless due to the lack of support from Massachusetts during the war of 1812 and was determined to become a state.

Eventually, the district of Maine was granted a vote to determine its fate, the citizens of Maine overwhelmingly voted in favor of Statehood, and those that remember their history, we became a state as part of the Missouri compromise. At the same time, Masons were meeting to form a new Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maine. Saco Lodge sent three members to represents its interest.

Finally, in 1820, Maine became a state. With it, the Grand Lodge of Maine was formed at the same time. For whatever reason, Saco Lodge took its time to review, and finally approved the bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Maine on December 27, 1820.

Fraternally,
Carl Marsano, Secretary

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

Additional Dates to Remember

Sunday, April 28th 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Bike Build Day at my house again. 13 Holmes Rd in Saco. We will build all of the bikes(bring some tools please)and then have a BBQ afterwards. I will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side dish or dessert and whatever you would like to drink. This is a great time and always a lot of fun. Families and kids are welcome to join us.

May 1st – Stated Meeting, last one before Grand Lodge Session

May 3rd & 4th – Grand Lodge Session, Voting taking place on Saturday, May 4th

Monday, May 6th 8:30 AM - Winners Assembly for Young School

Friday, May 10th 8:20 AM - Winners Assembly for Burns School

Friday, May 10th 1:15 PM - Winners Assembly for Fairfield School

Saturday, May 18th 8:00 AM - Bike Rodeo at Public Works Building

June 5th – Stated Meeting, last one before summer break

Don't forget 4th Tuesday of the month – Master's and Warden's – Check with the DDGM for locations.

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

#1 SEC. 74.5 now reads: Each lodge shall remit its share of the cost of the Grand Lodge Blanket Liability Insurance, which covers members while engaging in Masonic activities.

As proposed, SEC. 74.5 would read: Grand Lodge shall arrange for blanket liability coverage for all Masonic Lodges and buildings owned by Masonic-based building associations and related organizations. Each lodge and building association shall remit the cost of insurance on its members and properties.

#2 Proposed SEC. 74.5a would replace Standing Resolution 19, and would read: SEC. 74.5a: In addition to the coverage afforded by the Grand Lodge blanket liability insurance for Lodges and Masonic building associations, each lodge or building association shall obtain documentation of suitable liability coverage, including liquor liability coverage, if applicable, from parties leasing or renting Masonic premises, with the Lodge, building association and Grand Lodge named as additional insureds. The proposed change in SEC. 74.5 and the new SEC. 74.5a will result in bringing all insurance related items together in our Constitution and will codify the Insurance Directive of 2016 with which Maine Lodges and building associations are now in conformance. It also clarifies the need for third party insurance for parties that lease or rent Masonic-based facilities.

#3 SEC. 2.1 Officers and Members of Grand Lodge. This section includes all elected and appointed officers. It also includes a list of "Other Members" which now includes Very Worshipful – District Education Representatives; Worshipful – Masters of the several chartered constituent lodges; Brother – Wardens of the several chartered constituent lodges. To this list would be added by this amendment: Brother – Members of the Committee of Finance.

#4 As proposed it will be additional language to SEC. 36.6 On Amendments to the Constitution and would read as follows: "It shall be the Committee's duty to 1. Examine all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Standing Regulations in an impartial manner, without regard to personal opinion as to their bearing or merit. (This does not preclude a member from speaking, apart from the committee and report, on any amendment in his own right as a voting member.) 2. Examine all proposed amendments to ensure that they do not conflict with any other portion of the Masonic Code. 3. Ensure that any proposed amendment is clear and concise, without any ambiguous wording that would knowingly render the amendment itself, or any existing provisions of our Masonic Code, open to differing opinions. 4. Determine if the Constitutional amendment being offered addresses the correct section and/or subsection. 5. Stand ready to assist any brother in drafting new legislation."

#5 Proposed amendment to SEC. 35 which would strike SEC. 35.5 from our Constitution. 35.5 Committee members, who are not otherwise voting members of Grand Lodge, shall have the same status as other officers of Grand Lodge, while serving on the committee.

#6 Amend that portion of SEC. 7.1 which currently sets the hour for annual Grand Lodge elections at 3:00 p.m. Brother Rustin's proposal would change the voting hour for future Grand Lodge elections to 1 p.m. By virtue of this proposal, SEC. 7.1 would read: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Communication; as shall vacancies incurring or occurring on the Committee of Finance; and Board of Trustees of the Masonic Charitable Foundation. Ballots shall be printed, or electronic voting opportunities prepared, by the Grand Lodge for all who have made their candidacy for the above positions known in writing to the Grand Secretary previous to the election but not later than March 15th. The election shall commence at 1 p.m., and a majority of the votes collected shall be necessary for a choice. If a majority is not obtained for any office, a further ballot shall be collected as soon as convenient, the election taking priority over all other matters.

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Have we been here before?

While looking back at our Lodge history didn't give me any specific answers, it did provide some interesting perspective on modern Masonry's membership issue.

