

THE MAINE MASON

A bronze statue of George Washington in profile, facing left, set against a background of a stone wall and ornate gold-colored octagonal medallions.

**THE WASHINGTON TRIP
AND SO MANY OTHER
EXCITING EVENTS
AHEAD FOR
MAINE MASONS
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by George P. Pulkkinen

A Lot Is Happening

For certain, a lot has happened since the last issue of *The Maine Mason* reached you. And a lot is happening daily as the entire country grapples with effects of the terrible Covid-19 scourge.

All the news is not bleak, however. In fact Maine Masons' calendars for the next six months can be filled with exciting events, many of which you'll find notice of in the following pages.

We'll list some of them here and direct your attention to the appropriate pages for info.

If you ride, there's a **May 17 motorcycle run** leaving from Bentley's. (see page 19)

If golf is your game of choice, you can tee off at the **Biddeford-Saco Country Club** on May 19, thanks to Saco Lodge Masons. (see Page 29)

Then there's the exciting **Grand Lodge trip** to Washington DC and Alexandria, VA in early June. (see pages 14-15)

There's something for the Ladies, too, as the Scottish Rite-sponsored **Ladies Weekend** takes place June 19-20. (see page 39)

That same Saturday, June 20, the Anah Shrine **Summer Ceremonial** takes place in Belfast. (see page 26)

On July 25, Maine Masons will descend on Portland's Hadlock Field for a fun-filled **Sea Dogs game** complete with all the hot dogs you can eat. (see page 31)

And Saturday, Sept. 5, the famed **Oklahoma Indian Degree Team** will perform the Master Mason Degree at Kora Shrine in Lewiston. Another great event you won't want to miss! (see page 35)

As you see, there's something scheduled for virtually all of us to enjoy in the weeks and months ahead. So participate! Enjoy! And be well!

From the Grand East

Mark E. Rustin
Grand Master of Masons in Maine

TWICE

Twice you have honored me by choosing me to lead our great Fraternity in the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine. Twice I have knelt at the altar of Freemasonry and, with humility, affirmed the oath and obligation of Grand Master – solemnly promising to lead the Craft as a servant leader. In my view, in order to have such an honor bestowed upon you, you must honor those who have extended the privilege to you.

I have endeavored to fulfill my obligation to you by utilizing this Office to lift up the tenets, principles, and purposes of Freemasonry; to insure that we meet and work on the level as we live each day in continuity with the past and an eye to future horizons; to recognize that within the sweep of the compasses lies the fertile ground for Freemasonry to flourish; and working to avoid differences of opinion or personal piques and quarrels that cause us to no longer be guided by the square. In my pursuits as your servant leader I have come to appreciate many things.

First among equals is the ingenious design of Freemasonry which places the heart and soul of the Fraternity within the context of the Lodges. If Freemasonry is to be done, it will be done by the craftsman of our profession in their local Lodges. It is in the Lodges that men seeking to be better men are welcomed into the Fraternity. It is in the Lodges that Brotherly Love builds life-long relationships among Brothers as they share everyday challenges and victories together. It is in the Lodges that Deity inspired community leadership, morality, and ethical living are exemplified.

I have reaffirmed that the purpose of our profession is to provide leadership, understanding, and direction to our society as we encounter the challenges of a changing world. We accomplish this through our efforts to educate ourselves and others by the nature of how we live our lives. Our profession exists by Divine fiat to be that presence, voice, and example to the world. Harmony among us does not come from cleaving nostalgically to the past. Rather, harmony is found by providing the opportunity and example to ourselves and others. Harmony is found in the greatness and wholeness of creation which will increasingly be found as we recognize the value of all people who live therein. Greatness is found in our humble pursuit of those purposes.

I have been reaffirmed in my belief that a critical review

of our work provides the opportunity to learn from one another and grow stronger. Criticism of a person's motives or being is outside the boundaries of Masonic conduct. Sharing critical views and being open to reciprocal critical views makes us better men as we work together to accomplish our goals.

My tenure in your Office represents two percent of the Grand Master experience in the two-hundred-year history of Freemasonry in Maine. I have been blessed to know many of my predecessors, to come to understand the challenges they faced, and to recognize their efforts serving the Craft while residents of this Office. In my view, each has assiduously

worked to apply the principles of our profession to his role of leadership. Each has insured the continuity of our foundational understandings by applying them to the particularity of the challenges presented to them. From their experiences and mine, I believe we share the notion that, as with our operative forebears, there is no substitute for work in accomplishing our tasks as builders.

In a world of computers and artificial intelligence, we are drawn to the notion that labor is no longer necessary. We are tempted by the "siren songs" of "let someone else do it;" or "we'll do it for you;" or "we don't need to be involved." Our successful Lodges take responsibility for themselves. They decide when new members are needed and who they will be. They decide on the level of financial support each member should provide. They decide which activities and programs are right and proper for them to use to provide betterment and leadership in their communities.

It is the proper role for Grand Lodge to support them in their endeavors. Each Lodge is unique and should be recognized as such. When the Lodges are successful, they become stronger and far better servants of the communities of which they are a part. So long as we hold our tenants and principles up as a "lamp unto our feet" rather than a "millstone around our necks" Freemasonry will fulfill its purpose and destiny in any place and any time in the face of any challenge to the world we serve.

Thank you for choosing me to serve in your Office for the last two years. This time has been the pinnacle of my Masonic journey – a journey not yet complete. I look forward to walking the paths of Masonic service with you in the future. We are Master Masons. There is no higher path for men to follow. See you on the square.

Yours in service,

Mark



Thoughts from our Grand Secretary...

Some final thoughts...

Over the past few weeks I have considered what I would put to paper for this article as it is the last one I will write from the “wheelhouse” of the Grand Lodge. While I had several pathways in my head I decided to use this space one last time to once again talk about the lodges and the men who congregate there.

We are in the people business and we must always remember that one of our greatest priorities as Masons are our Brothers. Their health and well-being as well as their satisfaction with the experience of being a member of a lodge. We usually do a good job keeping our sick and distressed Brethren, their widows and orphans in our minds and providing relief when needed. I sometimes wonder if we as an organization are providing value for each and every one of our members.

While considering this recently, I had a picture in my mind of several Masons standing at the front door of a lodge waving their arms and talking about how great the Fraternity is and imploring men passing by to consider joining us. Meanwhile, all the way in the last room, way back in this metaphorical lodge is a group of men who joined 3,4,5 or more years ago. For whatever reason they feel they aren't relative, and it really doesn't matter whether they are there or not. They sit there and talk about the weather and the price of gas. Why aren't we collectively standing at that door in the last room back trying our best to engage those who we have already come to know a little bit and have already accepted them into our midst?

Please don't interpret this that I think we should stop waving our arms at the front door and talk about our Fraternity and the positive influence it can have in a man's life. We absolutely should be doing this. We should also be doing it just as forcefully at the far back door to engage those Brethren whom we already know as Brothers.

Some of those in that metaphorical lodge back room aren't interested in hearing it. They joined for a reason and it has not worked out for them and that's ok. They can sit there and talk about the weather and the price of gas. I would wager that more than a few would be pleased to know that what they say or think matters

and we are all in this together. We should invite them to be as engaged as we are and be at that front door, invested in their lodge and working as part of a group to make ourselves, our lodge and our community better than it was yesterday.

Most human beings have a need to be social. Gathering in small groups as is done in lodges, places of worship and other fraternal organizations satisfies that basic human need. For our Fraternity, where that occurs is secondary to the act of gathering. The fact that men have gathered in a lodge building at the same location for umpteen decades does not require the lodge today to expend nearly every bit of its energy and financial capital to keep meeting there. It has been said time and time again. The lodge consists of the Brethren gathered, NOT the building.

In closing, I want to say it has been an honor and privilege to serve you as the Grand Secretary. I have had this view from 40,000 ft for the past four years and it has been impressive. I have met and become good friends with some of the most genuine and caring men I've known in my lifetime. I owe a debt of gratitude to many in this Fraternity. Special men who were mentors, guides and sages over the past several years. MW Bro. Mark Rustin who I have worked closely with over the past four years; the past Grand Masters, elected officers, members of the Finance Committee, Advisory Council and Foundation Trustees; my good friend RW Bro. Scott Whytock who has endeavored to keep me on the financial straight and narrow despite my initial naivete; Wor. Bro. Ed King, Grand Librarian; the countless lodge officers, members and District Deputies and last but by no means least, April Cruz and Theresa Hatch. Without these two ladies I would have floundered hopelessly for a very long time. By the time you read this, April will have moved on to a new job and while she will certainly be missed, I trust we will all welcome our new administrative assistant, whoever he/she may be with patience and kindness.

I look forward to seeing you when I am fortunate to darken the door of your lodge.

Most Sincerely and Fraternally,
Dan Bartlett
Grand Secretary 2016-2020



Grand Lodge Session a Rare Bird This Year

The 201st Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine will differ greatly from all the previous 200. Rather than the hundreds of interested brethren gathering at Kora Shrine in Lewiston on Tuesday, 5 May as time and place for this year's Grand Lodge session was determined at Annual Communication last May, only six brethren will be present.

The elected Grand Lodge officers, i.e. the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary will gather in official session at 10 a.m. on 5 May.

Election of officers and adoption of the budget will have been accomplished by written ballot. A packet was sent to every lodge secretary in late March. Included in the packet was a ballot for elective Grand Lodge officers, the budget and a cover sheet on which each lodge secretary will attest to his lodge's voting action. To fund this year's budget the per capita tax has been increased from \$14.10 to \$15.50, the first per capita increase since 2011.

Order of business on 5 May will be counting ballots for elective offices and for the budget. Once the ballot results are determined, the presumed new Grand Master, Richard Nadeau, will be installed by outgoing Grand Master Rustin. Grand Master Nadeau will then install any other newly-elected officers present before recessing the 201st Grand Session. Results of the balloting will be sent to every lodge in the jurisdiction on 5 May.

Subsequently, when he feels confident that the Covid-19 scare is sufficiently behind us, Brother Nadeau will call the Grand Session back in order, presumably at Kora Shrine in Lewiston, when other business such as voting on Amendments to the Constitution, installation of line officers and such other business as may be necessary, will be accomplished.

In the meantime, as soon after 5 May as is practicable, each outgoing District Deputy Grand Master will install his successor and transfer regalia and other materials to the new DDGM.

Amendments to the Constitution

When Grand lodge reconvenes, brethren will have one proposed amendment needing final consideration, three proposed amendments being offered for initial readings and one amendment to Standing Regulation 30, which, if approved, would become effective immediately.

Final consideration will be given SEC.111.2. As it now reads, SEC. 111 rules that: One Lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another Lodge in this Grand

Jurisdiction, unless the requesting Lodge waives jurisdiction and the other Lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner and for its usual fee.

As proposed, *Sec. 111.2 would read: This provision may be waived, by dispensation from the Grand Master, in cases of special need. When the dispensation is granted, the Master and at least two other officers of the requesting lodge must be present and participate in the degree.*

RW Brother David Walton explains that this proposal is not meant to have visitors do all the work for a Lodge but to assist a Lodge in order to give a candidate the best and most meaningful degree possible.

The following three proposals have been offered by Grand Secretary Dan Bartlett.

75.4 currently reads: Immediately after the installation of the officers of a lodge, the Secretary shall return Official Forms 25 and 25a to the Grand Secretary, so that the records of all officers may be updated, and the lodge's statistical data collated for publication in the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

As amended it would read: Immediately after the installation of the officers of a lodge, the Secretary shall return Official Forms 25 (*or transmit an electronic Certificate of Election using the current Grand Lodge membership database system*), and 25a to the Grand Secretary, so that the records of all officers may be updated, and the lodge's statistical data collated for publication in the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

Second Proposal

I propose that **Section 75.5** be struck from the Constitution because as we now, and have for many years, share a common computer database between Grand Lodge and the constituent lodges, there is no longer any need to verify member lists. This Section is outdated and no longer applicable.

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Third Proposal

I propose that **Section 92.1** be amended to replace the words *bearing the seal of* with the word *from*.

