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Grand Master of Masons in Maine
2014 - 2015



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Elected Grand Lodge Officers 2014-2015

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Special Communications

At Naval Lodge Kittery, Maine

By Order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, A. F. & A. M. will be held at Naval Lodge in Kittery at the new Lodge building located at 11 Shapleigh Road on Saturday, 13 July 2013 at 1:30 PM for the purpose of laying the Cornerstone and dedicating the Lodge to Free Masonry. Other presentations will be conducted to celebrate the occasion.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremonies. Grand Lodge Officers will be dressed in business suits and full regalia. The event is semi-public. Grand Lodge Officers are to report to the Lodge at high twelve for a full rehearsal under the direction of the Grand Marshal.

I earnestly ask you for your support in attending this celebration.

Per Order: A. James Ross
Grand Master of Masons in Maine

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, A.F. & A. M., was held on Saturday, July 13, 2013, for the purpose of laying the Cornerstone for and dedicating the hall of Naval Lodge #184. Grand Lodge Officers present were MW A. James Ross, Grand Master, RW David Walker, DGM, RW Christian Ratliff, SGW, W Mark Zimmerman, acting JGW, RW Mark Rustin, GS, RW Christopher DiSotto, Grand Marshall, RW W. Daniel Hill, Gr. Chaplain, RW Elroy Moulton, Tyler and W Howard Moulton, Grand Organist. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 1:30 PM by Most Worshipful A. James Ross, Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

The Grand Master symbolically set the cornerstone in place with mortar. The Acting Deputy Grand Master inspected stone and reported that it was **square**. The Senior Grand Warden inspected the stone and reported that it was **level**. The Acting Junior Grand Warden inspected the stone and reported that it was **plumb**. The Grand Master then declared the corner stone to be square, level and plumb and duly laid.

The Grand Master ordered that the cornerstone be consecrated with the elements of Corn, Wine and Oil. The Acting Deputy Grand Master scattered the **Corn of Nourishment** on the stone. The Senior Grand Warden poured the **Wine of Refreshment and Peace** on the stone. The Acting Junior Grand Warden poured the **Oil of Joy** on the stone. The Public Grand Honors were given and the Grand

Marshal made his official proclamation. A Benediction was then delivered by the Grand Chaplain.

The procession then entered the Lodge Room. The Grand Marshal, conducted the suite of Grand Lodge Officers once around the hall. The Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden placed candles on the carpet in the West. The procession marched again around the lodge where the Grand Master was conducted to the East and the remaining officers were conducted to their stations. The Master of the Lodge turned the Gavel over to the Grand Master. The Grand Chaplain then delivered a Prayer.

The Grand Master was presented with the Square, Level, and Plumb. The Grand Marshal formed a procession and the working tools were presented to the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden. The procession was conducted out of the lodge hall. Upon their return, the Grand Master called on each officer to report on his inspection. The Deputy Grand Master reported that the building was Square and the Craftsmen had done their duty. The Senior Grand Warden reported that the building was Level and the Craftsmen had done their duty. The Junior Grand Warden reported that the building was Plumb and the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The procession was reformed and the Chaplain was conducted to the Altar. The procession marched once around the lodge while the Grand Chaplain delivered a Prayer. The Grand Master stated, "Glory be to God".

The Junior Grand Warden presented the vessel of consecration to the Grand Master, who then poured the corn on the carpet in the West, while saying "In the name of the Great Jehovah, to whom be all honor and glory, I do solemnly dedicate this Hall to Freemasonry."

The Acting Grand Marshal conducted the procession twice around the lodge while the Grand Chaplain delivered a Prayer.

The Senior Grand Warden presented the vessel of consecration to the Grand Master, who poured a cup of wine on the carpet in the West, while saying, " In the name of the Holy Saint John, I do solemnly dedicate this Hall of Virtue."

The Acting Grand Marshal conducted the procession three times around the lodge while the Grand Chaplain delivered a Prayer.

The Deputy Grand Master presented the vessel of consecration to the Grand Master, who poured the oil on the carpet in the West, while saying, "In the name of the whole Fraternity, I do solemnly dedicate this Hall to Universal Benevolence."

The procession was conducted around the lodge and the Grand Lodge officers each dropped off at their stations. The Grand Master called for the Official Proclamation. The Grand Marshal made his Official Proclamation:

"I do hereby proclaim that this Hall has been solemnly dedicated to Masonry in Ample Form. This proclamation is made from the East, the West, the South; Once,

Twice, Thrice. The Craft will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly."

The Grand Master turned over the Gavel to the Worshipful Master for appropriate remarks.

The Grand Master made appropriate remarks.

The Grand Chaplain delivered the closing Prayer.

The Grand Master closed in Ample Form.

Fraternally,



Grand Secretary



At Togus VA Hospital

By Order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, A. F. & A. M. will be held at the Veterans' Administration Hospital at Togus, Maine for the purpose of attending devotional services with the residents on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 10:30 AM.

Grand Lodge officers will assemble in doors at Building 202 of the hospital campus at 9:30 AM. Attire for the visitation is business suit (preferably dark color or gray), white shirt, dark neck tie and full regalia. Lunch will be served following the service. All Masons and their families are welcome to attend. The service is non-denominational.

This is an annual event the Grand Lodge participates in. Let's show our support for the residents and good volunteers. Participation is voluntary.

Per Order: A. James Ross
Grand Master of Masons in Maine

It is with great pleasure I report the Grand Lodge of Maine, was well received by Chaplain Thomas C. Farrar at the Togus V. A. Chapel, Sunday service on October 13, 2013. His expressing the value, and appreciation for the many contributions of

the bodies of Masonry in Maine to the needs of our veterans was well received by all.

There were in attendance at the service 50 members and guests including Grand Lodge officers, their Special Ladies, and 11 brethren from several individual lodges. Lunch was enjoyed by all who chose to stay.

As always, I thank you for the opportunity to humbly serve our fraternity, and our veterans at Togus.

Fraternally Submitted,
W Daniel Hill
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem



At Tuscan Lodge, Addison, Maine

By Order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, A. F. & A. M. will be held at Tuscan Lodge in Addison on Wednesday, 30 April 2014 for the purpose of honoring that Lodge for being named as Ritual Lodge of the Year as selected by the Lecturing Staff of the Grand Lodge of Maine. A supper will be served at 6:00 PM, with degree work at 7:00 PM. Tuscan Lodge will exemplify the Master Mason Degree. Tuscan Lodge is located at 325 Water Street, Addison. Attire for all Grand Lodge officers shall be business suit and full regalia. All Master Masons are welcome..

If any officer of the Grand Lodge is not able to attend, I would like to know as soon as possible.

Please join me in congratulating the officers and members of Tuscan Lodge as they celebrate this distinct honor.

Per Order: A. James Ross
Grand Master of Masons in Maine

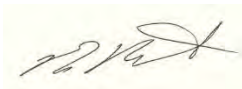
After a delightful and delicious buffet meal which featured lobster stew, the following Grand Lodge Officers assembled as a suite, entered the Lodge Hall and were presented by RW Christopher DiSotto, Grand Marshal: MW A. James Ross, Grand Master, RW Lawrence Vennell, JGW, RW Royce Wheeler, PSGW, RW Frank Theriault, PSGW, RW John Irovando, PGSW, RW Patrick Whitney, PJGW,

RW Ralph Knowles, PJGW, RW Ronald Murphy, PJGW, RW Thomas Pulkkinen, PJGW of the Grand Lodge of MA, RW Mark Rustin, Gr. Secretary, RW William Cherry, DDGM 3, RW Timothy Briggs, DDGM 5, RW Chuck Billings DDGM 10, RW William Layman, DDGM 11, RW Stephen Smith, DER 3, VW Paul Grondin, DER 22, RW Harland Harnden, GL, RW Kevin Campbell, AGL, RW Ralph Pennell, Jr., AGL, RW Robert Winton, AGL, RW Dwight Whitney, Sr., PDDGM 3, RW Darrell Kelley, PDDGM 3, RW Clinton Coolidge, PDDGM 15, RW Jeffrey Simonton, PDDGM 17, VW Robert MacLeod, PDER 3, W Mark Zimmerman, Gr. Steward, W Michael Doran, Gr. Pursuivant.

After greetings from MW Ross and W Dean McGray, Master of Tuscan Lodge, the officers of the Lodge proceeded to exemplify the Master Mason Degree. The candidate, Brother Nelson Santiago, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

At the conclusion of the degree work there were many expressions of congratulations from those in attendance. RW Harden present the Grand Lecturer's Lodge of the Year Award to the Officers of Tuscan Lodge. After several closing remarks, GM Ross summed up the evening praising both the Lodge and the candidate for their efforts. At the conclusion of the Grand Master's remarks the Lodge was closed in due form.

Fraternally,



Grand Secretary



The 195th Annual Communication – Day One

At the appropriate hour the Grand Marshal escorted the Grand Master and the suite of Grand Lodge officers to the stage for the ceremonial opening of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to conduct and introduce the Past Grand Masters of Masons in Maine. The following Past Grand Masters were introduced to the Brethren and given the grand honors of this jurisdiction: MW Robert V. Damon, MW George Pulkkinen, MW Harland S. Hitchings, MW Walter M. Macdougall, MW Brian A. Paradis, MW Wayne T. Adams, MW Charles E. Ridlon, MW Claire V. Tusch, MW Gerald S. Leighton, MW Robert R. Landry, and MW W. Louis Greenier, II.

The Grand Master then directed that the out-of-state guests be presented to the Grand Lodge. Presented to the Grand Lodge and given the Grand Honors were: MW David Worel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, RW Donald W. Dean, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, RW Joseph C. DeNicola, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, RW Glenn D. Payne, PDDGM Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, MW Stephen H. Allen, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, RW John F. Gordon, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, RW Raymond E. Hassell, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, MW Roger L. Crouse, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and RW Palmer E. Martin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. (Were these the order? Seems wrong....)

The Grand Master directed that the in-state Guests be introduced to the Brethren and given the public grand Honors. Introduced were: Illustrious MW Charles E. Ridlon, 33° Deputy Emeritus, A.A.S.R.N.M.J., Illustrious Alan R. Heath, 33° Deputy for Maine, A.A.S.R.N.M.J., Illustrious Jeffry A. Simonton, Active for Maine, Illustrious Royce G. Wheeler, 33° Active Emeritus, A.A.S.R.N.M.J., R.E. Charles H. Allen, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maine, M. I. Burton G. Hall, Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maine, M. E. Jethro D. Pease, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, Illustrious Dan Gove, Potentate of Kora Shrine and Jesse Thomas, Chief Rabban, Anah Shrine.

The Grand Master and his Officers opened the 195th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine in Ample Form.

The Grand Chaplain invoked the presence and guidance of the Supreme Architect during this Annual Communication.

The Grand Master called for the communications from the Grand Secretary. He replied that there had been three Special Communications during the Masonic year: on July 6, 2013, at Naval Lodge for a Cornerstone Laying and Hall Dedication; on September 25, 2013, at Togus Veterans' Hospital; and on April 30, 2014 at Tuscan Lodge for the presentation of the Ritual Lodge of the Year Award.

The Grand Master called for regrets received by the Grand Secretary. He replied that the Grand Lodge of Quebec extended their regrets for being unable to attend this Annual Communication and sent best wishes to the Grand Master and the Brethren of Grand Lodge for a successful, harmonious session.

The Deputy Grand Master made the following motions:

- I move that we dispense with the reading of the records of the last Annual Communication and that, as printed, they be confirmed.
- I move that all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors to this Annual Communication.
- I move that the Grand Tyler be authorized to employ such assistants as necessary to aid him in the work of his office during this session of Grand Lodge.

All motions were seconded and passed without discussion.

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to escort the Non-Masonic guests into the auditorium and introduced. Sammi Getchell, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls of Maine, Debbie Redmond, Supreme Deputy of Maine, Mrs. Cora-Ellen Moody, Supreme Charity and Supreme Inspector for Maine, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Brother Steven Farrington, State Master Councilor for Maine DeMolay, and Worshipful Gordon L. Kimball Jr., State Executive Officer for Maine DeMolay were introduced by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Master ordered the Presentation of the Colors of our Nation which was done by a color guard from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of Maine under the direction of S.K. John D. Baggett. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the national anthems of the United States of America and Canada. The Grand Master introduced the members of the color guard after which they exited the auditorium.

The Grand Master invited Miss Sammi Getchell, Grand Worthy Advisor to address the Grand Lodge:

Grand Worthy Advisor, Order of the Rainbow for Girls

In Grand Lodge
May 6, 2014

Thank you Most Worshipful Grnd Master. Good morning! My name is Sammi Getchell, Grand Worthy Advisor of Maine for the International Order of Rainbow Girls. I bring greetings on behalf of your Rainbow Daughters and Maine Rainbow. This year Maine Rainbow has been strolling down a very famous street, SESAME STREET, with Big Bird, Cookie Monster, Super Groove and the other muppets and monsters leading the way.

Our theme: Be Real – Be You, was inspired by the following saying: “We could learn a lot from crayons; some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, while others bright, some have weird names, but they all have learned to live together in the same box.”

So why Be Real – Be You? It is very simple. You see in today’s world girls are expected to imitate what they see and hear in the media, to accept the models society has given them. It is my hope that Be Real – Be You will inspire my Rainbow sisters to be true to themselves and know that Rainbow is a safe place discover who they are and who they could be in the future. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls has a long standing history of creating leaders who have served their community, their state, and their country such as Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and former U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe. Rainbow has helped create and mold an astronaut, actresses, Miss America, judges, district attorneys, and more.

It is through Rainbow and our service to the communities that we discover who we are. Our charities this year have been Merrill Rainbow Campground and the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society was chosen because of my experience with the University of Southern Maine’s Relay for Life and because I have very close friends who have cancer; one of whom we lost this year. For the past two years I have worked on planning and implementing USM’s vision for Relay and as committee chair, I couldn’t have been more proud then when our Relay event reached its goal by raising \$20,000.00 just a few weeks ago.

Rainbow has helped me grow to be the person you see standing before you today. It is a place for girls to find themselves and discover their place in the world – to be Real. Thank you our Masonic family for supporting our organization for if it were not for you and others from our Masonic family there would be no Rainbow.

I extend to you an invitation to join your Rainbow daughters at our 65th annual Be Real – Be You Grand Assembly Sessions beginning May 30th at Husson University in Bangor. It will be a festive celebration with monsters, muppets, and of course mayhem! They all go together, don’t you think?

I want to thank our Masonic family for supporting our organization, for serving on our advisory boards, and helping to mold tomorrow's leaders. If it were not for your love and support there would be no Rainbow. As a thank you for your support we have purchased a brick at Merrill Rainbow Camp inscribed with the "Grand Lodge of Maine." Thank you for the invitation to speak this morning; it has truly been an honor to address the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master invited Mrs. Deborah Redmond, Supreme Deputy in Maine to the podium.

International Order of the Rainbow

In Grand Lodge
May 6, 2014

Most Worshipful Grand Master, very distinguished guests and my Masonic Family. It is truly my honor to once again address this Grand Lodge and to bring you the greetings of the Supreme Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, our Supreme Worthy Advisor, Miss Mary Adeline Bradford and my own personal greetings.

It seems that another year of our Masonic Family has gone by and the appendant bodies are celebrating at their annual conventions as the gavel is passed and another takes the reigns and the leadership of our organizations is passed on. Rainbow is no different. We have had another wonderful year and while we lost in membership again this year-by 21-we did not lose any assemblies and we have interest for new Assemblies in three places. This week I will be writing to Supreme Assembly to set the date to institute Midcoast Assembly who will be meeting in the Union Masonic Hall. They will be instituted before the year is out! Next Tuesday, I travel to Ashland to discuss a Rainbow Assembly there and there is still interest in Greater Portland to re-open an Assembly in Westbrook. It has been 30 years since we've had a new Assembly in Maine and we are VERY EXCITED.

While we are gearing up for Grand Assembly and our "Be Real, Be You" Sessions, we are all anxious for our Supreme Sessions in Baltimore where Cora-Ellen Moody will be installed Supreme Worthy Advisor of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls! We hope that some of you are aware and will be traveling to Baltimore for her July 30th installation! This is a huge honor not only for Maine Rainbow but our entire Masonic Family. Cora Ellen will lead the entire organization until her sessions in Providence, Rhode Island in 2016-when Maine, along with all of the other New England States will welcome Rainbow Girls from all over the world!

I have to say that I truly cherish the opportunity to address the Grand Lodge annually not just to update all of you on Maine Rainbow but also because this is my

opportunity to thank, not only Rainbow's Sponsors-those lodges who actually Sponsor Rainbow Assemblies, but also each of you who is an advisor-maybe you serve on an advisory board and maybe you don't-but if you attend and support Rainbow in any way, on behalf of Grand Assembly and your Rainbow daughters I thank you. It is also my opportunity to thank Grand Lodge for your support of Maine Rainbow. Your generous donations to Grand Assembly and to the Campground have made it possible for our programs and for our girls, whether they know it or not, to learn the lessons and values of Freemasonry.

As I indicated last year, in my tenure as Supreme Deputy, I have had the opportunity to work with just 2 Grand Masters-though I do know several of our Past Grand Master I have to say that these past two years have been a little special to me ... Most Worshipful "Mr. Jim" as the girls know you, I don't even remember the first time that I met you. I just know that you have been involved in Rainbow for as long as I can remember! You honored me by serving as my Worthy Patron when I was Worthy Matron of Winnegance Chapter - not once, not twice but three times. This after you had already served as Worthy Patron five other times! Your support of both Rainbow and DeMolay did not waiver at all in the past two years-You remained on the Advisory Board of Windham Assembly and when you could, you attended State events for Both Rainbow and DeMolay. You attended (and stayed all weekend) at both Grand Assembly Sessions while you were Grand Master. I know you have been a sounding board for both Gordon and me when we needed you-and again-THANK YOU! We are very proud of your accomplishments as Grand Master and we look forward to seeing you more often when you "retire" your station!

Finally, to all of you, you all are the reason that we have Rainbow - and DeMo lay-invest in the Youth Organizations that YOU sponsor. Your Masonic youth are the blessings of the future. Our teachings are Masonic Teachings-we are preparing our youth through your support and teachings to take over for all of us, not only in our Lodges and Chapters but in our schools, our government, our churches, our hospitals and the list goes on and on. Because of our very strong Masonic Family, I think our future will be in good hands!

Most Worshipful-it has been two wonderful years working with you-congratulations on accomplishing your goals as Grand Master and Thank you for your continued support of Maine Rainbow.

Mrs. Debora Redmond

Supreme Deputy in Maine, IORG

The Grand Master invited M. Cora Ellen Moody to address the Grand Lodge.

Rainbow Supreme Charity and Supreme Inspector for Maine State

Thank you Grand Master, thank you my brethren all. It is indeed an honor and a pleasure, and it is always the highlight of our year to be able to come to you to express our gratitude and thanks for all the support you give the girls here and everywhere. We really honestly and truly appreciated it.

I cannot tell you how much I have appreciated the support that has been shown to me and the encouragement I have received from all of you across the state as I assume this position of leadership in just a couple of months. It is an awesome responsibility and it is wonderful to have the support of the Masonic family within the state of Maine and within New England. It is our chance to show the rest of the world what it is that we have in this little corner of the world. We have a wonderful relationship between the appendant bodies and we all sincerely appreciate it. It isn't always as evident in every corner of the world and we really have something very special to showcase.

We are looking forward to our trip to Baltimore and we are looking forward to our trip to Providence. It hasn't had the chance to show the world in New England since 1937 when Supreme Assembly was in Boston. We have a wonderful part of the world to show not only our scenery and our different atmosphere and so forth, but we have a wonderful Masonic family. That is our biggest pride and that's our greatest showcase.

Again I thank you all for the many, many courtesies I have received everywhere and I would be remiss if I did not thank this wonderful group of men that is seated behind me. It was my pleasure to serve with most of you and it was an enjoyable term with all of you.

And Mr. Jim, you know how special you are to all of us and I can't tell you the pride it gives me to be here for your session and we wish you the best for a wonderful session. We know you can look back on these two years with pride. Thank you very much for all you have done. Thank you.

Cora Ellen Moody
Supreme Charity and Supreme Inspector for Maine

The Grand Master invited Brother Steven Farrington, State Master Conncilor for DeMolay to the podium.

Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay in Maine

In Grand Lodge
May 2014

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, and all of the members and guests of The Grand Lodge of Maine, good morning. I would like to start off by bringing the fraternal greetings of all of the members of Maine DeMolay as well as my own personal greetings, as well as thanks for the opportunity to address you all here this morning.

Before I go on I would like to take a moment to recognize our Most Worshipfu~ Master A. James Ross, the support that he has given to the youth organizations this

year has been tremendous, how he is able to accomplish all of the duties and responsibilities of being The Grand Master as well as still be as big of a supporter he has been is honestly beyond me and I would like to personally thank you for all that you have done.

Now to all of the members here assembled, I would like to extend to you a huge thank you for all of the support that we receive each year from the Grand Lodge of Maine, as well as many of the lodges throughout this great Jurisdiction, we could not do what we do without you.

Now I come to you here this morning with a worry, Membership, In DeMolay, as with most organizations it seems more recently, is an area in which we are finding it harder and harder to grow, with all of the options for young men out there today, be it sports or school or other youth groups, and with the relatively recent rise of social media, Orders such as DeMolay are seeing it more and more difficult to get in and retain, membership. However, with all of the support we receive from you in grand lodge, in Maine DeMolay, this year alone have been able to get the ball rolling on TWO new chapters, in Waterville and in Yarmouth, both of which should be starting up very soon.

Now all the support we get from you is not for nothing, The order of DeMolay teaches so many wonderful and important lessons to these young men who will be able to take them and use them throughout their lives, our 7 cardinal virtues of Filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism, skills like proper etiquette, how to dress appropriately and, public speaking, I am a prime example of that one, ask anybody who knew me when I started in DeMolay if they thought I would be able to stand up in front of a large group of people and deliver a speech and the answer would have probably been a laugh, and not because I was shy or hated talking to people, in fact it was quite the opposite I wouldn't know when to stop talking. But the lessons I have learned in DeMolay will carry with me through all time and will help me throughout all of the future. DeMolay has made me, many before me, and will make many to come, better men and better leaders, and not only that, many of these great young men will take these skills and put them to use when they decide to Join Masonry. Don't believe me? Our new SMC elect just received his Master Mason degree, and I myself will be receiving my Fellowcraft degree on the 12th of this month. DeMolay is the future and we cannot make these young men better without you. So I come to you this morning with a request, If you have a child, or grandchild, or even a great grandchild between the ages of 12 and 21 bring him to a meeting let him see what we do and I promise you he will thank you for it. And if there isn't a chapter around you talk to your lodge and see if you can get one started there and I promise the young men who come out of it will be a credit to your lodge and to masons in Maine.

DeMolay has been called the greatest youth organization for young men in the world for a reason, because DeMolay WORKS! But we could not do all of this good without the support of the Grand Lodge. I thank you once again and enjoy the rest of your day.

The Grand Master invited W Gordon Kimball, Jr., State Executive Office of DeMolay in Maine to the podium.

Executive Officer, Maine DeMolay Association

In Grand Lodge
May 6, 2014

MW Grand Master and Brethern all:

It is a pleasure to be here this morning and to bring you the greetings of DeMolay International and our Grand Master Michael A. Salizar as well as my own warm and fraternal greetings.

DeMolay in Maine is doing great and we are growing. This year we are starting 2 new chapters in Waterville and Yarmouth and I wish to thank the Bros. in these 2 towns for inviting us in and doing their part to work with the youth in their communities. With these additions this brings us up to 8 chapters and it is still my hope and dream to have at least one chapter in all 24 Masonic Districts. These kids are part of our future and I hope that all of the Masters and Wardens here today will go back to your lodge and talk with your Brothers and consider starting a chapter. Many young men who were DeMolays have gone on to join a lodge and become a good mason. Is this not worth a little bit of our time to help a boy grow up to become a respected man and maybe a brother mason? I really hope that all of you will think about this and that a year from now I can stand up here and talk about another new chapter or two.

This past year has been busy and exciting. In early Oct 100 DeMolays, Rainbow Girls and advisors boarded the Amtrak Train in Brunswick and Portland and traveled to Boston for the day. The only planned event was a tour of the Grand Lodge in Boston. The rest of the day people walked the freedom trail did some shopping and ate lunch. This was designed to be just a fun day of being together and sharing the brotherhood with everyone. At the end of the day when we boarded the train to come home I was able to breathe again because we had not lost one person. I am proud to say that this was the 3rd big trip we have made to Mass. Over the years and everyone always has so much fun that I can't wait to announce the next one.

Rainbow and DeMolay once again joined forces last year for our Wreaths Across America fund raiser and again with your help we raised more money last year than the year before and grew from 444 wreaths to 510. And on a cold Dec morning Rainbows and DeMolays traveled to the Veterans Cemeterys in Augusta and help cleared the snow from the grave stones to place the wreaths. We are going to continue this venture together with the girls and hope we can get to 600 this year. It

is truly a great sight to see after laying all of those wreaths and I feel it is a great program for our youth to be involved with. Once again thank you to all of the lodge's who sent in money for this project and we will be sending out letters again in late August.

On March 30th 170 Rainbows, DeMolays and family, friends and advisors went to The Red Claws Basketball game in Portland where we sold 50/50 tickets with the proceeds going towards Wreaths across America. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to doing it again. We are currently looking into a Sea Dogs Game on Sunday of Labor Day weekend. If any of you would like to join us watch our web-site and face book page this summer for details. What a great time that would be if you and or your lodge was interested or thinking about starting a Rainbow Assm. Or DeMolay Chapter to bring some kids to a ball game. This will be a joint venture with both the girls and boys so keep your eye on the Rainbow and DeMolay web site. I am trying to get the BBQ area also.

These are some of the highlights of our year and along with our regular programs you can see that we stay very busy. This would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of my staff and advisors who work tirelessly for me and the kids. Without all of these adult leaders we could not do these programs and events. So I ask you in your travels if you run into one of these adult leaders from either Rainbow or DeMolay take a moment and thank them for their time and labors. That is all they get is a thank you and of course the satisfaction of watching these young people who come to us at an early age and they get to work with them and watch them grow and mature into fine young men and women.

I want to thank the Grand Lodge and the Charitable Foundation for their continued support for our youth groups. Without your support it would not be possible to offer as much as we do for our kids.

And on a personal note I want to take a minute and say Thank You to our Grand Master for all of his help and support over these last 2 years. I told M.W. Bro Ross last weekend how I have been truly blessed over the years with all of the support I have always received from every Grand Master. This really helps make my job enjoyable. We are truly very fortunate here in Maine to have such close knit Masonic Family and for that we can thank the leadership of our grand lodge Thank You M.W.Bro Jim.

Faternally,

Gordon L Kimball Jr.
Executive Officer
Maine DeMolay

The Grand Master then directed the Grand Marshal to escort all the non-masonic guests from the auditorium.

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor

The Grand Master presented the Deputy Grand Master the gavel. The Deputy Grand Master assumed the Grand East and the Grand Master presented his address.

**Grand Master's Address to the Craft**

My Brothers

We have been together two years now, and tomorrow it will be time for me to go. It's been the honor of my life as a Mason to be your Grand Master. Many of you have written the past few weeks to say thanks, but I could say as much to you. I am grateful for the opportunity you gave me to serve.

During my visits to your Lodges these past two years, I encouraged you to determine for yourselves who and what you wanted to be. Those are important in determining the type of culture and atmosphere you want for your Lodges. More importantly, they are the fundamentals for establishing goals.

Successful Lodges have a plan or a path for enriching present membership and attracting the right men to the Craft. Those Lodges clearly understand, articulate and demonstrate that stressing value is essential for participation and growth. Those Lodges also understand the need for establishing a team orientated environment where every individual deserves to be heard, and is encouraged to demonstrate his talent which ultimately lends to the collective building of Lodges.

The membership and leadership initiatives put forth by your Grand Lodge support those needs. The thought, careful planning and implementation with which those initiatives were presented demonstrate a changed philosophy in how your Grand Lodge is conducting its business with the Craft.

In my address to you one year ago, I told you that the Grand Lodge organization took the opportunity presented to it during that first year of transition to reevaluate its policies, procedures and practices, all with the specific focus on how it best can be a partner to the Lodges in assisting them to meet their goals. Moreover, I believe the Grand Lodge organization continues to demonstrate a willingness to listen more and to be an encourager and promoter of the good works of the Lodges. It is also lending those same attributes to Lodges that are facing serious challenges and reaching out in need of help. I encouraged every Lodge to be what it wants to be. Please recognize for yourselves as individuals that you have merits and talents worth contributing to your Lodges. Pool those merits and talents with like-thinking members of your Lodges and assist the Master in setting the Craft at work with proper instruction. After two years at your helm, I can tell you without reservation that this practice continues within the Grand Lodge organization. It is far easier to accomplish great things and to earn the trust of people when your leadership team puts aside its egos and self-interests in exchange for vision, goals and one purpose only: to serve the Craft. Every one of us is a servant leader to our constituents.

47 new Master Masons have been certified as Rookie Master Masons since the inception of the program in May 2012. 34 of those Rookies and their spouses attended a banquet in their honor on December 8 hosted by the membership committee and yours truly. The event was employed to recognize their achievement in becoming certified Master Mason Rookies. Those Rookies, achieved more than just completing a checklist handed to them by their Lodge. Those Brothers have gained the confidence and trust of their seasoned Lodge members by undertaking several duties and expectations entrusted to them as they made their first year journey through Freemasonry and their Lodges. The program is crafted to engage the new Master Mason in the life of his Lodge by encouraging him to establish relationships with his fellow members and to actively take part in the activities of his Lodge. Recognizing those Rookies and their spouses at that banquet was this Grand Lodge's way of showing them that we care about the candidates who petition our Lodges and for their well-being as they navigate their way during their first year. The Lodges employing the program are experiencing ongoing involvement by their newly raised members.

I am fully aware that the Rookie experience is not for every newly raised Master Mason nor is it a part of the plan of every Lodge. All of us have the choice of whether or not we want to become active members. You have heard me repeatedly say in my visits to your Lodges and at District Meetings that this Grand Lodge does not issue mandates about how your Lodge takes care of its members. Instead it offers tried and proven tools which are available for your choosing. If your Lodge is employing tools which enhance the experience and well-being of your members, then I say continue to use those tools and share them with others. I know of many Lodges that are taking care of their candidates and affording them with opportunities and reasons to participate. Though not specifically the Rookie program, those same Lodges also know how to refresh or reinvigorate their seasoned members and I laud them for it. The impetus for the program is drawn from examples of those Lodges.

How do we address good candidate care and retention? How do we address getting our seasoned members back into the fold of our Lodges? It begins with a belief that our greatest asset is our members; the very people we call our Brothers. It is a belief supported with the conviction or a “fire in the belly” that our purpose should be to enlighten and to afford opportunities for every Mason to express himself by encouraging his talents to be an integral part of learning opportunities for others. It is the job of a Master and the defacto leaders of a Lodge to provide for a Lodge environment that is safe, friendly, and conducive to learning. We should encourage our seasoned members to take part in guiding our new members by actively becoming mentors who engage them in conversation about who they want to become and then by helping them to explore creative opportunities to fulfill their ambitions. Freemasonry is a vehicle which should be regarded as a proactive and demonstrative cause where Masons can learn about themselves and to become better informed about the environment around them and better suited to meet the challenges they face in life.

This program is not intended to be just another program on paper only to say, “here, read this and try it”. The Master Mason Rookie program is crafted to infuse freshness in the culture of your Lodges; a meaningful and definitive way to care for your new members and to renew vigor in your seasoned members. It is not the only answer to the questions: how do we take better care of our new members, and how do we employ the talents of our seasoned members. It is but a starting point; a simple beginning to a path which begins a Lodge’s transition from how do we begin to engage our people to the end that our members actually demonstrate their values and want to share them with others. Since December, 19 new Rookies have been certified bringing the total to 66. More than 38 of those Rookies are active officers in their Lodges. The others are working in their Lodges as either committee members, outreach workers, Masonic Bikes for Books, CHIP volunteers or coaching or mentoring new candidates and members and much more.

Other membership initiatives these past two years included open houses. The Grand Lodge provided resources such as banners to place on the outside of Lodge buildings advertising that event to the public; public service announcements through media; DVD’s and brochures. The emphasis placed here was to celebrate Masonry by bringing Masons together while inviting the public to participate. Lodges that did not wish to participate were encouraged to hold dinners, ladies programs, CHIP programs or a clean-up day. According to feedback surveys submitted to the Grand Lodge by those Lodges that held open houses, 108 petitions were received by those who may not otherwise have had direct access to Masons.

Regional Membership Seminars were held throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. The Membership Committee presented several points of good membership practices geared to building active and vibrant Lodges and Lodges that steadily attract and retain good men. Personal testimonies were shared, the value of Fellowship Nights was reemphasized; inviting good men to join Masonry.

Lodge self-assessments in determining what members want for their Lodges and stressing the value of talents and listening more to member needs were important aspects of those seminars. Leadership initiatives were also stressed. The DIRIGO Leadership Plan is designed to strengthen our Lodges and Lodge officer teams. All Lodge officers were encouraged to attend, and all Masons were invited to attend. The plan emphasized segments on the following: Envisioning Our Future, Setting the Craft at Work, Grand Lodge Support of Lodges, Lodge Governance, Program Budgeting, Sharing the Gift of Freemasonry, and Masonic Protocol. Those aspects of good leadership are important to establishing the basis for good Lodge operations and instilling confidence in the Lodge Master and his officers.

Whether you call it an elder Brother program, candidate and member coaching or Mentoring, taking care of our candidates and new members is as important and vital to their development as a Mother nurturing her young. The new Mentoring initiative, just under a year old, is a comprehensive collection of proven steps for our seasoned members and newer members to have reason to establish and nurture relationships which build better Lodges.

In addition to the fresh perspectives offered to Masonic Lodges by your Grand Lodge, a new Masonic Lodge Protocol manual was developed by the Masonic Education and Lodge Services committee also known as the MEALS Committee. That committee responded to many questions and clarifications to what constituted good Lodge protocol and the need for some comprehensive ground rules for conduct in Masonic Lodges. I also had the pleasure in participating at those MEALS committee meetings and sharing my two-cents worth. Actually, it was fun to work with that committee this past year. The newly revised manual brings together the tried experience of several Grand Jurisdictions and, moreover, commonly used practices within Maine Lodges. The manual was distributed for printing to all Lodge Secretaries, District Deputy Grand Masters and District Education Representatives. It can also be found on the Grand Lodge of Maine website.

The MEALS Committee also undertook the revision of the Pollard Plan instructional tapes that were originally produced and distributed to the Lodges more than 20 years ago. The newly revised plan does not alter the original content. Rather it puts that content into a fresher perspective to a newer and younger generation of Masons. The audio and visual are clean and crisp and now on a USB drive that can be easily carried in one's pocket and plugged right into a computer. Those USB's containing the new Pollard Plan instructional videos were mailed to every Lodge and Grand Lodge officer. Those may be copied to other USB sticks. The Grand Secretary's Office will also mail one to you upon request. Not only is the revised plan good for candidates, but they should be viewed as a good officer instructional tool to aid Lodge officers in improving the way they speak about Masonry to perspective applicants and candidates at the various levels of their degree journey.

Per your request, the cipher format of our ritual may now be accessed for download to your smartphone and other hand-held devices. That may be downloaded by

visiting the Grand Lodge website. Note: one cannot print it. For more information, contact our Grand Secretary.

A positive accomplishment in the right direction of progress and aid to our Brothers who are sight-impaired, or totally blind, is a USB stick containing our ritual that may now be given to those Brothers that have a reader apparatus which translates text into voice. This enables our sight challenged Brethren to hear our ritual read to them allowing them to have greater opportunities to learn the ritual and to participate at Lodge during lecture period. It's already being done. Again, ask the Grand Secretary for more information on how to obtain this for a Brother in need in your own Lodge.

The financial condition of your Grand Lodge is sound. The report of the Finance Committee that will be presented to you today recommends no increase in the per capita tax for a third straight year. That report will be comprehensive and explain to you with justifications how priorities are aligned to capture the greatest value of your dollars, again, without having to increase the per capita.

Great strides have been made with the charitable efforts of the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation. With the beginning of the new fiscal year which started in April, spending for relief and betterment grants were increased to give the Lodges greater opportunities to expand their efforts in those areas. The fastest growing betterment grant opportunity is the Masonic Bikes for Books grants. The Trustees recognize that a growing number of Lodges are working that program because Masons know first-hand the value of the program. Masons also find it fun. Beginning this year, in addition to increased funding, any Lodge which has more than one elementary or primary school within its jurisdiction or if a Lodge spans more than one town, the opportunity for two or more matching grants are now available.

Your Grand Treasurer will speak here today about a new and dedicated website about the Charitable Foundation's efforts and the programs that are important to you. The website will not only be informative for Lodges, but applications for relief and betterment grants will be available for application right online. The website is also available for viewing by the public. You will also have the opportunity to post your news and accomplishments about your relief efforts, Bikes for Books accomplishments, Child Identification, Community Outreach, Project Graduation and Youth activities right online to share with other Lodges and the public that reach out to us. I'm certain that you will find Scott's presentation exciting.

I have shared with you the several accomplishments that this Grand Lodge has endeavored to present to the Craft because you asked for those things. They are the tangible efforts to compliment and improve your Lodge holdings and well-being as Masons. Now I would like to talk to you about the challenges that are facing Freemasonry in Maine. They are not new concerns or issues, but I feel with a deep conviction that they must be addressed now.

But first, have you ever stopped to think about what fraternalism means to you? Do we sometimes take the word for granted because we who are Free Masons know that fraternalism is just one of the essentials that define us? I've searched many dictionaries for an appropriate definition of fraternalism which closely describes who we are as Free Masons. The definition I subscribe to is: "turning people into brothers"—conducting social relations with people who are actually unrelated as though they were siblings, family members or personal friends. Fraternalism for me is just that and the condition of having brotherly qualities.

Though the word fraternalism is never specifically mentioned in any of our three degrees, the Entered Apprentice Degree clearly instructs the manner in how we must conduct ourselves as Masons towards one another and before the uninitiated. We are taught that we have a binding obligation to take care of one another and a Mason's family. We are also taught that we are dependent on each other for security and protection. Furthermore, those principles should be extended to the uninitiated. The Entered Apprentice Degree clearly demonstrates that we have entered the ground floor of an association or union of men; an environment of fraternalism.

The Fellowcraft Degree expounds on these same principles while it is preparing us for a greater calling and for a higher expectation which speaks to our moral conduct and truths. Those truths are demonstrated as we become skilled workmen on the edifice we call life and which will ultimately be challenged in the Master Mason Degree. In the Master Mason Degree we swear to uphold specific obligations toward one another. In the second section of this degree, those obligations and our principles and values are challenged by the three Ruffians who have strayed from those same teachings. The Ruffians represent those external forces in life which constantly pull on us in all directions. Like the Ruffians, those forces are challenging us to compromise or throw away entirely our high standards of conduct we hold for one another and for the people we care about in our lives. In the end, Hiram Abif gave the ultimate sacrifice rather than compromise the truths of being a Free Mason.

While no man and Mason are perfect, we do find ourselves facing an ever-increasing challenging world where our values and truths for one another are put to the test. Though minor infractions of our conduct may be corrected by aid and reformation through the good offices of a Brother, more severe infractions have direct and lasting negative consequences which may be deemed intolerable and moreover, unforgivable. Be mindful that we who are Free Masons have sworn to uphold, perpetuate and live by the highest standards of moral conduct which is richly entrenched in our Ritual. Our Ritual is not to be taken lightly. Our oaths (or obligations) are not to be considered archaic sound bites merely to wow a candidate while he kneels at our altar. They are not subject for self-interpretation to be applied when they are convenient to make a self-righteous point or to be used to mitigate or soften the errors of a Brother.

Today, you will hear the reports of the Commissioners of Trial and the Committee on Grievances and Appeals. You will be asked to either uphold or reject their decisions. One case that has been particularly troubling for me is the appeal of a

Brother who was expelled for unMasonic conduct – violating the chastity of a Brother's wife. There will be those who speak for upholding the decision of those two committees and those who will advocate for restoring the expelled Brother to good standing. I am afraid that the very oaths or obligations that every one of us swore to uphold will be challenged - those oaths or obligations that we swore to abide by unequivocally and without reservation will undergo a very serious test for all of us today. Mitigating circumstances which lead up to the decision for a Brother to have sexual relations with another Brother's wife are not excuses justifying the wrong-doing that was committed. I strongly urge you to accept that committee's report.

What do we as Free Masons have if we do not have truth, respect and adherence for our Masonic principles and high standards of conduct for ourselves and for one another? How can we align ourselves with others in the spirit of true fraternalism if we apply a set of standards contrary to what we would expect from others? Fraternalism can only flourish when we are mindful of our own actions and inclinations and remembering that every day, we are somebody's impression of what and who a Free Mason is, including the considerations and expectations that one Brother has toward another.

A subject that sorely bothers me and continues to be an affront to Freemasonry and its high standards of conduct and moral character that we all profess to live by is the rearing of the ugly head of bigotry, hatred and lack of toleration and respect for our Brothers of the Islam Faith. Former President George W. Bush, in his speech on Eid Al-Fitr he gave at the Islamic Center of Washington, D.C. on 5 December 2002, he said and I quote, "Here in the United States our Muslim citizens are making many contributions in business, science and law, medicine and education, and in other fields. Muslim members of our Armed Forces are serving Americans with distinction, upholding our nation's ideals of liberty and justice in a world at peace." He further stated that, "some of the comments that have been uttered about Islam do not reflect the sentiments of my government or the sentiments of most Americans. Islam, as practiced by the vast majority of people, is a peaceful religion, a religion that respects others. Ours is a country based upon tolerance and we welcome people of all faiths in America."

Now let me put this into a more local perspective. The comments that a few in our fraternity utter about Islam do not reflect the sentiments of Freemasonry. Islam is a peaceful religion, a religion that respects others. Ours is a fraternity based upon tolerance and respect and we welcome people of all faiths in Freemasonry. I would ask you to re-read the tenets of our profession as Mason in the lectures of the Entered Apprentice Degree, and to remember the lesson that Christ taught to those of us who are Christians: to love one another as He loves us.

The time has come for the election of a member of the Craft to be our next Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master respectively, and the time has actually arrived when your thoughts should be employed in designating those persons who are to be clothed with that important trust. As you think and decide about those who have

offered themselves as candidates for elected Grand Lodge offices, may you choose wisely about the course of Maine Masonry for the next two and four years.

The office of Grand Master requires its occupant to be well-versed in the daily operations and administrative business of the Grand Lodge and to have an understanding and appreciation of the constituent Lodges. A Grand Master has great demands placed upon him daily which requires him to have the knowledge of the social and business community in which we live; that knowledge which is essential to the contributions of Freemasonry. He should not be regarded as just a ceremonial figure that travels about the Grand Jurisdiction giving remarks and shaking hands with Brothers while leaving the business of Grand Lodge to his elected administrative officers and appointed committees. His awareness of the ever-changing climate in which we live will contribute dearly to the decisions he must make while in office because Freemasonry is no longer a world only unto its members. Every man and woman has a claim upon our good offices.

If tradition should be upheld, your Deputy Grand Master will become our next Grand Master. He has been my trusted partner for two years. I have kept him close and informed about every aspect of the business of Grand Lodge and also on matters which were sometimes not pleasant. I have often relied on his advice and counsel. Not once has he left me feeling disappointed or given me cause to question his abilities as Deputy Grand Master and as our next Grand Master. It is time for us to direct our focus and support to R.W. David A. Walker who will need our prayers, our enthusiasm and our candor as he assumes the Grand East tomorrow.

The office of Deputy Grand Master will require of its candidates similar abilities and the fortitude that is required of a Grand Master. He has two years to organize and prepare for his tenure as Grand Master. The two candidates for Deputy Grand Master are no strangers to the Craft and have held offices and sat on committees which have contributed to the role of Grand Lodges past and present. The candidate you select for that office should have a solid record of accomplishments; a record that speaks of contributions for the betterment of the Craft. More importantly, he should have a vision and be able to articulate that vision which translates in how he sees Freemasonry in Maine which further translates to how well he will best serve you. We will be electing a Brother who will serve as Grand Master in just two short years so he should not be looking to the past for guidance, but one who is conversant with the knowledge of the current business of the Grand Lodge and the present needs of its constituent Lodges. Our next Deputy Grand Master must be one who promotes an open culture that is inclusive and encourages ideas and contributions by those who seek to improve their place in and out of Lodge. He must be one who fosters an atmosphere that is conducive to teaching and learning. He must also seek to maintain partnerships with the constituent Lodges to the end that trust and ownership may flourish. In the final analysis, our next Deputy Grand Master must be a man who has deep conviction in what he says and does, and the belief that his role as Grand Master in two years will be of service to you. He should not be an impediment to your creativity. He must be one who openly promotes and provides tools that benefit your interests. The question you must ask is how will the candidates for Deputy

Grand Master best serve your values and speak to your interests as a Mason and for your Lodge. You can only vote for one.

As we approach the close of another Grand Lodge Masonic year and begin a new one, I have to pause to thank my leadership team consisting of elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers, committees and the permanent members of Grand Lodge that continue to serve the Craft in so many ways. I am fortunate to have such dedication, counsel and support for the several initiatives put forth this past year. More importantly, I am pleased that the Craft continues to voice its desires and articulate and execute goals for their Lodges. My earnest desire is to continue to labor with you and to strengthen the partnership that I believe we have established together. Our work as Masons is never done. We have opportunities to reflect, adjust, improve and to continue going forward together to achieve a satisfying experience that enriches our lives.

Finally, during these difficult and very uncertain times in our world, may we as Free Masons endeavor to be the examples of steadiness, patience and hope that is so needed in our time. Aid and comfort your Brother and give him praise when he accomplishes a job well done.

Like you, I am looking forward to the future of Freemasonry in Maine. I have much to be thankful for but the greatest appreciation this short-timer is feeling right now is the gift of your trust placed in me for having served as your Grand Master. You have provided me with opportunities for greater learning and understanding and the reward of having established new relationships. We have done the work together. As we move forward under the leadership of a new Grand Master, may all of you know that you made the difference. You made yourself stronger and we will put it in good hands. Through all of it, through the past two years that I have worked on your behalf, I have been well aware I did not work alone—that you were working with me.

Thank you and may God bless you.

A. James Ross
Grand Master

The Grand Secretary moved that:

1. The Grand Master's address be referred to the Committee On Doings of Grand Lodge Officers.
2. The reports of the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer be referred to the same Committee without reading.

Both motions were seconded and approved.

The Grand Master then directed the Grand Marshal to present RW Robert Ferguson to the Grand East.

Report of the Committee On Masonic Jurisprudence

In Grand Lodge
May 6, 2014

DISPENSATIONS

The Grand Master was presented with forty-eight Dispensations, most of them asking him to waive certain provisions of our Constitution and Standing Regulations when the clear language of those documents permit and in such other cases where similar Dispensations have been permitted by custom and usage. Several were to appear in Public parades and civic events, some were to hold meetings at other locations, often for outdoor degrees where the locations had been approved.

We find that four Dispensations that were granted by the Grand Master as follows:

1. Wilton Lodge #156 to waive the one year residency rule, Sec.124
2. Harwood Lodge #91 to waive the one year residency rule, Sec. 124.
3. Whitney Lodge #167 to change their Stated Meeting due to 4th of July Holiday.
4. Seaside Lodge #144 to open Stated Meeting earlier than time set by their By-Laws.

These appear to attempt to change Lodge By-Law requirements in non-emergency situations or to disregard a specific section of our Constitution. We find no basis for these Dispensations and recommend that they not be ratified.

All the Dispensations dealing with the serving of alcohol on lodge premises were accompanied by proper Certificates of insurance and the requirements of Standing Regulation 75 complied with. All such requests were granted by the Grand Master and we recommend that they be ratified. We find that all the other Dispensations issued by the Grand Master to be in accord with the Constitution and Standing Regulations of the Grand Lodge and Masonic customs and usage and do recommend that they be ratified.

NEW MASONIC CODE

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution asked our Committee, as a courtesy, to review their new revision to our Constitution, Standing Regulations and Digest of Decisions, to be called Masonic Code. Their Committee is to be commended for undertaking this arduous task, in our opinion, long overdue. We made only minor suggestions and trust that the new Code will be well received when presented later in this Grand Lodge Session. In conclusion, your Committee unanimously moves the acceptance of this Report and the adoption of the recommendations contained therein.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Ferguson (CH)
Ronald W. Fowle, II
John Irovando

The motion was seconded and approved.

The Grand Master then directed the Grand Warden to present RW W. Daniel Hill, Gr. Chaplain, to the Grand East.

Report of the Committee On Memorials

In Grand Lodge
May 6, 2014

Your Memorial Committee does here and now report that since our last Annual Communication, 554 worthy members of our constituent lodges throughout the Great State of Maine have been called to our Eternal Temple on high, there to serve He who is the Father of us all. Of this number, 82 were Past Masters of their lodges, and 19 were Grand Lodge Officers.

Their loss is deeply mourned by the brethren, and their families to whom we all extend our heart-felt sympathy. It is with much sorrow that we make this report on the deaths of so many brethren. Your Grand Chaplains sent 131 letters of sympathy to Widows of whom we have current addresses. Let me now express my grateful appreciation to the Grand Chaplains who have worked with me and taken upon themselves this most important responsibility. They are **R.W. Walter W. Lamb; R.W. Neal R. Hanes; Wor. Leslie M. Gray; R.W. Dwight C Whitney, Sr.; Wor. Rev. Dr. Stephen M. Tolander; R. W. Ken Hanscomb, Jr.; and R. W. David J. Billings.**

R. W. David Joseph Billings

David passed away February 21, 2014. Not only was he an Assistant Grand Chaplain, and dedicated brother, but a personal friend to many of us. Active in his masonry, Dave was a member of Arundel Lodge #76, AM & FM in Kennebunkport, its Past Master in 1996, and currently its organist. He served as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine from 2009 until 2010. At the time of his death he was a member of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Dave served as Worthy Patron of Aurora # 190 OES in Kennebunkport; a life member of Scottish Rite 32nd degree, Valley of Portland, receiving his 33rd degree in Chicago; Maine Consistory, York Rite, Murray Chapter, and St.

Amand Commandery #20, serving as RE Grand Commander of Maine in 2001, Council, and was Grand Hight Priest; Kora Shrine Temple AAONMS, the York County Shrine Club and its degree team.