Here are some random facts:

- In 1891, there were no new members, one meeting couldn't be held due to a lack of Brothers, and several others were delayed while they searched out enough Brothers required to open a lodge
- In 1907, 57 applications were received, with 21 being rejected
- Between 1929 and 1939, membership declined almost 25%

We clearly have had some tough years (even excluding the two times in the 1800's that the Lodge shut down). What is interesting to me is the turnaround that occurred in the short span of 15 years, 1891 through 1906. I wish there was more information about the circumstances of those years.

The improvements seemed to be slow and steady until 1907 when a period of large spikes in membership began – up to 72 applications per year. This was the same year that we moved into our current space of the newly built bank building. Was our newfound popularity the result of all the ceremonies and publicity?

During the early 20th century, it wasn't uncommon for half of all applications to be rejected. It's impossible to know why, but fun to speculate.

Freemasonry also required a more significant financial obligation during this time period than it does today. The fees for degrees were \$40, at a time when the annual dues were \$3. Forty dollars was a lot of money – and at 13x the annual dues, it would be the same as our degrees costing \$975 today.

And yet, we regularly received 30-50 applications annually - until the Great Depression hit.

My only firm conclusion in all this is that Wor. James Pate is just halfway to his goal of being the longest serving Treasurer. Bro. Fred Lord served 31 years from 1911-1941.

From The South,
Bro. Steven Joyce



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Bike for Books 2019



Master's Message for June

Worshipful Andrew Nightingale

Greetings from the East,

As usual, spring is always a busy time of year and this year is no different. We have many exciting things going on with the Lodge right now. The membership committee is working hard under its new leadership with Bro Craig LaBreck taking over the chairman duties from Bro Steve Joyce. I just want to take a moment to thank Steve for his calm demeanor and tireless work ethic in his time as the chairman of the committee. The membership committee has benefited greatly from your hard work and you have moved the Lodge in a positive direction. Steve is still on the committee and continues being the lead on the golf tournament planning and I look forward to his ascension toward the East. I also want to thank Bro LaBreck for stepping up to the challenge and taking the reins of this very important part of the Lodge. I can already tell that he is excited to take on the challenge and to continue to build on the foundation that those before him have put in place. I encourage any of you who want to be more involved to reach out to the membership committee to see what you can do to help. I promise that you will not be expected to do everything, but I do guarantee that you will have fun.

One of the other exciting things that happens this time of the year is the Bikes for Books program. I know that I talk about it a lot, but it is easily our biggest community outreach program and I feel that it is an important part of our Lodge being a respected and well-known organization in the city of Saco. The smiles that we get from the children and the gratitude from the parents, teachers and administrators for bringing this program into the schools is

tremendous. I cannot even begin to tell you how many times we've been told "Thank you" or "What a great program!" or "This is our favorite school day of the year!". Though the accolades are fantastic and appreciated, the real reason we do it is to promote literacy and getting the children outside. There are so many stories from teachers about how some of their students never want to read, but they read more books during the BFB program than they do for the rest of the year because they are so excited to try to win a bike. That is the reason that we do this. To motivate a kid to read books is a gift that cannot be measured. Another aspect of this program that is unintended but gives me great hope for the future is the selflessness of many of the students. When we are announcing the winners at the assemblies, there is so much positivity and joy from all the students, even the ones who don't win a bike. I am always amazed by how many students I see around town who are so enthusiastic to tell me how their friend or classmate won a bike. This year we had two students at the Burns School decide to give their bikes away to other students who they thought should have them. Those are the kind of children who give me great hope for the future and make me proud to be a part of this. I want to thank everybody who helped with the program and encourage any of you who want to be involved to reach out and let us know.

Faternally,

Andrew Nightingale



RW Jeremiah Hill, PM Saco Lodge

The grave of our first master, RW Jeremiah Hill, is located in Woodlawn Cemetery, in Biddeford near the entrance by the Burger King.

RW Jeremiah Hill was Master at Saco Lodge during the years 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1809 and 1810.

Brother Jeremiah Hill served in Col. Edmund Phinney's 18th Continental Regiment in 1776. He served as Captain in the Fourth Company. He took part in the Battle of Saratoga. While recovering from smallpox in Boston, he was raised a master mason in St. Andrews Lodge in Boston on July 11, 1776. This lodge has as members such brethren as Paul Revere and John Hancock. After recovering, he moved back to the area, eventually moving to a home on Pierson Lane, in what is now Biddeford. He was one of the few townsfolk who had a college education, a Masters of Art from Harvard.

Jeremiah was the first Federal Collector of Customs for the District of Saco from 1789 to 1804, Town Clerk of Biddeford from 1780 to 1788, Representative in the Legislature in 1809, 1811, 1812 and 1813, and afterwards was one of the Justices of the Court of Sessions for this county before separation from Massachusetts. One unusual event happened to him in 1793, when his uncle, a deacon at the Pool Road Church formally charged him of heresy. The trial ended with him being exonerated.

Bro. Jeremiah Hill was one of the original signers of the petition requesting a lodge be formed in Pepperellboro (Saco). The charter was granted on June 14, 1802. At the first business meeting, RW Bro. Jeremiah was elected to serve as Saco Lodge's first Master and ended up serving seven times.