Section 92.1 currently reads in part: The Master of the lodge may require of any Mason desirous of being examined for the purpose of visiting his lodge, the production of a Grand Lodge certificate or diploma, or a current receipt for annual dues *bearing the seal of* the lodge in which the visitor has membership;

As amended it would read: The Master of the lodge may require of any Mason desirous of being examined for

the purpose of visiting his lodge, the production of a Grand Lodge certificate or diploma, or a current receipt for annual dues *from* the lodge in which the visitor has membership;

The new hard plastic dues cards do not bear a lodge seal.

PGM Tom Pulkkinen is offering the following changes *(in red)* to Standing Regulation 30(c)

A dispensation for a Table Lodge *or ceremonial events prescribed by the Grand Bodies of appendant Masonic organizations* shall not be required at this time but may be required at the discretion of the Grand Master. In any event, the lodge shall submit the signed statement of the proposed Grand Lodge Representative. The Grand Lodge Representative at each Table Lodge is authorized to intervene to assure that only two-ounce glasses are used and to personally intervene to halt dispensation of wine to any person more than the seven two-ounce toasts and to personally prevent any service of wine to a minor under any circumstances. Evidence of insurance coverage with respect to alcohol liability for Table Lodges *or prescribed ceremonial events of Appendant Bodies* is not required by this Standing Regulation but may be required at the discretion of the Grand Master.

RATIONALE: York Rite Commandery has Christmas and Easter events, Scottish Rite has the Feast of the Tishri and Pascal Lamb, and the Red Cross of Constantine has a degree that use wine for toasts (often only by the officers or in very minimal amounts) which in the past were held without opposition or need for a dispensation. With the issue of insurance coming up a couple years ago, a hard rule was understood that any use of liquor in a Masonic building or on Masonic property, except for a table lodge which exclusion is covered by the Grand Constitution, required a dispensation. This change would treat the ceremonial use of wine like a Table Lodge and not require special approval.



Masons Helping Youth

Students from Ridge View Community School are planning a Heritage Tour to Washington DC. One of the students, Brianna Packard, contacted Penobscot Lodge #39 in Dexter explaining the challenges faced raising money for the trip and asked if the Masons could help. With assistance from Grand Lodge, Penobscot Lodge donated \$1500. Here, a very appreciative Brianna receives the donation from Lodge Master Harold Clover and Senior Deacon Harold Kauffman.

Our Candidates for Deputy Grand Master

With the intention of providing better understanding of the thoughts and positions of the brethren seeking to lead our Grand Lodge two years hence, our three candidates for the office of Deputy Grand Master were asked a series of questions. Consider well what they've written. Your vote determines the future of Maine Masonry.



R.W. Dan Bartlett

1. What is your assessment of the condition of the Craft in Maine? Assuming your assessment identifies areas of need, what do you see as the three areas needing most attention?

Having had my finger on the pulse of the Fraternity in Maine for the past four years as the Grand Secretary, I can assure the Brethren that there are many areas of the state where Freemasonry is doing exceptionally well and areas where it is not doing so well. We have numerous lodges spread across the state in both urban and rural areas that are active, engaged in their communities and welcoming new Masons. It is also imperative that Freemasonry be relevant in today's world. Our newer members expect it and all our members deserve it. Lastly, our lodges must strive to provide value for every member.

2. How would you plan to address those needs?

Many of our lodges were chartered in a very different time in our world. Communication was very different

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R.W. Brian Messing

1. What is your assessment of the condition of the Craft in Maine? Assuming your assessment identifies areas of need, what do you see as the three areas needing most attention?

Our condition varies from lodge to lodge and district to district. We have lodges and districts that are active in their community, raising dozens of new members, and holding interesting activities for their members. We have other lodges that are effectively dead who have not brought in a new candidate in nearly a decade, and do nothing but hold a stated meeting with just a quorum. What is our condition given this range?

Overall, my impression is that we are doing reasonably well, not great, but holding our own. But having said that, we could be on the verge of a renaissance. Those lodges that are doing well have figured out what works for them. It may not work for other lodges in the same way, but if we are serious in growing and helping those lodges that are not doing as well, we need to ask the successful and active lodges to help

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R.W. Don Pratt

1. What is your assessment of the condition of the Craft in Maine? Assuming your assessment identifies areas of need, what do you see as the three areas needing most attention?

If I were to look at the Craft as a Doctor looks at a patient, then I would say that emotionally the Craft is in good shape. There is a positive attitude within most of the Lodges, and a genuine desire to meet and not just share Fellowship, but to be gathered together to find ways to help our Communities and the people in them.

From a physical standpoint, I would say that in the case of many Lodges we are limping along. Something akin to having a "bum" knee. Still able to get moving, but with difficulty. That is characterized by the average age of members, attendance at meetings, and trying to cope Financially

2. How would you plan to address those needs?

Question #2 has part of the answer in it. PLAN. Every Master from the Grand Master to all Blue Lodge Masters should work with the Brethren to devel-

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as was travel. We think nothing today of driving an hour or two to attend a function, Masonic or otherwise, shop at a favorite store (Kittery Trading Post comes to mind) and yet there are many places where there are three or four lodges within 15 miles of each other. This was a necessity 150 years ago but in today's world we now have the same dozen or so Brothers seeing each other at the Stated Meeting of those three or four lodges each month. That's difficult to sustain over the long term. We have many lodges that focus nearly all their resources and energies trying to keep a building standing so they can sit in the building once a month and worry some more. We should bolster lodges that are struggling. We should collectively help them explore options available to them so they can take action and focus on being a fraternal group that enjoys the time they spend together. Let me be clear that it is the lodge that decides what is best for them. I see Grand Lodge leadership as the outside agent who may help them see what they may not be able to see.

Being relevant in 2020 starts by asking "why"? Why are you a Mason? It should be an emotional question and the real answer is likely difficult to put in words, varies for each of us and is deeper than many want to think about. Once your "why" is identified the members of a lodge of can answer the questions of "how" they might come together to be Masons and be empowered to act as such, not just be building caretakers or chasing numbers.

Freemasonry is a very special group. Our standards should be high, and it should not be easy to join. When men live a life that measures up to our standard and we accept them, we must ensure that we acknowledge that and provide value in their Masonic experience. It must be more than a once a month business meeting. If that's all it is and they don't have a seat at the table, they will rightfully

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us! We then need to look at the lodges that need help and meaningfully give them the assistance that they ask for and require.

I'd say that the areas of membership/retention, communication up and down the line, and a solid grounding in our ritual – not the words explicitly (although that is important, too) – but an understanding of them, need the most attention. Improving our membership numbers with men who truly want to be and have a part of what we represent, is needed to move us off of "reasonably well". To help in this we need better communication; from the Grand Lodge out to the lodges and members, but more importantly from the members and lodges up to Grand Lodge. Without knowing what the lodges need and expect from us, Grand Lodge probably won't give it to them. We can do great degree work, but without following up on that with good mentoring and education, we may not be providing what some men are trying to find.

2. How would you plan to address those needs?

Membership. Over the next year, with the blessings of the Grand Master, I would take stock of the lodges, leveraging the DDGMs and other district officers to help assess where they stand. Within each district, I'd ask those lodges who are doing well to lend me the talents of one or two of their members to assist with those lodges that need help. I'd have informal meetings with district officers, members of those lodges and our borrowed talent to see what can be done for the lodges that want to improve. Helping to organize a fellowship night or open house, getting the word out to the community, and similar assistance are things to try. Each lodge is different and there may be other ways to help, but I'm sure we can make a difference.

We also need to support the appendant bodies. We've all seen the "Not a Man, a Mason" campaign that was developed by the Scottish Rite. A little while ago,

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op a long -range plan. I would suggest a 5-year plan. We should always look to the future to try and anticipate change. We need to encourage each Lodge to project budget needs. To realize that each year we must figure on an increased cost of doing business. Part of the planning process must also include clear, realistic membership goals. A lodge of 75 members will not reasonably add ten members per year. But can with planning, and active recruitment hope to add new members at a rate that does not tax the abilities of the Lodge to properly do Degree work. That in turn will allow new members coming in, time to move through the chairs and become active in the planned Lodge programs. We cannot do anything about the average age of our membership until we have a constant, ongoing addition of new, younger, motivated Brothers.

Planning must also include programs that are specifically tailored to the needs and abilities of each lodge. Each Lodge is unique in its make-up. And members who are vital parts of the Lodge are also vital parts of their own communities. When programs include that kind of ownership then they cannot fail. That in turn will give members the incentive to attend Lodge and be vested in the success of the Lodge.

3. The Grand Lodge has developed several programs in recent years. Which Grand Lodge programs do you consider most important? And why?

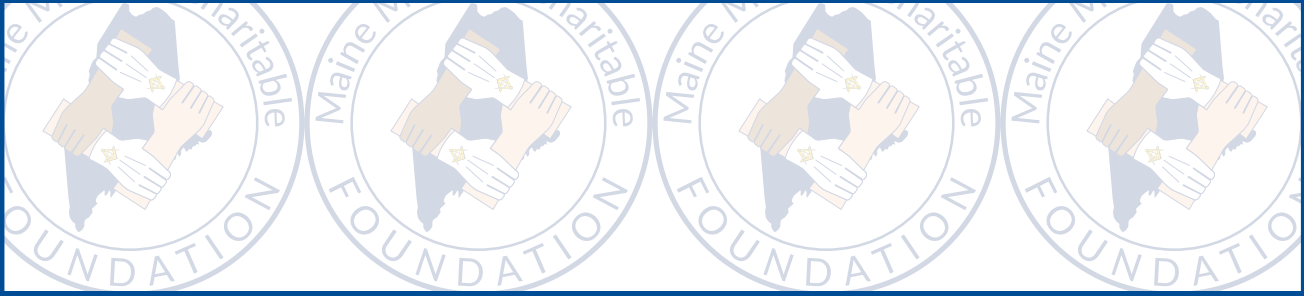
The most important programs that have been put in place in recent years are the matching grant programs. These have given Lodges the freedom to reach out to the people in their communities and provide much need support to youth. There are no bad programs. Some programs tend to go by the wayside if they are not actively promoted within the Lodges. All programs must be constantly re-evaluated and adjusted to suit the needs of the Brethren. We must also be mindful to not become overburdened

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Maine Masonic Charitable FOUNDATION



Newsletter



Helping to Build Strong Communities in Maine

DID YOU KNOW ... In the past twelve months, the Foundation has provided over **\$123,500 to 99 Maine Masons and their families** that needed assistance to help get them through a difficult time. In addition, the Foundation has also provided over **\$250,000** – that's right , you read that correctly – over a quarter of a million dollars through **279 matching grants** to the lodges in Maine – furthering their ability to help support and improve their communities.

Not all lodges are able to take advantage of all the matching grant monies available but we encourage all lodges to try. **Starting in April 2020, the Foundation is launching another matching grant program, the Seniors Matching Grant.** It will work just like all the other matching grant programs, \$2 match for every dollar up to \$500 raised by the lodge. We encourage all lodges to get out in their communities to see where these funds might be needed the most - improvements at a senior center or dinner nights for the elderly. That means each lodge has the potential to receive a total of \$7,000 in matching grant monies from the Foundation in the coming year from April 1st - 2020 to March 31st - 2021.

And congratulations to Kenduskeag Lodge #137 as they were the only lodge to take advantage of all matching grants available. And a shout out to **Greenleaf Lodge #117**, they received monies for all matching grant categories but only used one of the three available for the Bikes for Books program.

HIGHLIGHTS... An exciting time for Union Lodge! Over 20 years ago, after a fire destroyed their lodge on the common in Union (and the town grocery store along with it), the brethren of Union Lodge voted to build elsewhere. But to ensure the town would have a local grocery store they also voted to sell the land on the common for only \$1, as long as, the buyer agreed to open a local market. He did and twenty years later, **the Foundation received a \$100,000 donation – to be used for charitable purposes at the sole discretion of the Union Lodge.**



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO ... The Foundation is sponsoring this year's Chocolate Lovers' Fling to help raise money to support the Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine ("SARSSM").