At his funeral service this poem was fittingly offered:

“Miss Me- But Let Me Go”

When I come to the end of the road
and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little - but not to long
and not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me - but let me go.
For this journey that we all must take
and each must go alone,
It's all a part of the Master's plan
a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart
go to the friends we know,
and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
"Miss Me- But Let Me Go ... "

CHARGE TO THE BRETHRN

At this time, I would like to take a moment or two to highlight one of our most important responsibilities, that of our obligation to our Widows. We chaplains offer the assistance of our individual lodges to all our Widows, and in doing so, we receive a response from some. Let me offer you this typical letter from just one of them:

"I thank you for your letter about my husband, Albert Stronach. We were married for 59 years. We had two great daughters. Our oldest takes care of my needs. The youngest waited thirteen years and was waiting for him in all my beliefs. He had always asked for a masonic funeral and he had one. He liked people and so did very many folks who knew him. He was a mason before we were married. I believed in him and never asked questions about his meetings. I have to believe that he is at piece with his daughter.

I am 92 years old and know that when it's time, I will join them. I still live in the apartment where we lived together until he needed more care than I could give him

I have many friends here where I live. There are 25 apartments in a large building. Every one is here for each other. I do very well and believe I can be here for at least a few more years. My Mom was 100 years young.

Thank you for your offer and one day I may need help. So far I can get rides. It is so great to know that someone cares. I now receive all masonic news in my name. They keep in touch.

Thank you,
Jean Stronach”

We all have a responsibility to recognize our Widows, and the best way to do that is to encourage them to wear their Widows Pin. We need to look for that pin wherever we go and offer our assistance if needed, and a thank you for their support of our brother. But first we need to recognize the pin. So let me now pass this Widows Pin to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and he on to each of you that it may make a lasting impression on your mind. When you return to your lodges, circulate a pin among your brethren on occasion to remind them of this important responsibility.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The last offices paid to the dead are useful as lessons to the living. Let this present example excite our most serious thoughts, and strengthen our resolutions of amendment. Let us determine no longer to postpone the all important concern of preparing for eternity, but embrace the happy moment while time, and opportunity offer to provide for the great change when all the pleasures of this world shall cease to delight, and the reflection consequent upon a well-spent life yield the only comfort and consolation. Let us resolve to seek the favor of the eternal God so that when the awful moment of death comes, even as it has to our Brothers before us, we may be enabled to prosecute our journey without dread or apprehension to that far distant country from whose borne no traveler returns.

To the relatives and friends of our departed Brother, who are most heartstricken at the loss we have all sustained, we have but little of this world's consolation to offer. We can only sincerely, deeply, and most affectionately sympathize with them in their bereavement, and assure them that He, who looks with infinite compassion upon the afflicted in the hour of their desolation, will fold the arms of His love and protection around those who put their trust in Him.

BENEDICTION:

Lord no matter from whence we come; no matter whether we are traveling; no matter of what we are in pursuit; we are ever mindful that we are continually approaching that far distant land from whose borne no traveler returns. Man is born to die, but in death there is that glorious companionship that awaits the faithful in that Eternal Lodge above. We pray for the souls of our departed Companions that

they may be received into that Blessed Kingdom on high. May we so labor here that we there in that Kingdom also receive the wages of the faithful craftsman. Amen.

Most Worshipful Master, I respectfully request that a motion be made to accept this report, that it may be spread among the records.

Fratemally,

RW W. Daniel Hill,
Grand Chaplain, Chair

A motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and approved without discussion.

The Grand Master then requested the Deputy Grand Master to join him at the podium.

Presentation of the Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal

RW David A. Walker, DGM

Right Worshipful David Alan Walker was born on 21 March 1952 in Monmouth, Maine and attended local schools there graduating from Monmouth Academy and attending the University of Maine at Orono. He is now Director of Computer Technology for Tex Tech Industries Incorporated.

David is married to the former Audrey Prince and they have two daughters, Amanda and Alyson. They are further blessed with two grandchildren, Alexandra and Natalie.

David has been an active leader of his community. He served 12 years on the Monmouth School Committee, the Monmouth Lions and is Vice Chairman of the Board of the Monmouth Federal Credit Union. David is an accomplished hunter and also enjoys fishing and golfing in his spare time.

David became a Master Mason on 25 June 1979 in Monmouth Lodge. He worked his way up the line, serving as Master in 1985. He served the Grand Lodge of Maine as District Education Representative for the 11th Masonic District in 1986-1987, and District Deputy Grand Master for the 11th Masonic District in 1989 and 1990. He served as Senior Grand Warden in 2002. David has served the Grand Lodge of Maine on several committees including 22 years as a member of the Masonic Education and Lodge Services Committee and several of those years as chairman. David continues his service to the Craft as our current Deputy Grand Master and new Grand Master tomorrow.

As our Deputy Grand Master, David has unequivocally shared my vision and initiatives for the Craft. He has stood by me as a faithful partner, Brother and friend but moreover, he has articulated and practiced those virtues of leadership which places the Craft first. Right Worshipful Brother David Alan Walker, because of your

time, thought, and services to Masonry beyond the usual line of duty, it is my honor and privilege, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maine to present you with the Josiah Hayden Drummond Service Medal for Distinguished Service and Successful Application of that Knowledge for the Advancement and Welfare of the Craft.

A. James Ross
Grand Master
6 May 2014

At the direction of the Grand Master RW Royce Wheeler was escorted to the Grand East to present the report of the Commissioners of Trials.

Commissioners of Trials

Case No. 2013-1

Grand Lodge Office, Holden, Maine, 10:00 A.M., June 26, 2013. BETHLEHEM LODGE NO. 35 vs. BROTHER CHARLES STEUBENROD.

After examining the evidence, hearing testimony offered by the principles and witnesses, the commissioners unanimously concluded that CHARLES STEUBENROD is guilty of unmasonic conduct, to wit; embezzlement of funds from the Eleventh District Masters and Wardens Association.

By a majority vote the Commissioners of Trials recommended that BROTHER CHARLES STEUBENROD be expelled from Freemasonry.

RW Royce G. Wheeler, Chm., MW Robert R. Landry, MW W. Louis Greenier, II, RW Guy F. Chapman, RW John T. Irovando

RW Wheeler moved the acceptance of this portion of the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

RW Wheeler continued with the report.

Case No. 2013-2

Grand Lodge Office, Holden, Maine, 11:00 A.M., June 26, 2013. BROTHER DAVID ROBERTS vs. BROTHER ARLAN SAUNDERS.

After examining the evidence, hearing testimony offered by the principles and witnesses, the commissioners unanimously concluded that Brother ARLAN SAUNDERS is guilty of unmasonic conduct, to wit; violated his Master Masons oath and obligation by having sexual relations with Brother Robert's wife.

By a majority vote the Commissioners of Trials recommended that BROTHER ARLAN SAUNDERS be expelled from Freemasonry.

RW Royce G. Wheeler, Chm., MW Robert R. Landry, MW W. Louis Greenier II, RW Guy F. Chapman, RW John T. Irovando

RW Wheeler moved the acceptance of this portion of the report. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Several Brethren spoke opposing the motion and one spoke in favor. The Grand Master called for a vote. He stated that the "vote by hands" was too close to call and ordered the tellers to collect and tally a paper ballot.

The following reports we heard during the balloting.

Preliminary Report -- Committee On Credentials

In Grand Lodge
May 6, 2014

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren all:

This is a preliminary report of the Credentials Committee. There are present in this Grand Lodge:

Lodges registered:	159 X 3 votes = 474 votes
Grand Lodge Officers:	67
Permanent Members:	35
Total Ballots distributed:	576

Lodges without voting representation: 22

Warren Lodge # 2

Lincoln Lodge # 3

St. George Lodge # 16

Oriental Star Lodge #21

Northern Star Lodge #28

Waterville Lodge # 33

Lygonia Lodge# 40 Representative here, no proxy authorization

Freedom Lodge# 42

Mariners' Lodge# 68

Archon Lodge #75

Tremont Lodge # 77

Crescent Lodge # 78

Island Lodge # 89

Paris Lodge# 94

Marsh River Lodge #1 02

Olive Branch Lodge# 124

Ancient York Lodge# 155

Baskahegan Lodge # 175

Bar Harbor Lodge # 185

Jonesport Lodge # 188
Knox Lodge# 189
Winter Harbor Lodge #192
Fort Kent Lodge# 209
Meduncook Lodge# 211

Fraternally Submitted,

RW Richard Bowden, Chairman, RW Robert Hoyt, RW Walter Kyllonen,
W William Litlefield, W Paul Foster, RW Ron Murphy, W Dave Hasey
RW Robert Winton, and RW E. Fritz Day

The Grand Master called MW Wayne T. Adams, PGM to the podium.

Presentation to the Grand Lodge from MSANA

MW Wayne T. Adams, PGM presented a plaque to the Grand Lodge of Maine through the Grand Master citing the “abiding interest and strong support” of the Masonic Service Association of North America during the preceeding Masonic Year.

MW Ross accepted on behalf of the Craft and directed that it be displayed at the Grand Lodge Museum and Library.

Commissioners of Trials Continued

The tellers reported that 230 voted in favor of the motion and 266 voted opposed. The Grand Master declared the report as not accepted.

The Grand Master called the Craft from labor to refreshment

A Table Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain and the Craft dismissed for lunch to return to labor at 1:30PM.

The Grand Master called the Craft from refreshment to labor

The Grand Master called for the report from the Finance Committee.

Report of the Committee On Finance

May 6, 2014

To the Grand Master, Other Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Over the past year, each member of the Finance Committee assumed primary responsibility for a different aspect of the Committee's role: RW David J. Billings interfaced with the Grand Lodge Investment Committee; RW James R. May coordinated the development of the Grand Lodge budget; Wor. Glenn E. Mower reviewed the financial reports issued by the Grand Treasurer; RW Frank M. Theriault Jr. reviewed all payment and receipt vouchers; and the chairman oversaw the above activities and interfaced with the Charitable Foundation.

Over the past few years, your Finance Committee has been charting a course that will provide the financial resources needed to support a healthy fraternity. We have sought to invest funds that will be available in future years, and allocate current funding towards building a stronger fraternity – by spending on initiatives that directly benefit Lodges and Brethren throughout the jurisdiction. At the same time, we have sought to maintain the per capita tax on a steady course – by using tailings from previous years plus investment dividends and interest to cover a portion of annual spending.

Towards these ends, the investment portfolio of the Grand Lodge has grown from \$320 thousand at year-end 2010 to almost \$1.1 million at the end of fiscal year 2014 – last March 31st. This was achieved by investing over \$310 thousand in cash then being held in low interest-earning accounts, plus \$137 thousand bequeathed by our Past Grand Treasurer RW Bruce Tornquist and his wife. These funds have grown by over \$200 thousand due to market appreciation and nearly \$100 from dividend and interest income.

The investments are held for several purposes (amounts in thousands): the Permanent and Endowment Funds - \$400; Moody Fund - \$303; Self-Insurance Fund - \$171; Tornquist Fund - \$167; and Maine Mason Magazine Account - \$39. The Permanent Fund, like those of Lodges, is a long-term savings account that should only be used in extreme emergencies; the Moody Fund is used to fund atypical expenses – for instance in the past it has been used to initially create a self-insurance fund, install the new membership database and move Grand Lodge offices from Portland to Holden. Use of the Moody Fund for these purposes has allowed Grand Lodge to address emergencies and avoid increases in the per capita tax for one-time events. Only the income on the Tornquist Fund, not the principal, may be appropriated for Grand Lodge purposes. The Self-Insurance Fund will be discussed further in this report.

The Finance Committee considers the financial strength of Grand Lodge to be strong! Investments have tripled; a new Investment Committee is actively managing the investment portfolio; we have a reserve available should the insurer cancel the fiduciary insurance for Lodge financial officers; and investment income from dividends and interest, together with budget tailings, should allow Grand Lodge to avoid needing an increase in the current \$14.10 per capita tax.

Fiduciary Insurance Coverage

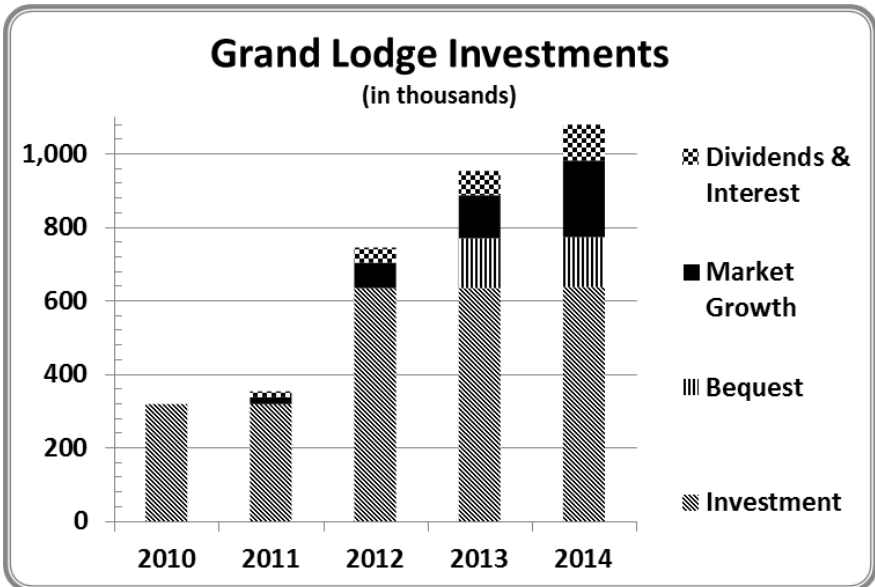
With respect to the Lodge financial officer bond, the previous insurer cancelled the coverage in 2008 following a significant defalcation that affected several Masonic bodies. In response, the Finance Committee established a self-insurance program and in 2009 Grand Lodge approved the use of two years of Maine Mason magazine receipts (then \$3 per member) to support the self-insurance fund that protects Lodges (not Grand Lodge) from losses resulting from acts of Lodge secretaries and treasurers. Grand Lodge voted in 2011 to cap the maximum payout per event at \$40,000, meaning that the fund could support the funding of three maximum payouts. However, when the Grand Lodge arranged insurance coverage with a new insurance underwriter in 2013, the new insurer reinstituted the “treasurers bond” or fiduciary coverage with a maximum payout of \$100,000 per episode.

The original \$125 thousand investment for the self-insurance fund has grown to \$171 thousand as of March 31, 2014. While the fund is not needed at this time due to the new coverage, it could be needed in the future should the coverage be cancelled in the future. The Finance Committee recommends that, to best protect Lodges:

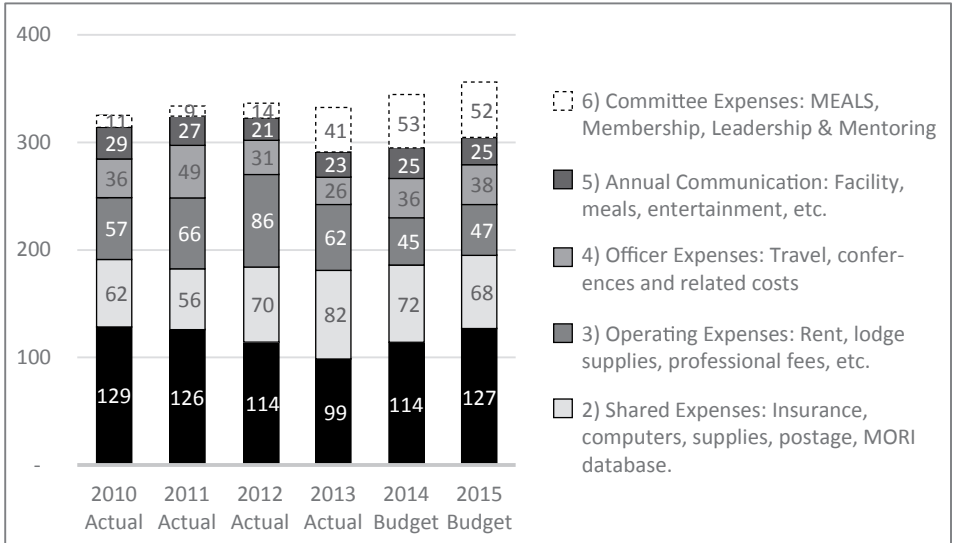
- 1) The self-insurance program be officially rescinded so that no parties can claim that it still exists and file for a payout under a process called subrogation used by insurance companies,
- 2) That the self-insurance fund be renamed the Grand Lodge Contingency Fund and be used for the sole purpose of funding a new self-insurance program for Lodges (not Grand Lodge) if the coverage is cancelled in the future, and
- 3) That future dividend and interest income on the fund be applied to help fund the annual Grand Lodge budget and thereby mitigate the need for increases in the per capita tax.

Grand Lodge Budget

The fiscal year 2015 budget, excluding expense category six – expenses of



committees directly serving our Lodges and Brethren, remains below the annual level in 2010 and in subsequent years. The expenses and budgets for 2013 – 2015 include \$25–30 thousand annually for the new membership database for which containment effort is even better than depicted in the chart. Grand Lodge had not incurred charges in previous years. Therefore,



The budget for fiscal year 2015 has a few items worthy of notation. Officer salaries have been increased by \$6,000 – \$3,000 each for the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer-Charitable Foundation Treasurer. The increases reflect a multi-year effort to increase these salary levels. The Grand Secretary's (full-time) compensation has been increased from \$25,000 to \$33,000 over four years, and the compensation for the (half-time) treasurer positions has been increased from \$10,000 to \$16,000. The budget for employee compensation provides for possible non-salary performance recognition awards. The Grand Lodge budget for officer regalia was increased for fiscal year 2015 so that Grand Lodge officer aprons, collars and cases could be replaced or repaired as needed. In addition, the share of employee salaries and related expenses absorbed by the Charitable Foundation has been decreased from 34% to 20% based upon a new time allocation survey – this reduced fiscal year 2015 cost recovery by over \$9,000.

The budget allows for maintaining the per capita tax at \$14.10 for the third consecutive year, and the use of budget tailings and investment income on unrestricted funds should allow continuing at that level for several more years.

200th Anniversary

The 200th anniversary year begins in 2019 and the next Grand Master has indicated that he will soon form a planning committee. There are many ways to celebrate the anniversary and many will require long planning and facility commitment lead-times, as well as up-front funding. This includes efforts to raise

funds that can subsidize other anniversary activities, such as selling an anniversary coin. For these reasons, the Finance Committee recommends:

- 1) Establishing an anniversary fund (not a budget line item),
- 2) Keeping the fund open through FY 2021 or as otherwise closed by a vote of Grand Lodge,
- 3) Appropriating \$10,000 from retained earnings to undertake advance work as determined by the Grand Master, and
- 4) Consider additional funding at future annual communication-based upon preliminary event planning.

Finance Committee Decisions in Fiscal Year 2014

The Finance Committee determined that Grand Lodge should obtain directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage and should bill lodges for insurance immediately following the receipt of the bill for the Grand Lodge insurance master policy each June. In addition, the committee determined that all Masonic owned buildings need to be held by a separate legal corporation or trust as Lodges are not allowed to own land and buildings under Maine law.

Motions

- 1) That Grand Lodge accept the report of the Finance Committee and the recommendations contained therein,
- 2) That Grand Lodge approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015 that provides for:
 - a. General Fund income of \$283,975 (net)
 - b. General Fund expenses of \$294,501 (net)
 - c. Use of Retained Earnings of prior years of \$11,000
- 3) That Grand Lodge keep the Per Capita Tax at \$14.10 for the ensuing year,
- 4) That Grand Lodge rescind the self-insurance program,
- 5) That the Grand Lodge Self-insurance Fund be renamed the Grand Lodge Contingency Fund, which shall be designated for the sole purpose of funding a self-insurance program for Lodges if commercial coverage is cancelled in the future,
- 6) That Grand Lodge use the dividend and interest income on the self-insurance and other undesignated funds to help fund Grand Lodge budgets,
- 7) That Grand Lodge establish a 200th Anniversary Fund,
- 8) That the fund be kept open through fiscal year 2015 or as otherwise closed by a vote of Grand Lodge, and
- 9) That Grand Lodge appropriate \$10,000 from retained earnings to undertake advance work as the Grand Master deems appropriate.

The Finance Committee thanks Grand Lodge officers and committees for their contributions to the budget preparation process as well as the members of Grand Lodge for considering the Finance Committee proposals and recommendations.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Grand Lodge of Maine Committee on Finance

RW Thomas E. Pulkkinen, Chairman, RW James R. May, Wor. Glenn E. Mower, and RW Frank M. Theriault Jr.

Each of the motions listed in the report was seconded and approved.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to present RW Thomas E. Pulkkinen to the Grand East.

Presentation of the Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal**RW Thomas E. Pulkkinen**

R.W. Brother Thomas Edward Pulkkinen was born in Lewiston, Maine, 4 April 1945 the third child of Peter and Winona Davis Pulkkinen. He attended Auburn schools, graduating from Edward Little High School in 1963. He furthered his education at Bentley College of Finance in Boston and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at the University of Pennsylvania. Brother Pulkkinen's 40-year career with the Federal Reserve System included a variety of analytical and management positions.

He married the former Sharon Andrews on 18 June 1964 at the Auburn Methodist Church. Tom and Sharon are the parents of two children, Dr. Wendy Pulkkinen Loomis of Seattle, Washington, and Mark Peter who passed away in 1981.

Active in a wide range of Masonic activities, it all began as a member of Auburn Chapter of DeMolay. Brother Pulkkinen was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1989, served as Worshipful Master and Secretary of St. John's Lodge in Newburyport, Massachusetts, as District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th Masonic District there and was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 2003.

Since returning to his home state, Brother Pulkkinen has been equally busy, serving as Master and Secretary of Bay View Lodge in East Boothbay where his communications initiatives have earned multiple Grand Lodge Awards for lodge histories and the prestigious Mark Twain Award presented by the Masonic Service Association of America.

In Grand Lodge he has chaired the Long Range Planning Committee, started the Ambassador Program and has chaired the Finance Committee for the past three years, a period during which the per capita has held steady. He has served on the Grand Lodge Membership Committee and been instrumental in advancing the Master Mason Rookie Program.

During the past two years Brother Pulkkinen developed the Dirigo Leadership Seminar and the Maine Masonic Mentoring Program. He authored the Guide for Lodge and Personal Mentors and the Maine Masonic Mentoring Handbook.

He has served the York Rite as Chapter High Priest, the Red Cross of Constantine as Most Puissant Sovereign of Maine Conclave #1. In Scottish Rite he has served as High Priest of a Princes of Jerusalem Council and as Valley Secretary. He was awarded the thirty-third degree in 2001.

His Masonic activities also include service as Treasurer of the DeMolay and Pine Tree Youth Foundation and membership in Kora Shrine, Crescent Chapter of Eastern Star and Maine College of Masonic Societas Rosicruciana. Additionally, he has authored many articles appearing in *The Maine Mason*.

Tom has been a trusted advisor, counselor and friend to me. I can call on him at any time to assist with any initiative, meet any challenge and promote all that is beneficial to the Craft. He has repeatedly shunned my regard for him as my unofficial chief of staff. Rather he would always simply state that he has time to give to his Grand Master but moreover, time to give to the Craft.

For his service to me, the Grand Lodge of Maine and more especially, for putting the best interests of the Craft first and unconditionally, it is with distinct pleasure that I award Brother Pulkkinen the Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal for Distinguished Service to Masonry.

A. James Ross
Grand Master of Masons in Maine
6 May 2014

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal escort RW Richard Bergeron to the Grand East to present the report of the Committee On Membership

Report of the Committee on Membership

To the Officers and members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

The following is the annual report of the Membership Committee for the Grand Lodge of Maine for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. During the past year, your membership committee has worked hard trying to provide tools for the craft for the purpose of building membership.

This is the second year of our campaign bringing to this jurisdiction opportunities to actively attract, engage and retain men of good character. Many lodges are now holding annual Open Houses and also running Fellowship Nights. Lodges need to continue these and other programs that work for them in order to continually bring new members into this fraternity.

Recruiting is only one piece to an effective Membership Program. We need to also address all four areas:

- **Recruiting, Retaining, Re-involving, and Restoring**

This past year, lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction Initiated 489, Passed 425 and Raised 411 new Master Masons. We affiliated 118 and restored 107 for a total of 636 additions to this Grand Jurisdiction. However, we lost 399 to suspensions for non-payment of dues, 126 demitted, 13 expulsions and 617 to deaths for a total of 1,155 losses. The net loss for 2013 was 519.

Our current membership as of January 1, 2014 is 19,463 of which 800 are plural members leaving us with a distinct count of 18,663 masons in Maine. Over the past five years, we have had losses of 3,163 masons, of which, 1,925 were from NPDs.

We must continue our efforts to attract new brethren to this fraternity but we must double our efforts keeping the ones we already have. Some of the things this Grand Master has done are to start the Rookie Program and the Mentoring Program. The Rookie Program has produced over 40 new Rookies in 2012/2013. A banquet was held in their honor last fall and we hope to do the same this fall as well. While the Rookie Program is designed to keep the interest of newly raised Master Masons, it also helps them to learn good masonic habits.

The Mentoring Program has been growing slowly. Lodges that have utilized it not only have created Masonic Rookies but these rookies are remaining active and many are taking offices in their lodges. In addition, becoming a mentor gives our brethren an opportunity to become active again and to help their lodge grow.

Membership Awards

There are many lodges doing great things. Visiting any of these lodges one can only go away feeling inspired and proud to be a Maine Mason. This year, we have continued our approach to honor those lodges that not only raised the most Master Masons but also recognize those lodges that showed positive growth. We have two plaques; one for the lodge that raised the most Master Masons and the second for the lodge that had the greatest positive growth. In addition, we have numerous certificates for those who also did an outstanding job in either of these areas. The following lodges were presented with the following:

The award to the Lodge that raised the most Master Masons goes to:

Belfast Lodge #24 in the 8th masonic district with 10 Master Masons –

- Current Master – Wor. Jay Gilpatrick
- 2012 Master – Wor. Raymond Paul, Jr

In addition, we would like to recognize the following lodges for also raising master masons:

- Triangle Lodge #1 – 17th Masonic District - 9
- Oriental Lodge #13 – 16th Masonic District - 9
- Benevolent Lodge #87 – 6th Masonic District - 9
- Ralph J. Pollard Lodge #217 – 6th Masonic District - 8

The award to the lodge that had the greatest positive gain goes to:

Oriental Lodge #13 in the 16th district with a net +8 in membership

- Current Master Wor. Michael Gavet
- 2012 Master Wor. Damon Brooks

There were a total of 43 lodges that had positive growth in 2013. We would like to recognize the following lodges; all of which have had a positive gain in membership for 2013:

- Fraternal Lodge #55 – 19th Masonic District - 7
- Webster Lodge #164 – 23rd Masonic District - 7
- Orchard Lodge #215 – 189th Masonic District – 7
- Belfast Lodge #24 – 8th Masonic District - 6
- Delta Lodge #153 – 16th Masonic District – 6
- Somerset Lodge #34 - District 13 - 5
- Unity Lodge #58 - District 12 - 5
- Bristol Lodge #74 - District 10 - 5
- Acacia Lodge #121 - District 14 - 5
- Ocean Lodge #142 - District 19 - 5
- Seminary Hill Daylight Lodge #220 - District 6 - 5
- Triangle Lodge #1 - District 17 - 4
- Morning Star Lodge #41 - District 11 - 4
- Mechanics' Lodge #66 - District 6 - 4
- Star In The West Lodge #85 - District 12 - 4
- Ira Berry Lodge #128 - District 4 - 4
- Saco Lodge #9 - District 18 - 3
- St. George Lodge #16 - District 9 - 3
- Tremont Lodge #77 - District 21 - 3
- Lebanon Lodge #116 - District 13 - 3
- Olive Branch Lodge #124 - District 6 - 3
- Kemankeag Lodge #213 - District 15 - 3
- Hermon Lodge #32 - District 11 - 2

- Mystic Lodge #65 - District 6 - 2
- Mount Kineo Lodge #109 - District 5 - 2
- Buxton Lodge #115 - District 18 - 2
- Mount Tir'em Lodge #132 - District 16 - 2
- Mount Desert Lodge #140 - District 21 - 2
- Composite Lodge #168 - District 5 - 2
- Pleiades Lodge #173 - District 3 - 2
- Kennebec Lodge #5 - District 11 - 1
- St. Croix Lodge #46 - District 2 - 1
- Howard Lodge #69 - District 6 - 1
- Archon Lodge #75 - District 22 - 1
- Liberty Lodge #111 - District 8 - 1
- Greenleaf Lodge #117 - District 18 - 1
- Quantabacook Lodge #129 - District 7 - 1
- Moses Webster Lodge #145 - District 9 - 1
- Ancient York Lodge #155 - District 14 - 1
- Carrabassett Lodge #161 - District 13 - 1
- Washburn Lodge #193 - District 1 - 1
- David A. Hooper Lodge #201 - District 21 - 1

Membership Seminars

The membership committee will be holding additional seminars across the state. We plan to bring a few ideas on what lodges can do to retain their existing membership. Currently we have 3 seminars scheduled:

- June 21 – Star in the West #85, Unity
- September 13 – St Johns Lodge #51 – So Berwick
- September 27 - Amity #6, Rockport

If your lodge or district would like to host one in the fall or spring of 2015, please contact me.

In closing, we must all remember that the responsibility for membership does fall on any one person. Every mason must be thinking membership. It takes the leadership of your lodge's elected officers to make membership a priority. We cannot continue to lose members at this rate. Deaths are inevitable however, if we do not stop the suspensions for non-payment of dues and demits, the future does not look bright.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion was adopted.

The Grand Master requested RW Bergeron to remain in the Grand East.

Presentation of the Simon Greenleaf Medal

RW Richard N. Bergeron, Jr.

R.W. Brother Richard Norman Bergeron, Jr was born 14 May 1960. He graduated Edward Little High School in Auburn and graduated UMA with a B.A. in Business Administration. Rick is married to the former Tamra Lynne Gould and they have two grown children, Amanda and Bryan. They also take great pleasure in being grandparents to three year old Lily Marie. Rick is employed by the Maine Department of Education as a Database Administrator.

Rick enjoys keeping up with technology by reading and getting the latest gadgets and software.

He and Tamra also own a couple of time share properties and visit Florida nearly every year as well as visiting their daughter and granddaughter who reside in Milwaukee.

Rick was made a Master Mason on 24 October 1991 in Tyrian Lodge. He served his Lodge as Master in 1997. He served as District Education Representative for the 23rd Masonic District from 2006 to 2008. He also served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 23rd Masonic District from 2008 to 2010. He continued his service to the Grand Lodge by serving as District Education Representative again from 2010 to 2012.

Rick enjoys membership and taking active roles in many of our other Masonic Bodies. He is a member of Kora Temple Shrine and served on the Divan as Captain of the Guard and is that Temple's Webmaster. He also serves on the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl committee. He is a member of Bradford Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Auburn. As a member of the Scottish Rite, he is a past Thrice Potent Master of Lewiston Lodge of Perfection, and is currently serving as High Priest of Auburn Council Princes of Jerusalem. In 2012, Rick was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33rd Degree Mason in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rick continues his service to the Grand Lodge as chairman of the Membership Committee. He and his committee organized several membership seminars that were held in many Lodges throughout Maine over the past two years. Those seminars stressed the value of Masonry and the importance of building stronger Lodges. An additional emphasis of that plan stressed retention and involvement of our newer Masons. From that plan, the Master Mason Rookie program was instituted.

Rick is a tireless and committed individual to his own Lodge and Grand Lodge. His skills, cares and concerns for the betterment of the Craft are exhibited in everything he does. For his contributions to the Craft and labors for this Grand Lodge, I am proud to present to Right Worshipful Brother Richard Norman Bergeron, Jr the Simon Greenleaf Medal for Meritorious Service to Masonry.

A. James Ross
Grand Master
6 May 2014

The Grand Master called upon RW Scott Whytock to give a presentation concerning the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation website.

Presentation of the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation Website

In Grand Lodge
May 6, 2014

To the Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

One of the main goals of the Trustees of the Masonic Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Maine has been to increase the level of financial contributions received by the Foundation. In an effort to do so, the Foundation's finance committee approved the construction of a website for the Foundation during the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

For some background, the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation was created as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, enabling it to receive tax deductible contributions from donors. While the Foundation and Grand Lodge share many philosophical ideals and split some common costs of operation, they are two distinct organizations. The Foundation supports many programs designed to assist lodges and benefit the communities in which our lodges reside. Those programs include the Bikes for Books program, the Child Identification Program, masonic relief, various matching grant programs, and more. A board of trustees oversees the work of the Foundation and delegates a fair amount of the work that is done to committees.

As we move forward, the Foundation has to continue to adhere to Internal Revenue Code that goes with being organized as a non-profit organization. In order to do so, we have to see our levels of donations increase. Over the last few years, the Trustees have employed various fund raising techniques to address this issue. We have

received the assistance of third party fund raising companies with little success. We have also called upon the Craft to help our Brethren in disaster stricken parts of the world. The funds have been collected and sent to areas impacted by natural disasters has been successful on multiple levels. The Foundation is also situated to assist lodges in the investment management of their scholarship and/or charitable funds. Lodges have found benefit in having the professional financial management and organizational stewardship provided by the Foundation and their investment management advisors.

One untapped area was the issue of having a web presence for the Foundation as there had never been one before. In today's world, having a website is an absolute must. It allows potential donors to research the Foundation and hopefully allow them to see the good work we do to compel a contribution. It also gives the Foundation a way to market itself inside and outside of Masonry. There is general information about the Foundation's work and recent news articles highlighting the great work done by Masons in Maine. Lodge Secretaries are able to submit matching grant applications online now as a way to save them time and effort. As a way to increase our level of charitable contributions, the website also has a secure method for making financial contributions. Charitable contributions can be given on a one time basis, or a donor can choose to make regular and scheduled donations on a periodic basis.

Recognizing the large impact that social media has for people today, there is also now a new Facebook page for the Foundation. Anyone who searches Facebook for the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation will now be able to connect and share information regarding the Foundation.

These efforts should allow us to begin to increase the internal and external awareness of the Foundation. We will also need to continually monitor the effectiveness of our activities now and adjust them over time.

Respectively submitted,

Rt. Wor. Scott Whytock
Grand Treasurer

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to escort RW Richard Rhoda and RW Glenn Payne to the Grand East.

Presentation from the District One Beau Tie Society

RW Rhoda presented a check representing the sales of bow ties made from Kinte cloth sold by the District #1 Bow Tie Society to RW Geln Payne, PDDGM of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The \$4500.00 check is intended as a donation for Sick Cell Anemia medical research.

The Grand Master presented RW Rhoda with a token of appreciation for his efforts in promoting equality within the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master called MW Claire Tusch, PGM to the Grand East to make a presentation.

Presentation to the Grand Lodge from The George Washington Masonic National Memorial

MW Tusch presented a plaque The Grand Lodge through the Grand Master which is inscribed:

“Presented to the Brethren of The Grand Lodge of Maine A.F. & A.M. In Recognition of your Annual Contribution to The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association”

The Grand Master received the placque with appreciation and directed it be displayed in the Grand Lodge Museum and Library.

Final Report -- Committee on Credentials

In Grand Lodge
May 6, 2014

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren all:

This is the final report of the Credentials Committee. There are present in this Grand Lodge:

Lodges registered: 159 X 3 votes= 477 votes
Grand Lodge Officers: 67
Permanent Members: 35
Total Ballots distributed: 579
Number required for majority 290

Lodges without voting representation: 23
Warren Lodge # 2
Lincoln Lodge # 3

St. George Lodge # 16
Oriental Star Lodge #21
Northern Star Lodge #28
Waterville Lodge # 33
Lygonia Lodge# 40 Representative here, no proxy authorization
Freedom Lodge # 42
Mariners' Lodge# 68
Archon Lodge #75
Crescent Lodge # 78
Island Lodge # 89
Paris Lodge# 94
Marsh River Lodge #1 02
Olive Branch Lodge# 124
Moses Webster Lodge# 145
Ancient York Lodge# 155
Baskahegan Lodge# 175
Bar Harbor Lodge # 185
Jonesport Lodge # 188
Knox Lodge# 189
Winter Harbor Lodge #192
Fort Kent Lodge# 209

Fraternally Submitted,

RW Richard Bowden, Chairman, RW Robert Hoyt, RW Walter Kyllonen
W William Littlefield, W Paul Foster, RW Ron Murphy, W Dave Hasey
W Robert Winton, RW E. Fritz Day

At the Constitutionally designated hour of 3 PM EDT, the Grand Master called MW Wayne T. Adams, PGM to the Grand East to conduct the election of officers.

Elections

In the uncontested balloting for Grand Master, MW Adams asked the Grand Lodge to elect RW Walker by acclamation. The Craft responded favorably and RW Walker accepted.

The vote for Deputy Grand Master was opened and the tellers set to work.

The vote for Senior Grand Warden was opened and the tellers set to work.

The vote for Junior Grand Warden was opened and the tellers set to work.

The vote for Director of the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation was opened and the tellers set to work.

The results for Deputy Grand Master were RW Pulkkinen – 292 and RW Irovando – 252. RW Pulkkinen accepted the position.

In the uncontested balloting for Grand Treasurer, MW Adams asked the Grand Lodge to elect RW Whytock by acclamation. The Craft responded favorably and RW Whytock accepted.

In the uncontested balloting for Grand Secretary, MW Adams asked the Grand Lodge to elect RW Rustin by acclamation. The Craft responded favorably and RW Rustin accepted.

The results for Senior Grand Warden were RW DiSotto – 376 and RW Simonton – 222. RW DiSotto accepted the position.

In the uncontested balloting for two members of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee, MW Adams asked the Grand Lodge to elect RW Murphy and RW Vennell by acclamation. The Craft responded favorably and both accepted the positions.

While ballots were being collected and tallied, the Grand Master called MW George Pulkkinen forward to present the report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

Committee on Amendments to the Constitution

In Grand Lodge
May 6, 2014

To the Officers, Members and Brethren of this Jurisdiction:

We have five proposed amendments to the Constitution being offered for the first time this year; one proposed amendment which was entertained by this Grand Lodge last year to act upon now; two proposed Standing Regulations to consider and we have the initial offering of the revised Constitution –or CODE -- which will, if you approve, lie over for the ensuing year for your use, your comments, your suggestions and ultimately your vote at our annual session in 2015.

Let us first consider the amendment to SR 29 offered by our Deputy Grand Master, Brother David Walker. I would offer the reminder that, unlike proposed amendments to the Constitution, Standing Regulations and changes to Standing Regulations need not lay over for a year. If you vote in favor of this amendment to SR 29, it becomes effective immediately.

As now in effect, SR 29 has two paragraphs and says: “Resolved. That this Grand Lodge recognizes no degrees of Masonry except those conferred under the regulations of the Grand Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the several states and territories of the United States of America and the governments throughout the world; and, it admits the following named organizations to be regular and duly constituted Masonic Bodies functioning within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; namely,

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maine, and the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Maine, and the several bodies under their jurisdiction; also the several bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Maine chartered by the Supreme Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and the several bodies under the jurisdiction of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America.

Brother Walker's proposed amendment would add the following words to the end of the first paragraph: *so long as good standing in a Masonic Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maine, is a requirement for membership in said Body; namely,* so that the first paragraph would read:

SR 29. *Resolved* That this Grand Lodge recognizes no degrees of Masonry except those conferred under the regulations of the Grand Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the several states and territories of the United States of America and the governments throughout the world; and, it admits the following organizations to be regular and duly constituted Masonic Bodies functioning within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, so long as good standing in a Masonic Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maine, is a requirement for membership in said Body; namely,

The second paragraph naming the bodies would remain unchanged.

I would entertain a motion to adopt this amendment to SR 29.

The motion to adopt was accepted.

We also have a proposal submitted that would provide for a Masonic Heritage jewel. It was presented by Brother Andrew Palmeri, a member of York Lodge #22 in Kennebunk. Brother Palmeri's maternal grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather were Masons. He's proud of his Masonic heritage and his family's history of Masonic brotherhood. The Grand Lodge of Maryland, among other Grand Lodges, offers a Heritage Jewel. He's asking that our Grand Lodge consider creating a jewel that would allow Maine Masons to show their brotherly love and affection for their family and honor their Masonic heritage.

To that end the following Standing Regulation is proposed.

SR 26 3. Grand Lodge Masonic Heritage Jewel

This Jewel would be available for purchase by a brother to recognize his family membership in Freemasonry. Eligible relations would include father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle.

I would entertain a motion to adopt this proposal. *The motion was seconded and defeated.*

We must now consider the proposed amendment to SEC. 84A accepted by this Grand Lodge at its Annual Session in 2013. I would offer the reminder that acting on this amendment is a two-step process. This body must first vote to remove the

proposed amendment from the table, then, once that is accomplished, we can vote on the actual disposition of the proposal.

As proposed. Section 84A would read as follows:

SEC. 84A. Any lodge which fails to be represented at any Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge as required by paragraph 3 of Section 2 of the Constitution, shall be penalized by the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

I would entertain a motion to remove from the table this proposed amendment to SEC. 84A. *The motion was made, seconded and approved.*

Your Committee on Amendments recommends adoption of the proposal and I would entertain a motion to that end. *A motion was made, seconded, and, after some discussion, defeated.*

We will now consider the proposals amending SEC. 23, Duties of the Grand Secretary, and proposed by our Grand Secretary which he describes as *housekeeping* changes to reflect the use of electronic media, and to save time and money.

As you know, the Grand Secretary's appointed duties are many and varied, so with your approval, I will spare you the reading of his entire charge and read only the sections where change is proposed.

Paragraph six, SEC. 23 now reads "He shall send the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, blanks for application to the charity fund, blanks for returns, with a circular stating when they must be returned, and diplomas from his office directly to the lodges, keeping an account with each lodge of the number of diplomas furnished."

In his proposed change to paragraph six, the word *send* would be replaced with *make available*. It would also strike out the following words: *keeping an account with each lodge of the number of diplomas furnished*. so that, as amended, paragraph six would read: "He shall make available the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, blanks for applications for the charity fund, blanks for returns, with a circular stating when they must be returned, and diplomas from his office directly to the lodges."

I would entertain a motion that this amendment be entertained, referred to the appropriate committee, entered upon the records of the Grand Lodge, sent to the several lodges for their consideration, and be deemed in order to take up and acted upon at the next Annual Communication. *The motion was made, seconded and approved.*

Paragraph ten, SEC. 23, in an abbreviated state, directs that the Grand Secretary shall "cause a transcript of the journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be printed, as soon after the annual communication as can be done, and shall forward two copies thereof to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States and such other jurisdictions as are recognized by this Grand Lodge, one copy to each officer and Permanent Member of this Grand Lodge and two copies to each lodge."

In his proposed change to paragraph ten, the words *forward two* would be replaced with the word *provide* so that, as amended, the appropriate section of paragraph ten would read, the Grand Secretary “shall provide copies thereof to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States and such other jurisdictions as are recognized by this Grand Lodge, one copy to each officer and Permanent Member of this Grand Lodge and two copies to each lodge.”

I would entertain a motion that this amendment be entertained, referred to the appropriate committee, entered upon the records of the Grand Lodge, sent to the several lodges for their consideration, and be deemed in order to take up and acted upon at the next Annual Communication. *The motion was made, seconded, and approved.*

The Grand Secretary has also offered an amendment to SEC. 90.3. It now reads as follows:

SEC. 90.3 Each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as it makes Master Masons. No duplicate of a diploma shall be issued. In the event that the original diploma is lost by fire or other unavoidable circumstance, a diploma certificate may be issued by the Grand Secretary.

The proposed amendment, if adopted, would read as follows:

SEC. 90.3 Every Master Mason raised by a constituted lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction is entitled to a diploma which shall be prepared and provided by the Grand Secretary’s office.

I would entertain a motion that this amendment be entertained, referred to the appropriate committee, entered upon the records of the Grand Lodge, sent to the several lodges for their consideration, and be deemed in order to take up and acted upon at the next Annual Communication. *The motion was made, seconded, and approved.*

The Grand Secretary additionally has offered an amendment, proposed as SEC. 92A which would read as follows: “When allowed by its by-laws, a lodge Master may, when weather conditions cause reasonable concerns for the health and safety of the brethren of his lodge, postpone a stated meeting for up to 48 hours with due notice to the membership.”

I would entertain a motion that this amendment be entertained, referred to the appropriate committee, entered upon the records of the Grand Lodge, sent to the several lodges for their consideration, and be deemed in order to take up and acted upon at the next Annual Communication. *The motion was, made seconded, and approved.*

Our Grand Lecturer, R.W. Brother Harland Harnden, in an attempt to enhance and maintain quality ritual throughout this jurisdiction, has submitted the following proposed amendment.

SEC. 24B. A District Ritual Instructor will be appointed annually by the Grand Master for each Masonic District. The District Ritual Instructor shall, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer and his staff, ensure the correct mode of work and lectures within the several Districts. He shall be entrusted with such materials as are necessary to provide accurate instruction, and shall attend all such Schools of Instruction as are provided for in his District. He shall make periodic reports to the Lecturer assigned to his District as may be required by the Grand Lecturer.

I would entertain a motion that this amendment be entertained, referred to the appropriate committee, entered upon the records of the Grand Lodge, sent to the several lodges for their consideration, and be deemed in order to take up and be acted upon at the next Annual Communication. *The motion was made, seconded, and approved.*

And finally, brethren, your Committee on Amendments to the Constitution labored during this past winter to rework our Grand Lodge Constitution so that it would be easier for all to use. We attempted, successfully we believe, to bring common items and issues together thus eliminating what too often created need for a lengthy search to find answers to Constitutional questions.

We did not tackle the Digest of Decisions at this time because a learned committee comprised of Brothers Franklin G. Hinckley, M. Donald Gardner, Wayne T. Adams, John Anagnostis, Waino Ray and Hollis G. Dixon studied this section thoroughly when Brother Robert V. Damon was Grand Master.

Electronic copies of a first draft of this document were sent to all Masters, Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and others in the Grand Lodge data bank. This final draft will also be emailed to all in the Grand Lodge data bank and the entire proposal will be printed in the Report of this Annual Proceedings for you and your lodges to review and study during the ensuing year.

Your Committee on Amendments to the Constitution is proposing to offer this reworked body of Constitution and Standing Regulations to you today using the procedure mandated by SEC. 137 of the Constitution. I would add that it has been reviewed, and approved, by our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

To that end I would entertain a motion that this amended Constitution or Masonic Code proposition be entertained, referred to the proper committee, entered upon the records, published with the other proceedings of the Grand Lodge (See Appendix A), sent to the several subordinate lodges for their consideration, and be deemed in order to take up and acted upon at the next annual communication. *The motion was made, seconded, and approved.*

Fraternally submitted,

MW George Pulkkinen, Chair, RW Brad Blake, and RW Alan Heath

The Grand Master presented MW Pulkkinen a plaque citing his endeavors as Editor of "The Maine Mason" magazine.

Elections Continued

The results of the balloting for Director of the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation were RW Ralph Knowles – 174, RW Ronald Fowle II – 157, RW Randy Elliot – 143, and Michael Tremblay – 49. RW Knowles accepted the position.

The results of the balloting for Junior Grand Warden were RW Brian Messing – 257, W Mark Zimmerman – 181, and W Michael Kimball – 99. As there was no one with a majority of the votes, MW Adams directed the tellers to collect ballots for a runoff between RW Messing and W Zimmerman.

The Grand Masster called upon RW Ralph Knowles for the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

Report of Committee on Grievances and Appeals

Met to review the findings of the Commissioners in the appeal of Arlan Saunders charged with unmasonic conduct by committing Adultery Mr. Arlan Saunders told the commissioners that he had committed Adultery and the law should be changed. This point is mute. He was committing Adultery with another Mason's married wife.

All the members of the committee voted for expulsion.

Fraternally Submitted,
RW Ralph G. Knowles, Chairman, RW William Sawyer, and W. Larry Redmond

A motion to amend the report removing the penalty was made, seconded, and approved.

Met to review the findings of the Commissioners in the Appeal of Charles K. Stubenrod. Mr. Stubenrod was a member of Rural Lodge #53 and Bethlehem Lodge #35. As gather of information for the Masters and Wardens Association District No.11 for their trestle board he also could sign checks. He made out his pay checks Monthly and paid bills for the Association. He lost his job and fell on hard times He was a just and upright Mason for 37 YEARS. He made a check out for an advance of eight weeks pay to himself for \$600.00 cashed the check, in the blank for space was written, the check was an eight month advance of pay.

Even though he was told not to, the committee would recommend that instead of expulsion Mr. Stubenrod should be suspended for three Years after that amount of time he would be able to make out an application to join the Masons. All the committee voted the same in favor of Suspension.

Fraternally Submitted,

RW Ralph G Knowles, Chairman, RW William Sawyer, and W. Laurence Redmond
A motion to accept the amended report was made, seconded, and approved.

Elections Continued

The results of the runoff for Junior Grand Warden were RW Brian Messing – 240 and W. Mark Zimmerman – 203. RW Messing accepted the position.

The Grand Master called upon RW Ryan Paradis to report on the condition of the Fraternity.

Report of the Committee on the Condition of Fraternity

In Grand Lodge
May 6, 2014

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

We would like to start this report by giving a tip of the hat to our Grand Master. Not only did we have all twenty four District Deputy reports in a timely manner, Also all were written using a similar format. It made the job of examining the data far easier than in years past. Using this same format they did we will attempt to summarize the twenty four Districts.

Constitutions and Standing Regulations:

No District Deputy reported that they were having any major issues in this area and that Lodges are searching the Constitutions on their own or consulting with the District Deputy when questions arise. Three District Deputies did mention that not all lodges were upholding SR25. However, it was mentioned by one District Deputy that he hoped as the Mentoring Program started to take shape that this problem would resolve itself.

Lodge Administration:

From reading the reports we can gather that most lodges can open and close a business meeting and that the Secretaries and Treasurers reports are being read. There were several comments about the lack of using an order of business. One District Deputy suggested that there should be a school given on Roberts Rules. This committee agrees and would recommend that the District Educational Representatives in each district give serious thought to holding a school for this in the coming year.

Official Visitations:

It appears that all Inspections were done in a timely manner and only a few were not completed at the time the District Deputies turned in their reports. Most of these were accompanied with a reason and a date when it was going to be done. The

District Deputies reported work from poor to excellent. But in reading the reports we found one district deputy who we believe summarized how you can have degree work from one end of the spectrum to the other. And I quote, "The quality of the work was directly proportionate to the general health of the lodge."