Twice while Master, he served as a Grand Lodge of Massachusetts representative for the Constitution of new lodges in what would become Maine, Oriental Lodge in Bridgton on 10/17/1804 and Cumberland Lodge in New Gloucester on 09/24/1805.

On October 3, 1805, Jeremiah Hill who had served as Master from the beginning of the lodge made an exceptionally fine speech in which he stated that he did not wish to continue as Master after that year. The speech is an excellent example of the Masonic thought and is interesting in regard to the thinking within the Fraternity at that time and how it has not changed all that much over the years. However, the lodge disregarded his desires and elected him again in 1806. Saco Lodge's first Past Master's jewel was given to R. W. Master, Jeremiah Hill at the expiration of his services on December 11, 1806.

He would later serve as Master for two more terms in 1809 and 1810.

On June 13, 1820, the lodge attended the funeral of Brother Jeremiah Hill, who died on June 11, 1820 at the age of 73.

Fraternally,
Carl Marsano, Secretary

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

Additional Dates to Remember

June 5th – Stated Meeting, last one before summer break


June 25th – Masters & Wardens at Saco Lodge – 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting

Annual Picnic – July 13th, Located at Wor. Justin Galipeau's home.

September 4th – Stated Meeting

September 21st – 3rd Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for Bikes for Books

October 2nd – Stated Meeting



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From the West:

Brethren,

As we enter the year 2020 we are about to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Saco lodge Masonry as part of the State of Maine, Prior to March 15th in the year 1820 Maine was not a state and we were under the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and part of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. I am currently working on forming a committee to discuss what we should do to celebrate and acknowledge this anniversary. If anyone has wants to be involved with the committee or has some ideas they would like to present please let me know, we are open to all ideas and thoughts as we are just getting the ball rolling on this. Below is a little excerpt from the Saco No. 9 history 1802-1952 that describes the timeline of this important event.

"In the early part of 1820 Maine was set off from Massachusetts and became a state, and about that same time there was much agitation relative to separating the lodges in Maine from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and forming a Grand Lodge in Maine. In this connection, the Maine lodges met in Portland on September 29 1819 to discuss the matter and our delegates were Brothers, (George) Thatcher, (Daniel) Granger, and (Josiah) Calif, and on June 1st 1820 the Grand Lodge of Maine was organized. Saco Lodge accepted the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Maine December 27th 1890."

Clear in the West
Steve Polley
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Entered Apprentice

Candidates to Masonry receive one their most distinguished possessions almost immediately after becoming a Brother – the white leather apron. During the presentation, the Master speaks of the Roman Eagle, Golden Fleece, Star, and Garter to impress on the candidate the apron's significance.

What are they?

- The Order of the Golden Fleece, founded in 1429, was an Order of Knighthood. At that time, wool was a valuable staple of the country.
- The Roman Eagle was Rome's ensign of power before Christ.
- The Order of the Star, founded in France, and the Order of the Garter, founded in England, were both established in the 14th century.

One of the disadvantages to being in such an ancient institution is that there is sometimes conflicting information about certain symbols and rituals.

Some teachings state that the apron is a badge of a Mason because our ancestors wore aprons (in different configurations, depending on their responsibility) to protect their clothing from the rough contact of building material.

Other teachings explain how the symbolic wearing of aprons goes much further back in history across many civilizations.

Either way, it still carries a lot of significance to Masons. The most memorable moment at a Masonic funeral, is when that apron is placed upon the casket, to be forever buried with our lifeless remains.

From the South,
Bro. Steven Joyce

EA Definition of the Month:

Arts, Parts and Points of the Mysteries of Freemasonry – “arts” means the knowledge or things made known, “parts” refers to the degrees into which Masonry is divided, and “points” means the rules and usages.



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Master's Message for September *Worshipful Andrew Nightingale*

Greetings from the East,

It seems like summer just started and now it is coming to an end. The kids and grandchildren are getting ready to head back to school, days are starting to get shorter and Saco Lodge is coming out of its summer slumber. I sincerely hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. I know that mine was busy, but I am excited to get back into the swing of things at the Lodge and get the second half of my year in the East off and running.

We have a lot on our plate in the coming months, including our stated meeting, the 3rd Annual Golf Tournament whose proceeds go to benefit Bikes for Books on the 21st and we will also be having a degree at the end of the month.

There is also an opportunity to see something unique and different this month as well. Illumination Lodge #5 from Illinois will be performing a Master Mason degree at Triangle Lodge in Portland at 3PM on Sept 21st. This is my brother-in-law's Lodge in Bloomingdale, Illinois. Every year they travel to a new location to perform a MM degree. They have gone to New Orleans, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Las Vegas, Chicago and Boston to name a few and this year they chose Portland, Maine as their destination. I have had the pleasure of seeing them do a couple of their degrees and they really do a great job. I highly encourage any of you who want to see something a little different than the regular degree to make the journey to Portland to check it out.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Stated Meeting on the 4th!