**34th Annual
Chocolate Lovers' Fling
Postponed until Fall 2020
at GRACE located at
15 Chestnut Street
Portland, ME**



SARSSM provides free services in York and Cumberland counties to anyone affected by sexual assault, sexual harassment, or sexual abuse. SARSSM also staffs the statewide 24 hour Sexual Assault Helpline in Maine. Come support this great cause - ticket prices range from \$50 to \$85. Are you a chocolate lover but cannot swing the ticket price? Not to worry, you can volunteer to help at the event and go home with a small box of chocolates. All to help a worthy cause!

Help for those of us who need it right here in Maine – is that you?!

The State of Maine has some great resources. Not sure where to turn for help? Start at **211Maine.org** or call their free 24 hour, confidential information and referral service that connects people of all ages across Maine to local services – just dial **211**.

The State of Maine also has 5 agencies on aging. Here are some of the services they offer and where you can find them:

- Medicare Counseling
- Caregiver Respite
- Chronic Pain Self-Management
- Maine Senior Games
- Money Minders
- Family Caregiver Support
- Healthy Aging Guidance
- Meals on Wheels
- Become a Volunteer

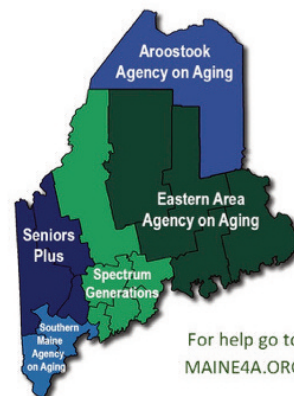
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(207) 764-3396

Eastern Area Agency on Aging
(207) 941-2865

Southern Maine Agency on Aging
(800) 427-7411

Seniors Plus
(800) 427-1241

Spectrum Generations
(800) 639-1553



For help go to
MAINE4A.ORG

Helping at Risk Youth in Maine

For several years now the Foundation has supported NAMI Maine by funding their two main suicide prevention training programs – Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) and Ending the Silence (ETS). The Foundation provides much needed financial assistance so that communities in Maine that do not have the funds in their budgets for suicide prevention training can have access to these important programs. During this past year, NAMI Maine was able to reach 1,570 students and 375 teachers and school administrators - throughout Maine - as a direct result of the grants provided by the Foundation.



And beginning with our next fiscal year (April 1st), the Foundation will begin its support of the Maine Boys to Men (MB2M) organization. Using funds provided by the Foundation, Maine Boys to Men will be expanding the delivery of their Reducing Sexism and Violence Program (RSVP) statewide to school districts across all counties in Maine. In addition, MB2M will be offering Train-the-Trainer courses to exponentially further their reach across the state. Please email me if you are interested in learning more about this training at Director@MaineMCF.org

DONOR RECOGNITION

From the beginning of November 2019 to mid-March 2020, the Foundation received 630 donations of various denominations, for a total of \$145,534. Excluding the major gift mentioned earlier in this newsletter, the following represent the three most generous donors for the past four and a half months of this fiscal year:

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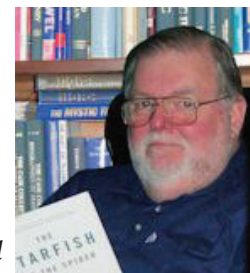
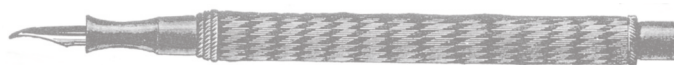
A FRIENDLY REMINDER... Please ask about becoming a member of the MASTER ARCHITECT SOCIETY. You may not be able to give today, but now is the time to plan for the future – leave a legacy!

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(207) 843-1086 OR DIRECTOR@MAINEMCF.ORG

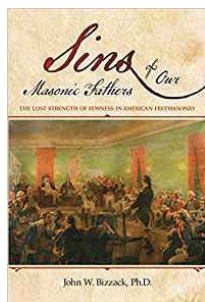
TOGETHER we can make a difference now and for future generations!

Life Balance is a fad today yet Masons have been taught its importance from their first days in lodge. With the world spinning so fast, don't lose sight of temperance, fortitude and justice - and please: take the time to read!

The Old Webmaster's BOOKSHELF



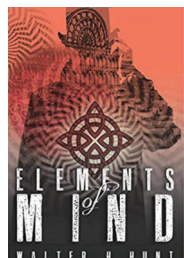
Hang around Masonic leaders at any level and you'll find a LOT of 'clutching of pearls' these days. The



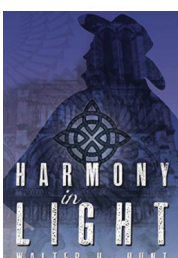
wolf is at the door constantly and there are enough 'solutions' to confuse a Chinese fire drill. "*Sins of our Masonic Fathers*" will help you understand a lot of the background behind today's rants and bombast and provide an understanding of how we got where we are - and what we might do about it. Not another pre-

scription for how to turn the ship around but rather some very helpful pointers on what's important and what's not. John W. Bizzack Ph.D. is an astute writer who not only explains the past but does so in a way that helps us chart a sensible path forward! If you're involved in Masonic leadership at any level, I can't recommend this book to you enough: it'll make you think!

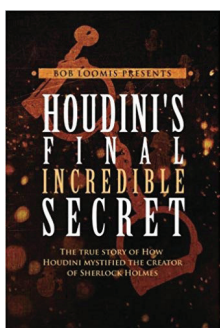
While I wasn't looking, in 2018 the Masonic 'energizer bunny' also known as the Grand Historian of



the GL of Massachusetts Bro. Walter Hunt (who does double duty as the Grand Librarian as well!) has written a couple of books that some of you might like. They're - well - hard to



describe. 'Science fictiony' and metaphysical (but don't let that scare you), they really are interesting mysteries that most Masons would enjoy. **Oh, and if you're doing genealogy, be sure to check out masonicgenealogy.com - another of his projects. ** Great stuff!

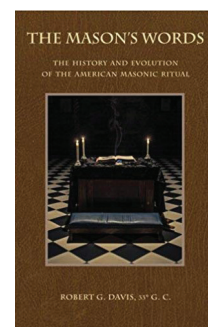


Like magic? You've got to like Bro. Erik Weisz better known as Harry Houdini. Like mysteries? Then you know the world's first consulting detective, Sherlock Holmes, the creation of Bro. Sir. Arthur Conan Doyle. These two were drawn together by a common interest in spiritualism and it was that which ultimately created a rift that even their bonds of fraternity could not overcome.

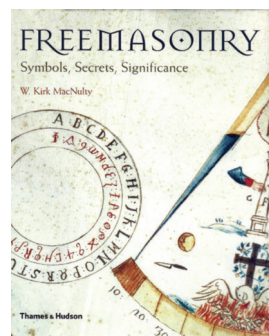
Bob Loomis' "*Houdini's Final Incredible Secret: How Houdini*

Mystified Sherlock Holmes' Creator" explores the 'magic' Houdini used in a (failed) attempt to prove to Doyle the fallacy of communicating with the spirits. It's a fascinating story, made more compelling when you know the Masonic ties involved.

It's holiday gift time so if you're looking for something great, consider "*The Mason's Words: The History and Evolution of the American Masonic Ritual*" by Bro. Robert Davis. There is SO much in this book that every one of us should know about yet it's easy to read and will answer many questions you never knew you had. alt sells for about \$20. Get one for a gift and one for yourself.



Want some eye candy for the coffee table? I'd recommend "*Freemasonry: Symbols, Secrets, Significance*"



by our Vermont Brother W. Kirk McNulty will surely please. It's a truly gorgeous book, filled with stories, descriptions and much more. Non-Masons will be enthralled as well. If someone asks what you want for the holidays, point to the picture to the left: you'll be very glad you did!

OK. A lesson from your Grand Librarian - and this is NOT an advertisement for Amazon, believe me. Kindle, Nook, and others are devices - but they are ALSO reading systems that you can use on practically any computer or phone. And there are sales of books all the time, including free ones! *Don't use the excuse that you like the feel of paper: isn't that just an excuse to not read?*



❓ Did Benedict Arnold ever visit a lodge in Maine?

One book says he did and a Brother from NY's Livingston Masonic Library is trying to track that story down. Can you help with some provable facts?

Bro. Ed King is the Grand Librarian and Museum Curator. He'd love your ideas, suggestions and recommendations for things to read and review! Don't forget to take advantage of YOUR Grand Lodge Library where a world of learning awaits.

200th Anniversary Brotherhood Trip to Washington DC - Alexandria, VA June 4-7, 2020

This could be the Masonic trip and brotherhood opportunity of your lifetime. Our travel by bus to Alexandria on Thursday, June 4th and return on Sunday, will sandwich two full days of Masonic-related events.

We will visit Mount Vernon, which was the plantation of George Washington, the only Mason to serve as Lodge Master and President of the United States at the same time, and his wife, Martha Washington. While there we will lay a wreath at their gravesite.



The House of the Temple, home of the Scottish Rite Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, will amaze us all. This magnificent temple worthy of the capital city gained widespread attention after

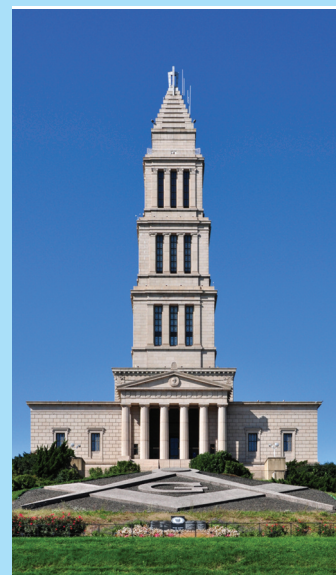
its appearance in Dan Brown's 2009 novel *The Lost Symbol*. Arlington National Cemetery and the war memorials are also possibilities if we have time and the Brethren wish to visit these sites.

A special destination will be the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (GWMNM) as it celebrates State of Maine Month. We will tour the Memorial, confer the Master Mason degree, and then attend a cocktail reception in the awe-inspiring Memorial Hall.

The per person cost of this trip, excluding meals, will be \$550 (double hotel occupancy) or \$850 (single occupancy). The cost includes three nights at the Hyatt Centric Hotel in Alexandria, VA, round-trip bus transportation, a reception with Hor'deuvres and wine at the Memorial and possibly fees for some of the other attractions (usually around \$10 each). Please note that each hotel room has two queen beds. Therefore, if you share a room with your spouse or another Brother, the \$179 room rate (plus taxes) is effectively cut in half, making the total per person cost about \$550. With one in the room, the total price would be around \$850.

We have not figured any meals into this trip because of the high expense of holding large banquets and the fact that each of us has a different palate and budget. There are many restaurants nearby to satisfy your appetite and budget.

Please notify Deputy Grand Master Nadeau immediately of your commitment to attend. Instructions follow on the following page for making hotel reservations and paying for the bus and Memorial reception.



Maine Lodge of Research hosts Bishop Deeley on June 20

On Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Robert Deeley of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland will address the Maine Lodge of Research at The Masonic Building, 415 Congress Street. Lodge will open at 8:30 a.m..

This will be a semi-public meeting to which all non-Masons, Wives, Widows and Children are invited to attend.

Bishop Deeley, the lodge's second special speaker this year, will speak on Faith as part of the lodge's consideration of Faith, Hope & Charity. He will consider how a person can practice his or her faith in a diverse community as the world grows smaller and smaller around us.

An earlier speaker this year was Charles Rotmil, a survivor of the Holocaust who spoke of his experiences during that darkest chapter of the Twentieth Century and of being sustained by Hope.

Our last speaker, on Charity, will be Deqa Dhalac of South Portland, who will speak on his experiences coming to America from Somalia and of the importance of Charity by actions not just monetary contributions.

Please plan to attend this very special meeting with M.W. Bro. Richard Nadeau as Bishop Deeley is received. This will be the second time that the Roman Catholic Bishop of Maine has addressed The Maine Lodge of Research in 23 years.

Everyone going on this trip needs to provide the following information to DeputyGrandMaster@MaineMason.org or by calling the Grand Lodge office at 207-843-1086 as quickly as possible.