Veterans Medals:

It would appear that our Grand Master wanted to make sure that veteran medals were being presented and in a timely fashion as this was mentioned in almost every report. From what we gather medals presentations are up to date and most District Deputies enjoy the honor of being able to present them.

State Wide Open House/Rookie Program/Mentoring/Dirigo Leadership:

These we grouped together because they were all initiatives led by our Grand Master during his term. From what we can gather from the reports not every lodge participated in these programs, but what is abundantly clear is that the ones that did have found them successful and great tools to strengthen their lodges. Our Deputy Grand Master has indicated that he is going to continue these programs through his term and we strongly believe that with that continuity they will continue to enable lodges to grow and prosper in the direction they want to see their lodge go. Congratulations to MW A. James Ross on what would appear to be a vision that has been carried to success.

Schools of Instruction:

We are sad, but not shocked to report that almost every District Deputy reported low attendance at schools. Several even pointed out that there are usually only one or two Brethren in attendance outside of the five or six from the hosting L lodge. On the other end of the spectrum, one District Deputy reported an average of over 40 at his schools of instruction. And it should be noted that it is certainly not the largest district in the state. This of course begs the question, what is going on in that district? We would recommend that the Grand Lecturer talk with this District Deputy and find out what his key to success for such a great turn out is. We are positive that there are twenty three other District Deputies that would love to report the same numbers next year.

Masters and Wardens or Officers Associations:

Fewer than half of the District Deputies reported even having one in their district and of those only a couple reported regular attendance each month. There were two in particular that reported having strong associations and good attendance. After reading their reports and their positive opinion on the health of their district we have to wonder if the association might not have something to do with it. Community outreach & Involvement: It is with a great deal of pleasure that we can report that one of the cornerstones of our fraternity is alive in almost every lodge in this jurisdiction. All twenty four District Deputies reported that there was some sort of community involvement or outreach taking place. In more than one report we read how the degree work in a particular lodge is not up to par, but on the very next page

that same lodge was being patted on the back for the good things they are doing in their community.

Scholarships, CHIPS and Books for Bikes programs seem to be the largest segment of what the Brethren are participating in and we commend the Charitable Foundation for giving the lodges every opportunity to do some good in their community with the matching grant programs.

Conclusion:

This is what every District Deputy ended their report with and as such so will we. Again we would like to say how much we enjoy the format that the Grand Master instructed his District Deputies to use. In most cases it gave twenty four opinions or facts from which to draw on the same subject. We are little baffled why every District Deputy didn't take the opportunity to give his opinion on the general state of his district in this section however a few did and they all reported that they felt their district was doing well and working towards goals for improvement. If you were to sit down and read all twenty four reports we think you could ask the following question and give the same answer. Is every aspect of Masonry perfect in every lodge in this State? Of course not, but what you can tell from these reports is that the majority of the District Deputies have spent their year encouraging the lodges to be proud and loud about the things they are doing well while continuing to work on the things they don't do so well. It would appear that gone for now are the days of "the sky is falling" and it has been replaced by "let's focus on what we do well and strive to improve the things we don't." If this is indeed what our leadership is preaching to the District Deputies then we say Maine Masonry is on the right track. We will end this report by quoting how one District Deputy ended his report. It was meant in a positive manner and I think when viewed that way it correctly sums up the feeling of this committee. He ended his report by saying the lodges in his district were "always under construction." Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Respectfully Submitted,

RW Ryan J Paradis, RW Ronald S Raymond, and RW Curtis R Merrill

The Grand Master directed RW Brian Paradis to remain the the Grand East.

Presentation of the Simon Greenleaf Medal

RW Ryan J. Paradis

Right Worshipful Brother Ryan James Paradis was born 25 April 1974 to Brian and Sharon Paradis. Growing up in the Oxford Hills Region of Maine, he attended Oxford Hills schools, graduating Oxford Hills High School and attended the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Ryan married his high school sweetheart, Heather in 1996 and together they have a son, Jason age 13. Ryan enjoys participating and coaching his son's sports team and recalls a most memorable occasion when his son was awarded the honor of black belt in karate. Ryan also enjoys golf and skiing and spending quality time with his family and friends.

Ryan is a Senior DeMolay and former member of Knights of the Son Chapter of DeMolay in Auburn. Ryan was raised in Oxford Lodge in Norway on 29 March 1996 and immediately became involved in the life of his Lodge serving as an officer and eventually becoming Master in 2003. He served his father, who was Grand Master of Masons in Maine, as a Grand Steward and as Grand Senior Deacon respectively. He later served the Grand Lodge of Maine as District Education Representative for the 16th Masonic District from 2004 to 2006. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 16th Masonic District from 2006 to 2008 and received honorable praise for his thorough leadership and reporting. Ryan has served several committees of Grand Lodge including the Strategic Planning Committee, Membership Committee and chairs the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

Ryan remains active in his home district having served five terms as president of the 16th District Officers Association and co-chair of that district's annual golf scramble which has raised more than \$125,000.00 for which proceeds are awarded to high school seniors with plans to attend secondary education.

Ryan has developed as a leader and a statesman among his peers in the 16th District who respect his exceptional abilities as an organizer and motivator. He is very astute to ever-changing conditions and always sees the opportunities in every challenge. He expects others to carry out their duties and responsibilities while always ready to offer himself as a coach or mentor to help others meet or exceed their goals. He knows the value of hard work and holding individuals accountable for their actions; those attributes which foster responsibilities and build leaders. Ryan is a no-nonsense man who clearly articulates instructions and expectations while holding him accountable to the same high standards he sets for others.

It is because of his tenacity, proven leadership skills, mentoring abilities and his untiring efforts to accomplish anything he sets out to do while knowing that others are observing and learning with a high regard of respect for the man and Mason he is, and furthermore for his contributions to the Grand Lodge of Maine, his Craft and to this Grand Master, that I am proud to present Brother Paradis with the Simon Greenleaf Medal for Meritorious Service to Masonry.

A. James Ross
Grand Master
6 May 2014

The Grand Master had RW Harlan Harnden escorted to the Grand East.

Presentation of the Lodge of the Year Award

RW Harnden announced the selection of Tuscan Lodge #106 in Addison as Ritual Lodge of the Year. He noted that 15 members of Tuscan Lodge were present at

Grand Lodge for the presentation. The Grand Master invited the members to the Grand East where they were introduced, congratulated, and presented with the Award.

The Grand Master called MW Gerald Leighton, PGM to the Grand East.

Presentation of the Joshua L. Chamberlain Medal

MW Gerald S. Leighton

Citing MW Leighton's many contributions to the Craft during his Masonic career including, but not limited to, service in many Lodge and Grand Lodge Offices and Committees, service as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine from 2006 until 2008, and his pivotal service as Grand Secretary in 2012 overseeing the move of the Grand Lodge Office from Portland to Holden, The Grand Master presented MW Leighton with the Joshua L. Chamberlain Medal for exemplary service to the Craft and the community.

MW Leighton graciously accepted the award.

The Grand Master invited MW David Worel, Grand Master of Alaska, to the Grand East.

Presentation by the Grand Master of Alaska

Good afternoon from Alaska. How we all doing? Probably all of us are ready for dinner. On behalf of the 1700 masons in Alaska it is a privilege that they elected me as Grand Master and I get to do this job and I love it! I am proud to be a freemason and I hope all of you are as well. It's a thrill to come to a jurisdiction that I have not been to as of yet. Maine is the last state in the 50 states I had not attended yet. It's been proud for me to be here. Proud for your grand jurisdiction and I want to thank you for the hospitality you have given us or at least for me. I do have a couple of gifts for you. I am a believer in Masonic education: I was the 100th Master of my lodge in Fairbanks, Alaska. So here are couple of gifts for you. First is a silver coin of our 100th year anniversary. Next, this book is pretty neat. It's a little history book of Alaska Masonry. What I like about it is it has a little information about me too. This is something I have been giving Grand Masters throughout the jurisdictions. It is a gold pan, hand painted. It has little scenes of Alaska with a little Masonic symbol to let you know Alaska was here and we are proud of it. Don't be afraid to come see us. Thank you Grand Master.

The Grand Master graciously thanked GM Worel on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Grand Master called RW Christopher Disotto, Grand Marshal, to the Grand East where he presented him with a token of appreciation for his service to the Craft and to the Grand Master during his term.

Assistant Grand Chaplain Leslie Gray offered a benediction for the first day of Grand Lodge Communication and the Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge at recess until 9:00AM the next morning.

The Grand Lodge Banquet “A Masonic Affair to Remember”

At 6:00PM attendees began to gather for a social gathering prior to the Grand Lodge Banquet. At 7:00PM the head table guests were introduced by the Grand Marshal. The Grand Master made some welcoming remarks and, after a table grace was offered, rang the official Grand Lodge Dinner Bell to signal the opening of the Banquet.

During the meal RW Pete Forrest, Master of Ceremonies, went to each table and offered the opportunity for introductions and comments. This, interspersed with his humorous banter, added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The Grand Master then offered remarks including thanks to many in attendance for their work and support during his tenure. He offered special thanks and appreciation to First Lady Gerry Ross for her support, understanding, and love. At the conclusion of his remarks a benediction was offered.

The remainder of the evening was taken up with listening and dancing to music from the 1940's and 1950's. It was an enjoyable respite from the labors of the Craft and was very well received and appreciated.

DAY TWO

With a rap of the gavel the Grand Master reconvened the Annual Communication for the second session. The Grand Chaplain offer a prayer to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

The Grand Master called Brother Fred Lunt, Chair of the Committee on Insurance, to the Grand East to present that Committee's report.

Report of the Committee on Insurance

Most Worshipful and Brethren all. I am Fred Lunt Chair of the Grand Lodge Insurance Committee and am here to spend a few minutes discussing one of the many mysteries of life---Insurance. The Grand Lodge Insurance Policy is another tool provided to help the Lodges. This program started several years ago to be certain that the activities of the Grand Lodge, its chartered Lodges and individual members acting within the scope of approved activities of the Grand Lodge had liability coverage. Since that time the program has expanded to provide individual Lodges the opportunity to purchase coverage on their buildings and content as well as liability coverage. I am not going to get into coverage details of this policy because of our time constraints' and I am positive most of you don't want to hear me read from the policy.

The Grand Lodge of Maine's Standard Regulation States that each Maine Lodge will obtain Liability Insurance coverage through the Grand Lodge Policy and will be billed by the Grand Lodge for the coverage.

The cost of the liability coverage is based on the square footage of the lodge. This Policy provides liability coverage for lodge activities as well as coverage for lodge members while acting within the scope of lodge activities. This is broad form coverage with extra's that are not always available without an extra cost from an outside agent.

This policy also provides the opportunity for a Maine Lodge to obtain building and contents coverage in addition to the basic liability coverage. The present Grand Lodge Policy can provide coverage on most lodge buildings and contents even the buildings built before 1960. At the present time buildings located along the coast require special handling because of the possibility of wind damage. The building and contents coverage is broad form replacement cost coverage requiring on 100% replacement cost coverage on the building or contents. Those Lodges that do not own their meeting place can purchase coverage on their contents. There is also fine arts coverage for those items such as painting, jewels, furniture other unusual and valuable items in the lodge. Coverage on these items should be based on an appraised value. If you elect to purchase full coverage through the Grand Lodge Policy the liability will extend to cover your building exposure. We presently have over 60 Lodges that have elected to purchase full coverage through the Grand Lodge Insurance Program. If you buy coverage on your building and contents from an outside agent you probably will end up paying for liability coverage twice. Also remember your policy purchased outside the Grand Lodge Policy must name the Grand Lodge of Maine as an additional insured. Also, I might warn you that many of the outside policies I have looked at do not have the named insured correct on the policy.

If your lodge meets in its own building the title of the lodge building must be in the name of a building association and the association must be registered with the Maine Secretary of State. By Grand Lodge regulations a Maine Lodge cannot have title to a

building in its name and if it is in the name of the Lodge, liability can extend to every member.

There are benefits to a Lodge to have coverage through the Grand Lodge Policy. Being covered under the Grand Lodge Policy you are part of a larger group which many times give you the benefits of broader coverage—more leverage when a special situation arises that needs special handling -- better pricing--it takes the burden off the lodge in being sure that coverage is renewed each year—the Grand Lodge is looking after the quality of coverage and if you overlook premium payment the Grand Lodge Office will remind you without receiving a cancellation notice.

As I said earlier I would not go into coverage details. I will be here during the remainder of the day so if you have specific questions please feel free to speak up. The Grand Lodge Policy is written through the Great American Insurance of NY. Our Maine agent is Sargent Tyler and West of Bangor, ME and the Agent servicing our policy is Alan Darrah. Alan is a member of Lynde Lodge #174 of Hermon Maine so understands your activities. If you want more contact information or have a question, please see me during the day.

Fraternally,

Br. Fred Lunt, Chair

The Grand Master presented Br. Lunt with a token of appreciation for all his efforts regarding insurance for Grand Lodge and the constituent Lodges.

The Grand Master called RW Eric Kuntz to the Grand East to present the report of the Committee on Masonic Education and Lodge Services on behalf of RW Tim Martell.

Report of the Committee on Masonic Education and Lodge Services

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

The Masonic Education & Lodge Service (M.E.A.L.S.) Committee has been busy meeting monthly all year in Augusta. We accomplished the following:

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The MEALS Committee started the year by conducting a full day of training for the District Education Representatives. The attendees were very attentive and it was obvious from the beginning that they were highly motivated and eager to provide top quality Masonic Educational Programs to their constituent lodges.

Our greatest accomplishment this year was to complete the Pollard Plan Videos and to distribute them to all Lodges, DDGM's, DER's and Grand Lecturers. Since computer technology is changing rapidly and the DVD media is being replaced by the Flash drive, we made the decision to copy the videos in flash drive format.

Worshipful Bro. Ed King and his wife, Brandy, carried the lion's share of the load on this project and we all owe them a huge debt of gratitude for the time, extraordinary effort and unparalleled dedication that was necessary to complete this major project.

We conducted an in depth review of Masonic Protocol in Maine, including protocol documents from various Masonic jurisdictions. We then developed and distributed a copy of the newly developed Protocol Manual to all Maine lodges in record time. Masonic Protocol always seems to become one of the most interesting and confusing topics discussed whenever two or more Masons get together to talk about the Craft. This was also a major accomplishment and Right Worshipful Brother Gary Young did an amazing job of developing a Masonic Protocol Manual that is now in use throughout this jurisdiction. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master worked with us every step of the way and provided the leadership and support that we needed to complete the manual.

We reviewed and completely revised the DDGM and DER manuals. Our goal was to create up to date manuals that will be more useful to the DDGM's and DER's respectively. Furthermore, these manuals have a newly designed cover and spine that was created by R.W. Brother Walter Hodgdon.

Raymond Rideout Award

There were only ten submissions for the Raymond Rideout Award this year and two lodges stood out from the rest, i.e. **Mt. Moriah Lodge # 56 of Brownfield and Village Lodge #26 of Bowdoinham**. Mt. Moriah Lodge #56 was nominated by V.W. Kevin Kugell, DER for the 16th district and Village Lodge #25 was nominated by R.W. Harry Grinder, DER for the 14th District. Both lodges are doing an outstanding job of educating both their candidates and their membership alike. Furthermore, both lodges are very involved with their respective communities and have proved themselves to be excellent Ambassadors for Freemasonry. After a thorough review of all nominations, the M.E.A.L.S. Committee has selected Mt. Moriah #56 as the winner of the this year's Raymond Rideout Award and the Runner-Up is Village Lodge #26. The following nomination was submitted by V.W. Kevin Kugell, DER of the 16th Masonic district:

"I nominate Mount Moriah Lodge because of their commitment Masonic education. This Lodge under the direction Worshipful Master Shawn Fogg has consistently shown their dedication to the candidates, the officers and the Brethren. They begin by taking the job of the Committee of Inquiry very seriously. Each applicant is met with and fully understands what is expected of him and likewise the Committee knows fully what the applicant is seeking.

Although this lodge has been busy conferring degrees, they have found time for educational programs. I was asked at least three times to come and present an educational program this year. They also have a Brother serving as a line officer who has developed his own power point presentation about part of the apron charge, specifically the history of the Star and Garter. This has been presented twice, most recently at the last 16th District Annual Meeting. The Brethren of this lodge have also been regular attendees of the schools of Instruction. They also take their degree

work very seriously. They have plenty of rehearsals and it shows as each officer has learned his part extremely well. Watching this team confer degrees is a true pleasure.

Mount Moriah Lodge is very active in their community. They are involved in the schools and community. They help out families in need and aren't afraid to get their hands dirty doing it; most recently helping a local family that were burned out of their home move to a different location. You may be asking yourself if this has anything to do with education. I say it does because on more than one occasion when one of their new masons is observing a business meeting for the first time as an entered apprentice; I have the opportunity of explaining to him how the lesson about charity during the degree can be translated to 'what Masons do' in their everyday lives in their community.

For these reasons I have nominated Mount Moriah Lodge for the Raymond Rideout Award for the year past.

Fraternally,
Kevin Kugell
DER 16th District"

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated brothers who served as District Education Representatives this year. In my opinion, there has never been a more dedicated group of DER's as a whole. I would also like to thank all of the members of the MEALS Committee for their dedication and untiring support. You brothers are the Best! I am honored to work with you. Finally, I am most grateful to you Most Worshipful Grand Master for your tireless and unyielding support. You attended most of our monthly meetings and it has been an honor and a pleasure to work for and with you. Thank you. Good luck and best wishes with all of your future endeavors.

Respectfully & Fraternally Submitted,

RW Tim Martel, Chairman, RW Eric Kuntz, RW Steve Mairs, RW Harry Grinder, RW Randy Raymond, RW Gary Young, and VW Michael Meservey

The Grand Master invited RW Richard Rhoda to the Grand East to present the reports of the Grand Historian and the Committee on Lodge Histories.

Report of the Grand Historian

In Grand Lodge
May 7, 2014

The past four years and more especially the last two years have brought Maine Freemasonry face to face with 21st century realities and with its core principles. First

was facing a temporal issue of where the administrative office of Grand Lodge would be located. Of far greater importance was how Maine Masons would face issues of toleration of other men's race, color and creed.

The Grand Master has renewed Masonry's commitment of being able to bring men together who otherwise would have remained at a perpetual distance. No other fraternal organizations in Maine encompass the principles, lessons and actions found in Maine Freemasonry. Our Grand Master has risen above the controversies surrounding the move of Grand Lodge offices and has put geographical issues behind us. He has moved on to the purpose of Masonry: that of making good men better by expecting it of them and by setting an example to be emulated.

The Move To Holden

The past two to four years have seen profound changes in Maine Masonry. For the second time in its one hundred ninety-two year history, the administrative offices of Grand Lodge were moved away from Portland. In the earliest days of the Grand Lodge of Maine there was no need for and there did not exist administrative offices such as we have had in the 20th and early 21st century. Portland was the cosmopolitan center of Maine. The original By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, Sec. 3d, Chap. 1st, provided that the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge would be held in Portland. No mention was made of offices for the secretary or treasurer. Of the elected officers in 1820, four were from Portland and one from Wiscasset. While Grand Master William King was officially a resident of Bath, his time was spent there and in Augusta as Governor. He did not take an active part in the functioning of Grand Lodge which was left to Simon Greenleaf, a practicing attorney in Portland. Elected Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were William Lord and Joseph M. Gerrish, respectively, who both resided in Portland. These men served in their offices until 1832 when it was voted to hold Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in Augusta. There is no indication that they performed their duties in any accommodations provided by Grand Lodge. In January 1830, at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, a motion had been made to move Annual Communications to *Hallowell* or Augusta with the matter to be taken up at the next Annual Communication. This meeting was attended by thirty of the fifty-eight lodges.

At the Annual Communication in 1831, attended by twenty lodges, the duly appointed committee was "unanimously of opinion that it is expedient to adopt" the motion to allow removal from Portland but recommended that it lay over until the next Annual Communication. At a Special Communication on December 19, 1831 at Mason's Hall in Portland, it was unanimously voted to amend the By-Laws to require Annual Communications to be held in

Augusta. This meeting was attended by Portland's two lodges along with lodges from Wiscasset, Freeport, and Gorham. At the same time it was voted to do away with Quarterly Communications which was part of the custom retained from our Mother Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. This change which took place over an almost two year time period came as the Morgan Affair was having a profound

effect on Maine Masonry. Also, at this time Augusta was growing as the home of state government and it was geographically centered as to most of the state's population.

In 1842, Grand Lodge suffered its lowest descent towards oblivion when the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Senior Grand Warden did not attend the opening of its Annual Communication. Also, no lodges were in attendance. The session was opened by Junior Grand Warden John T. Paine, Jr. of Sanford. Seven Masons attended the opening and eight attended the second day of whom only four were present for both sessions. R.W. Thomas W.

Smith, Senior Grand Warden, of Augusta, presided the second day. The pendulum began to swing back in 1843 when Grand Lodge was attended by five lodges including the top three officers of each of Portland's two lodges. A motion was made to return the Grand Lodge sessions to Portland. At the 1844 Annual Communication, after a committee report against the return to Portland was defeated twenty-five to twenty-eight, it was then voted to return to Portland. This meeting was attended by nineteen lodges of the fifty-eight composing Grand Lodge, or 33% of it's lodges.

The vote favoring the move was 53%. At the Annual Communication in 1844, Henry H. Boody of Portland was elected Treasurer and the following year Charles Fox of Portland was elected Secretary.

The first time that Grand Lodge actually provided office space for its secretary and treasurer was in 1866. It was to be another forty-five years before the administrative offices were actually housed in a Masonic building.

On December 30, 1911 Grand Lodge moved into administrative offices in the Masonic Temple in Portland. In his Grand Secretary's Report in May, 1912, Stephen Berry related the prior history of rented office space:

"On December 30th we moved into the new offices in Masonic Temple, M W: Bro. Albro E. Chase, of the Committee of Finance, energetically conducting the operation. You can judge for yourselves how much we needed the increased space. In 1856 my father kept the library and book of records at his house and printing office. In 1886 we had a room in the Canal National Bank Building which was burned in the great fire. In 1876 our room in the Savings Bank building was burned out and for some years we occupied a room in Centennial Block. On

September 27, 1890, we returned to the Savings Bank building and have remained there since until the close of 1911. "

The records reflect that monthly rent at the Portland Savings Bank was \$100.00 per month while in the new Masonic Temple it was \$108.00 per month. At the time of the move out of the building rent was \$4,033 per month which was shared equally by Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation. The moving of the Grand Lodge offices from the Masonic Temple in Portland was a heart wrenching ordeal for Maine Masonry. Yet the time had come that a move out of the building was almost mandatory for the well-being of the Craft statewide. The building had faded greatly from its grandeur when it was built in 1911. The building was owned, not by

Grand Lodge, but a committee composed of Masonic bodies in Portland representing local blue lodges. It was home to various Masonic organizations which had their statewide offices therein but were only tenants. The ruthless hand of time, benign neglect, lack of both funds and strong managerial leadership slowly led to its demise as a viable home for Grand Lodge offices. The front half of the building was sold and plans to sell the back half in a way which would have been compatible with an extended Masonic rental agreement failed to be accomplished. Rents continued to increase almost yearly to a level deemed unfair to the Craft statewide who would be paying to support a building in which it had no ownership interest. As an example, rent in 1999 totaled \$24,000.00. By 2007 rent totaled \$48,400.00, just over a 100% increase in eight years. Of even greater concern was the anticipated expense to rehabilitate the back half of the building to meet 21st century building codes. Of special concern were the elevator and fire safety regulations. Reluctantly, the need to vacate the building was accepted with great angst. The move to effectuate the change was slow and was only realized over a span of years. The matter came to a head in May 2010 when the consideration of a proposed change of offices was moved and voted upon by Grand Lodge as reflected below: "... that the Grand Master appoint a Committee to request proposals from Masonic bodies interested in locating the Grand Lodge offices, Library and museum in their Masonic buildings or in non-Masonic buildings and to assess lease proposals with respect to the satisfaction of required and optional space criteria, one-time and ongoing costs, personnel staffing and any other criteria specified in the request for proposals."

This was followed up by an outreach to the lodges statewide to determine if any would have suitable space in their respective buildings or if any knew of a suitable building in their area which would be able to house the Grand Lodge offices. A limited response was received, so much so that the committee then sought out suitable commercial buildings that it might recommend to Grand Lodge. The only areas expressing an interest were Portland, Bath and Bangor. The Masons of Bath were the only ones putting forth a proposal that their Masonic Temple be considered. Theirs was an old sea captain's house which had a significant addition built onto it that could conceivably accommodate offices. On March 12, 2011 a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Anah Shrine Center in Bangor where a motion, not in conformity with the one previously passed at Grand Lodge, was voted upon. This motion was as follows: "The Grand Master's Site Selection Committee met in November and unanimously voted to recommend that the Grand Lodge office be located in the Bangor area, the actual site to be chosen at a later date. Do you wish to approve that recommendation? Yes ___ No ___"

The vote was one hundred eighty in favor and three hundred thirty-nine opposed with three invalid. The vote was 65% opposed, a definite statement of rejection. It was reported that forty lodges were not represented. Thereafter the Committee returned to work and found the building now occupied by Grand Lodge in Holden. This building is a relatively modern stand-alone former bank building on Rte. 1A in Holden. Another special meeting was held at the Masonic Building in Bangor on December 10, 2011 when it was voted to purchase said building. The motion was carried by a vote of two hundred sixty-three to two hundred thirty-three or 53% in favor. This represented an 18% swing in favor of the motion from the March 2011

vote. It has been duly noted that forty-one lodges or 21% of constituent lodges did not attend this meeting. This was but one lodge more than was present to vote in 2011.

Grand Lodge is not allowed by its incorporation to own real estate but the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation may do so. The purchase was done by the Foundation which funded the \$300,000.00 plus purchase. Title was taken in the name of Holden Masonic Associates, LLC.

An interesting fact is that within thirty minutes driving time of the Holden facility, there were fourteen lodges with a membership of two thousand four hundred thirteen; the Bath facility had fourteen lodges with a membership of one thousand thirty and the Portland/Westbrook facility had thirteen lodges with a membership of two thousand one hundred forty. On the Saturday afternoon of April 21, 2012 our new building was dedicated to Masonic usage by Grand Master W. Louis Greenier, II and officers of Grand Lodge at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge. The process of securing the office building had been a challenging two years for him. With the move of the Grand Lodge office to Holden, the election of officers was unlike any since 1820 as new officers were elected to its top six offices. This was actually one more than in 1820 for at that time the Deputy Grand Master was appointed by the Grand Master. The enormity of this change was further compounded with the hiring of a whole new office staff as none of the Portland staff chose to move to the Bangor area. Even the Grand Secretary chose to resign his office less than a month before the Grand Lodge session. This vacancy was filled with the appointment of M.W. Gerald Leighton as Grand Secretary. He resided in Newport, only a thirty mile drive to the office. Grand Lodge was fortunate to have a Mason of his ability, knowledge and experience able to step in and fill the void. With the help of several area Masons and the hiring of two secretaries with no Masonic background, the building was made habitable and operational. This success was followed up with an even more successful Grand Lodge session which handled and processed all the paperwork entailed.

The election of M.W. Leighton as Grand Secretary was intended to be a "stop gap" measure while time was taken to find a qualified and interested Mason to permanently fill the office. This was accomplished in July when W. Mark Rustin was appointed Grand Secretary upon M.W. Leighton's resignation as planned. W. Rustin had served the Grand Lodge for thirteen years as a Grand Chaplain and Asst. Grand Chaplain. He had recently retired after serving as a pastor for thirty-one years. His last call was at the North Deering Congregational Church in Portland. He now resides in Newburgh, Maine.

As an historical footnote, it may be noted that it was not until May 1979 that Sec. 3 was again amended to allow that "Grand Lodge may vote at any Annual Communication to hold the next Annual Communication on some other date or at some other place."

Our History Is Our Future

Following the Grand Lodge session at Husson College in Bangor in May 2012, Maine Masonry found itself at the portal of a new era which would begin with a wider perspective for the Craft than had been experienced for many years. Upon being installed, the new Grand Master addressed the Craft and set forth an agenda for the next two years: an agenda which harkened back to lessons espoused at the birth of Speculative Freemasonry in England, almost three hundred years earlier; an agenda committed to the core teachings of our Masonic ritual with a clarion call to reassert them in our lives as individual Masons and as Masonic lodges in our communities. Success in Masonry, as in most things in life, comes about after thoughtful preparation. Our Grand Master, as a common saying goes, "hit the road running." Following his installation, he immediately gave a four page address of what was needed in Masonry today, why it was needed and how he was going to approach those needs. His outlook was explained in one page less than that of the outgoing Grand Master's report of what had been done in Grand Lodge the previous year.

Not in modern times, if ever, had an incoming Grand Master made such a written presentation. His first six words, "Masonry is a values centered organization ...", set the tone for the next two years of what would be the emphasis of Maine Masonry's priorities. First and foremost was the Grand Master's call for diversity within the Craft: a reaching out to our ever increasing minority population of "neighbors of diverse colors, religions and ethnic backgrounds." As he observed, with diversity comes knowledge of others as we meet upon the level. With knowledge comes acceptance as we part upon the square and meet about our communities. And with acceptance, comes wisdom, strength and beauty as the vestiges of bigotry are cast aside.

The Grand Master immediately set the example for the Craft in Maine to follow as he found our future in our history. He was mindful of Rev. Bro. James Anderson's First Masonic Charge in the Masonic Constitution of 1723, "Concerning God and Religion", and remembered those words "whereby Masonry becomes the union of those who otherwise should have remained at a perpetual distance." He appointed Bro. Bakhtawer "Bill" Bilal of Monument Lodge No. 96, as the first Maine Mason of the Islamic faith to serve as his Assistant Grand Chaplin. This was done despite bigoted comments and observations such as his inability to say a prayer for us because he does not know any Christian prayers! The Grand Master realized that there was still much for Masons to learn as we reconsider Masonry's basic teachings. Freemasonry has evolved from a decidedly Christian country and background with a tradition centered around the building of the great Gothic Cathedrals of the Middle Ages. Yet, within that tradition was the decidedly non-Christian tradition of the building of the Jewish King Solomon's Temple. With the Enlightenment of the 18th Century came Freemasonry's future which would allow its teachings and its toleration to circle the world. As the "Sun Never Sat" on the British Empire, so too did Masonry and its teachings expand from London to America, South America, Hawaii, Hong Kong, India, South Africa, Russia, and Continental Europe. Masonry allowed a setting for men to be able to come together "who otherwise should have

remained at a perpetual distance," in large part due to their religious up-bringing and beliefs.

Today, the youngest but certainly by no means a new religion has come to our shores from the cradle of Judaism and Christianity. The world is infinitely smaller today than ever before because of means of communication and transportation which no more than one hundred years ago were unimaginable. Grand Lodge was presented a gift of the *Quran* prior to its closing which was then done with all three volumes of the Sacred Law on the altar. At a subsequent district meeting in the fall, a gift of a *Haftarah*, the first five books of the Old Testament, was presented to the Grand Master on behalf of Grand Lodge. Since then meetings of Grand Lodge have had these three sacred volumes placed upon the altar. There are Brethren amongst us who fifty years ago, would have only been thought of as being "over there." "There" is now here and that has been recognized by our Grand Master. He knows what the future of Masonry has to be if it is to remain true to its teachings. He realizes that Masonry, as the world's oldest fraternal men's organization, will only meaningfully continue to exist if it follows its *raison d'être*: to bring men together "who otherwise should have remained at a perpetual distance" so that they may grow and become better men together. He has brought our history forth that it many again become our future. Maine Masonry has uniquely pursued avenues to allow one to grow as a person to be able to welcome diversity and with it toleration by its commitment to engaging the lessons of the Middle Chamber.

The liberal arts and sciences are not some secret teachings to be squirreled away in distant ivory towers. Our ascent of the winding stairs to the Middle Chamber alerts us to them. Our ascent is meant to wet our appetites for more knowledge of those subjects but we must make the personal commitment to seek them out. The Grand Lodge of Maine's Masonic College program is unique in America. In this day when too many expect to have packages of whatever they need delivered to them, this program seeks to bring men out to associate with others in hearing and learning further explanations of the arts. The only shame is that more are not taking advantage of these opportunities. The Grand Master has been a zealous supporter of the College and growth is coming however slow it may seem to the disheartened. Its light is readily absorbed by new young Masons who seem to find an affinity to the programs when they do attend.

The Grand Master has also clearly sensed the original relationship of the lodges which make up Grand Lodge and of Grand Lodge itself. Lodges need to do a thorough self-analysis to determine what they want to be, how they want to be perceived and what types of men they want to attract." Grand Lodge existed originally to coordinate lodges of men of like-minded interests, not to direct their existence. The ritual was to set the Craft's parameters and to be a teaching tool to the brethren, not the "end all." Today, there has to be consideration given our dramatically changing societal norms while remaining true to the core teachings of Masonry, to make good men better by training them and providing them with the working tool and resources to become better. The Grand Master has continued the establishment of strong fraternal relationships with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts which has one subordinate lodge in Bangor.

While the Grand Lodge of Maine does not keep track of its members by race, creed, or color, it has been determined that it has about fourteen Masons of African American descent. In support of these brethren and their families, over four thousand five hundred dollars has been raised through sale of a special "beau tie" to help fund sickle cell anemia research. These funds will be passed on through the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America. The essence of understanding the diversity and toleration which have been the keystone of the Grand Master's agenda can be found in the words set to the hymn portion of Bro. Jean Sibelius' "Finlandia" by Lloyd Stone in 1934:

"This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my sacred shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating,
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine."

Closer to home and to the present time are words of W. Bro. Lewis Gordon, Jr., a Brother of African-American heritage. In the past issue of *The Maine Mason* he wrote: "My father had many Masonic brothers, but all could not attend lodge together. Thanks to diversity I can attend lodge with all my brothers. I love Masonry in Maine. It is an important source of light that we all seek. ... It is said that one gets out of Masonry what he puts into it. That certainly is true. Diversity, acceptance and self-application works. "So mote it be, so say we all for charity.

The Grand Lodge of Maine has experienced a rebirth of its outlook of its past, its present, and its future. History is recorded and studied for good reasons. From one of the three great volumes of the Sacred Law we learn of the eternal truth that there is nothing new under the sun. At this time in our society, especially in Maine Masonry, our future lies in our history.

Most Worshipful A. James Ross, your Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maine stand indebted to you for a job well done and resetting the Masonic course for us to follow once again.

Respectfully submitted,

RW Richard Rhoda, Grand Historian

Report of the Committee on Histories

In Grand Lodge
May 7, 2014

M.W. Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and Brethren All:

What a difference a day makes!! When we arrived here yesterday morning one hundred eight-four out of one hundred eighty-six lodges had filed their history. So near yet so far away!! One history was done and filed yesterday morning. During the day I talked to a brother of the lodge whose history was outstanding. He was too proud of his lodge to let it be the only lodge with an unreported history. He told me he would do it that day. After the banquet he went to his room and got the job done even though he is not the lodge historian. The report was filed at 11:45 p.m. on my cell phone! R.W. Richard Bergeron, I "Thank You" for your effort.

Today I can report that 100% of the lodge histories due for 2013 have been filed. This is only the second time in one hundred fifty-four years that this has happened. This was set as a goal last year to show Grand Master Ross how much we have appreciated his leadership and time commitment on our behalf.

Most Worshipful, please accept this showing as a sign of the respect and appreciation we have had for the leadership you have given us. Masters, historians and secretaries of our one hundred eight-six lodges, congratulations to you for a task completed. This past year we had many excellent histories submitted which showed a dedicated pursuit of excellence that all Master Masons should display. Those reports indicated an effort to create something that was factual, accurate and written in a way that was readable. The reports showed the individual commitment of the authors. They are a credit to themselves and to the Fraternity. Some of those individuals are being recognized today. There are many more who submitted good histories and aren't being recognized today, but they did their jobs in a commendable manner. The following comments are directed to those who apparently had no personal commitment for the task at hand. Their end product was demeaning to themselves and their Lodge. The following comments are intended to be constructive for we want you to be successful in your submissions in the future. Seven years ago delinquent lodge histories numbered over 400. Three years ago, the slate was wiped clean. All lodges had their histories caught up 100% for the first time in 151 years. It was hoped that the lodges would then keep up with their annual histories so that fines for late histories would be a thing of the past. Such was not to be! The following year 46% of the lodges fell back into their old habit of not reporting their annual history. Last year fourteen lodges did not file their lodge history.

There are still lodges which owe their 2011 and/or their 2012 history. We will work to see that they get in over the next sixty to ninety days. It is disappointing to report that a significant number of reported histories are nothing more than a photo copy of

their lodge minutes. Many histories are but a page or less long. Some are actually less than half a page.

We may be winning the numbers game but at what costs? Such is but a pyrrhic victory, nothing to take real pride in. Several histories showed no sense of personal pride. Such as the one with the notation "This history meets the minimum requirement of Rule 2." Or the one submitted to District Deputy with the note "If this is good enough please send it in." The submitting of copies of lodge minutes and nothing more is unacceptable. Recitation of dates and numbers and names from other reports do not a history make. Some histories don't even have a full sentence in them!!

Think of writing a history as allowing someone to learn through your narration of what has happened. Read your minutes and then put into your own words what your lodge did last year. Hit the high points or things which you feel were significant. Then when someone reads it in the future they will have a summary through your narration of what happened and why, not just dates, names, and numbers.

The incoming Grand Master will be asked for authority to return submissions which are not histories but only copies of minutes or other reports. The emphasis will be on quality, not quantity. Histories are important to the lodge, the Craft, and even the community. From histories we learn what has worked and what has not work for the benefit of the lodge. Future leaders need to be able to look back to the lodge's histories for guidance and inspiration. The essence of doing your lodge history lies within the teachings of the Fellow Craft Degree. There we learn of the liberal arts and sciences which beautify and adorn us as leaders, as special men in our homes and communities. This coming year we will seek to use part of the 4th Night School of Instructions to help you to learn the mechanics of writing a good lodge history. A history of which you and your lodge can be proud of. Masters, you too will be judged for it is part of your obligation to ensure that your lodge has a historian and that his duties are fulfilled. We cannot stress how important it is that the historian's report should not be left to the secretary to do.

Brethren, you can do it. We can do it together. Lets' work together with a commitment to seek excellence. We are proud to recognize the following authors or author and co-producer as winners of the Grand Historian's awards for 2013.

1. Gary W. Butt & Carl J. Marsano, Saco Lodge No. 9
2. Walter E. Kyllonen, St. Aspinquid Lodge No. 198
3. Jeffrey W. Sukeforth, Amity Lodge No.6
4. Thomas E. Pulkkinen, Bay View Lodge No. 196
5. Bruce F. Folsom, Monument Lodge No. 96

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Rhoda, Chair, Kenneth White, P.Gr.H, Richard Bowden. P.G.J.W., Jeffrey Sukeforth, P.D.D.G.M. and Victor Obyeski, P.M.

The Grand Master called W William Littlefield to the Grand East to present the report of the Committee on Child Identification.

Report of the Committee on Child Identification

In Grand Lodge

May 7, 2014

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine and Most Worshipful Brother A. James Ross.

In order to continue with the reports of the Maine Masonic Child Identification Program in an orderly fashion since its inception, this report is submitted as such.

During the year 2010, I started to include in our distribution of educational materials that are given to the parents or guardians of children who participate in our program, material which is written and distributed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. This material is free and the only condition required is that we partner with the Take25 program and publish our programs on their web site as well as ours. So being the prudent type I agreed to that stipulation. This year I entered those fliers into the "extra Folder" that was incorporated in the CHIP program computers.

This is a savings to the Take25 program as well and saves us time on this end also. With the growing number of children participating in the program, the savings, by having a professional amount of material to distribute, can only add to our success and continuance as the most comprehensible Child Identification Program available. Now for a tally of the past year and readjusting our goal which was 3SOO to 3000 we were able to achieve that goal with 3012. We also had a few cancellations which may have been part of the reason we did not make our goal. But, we did have over 100 successful programs. My thanks go out to all the Coordinators and brethren who unselfishly gave of their time to this most worthwhile program. Would those brothers now stand so all can see who you are?

Now just a word on volunteering. The coordinators expect those who volunteer to be at the programs in which they have volunteered to do. Those that do not show up know who you are. These programs rely on volunteers and when they don't it could in all probability jeopardize the program altogether. So that being said if you can't make it don't say that you will be there and then not show up.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendell T. Graham

Most Worshipful. I move that this report be accepted and spread upon the records of this Grand Lodge session. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Grand Master presented a plaque honoring W Wendell Graham for his many years of service to the Child Identification Program to W Littlefield and asked him to communicate to W Graham that the Grand Master would present this in person at a later date.

The Grand Secretary moved that the following reports from Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation, Committee on Fraternal Relations, Committee on By-Laws, Maine Masonic College, Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, Committee on Dispensations and Charters, Committee on Ritual, Committee on Scholarships, Committee on Youth, Maine Mason Editorial Board, Committee on Returns, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Judge Advocate, Grand Librarian, and Webmaster be published in the Proceedings without being read. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Grand Secretary moved on behalf of the Grand Master Elect that the 196th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine be held in the greater Bangor area. The motion was seconded and approved.

Suspensions and Expulsions

The Grand Secretary made the following motions:

MW, whereas Theodore L. Andrews has been convicted of Aggravated Sexual Battery in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Robert C. Atwater has been convicted of 4 counts of Unlawful Sexual Contact in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Horace Cook Barstow has been convicted of 4 counts of Unlawful Sexual Contact in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas James Bernard Bishop has been convicted of Possession of sexually explicit material depicting a minor in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Paul Richard Blanchard has been convicted of Gross Sexual Assault in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Ricky Samuel Clark has been convicted of Gross Sexual Assault and Unlawful Sexual Contact in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Leslie M. Bodman has been convicted of 2 counts of rape, 1 count of Gross Sexual Misconduct in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Larry Alan Daggett has been convicted of Possession of sexually explicit material of a minor under 12 years old in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Charles Wilbert Davis Jr. has been convicted of Gross Sexual Assault in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Fredrick Charles Danforth has been convicted of Possession of child pornography in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Harold Miller Dayton, Jr. has been convicted of 2 counts of Gross Sexual Misconduct in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Elliot Ellsworth Eastman has been convicted of 2 counts of Gross Sexual Misconduct in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Craig A. Eaton has been convicted of Gross Sexual Assault and Kidnapping in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Wallace William Fifield has been convicted of 2 Counts Unlawful Sexual Contact in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Allyn D. Gee has been convicted of Unlawful Sexual Contact in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Dale Edward Greaney has been convicted of 3 counts Gross Sexual Assault in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Victor C. Hanson has been convicted of Possession and Transportation of obscene material of a minor in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Scott Hodgdon has been convicted of Unlawful Sexual Contact in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Linwood Curtis Lord has been convicted of 2 counts of Gross Sexual Conduct in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Darrin L. Nickerson has been convicted of Sexual Misconduct with a child in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Richard Scott Simonton has been convicted 12 Counts of Unlawful Sexual Contact in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Shawn D. Worster has been convicted of 26 charges of Unlawful Sexual Contact in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Mark Strong has been convicted of Promotion of Prostitution in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and

privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Randall L. Teel has been convicted of Unlawful Sexual Contact and Gross Sexual Misconduct in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Edward A. Weirick Jr. has been convicted of Possession of child pornography in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

MW, whereas Nicholas D. Young has been convicted of Solicitation of a child by computer in the courts of the State of Maine, I move that he be expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, for un-masonic conduct. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Grand Secretary noted the knowledge which lead to the expulsions came from a comparison of the membership database and the State Sex Offender Registry.

The Grand Master asked RW Robert Ward to come to the Grand East to present the report from the Committee on Unfinished Business.

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business

As we do our reports, we are mindful of the entered apprentice charge. To seek knowledge we are to converse with well- informed brethren who are always ready to give as we are ready to receive instructions. On that note Most Worshipful, on my report of unfinished business I have but one Item called to my attention in my search. Last year the Grand Historian made a motion and it was carried and has not been fulfilled this year. Hopefully in the future it will be. It was on the length and terms of a lodge historian. Other than that the Committee of Unfinished Business finds no further unfinished business. I move the acceptance of this report.

Fraternally,
RW Robert Ward

The report was seconded and accepted.

The Grand Master offered some concluding remarks.

My brethren, we have arrived at the hour where we begin a very peaceful and smooth transition. I'm going to be very brief. I want to thank each and every one of you, my Grand Lodge officers, committee members and brethren all, for your participation. For your cares and concerns. In making Maine Masonry what it is. Our work is never done. I have enjoyed being a partner and just a player amongst you. Brethren lets pay heed to our incoming Grand Master. I want to thank you for the experience. May GOD Bless you all.

The Grand Master then recessed the Annual Communication in preparation for the Installation of Officers.

Installation of Officers

MW Pulkkinen called the Communication back into session and declared it to be meeting in semi-public form for the purpose of installing Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year. The Brethren about to be installed were escorted into the Lodge by Installing Grand Marshal RW Brad Blake.

MW Wayne T. Adams directed RW Brad Blake to act as the Grand Marshal for the installation.

MW David A. Walker was installed as the Grand Master of Masons in Maine by MW Claire V. Tusch and the remaining Past Grand Masters

MW George P. Pulkkinen obligated the remaining elected officers.

MW George P. Pulkkinen installed Deputy Grand Master.

MW George P. Pulkkinen installed the Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden.

MW Claire V. Tusch installed the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

MW Wayne T. Adams installed the District Deputy Grand Masters with the assistance of the Grand Master, MW David A. Walker.

MW Wayne T. Adams obligated the remaining appointed officers.

MW Walter M. Macdougall installed the District Education Representatives.

MW Walter M. Macdougall installed the Grand Chaplain and the Assistant Grand Chaplains.

MW Claire V. Tusch installed the Grand Marshal.

MW Robert V. Damon installed the Grand Lecturer and Assistant Grand Lecturers.

MW Harland S. Hitchings installed the Grand Deacons and Grand Stewards.

MW George P. Pulkkinen installed the Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer and the Grand Pursuivant and Grand Organists.

MW Harland S. Hitchings installed the Grand Historian

MW George P. Pulkkinen installed the Grand Librarian

MW Gerald S. Leighton installed the Grand Tyler.

M. W Harland S. Hitchings delivered the Charge to the Grand Lodge Officers.

MW Wayne T. Adams thanked the Grand Master on behalf of himself and his Brother Past Grand Masters for the honor and privilege to preside over the Installation of Officers.

Remarks from Grand Master Walker

I don't know where to begin except this, Dad I made it. I know that my Dad is looking down on me right now. He was so convinced that I would make it to be Grand Master. He told more than one friend that. While I have had many, many Masons help me along the way, my Masonic path was set by my Dad. He taught me the words and what it means to be a Mason. He lived it every day. I have come so much further in my Masonic career than my Dad, but I will be striving for the rest of my life to be as good a Mason and as good a man as he was.

I want to take a couple of minutes to explain the main agenda I plan to follow for the next two years. I shared these with the Grand Lodge Officers when we met recently in Bangor.

Number 1 is communications. I will do my very best to keep you informed of major happenings for the Grand Lodge. I will try to keep my calendar online and up to date and send out emails and social media posts to provide information on upcoming events and special news.

Number 2 is district calendars. I have told the DDMGs that I would like very much to see electronic calendars in each district. It is important that you make sure that any special event that is happening in your district is made known to your DDGM. Do not assume that he has heard about it. Please do him the favor of not finding out about it a day or two before it happens or worse, from the Grand Master.

Number 3 is ritual. I have always had a great reverence for our ritual. I inherited that love of ritual from my father. It is what defines a Mason and what makes us different from the Rotary or Lions Clubs. That is not to say those organizations are not very important and deserve our respect, but Masonry has a deeper meaning for me and I hope for all Masons. I have asked all GL Officers to support and promote Schools of Instruction. I have seen some excellent ritual around our Grand Jurisdiction and some not so great. I have often recited parts of 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll. '*Twas brillig.....*' This has been described as glorious nonsense. Please Brethren let's not allow our ritual to fall into that category.

Number 4 is civility. This should probably be number 1. I have seen a loss of respect and courtesy over the years, and more shocking to me, sometimes in our own Fraternity. We, as Masons are supposed to be better than that. I have asked the Grand Lodge Officers to help set the example for all Masons. It is possible to disagree with another Brother and still conduct yourself in a respectful and Brotherly manner. Remember we are still Brothers.

I intend to continue to promote the top three initiatives that MW Ross worked so hard to make available to the Craft. Membership, Leadership and Mentoring. There will be tweaks in these initiatives but they will continue to be my top priorities.

I also want to stress teamwork for the next two years. I have asked all the Grand Lodge Officers to work as a team in every District so that we are all working in the same direction, as one. I also hope to team with the other Masonic bodies as well. There is already a joint event planned at a Sea Dogs game on August 3rd with Blue Lodge Masons and Shrine Masons, with an opportunity to invite potential new members as our guests. I have reached out to the Scottish Rite and the Daughters of the Nile and will continue to offer to work with all of the other bodies as well. We have to work as a Masonic family because we all have a big stake in this Fraternity.

I also want to continue to reach out and offer help to others, much the same way as Past Grand Masters have done, including MW Ross, who placed a great emphasis on men's health issues. The cause that I have taken on for several years is Multiple Sclerosis or MS. It has affected too many people that are close to me. I got involved with this cause, primarily because of a friend and neighbor who was afflicted with it and now it seems that on a far too regular basis, I find out about a friend who is touched by this awful disease either personally or someone in their family. I am certain that many of you know someone whose life has been changed by this disease. Some of you may not even be aware of a friend who has been touched by MS, as I was unaware before I started riding in the MS Bicycle Ride in August of each year. I have ridden for 6 years now and have been fortunate to raise several thousand dollars to try and find a cure. I have already signed up to ride in the 2014 ride. I ask Masons who ride to join with me this year. It is not only a great cause, but an opportunity to meet many people who take part in this event. I can tell you that I have had the great fortune to meet with Rainbow Girls at a couple of rides in the past and they have really picked me up when I needed it. I was riding in the 2012 event in 95 degree heat and was in very bad shape when I pulled into a rest stop and looked up to see

R.W. Richard Holeman with the Rainbow Assembly from Windham. For those of you who know Br. Holeman, you probably don't think of him as a guardian angel, but that day he and the young ladies that were with him were that to me. After spending some time with them I was able to finish my ride and even returned the next day for another ride, much to the chagrin of my wife.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Masons who have put their trust in me. Let us continue to work together for the benefit of the Craft. I especially want to thank the Past Grand Masters, all of whom had an influence on me in my Masonic career. I believe that every Grand Master leaves his mark of improvement of Masonry in Maine and it is up to every new Grand Master to continue to build on what has been accomplished before him. I will do my best to continue that tradition. Please remember that Masonry in Maine is not about me but it is very much about all of you. It is in all of you, in each District in each Lodge and in every single Brother. That is where real Masonry is taught and lived. Let us never forget that.