Wor. Andy Nightingale

Earlier this month I received a 5 Year Medal from the Secretary of King Hiram Lodge in Dixfield, ME. The medal belonged to Bro. Clinton G. Milliken, who was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Saco Lodge in January of 1923 and died in August of 1975. I asked Wor. Greg Milliken if he knew of him, he thought that he might be a cousin of his. Grand Lodge records are not much help, seemed Bro. Milliken wasn't active as an officer. If anyone of you know who he was, and how his medal ended up in Dixfield, let me know.

Name <u>Milliken, Clinton Gould</u>		
Lodge No. <u>Saco 9</u>		
Initiated <u>1-8-1923</u>	Dismissed	Official Record
Passed <u>1-22-1923</u>	Suspended }	
Raised <u>1-29-1923</u>	N. P. D. }	
Affiliated	Deprived }	
	N. P. D. }	
	Suspended }	
	U. M. C. }	
Reinstated	Expelled	
Restored	Died <u>8-14-1975, Dixfield, Me.</u>	
Remarks <u>Age 23</u>		

This got me to thinking, often time a family doesn't know what to do with Masonic memorabilia when a loved one passes. Saco Lodge will accept these items, often displaying them in one of our cases. We have a 50 Year medal display in the dining room. It brings great satisfaction, to see a family member recognize the item, especially when it is a candidate whose grandfather or great grandfather's medal is on display.

So far over the past 15 or so years that I have been Secretary, we have received Masonic Bibles, 50 Year Medals, Masonic Pins, and Aprons (although from the Apron Charge..."and at your death be deposited upon the coffin which shall enclose your lifeless remains, and with them laid beneath the clods of the valley."). As long as we can, we will keep them in the archives of the lodge.

Fraternally,

Carl Marsano, Secretary



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November 6th – Stated Meeting – Hunting Attire Night

From the West:

Brethren,

While searching for Trestleboard ideas I found this article about a Son asking his Mother about his Freemason Father. I thought this explains a lot of who we should strive to be as Masons. The original article was Authored by Bro. Robert C, Hoover Sr.

Mother, please do explain to me, with clarity, what is a Freemason?

What care does give you in that, my son?

My father is a Freemason and fair that I know!

The mother, with great tenderness and affection with her hands stroking her son's hair, made him sit down by her side and she began to narrate the true description of the freemason in her husband.

"Freemason, my dear son, is a well-educated man, a man of good conduct, who doesn't allow any bad passion to vibrate in his heart, which doesn't entertain even the least trace of any injustice or cruelty, but always seeks the truth and is a shining example of good conduct and honesty. In any case, he acts with fairness.

He considers the home, a Temple and discharges his duties to his home. He is a specialist, who doesn't get tired of learning. He respects all opinions and is against to all oppressions, but humbly extends a helping, hand to the needy. practicing the noble virtue of charity.

He hates the evil and is always ready to run to defend the virtuous and the oppressed. He helps the old ones and gives piece of advice to the youths. He forgives every offense.

He always strives to acquire perfection, with the full knowledge that nobody is without defects."

In any way, my son, I believe that I have defined the personality of a Freemason, because, I drew you your father's picture.

*The boy, kissing his mother gratefully, whispered in her ear: **MOTHER! I AM PROUD OF MY FATHER !***

Looking Forward to seeing everyone at the September Stated Meeting

Clear in the West

Steve Polley

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Brethren,

At the September Stated meeting, we will welcome Nate Tripp from Haley's Metal in Biddeford. This is a local company with a long history of quality work.

I asked him to join us because of their work with heat pumps and geothermal projects. Nate will give a short presentation, beginning at about 7:10pm, on how these things work and the benefits for homeowners and businesses.

For those that missed the June Stated Meeting, we had a short and entertaining presentation from Barreled Souls Brewing Company from Saco. Chris (one of the owners) spoke about their new brewery expansion, how they purchase their wooden barrels (for the aging process) from liquor companies, and other aspects of their brewing processes.

Since there was good feedback, additional presentations will be scheduled whenever possible. If they are on a non-Masonic topic, the presentations will generally run from 7:15pm to 7:30pm, so as not to delay our meetings too much.

If you have any recommendations on future presentations, please contact me.

Fraternally,

Bro. Steven Joyce

2009 District Table Lodge



Master's Message for October
Worshipful Andrew Nightingale

Greetings from the East,

This past weekend was a bittersweet one for myself and the Lodge. Our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament had to be postponed until a later date. While many of us were greatly looking forward to this very fun event, the golf committee (including myself) decided that the best course of action would be to delay the tournament so that we could get better participation and maximize our fundraising efforts. We will be having a meeting soon to discuss our options and would love to have any help/input that any of you may want to contribute. Please feel free to contact me or Brother Steve Joyce if you would like to help out.

On the more positive side, for those who could make it, we were treated to a rare event in Masonry at the Portland Masonic Temple this past Saturday. Illumination Lodge #5 from Bloomingdale, Illinois performed a Master Mason Degree for approximately 50 brethren and amazed us all. It is not very often that we get to see how other states do their ritual work, even rarer to have done in your own state. The brothers of Illumination #5 stepped up to the plate and performed spectacularly. Their use of costumes and dialogue really added to the experience.