Your name, telephone number and email address.
If traveling unaccompanied (not with your spouse or another Brother), whether you prefer to have your own hotel room or share a room with another Mason. (We will try to connect you with another Brother if so desired.)

The number of people traveling in your party.

If traveling with others, please provide the name of each person in your party.

Whether you and your party are traveling with us by bus.

Making Reservations and payments:

You are responsible for making and paying for your own hotel reservations by calling Hyatt Centric Hotel, 1625 King St., Alexandria, VA, at 877-803-7534. Please indicate that you are part of the group "Grand Lodge of Masons in Maine." Grand Lodge will not be involved in making room reservations nor coordinating payments for this aspect of the trip. Reservations should be made as soon as possible and may be made on-line at <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/IADCT/G-MASO> (if no rooms are shown as being available, please contact Grand Lodge at 207-843-1086).

You will pay Grand Lodge by check or credit card for the cost of bus transportation and the reception at the GWNMA Memorial Hall. Please send a check, before May 15, 2020, in the amount of \$230 per person for each person traveling by bus and attending the reception to: Washington D.C. Trip, Grand Lodge of Maine, PO Box 430, Holden, ME 04429-0430. Call 207-843-1086 to make credit card payments. Please include the names of all persons in your party for which payment is being made.

PRESS TIME ALERT

THE TRIP IS STILL ON. Reserve your hotel room and bus trip now. All travelers will be notified if events require a change to trip plans so you can cancel your room and obtain a refund from Grand Lodge.

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feel like they are not getting value for their investment of their very valuable time and energy and will walk away.

3. The Grand Lodge has developed several programs in recent years. Which Grand Lodge programs do you consider most important? And why?

Every Grand Lodge program that has been developed is important to somebody. There is not a “one program fits all lodges” program because every lodge has a unique identity beyond being a chartered Masonic lodge. Some lodges utilize the Rookie Program, which is a great, structured program to engage new members. Others find it important to recognize a long serving, very active member of their lodge with the Master Builder award. The Dirigo Leadership seminar can provide future leaders with valuable information and skill sets. The Masonic Excellence award can be instrumental in helping a lodge chart a successful course in the coming years.

4. If not already addressed, what are your goals for membership development and retention? How would you implement programs to meet or exceed those goals?

Membership is where this Fraternity has focused, worldwide I might add, for the past two decades. And for this deck plate sailor it's simple: we can't beat the Supreme Architect. Our elder Brethren are going to pass away. And because there were so many of them, (48,000 in Maine in 1960) we simply can't make those numbers up. We have done well by the hard work of well-respected and highly esteemed Masons in this jurisdiction to be at 15,500 Masons 40 years later and not under 10,000. Any serious membership discussion needs to include a generationally diverse group of Masons. We need to have a solid understanding of what motivates and excites those of each generation and any action taken needs

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the Shrines and Scottish Rite had set a goal to bring in 100 new Masons. As the Grand Commander, we offered to perform flag ceremonies for the lodges. It may be self-serving, but by doing these things to bring new members into the Lodges, each of these bodies hoped to ultimately add to their own membership. We support our DeMolay and Rainbow because we can and should help our children, but it comes back to us in the form of new members as well. We should cooperatively help each other in these endeavors. We are all in this together!

Communication. Continue to make use of our excellent magazine and MORI messages, but look for other avenues as well. When I lead the Grand York Rite bodies, I distributed a monthly letter letting members know what my officers and I had been up to, listing important coming events, and discussing issues of importance to the members. A section of the newsletter also provided a brief educational tidbit. I'd hope to do something similar as Grand Master. I sought input from the local bodies to inform our efforts to improve, understand what the bodies needed, and how that could be best provided. I haven't seen this done by the Grand Lodge and think it is time to seek that feedback. While many districts have a Masters/Wardens association others don't. I'd like to see our district officers coordinate an effort to establish these where they don't exist.

Education. As the Grand Lecturer, I tried an experiment to bring an understanding of the symbolism and underlying meaning of our rituals to the schools of instruction. Not everyone is a ritualist, but it is through our ritual that we pass along the tenets and values to the next generation. This trial met with some success, as I allowed districts to provide the schools that they needed. Some tried pure symbolism, some tried the standard reading of the ritual, and some tried something in between. We found that everyone who attended a school that taught the sym-

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with managing too many programs.

4. If not already addressed, what are your goals for membership development and retention? How would you implement programs to meet or exceed those goals?

Membership must flow from the Blue Lodge. It does not come from the Grand Lodge. A Brother is most energetic when he recruits a new member, which in turn energizes the Lodge and thence the craft as a whole.

Grand Lodge must support each Lodge in its endeavors, but history teaches us that Grand Lodge alone cannot solve this issue. Only when we offer meaningful solutions, and work together as a unified team can we hope to see a desire from others to join us and find out what we are truly about.

We can encourage thoughtful use of social media. Every Lodge should be pro-active in promoting itself in each town it serves. We are proud members of an Ancient Fraternity and must not be afraid to say so at every chance.

We cannot survive under a rock, but must let the Light of Freemasonry shine brightly for all to see.

District 10 Celebrates Maine's 200th June

District 10 is having a week-long celebration planned for the Maine Masons' 200th anniversary with all invited to attend.

The “Railroad Degree” will kick-off the week-long celebration June 13. This district-wide special communication is open to all Maine Masons with the degree taking place at the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railroad in the open air. The train will be leaving promptly at Noon from the W. W. & F.'s 97 Cross Road Station in Alna and it is recommended all be at the staging area fifteen minutes prior with a

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to be all inclusive. The role of leadership is not to come up with all the great ideas. The role of leadership is to create an environment in which great ideas can happen. If Grand Lodge leadership dictates that a program needs to be followed to increase lodge membership, what is being indirectly communicated is that the Masons in the Lodge aren't smart enough or clever enough to take care of their lodge. I don't believe that for a minute. We have very smart and clever men in our lodges and if trusted and empowered to take care of their lodge will gladly rise to the challenge. It is already happening. There are many lodges in this state where the elder Brethren are strongly encouraging the younger Brethren to take on leadership and control of the lodge. Create an environment in which great ideas can happen!

District 10 *Continued*

folding lawn chair in hand for sitting during the degree. The cost is \$20.00 per Mason which includes the train ride to and from the field as well as a barbeque prior to the degree. Should it rain on June 13th, the degree will take place at Lincoln Lodge in Wiscasset. For further information or tickets, contact Wor. Jeff Averill of Lincoln Lodge (cindieandjeff@gmail.com) or Mike Alley of Bay View Lodge (malleylbc@hotmail.com).

During the week of June 14th, there will be "open houses" within the District from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. There will be an open house at Bristol Lodge on June 15th, June 16th at Alna-Anchor Lodge in Damariscotta and Dresden Lodge, June 17th Lincoln Lodge hosting their open house and on June 18th Bay View and Seaside Lodges in East Boothbay.

"Family & Friends Weekend" at the Pittston Fairgrounds from June 19-21, will end the celebrations.

bolism loved it. But because it was left to each DRI to develop his own class, only about a third of the districts did so. I'd task the MEALS committee to develop these schools to make them more consistent and to get broader participation in them.

I'd strongly encourage participation in our Masonic College courses and try to make them more accessible and distributed across the state. We need to encourage our DERs and DRIs to get out more and offer more programs. Many do an outstanding job, but a few others need to be more proactive. I'd like to see a 5 minute program at almost every Stated on some topic of interest, Masonic or not. Education overall adds value to being a Mason.

3. The Grand Lodge has developed several programs in recent years. Which Grand Lodge programs do you consider most important? And why?

The Rookie and Bikes for Books are the most visible; both are excellent and probably the two best programs we have. The Rookie program has been proven to involve new members in their lodge and gives a good beginning education to Masonry in general. Not all lodges use the program which is unfortunate since so many who have gone through it are active officers in their lodges and have a great deal of enthusiasm for it. I would encourage our DDGMs and district officers to have their lodges at least try it. While Bikes for Books is actually a Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation program, it has the potential for high visibility in the community. In addition to its goal of encouraging reading, it helps bond the members of a lodge who participate, and can also draw the attention of future lodge members.

Wherever I go I hear the desire to learn about Masonry, particularly among our newer members. While not a program per se, the Masonic College courses are very educational and diverse. I never fail to enjoy myself and learn something from them. We need to encourage attendance at these schools as they may

well provide what our members seek.

At each district meeting - across the state - I've observed that those lodges that regularly host a fellowship evening seem to be more active, do better, and attract more candidates than those that don't. Wherever possible these should be encouraged and well advertised.

4. If not already addressed, what are your goals for membership development and retention? How would you implement programs to meet or exceed those goals?

Much of this has already been addressed above. I do not have a specific membership figure target as I believe having the right membership is more important than having the largest membership. For membership development, use of the Rookie program, Masonic College courses, schools of instruction that go beyond the words, and if we can expand simple short programs in the Stated meetings would go far. If we can re-energize the Leadership and Mentoring programs we'd be providing members with skills that would be valuable both within and without the lodge.

To increase membership and draw the attention of non-members, Fellowship nights and open-houses, encouraging lodges to self-promote in various media with better publicity for events such as the Bikes for Books and other contributions to the community, and providing an expanded section on who we are and how to join on our website would be helpful.

As for retention, if we provide the preceding programs, remember that we are a fraternity, encourage lodge innovation, the hosting of fun events (a simple cookout at the lodge) for their members/families, continue and grow the use of the Bikes for Books, and similar group activities that members can be a part of, this should take care of itself to a large extent. Use of amnesty programs, Rusty Nail evenings or movie nights that are open to all might also bring lapsed or infrequently attending members back to active service.

Due East and West

By Wor. Bro. Michael G. Hopkins

PM Maine Lodge of Research; York Lodge No.22

A lodge is situated due east and west. The term *lodge* refers to a group of Masons duly assembled [in a proper number per the degree], with the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses and with a charter or warrant empowering them to work. The term is also used to designate the building where Masons meet. In the same way the word *church* is used both for a building in which communal worship occurs and also for the congregation of the faithful.

The form of a lodge should always be an oblong square. The term *oblong square* is the survival in language of a concept once common but now obsolete. In 1700s England the word square meant right-angled without regard to the proportionate length of adjacent sides. There were thus two classes of squares: those having all four sides equal, and those having two parallel sides longer than the other two. The first class was called perfect squares, which words appear in our Master Mason ritual, and the second class oblong squares. We would tend now in non-masonic parlance to call the second class *rectangles*.

This is the symbolic form of a Masonic Lodge, and it finds its prototype in many of the structures of our ancient Brethren. Noah's Ark, the Camp of the Israelites in the desert, the Ark of the Covenant, the Tabernacle, and lastly the Temple of Solomon, were all oblong squares.¹

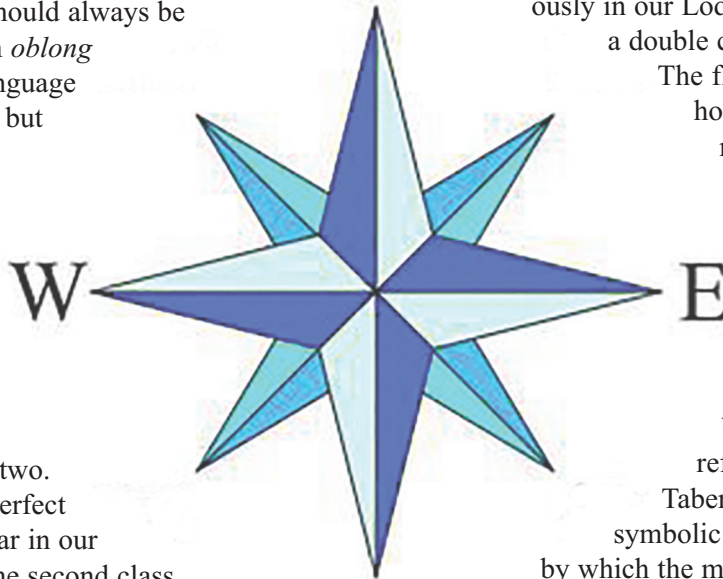
The longer sides are east to west; the shorter between north and south. In height, the lodge extends from earth to heaven; in depth from the earth's surface to its center. This disposition symbolizes the prevalence of Freemasonry all over the globe, guarded by its laws,

and ornamented by its beautiful tenets. Every part of the earth is illuminated by it. Those initiated into our Fraternity are taught the never-ending virtue of charity. United by a bond of indissoluble affection, they extend that charity beyond the limits of the lodge room.