I would like to offer my congratulations to all of the newly installed Grand Lodge Officers. To those that have been appointed, thank you for being willing to serve the Craft in your various offices. To those who have been elected I offer the same thanks. To you I want to say that it is a singular honor to be chosen by the Craft to carry out the business of Grand Lodge and to assist the Lodges in their work. It is a wonderful opportunity and a great privilege. I look forward to working with all of you with the Craft first in our thoughts and deeds.

I also need to take the time to thank my friends and family who have supported me so much over these many years. I hope that you can appreciate how much I believe in what this Fraternity means to us, both Masons and non-Masons. We as Masons in our many related bodies donate millions of dollars each and every day to charity. That is in addition to the many men who have bettered themselves through membership and the Brotherhood found in our Craft. That brings me to something that I believe in strongly, that Masons do not take good men and make them better. We take good men and give them an opportunity to better themselves. We do that through the lessons we teach and the actions we take.

Finally, I want to close with this Chinese Proverb.

"If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone else."

Thank you!

Grand Master Walker presented PGM Ross with a Past Grand Master's apron and collar jewel. PGM Ross was also presented with several parting gifts from members of the Craft and Office Staff.

Presentation of the Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal

PGM A. James Ross

Grand Master Walker presented PGM Ross with the Josiah Hayden Drummond Award.

A. James Ross, "Jim" to one and all, was born on December 28, 1967 and was raised in Windham by a loving family, which included two grandparents who were a great influence during his formative years. Jim is a very quiet man who goes about his tasks with little fanfare. There are many facets of Jim's life which are not widely known. For example, he is fluent in German, having learned the language from his mother and grandmother. He has an extensive knowledge of the music of the 40's and 50's - a time well before his birth - and he is a great fan of the old black and white movies. He is well read in military history, politics, poetry and British and American fiction. Those who know Brother Jim from his many other activities can readily understand that he is capable of keeping up with all of these interests only by being a very well organized person.

Under the influence of his Grandfather, Brother Jim became a Mason in 1989 at the age of Twenty-two. He was raised in Presumpscot Lodge No. 127 (Now Presumpscot Lodge #70) of Windham on June 21, 1989. At the age of 38, Brother Jim has already done far more than most Masons do in a lifetime. He served as Master of his Lodge in 1993 and has served as Secretary since 1995. Brother Jim has also given numerous hours to the Youth organizations of our Fraternal Family having served as a Trustee of the DeMolay and Pine Tree Youth Foundation. His many hours of work with the Rainbow Girls is another area where Brother Jim has been an outstanding supporter of our youth.

Brother Jim was selected as Mason of the year in 2002 by his District. He has served as Worthy Patron of Winnegance Chapter No. 119, Order of the Eastern Star, a position he has held several times.

Brother Jim is active in the Scottish Rite Valley of Portland and at Kora Shrine. In all of these organizations and several others, Brother Jim is not just a member. He makes an active and positive contribution. Wherever he is, his opinion is respected. It is noteworthy that very often Masons of many years of membership seek and respect his views and his advice.

Brother Jim and his wife Gerry are a great team supporting each other and finding joy in each other's accomplishments. He is somewhat of a workaholic, but he always finds time for a friend and brother. He's never so hurried that he forgets the old courtesies, always showing respect and understanding for those around him.

Brother Ross has served his beloved Presumpscot Lodge as Master, Senior Warden, Treasurer, Historian, and, since 1995, as Secretary. His belief that Freemasonry happens in the local lodges grew to fruition as his service to Presumpscot Lodge.

In addition to service to his local lodge, Brother Ross served the Grand Lodge of Maine on the Committee on Arrangements, the Maine Mason Editorial Board as

Editor, and the Maine Masonic College Board. He also was District Education Representative and District Deputy Grand Master for the 17th Masonic District, Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Marshall, Senior Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master and, for the last two years, our Grand Master and Chairman of the Board of the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation.

During his tenure as Grand Master, Most Worshipful Ross has exhibited the dedication to Freemasonry and capacity to lead which has been evident throughout his Masonic career. His clarion call has been and continued to be was service to the Craft – the place where Masonry lives. By his determined will, gentle guidance, and visible example he have lead the Grand Lodge of Maine to a stronger place from where we may continue our Masonic journey with confidence and zeal.

MW Ross was presented the Simon Greenleaf Medal in 2006. Today, it is my honor and privilege to present the Josiah Drummond Medal to him on behalf of the Craft he has served so well.

PGM Ross replied:

I'm not one to receive these compliments and gifts well. I just want to pass the baton and let the next Grand Master get on with his work. I am very grateful to you GM and to your new leadership team, all the elected and appointed officers here today. I must say you have given me a great deal of confidence to know that the next two years is in very good hanks. I know that I will continue to enjoy it. So with that, thank you all, thank you all for your generosity and your kindness. It has been an honor.

PGM Ross passed along the traveling jewel to Grand Master Walker.

Grand Master Walker declared the 195th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine closed in Ample Form. Benedictory prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.



Reports Not Read at the Annual Communication

Maine Masonic College

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

The Maine Masonic College continued to provide More Light in Masonry in accordance with the guidance provided in its charter:

... The Maine Masonic College has been created and organized to provide an extended opportunity for brethren to explore the nature and purposes of Freemasonry and its wider mission in promoting the well-being of all human-kind . .

The College scheduled twelve classes during the year and organized the 2013 Convocation and the 2014 Annual Celebration of the Liberal Arts & Sciences, both of which were acclaimed as the most successful to date. All fourteen of these events were designed to be both interesting to the Craft and useful in increasing their understanding of and appreciation for Freemasonry. The curriculum is prepared by the Dean of Academic Affairs, MW Walter M. Macdougall, and is supported by the members of the Board of Regents. During the year, Ms. Theresa Hatch was appointed secretary to the Board, thus freeing Board members from many of the administrative duties necessary for the execution of the College's activities.

By the end of this academic year classes had been conducted to stimulate interest in six of the Seven Liberal Arts & Sciences enumerated in the Fellow Craft Degree. Only Arithmetic has yet to be the focus of one of our classes, and we shall get to that in the future. In addition, shorter presentations—or mini-classes—have been presented to individual Blue Lodges. It is intended that these will be recorded on DVDs or thumb drives and made available to lodges or districts upon their request.

The Board of Regents was pleased to receive a request from the 7th Masonic District to present a class at Mount Olivet Lodge No. 203, in Washington. We responded by preparing a class which probed the deeper message of the Winding Stairs lecture given as part of the Fellow Craft Degree. The class was very well received and may serve as a model for future such requests.

It is the earnest ambition of the Maine Masonic College to provide instruction that is relevant to constant and persistent trends in Freemasonry while at the same time reinforcing the timeless themes of the Fraternity. As part of that effort, we have invited speakers from outside of our jurisdiction—and outside of Freemasonry—to address the attendees at our annual Convocation and Celebration of the Liberal Arts & Sciences. In addition, the College has identified classes that should be useful to those Masons who elect to be involved in the Grand Lodge Mentoring Program. We expect that those Masons will be among the leaders and shapers of Masonic thought in the future and we hope to be able to support their quest for more light in Masonry.

The Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation has provided us with additional funding for our work in support of the mentoring program.

A diploma program has been developed by the College and it is anticipated that the first Maine Masonic College diplomas will be presented at the Grand Lodge of Maine 2014 Grand Communication.

In response to comments that the annual Convocations were held only in the Greater Bangor area, we conducted Convocation 2013 at the Sable Oaks Marriott Hotel in South Portland in July of 2013. Although the event was one of the best that we had ever organized, attendance was disappointing. The next Convocation will be scheduled in October of 2014 in the hope that moving it from the summer months to the fall will make it more attractive to more Maine Masons. It will be held in Bangor and by popular request will include essentially the same program as that given in South Portland.

The annual Celebration of the Arts & Sciences was held in Bangor on March 15, 2014, and featured Ms. Suzanne Nance, a renowned authority on music and an acclaimed performer in both vocal and instrumental music. She spoke to an audience of both Masons and non-Masons on the topic: "The Power of Music: A Catalyst for Self-expression and Emotional Literacy." Almost all of our classes are, of course, open to the public and free of charge.

The chair of the Committee on Masonic Education in Connecticut has expressed an interest in the Maine Masonic College and is considering something similar in his state. We have invited him to visit Maine and see one of our classes for himself and discuss lessons that we have learned in the process of establishing our College. We admit to being just a little flattered that we might be considered as a possible model for the establishment of a Masonic college elsewhere.

The Board of Regents is most appreciative of the support that the Grand Master, MW A. James Ross, has given to the Maine Masonic College. He has inspired us to set the bar high for the College's performance and we hope that he has not been disappointed. We are also grateful for the financial support of the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation, without whose help we could not continue our goal of providing More Light in Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Regents: Richard Bowden, Donald McDougal, Guy Chapman, Stephen Nichols, Eric Kuntz, David Richardson, George Macdougall, Meon Stephenson, Walter Macdougall, and Claire Tusch.

Masonic Charitable Foundation

To the Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

One of the main goals of the Trustees of the Masonic Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Maine has been to increase the level of financial contributions received by the Foundation. In an effort to do so, the Foundation's finance committee approved the construction of a website for the Foundation during the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

For some background, the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation was created as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, enabling it to receive tax deductible contributions from donors. While the Foundation and Grand Lodge share many philosophical ideals and split some common costs of operation, they are two distinct organizations. The Foundation supports many programs designed to assist lodges and benefit the communities in which our lodges reside. Those programs include the Bikes for Books program, the Child Identification Program, Masonic relief, various matching grant programs, and more. A board of trustees oversees the work of the Foundation and delegates a fair amount of the work that is done to committees.

As we move forward, the Foundation has to continue to adhere to Internal Revenue Code that goes with being organized as a non-profit organization. In order to do so, we have to see our levels of donations increase. Over the last few years, the Trustees have employed various fund raising techniques to address this issue. We have received the assistance of third party fund raising companies with little success. We have also called upon the Craft to help our Brethren in disaster stricken parts of the world. The funds have been collected and sent to areas impacted by natural disasters has been successful on multiple levels. The Foundation is also situated to assist lodges in the investment management of their scholarship and/or charitable funds. Lodges have found benefit in having the professional financial management and organizational stewardship provided by the Foundation and their investment management advisors.

One untapped area was the issue of having a web presence for the Foundation as there had never been one before. In today's world, having a website is an absolute must. It allows potential donors to research the Foundation and hopefully allow them to see the good work we do to compel a contribution. It also gives the Foundation a way to market itself inside and outside of Masonry. There is general information about the Foundation's work and recent news articles highlighting the great work done by Masons in Maine. Lodge Secretaries are able to submit matching grant applications online now as a way to save them time and effort.

As a way to increase our level of charitable contributions, the website also has a secure method for making financial contributions. Charitable contributions can be given on a one time basis, or a donor can choose to make regular and scheduled donations on a periodic basis.

Recognizing the large impact that social media has for people today, there is also now a new Facebook page for the Foundation. Anyone who searches Facebook for the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation will now be able to connect and share information regarding the Foundation.

These efforts should allow us to begin to increase the internal and external awareness of the Foundation. We will also need to continually monitor the effectiveness of our activities now and adjust them over time.

Respectively submitted,
Rt. Wor. Scott Whytock
Grand Treasurer

Committee on Fraternal Relations

It has been a quiet year for the committee on Fraternal Relations, There have been no requests for recognition. Florida has issues with the Grand Lodge of Cuba as they are promoting a new "Grand lodge of Cubans in the Exterior". Florida has withdrawn recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba and has been supported by the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The problems within the Grande Lodge Loge Nationale Francoise have been resolved after several years of turmoil.

The Commission on information for recognition warns that; *"A great many Grand Lodges continue to appear in North America each year which do not meet the standards for recognition. Further, most of these Grand Lodges make no effort to achieve regularity or even establish a relationship with the regular Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction they have inserted themselves within. The Commission urges great vigilance in establishing relationships with new Grand Lodges that do not exist in the List of Lodges- Masonic, published by Pantograph, in Bloomington, Ill."*

Respectfully submitted: Claire V. Tusch, William C. Doering, and C. Herbert Annis

Committee on By-Laws

No Report Filed.

Committee on Doings of the Grand Lodge Officers

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

The Committee on Doings of Grand Lodge Officers has reviewed the reports of all officers and committees required to file reports and offer this summary.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Lodge Officers compliment the Grand Master and his Officers for the completion of a very successful year. They have again proven that their primary obligation is to the craft within this jurisdiction. The Committee is pleased to report that all of the District Deputy Grand Masters in the 24 districts filed a report with Grand Lodge in a timely manner. This is the first time that this committee can remember that this has taken place. We believe this is in part due to the new formatted form that all District Deputies were using this year. This form seemed to be very user friendly for the Committee in reviewing these reports.

We commend the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their careful attention and dedication to the duties of their office. As they become more adept at their position they are setting an excellent example for the craft. Without doubt, it will be very beneficial to the Grand Lodge of Maine if we can retain these gentlemen in their current positions.

The attendance of Grand Officers at the district meeting seemed to be more than sufficient in most districts. Although some district meetings were not attended as well as they could be, once the Grand Officers were removed from the attendance sheet, we found overall attendance satisfactory.

The programs instituted by Most Worshipful A. James Ross still seem to be functioning on a high note. Some of the programs that have been continued for many years seem to be waning slightly, but MW Ross has endeavored to keep them as strong as possible. In conclusion, we have found that this year all of the Grand officers have displayed high moral character that should be indicative of gentlemen in their positions.

It is the recommendation of this committee that an electronic format be adopted so that the reports can reach members of this committee in a timely manner. The reports received by this committee this year were mailed in paper form and then had to be transferred in the same manner to all three committee members. We recommend that this report be referred to the appropriate committees for their review.

Fraternally submitted,
Vernon G. Bean, Guy F Chapman, and Randy L. Adams, Chairman

Committee on Dispensations and Charters

No Report Filed.

Committee on Ritual

No Report Filed.

Committee on Scholarships

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Of Maine:

The Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee has not held any meetings this past year, as the program seems to run itself. I went to the Grand Lodge office in Holden to meet with the Grand Lodge staff on the scholarship program and how we can work together to make the program run as smoothly as possible. Communication between the local schools and the Grand Lodge office and myself would be via email and all correspondence will be shared with all involved. The Grand Lodge staff handles and processes all the letters sent to the schools and students as well as the DDGMs on the presentation of certificates from the foundation. The Grand Secretary, Mark Rustin and office staff diligently worked on letters, applications and list of tasks and times for us to get the scholarships information out to the schools and to the recipients .

We received several telephone calls concerning the scholarship program and how it works. We encourage the brethren to promote and call the committee if there are any questions, concerns or new ideas. I met with the Charitable Foundation's fund raising committee to talk about ways we could raise funds for scholarships and see if we could get back to giving a scholarship in every public high school in the state again. We talked about a five year plan and what the Charitable Foundation would have to budget for this to happen. Currently there are 138 public high schools Times \$1500.00 scholarship the foundation would need to budget\$207,000.00 annually.

With the state of Maine reorganizing several of their school districts and unions we have seen a few high schools changing their names and numbers of RSU's and AOS's, and a few high schools have even closed. We will make every effort to try and stay on course and be sure we don't leave any one out. Some brethren feel that the recipients of the Maine Masonic Scholarship Program should have some connection with the Masonic fraternity. The scholarship checks are currently written out to the educational institution where the recipient goes. Some brethren feel that this could be better used if the funds were made available to the student directly.

It is with regret that this will be my last report of the scholarship committee as the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation has decided not to fund the program in their budget in the coming year 2014-2015. As chairman of the scholarship committee I am pleased to serve this Grand Lodge in helping maintaining a high degree of efficiency and community involvement with the Charitable Foundation. I also wish to thank the office staff their work and their efforts to keep everything in order.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Theriault, Chairman

Committee on Youth

No Report Filed.

Maine Mason Editorial Board

No Report Filed.

Committee on Returns

As of opening of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication two Lodges, Mariners #68 and Riverside #135, had not filed Annual Returns for 2013.

Fraternally submitted,

RW Mark Rustin, Chair, RW Ronald Fowle II, and W Edward King

Grand Treasurer

The financial facts and figures reported in the Report of the Committee on Finance represent the work of the Grand Treasurer during the Masonic Year.

Grand Secretary

The 2013 Masonic Year was one of great activity at your Grand Office. Our energies were focused on solidifying the gains of the previous year and continuing to provide timely service to the Lodges and the Craft.

While it may sound strange to speak of something “new” as it relates to our venerable organization, as it relates to your Office, two years ago all things became new. We began a real transition to electronic record keeping, we initiated a new member database, we moved into and established a presence in new quarters, and developed a new focus for our work – service to the Craft. During 2013 we reviewed and adjusted the “new” things and set about to fine tune our service to the Craft.

Our goal moving forward is continue our efforts to better serve you. We are investigating the logistics and costs of digitizing the whole membership record from 1820 forward and doing the same for the Annual Returns and Proceedings. Completion of that project would allow the Craft and others seeking genealogical

records access to a treasure trove of information and, at the same time make our historical records impervious to disasters or the ravages of time.

We will continue to provide a credible level of service to the Craft while working to accomplish other “new” goals.

Judge Advocate

No Report Filed.

Grand Librarian

The Grand Lodge Library this year began the process of renewal and reinvigoration, adding many books to its collection. Using the guiding principle that Freemasons want to know about Freemasonry, its history and things tangential to its teaching, selections have been made from online discount booksellers to fill the void in this area that had been left by simply relying on donations from deceased Masons’ libraries. In addition, our holdings have been enhanced by selection of works relating to areas of likely interest such as genealogy, generational differences, leadership, management, history and more. We’ve added a number of PDF files as well, available to any Maine Mason on request. We’ve also added a section of books not of a Masonic nature, written by Masons. These show the wide diversity of interests our members have.

In addition, we have benefited greatly this year from two major donors who have contributed a large number of previously unheld (or missing) works. RW Lorne Urquhart, the Past Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia (who still lives there but commutes to Maine to serve as the Junior Warden of the Maine Lodge of Research) has donated hundreds of books, videos and magazines that are the joy of any Masonic researcher. RW Bro. Chuck Billings has brought us the personal library of our recently deceased RW Brother David Billings, extensive in Knights Templar material and great reference books. These donations have added wonderfully to our depth and breadth as a true Masonic research location.

In addition, we’ve begun a free book exchange for general interest books which was kicked-off with a generous donation of books from RW Bro. Ron Murphy’s wife Vicki. This is in conjunction with a program at BookCrossing.com and, as we’re the only such site in Maine north of Augusta, it may bring in visitors to the Grand Lodge building who normally wouldn’t think to stop at a Masonic venue. Will this garner new members? Not likely – but it should serve to enhance our image as an active and involved community participant.

The task of recording and classifying the many, many works added this year can be found in an online search of our library software. A link is easily found on the home page at www.mainemason.org. Addition of book subject listings is a major priority since titles don't always suggest the full scope of contents. While the general public moves more actively to e-books, circumspection seems appropriate. A small number of titles have been added to the Kindle donated by the Maine Lodge of Research but because of copyright restrictions, borrowing in this fashion has become tightly proscribed. Consequently, emphasis remains on obtaining physical copies of books.

In January, I did a presentation to the Penobscot Society of Genealogists. As part of this, I've created a 4 page brochure titled "Freemasonry for Genealogists" giving guidance and information for those tracing ancestral connections to Masons in Maine. It too is available on the Grand Lodge website and I'd encourage you to share it with anyone you think may find it of interest. I'm available to do presentations to lodges, historical/genealogical societies, and others. Just let me know....

Your Grand Lodge library welcomes donations of books at all times. We've also got an Amazon Wish List of books we'd like to add to the collection – and again, there's a link at the Grand Lodge website's GL Library section. If you want to start learning more about Freemasonry, I'd love to get you started. It's a GREAT trip and there's SO much to explore. Just ask! The objective of your Grand Librarian is to make the Grand Lodge Library an accessible inspiration to fraternal intellectual life. Many thanks to the many Brethren, the Maine Lodge of Research, and to the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation for their support and encouragement in the pursuit of this goal.

Respectfully submitted,
Wor. Edward L. King, Grand Librarian

Report of the Webmaster

Although most Maine Brethren by now probably realize that the person writing this report is merely the husband of the REAL Grand Lodge Webmaster, that doesn't mean that there's nothing for me to say. In fact, there's a LOT to be said as we dash headlong into nearly daily changes in the methods of communicating with one another.

When the Grand Lodge first began its website, the world-wide web was a reasonably small place and having an online repository of information was for use by only the most technical. Today, most of us have smartphones (even though we curse them thoroughly sometimes) and are hooked into some form of social media (again, curing the darkness of it all). In the beginning, Brethren from different jurisdictions might connect with one or two others on Hiram's Oasis bulletin board in Virginia. Today, a Grand Master's act will be broadcast to tens of millions of Masons and non-Mason. Many of those people, with no connection to that jurisdiction, will write to castigate or praise the information. Far more of them will form an impression of the

organization based on poorly chosen words reporting the action or, worse, an intemperate act. Information now flows freely and frantically around the world, overwhelming us at every turn. It was bad enough when you didn't read your lodge's trestle-board (if they sent one) but now, there's so much more that's going on, it's simply impossible for most to keep up. Blink and you'll lose your focus.

This past year, a Social Media policy was created primarily to provide guidance to Masons, reminding them that – regardless of what they do – they very directly represent Freemasonry throughout the world. It was also hoped that this policy, crafted after considering those from several other Grand Lodges, would act as a reminder for those whose online behavior had become quite intemperate that they represented us all and as such, were hardly acting in a Masonic manner. Rather than accepting this as 'wise counsel whispered', it was characterized by a small minority as an attempt to stifle free speech or worse. In an age where 'freedom of expression' is rapidly approaching 'it's ok to scream fire in a crowded theatre just for the fun of it', this is a difficult matter to address. Constructive criticism for changes to this document are welcome but Brethren are reminded that you have promised to live and act in a way which precludes bad behavior. When you don't, you impact on us all!

Almost without realizing it, we have shifted to a digital culture. As a result, from time to time I'll be asked why we aren't on their favorite (du jour) social network. The Grand Lodge has for many years had an official Facebook page (like at the bottom of the Grand Lodge website) along with accounts in several other social media venues. However, expending time and effort to reach a half-dozen Brothers (if that many) via a broad proliferation of these avenues is squandering resources that can best be used elsewhere. We keep up with trends and if one of these reaches a 'critical mass' (however that might be defined), we'll attempt to use it judiciously. However, I believe that the opportunity for engagement in hundreds of social media venues is slim to non-existent in most cases.

In the coming year, we'll continue to use the web as the primary source for information, but also plan a more frequent use of Facebook and Twitter, the two 'social media elephants' of the moment. Having seen a multitude of 'flash in the pan' entities (a great example is the soon-to-close Google+), it seems prudent to not jump aboard everything, particularly without a defined objective/goal.

Ideas, suggestions AND OFFERS OF HELP are always welcome. And for those of you still preferring the 'old fashion' ways of communicating, remember that once upon a time, the telephone was something scorned as well. That notwithstanding, as your Webmaster, I'll always remain acutely aware that some of you just don't want to or can't be online and will work to ensure that we 'leave no Brother behind'.

Fraternally,

Ed King, Webmaster, Grand Lodge of Masons in Maine



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On Masonic Jurisprudence		
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On Ritual		
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Report of the Grand Lodge Auditor

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Independent Auditors Report

To the Finance Committee
Grand Lodge of Maine Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons
Holden, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Grand Lodge of Maine Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets modified cash basis as of March 31, 2014 and 2013 and the related statements of revenue collected, expenses paid, and other changes in net assets modified cash basis, for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Managements Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1 this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management s also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in

the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Grand Lodge of Maine Ancient Free and Accepted Masons as of March 31: 2014 and 2013 and its revenue collected, expenses paid, and other changes in net assets for the years then ended, on the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

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South Portland, Maine

July 17, 2014

Copies of the complete financial reports of MMCF and The Grand Lodge of Maine are available from the Grand Secretary's Office upon request.

Report of the Charitable Foundation Auditor

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Lodge Name	District	Rendition	Meetings during	Average Attendance	No. Attended by Master	No. Attended by S.W	No. Attended by	No. Attended by Secretary	No. Attended by	No. Attended by J. D.	Amt. of charity Fund	Amt. Expended this year	Fees for Degrees	Uncollected Annual Dues	One Year Awards	Two or more Arrears	Income of Lodge	Cost of Running Lodge
Blazing Star No. 30	20	EX	9	12	9	9	9	9	9	9	2051.00	250.00	100.00	345.00	165.00	180.00		
Union No. 31	7																	
Hermion No. 32	11	EX	10	12	10	9	9	10	8	4	14932.23	615.00	65.00	301.20			5644.69	5874.17
Waterville No. 33	12	GD	16	15	16	12	15	14	15	11	310773.05	21637.90	80.00	210.00	210.00			
Somerset No. 34	13																	
Bethlehem No. 35	11	EX	14	12	14	12	13	14	12	13	164700.89	7519.00	55.00	2603.70	1440.00	1440.00		
Cusco No. 36	17	VG	20	12	19	19	10	18	6	12	132000.00		65.00	66.97	1239.00	1270.00		
Washington No. 37	2	EX	3	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	5656.00		80.00	88.00	65.00	234.00	8502.87	7978.13
Harmony No. 38	17	GD	9	7	9	9	9	9	9	9	7424.19		30.00		65.00			
Penobscot #39	5	EX	10	8	7	7	6	7	7	2	71454.81	1750.00	70.00	700.00	1240.00	770.00		
Lygonia No. 40	21																	
Morning Star No. 41	11	EX	5	15	5	5	5	5	5	5	3686.59		75.00	1300.00	320.00	170.00	7959.61	8581.90
Freedom No. 42	18	GD	8	18	12	8	10	11	12	12	613.70	169.47	55.00		234.00	54.00	7582.94	1742.01
Alma-Anchor No. 43	10	EX	10	18	10	8	9	10	10	9	553.45	200.00	25.00	102.00		102.00	2611.28	2753.37
Piscataquis No. 44	5	EX	17	18	6	14	12	11	7	8		4799.27	40.00	1360.00	720.00	420.00	7421.00	6928.00
Central No. 45	12	EX	10	28	9	9	9	9	9	9	6521.97		26.00					
St. Croix No. 46	2	EX	17	18	17	6	11	14	14	14	2178.57	600.00	60.00	160.00				
Douglas No. 47	18																	
Lafayette No. 48	11	EX	11	7	11	6	7	11	11		9472.00	995.00	65.00	336.00	192.00		36631.31	3432.11
Meridian Splendor No. 49	22																9342.32	10490.87
Aurora No. 50	9																	
St. John's No. 51	19	EX	14	21	13	14	7	13	7	13	1708.25		100.00	1631.00	354.00	275.00	7380.00	8585.85
Mosaic No. 52	5	GD	9	10	9	8	9	5	9	9	4200.00	1000.00	30.00	1384.52	821.12	563.20		
Rural No. 53	11	GD	10	6	9	6	4	7	4	7	263.01		80.00		330.00	690.00	2250.00	1062.65
Vassalboro No. 54	12	GD	10	9	6	10	9	7	8	10	463.00		30.00	225.00	50.00		3017.00	3001.98
Frametal No. 55	19	GD	13	17	12		7	10	13		1668.34		30.00	80.00	160.00			
Mt. Moriah No. 56	16	EX	7	21	6	5	4	6	5	5	200.00		75.00	529.00	257.00	64.00	9871.41	6768.65

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King Hiram No. 57	20	EX	10	16	9	10	10	10	6	10	5167.54	80.00	1035.00	270.00	45.00	
Unity No. 58	12	GD	12	9	11	12	12	12	8	8	2446.00	90.00	90.00		5190.50	5280.93
Star in the East No. 60	6	EX	18	15	18	18	17	18	8	14	916.67	100.00	1108.00	500.00	47.00	12044.01
King Solomon's No. 61	9														4578.25	5212.48
King David's No. 62	7															
Pacific No. 64	22														2997.00	2837.45
Mystic No. 65	6	EX	8	16	23	21	19	21	19	18	174.27	90.00	450.00	150.00		
Mechanics No. 66	6	EX	15	13	11	12	12	15	11	12	38220.47	100.00	2401.00	1429.00	1445.00	
Blue Mountain No. 67	15	GD	10	11	8	4	2	5	8	6	500.00	50.00	955.50	514.50	367.00	8002.85
Mariners' No. 68	8	GD	10	8	10	10	8		8	5					4508.69	4251.43
Howard No. 69	6	EX	18	18	14	13	10	18	18	5	1172.13	129.00	1702.00	516.00	215.00	
Presumpscot No. 70	17	EX	17	21	17	17		13	16	16	93122.68	1100.00	80.00	65.00	715.00	
Rising Sun No. 71	4	GD	5	12	5	4	5	5	5	5		155.00	40.00	360.00	80.00	5076.66
Pioneer No. 72	1	EX	15	19	15	14	10	13	13	11	231.87	100.00	256.00			4327.35
Tyrian No. 73	23	EX	23	25	21	19	18	21	15	18	20707.12	500.00	80.00	240.00		
Bristol No. 74	10														12368.70	11183.98
Archon No. 75	22	GD	11	7	10	10	10	10	1	9	683.35	55.00	200.00		8740.29	2442.12
Arundel No. 76	19	EX	19	28	15	17	15	17	7	19	830833.82	11950.00	65.00		56277.00	60943.89
Tremont No. 77	21														5613.22	5712.46
Crescent No. 78	2	EX	15	9	8	3	12	12	14	3	3655.43	60.00	465.00	304.00	152.00	5307.46
Keystone No. 80	13														9606.22	12742.24
St. Paul's No. 82	7														10985.12	11536.17
St. Andrew's No. 83	6	EX	31	17	31	27	21	20	27		90.00	5100.00	2674.00	686.00		
Eureka No. 84	9															
Star in the West No. 85	12	EX	12	10	12	10	12	12	12	8		270.00				
Sacacappa No. 86	17	GD	9	21	8	7	7	6	7	7	134368.40	25.00	42.90	1140.00	480.00	
Benevolent No. 87	6	EX	32	16	29	21	19	29	21	22	60.00	3531.00	1151.00	602.00		

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Narragansett No. 88	3	EX	10	14	16	13	14	16	17	656.04		30.00		1584.24		
Island No. 89	7															
Harwood No. 91	3	EX	8	13	8	7	6	4	6	253.51	130.00	825.00	330.00	660.00		
Silham No. 92	12	EX	22	11	21	19	12	6	14	14214.48	2616.44	324.00	180.00	144.00	5102.00	5329.27
Haleb No. 93	24	EX	11	15	10	10	10	10	10	3067.26	421.75	949.00	415.00	1364.00		
Paris No. 94	16	GD	12		11	6	8	12	2	157.15	200.00	85.00				
Corinthian No. 95	22	EX	12	10	12	12	11	11	11	16700.00	500.00	3081.00	600.00	250.00		
Monument No. 96	1	EX	17	22	17	15	16	17	15	75816.00		330.00	88.00	130.00	7804.08	5777.07
Bethel No. 97	20	EX	10	25	4	4	4	4	3			75.00	318.00	100.00	7236.68	8304.94
Kanahdin No. 98	24	EX	11	12	11	11	11	11	11			60.00	120.00	120.00		
Vernon Valley No. 99	15	GD	16	12	16	14	12	16	8	4487.75	175.00	165.00	132.00	33.00	5804.33	7113.35
Jefferson No. 100	20	GD	11	16	11	9	5	10	9	430.00	148.00	300.00	120.00		2430.00	2637.82
Nezinson No. 101	23	EX	8	19	8	8	6	7	6	1267.49		90.00	1680.00	390.00	20333.60	19560.40
Marsh River No. 102	8	EX	9	8	7	5	5	7	2	343.39		35.00	888.00	380.00	3916.63	4338.37
Dresden No. 103	10	EX	18	12	18	13	15	15	12	1733.00		25.00	58.03			
Dirigo No. 104	11	EX	15	7	15	7		15	1	2267.24		40.00				
Ashlar No. 105	23	EX	21	24	15	17	15	19	17	119130.00	2000.00	156.00				
Tuscan No. 106	3	EX	12	21	10	11	1	11	8	1300.00	636.25	20.00	600.00		8270.05	7326.08
Day Spring No. 107	18															
Mount Kineo No. 109	5	GD	12	17	9	10	11	10	10	636.72	3000.00	55.00	140.00	140.00	7726.66	6989.29
Memmouth No. 110	11	GD	12	15	12	9	4	10	6	2000.00		55.00	320.00			
Liberty No. 111	8	GD	10	7	10	3		10	4	765.56		10.00	310.00	249.61		
Messafonskee No. 113	12	GD	15	14	11	8	9	14	11	528.53		80.00				
Buxton No. 115	18	EX	22	24	19	15	15	18	15	1089.29		60.00			12211.46	8844.45
Lebanon No. 116	13															
Greenleaf No. 117	18	GD	15	28	14	9	12	9	3	500.00		120.00			6543.00	5719.09
Drummond No. 118	18	EX	8	25	8	8	4	8	7	250.00	124.00	99.00				

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Pownal No. 119	8		5	3	3	1	3		200.00			3924.22	689.39	3553.01		
Acacia No. 121	14	EX	11	17	11	10	9	8	11	9	60.00	792.00	982.00	1012.00		
Marine No. 122	4	GD	16	14	14	8	14	15	14	10	30.00	546.00	460.00	86.00		
Franklin No. 123	15	GD	14	13	14	13	11	14	14	5	70.00	250.00	200.00		3840.15	4279.49
Olive Branch No. 124	6															
Meridian No. 125	22															
Irish No. 128	4	GD	11	22	9	7	9	11	9	6	200.00	35.00	490.00	7023.00	7080.00	
Quantabcook No. 129	7															
Trinity No. 130	1	EX	16	25	16	7	15	16	11	13	95.00	95.00	701.00		16762.22	16581.96
Mount Tir'am No. 132	16	GD	12	22	12	12	11	11	12	5	60.00	440.00	220.00	440.00		
Asylum No. 133	11	EX	13	11	11	13	12	12	11	13	50.00	1067.85	300.00		3105.00	2712.67
Riverside No. 135	7	VG	11	9	8	9	9	9	9	9	80.00	816.00	279.00	537.00		
Kenduslegg No. 137	6	GD	12	14	6	3	9	10	9	9	55.00	1827.00	770.00	455.00	5568.66	5263.15
Lewy's Island No. 138	2	EX	17	12	17	15	13	12	15	14	65.00	255.00	129.00	126.00		
Mount Desert No. 140	21															
Ocean No. 142	19	GD	13	11	11	6	10				75.00	7055.00	1992.00			
Preble No. 143	19	GD	14	14	13	14	8	10	8	8	130.00	4152.00	621.00	635.00		
Seaside No. 144	10	GD	10	15	17	17	17	17	15	15	40.00	320.00	240.00	160.00		
Moses Webster No. 145	9															
Sebastacook No. 146	12	EX	14	22	14	11	12	14	12	12	65.00		400.00	600.00	38102.34	27040.78
Evening Star No. 147	20	EX	18	22	14	15	16	11	15	14	60.00	570.00	280.00	310.00	14678.33	9699.44
Columbia-Doric No. 149	5	EX	15	16	13	12	13	9	9	8	56.00	1150.00	680.00	400.00		
Rabboni No. 150	23	GD	15	11	15	15	11	14	15	13	75.00	1831.20	622.44	129.36	9814.61	7809.29
Excelsior No. 151	8	EX	10	7	10	10	9	10	10	10	75.00	1507.00	160.00	160.00	4601.07	4796.68
Crooked River No. 152	16	EX	14	20	14	13	12	1	12	12	120.00	255.00			5703.72	4661.01
Delta No. 153	16	EX	6	38	6	6	6	6	6	6	50.00	630.00	192.00	129.00	6790.97	5694.57
Mystic Tie No. 154	15	EX	14	21	13	12	12	13	11	13	275.00	464.00	232.00		5234.96	3514.83

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Ancient York No. 155	14	GD	15	17	13	12	14	13	1	7	6644.40	130.00	83.00	3818.00	1660.00	8804.73	6875.30
Wilton No. 156	15	EX	13	10	9	8	3	9	3		121.00	70.00	376.00	376.00	7910.00	7383.60	
Cambridge No. 157	22	GD	3	10	3	3	3	3	1		45.00	2121.00	198.00	32.00	2625.16	2644.55	
Parian No. 160	22																
Carthussett No. 161	13																
Arion No. 162	18																
Pleasant River No. 163	5	EX	18	13	12	11	11	18	12	13	3140.00	78.00	38.00	360.00	132.00	10206.29	10757.22
Webster No. 164	23	EX	12	20	12	12	11	11	11	12	600.00	120.00	1665.00	900.00	450.00		
Molunkus No. 165	24	GD	10	13	10	10	9	10	7	6	980.00	105.00	2238.00	76.00			
Whitney No. 167	20	EX	13	14	13	10	2	13	3	2	25.00	50.00	40.00	210.00	120.00	3428.77	4067.61
Composite No. 168	5																
Caribou #170	1	EX	15	27	15	12	8	10	8	15	50.00	59.00					
Nasleag No. 171	4	GD	11	7	11	11	1	11	11	1		35.00	30.00		940.00	627.50	
Pine Tree No. 172	24	EX	15	14	15	15	2	15	12	2	1322.16	1500.00	1010.00	220.00	1050.00	1145.12	
Pleiades No. 173	3	EX	9	13	9	6	9	9	9	8	1000.00	650.00	560.00	450.00	6193.38	7219.06	
Lynde No. 174	6	EX	15	18	15	6	9	11	7	11	2365.71	1247.00	15.00	150.00	14299.68	11033.12	
Baskalagan No. 175	24	GD	12	6	12	12	4	12	8	8	185.00	400.00	70.00	150.00		18000.00	11744.81
Ancient Brothers No.178	23	GD	18	8	15	7	13	17	12	10	7551.00	55.00			10569.50	12314.71	
Yorkshire No. 179	19	EX															
Hiram No. 180	17	EX	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	20000.00	160.00	1010.00	770.00	240.00		
Granite No. 182	20	EX	12	10	12	12	8	11		10	1047.41	45.00	458.00	490.00	11381.81	4100.47	
Deering No. 183	17	EX	19	22	19	19	14	11	19	19	36027.24	1338.00	38.90	2747.97	1043.02		
Naval No. 184	19	GD	25	15	25	16	2	25		14	1079.29	2529.00	70.00	420.00			
Bar Harbor No. 185	21														1280.00	1602.28	
Jonesport No. 188	3	EX	13	9	13	13	13	11	13	12	14.00	60.00	602.42	344.24	281.59		
Knox No. 189	9																
Springvale No. 190	19	EX	17	20	17	17	17	15	15	14	897.45	404.00	552.00		7939.66	8108.55	

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Triangle Lodge #1	174	11	9	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	0		11	167	178
Warren Lodge #2	138	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	0		12	120	132
Lincoln Lodge #3	107	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0		2	101	103
Rising Star Lodge #4	146	1	2	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0		7	131	138
Kennebec Lodge #5	84	2	2	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0		2	83	85
Amity Lodge #6	63	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	0		3	56	59
Eastern Lodge #7	76	2	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0		3	71	74
United Lodge #8	199	5	7	0	1	2	0	0	6	0	0		4	191	195
Saco Lodge #9	202	14	7	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	0		11	194	205
Rising Virtue Lodge #10	258	3	4	0	0	0	3	6	6	0	0		5	244	249
Pythagorean Lodge #11	107	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	0		1	100	101
Cumberland Lodge #12	202	3	3	1	0	7	1	0	6	0	0		9	181	190
Oriental Lodge #13	117	9	9	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	0		4	121	125
Solar Lodge #14	199	6	0	1	0	1	13	0	1	0	0		9	168	177
Orient Lodge #15	95	1	3	1	4	3	6	0	5	0	0		4	81	85
St. George Lodge #16	70	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		2	71	73
Oxford Lodge #18	171	3	4	2	1	0	4	0	8	0	0		8	157	165
Felicity Lodge #19	111	3	4	0	0	0	8	0	3	0	0		5	98	103
Maine Lodge #20	127	4	2	0	0	2	3	0	8	0	0		1	116	117
Oriental Star #21	40	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0		1	37	38
York #22	138	2	4	0	0	1	2	0	5	0	0		1	129	130
Freeport #23	146	2	2	0	0	0	6	0	7	1	0		4	128	132
Belfast #24	159	9	10	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0		5	160	165
Temple #25	75	6	4	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	0		1	73	74
Village #26	138	8	6	2	2	3	4	0	5	0	0		8	130	136
Northern Star #28	76	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		7	68	75
Tranquil #29	313	6	6	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0		6	301	307
Blazing Star #30	88	1	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	0	0		2	80	82
Union #31	109	3	2	1	0	0	5	0	2	0	0		6	97	103

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Hermion #32	100	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	2	0	0		8	94	102
Waterville #33	119	4	1	0	0	2	4	0	8	0	0		6	99	105
Somerset #34	71	2	0	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	0		12	64	76
Bethlehem #35	226	6	2	2	0	1	1	0	7	0	0		9	212	221
Casco #36	166	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0		5	155	160
Washington #37	83	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	0		4	74	78
Harmony#38	108	3	2	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0		10	95	105
Penobscot #39	83	1	2	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0		0	70	70
Lygonia #40	409	8	5	0	2	0	9	0	5	0	0		3	398	401
Morning Star #41	91	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		11	84	95
Freedom #42	34	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0		12	20	32
Alna-Anchor #43	85	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	5	0	0		2	77	79
Piscataquis #44	120	2	2	1	0	1	4	0	2	0	0		3	115	118
Central #45	127	5	5	0	0	0	14	0	8	0	0		4	108	112
St. Croix #46	103	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	0		1	103	104
Dunlap #47	81	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		2	78	80
Lafayette #48	64	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0		2	61	63
Meridian Splendor #49	121	7	4	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0		4	110	114
Aurora #50	143	2	2	0	3	1	2	0	8	0	0		1	135	136
St. John's #51	131	7	5	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0		1	130	131
Mosaic #52	85	0	1	1	2	1	7	0	3	0	0		3	74	77
Rural #53	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0		4	53	57
Vassalboro #54	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		1	71	73
Fraternal #55	90	1	1	9	1	0	2	0	3	0	0		11	86	97
Mt. Moriah #56	71	4	3	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0		4	65	69
King Hiram #57	83	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0		1	79	80
Unity #58	46	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0		1	50	51
Star in the East #60	103	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	6	0	0		4	97	101
King Solomon's #61	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		0	62	66

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King David's #62	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2	51	53
Pacific #64	43	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0		0	41	41
Mystic #65	136	4	6	0	5	3	3	0	4	0	0		8	130	138
Mechanics #66	125	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	122	129
Blue Mountain #67	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0		1	90	91
Mariners' #68	63	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0		1	59	60
Howard #69	100	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0		3	98	101
Presumpscot #70	302	1	2	2	3	0	6	0	7	0	0		10	283	293
Rising Sun #71	124	5	3	1	0	0	2	0	8	0	0		5	114	119
Pioneer #72	87	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0		1	82	83
Tyrian #73	191	8	5	1	2	1	5	0	5	0	0		6	183	189
Bristol #74	74	4	4	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0		1	78	79
Archon #75	68	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	68	69
Arundel #76	205	4	4	0	2	1	6	0	9	0	0		8	189	197
Tremont #77	68	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0		0	71	71
Crescent #78	77	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0		1	71	72
Keystone #80	128	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0		5	116	121
St. Paul's #82	82	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0		4	77	81
St. Andrews #83	223	4	4	1	0	1	1	0	9	0	0		7	211	218
Eureka #84	60	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0		3	56	59
Star in the West #85	60	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		4	60	64
Saccarappa #86	129	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	4	0	0		6	121	127
Benevolent #87	144	5	9	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	0		5	139	144
Narraguagus #88	69	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0		0	68	68
Island #89	38	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0		1	35	36
Harwood #91	130	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		1	129	130
Siloam #92	118	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	6	0	0		3	111	114
Horeb #93	183	1	1	0	1	5	6	0	8	0	0		5	163	168
Paris #94	47	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0		2	43	45
Corinthian #95	89	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0		1	84	85
Monument #96	178	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	12	0	0		7	161	168
Bethel #97	105	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	3	0	0		5	96	101

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Katahdin #98	46	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		1	42	43
Vernon Valley #99	43	4	4	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0		2	41	43
Jefferson #100	56	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		2	53	55
Nezinscot #101	169	3	5	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0		4	164	168
Marsh River #102	53	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0		1	48	49
Dresden #103	53	4	3	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0		2	51	53
Dirigo #104	94	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0		3	88	91
Ashlar #105	150	4	2	1	1	1	1	0	7	0	0		2	143	145
Tuscan #106	148	2	1	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0		2	136	138
Day Spring #107	57	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		2	59	61
Mount Kineo #109	107	2	2	2	3	1	1	0	2	0	0		4	105	109
Monmouth #110	89	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		2	86	88
Liberty #111	62	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		5	58	63
Messalonskee #113	119	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0		2	105	107
Buxton #115	146	7	6	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	1		3	145	148
Lebanon #116	65	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		1	67	68
Greenleaf #117	112	4	3	2	1	1	1	0	3	0	0		7	106	113
Drummond #118	67	1	1	1	0	1	3	0	2	0	0		14	51	65
Pownal #119	78	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0		4	71	75
Acacia #121	109	5	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	114	114
Marine #122	115	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	0	1	0		3	105	108
Franklin #123	74	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	0	0		2	66	68
Olive Branch #124	100	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0		3	100	103
Meridian #125	108	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0		1	107	108
Ira Berry #128	110	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0		1	113	114
Quantabacook #129	90	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0		8	83	91
Trinity #130	240	7	5	0	0	1	3	0	10	0	0		1	230	231
Mt. Tir'em #132	71	3	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0		11	62	73
Asylum #133	63	2	3	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	0		1	61	62
Riverside #135	84	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0		1	82	83

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Kenduskeag #137	136	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0		4	132	136
Lewy's Island #138	100	4	4	1	0	1	1	0	4	0	0		7	92	99
Mt. Desert #140	56	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		5	53	58
Ocean #142	132	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		2	135	137
Preble #143	76	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0		3	70	73
Seaside #144	97	3	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	0		9	87	96
Moses Webster #145	62	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2	61	63
Sebasticoock #146	117	5	4	1	0	0	6	0	6	0	0		10	101	111
Evening Star #147	74	6	5	0	0	0	6	0	5	0	1		4	66	70
Columbic-Doric #149	139	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0		4	123	127
Rabboni #150	94	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0		0	92	92
Excelsior #151	48	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		2	45	47
Crooked River #152	83	3	2	0	3	0	7	0	4	0	0		1	78	79
Delta #153	58	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		10	54	64
Mystic Tie #154	63	2	3	0	1	1	5	0	2	0	0		1	59	60
Ancient York #155	117	5	2	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0		2	116	118
Wilton #156	86	4	1	0	1	4	3	0	2	0	1		0	81	81
Cambridge #157	69	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0		3	64	67
Parian #160	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		8	91	99
Carrabassett #161	64	1	3	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0		4	61	65
Arion #162	74	8	0	1	1	4	3	0	7	0	0		5	58	63
Pleasant River #163	104	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0		4	95	99
Webster #164	122	10	5	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		10	119	129
Molunkus #165	74	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0		4	66	70
Whitney #167	54	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0		1	50	51
Composite #168	77	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		4	75	79
Caribou #170	106	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	0		4	102	106
Naskeag #171	37	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0		6	28	34
Pine Tree #172	53	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0		4	48	52
Pleiades #173	120	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0		4	118	122
Lynde #174	185	7	4	0	3	0	27	0	3	0	0		1	163	164
Baskahegan #175	82	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0		0	71	71

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Ancient Brothers #178	92	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		6	85	91
Yorkshire #179	127	3	3	1	0	2	6	0	2	1	0		4	121	125
Hiram #180	273	12	7	1	1	0	4	0	12	1	0		4	261	265
Granite #182	53	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	3	0	0		3	42	45
Deering #183	182	3	4	0	0	4	2	0	12	0	0		6	163	163
Naval #184	195	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	10	0	0		1	183	184
Bar Harbor #185	72	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	3	0	0		0	62	62
Jonesport #188	123	3	3	0	0	0	6	0	5	0	0		0	115	115
Knox #189	56	1	1	0	1	0	5	0	3	1	0		12	39	51
Springvale #190	139	3	3	0	1	0	4	0	9	0	0		2	128	130
Winter Harbor #192	98	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0		2	95	97
Washburn #193	56	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		1	56	57
Euclid #194	80	3	2	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0		1	73	74
Bay View #196	105	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	0		7	95	102
Aroostook #197	112	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0		2	109	111
St. Aspinquid #198	211	3	4	1	1	1	5	0	3	0	0		8	199	207
David Hooper #201	95	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		6	90	96
Mt. Bigelow #202	60	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0		4	56	60
Mt. Olivet #203	57	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0		11	45	56
Mt. Abram #204	72	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	0		4	63	67
Nollesemic #205	100	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	4	0	0		3	95	98
Island Falls #206	83	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0		0	77	77
Abner Wade #207	68	3	1	1	1	0	8	0	2	0	0		6	55	61
Northeast Harbor #208	68	3	1	1	1	0	8	0	2	0	0		6	55	61
Fort Kent #209	58	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		8	50	58
Meduncook #211	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0		0	40	40
Kemankeag #213	88	2	4	1	3	1	8	0	0	0	0		5	86	91
Limestone #214	94	3	3	1	0	1	3	0	3	0	0		6	85	91
Orchard #215	122	7	6	1	2	0	0	0	4	0	0		11	118	129
Corner Stone #216	175	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	6	0	0		3	170	173
Ralph J. Pollard #217	260	7	8	0	1	0	4	0	11	0	0		0	255	255
Gov. Wm King #219	119	2	3	2	1	1	0	0	6	0	0		10	108	118

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Seminary Hill Daylight #220	55	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		53	7	60
Lodges Reporting: 185	20003	497	409	117	109	136	393	6	621	5	3	0	805	18656	19454

Long Service Secretaries

Many of our Lodge Secretaries have given their Lodges years of dedicated service, often without recognition, only asking that the Lodge prosper and its members enjoy its fellowship. Their dedicated devotion to the Lodge and its members certainly merit the recognition given here. The following completed 15 or more years of service in 2013.