However, as great as the degree was, the best part of the whole thing was the camaraderie and brotherly love that came out of the event. Many of the local brethren and our guests were able to build new relationships and make connections after the degree while we had dinner in the Old Port. It was truly an awesome weekend and one that I will not soon forget.

Fraternally,
Andy Nightingale

Brethren,

Table Lodge

For those of you younger Masons, both in age and experience, the cover photo is a collage from the District Table Lodge in 2009. With us once again hosting the District Table Lodge Honoring the Mason of the Year and raising money for the Master's and Warden's Scholarship, it is a good time to look back on its founding.

Back in 2006, at the May Masters and Wardens meeting in Orchard Lodge, a lengthy discussion (when aren't they lengthy!) came up on how to fund the Wor. Rene Goupil Scholarship. This scholarship rotates from one high school to the next within the 18th District.

One dollar from each brother from the suppers was used to help fund the scholarship, but total receipts for the year was less than \$300.00. Even with Grand Lodge matching, the scholarship was on rough ground.

RW Joel Tripp suggested that a Table Lodge be used to raise money for this fund. He and I had just attended the "Mighty" 11th District Table Lodge. An event that raised considerable money for their M&W association. So, from this simple suggestion the first Table lodge was hosted at Greenleaf Lodge later that year. Saco Lodge would alternate with Greenleaf Lodge, as they were the only two lodges in the district with large enough dining rooms and parking. The scholarship now pays two scholarships instead of just one, each for \$1,000.

This year's Table Lodge will be hosted by Saco Lodge on October 19th. Please come and support the scholarship and as the Master has said in his message, enjoy the camaraderie of being with brethren. If you desire and are able, Saco Lodge can always use the help in the kitchen.

A bit on who the scholarship is named for.

All too often we forget those who have gone before us, not from neglect but because the history is not passed down from generation to generation. Most of us newer members never knew him, including me.

Wor. Rene Goupil was Raised in Buxton Lodge on November 17, 1980. He rose through the officer ranks to become Master of Buxton Lodge in 1986. He was well liked and well known throughout the 18th District. At the time of his death on January 24, 1990, he was a State Police Lieutenant and Commander of the Maine State Police Academy. He died while doing his daily run from a heart attack. He was only 43.

Now back to Secretarial duties...

Dues cards for 2020 have been received, and bills will be going out in late November to the membership. Many thanks to all of you who have paid up including back dues aka arrears. This has been a good year, where we have collected nearly \$7,200 total in dues and \$1,300 in arrears. We are an active lodge and can only be active with your support.

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In the Q&A section of the Bible that Saco Lodge gives to all newly raised Master Masons, it states that Dr. Joseph Warren was the first Mason to lay down his life for the cause of American independence.

Although his name is rarely mentioned in modern historical accounts, at the time he was highly regarded and influential in the growing revolution.

As the youngest doctor in Boston, his patients included John Adams, Sam Adams, John Hancock, and even British General Thomas Gage and wife Margaret. Rumor has it that he had an affair with Margaret Gage, who informed him about the upcoming British plan to raid Concord. Consequently, it was Dr. Warren who had Paul Revere spread the alarm on April 19, 1775.

Bro. Warren was Master of the Masonic Lodge of St. Andrew and his Secretary was Bro. Paul Revere.

As written by the New England Historical Society:

“On the day of the [Battles of Lexington and Concord](#), he sneaked out of Boston and led militia in harassing the British returning to the city. He then returned to Boston, where he organized soldiers for the siege of Boston and negotiated with Gage.

On June 13, colonial leaders learned the British planned to send troops to take the unoccupied hills surrounding the besieged city. That night, 1,200 colonial troops stealthily occupied [Bunker Hill and Breed's Hill](#) and built an earthworks.

Warren had been commissioned a major general in the Massachusetts militia, but insisted on fighting as a private in the thick of the fighting. He asked [Gen. Israel Putnam](#) where the heaviest fighting would be.

During the battle he fought behind the earthworks until the patriots' ammunition was exhausted. He stayed there to give the militia time to escape while the British made their final assault. A British officer recognized him and shot him in the head. He died instantly, six days after his 34th birthday.”

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The Trestleboard

2019 November



Hunting Attire Night



Master's Message for November *Worshipful Andrew Nightingale*

Greetings from The East,

Fall is upon us, and it has been a glorious one so far. The weather has been pleasant and the foliage this year has been better than I've seen in quite a while. Also with Fall comes the time to start winterizing our houses and preparing for the long Winter. This is a great time to check in on our older Brethren, family and friends and to make sure that they are set for cold weather and offer to assist them with their preparations. Also, if you are in need of some assistance, do not hesitate to reach out to the Lodge for help. We are all in this together.