There are many reasons why the Tabernacle and the Temple are considered the models of the Freemason's Lodge. Both are oblong squares. Both represent moral and theological principles whose effects are felt over the whole globe. The Temple was supported by pillars; the Lodge sustained by those of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. The sacred scroll of God's revealed will and law was deposited in the Ark of the Covenant; the same Holy Volume, as we understand it, is placed conspicuously in our Lodges. The altar of incense was a double cube; so is our Lodge altar.

The floor of the Tabernacle was holy, so that the priests were required to take off their shoes; similarly, the floor of a duly opened Lodge is sacred ground. Finally, both are situated due east and west for several reasons, as we learn in the lectures of the first degree, but most grandly because it refers to the situation of the Tabernacle in the wilderness, symbolic of that miraculous east wind by which the mighty departure of the Israelites from the bondage of Egypt was wrought.

"The nature of the Lodge —its form, dimensions, and supports —its ground, situation, and covering —its ornaments, furniture, and jewels —all unite their aid to form a perfect code of moral and theological philosophy which, while it fascinates the understanding and improves the mind until it becomes polished like the Perfect Ashlar, and can only be tried by the Square of God's Word and the unerring Compass[es] of conscience."² Could not the teachings of Masonry, founded on belief in Deity and the virtues of faith, hope, and charity, aid us as Masons in dealing with the bonds of the secular world ?



¹ Brother C. C. Hunt (Builder, volume ii, page 128)

² RW Brother Daniel Sickels, The General Ahiman Rezon and Freemason's Guide, New York, Masonic Publishing and Manufacturing Co, 1867, p.85

The above was presented as a Masonic education program at York Lodge No.22 in West Kennebunk on February 3, 2020. Under the leadership of Wor. Andrew Palmeri, Sr., York No.22 provides an education program by various brothers at each stated meeting.

The author invites any lodge Master or education coordinator to freely use this essay in their own lodge. Alternatively he will, time and circumstances permitting, visit your lodge and present it himself upon request.



Arundel, Maine

"Who has more fun than us?
....We do!"

**SUNDAY
MAY 17, 2020**

No Rain Date

Masonic Youth Charities Ride

In Memory Of Steve Michaels

Registration 8AM-9:30AM

ALL BIKERS WELCOME

Donation - Riders \$25 - Passengers \$10

**Departing Bentley's at 10am
Refreshment Stop—Return to Bentley's**



PROJECT GRADUATION

For Additional Information Or On-line Registration
Call (207) 370-1557 or @ www.yorklodge22.org



An *entablature* refers to the superstructure of moldings and bands which lie horizontally above columns, resting on their capitals.

The College Briefly...

Our name inspires us to a 'higher educational calling.' We are not a bricks and mortar school but a "Temple of Knowledge," offering a growing variety of learning opportunities in various modalities

We believe that Freemasonry is relevant in society today, helping to create a continuum of knowledge for those who are interested in personal enrichment.

Masonic ritual exhorts us to broaden our knowledge of the seven liberal arts and sciences. Thus, our programs include topics of interest to anyone with an inquisitive mind: ethics, astronomy, logic, public speaking and more. We have molded the Maine Masonic College on the best features of not only traditional and modern Masonic-oriented education but also "senior college" and lifelong learning endeavors.

In addition, we are developing audio and video material along with reading lists and more. At the Maine Masonic College, we encourage your input, your recommendations and - most of all - your....

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MAINE MASONIC COLLEGE COURSES

In its continuing effort to offer "more light in Masonry" the Regents of the Maine Masonic College announce the following course offerings. As with all College offerings, they are designed to provide brethren the opportunity to expand their vision of Freemasonry and its principles. Whether you are on the path to a Masonic College Diploma or simply want to be a more enlightened Mason, these programs are for you. As the colorful season of Autumn comes upon us, these offerings of the Maine Masonic College will add light.

All Classes are subject to change. Please check website for any changes!

PLEASE NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, there will be a light luncheon served after each class. The charge: \$5.00. If you plan to attend the meal you must pre-register for the class by calling Theresa at the Grand Lodge office, 207-843-1086.

June 6 The Entered Apprentice Degree: an opening door to the Brotherhood of Masons and their purposes and beliefs:

Through the use of lecture, illustration and seminar dialogue, this course seeks to expand the participant's realization of the extraordinary experience which takes place when candidates become Entered Apprentices. As a source of historical perspective, attention will be given to one of the oldest Masonic documents, the Regius Poem, and its significance to the E.A. Degree. Every part of the Degree has a symbolic meaning as well as a literal interpretation. That most important symbolic part will be highlighted and explored. The final goal of this course is to have everyone present leave with an understanding why "...the greatest and best of men in all ages have been encouragers and promoters of the art, and have never deemed it derogatory from their dignity to level themselves with the fraternity...."

Instructors: RW Donald McDougal and RW George Macdougall

Location: Messalonskee Lodge, Oakland 9AM-12PM

June 27 The Entered Apprentice Degree: an opening door to the Brotherhood of Masons and their purposes and beliefs. Same course description as above.

Instructors: RW Donald McDougal and RW George Macdougall

Location: Mystic Lodge, Hampden 9AM-12PM

#30 The Minutes of “Old Builders Lodge #1000”

Brother George M.A. Macdougall

This is one article in a series on the people who created, discovered or redefined how modern architecture, engineering and science came about.

“It is a mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”

As John Anagnostis PGM, a great friend of mine and to most of you as well, would often quote from the ritual, “To the Greeks therefore and not to the Romans, we are indebted ...” This installment of the Minutes is about another Greek that we are all truly indebted to. Aristotle was a Greek philosopher and scientist born in the Macedonian city of Stagirus, in 384 BCE. His writings cover many subjects – including physics, biology, zoology, metaphysics, logic, ethics, aesthetics, poetry, theater, music, rhetoric, linguistics, politics and government – and constitute the first comprehensive system of Western philosophy. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, “Aristotle was the first genuine scientist in history ... [and] every scientist is in his debt.”

At eighteen, he joined Plato’s Academy in Athens and remained there until the age of thirty-seven. The fact that Aristotle was a pupil of Plato contributed to his former views of Platonism where things have a deeper meaning than they look, but, following Plato’s death, Aristotle immersed himself in empirical studies and at least in the natural sciences, shifted from Platonism towards a more empiricist position or in other words “Seeing (and doing) is believing!”. Although in some places he says knowledge of nature is grounded upon an immaterial intellect, he also insisted that intellect only fully develops in a human because of experience. Aristotle’s views on natural science (the description, prediction, and understanding Nature, based on observing and experimentation) represent the groundwork underlying many of his works.

“The educated differ from the uneducated as much as the living from the dead.”

Shortly after Plato died, Aristotle left Athens and, at the request of Philip of Macedon, tutored a teenager named

Alexander who would grow up to be known as Alexander the Great. This gave Aristotle many opportunities and an abundance of supplies. He established a school in a public exercise area dedicated to the god Apollo Lykeios, hence its name, the *Lyceum*.

“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.”

Those affiliated with Aristotle’s school later came to be called *Peripatetics*, it is thought because of the existence of an ambulatory (*peripatos*) or covered walkway, on the school’s property adjacent to the exercise ground. Members of the Lyceum conducted research into a wide range of subjects, all of which were of interest to Aristotle himself. (Much like all the classes by the Maine Masonic College are of interest to the Board members!) In all these many subjects, the Lyceum collected manuscripts, thereby, according to some ancient accounts, assembling the first great library of antiquity.

“It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.”

Aristotle’s views on science profoundly shaped medieval scholarship. Their influence extended into the Renaissance and were not replaced systematically until the Enlightenment. Some of Aristotle’s observations were not confirmed or refuted until the 19th century! His works contain the earliest known formal study of logic, which was incorporated in the late 19th century into modern formal logic. Among

the great achievements to which Aristotle can lay claim is the first systematic treatment of the principles of correct reasoning, the first logic.

Next time we will explore Aristotle’s views on Ethics.

Note: One thing we see quite often in research is letters with dates like BCE, AD and even AL. What is up with those?? Well, CE stands for Common Era or between year 1 and now, and BCE stands for Before the Common Era. BCE and CE are alternatives to the BC and AD system respectively where AD (anno Domini) is “in [the] year of [the] Lord” and BC is “before Christ”. Masonic dates are different still!! We usually use AL which is Anno Lucis or the Year of Light. Anno Lucis is found by adding 4000 years to the CE or AD date. This is based on the thought that God created the world in 4000 BC. So, 2020 CE corresponds to; AD 2020; and AL 6020.



Nazi Ideology Under the Regime of Hitler and the War that was Waged against Books and Freemasonry

By Brother Charles W. Plummer

Nazi ideology under Adolph Hitler was totalitarian, based on the desire to control every aspect of the lives of German citizens. In one sense it was an anti-intellectual and atheoretical movement by design in that its intent was to create a new kind of intellectual being who based his or her values on their nation and race emphasizing the will of Hitler as the sole source of inspiration for the people and nation. Because it was an atheoretical movement, it was not based on theory nor was it concerned with theory.

The Nazis did not disapprove of professors, researchers, and librarians; rather they wanted them to create what might be described as “an army of intellectual and ideological warriors who would carry out war against the enemies of National Socialism.”

Fearing that books were an enemy, the Nazis carried out what has been described as “the greatest book theft in history.” Millions of public and personal library books were confiscated. Those that were not burned were sent to storage units in Berlin and throughout Germany and other areas under German control. Millions of books were taken from German Masonic orders that were forced to disband after the Nazi rise to power. By 1936, the SS had amassed a collection of 500,000 to 600,000 books from German Masonic orders alone. It is interesting to note that at the end of the war a building confiscated from one of Berlin’s Masonic lodges was filled with books stolen from throughout Europe. It is also interesting to note that the targets for book plundering were those deemed ideological enemies of the Third Reich. In addition to Freemasons, they included Jews, Communists, Catholics, critics of the regime, Slavs, and others.

Many of the books were labeled with the names of the libraries from which they were taken and after the war were returned, but a large number were never accounted for.

During World War II the Netherlands was occupied by Germany. In the city of Hague, the Freemasons Lodge of Grootoosten der Netherlands had a large number of books in its library, and a museum housing a collection of more

than 25,000 valuable Masonic artifacts including antique regalia, art objects, drawings and etchings. The library collection included books and manuscripts on the origins of Freemasonry, how the rituals were created, when they were written, how they evolved, and which ones were true Masonic rituals. Fortunately the Nazis left this library and museum intact and today they house the world’s largest collection of Masonic books and artifacts.

After the Nazis came to power, one of the first organizations they attacked was Freemasonry but Masonic persecution was not as brutal or systematic as against Jews and political opponents. Initially, efforts were made to get Masonic lodges to disband or the more than 80,000 members to give up their membership. In 1935 all Masonic organizations were banned and labeled “enemies of the

state.” Their property was confiscated including buildings, regalia and libraries. Many Masonic lodges were used as offices, warehouses and centers for Nazi organizations. In addition to Germany and the Netherlands, Masonic organizations in occupied France, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Poland and the Balkans were also disbanded. The Nazi party newspaper *Volkischer Beobachter* reported on the disbanding of all German Masonic organizations including accusa-

tions that the Freemasons had started World War I thus conspiring Germany into the war and ensuring Germany’s defeat.

German General Ludendorff, who had served during that war, was an outspoken critic of Freemasonry. In the 1920s he began to view Freemasons as “the root of global conspiracy” and in 1927 he and his wife published a book titled *Eradication of Freemasonry Through Uncovering Its Secrets*. The couple was convinced that “the Freemasons had supernatural powers and thereby posed a threat to the whole German nation and its people.”