Years	Secretary	Lodge
39	Errald N. Turner	49
38	John E. Lord, Jr.	48
26	Gerard C. Post	157
24	Michael P. Allen Sr.	171
23	Carl H. Winslow, Sr	36
22	Raymond G. Locke	146
20	Ronald B. Moore	115
20	Harold E. MacDonnell	30
20	David A. Walker	110
20	Duane L. Young, Sr.	69
20	Dennis R. Rackliffe	128
19	Ernest A. Lowell	20
19	James R. Allen, Jr.	162
18	David J. Basley	72
18	Richard A. McCann	12
18	A. James Ross	70
17	Floyd A. Montgomery, Jr.	50
17	John Nompleggi	76

Death or retirement reduces this number by a few each year. These dedicated Brothers will be missed.

List of Constituent Lodges Principal Officers

ABNER WADE NO. 207, Sangerville

First Thursday

1774*

Blaine C. Nuite WM. 1009 Silvers Mills Rd, Sangerville 04479-3706

Kelly E. Jordan, SW. 563 Douty Hill Rd, Sangerville 04479-3200

Jeffrey P. Cross, JW, 876 W Main St, Dover Foxcroft 04426-1027

Bob Wilson, Sec., PO Box 121., Monson 04464-0121

District No. 5

Dark - January, February

Election, November

ACACIA NO. 121, Durham

Tuesday on or before full moon

0092*

John A. Ricker, WM 31 Quaker Meeting House Rd, Durham 04222-5423

Bruce Vosmus, SW, c/o R.F.D. 2 Box 850, 139 Durham Rd, New Gloucester 04260-4817

Kenneth E. Hilton, JW, 469 Stackpole Rd, Durham 04222-5130

Ryan L. Carter, Sec., 7 Sunset Ave., Lisbon Falls 04252-1125

District No. 14

Not Dark

Election, December

ALNA-ANCHOR LODGE NO. 43, Damariscotta

First Tuesday

(Sec. Wed. if GL meeting)

Jonathan Eaton, WM, PO Box 1223, Damariscotta 04543-1223

Andrew T. Mullin, SW, 1522 Bristol Rd., Bristol 04539-3515

Jesse C. Daiute, JW, 178 W. Old County Rd, Newcastle 04553-3612

William F. Connell, Sec., PO Box 37, Walpole 04573-0037

District No. 10

Dark - July, August

Election, January

AMITY LODGE NO. 6, Camden

Third Thursday

0056*

William C. Chapman, WM, 77 Pascal Ave, Rockport 04856-5915

Brian D. Gasser, SW, 242 Molyneaux Rd., Camden 04843-4131

Iain D. Kirkham, JW, 2093 Heald Highway, Union, 04862

Jeffrey W Sukeforth, Sec., 47 Rawson Ave., Camden 04843-1831

District No. 7

Dark - July, August

Election, January

ANCIENT BROTHERS LODGE NO. 178, Auburn

Second Monday

1519*

Charles A. Allen, WM., 420 Hotel Rd, Auburn 04210-9006

David B. Gilchrist, SW, 9 Wildwood Dr., Lewiston 04240-3850

Thomas E. Whalen, JW, 139 Poland Hill Rd., Livermore 04253-3208

Darin W. Long, Sec., 15 Broad St Apt 1, Auburn 04210-6810

District No. 23

Dark - July, August Election, January

ANCIENT YORK LODGE NO. 155, Lisbon Falls

Second Monday

1521*

Michael S. Robitaille, WM., 17 Charity St., Lisbon Falls 04252-1043

George M. Morgan, Jr., SW, 314 W Burrough Rd., Bowdoin 04287

Daniel W Henton, JW, 12 Fortin Ave., Lisbon 04250-6027

Toby D. Williams, Sec., 72 Summer St., Lisbon Falls 04252-9574

District No. 14 Dark - July, August Election, January

ARCHON LODGE NO. 75, East Dixmont Second Thursday

David Oxley, WM, 228 Plymouth Rd., Etna 04434 **1775***

Philip J. Dube, SW, PO Box 425, Brewer, 04412

Joseph F. Springer, JW, 29 Masonic Rd, Dixmont 04932-3541

Robert G. Vile, Jr., Sec., PO Box 114, Dixmont 04932-0114

District No. 22 Dark – January, February Election, October

ARION LODGE NO. 162, Goodwin Mills Third Thursday
1522*

Luke M. Townsend, WM, 156 Senator Black Rd, West Baldwin 04091-3134

Michael V. Shaw, SW, 605 Ridgeville Rd, Standish 04084

Scott E. Pullen, JW, 54 New County Rd, Saco 04072

James R. Allen Jr., Sec., 1473 Alfred Rd, Lyman 04002-7503

District No. 18 Dark - January, February Election, November

AROOSTOOK LODGE NO. 197, Mars Hill Second Monday
1776*

Kevin A. Warman, WM, 7 Scovil St, Apt 18, Mars Hill 04758-3452

Mark E. Rondyke, SW, 27 Sugarloaf St, Apt 3, Houlton 04730-1692

Robert R. Collins, JW, PO Box 781, Mars Hill 04758-0781

Blair R. McCartney, Sec., PO Box 288, Mars Hill 04758-0288

District No. 1 Dark - July - August Election, December

ARUNDEL LODGE NO. 76, Kennebunkport Second Tuesday
1523*

Daniel R. Tidwell, WM, 1713 Alfred Rd, Lyman 04002-7706

Thomas J. Reagan III, SW, 11 Ridgewood Cir, Kennebunk 04043-7339

James P. Fairfield, JW, 33 Oakwood Ln, Kennebunk 04043-6521

John Nompleggi, Sec., 43 Mount Kineo Rd., Kennebunkport 04046-5224

District No. 19 Dark - July, August Election, December

ASHLAR LODGE NO. 105, Auburn Third Monday
1524*

Richard Hooper, WM, 138 S. Main St., Mechanic Falls 04256-5504

Christopher M. Strout, SW, 12 Webster St, Auburn 04210

Jeremy Bright, JW, 8 Valley Vw, Sabattus 04280-4301

Steven E. Peterson, Sec., 9 Fairway Dr., Auburn 04210-8876

District No. 23 Dark - July, August Election, January

ASYLUM LODGE NO. 133, Leeds Second Thursday
1525*

Denny R. Blais, WM, 6 Pineau St., Jay 04239-1614

Jared D. Wilson, SW, 125 Warren Hill Rd., Jay 04239-4714

Matthew J. Sekerak, JW, 12 Rolling Knoll Rd, Leeds 04263

Robert A. Scott, Sec., PO Box 205, Leeds 04263-0205

District No. 11 Dark - July, August Election, December

**AURORA LODGE NO. 50, Rockland First Wednesday
1528***

Jeffrey E Lamkins, WM, 120 New County Rd., Rockland 04841-2128

Jeffrey J. Curtis, SW, 1 Otis St, Rockland 04841-3581

Lee A. Robinson, JW, PO Box 385, Warren 04864-0385

Floyd A. Montgomery, Jr., Sec., 18 N Main St., Rockland 04841-3117

District No. 9 Dark- July, August Election, January

**BAR HARBOR LODGE NO. 185, Bar Harbor Third Thursday
1529***

Matthew E. Bratzler, WM., 1201 State Hwy 102, Bar Harbor 04609

SW - VACANT

JW - VACANT

Alexander H. Phillips, Sec., 110 Main St Ste A, Bar Harbor 04609

District No. 21 Dark - July, August Election, December

**BASKAHEGAN LODGE NO. 175, Danforth First Tuesday
1801***

James B. Foss, WM., 680 Us Route 1, Weston 04424-4221

Donald G. Pond, SW, 3141 Military Rd, Haynesville 04497-3000

Cody Pond, JW, 3141 Military Rd, Haynesville 04497-3000

Richard L. Morgan-O'Connor, Sec., PO Box 141, Danforth 04424-0141

District No. 24 Dark – Not Dark Election, August

**BAY VIEW LODGE NO. 196, East Boothbay Second Thursday
1530***

Michael S. Alley, WM, 366 Ocean Point Rd., East Boothbay 04544

Courtney S. Nickerson, SW, 16 Hiden Ridge Rd, Boothbay 04537-4681

Stuart M. Smith, JW, PO Box 2, Edgecomb 04556-0002

Thomas E. Pulkkinen, Sec., PO Box 413, East Boothbay 04544-0413

District 10 Dark - July, August Election December

**BELFAST LODGE NO. 24, Belfast Second Monday
2427***

Jay W. Gilpatrick, WM, 375 Belmont Ave, Belfast 04915-7513

Raymond D. Paul Jr., SW, 16 Huntress Ave, Belfast 04915-6049

Robert I. Mealey, JW, 12 Tozier St, Belfast 04915

Malcolm A. Gater, Sec., 70 Church St., Belfast 04915-6205

District No. 8 Dark - June, July, August Election, December

**BENEVOLENT LODGE NO. 87, Carmel Third Wednesday
1531***

Stephen B. Hoekstra, WM., 1863 Stage Rd., Etna 04434-3006

Brian J. Veneziano, SW, 51 Bishop Dr., Hermon 04401-0456

David A. Hasey, JW, 55 Swett Rd, Carmel 04419-3737

David E. Richardson, Sec., 634 Hampden Rd., Carmel 04419-3524

District No. 6 Dark - June, July & August Election, October

**BETHEL LODGE NO. 97, Bethel Second Thursday
1532***

Todd A. Davis, WM, PO Box 634, Bethel 04217-0634

Lloyd W Sweetser, SW, 54 Annis Rd., Bethel 04217-3422

David W Roberts, JW, PO Box 673, Bethel 04217-0673

Scott M. Fraser, Sec., PO Box 1053, Bethel 04217-1053

District No. 20 Dark - July, August Election, November

**BETHLEHEM LODGE NO. 35, Augusta First Monday
1533***

Llewellyn C. Manter, Jr., WM, 123 Troop Rd., Pittston 04345-5161

Robert D. Stratton, SW, PO Box 66, Manchester 04351-0066

Kenneth A. Gotreau, JW, 46 Blue Ridge Dr E, Sidney 04330-2501

Calvin L. Yeaton, Sec., 182 Metcalf Rd, Winthrop 04364-3385

District No. 11 Dark - July, August Election, January

**BLAZING STAR LODGE NO.30 Rumford Crn First Wednesday
1534***

Jeffrey L. Roy, WM., 6 Roy Rd., Rumford 04276-3039

Gerald Martin, SW, PO Box 305, Rumford 04276-0305

George Kimball, JW, 1232 Route 2, Rumford 04276

Harold E. MacDonnell, Sec., 520 Penobscot St., Rumford 04276-1807

District No. 20 Dark – Jan., Feb., March Election, November

**BLUE MOUNTAIN LODGE NO. 67, Phillips Second Wednesday
1535***

Randolph D. Flaggs, W M., PO Box 578, Strong 04983-0578

Niilo Sillanpaa, SW, PO Box 284, Phillips 04966-0284

Gerald Haines, JW, 133 Mt. Blue Pond Rd., Avon 04966-3304

Wendell Olmsted, Sec., 315 Hartland Rd., Saint Albans 04971-7435

District No. 15 Dark - July, August Election, January

**BRISTOL LODGE NO. 74, Bristol Second Monday
1536***

David Tonry, WM, PO Box 719, Newcastle 04553-0719

Harry M. Lowd III, SW, PO Box 124, New Harbor 04554-0124

John W. Vinal, JW, 29 River Rd, Edgecomb 04556-3409

Jon L. Prime, Sec., PO Box 151, So. Bristol 04568-0151

District No. 10 Dark -Jan, Feb, March Election December

**BUXTON LODGE NO. 115, West Buxton First Monday
(Third Mon. Sept.)**

Dwayne K. Desjardins, WM, 268 Buxton Rd, Saco 04072-9551

Jamie A. Grant, SW, 185 Parker Farm Rd, Buxton 04093-3102

Richard L. Eilinger, JW, 268 Buxton Rd, Saco 04072-9551

Ronald B. Moore, Sec., 31 Pleasant Hill Rd., Hollis Center 04042-3320

District No. 18 Dark - July, August Election, December

CAMBRIDGE LODGE NO. 157, Cambridge First Tuesday

Scott H. Folsom, WM, 307 Cambirdge Rd., Harmony 04942-6833

Arthur G. Watson, SW, 83 Harmony Rd., Cambridge 04923

William J. Digby, JW, 143 North Rd, Cambridge 04923-3221

Gerard C. Post, Sec., 1808 State Hwy 150, Parkman 04443-3513

District No. 22 Dark - July, August Election, December

**CARIBOU LODGE NO. 170, Caribou First Thursday
1802***

Ralph C. Conroy, WM, 371 Brown Rd., Woodland 04736-5728

Graham A. Warne. SW, 384 N. Caribou Rd., Fort Fairfield 04742-3036

Jason Bennett, JW, PO Boxes 104, Fort Kent 04289

Neal R. Haines, Sec., PO Box 872, Caribou 04736-0872

District No. 1 Dark - July, August Election, December

**CARRABASSETT LODGE NO. 161, Canaan Second Tuesday
1803***

Chris A. Price, WM, PO Box 443, Canaan 04924-0443

Brendon J. Preble, SW, 14 Birchwood Dr., Canaan 04924-3214

Keith N. Romprey, JW, 123 Ballard Rd, St. Albans 04971

Clifford H. Allen, Sec., 38 Merritt St., Canaan 04924-3000

District No. 13 Dark - Not Dark Election, November

**CASCO LODGE NO. 36, Yarmouth First Tuesday
1780***

Raymond M. McLellan, WM, 52 Bates St, Yarmouth 04096-8314

John P. Kane Jr., SW, 53 Middle Rd, Cumberland Center 04021-3707

Jody J. Hersey, JW, 128 Ledgewood Dr, Falmouth 04105-1851

Carl H. Winslow, Sr., Sec., 172 W Main St., Yarmouth 04096-8416

District No. 17 Dark - July, August Election, October

**CENTRAL LODGE NO. 45, China First Wednesday
1538***

Jake S. Smiley, WM, 3 Patriot Dr, Saco, 04072-9369

Craig S. Smiley, SW, 585 Oak Grove Rd., Vassalboro 04989-3228

Gary L. Gagnon, JW, 701 Hussey Rd, Albion 04910-6807

Kevin C. Maroon, Sec., PO Box 6102, China Village 04926-0102

District No. 12 Dark - July, August Election, December

**COLUMBIA-DORIC LODGE NO. 149 Greenville Fourth Tuesday
(Third Thurs. in Dec.)**

Christopher H. Bussell, WM, PO Box 63, Greenville 04441-0063

Robert C. Howard, SW, PO Box 240, Greenville Jct. 04442-0240

Steven O. Mason, JW, PO Box 201, Greenville 04441-0201

Eugene F. Murray, Jr., Sec., PO Box 751, Greenville 04441-0751

District No. 5 Dark - Not Dark Election, October

**COMPOSITE LODGE NO. 168, LaGrange Second Thursday
1782***

Bradley Harris, WM., PO Box 131, W Enfield 04493-0131

Keith R. DeWitt, SW, 1152 Medford Center Rd., Medford 04463

Larry Harris, Jr., JW, PO Box 131, W Enfield 04493-0131

Jason O. Neal, Sec., 103 Lowell Rd., W Enfield 04493-4310

District No. 5 Dark - July, August Election, October

**CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 95, Hartland First Wednesday
1783***

Lester H. Goforth, WM, 77 Spring Hill Rd., Palmyra 04965-3625

Mark W Springer, SW, PO Box 163, Saint Albans 04971-0163

Daniel G. Hanson, JW, 312 Line Rd, Corinna 04928-3063

Nathaniel C. Foss Jr., Sec., PO Box 280., Palmyra 04965-0280

District No. 22 Dark - July, August Election, December

**CORNER STONE LODGE NO 216, Portland Second Wednesday
1539***

Frederick J. Placey, WM, 84 Lisbon St. Lewiston 04240

William S. Wilson, SW, PO Box 6863, Portland 04103-3863

Kendall L. Pritchard, JW, 197 Smith Rd, Windham 04062-5404

Carleton R. Hodge, Sec., 514 Cape Rd., Limington 04049-3137

District No. 17 Dark – Any 2 months by vote Election, June

**CRESCENT LODGE NO. 78, Pembroke First Wednesday
1784***

Scott A. Johnson, WM, 222 Belyea Rd, Edmunds Twp 04628-5331

Michael H. Ward, SW, 53 Milwaukee Rd, Dennysville 04628-4319

Jamey L. Gower, JW, 83 Charlotte Rd, Charlotte 04666-6302

Dennis W Bryant, Sec., 1036 Ayers Jct. Rd., Charlotte 04666-6208

District No. 2 Dark - January, February Election, November

**CROOKED RIVER LODGE NO.152 Bolsters Mills First Thursday
1540***

Leroy B. Edwards, WM, 221 Carsley Rd, Harrison 04040-3952
 Michael P. Dennison, SW, 24 School St., Harrison 04040
 William M. Denison, JW, 55 Dawes Hill Rd, Harrison 04040-3407
 Thomas J. Nolan, Sec., 765 Upper Ridge Rd., Bridgton 04009-4420

District No. 16 Dark - Not Dark Election, September

**CUMBERLAND LODGE NO. 12, New Gloucester Sat. before full moon
 1541***

Benjamin J. Weisner, WM, 288 Rowe Station Rd., New Gloucester 04260-3821
 Frederick M. Andrew, SW, PO Box 531, Greene 04236-0531
 Chad L. LeBourdais, JW, 117 Rackley Dr, Greene 04236-3952
 Richard A. McCann, Sec., PO Box 251, New Gloucester 04260-0251

District No. 23 Dark - July & Aug. Election, November

**DAVID A. HOOPER LODGE NO. 201, West Sullivan First Monday
 1785***

Clinton C. Richardson, WM, 43 Goodwin Rd, Franklin 04634-3005
 Cory A. Austin, SW, 24 Roaring Brook Rd., Eastbrook 04634
 Troy A. Hanna, JW, PO Box 224, Sullivan 04664-0224
 Edward E. Jellison, III, Sec., PO Box 71, Sullivan 04664-0071

District No. 21 Dark - January, February Election December

**DAY SPRING NO. 107, West Newfield Second Monday
 1786***

Mark Hebert, WM, 141 Daffodil Hill Ln., Rochester, NH 03868-8750
 Sean Remick, SW, 128 River Rd, Lebanon 04027
 Mark A. Eddows, JW, 9 Village Ln., Lebanon 04027-4370
 Dave Peterson Sec., PO Box 418, North Berwick 03906-5508

District 18 Dark – July, August Election, December

**DEERING LODGE NO. 183, Portland Second Monday
 1543***

Bernard L. Mulholland, WM, 19 Park Rd, Windham 04062-4759
 Evan P. Mills, SW, 1219 Bridgton Rd #1, Westbrook 04092-2507
 Thomas L. Gaudet, JW, 35 Hunnewell Rd, Scarborough 040474-7405
 Christian A. Ratliff, Sec., 83 S. Richland St., South Portland 04106-4725

District No. 17 Dark - July, August Election, February

**DELTA LODGE NO. 153, Lovell First Thursday
 1544***

Albert W Greenhalgh, WM, 56 Kimball Rd, Lovell 04051-4126
 Dana A. Gregson, SW, 219 Slab City Rd., Lovell 04051-3112
 Rod Cole, JW, 470 Sabattus Rd, Lovell 04051
 Charles D. Lane, Sec., 110 Pig St, Brownfield 04010-4762

District No. 16 Dark - July, August Election, December

DIRIGO LODGE NO. 104, Weeks Mills Third Monday

Donald W. Pratt, WM, 17 Maple Grove Rd, South China 04358-5507

John H. Crommett Jr., SW, 31 Pullen Rd., Augusta 04330-8526

Richard A. Dolby, JW, 8 Mayflower Rd, Hallowell 04347-1211

Ernest K. DeCosta, Sec., 1080 Colby Rd., Weeks Mills 04358-6602

District No. 11 Dark - July, August Election, October

**DRESDEN LODGE NO. 103, Dresden Mills Second Tuesday
1787***

Leon E. McCreary, WM., 203 E. Hedge Rd., Woolwich 04579-4721

Allen L. Bever, SW, 743 River Rd., Dresden 04342-4044

Fletcher M. Atkinson, JW, 368 Nelson Rd, Chelsea 04330-1335

John W Ottum, Sec., 222 Cedar Grove Rd., Dresden 04342-3020

District No. 10 Dark - January, February Election, December

**DRUMMOND LODGE NO. 118, No. Parsonsfield First Thursday
1788***

Gary L. Nickerson, WM, 346 Kennard Hill Rd, Porter 04068-3130

Samuel H. Miller, SW, 43 Fieldstone Ridge Dr, Cornish 04020-3339

Walter D. Towle JR., 50 Lewis Ln, Porter 04068-3724

John A. Smith, Sec., 39 Coffin Hill Rd, Limington 04049-3818

District No. 18 Dark - Jan., Feb., March Election, December

**DUNLAP LODGE NO. 47, Biddeford First Monday
1545***

Walter W. Thorpe, WM, 38 Tow Path Rd, Gorham 04038-5827

Jack R. LaRoche, SW, 21 Gertrude Ave, Biddeford 04005-3819

Brian A. Maddox, JW, PO Box 375, Saco 04072-0375

Claude R. Drouin, Sec., PO Box 90, Biddeford 04005-0090

District No. 18 Dark – 3 consec. Months by vote Election, December

**EASTERN LODGE NO. 7, Eastport First Monday
1789***

John D. Surles, WM, 33 Third St, Eastport 04631-1429

Mark E. Cook, SW, 18 Wilson St, Eastport 04631-1031

David F. McLean, JW, 43 Toll Bridge Rd, Eastport 04631-3808

Paul L. Theriault, Sec., 78 Clark St., Eastport 04631-3205

District No. 2 Dark July-August Election, November

**EUCLID LODGE NO. 194, Madison First Monday
1791***

James A. Owens, WM, 567 Main St, Madison 04650-4205

Charles J. Haley III, SW, PO Box 161, Anson 04911-0161

Timothy A. McDonald, JW, 20 Vaughn St, Madison 04950-4205

Lester F. Smith, Sec., 78 Moores Pond Rd., Lexington Twp. 04961-5301

District No. 1 Dark - July, August Election, December

**EUREKA LODGE NO. 84, Tenants Harbor First Thursday
1546***

Brett Rackliff, WM., 304 Dennison Rd., Spruce Head 04859
Clifton W Yattaw, Jr., SW, PO Box 362, Port Clyde 04855-0362
Christopher Ferguson, JW, PO Box 265, Tenants Harbor 04860-0265
Douglas A. Rackliff, Sec., 143 Cline Rd., Spruce Head 04859-4046
District No. 9 Dark - January, February Election December

**EVENING STAR LODGE NO. 147, Buckfield Second Monday
1547***

Paul M. Blank, WM, 611 Bonney Rd, Sumner 04292-4009
David A. Castonguay, SW, PO Box 97, West Minot 04288-0083
Maurice A. Gauthier, JW, 721 W. Minot Rd, Minot 04258-5442
Jerry Marstaller, Sec., 27 Jones Dr., Hartford 04220-5635
District No. 20 Dark - July, August Election December

**EXCELSIOR LODGE NO. 151, Northport Second Wednesday
1548***

James E. Cunningham, WM., 76 Back Searsport Rd., Searsport 04974
Herman L. Littlefield Jr., SW, 1360 Atlantic Hwy, Northport 04849-3608
Malcolm Gater, JW, 1 Tufts Rd, Belfast 04915-7513
Frederick H. Carter Jr., Sec., PO Box 209, Morrill 04952-0209
District No. 8 Dark - July, August Election, November

**FELICITY LODGE NO. 19, Bucksport First Monday
1549***

Corey J. Bouton, WM, 12 Drakes Ln, Bucksport 04416-4212
William M. Hatch, SW, PO Box 37, Bucksport 04416-0037
Daniel R. Holcomb, JW, PO Box 206, Bucksport 04416-0206
Christopher P. Connor, Sec., PO Box 1675, Bucksport 04416-1675
District No. 4 Dark - July, August Election, December

**FORT KENT LODGE NO. 209, Fort Kent First Wednesday
1793***

Gary A. Stevens, WM., 73 Third Ave., Fort Kent 04743-1014
Peter J. Clavette, SW, 93 Dionne St, Madawaska 04756-1394
Harold Jackson, JW, 34 Maple St, Fort Kent 04743-1416
Raymond R. Phinney, Sec., 5 Audibert St, Fort Kent 04743
District No. 1 Dark - July, August Election, December

**FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 123, New Sharon Second Friday
1794***

David A. Holt, WM, 572 Mercer Rd, New Sharon 04955-3335

Roger L. Smith, SW, PO Box 65, New Sharon 04955-0065

Charles E. Allison, JW, PO Box 91, New Sharon 04955-0091

Alfred L. Griswold, Sec., 226 Mile Hill Rd., New Sharon 04955-3531

District No. 15 Dark - July, August Election, January

**FRATERNAL LODGE NO. 55, Alfred Third Wednesday
1550***

Nicholas A. Georges, WM., 572 Newfield Rd., Shapleigh 04076-3106

Steven J. Ravesi, SW, 36B Charles St., Sanford 04073-3739

Harold A. Jamieson Sr., JW, 487 Federal St., Waterboro 04087-3224

Earland H. Morrison, Sec., PO Box 82, Alfred 04002-0082

District No. 19 Dark - July, August Election, May

**FREEDOM LODGE NO. 42, Limerick Fourth Wednesday
1551***

Chad M. Humphrey, WM, 21 Brookside Dr., East Waterboro 04030-5616

Mark T. Grant, SW, 10 Squaretail Rd., Shapleigh 04076-3132

Christopher F. Nickerson, JW, 346 Kennard Hill Rd., Porter 04068-3130

Timothy V. Bushey, Sec., 54 Island Way, Limerick 04048-4053

District No. 18 Dark - July, August Election, December

**FREEPORT LODGE NO. 23, Freeport First Monday
5515***

Alan C. Hindley, WM, 109 Wardtown Rd., Freeport 04032-6846

Peter E. Cutler, Jr., SW., 59 Beech Hill Rd., Freeport 04032-6761

Keith A. Barlow, JW, 9 Amys Way, West Gardiner 04345-3255

Kevin P. Manter, Sec., 11 Grant Rd., Freeport 04032-6861

District No. 14 Dark - July, August Election, December

**GOV. WM. KING LODGE NO. 219, Scarborough Second Thursday
1555***

Tyler J. Palmer, WM., 117 Virginia St., Portland 04103

John F. Gallant, SW, 119 Quincy Dr., Gorham 04038-1994

Guy J. Duprey, JW, PO Box 10702, Portland 04104-6102

Jeremy M. Shaw, Sec., 81 Northwood Dr., Windham 04062

District No. 17 Dark - July, August Election, January

**GRANITE LODGE NO. 182, West Paris First Monday
1553***

Michael A. Lowe, WM., 268 Gore Rd., Bryant Pond 04219-6102

Dannie D. Abbott, SW, 22 Benson Hill Rd, West Paris 04289-5515

Freeland C. Witham, JW, 20 Ball Brook Rd, Greene 04236-3203

Gary D. Young, Sec., 43 Butter Hill Rd, Livermore 04253-4207**District No. 20**

Dark - July, August Election, December

**GREENLEAF LODGE NO. 117, Cornish Second Wednesday
1554***

Eric Durgin, WM, PO Box 270, Hiram 04041-0270
 Edwin J. Lord, SW, 44 Dam Rd, Porter 04068-3116
 Al Cannell, JW, 11 Asselyn Dr, Scarborough 04074-8966
 Michael R. Singleton, Sec., PO Box 245, Parsonsfield 04047-0245
District No. 18 Dark – Jan., Feb., March Election, December

**HARMONY LODGE NO. 38, Gorham First Wednesday
 1557***

Timothy V. Bushey, WM, 54 Island Way, Limerick 04048-4053
 Daniel Verrill, SW, 732 Sebago Lake Rd, Gorham 04038
 Mark E. Madsen, JW, 244 Job Rd, Standish 04084-6524
 James E. Shaw Jr., Sec., 23 Donna St., Gorham 04038-1102
District No. 17 Dark – any 2 mos. by vote Election January

**HARWOOD LODGE NO. 91, Machias First Monday
 1795***

Bruce F. Look, WM., PO Box 38, Jonesboro 04648-0038
 Forrest J. Robbins, SW, 11 Smithfield Dr., Machias 04654-3416
 Scott M. Hanscom, JW, 481 Roque Bluffs Rd., Roque Bluffs 04654-3004
 Ernest J. Atkinson, Sec., 202 Ridge Rd., Marshfield 04654-5122
District No. 3 Dark 2 mos. by vote at Annual Mtg. Election December

**HERMON LODGE NO. 32, Litchfield First Tuesday
 1558***

Todd Lester, WM, 524 Main St. Apt 4, Lewiston 04240-6262
 Joseph L. Adkins, SW, 96 Larry Dr., Monmouth 04259-6504
 Joseph R. Hersom, JW, 16 Woodland Dr, West Gardiner 04345-3352
 Mark E. Mansir, Sec., PO Box 207, South Gardiner 04359-0247
District No. 11 Dark - July, August Election, January

**HIRAM LODGE NO. 180, South Portland Second Tuesday
 1559***

Thomas S. Hill, WM, 53 Cliff Ave., Cape Elizabeth 04107-5012
 John E. Fairweather, SW, 12 Walnut St, South Portland 04106-3733
 Jonathan S. Cail, JW, 665 Saco St, Lot 192, Westbrook 04092-2055
 Leonard T. Darling, Sec., 15 Simmons Rd, South Portland 04106-6509
District No. 17 Dark - July, August Election, June

**HOREB LODGE NO. 93, Lincoln Second Tuesday
 1577***

Byron B. Sanderson, WM, 15 Mountainview Dr., Lincoln 04457-1164
 Mark B. Weatherbee, SW, PO Bos 36, Lincoln 04457-0036
 David A. Sandilands, JW, 210 Cedar Rst, Enfield 04493-4136
 Robert J. Anthony, Sec., 18 Mattanawcook St., Lincoln 04457-1107
District No. 24 Dark - July, August Election, September

**HOWARD LODGE NO. 69, Winterport Second Wednesday
1578***

Adam Beals, WM, 45 E. Coiley Rd., Old Town 04468-5634

Christopher W Day, SW, 227 7th St., Bangor 04401-5875

Joe B. Rollins, JW, 211 7th St, Bangor 04401-5952

Duane L. Young, Sr., Sec., 41 Webster Ave N, Bangor 04401-4520

District No. 6 Dark- June, July, August Election, December

**IRA BERRY LODGE NO. 128, Blue Hill Third Monday
1560***

Lewis M. Tapley, WM, PO Box 59, Blue Hill 04614-0059

David B. Rackliffe, SW, PO Box 393, Blue Hill 04614-0393

William D. Perkins Jr., JW, 20 Toddy Dr, Penobscot 04476

Dennis R. Rackliffe, Sec., PO Box 393, Blue Hill 04614-0393

District No. 4 Dark - July, August Election, October

**ISLAND LODGE NO. 89, Islesboro First Thursday
1561***

Mark V. Clayton, WM., 245 Melvin Heights Rd, Camden 04843-4355

Eric P. Knudsen, SW, PO Box 70, Islesboro 04848-0070

Stanley J. Makara Jr., JW, PO Box 180, Islesboro 04848-0180

Richard F. Cilley Jr., Sec., 1255 Meadow Pond Rd., Islesboro 04848-4029

District No. 7 Dark – Jan., Feb., March Election, October

**ISLAND FALLS LODGE NO. 206, Island Falls Third Wednesday
1579***

Jonathan P. Swallow, WM, 773 Dyer Brook Rd, Dyer Brook 04747-5008

Wade L. Slauenwhite, SW, 1186 Dyer Brook Rd, Dyer Brook 04747-5030

Garth A. Townsend, JW, PO Box 342, Island Falls 04747-0342

Lawrence R. Greenlaw, Sec., 160 Mission St, Oakfield 04763-3329

District No. 24 Dark - Jan., Feb., March Election, December

**JEFFERSON LODGE NO. 100, Bryant Pond Third Monday
1562***

James K. Grover, WM, 826 E Bethel Rd, Bethel 04217-5111

Vince Roberts, SW, 29 Cross St., Apt 10, Bethel 04217

Raymond S. Hakala, JW, 28 Phillips Rd, South Paris 04281-6404

Eldon C. Bartlett, Sec., 35 Hill St. Apt 24, South Paris 04281-1245

District No. 20 Dark – January, February Election, December

**JONESPORT LODGE NO. 188, Jonesport First Tuesday
1796***

Clifford F. Johnson, III, Master, PO Box 576, Jonesport 04649-0576

Robert W Alley Jr., SW, 162 Ridge Rd, Addison 04606-3008

Arlin W. Alley, JW, PO Box 354, Jonesport 04649-0354

Allan E. Alley, Sec., PO Box 354, Jonesport 04649-0354

District No. 3 Dark - July, August Election, January

**KATAHDIN LODGE NO. 98, Patten Third Thursday
1580***

Ronald Libby, WM., PO Box 96, Patten 04765-0096

Eric M. Pipes, SW, PO Box 447, Patten 04765-0447

Thomas B. Dube, JW, PO Box 285, Patten 04765-0285

Richard Hall, Jr., Sec., 1268 Shin Pond Rd., Mt. Chase 04765

District No. 24 Dark - January, February Election December

**KEMANKEAG LODGE NO. 213, Rangeley First Wednesday
1563***

William S. Keirstead, WM, PO Box 1055, Rangeley 04970-1055

Allen L. Plog, SW, PO Box 692, Rangeley 04970-0692

Bradley A. Kennett, JW, PO Box 708, Rangeley 04970-0708

William C. Hardt, Sr., Sec., PO Box 1188, Rangeley 04970-1188

District No. 15 Dark - July, August Election, December

**KENDUSKEAG LODGE NO. 137, Kenduskeag Last Wednesday
5533***

Donald K. Guillaume, WM, 1836 Pushaw Rd., Glenburn 04401-1701

Joseph A. Musinski, SW, 131 Potter Rd, Hudson 04449-3516

Randy L. Adams, JW, 89 Lake Rd, Levant 04456-4528

Stewart A. Harvey, Sec., PO Box 226, Kenduskeag 04450-0226

District No. 6 Dark - June, July, August Election, October

**KENNEBEC LODGE NO. 5, Hallowell Second Wednesday
1564***

Michael A. LaPlante, WM, 20 Roberta St., Farmingdale 04344-1628

Robert C. Brown, SW 19 Chestnut St., Gardiner 04345-2017

Robert Randall, JW, 257 Winthrop St. Hallowell 04347-3019

Donald A. Smith, Sec., 15 Beech St., Farmingdale 04344-1603

District No. 11 Dark – January, February Election, March

**KEYSTONE LODGE NO. 80, Solon Third Wednesday
1565***

William B. Shaw, WM, PO Box 642, Bingham 04920-0642

Sean J. Fluett, SW, 54 Lower Mills Rd, Madison 04950-3435

Steven L. Steward, JW, PO Box 212, Bingham 04920-0212

Dana E. Hall, Sec., 245 French Hill Rd., Solon 04979-3115

District No. 13 Dark – 2 consec. Mo. By vote Election, January

**KING DAVID'S LODGE NO. 62, Lincolnville First Tuesday
(Sec. Tues. if First is holiday or G.L.) 1566***

Walter Guinon, WM., 3 S Cobbtown Rd., Lincolnville 04849-5129

Joseph Corrado, SW, 31 Beach Rd., Lincolnville 04849-5400

Seth E. Slevertson, JW, PO Box 75, Rockport 04856-0075

David H. Kirkham, Sec., 75 Thurlow R., Lincolnville 04849-5730

District No. 7 Dark - July, August Election, October

**KING HIRAM LODGE NO. 57, Dixfield Second Tuesday
1567***

Lauren A. Hebert, WM., PO Box 220, Dixfield 04224-0220

David Saphier, SW, 12 Duntile St., Mexico 04257-1802

Shawn E. MacFarlane, JW, 30 Newton Ave., Dixfield 04224-9518

Bernard A. Frost, Sec., 28 Lacroix Rd., Peru 04290-3208

District No. 20 Dark - Jan. Feb. Mar. Election, December

**KING SOLOMON'S LODGE NO. 61, Waldoboro Second Monday
1568***

Alfred T. McKay, Sr., WM., 1001 Winslows Mills Rd., Waldoboro 04572-5922

William A. Dail, SW, PO Box 24, Waldoboro 04572-0024

Louis F. Abbotoni, JW, PO Box 658, Damariscotta 04543-0658

William E. Maxwell, Sec., 899 N. Nobleboro Rd., Waldoboro 04572-5611

District No. 9 Dark - July, August Election December

**KNOX LODGE NO. 189, South Thomaston Second Monday
1569***

Jeffrey L. Cushman, WM, 261 Buttermilk Ln., South Thomaston 04858-3001

Russell J. Fish, SW, 34 Admontem Ave, Rockland 04841-3002

William A. Oliver, Jr., JW, PO Box 46 South Thomaston 04858-0046

Kenneth S. Allen, Sr., Sec., PO Box E, Rockland 04841-0737

District No. Dark - July, August Election, January

**LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 48, Readfield First Thursday
1570***

Charles E. Colegrove, WM., 317 Pond Rd., Manchester 04351-3608

Charles M. Bonney, SW, PO Box 175, Wayne 04284-0175

David J. Quist, JW, PO Box 188, Manchester 04351-0188

John E. Lord, Jr., Sec., 431 Main Street, Readfield 04355-3103

District No. 11 Dark - July, August Election, December

**LEBANON LODGE NO. 116, Norridgewock First Friday
1571***

Gary E. Foss, MW, 674 Rome Rd., Rome 04963

Gary B. Bulmer, SW, 830 Village Rd., Smithfield 04978-3436

Brian S. Campbell, JW, PO Box 465, Norridgewock 04957-0465

Robert J. Farmer, Sec., PO Box 157, Norridgewock 04957-0157

District No. 13 Dark - July, August Election, September

LEWY'S ISLAND LODGE NO. 138, Princeton Last Wednesday

1797*

Bruce R. Stevens, WM., 29 The Hideaway Ln., Princeton 04668
 Norris H. Kneeland, SW, 93 Palm St., Woodland Washington County 04694-3504
 Tyson G. Seeley, JW, PO Box 976, Baileyville 04694-0976
 Harland S. Hitchings, Sec., PO Box 145, Princeton 04668-0145
District No. 2 Dark – January, February Election, November

LIBERTY LODGE NO. 111, Liberty Third Thursday
1572*

James W. Marple, WM., 22 Highland Dr, Liberty 04949-3221
 James M. Sheperd, SW, 39 Belfast Augusta Rd., Liberty 04949-3101
 Michael J. Azevedo, Sr., JW, 46 Stone Oak Dr., Randolph 04346-5434
 William A. Bachelder, Sec., 215 Stevens Pond Rd., Liberty 04949
District No. 8 Dark - July, August Election, January

LIMESTONE LODGE NO. 214, Limestone Second Tuesday
1573*

Randall A. Hopkins, WM, 503 Noyes Rd., Limestone 04570-6523
 Nicholas A. Poitras, SW, 1 Lane Terrace St., Limestone 04750-1207
 Aaron M. Giberson, JW, 140 Main St, Fort Fairfield 04742-1220
 Michael G. Lambert, Sec., 1075 N Chester Rd, Chester 04457-5733
District No. 1 Dark - July, August Election, December

LINCOLN LODGE NO. 3, Wiscasset Thurs. on-or before full moon
1574*

Michael J. Williams, WM, 666 Mountain Rd., Woolwich, 04579-4741
 Ryan T. Demeny, SW, 10 Ready Point Rd, Wiscasset 04578-4928
 Jeffrey H. Averill, JW, 531 W. Alna Road, Alna 04535-3822
 Karl Olson, Sec., 147 Bradford Rd., Wiscasset 04578-4458
District No. 10 Dark - July, August Election, December

LYGONIA LODGE NO. 40, Ellsworth First Thursday
1575*

George Schatz, WM, 75 Grand View Rd, Ellsworth 04605-2524
 Kurt R. Gray, SW, 42 Getchell Rd., Clifton 04428-6033
 Scott M. Edgerly II, JW, 327 Morgan Bay Rd, Surry 04684-3614
 Gary Haslam, Sec., PO Box 71, Bucksport 04416-0071
District No. 21 Dark July, August Election, January

LYNDE LODGE NO. 174, Hermon Third Thursday
1576*

Theodore R. McLeod, WM, Jr., PO Box 6150, Bangor 04402-6150
 Tom G. Vanchieri, SW, 984 Main Rd., Eddington 04428
 Richard H. Spreng, JW, 141 Bog Rd, Hampden 04444
 Audie Gould, Sec., 110 Annis Rd., Hermon 04401-0508
District No. 6 Dark - July, August Election, December

MAINE LODGE NO. 20, East Wilton**First Monday****1581***

Robert L. Smith, WM., 416 McCrillis Corner Rd., Wilton 04294-6805

Gerald W Gilman, SW, 141 Elm St., Mercer 04957-4413

Stephen M. Millett, JW PO Box 5232, North Jay 04262-5232

Ernest A. Lowell, Sec., 304 Middle St., Farmington 04938-6963

District No. 15**Dark - July, August****Election, December****MARINE LODGE NO. 122, Deer Isle****Second Monday****1582***

Robbie C. Gray, WM., 14 Dolphin Dr., Deer Isle 04627-4065

Frank Sadler, SW, 10 Pressey Village Rd., Deer Isle 04627

Vernon C. Seile, JW, 9 Burnt Cove Rd., Stonington 04681-3301

John C. Scott, Sec., PO Box 722, Deer Isle 04627-0722

District No. 4**Dark - Not Dark****Election, January****MARINERS' LODGE NO. 68, Searsport****First Tuesday****1583***

Darin D. Hersom, WM., 399 Nickerson Rd., Swanville 04915-4507

Ronald A. Cook, SW, PO Box 562, Searsport 04974-0562

Terry D. Cook, JW, 90 Back Searsport Rd., Searsport 04974-3525

Craig W Delano, Sec., 9 Marsh Stream Rd., Frankfort 04438-3211

District No. 8**Dark - July, August****Election, December****MARSH RIVER LODGE NO. 102, Brooks****Second Thursday****1584***

Michael P. Murphy, WM., 309 Moosehead Trail, Jackson 04921

Raymond E. Quimby, Jr., SW, 21 Quimby Rd., Brooks 04921

Daniel I. Dolloff, JW, 175 Pattee Rd., Monroe 04951-3308

Gregory W. Parks, Sec., 1 Brigadier Ln., Searsport 04974-3566

District No. 8**Dark - June, July, Aug.****Election, January****MECHANICS LODGE NO. 66, Orono First****Wednesday****1585***

Barry A. Bennett, WM, PO Box 64, Stillwater 04489-0064

Robert J. Smith, SW, PO Box 278, Bradley 0411-0278

Robert H. Gillahan, JW, 18 Riverview Rd, Hampden 04444-1729

Jeffrey K. Ellis, Sec., PO Box 64, Stillwater 04489-0064

District No. 6**Dark - July, August****Election, December****MEDUNCOOK LODGE NO. 211, Friendship****First Monday****1586***

Blaine Davis, WM, 331 Cushing Rd, Friendship 04547-4129

Doyle R. Simmons, SW, 16 Lake Ave., Rockland 04841-5702

George R. Simmons, Jr., JW, 11 Cushing Rd., Cushing 04563-3113

John W Black, Sec., 501 Union Rd., Waldoboro 04572-5823

District No. 9 Dark - July, August Election, January

**MERIDIAN LODGE NO. 125, Pittsfield Fourth Tuesday
1587***

Kenton M. Littlefield, WM., 71 Hartland Ave., Pittsfield 04967-1131

Michael D. Lynch, SW, PO Box 288, Pittsfield 04967-0288

Kirk J. Fitts, JW, 371 Ell Hill Rd, Palmyra 04965-4013

Lewis R. Fitts, III, Sec., 32 Michaud Rd., Palmyra 04965-4013

District No. 22 Dark - July, August Election, December

**MERIDIAN SPLENDOR LODGE NO. 49, Newport First Thursday
1588***

Jason D. Metivier, WM, 164 County Woods Rd., Newport 04953-3914

Doug Brockway, SW, 15 Pine St, Newport 04953-3327

Jon P. Lessor, JW, 26 Hill Ave, Newport 04953

Roger S. Carr, Sec., PO Box 94, Newport 04953-0094

District No. 22 Dark - July, August Election, December

**MESSALONSKEE LODGE NO. 113, Oakland Third Tuesday
1589***

Jake Hall, Wm, 3635 Middle Rd, Sidney 04330-2423

Stephen G. Craig, SW, 82 Lakeview Dr., Oakland 04963-4616

Travis W. Wood, JW, 64 Pleasant St, Oakland 04963-5012

Dana W Wrigley, Sec., 453 Fairfield St., Oakland 04963-5206

District No. 12 Dark - 3 consec. Mo by vote Election, December

**MOLUNKUS LODGE NO. 165, Sherman Mills Third Tuesday
1590***

Alan V. Bouchard, WM, 885 Silver Ridge Rd, Silver Ridge Twp 04476-4006

Roger W Bouchard, SW, 3 Bushwack Dr, Sherman 04776-3337

Wayne E. Guiggey, JW, 68 North St., Sherman 04776-3037

Alan V. Bouchard, Sec, 885 Silver Ridge Rd, Silver Ridge Twp 04476-4006

District No. 24 Dark - January, February Election, September

**MONMOUTH LODGE NO. 110, Monmouth Second Monday
1804***

Thomas G. Allen, WM., 806 Main St., Monmouth 04259-7015

Joseph R. Saunders, SW, PO Box 67, Monmouth 04259-067

William M. Layman, JW, 21 Edward St., Augusta 04330-8133

David A. Walker, Sec., PO Box 182, Monmouth 04259-0182

District No. 11 Dark - July, August Election, December

**MONUMENT LODGE NO. 96, Houlton Second Wednesday
1591***

Jody D. Anderson, WM., 24 Mill St., Houlton 04730-1879

Thomas A. McAfee, SW, PO Box 472, Houlton 04730-0472

David E. Rairdon, JW, 1028 County Rd, New Limerick 04761-6004

Lee D. Oliver, Sec., 770 Hodgdon Mills Rd., Linneus 04730-4627

District No. 1 Dark June, July, Aug. Election, January

**MORNING STAR LODGE NO. 41, Litchfield Third Tuesday
1592***

Robert R. Haigh, JW, 770 Huntington Hill Rd., Litchfield 04350-3715

Matthew P. Ouellette, SW, 313 Blue Rd, Monmouth 04259-6914

Charles J. Izzi Jr., JW, 80 Belmont Ave, Randolph 04346-5114

Ernest R. Keene, Sec., 169 Plains Rd., Litchfield 04350-4027

District No. 11 Dark - July, August Election, January

**MOSAIC LODGE NO. 52, Dover-Foxcroft Third Thursday
1593***

Christopher C. Russell, WM, 843 Bear Hill Rd., Dover Foxcroft 04426-3321

Thomas R. Boone, SW, 40 Weston Rd, Dover Foxcroft 04426-3814

Scott C. Catell, JW, 271 Norton Hill Rd, Dover Foxcroft 04426-3106

Thomas R. Boone, Sec, 40 Weston Rd, Dover Foxcroft 04426-3814

District No. 5 Dark - July, August Election, December

**MOSES WEBSTER LODGE NO. 145, Vinalhaven Second Tuesday
1594***

Joseph A. Bickford, WM., PO Box 146, Vinalhaven 04863-0146

Russell L. Oakes, SW, PO Box 167, Vinalhaven 04863-0167

Gregory A. Hopkins, JW, 54 York Rd., Vinalhaven 04863-3627

Dana M. Barton, Sec., PO Box 382, Vinalhaven 04863-0382

District No. 9 Dark - July Election, November

**MOUNT ABRAM LODGE NO. 204, Kingfield First Thursday
1595***

Darren D. Maxsimic, WM., PO Box 100, Kingfield 04947-0100

John D. Maynard, SW, 41 Old Kingfield Rd., New Portland 04961-3639

Wesley J. Moody, JW, 115 Reed Rd, Salem Twp 04983-4231

Wade M. Browne, Sec., 30 Olde Parkway Rd., Kingfield 04947-4264

District No. 15 Dark - July, August Election, November

**MOUNT BIGELOW LODGE NO. 202, Stratton First Tuesday
1596***

Emerson L. Dyer, Jr., WM., PO Box 68, Eustis 04936-0068

Peter Farnsworth, SW, PO Box 398, Stratton 04936-0136

John G. Dube, JW, PO Box 570, Stratton 04982-0570

Kenny R. Wing, Sec., PO Box 35, Eustis 04936-0035

District No. 15 Dark - January, February Election, April

**MT DESERT LODGE NO. 140, Mount Desert Third Monday
1597***

Barry L. Thomas, WM, 4 Beech Hill Rd, Mount Desert 04660-6208

Allen H. Stevens, SW, 989 US Hwy 1, Hancock 04640-6208

William H. Reiff, JW, 1113 Main St,

Robert E. Power, Sr., Sec., 46 Kitty Ln., Bernard 04612-3655

District No. 21 Dark - July, August Election, December

**MOUNT KINEO LODGE NO. 109, Guilford Second Wednesday
1598***

Charles E. Libby, Wm, 847 State Hwy 150, Parkman 04443-3202

Herbert B. Libby, SW, 160 Main Rd, Abbot 04406-3611

Chad L. Cotta, JW, 284 E Main St, Dover Foxcroft 04426-1243

Robert C. Wilson, Sec., PO Box 121, Monson 04464-0121

District No. 5 Dark - July, August Election, December

**MOUNT MORIAH LODGE NO. 56, Brownfield Third Wednesday
1638***

Shaun M. Fogg, WM., PO Box 646, Center Conway NH 03813-0646

Steve Robinson, SW, 108 Shepherds River Rd., Brownfield 04010-4119

Bruce A. Scrimger, JW, 36 Thurston Rd, Brownfield 04010-4309

Lewis M. Bartlett, Sec., 80 Thurston Rd, Brownfield 04010-4309

District No. 16 Dark - January, February Election, December

**MT OLIVET LODGE NO. 203, Washington Second Thursday
1599***

Judson W Butterman, WM, 73 Old Union Rd., Washington 04574

Edgar G. Moody, SW, PO Box 114, Union 04862-0114

Paul C. Barnes, JW, 36 American Way, Washington 04574-3458

Donald L. Grinnell, Sec., 74 Liberty Rd., Washington 04574-3801

District No. 7 Dark – January, February Election, December

**MOUNT TIR'EM LODGE NO. 132, Waterford Tues on or before full moon
1600***

Peter F. Morse, WM, PO Box 48, Waterford 04088-0048

Lloyd W Sweetser, SW, 54 Annis Rd, Bethel 04217-3422

Walter D. Towle Jr., JW, 50 Lewis Ln, Porter 04068-3724

Frederic R. Engdahl, Sec., PO Box 48, Waterford 04088-0048

District No. 16 Dark any 2 mo. by vote Election, December

**MYSTIC LODGE NO. 65, Hampden Third Tuesday
1601***

Kevin Kirkbride, WM, 2922 Rte 2, Hermon 04401-0228

Jacob P. Spinney, SW, 1077 Main St., Corinth 04427-3639
 Gaylen L. Jones, JW, 55 Aarons Way, Hampden 04444-1041
 David Higgins, Sec., 134 Old County Road, Hampden, 04444

District No. 6 Dark – June, July, August Election, December

MYSTIC TIE LODGE NO. 154, Weld Third Wednesday (Sec. Wed. in Sept.)