Also, don't forget that the November Stated Meeting is our annual Hunter's Attire night, so come in your best hunter orange or hunting camp attire. November is also the apex of the political season which can always be a contentious time. Please remember that as Masons we have to hold ourselves and our Brothers to a higher standard. It does

not matter which side of the aisle that you support, politics is not a reason to insult or degrade someone else because they see things differently from you. Instead, demonstrate why you support the candidate or issue and show civility and patience with someone who disagrees with you. When we post things on social media or have discussions in public and people know that you are Mason, you represent the Brotherhood as a whole and all of those who came before us as well. There is a reason why politics and religion are not supposed to be discussed in Lodge. They are subjects that people feel passionate about and our emotions sometimes get the better of us all.

Just remember: Be Kind. Be Patient. Be Masons. We are all Brothers and regardless of any issue, we should always have each other's Brotherly Love and Friendship as you all have mine.

Fraternally,
Andy Nightingale

The Trestleboard

Brethren,

In keeping with the Masters Message...reprint from last year.

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.

Now back to Secretarial duties...

Dues cards for 2020 have been received, and you will notice that they are plastic. No more paper cards that can fray or end up in the wash. These cards will be permanent, and you will receive a sticker for future years to show that you are up to date.

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November 6th – Stated Meeting – Hunting Attire Night

November 21st – FC Degree

November 26th – 18th District Meeting – Freedom Lodge, Limerick

November 30th – Bell Ringing at Biddeford Walmart – 9:00 am

December 4th – Stated Meeting – Lobster Stew Night and Awards

December 7th – Festival of Lights Parade

December 13th – Decorate Lodge Hall for Table Lodge

December 14th – 17th Annual Table Lodge - Ladies at the Table 6:30 pm

January 1st – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers



Are some people really better at memorizing than others? I have my doubts.

While trying to memorize various rituals, do you ever wonder how the history of Masonry and all of our rituals have been passed down over the centuries when most couldn't read or write? The same with the books in the Bible – since many of the New Testament books were written decades after the death of Jesus Christ?

One very reasonable explanation states that many ancient people, regardless of education, were very skilled at conveying information verbally with great accuracy. There was an oral culture, where people would routinely memorize large chunks of information.

Sometimes it seems that today's technology has turbocharged the deterioration of these verbal communication skills. I've heard arguments on how technology has rendered memorization a relic of the past, but there are still 2 big advantages to memorization – it enables you to know the subject matter far better and no one can ever take it away from you.

Interestingly enough, our ancient friend and brother, the great Pythagoras, inventor of the 47th problem of Euclid, had developed a method of keeping his memory sharp. Referred to as the Pythagorean Memory Technique, it involves recalling everything that has happened that day in as much detail as possible. Apparently, he did this everyday for about 30 minutes.

Abraham Lincoln is said to have memorized multiple versions of the play Macbeth.

The simplest solutions to a problem are usually the best. In the case of Masonic rituals, the answer is sheer repetition. It's the way we all learned the Pledge of Allegiance or the Lord's Prayer as children. And it is how most of us learned our multiplication tables in grade school.

It's a timeless method and all it takes is a little time.

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Awards Night



Master's Message for December *Worshipful Andrew Nightingale*

Greetings from the East,

The leaves have finally fallen and the days have grown shorter, but we are coming into one of the most festive seasons of the year. We have so many great events happening with Saco Lodge this month. We will be leading the charge as always with the bell ringing for the District at Walmart on Nov 30th. This is actually one of my favorite events of the year. It is a great way to spend some time with your brethren while helping to raise money for the Salvation Army. After that we have the Festival of Lights parade on Dec 7th which is easily one of the most exciting parades of the year. Last year there were over 90 units in the parade and downtown Saco was absolutely packed with people. And on the following weekend we have our annual Ladies at the Table dinner where we get to celebrate the women of our lives and have some fun in the process.

As you can see, we have a lot of events happening with the Lodge this month and I hope to see you at them. I

have noticed through my time in Masonry that many of the Brothers in our Lodge are always willing to lend a helping hand for our events throughout the year and that is always appreciated. However, my attention has also seen that there is no small amount of time and effort donated by our Brethren to endeavors outside of Masonry. Whether it be volunteering at your childrens school, leading a Boy Scout Troop, helping out with church groups or any other community events, Masons are there. It doesn't matter if the people you are helping know that you are a Mason or not, we don't do it for glory or accolades. We do it because we want to help, plain and simple. And so, to all of you who donate your time and energy - Great Job! You are to be celebrated in this season of giving. You are what makes this fraternity so great and example for others to follow.

I wish each of you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Fraternally,
Andy Nightingale

50 Year Members with Raised Date

Benjamin L. Smith	6/2/1948
James N. Duffus	4/25/1950
Donald E. Hill	5/16/1950
William H. Kimball Jr	11/15/1950
Arthur P. Prentiss Jr	4/5/1951
David G. Kennedy	3/27/1956
Forrest E. Tripp	4/24/1956
John H. Burnham	5/6/1959
Terrance B. Tripp	5/6/1959
Robert H. Hooper	6/3/1959
Richard E. Clark	4/26/1960
Richard H. Emery Sr	6/9/1960
William E. Gilpatric	12/7/1960
Richard H. Grant	4/17/1962
Robert D. Pate	2/27/1964
Albert F. Eunson	10/7/1964
Raymond A. Coffin	6/6/1965
Robert S. Spulick	10/6/1965
James Macos	3/20/1967
David C. Smart	3/30/1967
Ormand W. Bedell	10/24/1967
Thomas S. Goulding	2/14/1969
Bernie Gaines	7/19/1969
James M. Armstrong	8/6/1969
Curtis L. Scamman	11/25/1969