In drawing this article to a close I would be remiss if I did not state that my objective for writing it was to give readers some insight relating to Nazi ideology and the attacks that were initiated against libraries, the books they housed, and Freemasonry. Obviously, there is much, much more to the story.



149-year-old Tyler's Sword Returned to Carrabassett Lodge

By Brother Dale Burrill, Master
Carrabassett Lodge #161, Canaan

On January 8, 2020, I received a call from Berryville, Arkansas. The caller introduced himself as Allen Orean, and asked if I was the Master of Carrabassett Lodge #161. He then explained that he had in his possession a Tyler's Sword with the inscription "Carrabassett Lodge #161", and asked, could it be ours.

I answered that since I felt we would be the only Carrabassett Lodge #161 in the entire world that I suspect it was ours at one time. In my own memory I could not place the sword in my lodge but he said he was sending it back to its rightful home.

After more discussion and a heartfelt "thank you" from me and on behalf of all the members of the lodge, we ended our phone conversation. I felt certain I would see the sword at some time but the entire situation seemed somewhat bizarre.

Upon further investigation that day it was brought to my attention that our "new" lodge, built in 1996, was broken into shortly after construction, and our Tyler's Sword was among several items stolen. "Remarkable! All of this must be true" was the thought in my mind.

Three days later a UPS truck delivered the sword to my front door. I can't describe my feelings when I opened the box and gazed at "our" Tyler's Sword.

I called Allen in Arkansas and thanked him again. I told him the lodge intends to have a 150-year rededication ceremony next year. He said he had always wanted to visit Maine in the summer so I invited him to the celebration and said the "sword" story would be included in the ceremony. I would love to see it happen.

At our January 14th stated meeting I surprised the brethren with this story. They all were as surprised

and happy as I had been. And they were simply amazed and grateful at the actions of Wor. Brother Allen Orean, Master of Central Crossing Lodge #674 and a Past Master of Ashley Lodge #66 of Berryville, Arkansas.

Carrabassett Lodge had replaced the sword after the theft so my intentions are to make a display for our original sword which I believe is nearly 150 years old, and to display it in our lodge.

As far as can be determined, the trip that our Tyler's Sword has been on is as follows:

About 1871 it was purchased by the lodge and was at "home" there for more than 120 years until the lodge burned in 1992. The sword was saved although the lodge building and the Canaan Town Hall were total losses.

Shortly after the new lodge building was completed in 1996 the sword was stolen and the next traceable location was Thistle's Used Furniture and Antiques in Brunswick. Mr. David G. Thistle, now of Fort Edward, New York, had purchased the sword from an estate sale in Harpswell, Maine. He couldn't remember the seller's name after all these years.

Wor. Brother Orean, a sword collector, purchased the sword from Mr. Thistle on Ebay. So, as you see, our Tyler's Sword has been on a long trip for a long time before finally arriving home. I remain amazed at the story and at the kindness and

industrious of Brother Orean for tracking us down and seeing that our sword returned to where it belongs.

Carrabassett Lodge brethren are extremely thankful to Wor. Brother Allen Orean and we hope to see and meet him in 2021.



Brother Burrill and the 'much-travelled' sword.

Just How Famous is the Name ‘Mason?’

by Brother Ed Tooma
Rising Virtue Lodge #10, Bangor

We’re such a well established institution that the name Mason has taken on many meanings: A brick layer is a Mason. Then there’s the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania called the Mason Dixon Line. Thousands today have the name Mason, and would you believe there are 17 states with communities named Mason.

There’s Mason, Virginia; Mason, Texas; Mason, New Hampshire; Mason, Nevada; Mason, Ohio and the list goes on. Around the world we have a town in the Philippines with the name Mason. Same goes for Haiti and Italy. Many famous folks have the given name Mason. There’s Mason Williams who recorded the instrumental “A Classical Gas.” Then there was Mason Carter, a U.S. Army Officer who served in the American Civil War and received the Medal of Honor for his role in the battle of Bear Paw, fought on September 30, 1877.

The name Mason is found in politics, sports, the military and even in the movies. Remember actor James Mason who starred on “One Thousand Leagues Under The Sea?” Television gave us Perry Mason, comic Jackie Mason, and even Homer Simpson from the Simpsons had a millionaire father named Mason Fairbanks. The name Mason itself is masculine, although, the name seems to be very popular among the ladies.

According to the Internet movie data base – 1,130 movies have included male characters and 417 have included female characters named Mason. The popularity of the given name Mason has risen in recent years, becoming the second most popular name given to boys in

the United States. The nickname for someone named Mason is “Mace” or “Macey.”

Origin of the name Mason comes from the occupational surname Mason, which means “One Who Works With Stones. The Biblical meaning of mason is “The Artificer of Stone.” As we learn in the Bible and from our Masonic ritual, masons of the ancient Phoenecian City of Tyre were very skilled in architecture and building things from stone.

In 1858 – John Landis Mason, a 26 - year - old tin-smith from Philadelphia invented the Mason Jar. This hefty little glass container became famous among households across the nation. Americans were snapping up these jars by the millions to can their favorite fruits and veggies. And here we are in 2020 – and the Mason Jar is still in wide circulation – just as Freemasonry is. We can’t afford to let a jar get the best of us.



When you talk with someone you think would make a good Freemason – let them know that you’re not asking him to join. You are only complimenting him as being a good person, and our mission is to make a good man better. Because, Better Men – Make a Better World.



3 Generations X2

Brother Erik K. Smith took his Entered Apprentice degree January 7 in Trinity Lodge, Presque Isle, and is pictured here with his father and two grandfathers. Left to right: Br. John B. Whitten, Bro. Erik, Wor. Derek L. Smith and RW Bro. Milton E. Smith.

Maine Rainbow is on the Move. . . and **GROWING!**

The Grand Assembly of Maine, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is very excited about our re-entry to “The County”. On November 30, 2019, we gathered at Monument Lodge in Houlton to initiate 7 new Rainbow Girls into Temple Assembly #18 and 8 new Pledge Girls into their Rainbow Pledge group (for girls age 6-11). Tagged as our “Grand Master’s Class”, we were thrilled to have Most Worshipful Mark Rustin in attendance along with Brenda Hall, the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star. Brenda is also a Past Grand Worthy Advisor of Maine Rainbow! Houlton Assembly was closed in 1996 and there has been no Rainbow Assembly in Aroostook County since then. The Masons of Monument Lodge have been working hard to bring Masonic youth groups back to their area.

Additionally, Orono Assembly #38 has moved to Bangor and is housed with their new sponsor, Seminary Hill Lodge at the Bangor Masonic Center. Orono will now be known as Faith Assembly #38. Their new sponsor is excited to re-introduce Rainbow to the city of Bangor with the hope that their membership and service to the community will grow.

Maine Rainbow’s membership was up 7% for the year 2019 and as evidenced by the Supreme Assembly website, we were ninth throughout the world at the beginning of December. The girls and advisors are continuing our +3 challenge into 2020. Each Assembly has been given their number which represents the number of girls who will receive their majorities in 2020 +3 so that each assembly will gain three members—we are on our way to

Grand Master Rustin with Debbie Redmond, Supreme Deputy for Maine, and Masonic Youth Award winners Sierra Price and Madeleine Theriault.



another membership growth year in 2020!

November 30th was also an exciting day for two very special Rainbow Girls. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master presented the very first Masonic Youth Awards to Sierra Price, our current Grand Worthy Advisor and Madeleine Theriault, our Jr. Past Grand Worthy Advisor. The girls were selected based on their distinguished service to Rainbow and their community. The medallions were designed by the Grand Master and presented to the girls after the initiation.

Maine Rainbow is very appreciative of the support of the Masons of the State of Maine, The Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation and especially our Grand Master. We understand that the responsibility of the Maine Masonic Family rests upon the shoulders of the Grand Master and we are thankful that with all that responsibility, he still finds time to spend with his Rainbow Daughters. We look forward to seeing many of you, our Rainbow Dads, at our Rainbow Assemblies in the future.



Temple Assembly #18 Rainbow Assembly in Houlton.

Paris Lodge Brethren Awarded Two Scholarships This Year

Paris Lodge #94, South Paris, has awarded \$500 scholarships to two young women this year, Miss Alora Gordon and Miss Jazmyne Cohen. Miss Gordon is attending Plymouth State College in New Hampshire, Miss Cohen attends Mid State College. The scholarships,

awarded annually, are named the Westin Flint Memorial Scholarships. Winners do not have to be related to a lodge member, and the scholarships do not include a Grand Lodge match. The scholarships were awarded at the lodge's January 15 meeting.



Jazmyne Cohen, second from right, with her grandfather, Wor. Neil Sampson, are pictured with her dad, sister and mom.

In photo below, scholarship winner Alora Gordon is flanked by Wor. Karl Furtado, left and her grandfather, Bro. Bruce Adams.



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Arundel Lodge Hosts Successful Project Graduation Fundraiser

On February 9 of this year Arundel Lodge #76 in Kennebunkport hosted a very successful fundraising brunch to benefit Project Graduation for the Kennebunk High School Class of 2020.

The turnout was excellent, and all present were impressed by the participation of so many students who helped with marketing, setup, service and cleanup. Several local businesses also provided generous assistance.

Bro. Jack Donovan worked his culinary magic in the kitchen, with the able assistance of Bro. David Crowell, Bro.

Noel Holmes and Wor. Bro. Peter Shaw, along with several parents. The event was organized by Wor. Bro. Jeff Zdunczyk, working with a group of local parents, and building upon the groundwork laid by VW Bro. Jonathan Rosen, all with the enthusiastic encouragement of RW DK Horne, DDGM/19.

Arundel Lodge #76 has a long history of support for the local schools in Kennebunkport, Kennebunk, and Arundel, including scholarships, Bikes for Books, and Most Improved Student programs. This was the first of what is hoped will be an annual Project Graduation fundraiser, with matching funds available from Grand Lodge.

Aside from the fundraising itself, the other benefit of the event was to introduce Freemasonry to two groups of men of the community, the 18-year old high school seniors, and their fathers (many of whom are about to become empty-nesters). There is good reason to believe that several of the attendees will be future Masons.



A part of the crowd.



Taking a break.



The four amigos.

Medieval Merciful Mutilations, Pagan Burials and Our... EA Obligation

by Donald McDougal

A 2012 blog by “A Traveling Freemason” Discussed our understanding of our Obligations. It said, in part, that to some of us, “they do not make complete sense” because we do not comprehend them in the full social, political, grammatical context from whence they came. One such is our EA Obligation which we all took when we first knelt, hoodwinked, at the Altar of Freemasonry. Current social and political attitudes place us under very little personal risk and investment from some of those words.

However, during the middle ages, while joining

a guild of Masons as an apprentice, we would have been pledging, a horrible bloody death, a pagan burial, and our complete Hereafter for any violation of the principles sworn in our Obligation.

Many European Christians, during the early to middle medieval period felt that St. Peter could use their assistance at the Pearly Gates to properly oversee who ought to pass to Heaven or Hell. He was not felt to be incompetent. Rather, they felt that the workload of tracing and recalling everyone’s transgressions could allow for occasional errors. Therefore society needed to develop a support system to shore up his efforts and advance his craftsmanship. Burial in consecrated ground was devised by the Church as a means of sending him a signal that a particular individual should in fact go to Heaven. Then those buried in unconsecrated ground should be denied access to Heaven and relegated to Hell. These burial codes were probably inaugurated and supported by Church leaders to strike fear and intimidation into parish members. Church officials were hoping to guarantee an obedient, devout life among followers. Land which ever flooded could not become Consecrated

ground and there was a marked intolerance of land on the north side of Churches.

Spiteful selection of Burial site could add further punishment to ensure that a person’s afterlife involved continual retaliation. Cruelly, Christian burial in consecrated ground was refused to unbaptized children, suicides, and bodies of pregnant women unless the fetus was first removed. Lunatics, devil worshipers, witches and executed criminals were also excluded. We need to remind ourselves how fortunate we are that our afterlife is not governed under medieval mores sanctioned by a powerful ruling class.

