

On Saturday September 29th, Saco Lodge together with Saco Biddeford Savings Institution celebrated the Saco Masonic Building's 100th Anniversary. Present were MW Gerald Leighton, Grand Master of Masons in Maine, Kevin Savage, President of Saco Biddeford Savings Institution (whose Father & Grandfather were Masons and PM's of Saco Lodge), Mark Johnston, Mayor of Saco, Wor. Jeffrey Robinson present Master of Saco Lodge, and over 120 brothers, family and friends. The gather started at the Amtrak station at the site of the previous lodge hall, then known as Calef Hall.



Kevin Savage, foreground along with Masonic friends and family

Prior to the start, the colors were presented by St. Armande Commandery, while Bro. Donald Lauzier played the Star Spangled Banner on his trumpet.



Following the presentation of colors was the invocation given by RW Joel Tripp, present Chaplain of Saco Lodge and the playing of Amazing Grace by the Kora Highlanders



Mark Johnston, Mayor of Saco reading the proclamation that this day was Saco Masonic Hall Day



The Masonic Family and Friends Band dressed in period clothing entertained the crowd with music from 100 years ago.

Bro. Bill Kany, past President of Saco Biddeford Savings Institution received his 50 year service medal from MW John Anagnostis



From Left to Right MW John Anagnostis, MW Gerald Leighton, Bro. Alfred W. (Bill) Kany and RW A. James Ross



From Left to Right MW John Anagnostis, Wor. Seth Dube, MW Gerald Leighton and Wor. Ralph Meserve

Wor. Seth Dube presented 75 year veteran Wor. Ralph Meserve a new white leather apron. Wor. Ralph's original apron was lost in a flood many years ago.

After the ceremony at the site of Calef Hall, a parade was organized, and processed to the Masonic Building for a cornerstone ceremony.



The Marshals for the Parade were Wor. Ralph Meserve and MW John Anagnostis.





Scenes from the parade



Kevin Savage, President and Jeffrey Robinson, Master of Saco Lodge unveil the corner stone



MW Gerald Leighton conducted a cornerstone ceremony while many brothers and interested parties watched.

The brethren then retired to the lodge hall for refreshments.





Jeffrey Robinson, Master read a proclamation from the Maine State House and Senate declaring this day to be Saco Masonic Building Day commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the building.



Later that evening a Gala was held in Portland, where over 100 brethren and others continued the celebration.