45 Year + Members

Joseph H. Fogg	4/21/1970
Stephen Cappers	4/28/1970
Steven L. Ellis	5/26/1970
John W. Tarbox	5/26/1970
Ralph F. Rumery	12/2/1970
John R. Knox	4/25/1972
Michael R. Jordan	11/28/1972
Robert A. Weiss	11/28/1972
Clifford E. Howard	2/20/1973
James E. Curtis	5/2/1974
Gregory M. Milliken	10/22/1974
Richard E. Tripp	12/10/1974

40 to 45 year members

Norman E. Waycott Sr	4/22/1975
Timothy Victor	11/18/1975
Richard E. Maynard	6/2/1976
Nicholas A. Fondak	9/20/1977
Richard R. Galipeau	10/20/1977
Jesse C. Philbrick Sr	10/16/1979
Frank L. Apicella	11/27/1979

Secretary's Message,

My apologies for the lateness of the Trestleboard, dues, work & the Thanksgiving Holiday snuck up on me.

Dues notices have been sent out before this Trestleboard; this is a busy time of year for the lodge with yearend reports and dues going out. The cost will once again be \$75.00 this year.

Thank you to those who are paid up in full. If you have paid in full for 2019, you will find your dues card in this envelope.

At the December Meeting, we will be handing out membership pins to be made in 5-year increments. Saco Lodge is planning to present these pins to those who would like one and qualify for one at the December Stated aka Lobster Stew Night.

Green – Service Star

Red – 50 Year Medal Winner

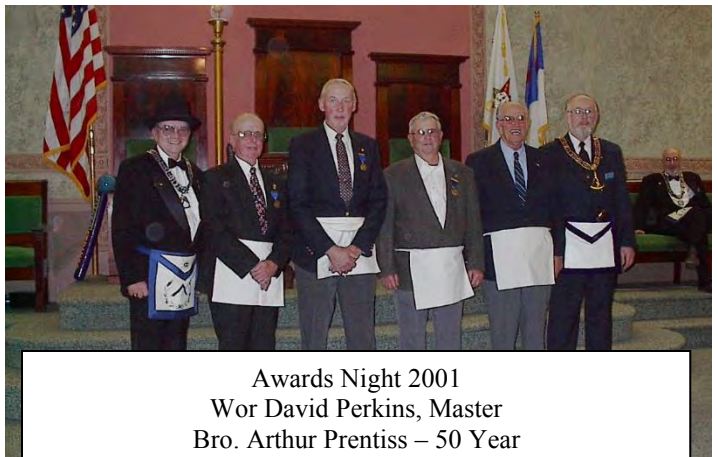
Fuschia – 45 Year Pin

Aqua – 40 Year Pin

I will have the list with Raise dates on it to check if you are eligible for a pin, starting as a 5 year member.

Fraternally,

Carl Marsano, Secretary



Awards Night 2001
 Wor David Perkins, Master
 Bro. Arthur Prentiss – 50 Year
 Wor Ronald Tripp – 50 Year
 Bro. Reed Rumery – 50 Year
 MW John Anagnostis, Grand Secretary
 RW Chester Chapman, DDGM

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December 14th – 17th Annual Table Lodge - Ladies at the Table 6:30 pm

January 1st – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

17th Annual Table Lodge – Ladies at the Lodge

Please join us on Saturday, December 14th at 6:30pm. This year we will be feasting on a variety of dishes – Italian, seafood, beef and pork. Unlike previous years, there is no main theme to all of the dishes, so hopefully there will be something to enjoy for all of you food connoisseurs.

The man at the head table will be our 2019 Mason of the Year Bro. Sheldon Nightingale. For those of you that wish to roast Brother Nightingale rather than honor him, I'm sure you can be accommodated.

Each year, the Lodge purchases personalized canons for the honorees. Shunning the overt publicity and wishing to minimize lodge expenses, Brother Nightingale thought the evening would be just as enjoyable using our generic canons. The Lodge checkbook extends its thanks to Sheldon.

As with most events, it takes a lot of people to make them run. I am still in need of additional kitchen help.

Please contact me at smjoyce@ghi.net or 205-0379 if you need tickets or wish to volunteer.

A Few Irrelevant “Loge de Table” Facts

It seems that many of the rules and traditions for Table Lodges originated from our French brothers. They then migrated to England and finally to the United States. Technically, our December 14th event is not a “Table Lodge” since “profanes” will be present.

The custom of drinking toasts, or healths, is very old and can be traced to the Greeks and Romans. The modern phrase of drinking to “one's health” evolved from this old-world term.

Healths (in particular, Masonic related) became so important, that books of them were printed for lodges to use. Here is one that was very popular a long time ago:

“To him that all things understood,
To him that found the stone and wood,
To him that hapless lost his blood,
In doing of his duty,
To that blest age and that blest morn,
Whereon those three great men were born,
Our noble science to adorn,
With Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty.”