Burial in unconsecrated ground carried other retributions for the corpse in addition to exile from heaven. In England, as late as 1820, executed criminals and suicides were buried at crossroads. To protect the general population, murder victims were also sometimes buried at crossroads because their spirits might be distressed, unruly and wish retaliation on the living. The ghost of the dead would be very confused about which road to follow when it woke up and came out of the ground. It would therefore be anchored at the crossroads while deciding which way to go. The crossroads burial had one additional contribution. The deceased could never “Rest In Peace”

because passing traffic would eternally disturb its spirit. Crossroad buri-

als also had an economic advantage. That land was not owned by anyone. No fees were involved in those burials so the living were protected economically.

After the Normans came to power in 1066, Anglo-Saxon burial traditions continued but were gradually changed over time. William the conqueror felt that the Anglo-Saxons had a history of excessive use of executions as a form of punishment. Since an executed man could never repent of his sins and go to heaven, he advocated a more merciful form of punishment where a criminal still had time to repent and spend his hereafter in Heaven. He recommended and began to implement a system of “Merciful Mutilation.” Mutilations involved branding or amputating particular anatomical features. Ears were a particularly common target. Nose and lips were another target. Medieval tongue removal was used but carried much higher risks of hemorrhage and death. If a person was confined to the stocks, ears were sometimes nailed to the stocks and when the proper confinement time had been served the ears could be slit for release. Forms of punishment similar to these are in court

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Our ritual, which was written about 300 years ago and fairly well standardized into its present form more than

In degree work “Motion should be, so far as possible, in a clockwise direction.(sunwise)”

We have to wonder why the authors included those references to medieval superstitions. To add a sense of social/historical continuity to our ritual? To provide us with a sense of what a young lad was pledging when he was accepted into the Guild of Masons during the middle ages? Or was their intent a larger inspirational lesson they hoped we would find for our own personal Masonic Journey?

Wor. Justin Galipeau. email: galipeau54@yahoo.com



Are You Building Your Masonic Legacy?

by Brother Thomas E. Pulkkinen, Past Grand Master

Often in Freemasonry when we speak of “legacy” we are referring to the tendency of men to follow the footsteps of their fathers or grandfathers into the Craft. Membership is often a family tradition, as men want to emulate the lives of those they love and respect. Sons and brothers want to be more like the men in their lives. To recognize this path, Masons in many jurisdictions wear a Lewis Jewel that signifies that the wearer is the son of a Mason, with bars proudly bearing the names of members of each generation in his Masonic lineage.

Many Brethren tell their loved ones, “When you decide you want to become a Mason, I want to sign your petition and I’ll pay your application fee.” These Masons understand the importance of our Brotherhood in building men of virtue; they also know that by making these virtues central to our own lives and to those of whom we love, we will leave a positive mark that will survive us by helping to shape the values and life styles of those whom we care for the most.

Many of us are products of a strong Masonic legacy. In my family, at least three generations of sons and daughters of a pair of Finnish immigrants to our country joined DeMolay or Rainbow and became Masons or members of the Eastern Star. How many? Good question, certainly more than 20, counting those who married into the family.

It’s not unusual for a new Mason to tell a grandparent that he is becoming a Mason and to learn that his grandfather was an active member of the fraternity. Many Masons and family genealogists go onto the genealogy section of the Grand Lodge of Maine website (www.MaineMason.org) and track down the Masonic history of family members dating back to the 1700s.

Of course, many Masons are the first in their family to join the Craft. To them and all Masons comes the opportunity to build their own Masonic legacy, to talk about Freemasonry with their family (and friends). And that includes talking with their fathers, grandfathers, sons and brothers about our love of the Craft and encouraging them to follow in our Masonic footsteps.

This fall, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Maine and throughout the fifteen states comprising the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction will be conferring degrees in “Legacy Classes” in several communities throughout the state and will be holding “Legacy Events” to celebrate our Masonic legacy. The purpose of these efforts is to share the value and enjoyment of our brotherhood with family members. Of course, all Maine Masons will be

invited and encouraged to participate.

Yet my Brethren, our personal and fraternal legacy is much more than encouraging our family members to become Masons and members of the Scottish or York Rites or the Shrine. A person’s legacy is the mark left on the world that survives beyond death. The lasting impact of our thoughts, words and deeds.

Every Brother, Lodge and other Masonic organization is encouraged to introspectively ask: How are we living out our Masonic obligations and teachings? How have I benefited society – both those close to me and in my community? How have I added value to their lives? How might I do more? Am I building a personal and Masonic legacy whereby those who know me best can say that I

Who Should be A Mason?



Do you have a relative, friend or coworker who you feel should be a Freemason? Have you ever pointed him towards finding out why Freemasonry should be in his future? Surveys have determined that men overwhelmingly want what we have...membership in an organization with strong core values, with our tenets of Brotherly Love, relief and truth. But few men know that our Craft has -- is -- what they’ve been looking for.

The Scottish Rite and Shriners have joined forces to create a new website that exposes men to our values and connects them to the Grand Lodge where they live, anywhere in North America. Look at the website “BeA Freemason.org” and then share it with good men in your life. It just might be the best gift you have ever given them.

107 Years Young !

“The secret to a well spent life” – something we all strive towards and look forward to. Maybe the “secret” involves being a Mason – making friends and bonds that guide us through life.

In the case of Brother Seth White this seems to be the answer. Brother Seth was recently honored by family, friends, fraternal brothers, and the staff of The Landing Assisted Living Facility in Cape Elizabeth on his 107th Birthday.

Present were members of Hiram Lodge #180 – where Seth was raised a Master Mason on May 25, 1982, as well as the Potentate and several other Kora Shriners who presented him a Life Member Certificate.



Pictured with Brother Noble Seth are: John Knox, Past Potentate and Past Master of Saco #9, Divan Member Barry Irish, and Potentate Sonny Jutras, Past Master of Webster Lodge.

Maine Mason Day at Sea Dogs' Hadlock Field *Celebrating 200 Years of Brotherhood* Saturday, July 25th

How about joining 400 of your closest friends and brothers, and their families, for a night out at the old ballpark? The “Corporate Corner” picnic area is reserved for us together with the entire left field seating area. The Grand Master will be throwing out the first pitch, we’ll lead the singing of the National Anthem from on the field at 5:30ish, and enjoy our Masonic Brotherhood and some good baseball. Rainbow and DeMolay will be participating in this special day.

You have two event options. You may skip the picnic and enjoy the game for \$4 per person (street price is \$11), or do what Masons do, eat well...for up to three hours! For a subsidized price of \$20 per person, you will “fully” enjoy the game-day experience: eating hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled chicken, soda and sides from 4:00-7:00 pm and then root for the home team Sea Dogs. We need at least 75 hungry patrons to reserve the picnic area.

Maine Masons should buy your tickets soon for yourselves and your guests. Tickets may be purchased on-line directly from the Sea Dogs, where you will be able buy “game only” tickets OR “picnic area and ticket.” To purchase tickets, use the following links:

Game only – <https://groupmatics.events/event/MasonTickets725>

Picnic and game – <https://groupmatics.events/event/MasonsPicnic7.25>

Brethren without internet access may call Alan Barker at the Sea Dogs 207-879-9500 ext. 342 and pay by phone (have your credit card ready).



Honoring our Masonic Veterans



Brother Rodney Jordan received his 70-year star from Grand Master Rustin on Feb. 21st at his 100th birthday party as son, Barry, also a member of Lygonia Lodge #40, Ellsworth, looks on. Photo by Maxwell Hauptman of *The Ellsworth American*.



Bro. Charles R. Young (Capt. Dick), a member of Winter Harbor Lodge, received his 50-year veterans medal from RW Jack Lagerquist in December.



Wor. Brother George Anderson, a member of St. John's Lodge #51, South Berwick, received his 50-year veterans medal from RW Jack Lagerquist on January 16.



Bro. Robert Ashe, a member of Hiram Lodge, South Portland, received his 50-year veterans medal from RW Brother Lagerquist on February 18.



On Feb, 4th Brother Eugene Hamm, a member of Rising Virtue Lodge #10, Bangor, received his 50-year veterans medal from RW Brother Lagerquist.



Bro. Walter Morris of Asylum Lodge #133, Leeds, received his 50-year veterans medal from RW Robert Scott and RW Charles Barker on Dec. 29.



Bro. John McMullen received his 50-year veterans medal from RW Loy Mitchell and Wor. William Stackpole on Feb. 6. He is the 19th 50-year member of Village Lodge



Wor. Brother Robert Temple of Village Lodge #26, Bowdoinham, received his 50-year veterans medal on Dec. 5. He's shown here flanked by RW Brad Blake and Wor. Keith Drago.



Bro. William Savary, Jr., of Pioneer Lodge #72, in Ashland, received his 50-year veterans medal from RW Lagerquist on Dec. 19.



Bro. Larry Hallowell, a member of Trinity Lodge #130, in Presque Isle, received his 50-year veterans medal from Bro. Lagerquist on Dec. 19



Bro. James Melton, a member of United Lodge #8, Brunswick, received his 50-year veterans medal from Grand Master Rustin at Maine Day in Florida.



Bro. Donald Moulton of Abner Wade Lodge #207 Sangerville, received his 50-year veterans medal from Grand Master Rustin at Maine Day in Florida.



Bro. Ken Priest received his 50-year veterans medal from Wor. Sheldon Goodine on July 29, 2019.



On July 29, Wor. Richard Kimball, Master of Dirigo Lodge #104, Weeks Mills, and Wor. Sheldon Goodine, GSD, presented Bro. George Baker his 50-year Veterans Medal.



Bro. Douglas Haraden, Orient Lodge #15, Thomaston, received his 50-year veterans medal from RW Lagerquist Feb. 20.



Bro. Leighton Perkins, a member of Buxton Lodge #115, Buxton, received his 50-year veterans medal from RW Pete Forrest at Maine Day in Florida.

19th District Ritual Contest Participants



York Lodge #22, Kennebunk, hosted the Nineteenth District's annual Ritual Challenge this year. And, as usual, it was an outstanding competition between the lodges. This year's tested ritual was the Entered Apprentice degree through the obligation. Arundel Lodge #76, of Kennebunkport, won over second place Preble Lodge #143, Sanford, by the slimmest of margins. (The deciding difference was hand placement at the altar.)

Maine Masons at the Feast of St. John



Last December, back when Masons could still gather in good health as well as harmony, these eight Maine Masons were introduced at the altar of our Mother Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Left to right, front, Bro. George Pulkkinen, Brother Tom Pulkkinen, Brother Rich Nadeau, and Brother Mark Rustin. Rear row: Brother Wayne Adams, Brother Chuck Ridlon, Brother Claire Tusch and Brother Bradford Blake. They were escorted in by Brother Harvey Waugh, PGM of Massachusetts, far right, front row, who also has a home in Maine.

Mark Your Calendars For These Special Events to Celebrate Maine Freemasonry's 200th Anniversary

Brethren, it's time to celebrate your Freemasonry! As you saw on pages 14 and 15 of this *Maine Mason*, come **June 4-7, 2020**, we will travel to Washington DC and Alexandria, VA, to confer the Master Mason Degree at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial; visit George Washington's home at Mount Vernon; go to the Scottish Rite House of the Temple and much more.

Then, on **Saturday, September 5, 2020**, our Brethren of the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team will join us at Kora Shrine Temple in Lewiston and confer their world renown Master Mason Degree, followed by a public demonstration of Native American dances. Complete information will be in the next *Maine Mason* and will be mailed to Lodges; published on Facebook; put on the Grand Lodge Website; and sent via email to everyone with a valid email address on the Grand Lodge membership database. (If you don't now receive email from Grand Lodge, please send your name, member number (on your dues card) and email address to GrandLodge@MaineMason.org so you can receive information on these and other upcoming events.)



The Common Thread in the creation of the State of Maine and the Masonic Grand Lodge

by W. Victor Berardelli

In this Bicentennial year of both the State of Maine and the Grand Lodge of Maine, it is fascinating to discover how intertwined the two events were due to the efforts of one remarkable individual.