Scott A. Sawyer, WM, 283 School St, Weld 04285-3202
 Travis E. Pratt, SW, 823 Phillips Rd, Weld 04285-3032
 Michael D. Pratt, JW, 225 Center Hill Rd, Weld 04285-3215
 Kurtis E. Moody, Sec., 21 Applewood Dr., Wilton 04294-4817

District No. 15 Dark - July, August Election, December

**NARRAGUAGUS LODGE NO. 88, Cherryfield First Tuesday
1805***

Jerry McLean, WM, 101 Stillwater Rd., Cherryfield 04622
 Dennis Babiarz, SW, PO Box 390, Cherryfield 04622-0390
 Richard L. Greeno, JW, 609 Port Rd, Machiasport 04655
 Jamie L. Robbins, Sec., 333 Marshville Rd., Harrington 04643-3608

District No. 3 Dark - July, August Election, January

**NASKEAG LODGE NO. 171, Brooklin First Wednesday
1603***

William N. Fuller, WM., PO Box 177, Brooklin 04616-0177
 Peter W Atherton, SW, 734 Sedgwick Ridge Rd., Sedgwick 04676
 Arnold L. Staples, II, JW, 31 Old County Rd, Brooklin 04616
 Michael P. Allen Jr., Sec., PO Box 23, Brooklin 04616-0023

District No. 4 Dark - July, August Election, January

**NAVAL LODGE NO. 184, Kittery First Wednesday
2289***

Mark A. Giovannettone, WM, 588 Main St., Eliot 03903-2292
 Ryan M. Lent, SW, PO Box 497, Moody 04054-0497
 John K. Budlong, JW, 30 Beech Rd, Eliot 03903-1919
 Mark S. Zimmerman, Sec., 148 Beech Ridge Rd., Eliot 03903-1655

District No. 19 Dark - July, August Election, December

**NEZINSCOT LODGE NO. 101, Turner First Tuesday
1605***

Kevin R. Grover, WM, 24 Tucker Rd., Livermore Falls 04254-46118
 Peter Theriault, SW, 1754 Federal Rd, Livermore 04253-4248
 Jonathan R. Murray, JW, 72 General Turner Hill Rd, Turner 04282-3708
 Danny L. Ward, Sec., 549 N Parish Rd, Turner 04282-3220

District No. 23 Dark - July, August Election, January

**NOLLESEMIC LODGE NO. 205, Millinocket Second Thursday
1606***

Mark D. Pelkey, WM, 40 Spruce St., East Millinocket 04430-1136

Michael J. Murphy, SW, 121 Forest Ave, Millinocket 04462-1947
David R. Duplisea, JW, 308 Massachusetts Ave., E. Millinocket 04462-2241
Harold Birt, Sec., 47 Beech St., E. Millinocket 04430

District No. 24 Dark - July, June, August Election, October

NORTHEAST HARBOR LODGE NO. 208, Northeast Harbor
Second Tuesday
1607*

James A. Nolan, WM, PO Box 294, Northeast Harbor 04662-0294
Michael D. Levesque, SW, PO Box 1504, Southwest Harbor 04679-1504
Chad Bucklin, JW, PO Box 752, Northeast Harbor 04662-0752
Norris M. Reddish, Sec., 21 Whitney Farm Rd, Mount Desert 04660-6300
District No. 21 Dark - July, June, August Election, December

**NORTHERN STAR LODGE NO. 28, North Anson Third Tuesday
1608***

James B. Bowman, WM, 7 Solon Rd, North Anson 04958-7612
 Ronald A. Moody, SW, 641 White School House Rd., Madison 04950-3205
 Marc A. Leslie, JW, PO Box 235, Madison 04950-0235
 Robert A. Dunphy, Sec., 201 Kennebec River Rd, Embden 04958
District No. 13 Dark - July, August Election, December

**OCEAN LODGE NO. 142, Wells Wed. on or before full moon
1806***

Jake Wiggin, WM., 989 Bald Hill Rd., Wells 04090
 Seth A. Goodale, SW, PO Box 923, Wells 04090-0923
 Alan K. Martin, JW, 27 Mt. Zion Way, Wells 04090-6838
 Timothy J. Yates, Sec., 166 Cheney Woods Rd., Wells 04090-7201
District No. 19 Dark - July, August Election, December

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE NO. 124, Charleston **Second Thursday**
1609*

Paul S. Wickett, WM., 354 Storer Rd., Bradford 04410-3512
Michael D. Smith, Jr., SW, 20 Oscar Dr., Corinth 04427-3629
Chadwick Crooker, JW, 17 Hudson Rd, Corinth 04427
Norman E. Patterson, Sec., 95 Ridge Rd, Corinth 04427-0116
District No 6 Dark – Dec. Jan. . Election, November

ORCHARD LODGE NO. 215, Old Orchard Beach Third Wednesday
2290*

Lewis E. Gordon Jr., WM, 21 Smithwheel Rd., Old Orchard Beach 04064-1009
 Jeremy M. McGrath., SW, 8 Grant St., Saco 04072-2030
 Michael J. Johnson, JW, 8 Grant St, Saco 04072-2030
 Eric S. Pooler, Sec., 54 Acadian Ln., Buxton 04093
District No. 18 Dark - July, August Election, December

ORIENT LODGE NO. 15, Thomaston**First Tuesday****1610***

Gary E. Beam, WM, 1460 Atlantic Hwy, Warren 04864-4316

Steven J. Gibbons, SW, 100 Molyneaux Rd, Camden 04843

Daniel J. Russell, JW, 93 Hall Ln, Appleton 04862-6469

Brian S. Messing, Sec., 63 Summer St., Rockland 04841-2919

District No. 9**Dark - July, August****Election, January****ORIENTAL LODGE NO. 13, Bridgton****Fourth Wednesday****(Third Wed. if Thanksgiving Eve)****1611***

Michael S. Gavett, WM, 104 Oak St, Apt #2, Bridgton 04009

Marcus S. Gavett, SW, 8 Mackeys Landing Rd., Bridgton 04009

Matthew S. Gavett, JW, PO Box 890, Conway NH 03818-0890

Ronald W. Bell, Sec, 147 Cooks Mill Rd, Naples, 04055-5121

District No. 16**Dark - July, August****Election, December****ORIENTAL STAR LODGE NO. 21, Livermore Falls Third Wednesday****1612***

Gary L. Labbe, WM, 6 Spirit Way, Weld 04285

Leslie C. Boothby, SW., 363 Boothby Rd., Livermore 04253-4007

Kurt D. Hawes, JW, 209 Franklin Rd, Jay 04239-4736

Gerry A. Page, Sec., 12 Skyline Dr., Jay 04239-5026

District No. 20**Dark Any 3 consec. Mo. by vote****Election, November****OXFORD LODGE NO. 18, Norway****Fourth Monday****2291***

Stephen F. Hazelton, WM, 123 Rabbit Valley Rd., Jay 04239-5026

Tyler S. Knightly, SW, 23 Mefford Ln., South Paris 04281-6364

Richard S. Clough, JW, 122 Ralph Richardson Rd, Norway 04268-5049

Ronald S. Raymond, Sec., PO Box 401, Oxford 04270-0401

District No. 16**Dark - July, August****Election, November****PACIFIC LODGE NO. 64, Exeter****Third Wednesday****1613***

Wyatt O. Sylvester, WM., 1755 Exeter Rd., Exeter 04435-3213

Shawn S. Colbath, SW, 195 Cider Hill Rd., Exeter 04435-3030

William B. Pearsall Jr., JW, 47 Holts Mills Rd., Garland 04939-4445

Robert C. Wetzler Jr., Sec., 1730 Exeter Rd., Exeter 04435-3215

District No. 22 Dark – January, February**Election, December****PARIAN LODGE NO. 160, Corinna****Second Tuesday****1614***

Jason D. Metivier, WM., 164 County Woods Rd., Newport 04953-3914
 John A. Somes, SW, 85 Hatcase Pond Rd., Eddington 04428-3420
 Jason E. Paradis, JW, PO Box 216, Corinna 04928-0216
 Marvin F. Lister, Sec., PO Box 321, Corinna 04928-0321

District No. 22 Dark - July, August Election, December

PARIS LODGE NO. 94, South Paris Third Tuesday
1615*

Hartley H. Mowatt, Jr., WM, 89 Pine St., South Paris 04081-1519
 Stephen P. Cobbett, SW, 14 Sunrise Dr., South Paris 04281-6573
 Hartley H. Mowatt, Jr., JW, 89 Pine St., South Paris 04081-1519
 Neil E. Sampson, Sec., PO Box 508, Norway 04268-0508

District No. 16 Dark - July, August Election, December

PENOBSCOT LODGE NO. 39, Dexter First Wednesday
1616*

Timothy A. Briggs, WM, 39 Crawford Rd, Dexter 04930-2005
 Paul P. Mosley, SW, PO Box 352, Sangerville 04479-0352
 Harold W. Clover III, JW, 41 Highland Ave, Dexter 04930-1110
 David P. Mosley, Sec., 35 Pine St., Dexter 04930-1126

District No. 5 Dark – January, February Election, December

PINE TREE LODGE NO. 172, Mattawamkeag Second Monday
1617*

Wesley W. Foss, WM, PO Box 257, Mattawamkeag 04459-0257
 Eugene C. Laporte, SW, PO Box 262, Medway 04460-4016
 John E. Furlotte, JW, 1 Oak Park Mnr, East Millinocket 04430-1225
 John E. Burleigh, Sr., Sec., PO Box 71, Medway 04460-0071

District No. 24 Dark - July, August Election, October

PIONEER LODGE NO. 72, Ashland Second Wednesday
1618*
1618*

Kenneth E. White, WM., 956 Mapleton Rd., Mapleton 04757-4509
 Christopher A. Bessey, SW, PO Box 856, Ashland 04732-0856
 James E. Ball, JW, PO Box 751, Ashland 04732-0751
 David J. Basley, Sec., PO Box 517, Ashland 04732-0517

District No. 1 Dark - July, August Election, December

PISCATAQUIS LODGE NO. 44, Milo Second Friday
1619*

Keith R. DeWitt, WM., 1152 Medford Ctr. Rd., Medford 04463-6208
 David J. Pullen, SW, 129 Little Boyd Lake Rd., Orneville TWP 04463-3309
 Neil MacLean, JW, PO Box 723., Brownville 04414-0723

George M. A. Macdougall, Sec., 1 Davis Rd., Fairfield 04937-3223
District No. 5 Dark - January, February Election, December

**PLEASANT RIVER LODGE NO. 163, Brownville Third Monday
 1621***

Jeffrey H. Hamlin, WM, 248 Main Rd, Brownville 04414-3108
 Neil MacLean, SW, PO Box 723., Brownville 04414-0723
 Glendon A. Arnold, JW, 85 Townhouse Rd, Kenduskeag 04450-3235
 Dennis W Green, Sec., PO Box 651, Brownville 04414-0651
District No. 5 Dark - July, August Election, November

**PLEIADES LODGE NO. 173, Milbridge First Monday
 1816***

Brian R. Strout, WM, PO Box 582, Milbridge 04658-0582
 William H. Whitlock Jr., SW., 753 Kennedy Hwy, Milbridge 04658-3001
 William A. Bartlett, JW, 183 Ridge Rd, Cherryfield 04622-4016
 Richard E. Davis Jr., Sec., 475 Willey District Rd, Cherryfield 04622
District No. 3 Dark - July, August Election, January

**POWNAI LODGE NO. 119, Stockton Springs First Wednesday
 1624***

Nathaniel P. Boehmer, WM., 796 Beach Rd., Lincolnville 04849-5717
 Christopher Capponi, SW, 322 W Main St., Searsport 04974
 Bryan K. Lewis, JW, 7 Alderwood Dr., Winterport 04496-4044
 Stuart T. Bartlett, Sec., 411 Muskrat Farm Rd, Stockton Springs 04981-4233
District No. 8 Dark - July, August Election, January

**PREBLE LODGE NO. 143, Sanford First Wednesday
 1625***

Riley D. Greenwood, WM, 118 Mount Hope Rd, Sanford 04073-5020
 David L. Bianchi, SW, 191 Westview Dr., Sanford 04073-4213
 Kevin P. O'Malley, JW, 157 Alfred St, Unit #4, Biddeford 04005
 Curtiss F. Kimball, Sec., 123 Pleasant St., Springvale 04083-1204
District No. 19 Dark - July, August Election, June

**PRESUMPCOT LODGE NO. 70, Windham Second Monday
 2292***

William H. Littlefield, WM, 103A County Rd., Gorham 04038-1916
 Arthur M. Spink, SW, 270 N Gorham Rd, Gorham 04038-2482
 Bruce M. Knowlton, JW, 15 Cole Hill Rd, Standish 04048-5633
 A. James Ross, Sec., 137 Albion Rd., Windham 04062-4503
District No. 17 Dark - July, August Election, December

PYTHAGOREAN LODGE NO. 11, Fryeburg Third Monday

1626*

John A. Charles, WM, 57 Smith St, Fryeburg 04037-1138
 Eric A. Bloomberg, SW, 154 Menotomy Rd., Fryeburg 04037
 Charles H. Gilman, JW, 12 Green Hill Rd., Center Conway 03813-4025
 William L. Perry, Sec., 28 Upper Kimball Rd., Chatham 03813-5522
District No. 16 Dark - July, August Election, December

QUANTABACOOK LODGE NO. 129, Searsmont Third Wednesday
1627*

Jack L. Degraff, WM, PO Box 177, Searsmont 04937-0177
 Scott Jackson, SW, 406 S. Mountain Valley Hwy., Montville 04941-4314
 Jason G. Fuller, JW, PO Box 154, Searsmont 04937-0154
 William A. Bachelder, Sec., 215 Stevens Pond Rd., Liberty 04949-3706
District No. 7 Dark - January, February Election October

RABBONI LODGE NO. 150, Auburn Third Wednesday
1628*

Leonard D. Perkins, WM, 66 Marston St., Auburn 04210-4326
 Jeffrey M. Lapointe, SW, 66 Marston St., Auburn 04210-4326
 Shaun J. Carr, JW, 7 Whitney St, Lisbon 04250
 Kenneth L. Richardson, Sec., 21 Allen Ave., Lewiston 04240-4842
District No. 23 Dark - July, August Election, January

RALPH J. POLLARD LODGE NO. 217 Orrington First Thursday
1629*

Adam C. Vachon, WM, 445 N. Main St., Brewer 04412-1805
 Christopher L. Robinson, SW, 142 Elm St., Brewer 04412-1738
 Daniel R. Taylor, JW, 244 Hoxie Hill Rd, Orrington 04474-3721
 Fred S. Patterson, WM., 142 Elm St., Brewer 04412-1738
District No. 6 Dark - July, August Election, December

RISING STAR LODGE NO. 4, Penobscot Second Wednesday
1631*

David J. Drew, WM., 161 Southern Bay Rd., Penobscot 04476-3051
 Jonathan T. Allen, SW, 1788 Castine Rd., Penobscot 04476-4030
 Wallace E. Wardwell, JW, PO Box 147, Penobscot, 04476-0147
 Richard E. Robinson, Sec., PO Box 236, Castine, 04421-0236
District No. 4 Dark - July, August Election, December

RISING SUN LODGE NO. 71, Orland First Tuesday
1632*

Jason T. Craig, WM, 256 Jarvis Gore Dr., Eddington 04428-3408
 Brandon S. Gomm, SW, PO Box 1209, Holden 04429-1209
 Scott L. Bradford, JW, 1213 Otis Rd, Otis 04605

Eric W Stover, Sec., 796 Castine Rd., Orland 04472-3706

District No. 4 Dark - July, August Election, December

**RISING VIRTUE LODGE NO. 10, Bangor Last Tuesday
1633***

Gerald W. Martin, Jr., WM., 51 Boutelle Rd., Bangor 04401-5842

Chad E. Smith, SW., 39 Mainewood Ave., Orono 04473-3834

Derrick A. Robertson, JW, 71 Eaton Ridge Rd, Holden 04429-7260

Richard T. Davis, Sec., 201 Silver Rd., Bangor 04401-5831

District No. 6 Dark - June, July, August Election, December

**RIVERSIDE LODGE NO. 135, Jefferson First Wednesday
1634***

Allan R. Roberts, WM., PO Box 36, Damariscotta 04543-0036

Paul H. Huber II, SW, 45 Goose Hill Rd., Jefferson 04348-3821

Steve Flagg, JW, PO Box 6, Jefferson 04348-0006

Gerald W. Martin, Jr., Sec., 51 Boutelle Rd., Bangor 04401-5842

District No. 7 Dark - July, August Election, January

**RURAL LODGE NO. 53, Sidney Fourth Monday
1636***

Dale C. Blethen, WM, 3275 W. River Raod, Sidney, 04330-2542

Brandon W Keene, S W., 17 Fowler St., Augusta 04330-4403

Peter M. Johnson, JW, 16 Henrys Way, Augusta 04330-8067

Floyd L. Luce, Sec., 341 Lyons Rd., Sidney 04330-2518

District No. 11 Dark - July, August Election, November

**SACCARAPPA LODGE NO. 86, Westbrook First Monday
1650***

Stephen P. Laslie, WM, 129 Stetson Rd, Lewiston 04240-2509

Paul M. Laslie, SW, 18 Scott St., Portland 04102-2520

Eric S. Lowell, JW, 461 Bridge St, Westbrook 04092-3104

Robert E. Hoyt, Sec., 6 Alberta Dr., Westbrook 04092-3162

District No. 17 Dark – any two months Election, January

**SACO LODGE NO. 9, Saco First Wednesday
1637***

Dwayne F. Rembert, WM, 55 Hawthorne St., Portland 04103-5409

Gerald J. Ouellette, SW., 66 Berry Rd., Saco 04072-9780

Jonathan W. Maynard, JW, 6 Patriot Dr, Saco 04072-9369

Carl J. Marsano, Sec., 8 Plymouth Dr., Saco 04072-1734

District No. 18 Dark - July, August Election, January

SEASIDE LODGE NO. 144, Boothbay Harbor First Monday

(Sec. Mon. if holiday or town comm.. mtg)

Michael Leighton, WM., 179 Beath Rd., Boothbay 045.7-5028

Alex Vise, SW, 19 Eastern Ave., Boothbay Hbr 04538-1955

Peter W. Greenleaf, JW, 193 Sawyers Island Rd., Boothbay 04537-4015

Gary A. Tilton, Sec., PO Box 4, West Boothbay Harbor 04575-0041

District No. 10 Dark - July, Aug., Sept Election, December

**SEBASTICOOK LODGE NO. 146, Clinton Third Thursday
1643***

Michael Falla, WM., 201 Hostile Valley Rd., Palermo 04354-7336

Peter A. Stinson, SW, 1088 Hill Rd., Clinton 04927-3544

Dustin M. Palmer, JW, 33 Jordan Rd, Lewiston 04240-3544

Raymond G. Locke, Sec., PO Box 147, Clinton 04927-0147

District No. 12 Dark - July, August Election, October

**SEMINARY HILL DAYLIGHT LODGE NO. 220, Bangor
Second Monday**

Gerald S. Leighton, WM., 59 Ralphs Ln., Stetson 04488-3413

Edward L. King, SW., PO Box 816, Bangor 04402-0816

William H. Whitlock Jr., JW, 753 Kennedy Hwy, Milbridge 04658-3001

Stephen B. Hoekstra, Sec., 1002 Elm St, Newport 04953

District No. 6 Meets year-round Election, December

**SILOAM LODGE NO. 92, Fairfield First Thursday
1644***

Meon K. Stephenson, WM., PO Box 411, Fairfield 04937-0411

Kevin D. Madore, SW, 33 Elm St, Skowhegan 04976-1201

Eric L. Spaulding, JW, 712 Unity Rd, Benton 04901-3827

Norman R. Dickinson, Sec., 315 Norridgewock Rd., Fairfield 04937-3118

District No. 12 Dark - July, August Election, December

**SOLAR STAR LODGE NO. 14, Bath First Sunday First Monday
1645***

John A. Vigue, WM., 433 River Rd., Woolwich 04579-4205

Michael A. Blum, SW., 52 Corliss St., Bath 04530-1719

James C. Weber, JW, 7 Tide Mill Ln, Phippsburg 04562

Toby D. Williams, Sec., 72 Summer St., Lisbon Falls 04252-9574

District No. 14 Dark - July, August Election, January

**SOMERSET LODGE NO. 34, Skowhegan Second Monday
1646***

Erik S. Nielson, WM., 551 Eight Rod Rd., Waterville 04901-4418

Bryan T. Foley, SW, 302 Brook St., New Bedford MA 02745-5228

Thomas J. Greene, JW, 123 Main St., Skowhegan 04976-1162

Jeffrey R. Bowzer, Sec., PO Box 246, Canaan 04924-0246

District No. 13 Dark - July, August Election, December

**SPRINGVALE LODGE NO. 190, Springvale Second Tuesday
1647***

Harold S. Smith, WM., 655 E. Shore Dr., Acton 04001-5416

Brian M. Wallingford, SW., 3 Creamery Hill Rd., Lebanon 04027-3433

Shawn M. Rex, JW, 8 Shellie Ln, Berwick 03901

Richard C. Smith, Sec., 7 Raymond St, Sanford 04073

District No. 19 Dark - July, August Election, December

**ST. ANDREW'S LODGE NO. 83, Bangor Last Thursday
1639***

Roy G. Maynard, Jr., WM, 583 Blackstream Rd., Hermon 04401-0201

Brian H. Coltar, SW, 822 Stillwater Ave, Old Town 04468-2158

Darryl W. Lyon, JW, 88 Skyline Rd, Bangor 04401-2156

Benjamin J. Despres, Sec., 95 Frankfort Rd., Swanville 04915-4311

District No. 6 Dark - June, July, Aug. Election, December

**ST. ASPINQUID LODGE NO. 198, York Village First Tuesday
1807***

Robert A. Hoyt, WM, PO Box 476, Cape Neddick 03902-0476

Glenn S. Young, SW, 12 Gowen Ln, York 03909

James A. Bernard, JW, 242 York St, Apt 2, York 03909-1006

Walter E. Kyllonen, Sec., 8 Georgia St., York 03909-1301

District No. 19 Dark - July, August Election, June

**ST. CROIX LODGE NO. 46, Calais First Monday
1808***

Brian S. Marshall, WM, 9 Boardman St., Calais 04619-1003

Walter T. Parks, SW, 77 Swan St, Calais 04619-1422

Bruce R. Stevens, JW, 29 The Hideaway Ln, Princeton 04668

David G. Beckett, Sec., 77 Washington St., Calais 04619-1451

District No. 2 Dark - July, August Election, December

**ST. GEORGE LODGE NO. 16, Warren Third Monday
1640***

George L. Field, IV, WM, 2 Main St., Warren 04864-4296

Gary E. Beam, SW, 159 Montgomery Ave., Warren 04864-4139

Francis A. Davis, JW, 91 Moore Rd, Washington 04574-3249

Thomas L. Stevenson, Sec., 572 Waldoboro Rd., Jefferson 04348-3644

District No. 9 Dark - July, August Election, October

**ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 51, South Berwick Third Monday
1809***

Gregg E. Fowler, WM, 8 Nash Park Way, Somersworth NH03878-2245

Scott A. Kelley, SW, 44 Orrills Hill Rd, Lebanon 04027-3914

Harvey J. Barr, JW, 351 Emerys Bridge Rd., South Berwick 03908

William M. Young, Sec., 51 Hoopers Sands Rd., South Berwick 03908

District No. 19 Dark - July, August Election, October

**ST. PAUL'S LODGE NO. 82, Rockport Mon. on or before full moon
1641***

Anthony W Hutcheson, WM., 41 Annis Ln., Rockport 04856-5505

Steven J. Pixley, SW, 361 Hosmer Pond Rd., Camden 04843-4033

William C. Chapman, JW, 77 Pascal Ave., Rockport 04856-5915

Jeffrey W Sukeforth, Sec., 47 Rawson Ave., Camden 04843-1831

District No. 7 Dark - July, August Election, October

**STAR IN THE EAST LODGE NO. 60, Old Town Last Monday
1648***

Glenwood L. Sherman, Jr., WM., 886 Cardville Rd., Greenbush 04418

Charles H. Norburg, Jr., SW, PO Box 168, Milford 04461-0168

Nicholas Mitchell, JW, 7 Outback Rd, Hudson 04427

Chester H. Davis, Jr., Sec., 198 4Th St., Old Town 04468-1429

District No. 6 Dark - July, August Election, January

**STAR IN THE WEST LODGE NO. 85, Unity First Tuesday
1649***

Peter L. Quimby, WM, 55 Gordon Hill Rd., Thorndike 049861-3227

Frank E. Hatch, SW, PO Box 96, Dixmont 04932-0096

Melvin R. Moulton, JW, 436 Troy Rd, Detroit 04929

Leroy E. Stewart, Sec., 275 Ward Hill Rd., Unity 04988

District No. 12 Dark - January, February Election, December

**TEMPLE LODGE NO. 25, Winthrop Third Monday
1651***

Michael A. Squires, WM., 97 Second Ave., Augusta 04330

Bruce A. Farrington, SW, PO Box 14, North Turner 04266-0014

Joshua D. Hooper, JW, 52 Route 41, Winthrop 04364-3910

Dwight N. Hawkins, Sec., 367 Wilson Pond Rd, No. Monmouth 04265-6109

District No. 11 Dark - July, August Election, January

**TRANQUIL LODGE NO. 29, Auburn Second Wednesday
1653***

James H. Witham, WM, 94 Cottage Rd, Winthrop 04364-3931

Jay P. Poirier, SW, 18 Libby Ave, Lewiston 04240-5931

Derek W. Giasson, JW, 67 Poland Ave, Auburn 04210-4230

Warren S. Chase, Sec., 37 McArthur Ave., Lewiston 04240-5126

District No. 23 Dark - July, August Election, January

**TREMONT LODGE NO. 77, Southwest Harbor First Thursday
1654***

Andrew S. Mays, WM., PO Box 1176, Southwest Harbor 04679-1176
Daniel E. Bartlett, SW, 34 Cottage St, Hampden 04444-4521
Scott J. Alley, JW, PO Box 1458, Southwest Harbor 04679-1458
Maurice J. Marshall, Sec., 30 Coley Cove Rd., Lamoine 04605-4594
District No. 21 Dark - July, August Election, December

**TRIANGLE LODGE NO. 1 Portland Second Wednesday
1623***

Daniel J. McLellan, WM., 19 Scotland Rd., Windham 04062-4572
Jody J. Hersey, SW., 128 Ledge wood Dr., Falmouth 04105-1851
Thomas H. Fales, JW, 210 Eastern Promenade, Apt 3S, Portland 04101-5308
Michael C. Whyte, Sec., 7 Deerfield Cir, Standish 04084-5434
District No. 17 Dark - July, August Election, December

**TRINITY LODGE NO. 130, Presque Isle First Tuesday
1655***

Kenneth J. Stewart, WM., 202 Spragueville Rd., Presque Isle 04769-5243
Ryan C. Sylvia, SW, 431 Grendell Rd., Chapman 04757-4702
Andrew C. Coiley, JW, 32 Fort Hill St, Fort Fairfield 04742-1129
Milton E. Smith, Sec., PO Box 1262, Presque Isle 04769-1262
District No. 1 Dark - July, August Election, December

**TUSCAN LODGE NO. 106, Addison First Saturday
1811***

Dean A. McGray, WM, 165 Indian River Rd., Addison 04606-3100
Russell L. Grant, SW, PO Box 228, Addison 04606-0228
Kenneth M. Davis, JW, 88 Coffin Rd, Harrington 04643-3267
Robert H. MacLeod, Sec., 36 North St., Columbia Falls 04623-0232
District No. 3 Dark - July, August Election, December

**TYRIAN LODGE NO. 73, Mechanic Falls Thurs. on or before full moon
1656***

Rudolph E. Kyllonen, III, WM, 131 Libby Rd., Mechanic Falls 04256
Keith W. Bennett, SW., 34 Timber Ln., Mechanic Falls 04256-5514
Jeffrey W. Coolidge, JW, 318 Bakerstown Rd, Poland 04274-7130
Richard N. Bergeron, Sec., 81 Everett Rd., Poland 04274-6323
District No. 23 Dark - July, August Election, December

**UNION LODGE NO. 31, Union First Thursday
1812***

James R. Heath WM, PO Box 188, Union 04862-0188

Christopher D. Vigue, SW, 46 Dorman Rd., Washington 04574-4029

Aaron M. Chandler, JW, 72B Crescent St, Rockland 04841

C. Dale Flint, Sec., 63 Clarry Hill Rd., Union 04862-5005

District No. 7 Dark – June, July & August Election, December

UNITED LODGE NO. 8, Brunswick

Second Tuesday

1657*

Frank E. Hilton, WM., 1433 Harpswell Neck Rd., Harpswell 04079

Reginald T. Martel, SW, 7 Brookside Dr, Topsham 04086-5145

Frederick J. Komiega, JW, 9 Stone St, Brunswick 04011-1515

Robert E. Webber, Sec., 351 Cundys Harbor Rd., Harpswell 04079

District No. 14 Dark - July, August Election, January

UNITY LODGE NO. 58, Thorndike

Third Wednesday

1658*

Mayo A. Cookson, Jr., WM., 40 Cookson Rd., Albion 04910-6157

Kenneth R. Overlock SW, 44 Ledges Ln., Freedom 04941-3248

Bruce A. Hutchins, JW, 1053 Halldale Rd., Montville 04941-4076

Mayo A. Cookson, Jr., WM., 40 Cookson Rd., Albion 04910-6157

District No. 12 Dark - July, August Election, December

VASSALBORO LODGE NO. 54, Vassalboro

Second Tuesday

1659*

Arthur G. Kulpa, WM., 1584 Cross Hill Rd., Vassalboro 04989-3717

John W Bragg, SW, 416 Maple Ridge Rd., Winslow 04901-0048

Shawn D. Bragg, JW, 130 Shorey Rd., Winslow 04901-0132

Christopher A. Bartsch Sr., Sec., 279 Unity Rd., Albion 04910-6202

District No. 12 Dark – July, August Election, September

VERNON VALLEY LODGE NO. 99, Mount Vernon First Tuesday

1660*

Harold J. Webster, WM, 334 West Rd., Belgrade 04917-4111

Fred L. Higgins, SW, 945 West Rd., Belgrade 04917-4207

Robert L. Pond, JW, PO Box 780, Wilton, 04294-0780

Charles E. Wadleigh, Jr., Sec., 1216 North Rd., Mount Vernon 04352

District No. 15 Dark - July, August Election, December

VILLAGE LODGE NO. 26, Bowdoinham

First Wednesday

1661*

Douglass M. Bellevue, WM, 561 River Rd, Bowdoinham 04008-4606

Jeremy E. Devore, SW, 546 Foreside Rd. Bowdoinham 04008-4619

Peter J. Warner, JW, 362 River Rd, Richmond 04357-3621

Bradford D. Blake, Sec., 10 Abbagadassett Rd., Bowdoinham 04008

District No. 14 Dark - July, August Election, January

**WARREN LODGE NO. 2, East Machias Tuesday before the full moon
1813***

Lyle C. Guptill, WM., PO Box 226, East Machias 04630-0226
Kevin T. Ashley, SW., PO Box 512, East Machias 04630-0512
Ryan L. Richardson, JW, PO Box 22, East Machias 04630-0022
Edwin H. Joy, Sec., PO Box 154, Machias 04654-0154

District No. 3 Dark - July, August Election, December

**WASHBURN LODGE NO. 193, Washburn Second Thursday
1663***

Terry L. Cochran, WM., 1144 Perham Rd., Perham 04766-4217
Joel P. Wardwell, SW, PO Box 1095, Caribou 04736
Charles H. Currier II, JW, 728 Griffin Ridge Rd, Mapleton 04757-4418
Darrell L. Philbrook, Sec., PO Box 374, Crouseville 04738-0374

District No. 1 Dark - July, Aug., Sept. Election, December

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 37, Lubec First Wednesday

Michael H. Doran, WM., 218 County Rd., Lubec 04652-3611
Larry P. Jones, SW., 18 Dewey Mowry St., Lubec 04652-1302
Dennis E. Drews, JW, 210 Doherty Ln., Lubec 04652-0338
Frank M. Theriault, Jr., Sec., 1397 County Rd., Trescott Twp 04652

District No. 2 Dark - July, August Election, December

**WATERVILLE LODGE NO. 33, Waterville Second Monday
1664***

Robert J. Siviski, WM., 690 Abbott Rd., Winslow 04901-0019
Ryan S. Bolduc, SW, 65 Burleigh St., Waterville 04901-5401
Richard B. Dionne, JW, 279 Bull Run Rd, Greene 04236-3207
Jonathan J. Hallenbeck, Sec., 107 Mayflower Hill Dr., Waterville 04901-4723

District No. 12 Dark - July, August Election, December

**WEBSTER LODGE NO. 164, Wales Third Thursday
1665***

Gerard E. Jutras, WM, 487 Pond Rd., Lewiston 04240-2212
Richard O. Pulkkinen, SW, 4 Hilltop Dr, Wales 04280-3280
Michael J. Lance, JW, 55 Oak St., Greene 04236-3310
Paul L. Boudreau, Sec., 264 Maxwell Rd., Litchfield 04350-3425

District No. 23 Dark - July, August Election, December

**WHITNEY LODGE NO. 167, Canton First Thursday
1814***

Robert E. Turnbull, WM, PO Box 494, Canton 04221-0494

Harry L. Smith Jr., SW, PO Box 508, Canton 04221-0580

Roger P. Gingras, JW, 20 Drift Ln, Jay 04239-0157

Gary D. Young, Sec., 43 Butter Hill Rd., Livermore 04253-4207

District No. 20 Dark – Jan., Feb. & March Election, December

WILTON LODGE NO. 156, East Wilton

Fourth Wednesday

1666*

Robert D. Holmes, III, WM., 55 Sunset Ave., Wilton 04294-4829

Robert D. Holmes, II, SW., 11 Erchles St., Rumford 04276-1903

Joel P. Benson, JW, 41 Jay St, Wilton 04294-4638

Alvin O. McDonald, Sec., 271 Depot St., Wilton 04294-6654

District No. 15 Dark - July, August Election, November

WINTER HARBOR LODGE NO. 192, Winter Harbor First Wednesday

1667*

Jeffrey D. Alley, Jr., WM., PO Box 321, Winter Harbor 04693-0321

Earl Blackney, SW, PO Box 246, Winter Harbor 04693-0246

Peter W. Drinkwater, JW, PO Box 340, Winter Harbor 04693-0340

William D. Van Horn, Sec., PO Box 212, Winter Harbor 04693-0212

District No. 21 Dark - June, July, Aug Election, January

YORK LODGE NO. 22, Kennebunk

First Monday

1668*

Bruce G. Johnsen, WM, 86 Gravelly Brook Rd., Kennebunport 04046-5232

Danny L. Fink, SW., 21 Talbot Dr., Arundel 04046-8156

Charles R. Morin, JW, 432 Elm St, Biddeford 04005

Brian A. Ingalls, Sec., PO Box 1046, Alfred 04002-1046

District No. 19 Dark - July, August Election, December

YORKSHIRE LODGE NO. 179, North Berwick Third Thursday

1815*

Samuel P. Brophy, SW, 326 Granite St., Biddeford 040059784

Ray A. Fuller, SW, 79 Coley Trafton Rd., Shapleigh 04073

Leo A. Gagne, Jr., JW, 7 Sunview Ln, Rochester NH 03868-8632

Michael D. Johnson, Sec., PO Box 259, North Berwick 03906-0259

District No. 19 Dark – Any 2 consec. Mos. Election, December

MAINE LODGE OF RESEARCH

Fourth Saturday of March, June, & September

Second Saturday of December

Eric W Kuntz, WM., 56 Harmony Way, Ellsworth, ME 04605-3138

Richard L. Rhoda, SW, PO Box 743, Houlton, ME 04730-0743

Lorne Urquhardt, JW, P.O. Box 5005, Waverley, Nova Scotia B2R 1S2 Canada

Richard L. Bowden, Sec., 32 Clewleyville Rd., Eddington, ME 04428-3024
Election, March

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List of Lodges By District

District No. 1

District Deputy Grand Master – Richard M. Wark Jr.
1664 State Rd, Mapleton 04757

72 Pioneer, Ashland	193 Washburn, Washburn
96 Monument, Houlton	197 Aroostook, Mars Hill
130 Trinity, Presque Isle	209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent
170 Caribou, Caribou	214 Limestone, Limestone

District No. 2

District Deputy Grand Master –Lawrence E. Clark
236 South St, Calais 04619

7 Eastern, Eastport	78 Crescent, Pembroke
37 Washington, Lubec	138 Lewy's Island, Princeton
46 St. Croix, Calais	

District No. 3

District Deputy Grand Master – Keith A. Crowley Jr.
693 Basin Rd, Addison 04606

2 Warren, East Machias	106 Tuscan, Addison
88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield	173 Pleiades, Millbridge
91 Harwood, Machias	188 Jonesport, Jonesport

District No. 4

District Deputy Grand Master –David B. Rackliffe
PO Box 393, Blue Hill 04614

4 Rising Star, Penobscot	122 Marine, Deer Isle
19 Felicity, Bucksport	128 Ira Berry, Blue Hill
1 Rising Sun, Orland	171 Naskeag, Brooklin

District No. 5

District Deputy Grand Master – William M. Pinkham
58 Sangerville Rd, Sangerville 04479

39 Penobscot, Dexter	149 Columbia-Doric, Greenville
44 Piscataquis, Milo	163 Pleasant River, Brownville
52 Mosaic, Dover-Foxcroft	168 Composite, LaGrange
109 Mount Kineo, Guilford	207 Abner Wade, Sangerville

District No. 6

District Deputy Grand Master – John D. Bunker
454 Levenseller Rd, Holden 04429

10 Rising Virtue, Bangor	87 Benevolent, Carmel
60 Star in the East, Old Town	124 Olive Branch, Charleston
65 Mystic, Hampden	137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag
66 Mechanics, Orono	174 Lynde, Hermon
69 Howard, Winterport	217 Ralph J. Pollard, Orrington
83 St. Andrew's, Bangor	220 SeminaryHill Daylight Bangor

District No. 7

District Deputy Grand Master –Victor G. Oboyski
PO Box 288, Washington 04574

6 Amity, Camden	89 Island, Islesboro
31 Union, Union	129 Quantabacook, Searsmont
62 King David's, Lincolnville	135 Riverside, Jefferson
82 St. Paul's, Rockport	203 Mount Olivet, Washington

District No. 8

District Deputy Grand Master – Walter F. Riley Jr.
PO Box 420, Belfast 04915

24 Belfast, Belfast	111 Liberty, Liberty
68 Mariners', Searsport	119 Pownal, Stockton Springs
102 Marsh River, Brooks	151 Excelsior, Northport

District No. 9

District Deputy Grand Master – Randy S. Raymond
13 Verdun St, Fairfield 04937

15 Orient, Thomaston	84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor
16 St. George, Warren	145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven
50 Aurora, Rockland	189 Knox, South Thomaston
61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro	211 Meduncook, Friendship

District No. 10

District Deputy Grand Master –Charles W. Billings
177 Bradford Rd, Wiscasset 04578

3 Lincoln, Wiscasset	103 Dresden, Dresden Mills
43 Alna-Anchor, Damariscotta	144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor
74 Bristol, Bristol	196 Bay View, East Boothbay

District No. 11

District Deputy Grand Master – Michael P. Merservey
27 Child St, Augusta 04330

5 Kennebec, Hallowell	48 Lafayette, Readfield
25 Temple, Winthrop	53 Rural, Sidney
32 Hermon, Litchfield	104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills
35 Bethlehem, Augusta	110 Monmouth, Monmouth
41 Morning Star, Litchfield	133 Asylum, Leeds

District No. 12

District Deputy Grand Master – R. Charles King
PO Box 162, Burnham 04922

33 Waterville, Waterville	85 Star in the West, Unity
45 Central, China	92 Siloam, Fairfield
54 Vassalboro, No. Vassalboro	113 Messalonskee, Oakland
58 Unity, Thorndike	146 Seabasticook, Clinton

District No. 13

District Deputy Grand Master – Robert D. Mercer
1416 Beckwith Rd, Cornville 04976

28 Northern Star, North Anson	116 Lebanon, Norridgewock
34 Somerset, Skowhegan	161 Carrabassett, Canaan
80 Keystone, Solon	194 Euclid, Madison

District No. 14

District Deputy Grand Master – Robert E. Webber
1746 Harpswell Island Rd, Orr's Island 04066
72 Summer St., Lisbon Falls 04252-9574

8 United, Brunswick	26 Village, Bowdoinham
14 Solar Star, Bath	121 Acacia, Durham
23 Freeport, Freeport	155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls

District No. 15

District Deputy Grand Master – Robert C. Lawrence
265 Ramsdell Rd, Farmington 04938

20 Maine, East Wilton	156 Wilton, East Wilton
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67 Blue Mountain, Phillips
 99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon
 123 Franklin, New Sharon
 154 Mystic Tie, Weld

202 Mount Bigelow, Stratton
 204 Mount Abram, Kingfield
 213 Kemankeag, Rangeley

District No. 16

District Deputy Grand Master – Kevin K. Kugell
 60 Independence Dr, Oxford 04270

11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg
 13 Oriental, Bridgton
 18 Oxford, Norway
 56 Mount Moriah, Brownfield

94 Paris, South Paris
 132 Mt. Tir'em, Waterford
 152 Crooked River, Bolsters Mills
 153 Delta, Lovell

District No. 17

District Deputy Grand Master – Richard H. Holman
 195 Varney Mill Rd, Windham 04062

1 Triangle, Portland
 36 Casco, Yarmouth
 38 Harmony, Gorham
 70 Presumpscot, Windham
 86 Saccarappa, Westbrook

180 Hiram, South Portland
 183 Deering, Portland
 216 Corner Stone Portland
 219 Gov. Wm. King, Scarborough

District No. 18

District Deputy Grand Master – Roger K. Berube
 10 Day Rd, Porter 04068

9 Saco, Saco
 42 Freedom, Limerick
 47 Dunlap, Biddeford
 107 Day Spring, West Newfield
 115 Buxton, West Buxton

117 Greenleaf, Cornish
 118 Drummond, N. Parsonsfield
 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills
 215 Orchard, Old Orchard Beach

District No. 19

District Deputy Grand Master – Scott E. Lister
 140 Center Rd, Lebanon 04027

22 York, Kennebunk
 51 St. John's, South Berwick
 55 Fraternal, Alfred
 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport
 142 Ocean, Wells

143 Preble, Sanford
 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick
 184 Naval, Kittery
 190 Springvale, Springvale
 198 St. Aspinquid, York

District No. 20

District Deputy Grand Master – Gary D. Young
43 Butter Hill Rd, Livermore 04253

21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls	100 Jefferson, Bryant Pond
30 Blazing Star, Rumford Corner	147 Evening Star, Buckfield
57 King Hiram, Dixfield	167 Whitney, Canton
97 Bethel, Bethel	182 Granite, West Paris

District No. 21

District Deputy Grand Master – Arthur C. Smallidge
8 Stillmeadow Ln, Trenton 04605

40 Lygonia, Ellsworth	192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor
77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor	201 David A. Hooper, W Sullivan
140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert	208 NE Harbor, Northeast Harbor
185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor	

District No. 22

District Deputy Grand Master—Paul B. Grondin
PO Box 153, Garland 04939

49 Meridian Splendor, Newport	125 Meridian, Pittsfield
64 Pacific, Exeter	157 Cambridge, Cambridge
75 Archon, East Dixmont	160 Parian, Corinna
95 Corinthian, Hartland	

District No. 23

District Deputy Grand Master – David K. Walton
447 Webster St, Lewiston 04240

12 Cumberland, New Gloucester	105 Ashlar, Auburn
29 Tranquil, Auburn	150 Rabboni, Auburn
73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls	164 Webster, Wales
101 Nezinscot, Turner	178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn

District No. 24

District Deputy Grand Master – Lawrence R. Greenlaw
160 Mission St, Oakfield 04763
PO Box 445, Millinocket 04462-0445

93 Horeb, Lincoln	175 Baskahegan, Danforth
98 Katahdin, Patten	205 Nollesemic, Millinocket
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Lodge	Location	Date of Precedence	Date of Charter
1 Triangle	Portland	Mar. 20, 1762	Mar. 30, 1769 #
2 Warren	East Machias	Sept. 10, 1778	Sept. 10, 1778 #
3 Lincoln	Wiscasset	June 1, 1792	June 1, 1792
4 Hancock	Castine	June 9, 1794	June 9, 1794 #
5 Kennebec	Hallowell	Mar. 14, 1796	Mar. 14, 1796
6 Amity	Camden	Mar. 10, 1801	Mar. 10, 1801
7 Eastern	Eastport	June 8, 1801	June 8, 1801
8 United	Brunswick	Dec. 14, 1801	Dec. 14, 1801
9 Saco	Saco	June 14, 1802	June 16, 1802
10 Rising Virtue	Bangor	Sept. 13, 1802	Sept. 16, 1802
11 Pythagorean	Fryeburg	June 13, 1803	June 13, 1803
12 Cumberland	New Gloucester	June 13, 1803	June 13, 1803
13 Oriental	Bridgton	Mar. 12, 1804	Mar. 12, 1804
14 Solar	Bath	Sept. 10, 1804	Sept. 10, 1804 #
15 Orient	Thomaston	Sept. 10, 1805	Sept. 10, 1805
16 Saint George	Warren	Mar. 10, 1806	Mar. 10, 1806
17 Ancient Land-Mark	Portland	June 10, 1806	June 10, 1806 #
18 Oxford	Norway	Sept. 14, 1807	Sept. 14, 1807
19 Felicity	Bucksport	Mar. 14, 1809	Mar. 14, 1809
20 Maine	East Wilton	June 13, 1809	Jan 13, 1810
21 Oriental Star	Livermore	June 13, 1811	June 13, 1811 #
22 York	Kennebunk	Mar. 9, 1813	Mar. 9, 1813
23 Freeport	Freeport	Sept. 13, 1814	Sept. 13, 1814
24 Belfast	Belfast	Sept. 9, 1816	Jan. 14, 1891 #
25 Temple	Winthrop	Sept. 8, 1817	Oct. 6, 1817
26 Village	Bowdoinham	June 9, 1817	Sept. 16, 1817 #
27 Adoniram	Limington	Sept. 9, 1818	Sept. 10, 1818 +
28 Northern Star	North Anson	Dec. 9, 1818	Dec. 15, 1818
29 Tranquil	Auburn	Dec. 9, 1818	Dec. 9, 1818
30 Blazing Star	Rumford Corner	Mar. 10, 1819	Mar. 11, 1819
31 Union	Union	Dec. 27, 1819	April 8, 1820
32 Hermon	Litchfield	June 23, 1820	June 23, 1820
33 Waterville	Waterville	June 27, 1820	June 27, 1820
34 Somerset	Skowhegan	Jan. 11, 1821	Jan. 11, 1821
35 Bethlehem	Augusta	July 12, 1821	May 3, 1862 #
36 Casco	Yarmouth	Oct. 11, 1821	Oct. 24, 1826
37 Washington	Lubec	Jan. 10, 1822	Jan. 24, 1822
38 Harmony	Gorham	Jan. 10, 1822	Jan. 24, 1822
39 Penobscot	Dexter	Jan. 10, 1822	Jan. 24, 1822
40 Lygonia	Ellsworth	April 11, 1822	April 11, 1822