Fraternally,
Bro. Steven Joyce

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Can anyone guess where this picture took place?
From right to left:
Wor. Dick Duross,
Wor. David Perkins and
RW Dick Clark bell ringing.

Brethren,

As we quickly approach 2020 and our December stated meeting, I find myself busy with preparations for installation of officers for next year as well as planning the year as potential Master of Saco Lodge. At first glance it feels too early to begin preparation as I may not be voted in by the brethren of the lodge and serve as master, but if I am voted in I want to make sure that as much as possible all I's are dotted and T's crossed to help ensure a seamless and positive year as we have experienced in past years. If anyone has any ideas, questions, or concerns about anything please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to address them.

2020 is also a special year for Masonry as we celebrate 200 years of Masonry in Maine, we are hoping to hold a special event or degree as well as create a commemorative item to celebrate this long standing presence in the state of Maine.

Looking Forward to seeing everyone at the December Stated Meeting

Clear in the West

Steve Polley
Senior Warden



The Trestleboard

Happy New Year!



Year in Review



Master's Message for the Year *Worshipful Andrew Nightingale*

Greetings from the East,

Please come the Annual Meeting for my Year end Report and Election of Officers.

Fraternally,
Andy Nightingale

Secretary's Message,

Dues notices are coming in well. Those of you who haven't paid yet, please do. There are several major bills that require payment including rent and Grand Lodge Assessment.

A summary of my annual report is below.

Fraternally,

Carl Marsano, Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Saco Lodge No. 9:

There have been held during the past year 14 communications of the lodge:

Regular	10
Special for work	3
For funerals	1

The membership of the lodge at the last Annual Communication was 180

GAINS

During the year there have been:

Initiated	1
Passed	1

(Not to be included in total gains)

Raised	2
Reinstated	1
Affiliated	

Total Gains 3

LOSSES

During the year there have been:

Demitted	2
Suspended NPD	1
Suspended UMC	0
Died	2
Total Losses	5

Total Net Gain (Loss) (2)

Present Membership 178



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 2019

Bro. Alfred William Kany, Jr.

Initiated February 17, 1953, Passed March 3, 1953, Raised May 15, 1953,

Died August 4, 2019

Bro. David L. Tripp,

Raised July 15, 1972, Affiliated Saco Lodge February 4, 1975,

Died April 5, 2019.

**Brethren, don't forget our Stated Meetings 1st Wednesday of the month
6:30 Supper, 7:30 Meeting unless noted**

January 1st – Stated Meeting – Annual Meeting & Election Of Officers

January 12th – Installation of Officers, 1:00 PM Prompt Start, Refreshments afterwards

January 21st – EA School of Instruction – 7:00 PM Start no Dinner

January 25th – District Table Lodge

February 5th – Stated Meeting, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting – Come & Support new officers

Annual Meeting Agenda

- Suspension of the Stated Meeting
- Opening of the Annual Meeting
- Reading of Reports
 - o Secretary
 - o Treasurer
 - o Finance Committee
 - o Master
- Election of Officers
 - o Master
 - o Senior Warden
 - o Junior Warden
 - o Treasurer
 - o Secretary
 - o Finance Committee
 - o Building Committee
- Closing of Annual Meeting
- Reopen Stated Meeting



Brethren,

We are nearing the start of a new year and upcoming installation of a new suite of officers for 2020. If voted in as master for the new year, I am planning an installation on January 12th at 1:00 PM at Saco lodge with a reception at the Run of the Mill in Saco immediately following the installation.

This year coming, I am planning on a few interesting presentations and hopefully some distinguished visitors to assist in performing a Master Mason degree. It looks like it is already starting off to be a busy year before we even begin. January 21st at 7pm we are hosting a school of instruction on the EA Degree presented by our own Worshipful Dave Perkins. January 25th is slated for the District table lodge (more info to follow).

We have 2 candidates in the queue and 3 more applications to be processed.

Looking forward to the year 2020 and all that it brings.

Clear in the West
Steve Polley, Senior Warden

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200th Anniversary Coin

May 10, 2019

Be sure to get your 200th Anniversary Coin celebrating a major milestone for Freemasonry in the State of Maine. They're a great collector's item to have at your home or office. They've also been used as a gift of appreciation to a Brother and a warm way to welcome to a candidate into your lodge. Call the Grand Lodge office at 207-843-1086 to get yours today.

**Own Your Own 200th Anniversary Challenge Coin...
...or Gift One to a Favorite Brother**



These handsome commemorative coins feature the Grand Lodge Seal on the face (or the reverse, the Square and Compasses) with the letter "G". The perimeter message reads:
"Maine Freemasonry Enriching Lives 1622-2022"
A-Sol Coin measures 1.5"



To receive your Challenge Coin, please send your request to the Grand Lodge of Maine, PO Box 435, Houlton, ME 04430.

Please send _____ Maine Masonic Challenge Coin(s):

Name _____ Address _____

Enclosed is my check for \$: _____ (\$14.25 per coin, includes tax and postage)

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