William King, Maine's first Governor and first Grand Master of Masons, was born in the Dunstan section of present-day Scarborough on Feb. 9, 1768. His father had emigrated from England to Boston as a sword maker and then moved to the Maine territory to stake a homestead and cut timber for the British shipbuilding trade in Massachusetts. As a youngster, William saw the transition from loyalty to the Crown to revolution for a new nation.

Maine, where he grew up, had always been treated with benign neglect by the British North America administrators. In 1624, King Charles I designated what is now Maine as the Province of New Somersetshire. However, the English colonial bureaucrats found 35,385-square-miles of unexplored woods and Abenaki territory too unruly to govern and, initially, their only interests were establishing convenience harbors along the coast on the sea lane between Halifax, St. John and Boston. So, the idea of a separate Province was shelved and administration of the "Wild Territory" was given to the Royal Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

At the same time as Britain was trying to organize colonization in North America, English soldiers, merchants and administrators were bringing their Masonic traditions.

Jurisdictional confusion arose because in the 17th and 18th Centuries several different Grand Lodges were issuing warrants to organize new Lodges and Grand Lodge territory. Two competed within England: The Premier Grand Lodge of England, with jurisdiction in London and Westminster, and The Ancient Grand Lodge of England, with jurisdic-

tion at York. Additionally, the separate Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Ireland were chartering new Grand Lodges in North America. This jurisdictional confusion was not resolved until St. John's Day 1813 when Queen Victoria's father, the Duke of Sussex, gathered the competing Grand Lodges to Westminster where they created today's United Grand Lodge.

Hence, prior to 1813, Masonry spread in North America under different jurisdictions. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was chartered by the Ancient Grand Lodge of England from York while the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was chartered by the Premier Grand Lodge from Westminster.

This led to confusion within the Maine territory because Masons fell under different jurisdictions. The first Lodge in Maine was Portland Lodge (part of present-day Triangle Lodge #1), which had its charter signed by the Grand Master of Massachusetts, M.W. Paul Revere; whereas the second Lodge in Maine at East Machias (known today as Warren Lodge #2) received a charter signed by the Grand Master of New Brunswick. As Masonry spread in the territory, new Lodges came under different jurisdictions.

Maine was still the anomaly of British colonization and, while the Massachusetts Bay Colony technically had jurisdiction it ignored the territory. Maine almost changed hands in 1740 after the British defeated the French at Acadia and Parliament considered merging what is now Maine and New Brunswick into Nova Scotia Province. However, colonial administrators noted that this proposed Province would be larger than most European countries and could pose problems. So, the idea was killed, and Maine administration remained under the Massachusetts Bay

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Colony's Royal Governor.

In the early-18th Century before revolutionary fervor, Boston was perhaps the most British of cities run by an establishment of elites who were landed, educated and considered themselves a new generation of English aristocracy. They looked down with disdain on the uncivilized "wild lands," as records of the Massachusetts General Court at the time constantly called Maine. To Boston, the territory was simply natural resources to be exploited.

To attract settlement to the Maine territory, the Royal Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony offered land grants to those who would build homesteads and harvest trees to provide masts and plank-ing to English ship builders in Boston and New Gloucester. Most who took up the offer were rough-hewn adventurers uncomfortable with the English urbanization and Puritan ethic of Boston and freed indentured servants seeking a new start in life.

Richard King, William's father, became prosperous supplying lumber to the English shipyards in Massachusetts and was able to send his eldest son, Rufus, to Columbia. He had similar plans for middle son William, but the boy did not cooperate. When he was 13 years old, William King was sent to Phillips Academy but in mid-semester he returned home to Maine, self-educating by extensive reading and listening to elders. He helped harvest family crops, cut trees for the English shipping trade and apprenticed at a Saco sawmill.

William was born into an English environment but grew up in pre-teenage years hearing talk of revolutionary secession. He saved his earnings and, as a teenager, his mother wrote to his youngest brother Cyrus, he was "buying up Tory lands as fast as the Loyalist are fleeing and divesting them."

In his late-teens, William packed his belongings into an ox cart and hiked up the Portland Trail until he got a job at a sawmill on the Androscoggin River at Topsham. Living frugally, he amassed enough cash to own the saw within six months and, within a year, the 20-year-old bought out his boss and owned the mill.

He prospered by entrepreneurial spirit. Instead of shipping his wood as a middleman for the Massachusetts ship builders, he established one of the first shipyards in Bath, supplying his own wood from his mill. Frustrated by delays dealing with Boston banks, at 21 he founded the first bank in Bath. As his shipping fleet grew it went farther afield and when one of his ships returned from New Orleans laden with cotton, he founded one of the first fabric mills in Brunswick.

By the age of 25, William King was financially secure, socially settled and a local civic leader. He was elected to represent Bath and the Maine Coast in the Massachusetts General Court, as the legislature was called.

His time in Boston sowed the seeds of distrust in Massachusetts which led King to become the Father of Maine Statehood. He discovered that Massachusetts had no intention of financing roads, schools or services in its Maine territory and looked at it only as a source of revenue from extrication of natural resources. He became infuriated when he discovered that corrupt administrators in Boston, beholden to land speculators, would invalidate the land deeds of the wild territory settlers and award them to the absentee holders in Massachusetts who treated the settlers as tenants.

King had an interesting scheduling trick. He would find the date of a Masonic meeting and travel to the lodge as Grand Master. As he traveled, he would stop in towns to meet municipal leaders, thus creating a visible presence, both civic and Masonic

Agitation for secession from Massachusetts had started as early as 1785 but conflicting loyalties, depending upon one's

financial dependence to Boston and social status, kept Maine divided. The War of 1812 changed the will of Maine people.

William King was commissioned by the Massachusetts General Court to form a Maine militia, but he soon discovered that he would get no funding nor manpower from Boston. Massachusetts deployed all of its resources to protect the Port of Boston, leaving Maine so unprotected that the British easily occupied Eastport, Castine and Belfast.

The final indignity happened in 1814 when

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American Capt. Charles Morris docked the USS Adams on the Penobscot River at Hampden for repairs with the 150-man crew bivouacked at the Sowadabacock Stream inlet. British commander Sir John Sherbrooke received intelligence and ordered Royal Navy Capt. Robert Barrie to sail up the Penobscot from Castine with five ships and 750 men to seize the ship and American arms. Out-gunned and out-manned, as the British sailed upriver from Winterport, Captain Morris turned his American arms onto the USS Adams and scuttled it rather than let it fall to the English.

Infuriated, Captain Barrie placed Hampden and Bangor under English martial law, held all of the male civic leaders as prisoners and then burned and looted the two cities. He only relented and retreated back to Castine after both cities pledged ransom worth about \$500,000 each in today's dollar values.

William King, meanwhile, grew angrier at Massachusetts when he learned that Boston bankers would not loan the funds for the Bangor and Hampden rebuilding, \$1.5-million in today's dollars, because they did not want to lose post-war good will with the British no matter what happened in the war.

Maine was then divided by the British to cut off its natural resources from supplying the United States and to keep sea lanes open for English ships heading from Halifax and St. John in an effort to blockade Boston. A line was drawn down the middle of the Penobscot River and all of Maine to the east was designated the Province of New Ireland. This remained a Canadian Province for eight months until the Treaty of Ghent when the war ended, which returned the Maine territory to the United States as a district of Massachusetts.

Armed with a long list of grievances about the maltreatment of Maine by Massachusetts, William King, after the war, started touring, agitating for secession and statehood. A report in the Maine State Archives says he would arouse crowds with the political punchline, "Maine is occupied by a foreign power – Massachusetts!"

On July 16, 1819 King called a meeting of town officials in Portland where they voted overwhelmingly to petition the United States Senate for statehood and designated William King to become the first governor. Voters ratified the statehood petition ten days later. At the same time, King called a meeting of all of the Masonic Lodges in Maine where

they agreed that, at statehood, they would form a Grand Lodge of Maine with all Lodges equal regardless of original chartering jurisdiction and called upon William King to serve as the first Grand Master.

William King then went to Washington at the opening of the 1820 Congressional term to lobby for Maine statehood. His brother Rufus, who had grown up on the family homestead in Maine, never returned after he graduated from Columbia and was a United States Senator for New York at the time. He ushered his brother around the Capitol and introduced him.

Meanwhile, the Missouri Territory was causing problems. It had failed to win statehood several times because northern Senators feared its admission would tilt the federal balance-of-power to the south. If it did not get ratified as a state by the end of business on March 15, 1820, its petition would expire, and Missouri would have to start petitions anew.

Within hours of the deadline, an amended bill to appease both sides was offered called The Missouri Compromise which required that one new free state be admitted for each new slave state admitted. Senators fast-tracked the Maine petition so that it would be the free state to offset Missouri.

Ironically, New York Sen. Rufus King, who grew up in Maine and whose brother would become its first governor, voted against it. He was a strong abolitionist and opposed admission of any new slave state.

Personal papers of William King disclose an interesting scheduling trick he used in order to simultaneously serve as Governor and Grand Master. He would find the date of a Masonic Stated Meeting and travel to the Lodge to visit as Grand Master. As he traveled, he would stop in towns to meet municipal leaders. Thus, he had a visible presence both civic and Masonic. He continued in the dual roles for nearly two years until he resigned both positions when President James Monroe appointed him the United States Negotiator with Spain, which led to the acquisition of the Florida territory.

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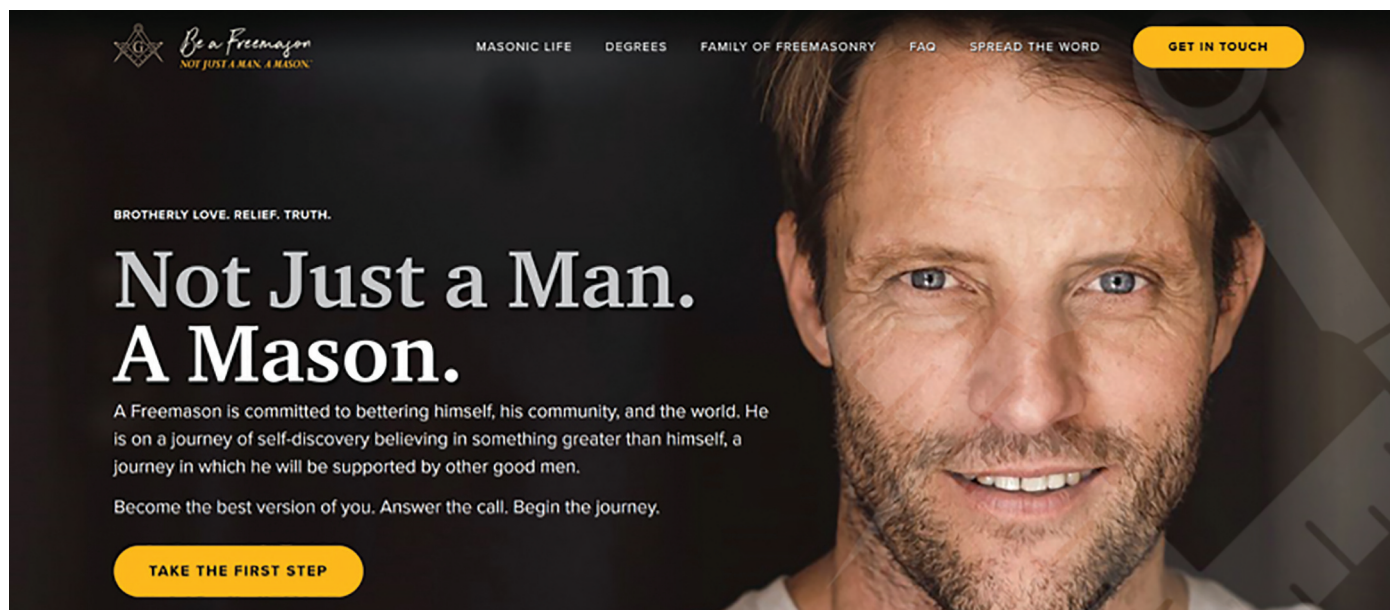
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