Lodge	Location	Date of Precedence	Date of Charter
41 Morning Star	Litchfield	July 11, 1822	July 16, 1822
42 Freedom	Limerick	Jan. 11, 1823	Jan. 14, 1823
43 Alna	Damariscotta	Jan. 11, 1823	Jan. 14, 1823 #
44 Piscataquis	Milo	Oct. 9, 1823	Oct. 28, 1823
45 Central	China	April 8, 1824	April 8, 1824
46 Saint Croix	Calais	April 8, 1824	April 8, 1824
47 Dunlap	Biddeford	Jan. 13, 1826	Jan. 30, 1826
48 Lafayette	Readfield	Jan. 13, 1826	May 20, 1850
49 Meridian Splendor	Newport	July 13, 1826	July 18, 1826
50 Aurora	Rockland	July 13, 1826	July 18, 1826 #
51 Saint John's	South Berwick	Jan. 12, 1827	Feb. 13, 1827
52 Mosaic	Dover-Foxcroft	April 22, 1827	July 16, 1827
53 Rural	Sidney	April 12, 1827	July 25, 1827
54 Vassalboro	No. Vassalboro	April 12, 1827	May 31, 1827
55 Fraternal	Alfred	Jan. 10, 1828	Jan. 10, 1828
56 Mount Moriah	Brownfield	Jan. 10, 1828	Jan. 23, 1828#
57 King Hiram	Dixfield	April 10, 1828	May 9, 1872*
58 Unity	Thorndike	April 10, 1828	May 15, 1828
59 Mount Hope	Hope	Jan. 25, 1848	May 4, 1848+
60 Star in the East	Old Town	Feb. 23, 1848	May 5, 1848
61 King Solomon's	Waldoboro	April 4, 1849	Feb. 4, 1855+
62 King David's	Lincolnvile	June 16, 1849	Jan. 22, 1850
63 Richmond	Richmond	Jan. 1, 1850	May 10, 1850#
64 Pacific	Exeter	Oct. 22, 1850	May 12, 1851
65 Mystic	Hampden	Mar. 1, 1851	May 12, 1851
66 Mechanics	Orono	Mar. 3, 1851	May 12, 1851
67 Blue Mountain	Phillips	July 12, 1850	May 10, 1852#
68 Mariners'	Searsport	Oct. 23, 1851	May 10, 1853
69 Howard	Winterport	Nov. 28, 1851	May 6, 1853
70 Standish	Standish	June 10, 1852	May 10, 1853#
71 Rising Star	Orland	Oct. 18, 1852	May 10, 1853
72 Pioneer	Ashland	Oct. 26, 1852	May 5, 1854
73 Tyrian	Mechanic Falls	Jan. 21, 1853	May 10, 1853
74 Bristol	Bristol	Mar. 1, 1853	May 5, 1854
75 Archon	East Dixmont	May 9, 1853	May 5, 1854#
76 Arundel	Kennebunkport	May 5, 1854	June 26, 1854
77 Tremont	So. West Harbor	June 12, 1854	May 3, 1856
78 Crescent	Pembroke	July 4, 1854	July 10, 1854
79 Rockland	Rockland	Oct. 25, 1854	May 4, 1855 #
80 Keystone	Solon	Dec. 16, 1854	May 4, 1855
81 Atlantic	Portland	May 3, 1855	May 3, 1855#
82 Saint Paul's	Rockport	Oct. 27, 1855	May 2, 1856
83 Saint Andrew's	Bangor	Feb. 6, 1856	May 3, 1856
84 Eureka	Tenants Harbor	July 27, 1855	May 2, 1856
85 Star in the West	Unity	May 4, 1855	May 24, 1856
86 Saccarappa	Westbrook	Mar. 1, 1856	May 5, 1856#
87 Benevolent	Carmel	Mar. 12, 1857	May 7, 1857
88 Narraguagus	Cherryfield	Mar. 25, 1857	May 28, 1857
89 Island	Islesboro	April 3, 1857	Nov. 5, 1857
90 Hiram Abiff	West Appleton	Jan. 27, 1857	May 5, 1858^
91 Harwood	Machias	April 8, 1858	Oct. 15, 1858
92 Siloam	Fairfield	Mar. 8, 1858	Jan. 1, 1859
93 Horeb	Lincoln	June 5, 1858	May 5, 1859#
94 Paris	South Paris	June 18, 1858	May 5, 1859

Lodge	Location	Date of Precedence	Date of Charter
95 Corinthian	Hartland	Sept. 13, 1858	May 5, 1859
96 Monument	Houlton	Nov. 18, 1858	May 5, 1859
97 Bethel	Bethel	July 6, 1859	May 5, 1860
98 Katahdin	Patten	Aug. 24, 1859	May 3, 1860
99 Vernon Valley	Mount Vernon	Oct. 28, 1859	May 3, 1860
100 Jefferson	Bryant Pond	Feb. 8, 1860	May 3, 1860
101 Nezinscot	Turner	Mar. 1, 1860	May 3, 1860
102 Marsh River	Brooks	Dec. 24, 1859	May 9, 1861
103 Dresden	Dresden Mills	Feb. 3, 1860	May 9, 1861
104 Dirigo	Weeks Mills	June 12, 1860	May 9, 1861
105 Ashlar	Auburn	Nov. 5, 1860	May 9, 1861
106 Tuscan	Addison	Dec. 27, 1860	May 9, 1861
107 Day Spring	West Newfield	Mar. 19, 1861	May 9, 1861
108 Relief	Belgrade	Jan. 11, 1861	May 8, 1862 ^
109 Mount Kineo	Guilford	May 10, 1861	May 8, 1862
110 Monmouth	Monmouth	May 21, 1861	May 8, 1862
111 Liberty	Liberty	Nov. 8, 1861	May 8, 1862
112 Eastern Frontier	Fort Fairfield	May 8, 1862	May 7, 1863 +
113 Messalonskee	Oakland	May 15, 1862	May 7, 1863
114 Polar Star	Bath	Mar. 7, 1863	May 7, 1863 #
115 Buxton	West Buxton	Mar. 18, 1863	May 7, 1863
116 Lebanon	Norridgewock	April 30, 1863	May 7, 1863
117 Greenleaf	Cornish	April 22, 1863	May 4, 1864
118 Drummond	No. Parsonsfield	May 7, 1863	May 4, 1864
119 Pownal	Stockton	July 4, 1863	May 6, 1875*
120 Meduncook	Friendship	Feb. 6, 1864	May 4, 1864 +
121 Acacia	Durham	May 7, 1863	May 4, 1865
122 Marine	Deer Isle	Mar. 18, 1864	May 3, 1865 #
123 Franklin	New Sharon	May 4, 1864	May 3, 1865
124 Olive Branch	Charleston	May 4, 1864	May 3, 1865
125 Meridian	Pittsfield	June 7, 1864	May 3, 1865
126 Timothy Chase	Belfast	Oct. 26, 1864	May 3, 1865 #
127 Presumpscot	Windham	Nov. 19, 1864	May 3, 1866#
128 Ira Berry	Brooksville	Mar. 1, 1865	May 3, 1866 #
129 Quantabacook	Searsmont	Mar. 28, 1865	May 3, 1866
130 Trinity	Presque Isle	July 17, 1865	May 3, 1866
131 Lookout	Cutler	July 18, 1865	May 3, 1866 #
132 Mount Tir'em	Waterford	Oct. 18, 1865	May 3, 1866
133 Asylum	Leeds	July 20, 1865	May 9, 1867
134 Trojan	Troy	Feb. 19, 1866	May 9, 1867 #
135 Riverside	Jefferson	Mar. 13, 1866	May 8, 1867
136 Ionic	Gardiner	April 24, 1866	May 9, 1867 +
137 Kenduskeag	Kenduskeag	May 3, 1866	May 8, 1867
138 Lewy's Island	Princeton	May 3, 1866	May 8, 1867
139 Archon	East Dixmont	Sept. 26, 1866	May 8, 1867 #
140 Mount Desert	Mount Desert	Feb. 14, 1867	May 8, 1867
141 Augusta	Augusta	Mar. 21, 1867	May 8, 1867 #
142 Ocean	Wells	Mar. 22, 1867	May 7, 1868
143 Preble	Sanford	May 9, 1867	May 7, 1868
144 Seaside	East Boothbay	Oct. 7, 1867	May 7, 1868
145 Moses Webster	Vinalhaven	Jan. 13, 1868	May 7, 1868
146 Seabasticook	Clinton	Feb. 3, 1868	May 7, 1868
147 Evening Star	Buckfield	Feb. 22, 1869	May 5, 1869

Lodge	Location	Date of Precedence	Date of Charter
148 Forest	Springfield	April 1, 1869	May 5, 1869#
149 Columbia-Doric	Greenville	May 7, 1868	May 5, 1869 #
150 Rabboni	Auburn	Dec. 28, 1868	May 5, 1869
151 Excelsior	Northport	Mar. 1, 1869	May 5, 1869
152 Crooked River	Bolster's Mills	April 15, 1869	May 5, 1870
153 Delta	Lovell	May 5, 1869	May 4, 1870
154 Mystic Tie	Weld	June 8, 1869	May 4, 1870
155 Ancient York	Lisbon Falls	Jan. 1, 1870	May 4, 1870
156 Wilton	East Wilton	Jan. 31, 1870	May 4, 1870
157 Cambridge	Cambridge	May 5, 1870	May 4, 1871
158 Anchor	South Bristol	May 5, 1870	May 4, 1871 #
159 Esoteric	Ellsworth	Sept. 3, 1870	May 4, 1871 #
160 Parian	Corinna	Sept. 9, 1870	May 9, 1872
161 Carrabassett	Canaan	Mar. 2, 1871	May 9, 1872
162 Arion	Goodwin's Mills	Mar. 18, 1871	May 9, 1872
163 Pleasant River	Brownville	July 28, 1871	May 9, 1872
164 Webster	Sabattus	July 28, 1871	May 9, 1872
165 Molunkus	Sherman Mills	Aug. 26, 1871	May 9, 1872
166 Neguemkeag	Vassalboro	Dec. 22, 1871	May 9, 1872 #
167 Whitney	Canton	Mar. 9, 1872	May 9, 1872
168 Composite	LaGrange	May 9, 1872	May 8, 1873
169 Shepherd's River	Brownfield	July 1, 1872	May 8, 1873 #
170 Caribou	Caribou	July 27, 1872	May 8, 1873
171 Naskeag	Brooklin	Feb. 3, 1873	May 8, 1873
172 Pine Tree	Mattawamkeag	Nov. 14, 1873	May 7, 1874
173 Pleiades	Milbridge	May 7, 1874	May 7, 1874
174 Lynde	Hermon	May 7, 1874	May 7, 1874
175 Baskahegan	Danforth	Dec. 3, 1874	May 20, 1875
176 Palestine	Biddeford	May 5, 1875	May 6, 1875 #
177 Rising Star	Penobscot	June 17, 1875	May 4, 1876 #
178 Ancient Brothers	Auburn	June 21, 1875	May 4, 1876
179 Yorkshire	No. Berwick	Sept. 18, 1875	May 4, 1876
180 Hiram	South Portland	Nov. 1, 1875	May 4, 1876
181 Reuel Washburn	East Livermore	May 4, 1876	May 3, 1877 #
182 Granite	West Paris	Sept. 16, 1878	May 8, 1879
183 Deering	Portland	April 2, 1879	May 8, 1879
184 Naval	Kittery	May 8, 1879	May 6, 1880
185 Bar Harbor	Bar Harbor	April 19, 1882	May 2, 1882
186 Warren Phillips	Westbrook	April 18, 1883	May 3, 1883#
187 Ira Berry	Blue Hill	Nov. 12, 1883	May 8, 1884 #
188 Jonesport	Jonesport	May 8, 1884	May 8, 1884
189 Knox	South Thomaston	Sept. 6, 1884	May 7, 1885
190 Springvale	Springvale	May 7, 1885	May 6, 1886
191 Davis	Strong	May 7, 1885	May 6, 1886 #
192 Winter Harbor	Winter Harbor	Aug. 12, 1887	May 3, 1888
193 Washburn	Washburn	Dec. 14, 1887	May 3, 1888
194 Euclid	Madison	May 4, 1888	May 9, 1890
195 Reliance	Stonington	May 9, 1889	May 8, 1889 #
196 Bay View	East Boothbay	Dec. 20, 1889	May 8, 1890
197 Aroostook	Mars Hill	Dec. 17, 1890	May 7, 1891
198 Saint Aspinquid	York Village	July 22, 1892	May 4, 1893
199 Bingham	Bingham	Dec. 23, 1892	May 4, 1893 #
200 Columbia	Greenville	July 23, 1894	May 7, 1896 #
201 David A. Hooper	West Sullivan	June 3, 1897	May 5, 1898

Lodge	Location	Date of Precedence	Date of Charter
202 Mount Bigelow	Stratton	June 19, 1897	May 6, 1898
203 Mount Olivet	Washington	Nov. 24, 1897	May 7, 1898
204 Mount Abram	Kingfield	May 4, 1900	May 9, 1901
205 Nolleseme	Millinocket	Nov. 17, 1900	May 9, 1901
206 Island Falls	Island Falls	Oct. 3, 1901	May 8, 1902
207 Abner Wade	Sangerville	June 3, 1902	May 7, 1903
208 No. East Harbor	No. East Harbor	Sept. 2, 1903	May 6, 1904
209 Fort Kent	Fort Kent	Mar. 23, 1904	May 4, 1905
210 Bagaduce	Brooksville	Sept. 2, 1905	May 3, 1906 #
211 Meduncook	Friendship	Feb. 15, 1909	May 5, 1910
212 McKinley	McKinley	May 6, 1909	May 6, 1910 #
213 Kemankeag	Rangeley	Oct 6, 1913	May 7, 1914
214 Limestone	Limestone	Nov. 10, 1913	May 7, 1914
215 Orchard	Old Orchard Beach	May 4, 1916	May 3, 1917
216 Corner Stone	Portland	Oct. 27, 1926	May 4, 1927 #
217 Ralph J. Pollard	Orrington	Jan. 28, 1947	May 4, 1948
218 Brotherhood	Portland	Nov. 30, 1954	May 3, 1956 #
219 Gov. William King	Scarborough	Nov. 29, 1960	May 3, 1961
220 Seminary Hill Daylight	Bangor	Jan. 12, 2010	May 3, 2011
Me Lodge of Research		Aug. 14, 1981	May 5, 1982

Consolidated

+ Charter surrendered

* Means charter surrendered and afterward restored,

^ Charter revoked

About Precedent and Charters

Note:

*1 Portland consolidated with Ancient Land-Mark No. 17 and Atlantic No.81, August 7, 1981, which became Triangle No. 1.

2 Warren consolidated with Lookout No. 131 on September 5, 2006, which became Warren No. 2.

4 Hancock consolidated with Rising Star No. 177 on March 26, 2008, which became Rising Star No. 4.

6 Petitioned for under the name "Federal"

11 Originally "Pequawket" U.D., Charter restored in 1865, after no meetings since 1830.

*14 Solar consolidated with Polar Star No. 114 on March 25, 2011, which became Solar Star No. 14.

*17 Ancient Land-Mark consolidated with Portland No. 1 and Atlantic No. 81, August 7, 1981, which became Triangle No. 1.

21 Oriental Star consolidated with Reuel Washburn No. 181 in 1892, which became Oriental Star No. 21.

*24 Phoenix consolidated with Timothy Chase No. 126 on January 14, 1991, which became Belfast No. 24.

26 Village consolidated with Richmond No. 63 on October 15, 1983, which became Village No. 26.

27 Adoniram charter surrendered on May 1, 2007.

29 Tranquil removed from Lewiston to Auburn, 1971.

35 Bethlehem charter restored in 1866. Augusta No. 141 consolidated with on January 22, 2005, which became Bethlehem No. 35.

40 Lygonia consolidated with Estoric No. 159 on January 11, 1908, which became Lygonia No. 40.

43 Alna consolidated with Anchor No. 158 on September 5, 1995, which became Alna-Anchor No. 43.

*47 Buxton removed to Biddeford 1855, name changed to Dunlap No. 47.

50 Aurora charter burned. New one May 9, 1872. Aurora No. 50 consolidated with Rockland No. 79 on September 27, 2006, which became Aurora No. 50.

54 Vassalboro consolidated with Neguemkeag No. 166 on April 2, 1994, which became Neguemkeag - Vassalboro No. 54. Name changed to Vassalboro No. 54 on June 6, 2007.

56 Mount Moriah consolidated with Shepherd's River No. 169 on October 17, 1979, which became Mount Moriah No. 56.

*59 Mount Hope charter surrendered 1879.

*63 Richmond consolidated with Village No. 26 on October 15, 1983, which became Village No. 26.

*67 Blue Mountain consolidated with Davis No. 191 on February 10, 1993, which became Blue Mountain No. 67.

70 Standish consolidated with Presumpscot No. 127 on September 14, 2009, which became Presumpscot No. 70.

*75 Plymouth consolidated with Archon No. 139 on October 8, 1939, which became Archon No. 75.

*79 Rockland consolidated with Aurora No. 50 on September 27, 2006, which became Aurora No. 50.

80 Keystone consolidated with Bingham No. 199 on December 7, 1994, which became Keystone No. 80.

*81 Atlantic consolidated with Portland No. 1 and Ancient Land Mark No. 17 on August 7, 1981, which became Triangle No. 1.

85 Star in the West consolidated with Trojan No. 134 in 1888, which became Star in the West No. 85.

*86 Temple consolidated with Warren Phillips No. 186 on December 20, 2002, which became Saccarappa Lodge No. 86.

*90 Hiram Abiff, charter revoked 1868.

93 Horeb consolidated with Forest No. 148 on January 12, 2010, which became Horeb No. 93.

95 Originally "Pond" name changed in 1864 to Corinthian No. 95.

105 Removed from Lewiston to Auburn 1971.

*108 Relief, charter revoked 1894.

*112 Eastern Frontier, charter surrendered 1989.

*114 Polar Star consolidated with Solar No. 14 on March 25, 2011, which became Solar Star No. 14.

115 Removed from Hollis to Buxton 1867. Originally called "Moderation," name changed in 1874 to Buxton No. 115.

119 Was "Perseverance" U D.

*120 Meduncook, charter surrendered 1884.

122 Marine consolidated with Reliance No. 195 on March 12, 1965, which became Marine No. 122.

*126 Timothy Chase consolidated with Phoenix No. 24 on January 14, 1991, which became Belfast No. 24.

127 Presumpscot consolidated with Standish No. 70 on September 14, 2009, which became Presumpscot No. 70.

*128 Eggemoggin consolidated with Bagaduce No. 210 on March 13, 1976, which became Bagaduce No. 128. 128 Bagaduce consolidated with Ira Berry No. 187 on November 21, 1983, which became Ira Berry No. 128, meeting at Blue Hill.

*131 Lookout consolidated with Warren No. 2 on September 5, 2006, which became Warren No. 2.

133 Asylum removed from Wayne to Leeds 2004.

*134 Trojan consolidated with Star in the West No. 85 in 1888, which became Star in the West No. 85.

136 Ionic, charter surrendered 1882.

*139 Archon consolidated with Plymouth No. 75 on October 8, 1939, which became Archon No. 75.

*141 Consolidated with Bethlehem No. 35 on January 22, 2005, which became Bethlehem No. 35.

148 Forest consolidated with Horeb No. 93 on January 12, 2010, which became Horeb No. 93.

149 Doric consolidated with Columbia No. 200 on November 7, 1970, which became Columbia-Doric No. 149.

150 Rabboni removed from Lewiston to Auburn, 1971.

*158 Anchor consolidated with Alna Lodge No. 43 on Sept. 5, 1995, which became Alna-Anchor Lodge No. 43.

*159 Estoric, consolidated with Lygonia No. 40 on January 11, 1908, which became Lygonia No. 40.

160 Was "Fisher" U.D.

166 Neguemkeag consolidated with Vassalboro No. 54 on April 2, 1994, which became Neguemkeag - Vassalboro No. 54.

*169 Shepherd's River consolidated with Mount Moriah No. 56 on Oct. 17, 1979, which became Mount Moriah No. 56.

*176 Palestine consolidated with Dunlap No. 47 in 1895, which became Dunlap No. 47.

177 Rising Star consolidated with Hancock No. 4 on March 26, 2008, which became Rising Star No. 4.

178 Ancient Brothers removed from Lewiston to Auburn, 1971.

*181 Reuel Washburn consolidated with Oriental Star No. 21 in 1892, which became Oriental Star No. 21.

*186 Warren Phillips consolidated with Temple No. 86 on December 20, 2002, which became Saccarappa No. 86.

*187 Ira Berry consolidated with Bagaduce No. 128 on November 21, 1983, which became Ira Berry No. 128.

*191 Davis consolidated with Blue Mountain No. 67 on February 10, 1993, which became Blue Mountain No. 67.

*195 Reliance consolidated with Marine No. 122 on March 12, 1965, which became Marine No. 122.

*199 Bingham consolidated with Keystone No. 80 on December 7, 1994, which became Keystone No. 80.

*200 Columbia consolidated with Doric No. 149, November 7, 1970, which became Columbia-Doric No. 149

*210 Bagaduce consolidated with Eggemoggin No. 128 on March 13, 1976, which became Bagaduce No. 128.

*212 McKinley consolidated with Tremont No. 77 on April 18, 1969, which became Tremont No. 77.

216 Corner Stone consolidated with Brotherhood No. 218 on June 26, 1996, which became Corner Stone No. 216.

*218 Brotherhood consolidated with Corner Stone No. 216 on June 26, 1996, which became Corner Stone No. 216.

Lodges enrolled, 220, extinct 35; working 185

Permanent Members

Past Grand Masters

MW Roger P. Snelling, PJGW, #219
 MW Robert V. Damon, PSGW, #150/#214
 MW George P. Pulkkinen, PSGW, #18/#22
 MW Harland S. Hitchings, PSGW, #138
 MW Walter M. Macdougall #44/#220
 MW Brian A. Paradis, PSGW, #18
 MW Wayne T. Adams, PJGW, #76
 MW Charles E. Ridlon, PSGW, #23/#65
 MW Claire V. Tusch, #142
 MW Gerald S. Leighton, PJGW,
 #49/#160/#220
 MW Robert R. Landry, PSGW, #95/#49
 MW W. Louis Greenier, II, #17
 MW A. James Ross, #70

4 Seaview Ave., Scarborough 04074
 151 Stetson Rd., Auburn 04210
 15 Ocean View Rd., Scarborough 04074
 PO Box 145, Princeton 04668
 75 Sargent Hill Dr., Milo 04463
 220 King St, Oxford 04270
 111 North St., Kennebunkport 04046
 91 Bowdoin St., Yarmouth 04096
 PO Box 459, Wells 04090
 59 Ralphs Ln, Stetson 04488

 37 Nyes Corner Rd., Saint Albans 04971
 49 Herschel St., Caribou 04736
 137 Albion Rd, Windham 04062

Past Senior Grand Wardens

RW N. James Coolong #96/#197
 RW Royce G. Wheeler #83
 RW Sherel T. Collamore #61
 RW Edward I. Emery #111/#129
 RW Ronald G. Forrest #217
 RW Charles W. Plummer #8
 RW William H. Stretton #73/#150
 RW Douglas B. Taylor #33
 RW John R. Zaiser, Sr. #34
 RW George M. A. Macdougall #44
 RW Frederic B. Campbell #182
 RW John A. Lagerquist #93
 RW David A. Walker #110/#220
 RW Alan R. Heath #31/#203
 RW Bradford D. Blake #26
 RW Frank M. Theriault, Jr. #37/#220
 RW Lester F. Smith #194
 RW Robert J. Landry #35

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 13 Longrale Park Apt B, Bangor 04401
 PO Box 165, Nobleboro 04555
 470 Augusta Rd., Belmont 04952
 35 Clover Ln., Brewer 04412
 41 Dany Dr. Apt 88, Auburn 04210
 314 Russell St., Lewiston 04240
 41 Old Norridgewock Rd., Fairfield 04937
 337 Falcon Crst W, Plant City, FL 33565
 1 Davis Rd., Fairfield 04937
 6 Tuell Hill Rd., Sumner 04292
 1815 Lakefront Blvd., Ft. Pierce, FL 34982
 PO Box 182, Monmouth 04259-0182
 PO Box 188, Union 04862-0188
 10 Abbagadassett Rd., Bowdoinham 04008
 1397 County Rd., Trescott Twp 04652
 78 Moores Pond Rd., Lexington Twp 04961
 764 Hallowell Litchfield Rd., W Gardiner
 04345
 PO Box 188, Union 04862
 PO Box 743, Houlton 04730
 821 Bog Rd, Limestone 04750
 83 S. Richland St., South Portland 04106

RW Thomas A. Heath #31, #203
 RW Richard L. Rhoda #96, #220
 RW John T. Irovando #214, #220
 RW Christian A. Ratliff #1, #180, #183

Past Junior Grand Wardens

RW Robert G. W Lobley #217/#220
 RW James R. Buss, Sr., #75
 RW Carroll B. Knox #170
 RW Gordon L. Kimball, Sr., #12
 RW Reginald W Wing, Sr. #57
 RW Donald B. Wiswell #217
 RW Vernon G. Bean #202
 RW Richard B. Farrington #172
 RW Kenneth L. Richardson, #150
 RW Daniel C. Pratt, #146
 RW Robert W Sawyer, IV #72
 RW C. Herbert Annis, Jr., #6/#82
 RW Patrick C. Whitney #91
 RW Richard L. Bowden #10/#220
 RW Alvin O. McDonald #156
 RW Randy L. Adams #137
 RW Guy F. Chapman #24/#220
 RW Robert A. Hoyt #198/#220
 RW Walter E. Kyllonen #198/#220
 RW Ralph G. Knowles #43

RW Ronald W Fowle, II #95
 RW Randall L. Elliott #66, #220
 RW Ronald S. Murphy #65, #220
 RW Lawrence M. Vennell #76, #198

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 170 Fisher Rd., Monroe 04951
 13 Elizabeth Ave., Caribou 04736
 107 Yarmouth Rd., Gray 04039
 PO Box 289, Peru 04290
 93 River Rd., Orrington 04474
 PO Box 337, Rangeley 04970
 1625 Medway Rd., Medway 04460
 21 Allen Ave., Lewiston 04240
 165 Pleasant St., Clinton 04927
 PO Box 637, Ashland 04732
 55 Annis Ln., Rockport 04856
 56 Whitney St., Jonesboro 04648
 32 Clewleyville Rd., Eddington 04428
 271 Depot St., Wilton 04294
 89 Lake Rd., Levant 04456
 54 Valley View Ln Apt A, Bangor 04401
 PO Box 476, Cape Neddick 03902
 8 Georgia St., York 03909
 102 Cedar Ln., Nobleboro 04555

164 Square Rd., St. Albans 04971
 400 Tate Road, Corinth 04427
 PO Box 6093, Bangor 04402
 PO Box 1076, Kennebunkport 04046

Past Grand Secretaries

RW Hollis G. Dixon #219
 MW Gerald S. Leighton #49/#160/#220

38 Tall Pines Road, Scarborough, 04074
 59 Ralphs Ln, Stetson 04488

Past Grand Treasurers

RW John A. Lagerquist #93
 RW Harold E. McKenney Jr. #83

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 34982
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Date	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries
1820-21	*William King	*Simon Greenleaf	*William Swan	*Nathaniel Coffin	*Joseph Gerrish	*William Lord
1822	*Simon Greenleaf	*William Swan	*Charles Fox	*Josiah W. Mitchell	*Joseph Garish	*William Lord
1823	*William Swan	*Charles Fox	*Samuel Fessenden	*Samuel Fessenden	*Joseph Gerrish	*William Lord
1824	*William Swan	*Charles Fox	*Samuel Fessenden	*George Thacher, Jr.	*Joseph Gerrish	*William Lord
1825	*William Swan	*Charles Fox	*Samuel Fessenden	*George Thacher, Jr.	*Joseph Gerrish	*William Lord
1826	*Charles Fox	*Samuel Fessenden	*George Thacher, Jr.	*Robert P. Dunlap	*Joseph Gerrish	*William Lord
1827	*Charles Fox	*Samuel Fessenden	*George Thacher, Jr.	*Robert P. Dunlap	*Joseph Gerrish	*William Lord
1828	*Samuel Fessenden	*Peleg Sprague	*Robert P. Dunlap	*Amos Nourse	*Joseph Gerrish	*William Lord
1829	*Samuel Fessenden	*Peleg Sprague	*Robert P. Dunlap	*Amos Nourse	*Joseph Gerrish	*William Lord
1830	*Robert P. Dunlap	*Peleg Sprague	*Amos Nourse	*Reuben Nason	*Joseph Gerrish	*William Lord
1831	*Robert P. Dunlap	*Nathaniel Coffin	*Amos Nourse	*Reuben Nason	*James B. Cahoon	*William Lord
1832	*Nathaniel Coffin	*Amos Nourse	*John L. Maquier	*David C. Magoun	*James B. Cahoon	*Asaph R. Nichols
1833	*Nathaniel Coffin	*Reuel Washburn	*John L. Maquier	*David C. Magoun	*James B. Cahoon	*Asaph R. Nichols
1834	*Reuel Washburn	*Reuel Washburn	*John L. Maquier	*David C. Magoun	*Benjamin Davis	*Asaph R. Nichols
1835	*Reuel Washburn	*David G. Magoun	*Joel Miller	*Abner B. Thompson	*Benjamin Davis	*Asaph R. Nichols
1836	*Reuel Washburn	*David G. Magoun	*Joel Miller	*Abner B. Thompson	*Benjamin Davis	*Philip C. Johnson
1837	*Reuel Washburn	*David G. Magoun	*Joel Miller	*Abner B. Thompson	*Benjamin Davis	*Philip C. Johnson
1838	*Abner B. Thompson	*Asaph R. Nichols	*Thomas W. Smith	*Stephen Webber	*Benjamin Davis	*Philip C. Johnson
1839	*Abner B. Thompson	*Asaph R. Nichols	*Thomas W. Smith	*Stephen Webber	*Benjamin Davis	*Philip C. Johnson
1840	*Abner B. Thompson	*Asaph R. Nichols	*Thomas W. Smith	*Stephen Webber	*Benjamin Davis	*Philip C. Johnson
1841	*Hezekiah William	*Asaph R. Nichols	*Thomas W. Smith	*John T. Paine	*Benjamin Davis	*Philip C. Johnson
1842	*Thomas W. Smith	*Asaph R. Nichols	*John T. Paine	*Alexander H. Putney	*Benjamin Davis	*Philip C. Johnson
1843	*Thomas W. Smith	*Asaph R. Nichols	*John T. Paine	*Alexander H. Putney	*Benjamin Davis	*Philip C. Johnson
1844	*Thomas W. Smith	*James L. Child	*John T. Paine	*Alexander H. Putney	*Henry H. Boody	*Philip C. Johnson
1845	*John T. Paine	*Asaph R. Nichols	*Alexander H. Putney	*John C. Humphreys	*Henry H. Boody	*Charles Fox
1846	*John T. Paine	*Elisha Harding	*Alexander H. Putney	*John C. Humphreys	*Henry H. Boody	*Charles B. Smith
1847	*Alexander H. Putney	*Samuel L. Valentine	*John C. Humphreys	*Frye Hall	*Henry H. Boody	*Charles B. Smith
1848	*Alexander H. Putney	*Samuel L. Valentine	*John C. Humphreys	*Joseph C. Stevens	*Henry H. Boody	*Charles B. Smith
1849	*Joseph C. Stevens	*John C. Humphreys	*Freeman Bradford	*Stephen C. Webber	*Henry H. Boody	*Charles B. Smith
1850	*Joseph C. Stevens	*John C. Humphreys	*Freeman Bradford	*Timothy Chase	*Henry H. Boody	*Charles B. Smith
1851	*John C. Humphreys	*Freeman Bradford	*Timothy Chase	*William Somerby	*Henry H. Boody	*Charles B. Smith
1852	*John C. Humphreys	*Freeman Bradford	*Timothy Chase	*William Somerby	*Henry H. Boody	*Charles B. Smith
1853	*Freeman Bradford	*Timothy Chase	*Jabez True	*Thomas B. Johnston	*Moses Dodge	*Charles B. Smith
1854	*Timothy Chase	*Jabez True	*Ezra B. French	*Thomas B. Johnston	*Moses Dodge	*Charles B. Smith
1855	*Jabez True	*Jabez True	*Ezra B. French	*William Kimball	*Moses Dodge	*Charles B. Smith
1856	*Hiram Chase	*Hiram Chase	*Isaac Downing	*William Allen	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1857	*Robert P. Dunlap	*Hiram Chase	*John Allen	*John William	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1858	*Hiram Chase	*Josiah H. Drummond	*Gustavus F. Sargent	*Stephen B. Dockham	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1859	*Hiram Chase	*Josiah H. Drummond	*Gustavus F. Sargent	*Oliver Gerrish	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry

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1860	*Josiah H. Drummond	*William P. Peble	*John J. Bell	*Joseph Corvel	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1861	*Josiah H. Drummond	*William P. Peble	*David Bugbee	*Francis J. Day	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1862	*Josiah H. Drummond	*William P. Peble	*Edmund Huckleby	*T. K. Osgood	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1863	*William P. Peble	*John J. Bell	*Francis L. Talbot	*F. Loring Talbot	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1864	*William P. Peble	*Timothy J. Murray	*Francis L. Talbot	*John H. Lynde	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1865	*William P. Peble	*Timothy J. Murray	*Francis L. Talbot	*John H. Lynde	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1866	*Timothy J. Murray	*John H. Lynde	*David Cargill	*Thaddeus R. Simonton	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1867	*Timothy J. Murray	*John H. Lynde	*David Cargill	*Thaddeus R. Simonton	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1868	*John H. Lynde	*John H. Lynde	*David Cargill	*Thaddeus R. Simonton	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1869	*John H. Lynde	*David Cargill	*Thaddeus R. Simonton	*John W. Ballou	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1870	*John H. Lynde	*David Cargill	*Thaddeus R. Simonton	*John W. Ballou	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1871	*John H. Lynde	*David Cargill	*Albert Moore	*Henry H. Dekey	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1872	*David Cargill	*Albert Moore	*Edward P. Burnham	*William O. Poor	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1873	*David Cargill	*Albert Moore	*Edward P. Burnham	*William O. Poor	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1874	*David Cargill	*Albert Moore	*Edward P. Burnham	*William O. Poor	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1875	*Albert Moore	*Edward P. Burnham	*William O. Poor	*Charles I. Collamore	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1876	*Albert Moore	*Edward P. Burnham	*William O. Poor	*Charles I. Collamore	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1877	*Edward P. Burnham	*Charles I. Collamore	*Marquis F. King	*A.M. Wetherbee	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1878	*Edward P. Burnham	*Charles I. Collamore	*Marquis F. King	*S. J. Chadbourne	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1879	*Charles I. Collamore	*Marquis F. King	*Marquis F. King	*S. J. Chadbourne	*Moses Dodge	*Ira Berry
1880	*Charles I. Collamore	*Marquis F. King	*Marquis F. King	*Edwin Howard Vose	*William O. Fox	*Ira Berry
1881	*Marquis F. King	*William R. G. Estes	*Sumner T. Chadbourne	*Archie L. Talbot	*William O. Fox	*Ira Berry
1882	*Marquis F. King	*William R. G. Estes	*William R. G. Estes	*Fessenden I. Day	*Frederick Fox	*Ira Berry
1883	*William R. G. Estes	*William R. G. Estes	*William R. G. Estes	*Charles W. Haney	*Frederick Fox	*Ira Berry
1884	*William R. G. Estes	*William R. G. Estes	*William R. G. Estes	*Augustus Bailey	*Frederick Fox	*Ira Berry
1885	*Fessenden I. Day	*Fessenden I. Day	*Frank E. Sleeper	*Henry R. Taylor	*Frederick Fox	*Ira Berry
1886	*Fessenden I. Day	*Fessenden I. Day	*Frank E. Sleeper	*Benjamin Ames	*Frederick Fox	*Ira Berry
1887	*Frank E. Sleeper	*Frank E. Sleeper	*Albro E. Chase	*Willard J. Fisher	*Frederick Fox	*Ira Berry
1888	*Frank E. Sleeper	*Albro E. Chase	*Albro E. Chase	*Samuel G. Davis	*Frederick Fox	*Ira Berry
1889	*Albro E. Chase	*Henry R. Taylor	*Leander M. Kenniston	*Algernon M. Roak	*Frederick Fox	*Ira Berry
1890	*Albro E. Chase	*Henry R. Taylor	*George R. Shaw	*E. B. Millet, Jr.	*Frederick Fox	*Ira Berry
1891	*Henry R. Taylor	*Horace H. Burbank	*Daniel P. Boynton	*Samuel L. Miller	*Frederick Fox	*Ira Berry
1892	*Henry R. Taylor	*Horace H. Burbank	*George R. Shaw	*Howard D. Smith	*Frederick Fox	*Stephen Berry
1893	*Horace H. Burbank	*Augustus B. Farnham	*Augustus B. Farnham	*William F. Lord	*Frederick Fox	*Stephen Berry
1894	*Horace H. Burbank	*Augustus B. Farnham	*Herbert Harris	*Gustavus H. Cargill	*Frederick Fox	*Stephen Berry
1895	*Augustus B. Farnham	*Joseph A. Locke	*Winfield S. Choate	*Moses Tat	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1896	*Augustus B. Farnham	*Joseph A. Locke	*Albert M. Penley	*Benjamin L. Hadley	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1897	*Joseph A. Locke	*Winfield S. Choate	*Alfred S. Kimball	*Enoch O. Greenleaf	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1898	*Joseph A. Locke	*Winfield S. Choate	*Elmer P. Spofford	*Millard M. Caswell	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1899	*Winfield S. Choate	*Alfred S. Kimball	*William J. Burnham	*Franklin R. Reddon	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1900			*James E. Parsons	*John H. McGorrell		

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1901	*Alfred S. Kimball	*Hugh R. Chaplin	*Adelbert Millett	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1902	*Alfred S. Kimball	*Edwin A. Porter	*Charles C. Ayer	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1903	*William J. Burnham	*Charles W. Crosby	*Charles F. Paine	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1904	*Hugh R. Chaplin	*W. Scott Storey	*George W. McClain	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1905	*Charles F. Johnson	*Curtis R. Foster	*Edward G. Weston	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1906	*Charles F. Johnson	*James M. Larrabee	*Albert M. Ames	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1907	*Edmund B. Millet	*William N. Howe	*Leon S. Howe	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1908	*Edmund B. Millet	*John Clair Minott	*George W. Holmes	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1909	*Ashley A. Smith	*Frank J. Cole	*Winfield S. Hinkley	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1910	*Ashley A. Smith	*Isaac N. Jones	*Sullivan L. Andrews	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1911	*Elmer F. Spoford	*Frank E. Moane	*Convers E. Leach	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1912	*Elmer F. Spoford	*Waldo Fetters	*Ernest P. Parlin	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1913	*Thomas H. Bodge	*Fred C. Chalmers	*George J. Adipanic	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1914	*Thomas H. Bodge	*Isaac A. Cough	*Clifton J. Taite	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1915	*Thomas H. Bodge	*Waldo Fetters	*Frank B. Gould	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1916	*Thomas H. Bodge	*Fred C. Chalmers	*Frank B. Gould	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1917	*Waldo Fetters	*Silas B. Adams	*Edwin H. Newbert	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1918	*Waldo Fetters	*Ralph W. Moore	*Edwin H. Newbert	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1919	*Silas B. Adams	*William A. Rickert	*Conrad S. Douglas	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1920	*Edward W. Wheeler	*William S. Davidson	*Wallace N. Price	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1921	*Edward W. Wheeler	*John J. Marr	*Lee M. Smith	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1922	*Albert M. Spear	*John M. Burleigh	*Allen L. Curtis	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1923	*Albert M. Spear	*Levanon B. Soper	*Charles M. Farrar	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1924	*David E. Moulton	*Fredrick O. Eaton	*Daniel G. Chaplin	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1925	*David E. Moulton	*Frank P. Dosaco	*Erwin G. Ryder	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1926	*David L. Wilson	*Harry E. Rowe	*James Richan	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1927	*David L. Wilson	*James Abernethy	*Eugene A. Whitridge	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1928	*Harold E. Cooke	*E. Murray Graham	*Ernest J. Record	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1929	*Harold E. Cooke	*Cyrus N. Blanchard	*Norris S. Lord	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1930	*Cyrus N. Blanchard	*William S. Cushman	*Ethan J. Marston	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1931	*Ernest C. Butler	*William A. Small	*Henry W. Loring	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1932	*Ernest C. Butler	*Augustus E. Campbell	*George F. Giddings	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1933	*Ernest C. Butler	*J. Blaine Morrison	*George F. Giddings	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1934	*Clark D. Chapman	*Irving R. Case	*George H. Minott	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1935	*Clark D. Chapman	*George N. Stevens	*Henry D. Davis	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1936	*Henry R. Gillis	*Manston D. Brown	*Harry S. Grindall	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1937	*Samuel B. Furbush	*John L. Tewksbury	*James P. Bunker	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1938	*Henry R. Gillis	*Charles E. Tuttle	*Harvey L. Haskell	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1939	*George F. Giddings	*Arthur E. Lander	*John L. Polleys	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
1940	*Harold H. Murchie	*William D. Bruce	*Edward H. Britton	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry
		*Fank W. Fuller	*Carroll W. Keene	*Marquis F. King	*Stephen Berry

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1941	*Harold H. Murchie	*Benjamin L. Hadley	*William L. Levensaler	*Herbert N. Maxfield	*Convers E. Leach
1942	*Benjamin L. Hadley	*Ralph J. Pollard	*Ervin E. J. Lander	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1943	*Charles E. Crossland	*Charles E. Crossland	*Clarence J. Perham	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1944	*Charles E. Crossland	*Harold L. Gerrish	*Harold L. Gerrish	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1945	*Carroll W. Keene	*Carroll W. Keene	*Harold L. Gerrish	*E. D. Webster	*Convers E. Leach
1946	*Carroll W. Keene	*Carroll W. Keene	*Clyde French	*Frederick C. Loder	*Convers E. Leach
1947	*Granville C. Gray	*Granville C. Gray	*Elmer P. Smart	*Wesley L. Oton	*Convers E. Leach
1948	*Granville C. Gray	*Frank L. Milan	*James A. Sinker	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1949	*Ervin E. J. Lander	*Ervin E. J. Lander	*Judson P. Lord	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1950	*Benjamin W. Ela	*Benjamin W. Ela	*Lewis T. Brown	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1951	*Ervin E. J. Lander	*Paul L. Powers	*George S. Higgins	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1952	*Benjamin W. Ela	*Paul L. Powers	*Frederick S. Higgins	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1953	*Benjamin W. Ela	*Paul L. Powers	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1954	*Paul L. Powers	*Paul L. Powers	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1955	*Aubrey L. Burbank	*Aubrey L. Burbank	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1956	*Aubrey L. Burbank	*Aubrey L. Burbank	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1957	*Aubrey L. Burbank	*Aubrey L. Burbank	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1958	*John M. Littlefield	*John M. Littlefield	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1959	*John M. Littlefield	*John M. Littlefield	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1960	*Leon M. Sushorn	*Leon M. Sushorn	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1961	*Leon M. Sushorn	*Leon M. Sushorn	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1962	*Raymond M. Rideout	*Raymond M. Rideout	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1963	*Raymond M. Rideout	*Raymond M. Rideout	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1964	*Wallace H. Campbell	*Wallace H. Campbell	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1965	*Wallace H. Campbell	*Wallace H. Campbell	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1966	*M. Donald Gardner	*M. Donald Gardner	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1967	*M. Donald Gardner	*M. Donald Gardner	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1968	*Harold L. Chute	*Harold L. Chute	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1969	*Roger L. White	*Roger L. White	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1970	*Roger L. White	*Roger L. White	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1971	*Roger L. White	*Roger L. White	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1972	*Charles R. Glassmire	*Charles R. Glassmire	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1973	*Charles R. Glassmire	*Charles R. Glassmire	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1974	*George E. Poshard	*George E. Poshard	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1975	*George E. Poshard	*George E. Poshard	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1976	*Donald S. Smith	*Donald S. Smith	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1977	*Donald S. Smith	*Donald S. Smith	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1978	*Roger P. Snelling	*Roger P. Snelling	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1979	*Roger P. Snelling	*Roger P. Snelling	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach
1980	*Harlan F. Small	*Harlan F. Small	*Philip T. W. Seaward	*H. Norton Maxfield Jr.	*Convers E. Leach

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE SINCE ORGANIZATION 1820

Date	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries
1981	*Harlan F. Small	*C. Ross Buzzell	Sherel T. Collamore	*Ralph E. Bayless	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*Peter C. Schmidt
1982	*C. Ross Buzzell	*Peter C. Schmidt	*Ernest H. Curtis	*Haven McCrillis	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*Edwin V. George
1983	*Peter C. Schmidt	*Ernest H. Curtis	Edward I. Emery	James R. Buss	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*Edwin V. George
1984	*Peter C. Schmidt	*Ernest H. Curtis	*William A. Oliver	*Arthur C. Freder	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*Edwin V. George
1985	*Ernest H. Curtis	*John E. Anagnostis	Robert V. Damon	*Carroll B. Knox	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*Edwin V. George
1986	*Ernest H. Curtis	*John E. Anagnostis	Harland S. Hitchings	*Donald E. Bowden	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*Edwin V. George
1987	*John E. Anagnostis	Robert V. Damon	Gerald C. Pickard	Gordon L. Kimball, Sr.	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*Edwin V. George
1988	*John E. Anagnostis	Robert V. Damon	George P. Puukinen	Reginald W. Wing	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*Edwin V. George
1989	Robert V. Damon	George P. Puukinen	Ronald G. Forrest	*C. Wilfred Brann	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*Edwin V. George
1990	Robert V. Damon	George P. Puukinen	Charles W. Plummer	*Sidney Lerman	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*John E. Anagnostis
1991	George P. Puukinen	Harland S. Hitchings	*Leon A. Carpenter	Donald B. Wiswell	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*John E. Anagnostis
1992	George P. Puukinen	Harland S. Hitchings	William H. Streiton	Vernon G. Bean	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*John E. Anagnostis
1993	Harland S. Hitchings	Walter M. Macdougall	Douglas B. Taylor	Richard B. Farrington	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*John E. Anagnostis
1994	Harland S. Hitchings	Walter M. Macdougall	Brian A. Paradis	Wayne T. Adams	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*John E. Anagnostis
1995	Walter M. Macdougall	Walter M. Macdougall	Charles E. Ridlon	*Robert W. Johnston	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*John E. Anagnostis
1996	Walter M. Macdougall	Brian A. Paradis	John R. Zaiser, Sr.	Kenneth L. Richardson	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*John E. Anagnostis
1997	Walter M. Macdougall	Brian A. Paradis	*John B. Greenleaf	Daniel C. Pratt	*Bruce S. Tomquist	*John E. Anagnostis
1998	Brian A. Paradis	Wayne T. Adams	George M.A. Macdougall	Robert W. Sawyer, IV	*Bruce S. Tomquist ++	Hollis G. Dixon
1999	Brian A. Paradis	Wayne T. Adams	W. Louis Greener, II	C. Herbert Amis, Jr.	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2000	Wayne T. Adams	Charles E. Ridlon	Fredric B. Campbell	Patrick C. Whitney	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2001	Wayne T. Adams	Charles E. Ridlon	John A. Lagerquist	Richard L. Bowden	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2002	Charles E. Ridlon	Claire V. Tusch	David A. Walber	Gerald S. Leighton	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2003	Charles E. Ridlon	Claire V. Tusch	Alyn R. Heath	Alvin O. McDonald	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2004	Claire V. Tusch	Genid S. Leighton	Bradford D. Blake	Kathy L. Adams	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2005	Claire V. Tusch	Genid S. Leighton	Robert R. Landry	Joy F. Chapman	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2006	Gerald S. Leighton	Robert R. Landry	Frank M. Bernault, Jr.	Robert E. Hoy	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2007	Robert R. Landry	W. Louis Greener, II	Leser F. Smith	Robert E. Hoy	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2008	Robert R. Landry	W. Louis Greener, II	James Koss	Robert E. Hoy	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2009	Robert R. Landry	A. James Ross	Robert J. Landry	Robert E. Hoy	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2010	W. Louis Greener, II	A. James Ross	Thomas A. Heath	Daniel J. Billings	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2011	W. Louis Greener, II	A. James Ross	Richard E. Blado	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2012	A. James Ross	David A. Walber	John T. Fovando	Ronald L. Ellisor, Jr.	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2013	A. James Ross	David A. Walber	Christian A. Radliff	Ronald L. Ellisor, Jr.	Harold E. McKenney, Jr.	Hollis G. Dixon
2014	David A. Walber	Thomas E. Puukinen	Christopher M. DiSanto	Lawrence M. Vonnell	Scott Whybeck	Gerald S. Leighton
				Brian S. Messing	Scott Whybeck	Mark E. Rutin
						Mark E. Rutin

++ John A. Lagerquist appointed by Grand Master Brian A. Paradis to serve as Grand Treasurer upon the retirement of Bruce S. Tomquist

*Deceased

+Demitted

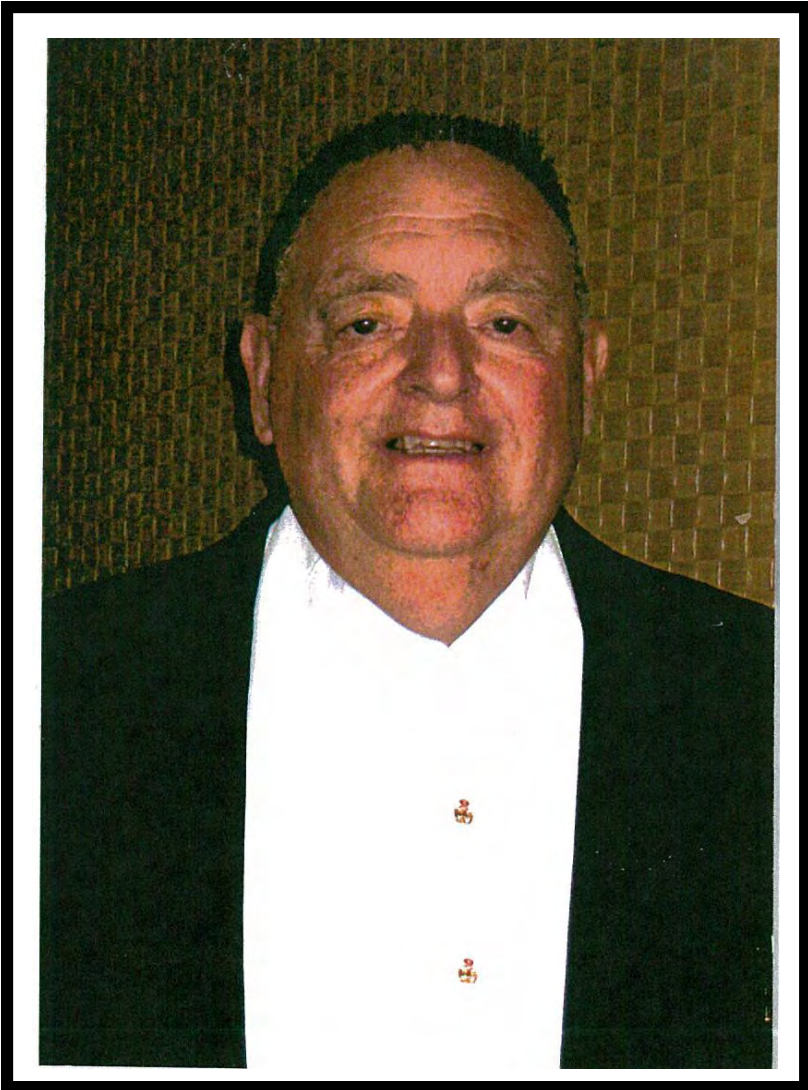
Recapitulation 2013

Lodges, enrolled	220
Lodges, extinct	35
Lodges, working	185
Lodge of Research	1
Lodges represented at Communication	159
Number of Individual Electors	579
Lodges to make returns	185
Making returns on time	140
Raised	409
Affiliated	117
Re-instated	109
Total increase	906
Demitted	136
Died	612
Suspended	5
Deprived	6
Expelled	3
Suspended N.P.D	393
Total loss	1,347
Net loss	387

Membership, December 31, 2013	18656
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Grand Lodge Receipts	\$ 376,322.00
Grand Lodge Disbursements	\$ 325,610.00
Amount of Charity Fund	\$20,161,882.00

Memorials



R.W. DAVID JOSEPH BILLINGS

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

May 5, 2009 – May 4, 2010

LtCdr. David J. Billings, USN, Ret., 75, lovingly referred to as the Grand Poobah by his family and a resident of the Mills Road in Cape Porpoise, died on Feb. 21, 2014,

at the Maine Medical Center in Portland after a brief illness. David was born on Oct. 31, 1938, in Westbrook, the son of Ralph B. and Flavilla M. Knight Billings, and is a graduate of Westbrook High School, class of 1957, and Maine Maritime Academy in Castine. One to always be close to the ocean, Dave joined the U.S. Navy, serving for 23 years all over the world including tours during Vietnam, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Upon his discharge, he returned to Kennebunkport, where he has served as Harbormaster and Pier Manager for 16 years at the Cape Porpoise Pier. He also worked as a commercial fisherman for eight years.

An active mason, Dave was a member of Arundel Lodge #76, AF & AM in Kennebunkport, its Past Master in 1996, and currently its organist. He served as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine from 2009 until 2010. At the time of his death he was serving as Assistant Grand Chaplain and a member of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Dave served as worthy Patron of Aurora #190 OES in Kennebunkport; a life member of Scottish Rite 32o, Valley of Portland, receiving his 33rd degree in Chicago; Maine Consistory, York Rite, Murray Chapter, and St. Amand Commandery #20, serving as RE Grand Commander of Maine in 2001, Council, and was Grand High Priest; Kora Shrine Temple AAONMS, the York County Shrine Club and it's degree team.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary E. Billings. Survivors include his son, Thomas Byrne and his wife Martha of Alfred, three daughters, Mary McCormick and her husband Timothy of Jacksonville, Fla., Kathlyn Belanger and her husband Mark of Grafton, Wis., and Beverly Bonness and her husband Greg of Brownsburg, Ind.; a brother, John Billings of Long Island, two sisters, Beverly Libby of Westbrook, and Harriet Mock of Homestead, Fla.; and seven grandchildren, Kelly and Ryan McCormick of Jacksonville, Fla., Kasia and Hannah Bellanger of Grafton, Wis., Ashley, Courtney and Shane Bonness of Brownsburg, Ind.; a special friend, Lynne Jackson; and his dog and faithful companion, Angel.

IN MEMORY
OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN
OF
SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY DURING THE
PAST YEAR



Josiah Hayden Drummond Distinguished Service Medals

Under the provisions of Standing Regulation No. 27 Drummond Medals have been presented to the following:

Dec. 27, 1939	Joseph Earl Perry, Mass., by G. M. Giddings
Dec. 27, 1939	Melvin M. Johnson, Mass., by G. M. Giddings
Dec. 27, 1939	Frederick W Hamilton, Mass., by G. M. Giddings
May 7, 1940	Ashley A. Smith, Maine, by G. M. Giddings
May 7, 1940	Thomas H. Bodge, Maine, by G. M. Giddings
May 7, 1940	Edward E. Wheeler, Maine, by G. M. Giddings
May 7, 1940	David E. Moulton, Maine, by G. M. Giddings
May 7, 1940	David L. Wilson, Maine, by G. M. Giddings
May 7, 1940	Cyrus N. Blanchard, Maine, by G. M. Giddings
May 7, 1940	Ernest C. Butler, Maine, by G. M. Giddings
May 7, 1940	Clark D. Chapman, Maine, by G. M. Giddings
May 7, 1940	Henry R. Gillis, Maine, by G. M. Giddings
May 7, 1940	Conveys E. Leach, Maine, by G. M. Giddings
May 7, 1940	Frank J. Cole, Maine, by G. M. Giddings
May 9, 1940	George F. Giddings, Maine, by G. M. Murchie
Apr. 23, 1941	Charles H. Johnson, N.Y., by G. M. Murchie
May 4, 1942	Albert A. Schaefer, Mass., by G. M. Murchie
May 7, 1942	Ralph J. Pollard, Maine, by G. M. Murchie
May 4, 1943	Harold H. Murchie, by G. M. Hadley
May 4, 1943	Walter W Williamson, by G. M. Hadley
May 3, 1944	Charles E. Crossland, by G. M. Hadley
May 1, 1945	Benjamin L. Hadley, by G. M. Crossland
May 8, 1946	P. Conant Voter, Vt., by G. M. Crossland
May 9, 1946	Ansel A. Packard, Conn., by G. M. Crossland, for 1945
May 6, 1947	Ray V. Denslow, Missouri, by G. M. Keene
May 6, 1947	Ervin E. J. Lander, Maine, by G. M. Keene
May 5, 1948	John Temple Rice, Texas, by G. M. Keene
May S, 1948	Frank C. Allen, Maine, by G. M. Keene
May 4, 1949	Earl E. Dusenbery, Iowa, by G. M. Gray
May 4, 1949	George W Haskell, Maine, by G. M. Gray
May 5, 1949	Carroll W Keene, Maine, by G. M. Gray

Aug 25, 1949	Donald C. Malcolm, by G. M. Gray
May 4, 1950	Granville C. Gray, by Ervin E. J. Lander
May 1, 1951	Karl J. Mohr, by Ervin E. J. Lander
May 3, 1951	H. Norton Maxfield, by Ervin E. J. Lander
May 8, 1952	Thomas S. Roy, by Ervin E. J. Lander
May 8, 1952	John M. Littlefield, by Benjamin W Ela
May 4, 1953	Wallace E. Caldwell, by Benjamin W Ela
May 4, 1954	Harry S. Grindall, by Benjamin W Ela
May 5, 1954	Whitfield W Johnson, by Benjamin W Ela
May 5, 1954	Benjamin W Ela, by Paul L. Powers
May 3, 1955	Carl H. Claudy, by Paul L. Powers
May 1, 1956	Frank S. Land, by Paul L. Powers
May 1, 1956	George R. Caswell, by Paul L. Powers
May 3, 1956	Paul L. Powers, by Aubrey L. Burbank
April 25, 1957	L. Wade Temple, by Aubrey L. Burbank
May 6, 1958	Charles H. Nitsch, by Aubrey L. Burbank
May 6, 1958	Lewman B. Soper, by Aubrey L. Burbank
May 8, 1958	Aubrey L. Burbank, by John M. Littlefield
May 5, 1959	James Luther Jordan, by John M. Littlefield
May 3, 1960	Clarence M. Pitts, by John M. Littlefield
May 3, 1960	Irving I. Goodof, by John M. Littlefield
May 2, 1961	Conrad Hahn, by Leon M. Sanborn
May 3, 1961	Alvoid E. Cushman, by Leon M. Sanborn
May 1, 1962	N. Dean Rowe, by Leon M. Sanborn
May 2, 1962	Earle D. Webster, by Leon M. Sanborn
May 3, 1962	Leon M. Sanborn, by Raymond M. Rideout, Sr.
May 7, 1963	Archer B. Gay, by Raymond M. Rideout, Sr.
May 5, 1964	William E. Burier, by Raymond M Rideout, Sr.
May 6, 1964	Richard C. Cookson, by Raymond M. Rideout, Sr.
May 6, 1964	Raymond M. Rideout, by Wallace H. Campbell
May 4, 1965	Dwight L. Smith, by Wallace H. Campbell
May 5, 1965	Philip D. Tingley, by Wallace H. Campbell
May 3, 1966	Waldron C. Biggs, by Wallace H. Campbell
May 4, 1966	Wallace H. Campbell, by M. Donald Gardner
May 2, 1967	George A. Newbury, by M. Donald Gardner
May 7, 1968	William H. Cantwell, by M. Donald Gardner
May 8, 1968	M. Donald Gardner, by Harold L. Chute
May 6, 1969	Albert P. Ruerat, by Harold L. Chute
May 7, 1969	Clifford H. M. Perry, by Harold L. Chute
May 5, 1970	Allen E. Roberts, by Harold L. Chute
May 6, 1970	Harold L. Chute, by Roger I. White
May 3, 1971	Irvin R. Pusey, by Roger I. White
May 2, 1972	Stanley A. Johnson, by Roger I. White
May 3, 1972	Roger I. White, by Charles R. Glassmire
May 1, 1973	W Orville Kimmel, by Charles R. Glassmire
May 1, 1973	Donald S. Smith, by Charles R. Glassmire
May 6, 1974	Marvin E. Fowley, by Charles R. Glassmire

May 6, 1974	Merrill R. Kittredge, by Charles R. Glassmire
May 7, 1974	Charles R. Glassmire, by George R. Pushard
May 6, 1975	Lloyd S. Cochran, by George E. Pushard
May 4, 1976	Stanley F. Maxwell, by George E. Pushard
May 5, 1976	George E. Pushard, by Donald S. Smith
May 3, 1977	Eric W. Nancekivell, by Donald S. Smith
May 4, 1977	Harlan F. Small, by Donald S. Smith
May 2, 1978	James D. Penley, Jr., by Donald S. Smith
May 2, 1978	Peter C. Schmidt, by Donald S. Smith
May 1, 1979	John L. McCain, by Roger P. Snelling
May 1, 1979	Ernest H. Curtis, by Roger P. Snelling
May 6, 1980	Edger N. Pepler, by Roger P. Snelling
May 6, 1980	Millard A. Whitney, by Roger P. Snelling
May 7, 1980	Roger P. Snelling, by Harlan F. Small
May 5, 1981	Edwin V. George, by Harlan F. Small
May 4, 1982	Jerry C. Rasor, by Harlan F. Small
May 5, 1982	Royce G. Wheeler, by Harlan F. Small
May 3, 1983	John S. Schlett, by C. Ross Buzzell
May 3, 1983	Edward E. Haskell, by C. Ross Buzzell
May 1, 1984	Thomas R. Dougherty, by C. Ross Buzzell.
May 1, 1984	Walter M. Macdougall, by C. Ross Buzzell.
May 2, 1984	C. Ross Buzzell, by Peter C. Schmidt
May 7, 1985	William A. Carpenter, by Peter C. Schmidt.
May 7, 1985	Bruce S. Tornquist, by Peter C. Schmidt.
May 6, 1986	Edward I. Emery, by Peter C. Schmidt.
May 5, 1987	Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., by Ernest H. Curtis.
May 5, 1987	Stanley F. Sampson, by Ernest H. Curtis.
May 3, 1988	Richard E. Fletcher, by Ernest H. Curtis.
May 3, 1988	N. James Coolong, by Ernest H. Curtis.
May 3, 1988	Jack Frazier, by John E. Anagnostis.
May 4, 1989	George P. Pulkkinen, by John E. Anagnostis.
Sept. 30, 1989	Franklin G. Hinckley, by John E. Anagnostis.
May 2, 1990	John E. Anagnostis, by Robert V. Damon.
May 7, 1991	Carroll M. Fogg, by Robert V. Damon
May 8, 1991	Charles S. Partridge, by Robert V. Damon
May 5, 1992	W. Scott Stoner, by Robert V. Damon
May 5, 1992	Charles W. Plummer, by Robert V. Damon
May 5, 1992	Robert V. Damon, by George P. Pulkkinen
May 3, 1993	Robert L. Steadman, by George P. Pulkkinen
May 4, 1993	Edward L. Fenderson, by George P. Pulkkinen
May 4, 1994	W. Louis Greenier, II, by George P. Pulkkinen
May 1, 1995	Robert O. Ralston, by Harland S. Hitchings
July 9, 1995	Stewart M. L. Pollard, by Harland S. Hitchings
May 6, 1996	Donald Maynard Robey, by Harland S. Hitchings
May 7, 1996	Clovis A. Frame, by Harland S. Hitchings
May 8, 1996	Harland S. Hitchings, by Walter M. Macdougall

May 6, 1997	Wayne T. Adams by Walter M. Macdougall
May 6, 1997	Wilbur F. Loveitt by Walter M. Macdougall
May 4, 1998	Thomas W Jackson by Walter M. Macdougall
May 5, 1998	Richard L. Rhoda by Walter M. Macdougall
May 3, 1999	Robert W Clarke by Brian A. Paradis
May 4, 1999	Charles E. Ridlon by Brian A. Paradis
May 1, 2000	Ronald W Simpson by Brian A. Paradis
May 2, 2000	John D. Baggett by Brian A. Paradis
May 3, 2000	Brian A. Paradis by Wayne T. Adams
April 25, 2001	Fred K. Bauer by Wayne T. Adams
May 12, 2001	Gerald C. Pickard by Wayne T. Adams
Mar 23, 2002	R. Wayne Hitchcock by Wayne T. Adams
May 11, 2002	Charles W Barker by Wayne T. Adams
May 9, 2003	Charles S. Brown by Charles E. Ridlon
May 9, 2003	Walter E. Webber by Charles E. Ridlon
March 6 2004	Donald G. Hicks, Jr. by Charles E. Ridlon
May 4, 2004	Alvin O. MacDonald by Charles E. Ridlon
May 7, 2005	Richard L. Bowden by Claire V. Tusch
May 7, 2005	Ronald G. Belanger by Claire V. Tusch
May 2, 2006	Gerald S. Leighton by Claire V. Tusch
May 3, 2006	Guy F. Chapman by Claire V. Tusch
May 3, 2006	Claire V. Tusch by Gerald S. Leighton
May 1, 2007	Hollis G. Dixon by Gerald S. Leighton
May 1, 2007	Edward L. King by Gerald S. Leighton
May 6, 2008	Robert R. Landry by Gerald S. Leighton
May 6, 2008	Walter E. Kyllonen by Gerald S. Leighton
May 5, 2009	Ronald G. Forrest by Robert R. Landry
May 5, 2009	Alan R. Heath by Robert R. Landry
May 4, 2010	Robert W Ferguson by Robert R. Landry
May 4, 2010	Bradford D. Blake by Robert R. Landry
May 2, 2011	Thomas M. Velvin, Jr. by W. Louis Greenier, II
May 3, 2011	William H. Stretton by W. Louis Greenier, II
May 3, 2011	Kenneth L. Richardson by W. Louis Greenier, II
May 1, 2012	Ronald W Fowle II by W. Louis Greenier, II
May 1, 2012	John T. Irovando by W. Louis Greenier II
May 7, 2013	W. Daniel Hill by A.James Ross
May 7, 2013	Christian Ratliff by A. James Ross
May 6, 2014	David A. Walker by A. James Ross
May 6, 2014	Thomas Pulkkinen by A. James Ross
May 7, 2014	A. James Ross by David Walker

Simon Greenleaf Medals

Under the provisions of Standing Regulation No. 46, Simon Greenleaf Medals have been presented to the following:

May 1, 1956	Frederick C. Davis, by Paul L. Powers
May 1, 1956	M. Gerry Plummer, by Paul L. Powers
May 7, 1957	Henry Doherty, by Aubrey L. Burbank
May 8, 1957	Elmer S. Doe, by Aubrey L. Burbank
May 6, 1958	Rev. Percy G. Cotton, by Aubrey L. Burbank
May 6, 1958	Herschel P. Boynton, by Aubrey L. Burbank
May 3, 1960	Horace M. Budd by John M. Littlefield
May 4, 1960	Harold L. Chute, by John M. Littlefield
May 2, 1961	Peter K. Constantine, by Leon M. Sanborn
May 3, 1961	Milton M. McGorrrill, by Leon M. Sanborn
May 4, 1961	George P. Jackson by Leon M. Sanborn
May 1, 1962	Raymond H. Clark by Leon M. Sanborn
May 7, 1963	Harold S. Baker, by Raymond M. Rideout, Sr.
May 8, 1963	Aubrey H. Chase, by Raymond M. Rideout, Sr.
May 5, 1964	Harlan E. Irish, by Raymond M. Rideout, Sr.
May 5, 1964	Donald S. Higgins, by Raymond M. Rideout, Sr.
May 4, 1965	Elmer J. Russell, by Wallace H. Campbell
May 5, 1965	Robert S. Gass, by Wallace H. Campbell
May 3, 1966	John H. Reed, by Wallace H. Campbell
May 3, 1966	Norman J. Mee, by Wallace H. Campbell
May 2, 1967	James H. Doyle, by M. Donald Gardner
May 7, 1968	Roger L. Matthews, by M. Donald Gardner
May 7, 1968	Roger P. Snelling, by M. Donald Gardner
Oct. 28, 1968	Maurice J. Dionne, by Harold L. Chute
May 6, 1969	John S. Turner, by Harold L. Chute
May 5, 1970	Clarence L. Todd, by Harold L. Chute
May 6, 1970	Raymond W Rand, by Harold L. Chute
May 5, 1971	Newell S. Perry, by Roger I. White
May 6, 1971	Malcolm H. Brewer, by Roger I. White
May 2, 1972	Alfred M. Squires, by Roger I. White
May 2, 1972	Roscoe A. Apgar, by Roger I. White
May 1, 1973	Sidney Lerman, by Charles R. Glassmire
May 1, 1973	Ernest H. Curtis, by Charles R. Glassmire
May 6, 1974	Oscar M. Hartford, by Charles R. Glassmire
May 6, 1974	Stewart M. L. Pollard, by Charles R. Glassmire
May 6, 1975	Adelbert A. Carter, by George E. Pushard
May 4, 1976	Wilbur F. Loveitt, by George E. Pushard
May 3, 1977	Norman B. Swett, by Donald S. Smith
May 3, 1977	Edwin V. George, by Donald S. Smith
May 2, 1978	Rodney A. Pearl, by Donald S. Smith

May 3, 1978	Royce G. Wheeler, by Donald S. Smith
May 1, 1979	Franklin G. Hinckley, by Roger P. Snelling
May 1, 1979	Walter M. Macdougall, by Roger P. Snelling
May 6, 1980	Haven F. McCrillis, by Roger P. Snelling
May 6, 1980	Reginald W. Wing, by Roger P. Snelling
Nov. 22, 1980	Louis E. Peters, by Harlan F. Small
May 5, 1981	Mason D. Shaw, by Harlan F. Small
May 4, 1982	Clayton E. Smith, by Harlan F. Small
May 4, 1982	Miles Brookes, by Harlan F. Small
May 3, 1983	Charles S. Brown, by C. Ross Buzzell
May 3, 1983	N. James Coolong, by C. Ross Buzzell
May 1, 1984	Florian L. Clark, by C. Ross Buzzell
May 1, 1984	Leslie E. Buzzell, by C. Ross Buzzell
May 7, 1985	Maurice H. Hutchings, by Peter C. Schmidt
May 7, 1985	Richard Files, by Peter C. Schmidt
Apr. 30, 1986	Edward A. Moulton, by Peter C. Schmidt
May 6, 1986	Roger B. Lincoln, by Peter C. Schmidt
May 5, 1987	Richard B. Olfene, by Ernest H. Curtis
May 6, 1987	George P. Pulkkinen, by Ernest H. Curtis
May 3, 1988	Donald A. Wilder, by Ernest H. Curtis
May 3, 1988	Arthur M. Griffiths, by Ernest H. Curtis
May 1, 1990	Robert W. Philbrook, by John E. Anagnostis
May 1, 1990	Robert L. Witham, by John E. Anagnostis
May 26, 1990	Gordon L. Evans, by Robert V. Damon
May 8, 1991	H. Frederic Cheney, by Robert V. Damon
May 5, 1992	Harry N. Kearney, by Robert V. Damon
May 5, 1992	Wayne T. Adams, by Robert V. Damon
May 3, 1993	David C. Fairbairn, by George P. Pulkkinen
May 5, 1993	H. Donald James, by George P. Pulkkinen
May 3, 1994	Colwyn F. Haskell, by George P. Pulkkinen
May 3, 1994	Brian A. Paradis, by George P. Pulkkinen
May 2, 1995	James E. Dufresne, by Harland S. Hitchings
May 3, 1995	Wallace M. Gage, by Harland S. Hitchings
May 7, 1996	Raymond J. McLellan, by Harland S. Hitchings
May 8, 1996	John R. Zaiser, Sr., by Harland S. Hitchings
May 6, 1997	Robert A. Waugh, by Walter M. Macdougall
May 6, 1997	Harold W. Crocker, by Walter M. Macdougall
May 5, 1998	David E. Wigley, by Walter M. Macdougall
May 5, 1998	Richard E. Lerette, by Walter M. Macdougall
May 4, 1999	William H. Stretton, by Brian A. Paradis
May 4, 1999	Gilbert P. Prevost, Sr., by Brian A. Paradis
May 2, 2000	Frederic B. Campbell, by Brian A. Paradis
May 2, 2000	Alan R. Heath, by Brian A. Paradis
May 12, 2001	David A. Walker, by Wayne T. Adams
May 12, 2001	Walter E. Kyllonen, by Wayne T. Adams
May 11, 2002	John A. Lagerquist, by Wayne T. Adams
May 11, 2002	Claire V. Tusch, by Wayne T. Adams

May 9, 2003	Robert N. Walker by Charles E. Ridlon
May 9, 2003	Hollis G. Dixon by Charles E. Ridlon
May 4, 2004	Harold E. McKenney, Jr. by Charles E. Ridlon
May 4, 2004	Bradford D. Blake by Charles E. Ridlon
May 6, 2005	Randall S. Burleigh by Claire V. Tusch
May 6, 2005	Wendall T. Graham by Claire V. Tusch
May 2, 2006	A. James Ross by Claire V. Tusch
May 3, 2006	Stephen E. Nichols by Claire V. Tusch
May 1, 2007	Leslie M. Gray by Gerald S. Leighton
May 1, 2007	Thomas A. Heath by Gerald S. Leighton
May 6, 2008	Frank M. Theriault, Jr. by Gerald S. Leighton
May 7, 2008	Robert A. Hoyt by Gerald S. Leighton
May 5, 2009	Cecil H. Annis, Jr. by Robert R. Landry
May 5, 2009	Kenneth L. Richardson by Robert R. Landry
May 4, 2010	David J. Billings by Robert R. Landry
May 4, 2010	Michael I. Theriault by Robert R. Landry
May 5, 2010	Mahlon C. Harvey by W. Louis Greenier, II
May 3, 2011	Robert G. W. Lobley by W. Louis Greenier, II
May 1, 2012	Milton F. Smith by W. Louis Greenier II
May 1, 2012	Lester F. Smith by W. Louis Greenier II
May 7, 2013	Jeffrey W. Sukeforth by A. James Ross
May 7, 2013	R. Timothy Martel by A. James Ross
May 6, 2014	Richard Bergeron by A. James Ross
May 6, 2014	Ryan Paradis by A. James Ross

Joshua Chamberlain Medals

1998	Senator George Mitchell by MW Brian Paradis
2006	Bro. Harold Alfond by MW Gerald S. Leighton
2007	RW R. Timothy Martel by MW Gerald S. Leighton
2011	RW Charles Plummer by MW W. Louis Greenier, II
2012	MW Walter Macdougall by MW W. Louis Greenier, II
2013	MW Charles Ridlon by MW A. James Ross
2014	MW Gerald Leighton by MW A. James Ross

Raymond M. Rideout Masonic Education Awards

1973	Ashlar No. 105
1974	St. John's No. 51
1975	St. John's No. 51
1976	St. John's No. 51
1977	Ashlar No. 105
1978	Ashlar No. 105

1979	Ashlar No. 105
1980	Pleiades No. 173
1981	King Hiram No. 57
1982	Deering No. 183
1983	Deering No. 183
1984	Deering No. 183
1985	Cornerstone No. 216
1986	Deering No. 183
1987	King Hiram No. 57
1988	King Hiram No. 57
1989	King Hiram No. 57
1990	Arundel No. 76
1991	Siloam No. 92
1992	Rising Virtue No. 10
1992	Naval No. 184
1993	Tyrian No. 73
1994	Tyrian No. 73
1994	St. Andrew's No. 83
1995	Harmony No. 38
1996	Seaside No. 144
1996	Trinity No. 130
1997	United No. 8
1998	Winter Harbor No. 192
1999	Fort Kent No. 209
1999	United No. 8
1999	Tyrian No. 73
2000	St. Aspinquid No. 198
2000	Northern Star No. 28
2001	St. Aspinquid No. 198
2002	Howard No. 69
2003	Corner Stone No. 216
2004	Corner Stone No. 216
2004	Naval No. 184
2005	Corner Stone No. 216
2005	Asylum No. 133
2006	Mt. Bigelow No. 202
2007	Orient No. 15
2008	Limestone No. 214
2009	Monmouth No. 110
2010	Village No. 26
2011	Deering No. 183
2012	Springvale No. 190
2013	Evening Star No. 147
2014	Tuscan Lodge No. 106

Rules For Ascertaining Masonic Dates

Ancient Craft Masons

Add 4000 years to the Common Era. Thus: 2012 and 4000=6012

Scottish Rite

Add 3760 to the Common Era. Thus 2012 and 3760=5772.
After September add another year.

Royal Arch

Add 530 years to the Vulgar Era. Thus 2012 and 530=2542.

Royal and Select Masters

Add 1000 to the Common Era. Thus 2012 and 1000=3012.

Knights Templar

From the Christian Era take 1118. Thus 1118 from 2012=894.

Order of High Priesthood

To the Christian Era add 1913, the Year of the Blessing. Thus: 2012 and 1913=3925.

Masonic Calendar

Ancient Craft Masons commence this era with the creation of the world, calling it **Anno Lucis (A.D.)**, "in the year of light."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, **Anno Mundi (A.M.)**, "in the year of the world."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, **Anno Inventionis (A.I.)**, "in the year of the discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, **Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.)**, "in the year of the deposit."

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their Order, **Anno Ordinid (A.O.)**, "in the year of the Order."

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedec, **Anno Benefacio (A.B.)**, "in the year of the blessing."

St. Johns' Days

St. John The Baptist, June 24th

St. John The Evangelist, December 27th



Grand Lodge Representatives to Other Grand Lodges

Alabama –
 Alaska – Alexander G. Lyle, III, Lincolnville
 Alberta -
 Argentina – John A. Lagerquist, Ft. Pierce, FL
 Arizona – Thomas E. Ray, Auburn
 Arkansas - Reginald W Wing, Peru
 Austria -
 Belgium – Harold E. McKenney, Jr., Westbrook
 Bolivia – Alton R. Bryant, Arizona
 Brazil, Brasilia -
 Brazil, Ceara -
 Brazil, Espirito Santo – C. Herbert Annis, Rockport
 Brazil, Goias – James Dwyer, Presque Isle
 Brazil, Maconica do Estado de Rondonia - Richard B. Farrington, Medway

Brazil, Maconica do Estado do Rio Grande Do Norte - Gordon W Harrington, Winter Hbr.
 Brazil, Maranhao –
 Brazil, Mato Grosso - James R. Buss, Sr., Monroe
 Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul -
 Brazil, Minas Gerais - David E. Wigley, Scarborough
 Brazil, Parana - Raymond E. Quimby, Brooks
 Brazil, Pernambuco -
 Brazil, Rio de Janeiro -
 Brazil, Rio Grande do Norte – Gordon W Harrington, Winter Harbor
 Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul – Edward O’Brien, Portland
 Brazil, Santa Catarina – R. Timothy Martel, Topsham
 Brazil, Sao Paulo - Stephen Wentworth, Bridgton
 British Columbia -
 Bulgaria -
 California - Oscar M. Hartford, Lewiston
 Canada (in Ontario) - Kenneth L. Richardson, Lewiston
 Chile –
 China - Walter M. Macdougall, Milo
 Colorado - Gerald C. Pickard, Hermon
 Costa Rica - Roland D. Herrick, Cambridge
 Connecticut –Charles E. Ridlon, Yarmouth
 Croatia -
 Cuba -
 Czech Republic – W Louis Greenier, II, Caribou
 Delaware - Richard V. Beedy, Dixfield
 Denmark - Raymond L. Bond, Jr., Farmingdale
 District of Columbia - Claire V. Tusch, Wells
 Dominican Republic -
 England - George P. Pulkkinen, Scarborough
 Finland - Walter E. Kyllonen, York
 Florida - Charles E. Ridlon, Yarmouth
 France, National Grand Lodge – Gerald W Gannett, Eustis, FL
 Georgia, Edward I. Emery, Belmont
 Germany – A. James Ross, Windham
 Greece -
 Haiti – Peter Davis Couture, Fairfield
 Hawaii - Ronald G. Forrest, Brewer
 Hungary -
 Iceland - Daniel C. Pratt, Clinton
 Idaho - Gordon L. Kimball, Sr., Gray
 Illinois -
 India - Alfred L. Butler, Warren
 Indiana - Sherel T. Collamore, Nobleboro
 Ireland – Bradford D. Blake, Bowdoinham
 Israel –
 Italy - Kenneth C. Carlin, Mechanic Falls
 Ivory Coast - Timothy W Herling, Durham
 Japan - David G. Beckett, Calais
 Kansas - John R. Zaiser, Sr., FL
 Kentucky - Paul L. Hazard, Belfast
 Louisiana -
 Luxembourg – Lester F. Smith, Lexington Twp

Macadonia at Skopje –
Malta – Norman G. Williams, Freeport
Manitoba – Leslie E. Buzzell, Auburn
Maryland - John K. Caldwell, Portland
Massachusetts - Brian A. Paradis, Michigan
Mexico, Benito Juarez - Leigh A. Roak, Portland
Mexico, Nuevo Leon –
Mexico, Sinaloa –
Mexico, Tamaulipas - David A. Walker, Monmouth
Mexico, Valle De Mexico -
Mexico, York G. L. -
Michigan -
Minnesota - Richard O. Pulkkinen, Wales
Mississippi –
Missouri - Wayne T. Adams, Kennebunkport
Montana - Raymond J. McLellan, Yarmouth
Nebraska - Royce G. Wheeler, Bangor
Netherlands - Walter L. Hayes, Westbrook
Nevada - Hollis G. Dixon, Scarborough
New Brunswick - Robert H. Perry, Sumner
New Hampshire - Robert V. Damon, Auburn
New Jersey – James R. May, Mapleton
New South Wales -
New York - Emil A. Kenney, Anson
New Zealand - Robert W Sawyer, IV, Ashland
Newfoundland & Labrador – Douglas B. Taylor, Fairfield
North Carolina - Kenneth C. Mitchell, Corinth
North Dakota - James E. Dufresne, Old Orchard Beach
Norway - George M. A. Macdougall, Fairfield
Nova Scotia - Harland S. Hitchings, Princeton
Ohio - Dwight C. Whitney, Jonesboro
Oklahoma - Charles H. Cobb, Jr., Portland
Ontario, Kenneth L. Richardson, Lewiston
Oregon - Alan R. Heath, Union
Panama -
Peru - Milton D. Weeks, Farmington
Philippines – Manuel G. Sangalang, Lewiston
Portugal –W Frank Dixon, Falmouth
Prince Edward Island - William H. Stretton, Lewiston
Puerto Rico –Roger O. Easley, Sr., North Berwick
Quebec - Frederic B. Campbell, Summer
Queensland – Lewis R. Fitts, III, Palmyra
Rhode Island –
Romania –
Russia - Richard L. Rhoda, Houlton
Saskatchewan – Robert R. Landry, St. Albans
Scotland -
Senegal - Edward J. Renaud, Eastport
South Africa - Richard E. Chase, Unity
South Australia - N. James Coolong, Houlton
South Carolina - S. Clyde Ross, Farmington
South Dakota –Patrick C. Whitney, Jonesboro
Spain - Rod B. Roderick, Calais

Sweden - Raymond G. Locke, Clinton
 Switzerland (Alpina) - Charles W Plummer, Auburn
 Tasmania - Howard C. Weymouth, Abbot
 Tennessee - Richard A. Agathos, Eustis, FL
 Texas - Robert G. W Loble, Orrington
 Turkey - Bruce L. Heywood, Yarmouth
 Uruguay - Richard L. Bowden, Eddington
 Utah - David H. Hitchings, E. Machias
 Venezuela -
 Vermont -
 Victoria - Vernon G. Bean, Rangeley
 Virginia - John D. Baggett, Verona Island
 Washington – David A. Walker, Monmouth
 Western Australia - Daniel L. Harrison, Stockton Springs
 West Virginia - Robert W Ferguson, Springvale
 Wisconsin - Dwynal R. Grass, Oxbow
 Prince Hall of CT – William Collins, Edgecomb
 Prince Hall of MA – James E. Dufresne, Old Orchard Beach

Grand Lodge Representatives near other Grand Lodges

Alabama - Paul E. Bradford, Trussville
 Alaska - Jerry W Lewis, Canaan, ME
 Alberta - Robert B. Taylor, Edmonton
 Argentina – Diego E. Paez , Buenos Aires
 Arizona - Gilbert J. Eno, Mesa
 Arkansas - O. C. Boyd
 Austria -
 Belgium - Carlo Schmitz
 Bolivia - Carlos Bedregal Soria, La Paz
 Brazil, Brasilia - Adolpho Porta
 Brazil, Ceara - Joao Edson Rola
 Brazil, Espirito Santo - Dorvagyl Correa Filho
 Brazil, Goias - Wanderley Lelis Martins
 Brazil, Maconica do Estado de Rondonia - Claudio Jacinto, Rondonia
 Brazil, Mato Grosso - Jose Carlos, Musis
 Brazil, Mato Grosso Do Sul - Fernan Do Camilo Carvalho
 Brazil, Minas Germs - Ivan Crepaldi
 Brazil, Parana - Adolfo Bley
 Brazil, Pernambuco--
 Brazil, Rio de Janeiro - Valdemiro Liberato Pinto
 Brazil, Rio Grande do Norte - Pedro Borges de Andrade Neto, Natal
 Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul - Frede Antonio Rodrigues
 Brazil, Santa Catarina - Rubens Tortato Oliveira
 Brazil, Sao Paulo - George Antonio Mellios
 British Columbia - Marvin Lundeen
 California - Ernest M. Newton, San Diego
 Canada (Ontario) - Leonard W Westwell, Ottawa, Ont.
 Chile - William John Falconer

China - Benson H. T. Sung, Taipei
Colorado - Charles Watkins
Costa Rica - Francisco Sandoval Mendez, San Jose
Connecticut - Robert G. Fitzgerald, East Hartford
Czech Republic - Martin Marsik
Delaware - Herbert P. Fulmer, PGM, Wilmington
Denmark - Henning Sieverts, Copenhagen
District of Columbia - Gordon Ferguson, Kensington, MD
Dominican Republic - R. H. Dr. Milciades Eduardo, Media J.
England - Viscount Chelsea, London
Finland - Heikki Parmela, Aleksanterinkatu 1, Lahti
Florida - James B. Walcott, Auburndale
France - Jacques Paublan
Georgia - Richard A. Cunningham, Marietta
Germany - Otto Trawny, Kuhnstr, 12
Greece - George Vassilogeorgis
Haiti -
Hawaii -
Iceland - Johann Lindal
Idaho - Burrell G. Lirgg, Boise
Illinois - Joseph L. Casson, Crete
India - J.N. Chowdhary
Indiana - Walter P. Worland, Greenfield
Ireland - Robert S. Hackett, Galway
Israel - Waleed Zaher, Nazareth
Italy - Giovanni Sconca, Cosenza
Ivory Coast -
Japan - Yoshiharu Shimokowa
Kansas - Thomas F. Burrows, Liberal
Kentucky - Virgil T. Larimore, Jr., Louisville
Louisiana - Robert E. Buzzell, Shreveport
Luxembourg - Carlo Brever
Macedonia - Dr. Mario Mezzadri
Malta - Dr. Mario Mezzadri
Manitoba - John A. Windsor, Winnipeg
Maryland - Jere D. Place, Childs
Massachusetts - Richard A. Gesualdo
Mexico, Benito Juarez -
Mexico, Nuevo Leon -
Mexico, Tamaulipas -
Mexico, Valle De Mexico -
Mexico, York G.L. - Edward Heath
Michigan - Robert W Sanborn, Clio
Minnesota - Stuart A. Lindman, Minneapolis
Mississippi - Jerry W. Reeves, Corinth
Missouri - Ronald R. Bollinger
Montana - Larry T. Lund, Hamilton
Nebraska - Gerald G. McKay, Bellevue
Netherlands - Albert Th. ten Houten, Wageningen

Nevada - Carl L. Banks, Las Vegas
New Brunswick - R. Wayne Hitchcock, Rolling Dam
New Hampshire - Arnold M. Ashley, Dover
New Jersey - Joseph H. Vaughn, Oakridge
New South Wales - Noel Morrison Stevens
New York - Douglas C. Specht, Sr.
New Zealand - E. W. Plank, Bulls
Newfoundland & Labrador - Frank Tibbo
North Carolina - James G. Martin, Charlotte
North Dakota = Duane Engebretson, Devils Lane
Norway - Knut S. Sanderson, Oslo
Nova Scotia - Tabor Jan "Ted" Caulier, Halifax
Ohio - Curtis A. Miller, Niles
Oklahoma - Wilson B. Haney
Oregon - Delber E. Atkins, Coos Bay
Panama - Jose Ollner, Panama City
Peru - Luis Benavides Arias, Lima
Phillipines - Mabini G. Hernandez, Manila
Portugal - Miguel Cardina, Portugal
Prince Edward Island - Archibald E. Campbell, Kensington
Puerto Rico - Victor Berrios
Quebec - Brian W. Allen, Foster
Queensland - Cyril E. Jones, Brisbane
Rhode Island - Joseph Brearley, Westerly
Russia - Alexander Saveljev, Moscow
Saskatchewan - John W. Pinnow, Moose Jaw
Scotland - Jain Duguid
Senegal - Armand Agbogba
South Africa - Bernard L. Neuhaus
South Australia - B. G. Cole
South Carolina - D. Samuel Tennyson, Rock Hill
South Dakota - William A. Coffield, Hot Springs
Spain - Jesus Soriano Carrillo
Sweden - Hans Laufke, Stockholm
Switzerland (Alpina) -
Tasmania - Lloyd S. Potter
Tennessee - Johnny L. Byrd, Nashville
Texas - Todd W. Polk, Plano
Turkey - Ergun Bozkurt, Izmir
Uruguay - Diego Viego, Montevideo
Utah - Robert C. Wentzell, Ogden
Venezuela - Guillermo F. Miranda Massa
Vermont - Cedric L. Smith, Barre
Victoria - Dr. L. Rosengarten, Melbourne
Virginia - William W. Harrison, Jr., Chesapeake
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UNWRITTEN LAW

The unwritten law of Masonry consists of those time-honored customs and uses of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, of general recognition, which are not repugnant to the written law of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

LANDMARKS

Landmarks are those ancient and universal fundamental principles of the Craft, which no Masonic authority can alter or repeal.

(See S.R. 29; Appendix D)

ANCIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS

Six ‘Charges’ and ‘The Old Regulations’ as presented in London in 1721.

CONSTITUTION

The written statement outlining the basic principles and laws by which the Grand Lodge is governed. The Constitution is referenced by section.

STANDING REGULATIONS

A standing regulation is a rule adopted by the Grand Lodge governing particular instructions relative to matters involving laws and practices to be followed by the lodges and by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge. A standing regulation is effective only so far as it conforms to existing laws and Grand Lodge interpretation of such laws. Standing Regulations remain in force until rescinded or a modification of the law renders them inoperative. Standing Regulations are referenced by number.

DECISIONS OF GRAND MASTERS

These are formal clarifications made for the purpose of interpreting written laws where uncertainty exists, and determining their application to particular situations which may develop from time to time.

Decisions, with such other propositions of Masonic law as seem to be useful in the work of the lodge, are set forth in alphabetical order in a Digest following the Standing Regulations. The Digest should be examined in conjunction with the Constitution and Standing Regulations in determining all the Maine Masonic law on a given subject.

Decisions found in the Digest are referenced by the year and page(s) of Proceedings in which they are found. Where no reference is made the proposition is one of general Masonic law.

ORDERS • EDICTS • DIRECTIVES

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Formal authoritative commands issued by a Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

BY-LAWS

A set of rules —subsidiary to those of the Grand Lodge— that govern the internal affairs of a lodge. The by-laws legally adopted by a lodge bind the lodge so long as they are in force.



STATE OF MAINE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That WILLIAM KING, SIMON GREENLEAF, WILLIAM SWAN, NATHANIEL COFFIN, their associates and successors, are incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Maine; with power to sue and be sued; to have a common seal, and to change the same; to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this state, nor to ancient Masonic uses; to take and hold for charitable and benevolent uses, any real estate and any personal estate and to give and grant, or bargain and sell the same; and with all the privileges usually granted to other societies instituted for purposes of charity and beneficence.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of said corporation shall be held at such time and place, and be notified in such manner, as the majority of the persons herein named may direct.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted* that the powers granted by this act may be enlarged, restrained, or repealed, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 15, 1820.

This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

BENJAMIN AMES, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, June 16, 1820.

This bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

JOHN CHANDLER, *President*

June 16, 1820.—Approved.

WILLIAM KING.

Copy from Original:

Attest: ASHUR WARE, *Secretary of State.*

HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE CORPORATION

Seeking autonomy from Massachusetts, delegates for statehood in Maine held a Constitutional Convention in October, 1819. Their ensuing petition was ratified by the United States Congress on March 4, 1820, as part of the Missouri Compromise, and Maine was admitted to the Union as the 23rd State on March 15, 1820.

With Maine's pursuit of statehood it also became inevitable that a new Grand Lodge be formed here under the acknowledged principles of Masonic law; as such, the several lodges in the District of Maine called for a Masonic Convention, which was held in Portland on October 14, 1819. That Convention adopted a respectful 'Memorial' addressed to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, seeking an amicable separation. The Masons of Massachusetts acquiesced, giving their full approbation to the formation of an independent Masonic Grand Lodge in Maine.

On June 1, 1820, delegates from twenty-four lodges assembled at Masons' Hall in Portland, and proceeded to organize a Grand Lodge. By Special Act of the Maine State Legislature, the MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE received Charter No. 18200000ND, on June 16, 1820 —that done under Chapter 4, Private and Special Laws of 1820— and on Saint John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1820, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine was solemnly consecrated and its officers installed in ample form. As the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was unable to attend, a delegation from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Hampshire presided over the ceremonies.

Further State Legislation affecting the Corporation

Amended in 1935 to permit holding of real estate to the value of \$250,000 and personal estate to the value of \$750,000.

Further amended by the adoption of Chapter 7, Private and Special Laws of [Maine] 1961.

Since 1977:

*A nonprofit corporation operating under Maine
Revised Statute Title 13-B:*

also-known-as

MAINE

NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT



Internal legislation affecting the Corporation

The original "By-Laws for the Government and Management of the

Master, Wardens and Members, of the Grand Lodge of Maine” [Appendix A], adopted Jan. 11, 1821, were superseded in 1848 by the Constitution and Standing Regulations which, as amended from time to time, guide us today.

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OF
THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE
OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF THE STATE OF MAINE

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PREAMBLE

We, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine, in order to form perfect fraternal union, establish order, insure tranquility, provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and secure to the Fraternity the blessings of Masonic privileges, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

DECLARATION

Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational, and religious secret society, adhering to its own peculiar ancient landmarks. Its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction are secret and thereby a test of membership is provided, though a Brother is traveling in foreign countries and among those who would otherwise be strangers.

It is religious in that it teaches monotheism; the Volume of the Sacred Law is open upon altars whenever a Lodge is in session; worship of God is ever a part of its ceremonial; and to its neophytes and Brethren alike are constantly addressed lessons of morality; yet it is not theological.

It is educational in that it teaches a perfect system of morality; based upon the Sacred Law, by a prescribed ceremonial; and it also provides libraries and opportunities for study therein.

It is benevolent in that it teaches relief of the poor and distressed as a duty, and exemplifies the duty by relief of sick and distressed Brethren by caring for the widows and orphans of the Brethren, by maintaining homes for the aged and distressed Brethren and their dependents, and by providing for the education of orphans.

It is charitable in that none of its income inures to the benefit of any individual, but all is devoted to the improvement and promotion of the happiness of mankind.

It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men may foregather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of training, of worship, and of charity.

In ancient times, the Brethren met in General Assembly for the ordering of the affairs of the Craft. With growth in numbers, however, it became necessary, in 1717, to adopt a representative form of government, since which time the Brethren have met in Lodges and each Lodge has sent its delegates to a legislative body known as the Grand Lodge.

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Style and Title

SEC. 1 The style and title of this Grand Lodge shall be, "THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF MAINE."

Officers and Members — Rank and Title

SEC. 2.1 The Grand Lodge shall consist of the following officers and members, by rank in processions. Their style and title shall be as follows:

Elected Permanent Members

Most Worshipful – Grand Master;
Right Worshipful – Deputy Grand Master;
Right Worshipful – Senior Grand Warden;
Right Worshipful – Junior Grand Warden;
Most Worshipful – Past Grand Masters;
Right Worshipful – Past Deputy Grand Masters;
Right Worshipful – Past Grand Wardens;
Right Worshipful – Grand Treasurer;
Right Worshipful – Grand Secretary;
Right Worshipful – Past Grand Treasurers;
Right Worshipful – Past Grand Secretaries;

Appointed Officers

Right Worshipful – District Deputy Grand Masters;
Right Worshipful – Grand Lecturer;
Right Worshipful – Assistant Grand Lecturers;
Worshipful – [and Reverend if ordained] Grand Chaplain;
Worshipful – [and Reverend if ordained] Assistant Grand Chaplains;
Worshipful – Grand Marshal;
Worshipful – Grand Senior Deacon;
Worshipful – Grand Junior Deacon;
Worshipful – Grand Stewards;
Worshipful – Grand Sword Bearer;
Worshipful – Grand Standard Bearer;
Worshipful – Grand Pursuivants;

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Worshipful – Grand Organist;

Worshipful – Grand Historian;

Worshipful – Grand Librarian;

Brother – Grand Tyler;

Other Members

Very Worshipful – District Education Representatives;

Worshipful – Masters of the several chartered constituent lodges;

Brother – Wardens of the several chartered constituent lodges.

Of Electors and Proxies

2.2 The aforesaid officers and members shall be entitled to vote as members of the Grand Lodge, and each shall have one vote, and one only in his own right, except as herein provided:

2.2a It shall be the duty of each chartered lodge under this jurisdiction to be represented in each Grand Lodge Annual Communication by at least the Worshipful Master or one of the Wardens, or a proxy legally commissioned as per Sections 71–73. If the Master and both Wardens are present, each is entitled to one vote, as above; if but two of these officers are present the superior officer shall have two votes and the other one; and if only one of these officers is present he shall have three votes. If all three named officers are absent, and the lodge's proxy is present, he shall have the three votes.

(See §§ 75.1b, 75.4)

2.2b Any Permanent Member, when representing his lodge as Master, Warden or proxy at a Grand Lodge communication shall relinquish his Permanent Member ballot at said communication, it being listed as a duplicate vote.

(See §§ 2.2, 6, 44–7)

Time and Place of Meetings

SEC. 3.1 The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at Portland, on the first Tuesday in May at 9:00 A.M.; provided however, that Grand Lodge may vote at any Annual Communication to hold the next on some other date or at some other place.

3.1a The Committee on Credentials will be in session at 7:30 A.M. on the first day of said Annual Communication, and the lodges shall be given notice of such in the summons.

3.2 Special Communications may be called as the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may direct.

Powers of the Grand Lodge

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SEC. 4 The Grand Lodge, by the ancient Constitutions and uses of the fraternity, is invested with certain original, essential and unalterable powers and privileges belonging to the ancient craft, and has powers especially:

First — To enact and enforce all laws and regulations for the government of the fraternity, and to alter, amend and repeal the same at pleasure.

Second — To constitute new lodges by granting dispensations and charters under seal; and, for good cause, to suspend, revoke or annul the same at pleasure.

Third — To establish and preserve a uniform mode of working and lectures in accordance with the ancient landmarks and customs of Masonry.

Fourth — To assess and collect from the several lodges under its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the benefit of the craft.

(See §§ 74.1–74.7)

Fifth — To hear and determine all questions of dispute between two or more lodges.

Sixth — To hear and decide all cases of appeal from the decisions of subordinate lodges.

Seventh — To demand and receive such fees and charges for granting dispensations, charters, certificates and diplomas as may be reasonable.

Eighth — To hear and decide all charges and complaints against any officer of the Grand Lodge or Master of a lodge, and to inflict such punishment on the delinquent and guilty as may appear just and proper.

Ninth — To exercise all such powers and perform all such acts, as by custom are exercised and performed by Grand Lodges within the ancient constitutions and landmarks of Freemasonry.

Qualifications of Grand Officers

SEC. 5 No brother shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, or District Deputy Grand Master unless he shall have been regularly elected and duly installed Master of a duly constituted lodge, and shall have faithfully discharged his duties in such office for one term. And any such Past Master, notwithstanding he may be, at the time being, the Master or Warden of a lodge, shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Lodge; but upon installation into either of the offices above named, vacates his said office in the lodge. And no one of the officers above named during his continuance in office shall be Master, Warden or proxy of a lodge.

SEC. 6 No brother having been duly elected and installed in either of the stations of Grand Warden shall again be elected a Grand Warden.

Of Elections and Appointments

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SEC. 7.1 The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Communication, as shall vacancies incurring or occurring on the Committee of Finance, and Board of Trustees of the Masonic Charitable Foundation. Ballots shall be printed by the Grand Lodge for all who have made their candidacy for the above positions known in writing to the Grand Secretary previous to the election but not later than March 15th. The election shall commence at 3 P.M., and a majority of the votes collected shall be necessary for a choice. If a majority is not obtained for any office a further ballot shall be collected as soon as convenient, the election taking priority over all other matters.

(See §§ 9, 35, 44—2, 44—4, 63)

7.2 All Grand Lodge Officers and committee members not herein designated for election shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master.

(See §§ 20 – 33, 36 – 43, 49.2, 49.3)

7.2a If in the course of the year a vacancy occurs in any office ranking below that of Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Master shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the term and cause the appointee to be installed as provided in Section 10.

Provisions for Installation

SEC. 8 No officer can be installed by proxy. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be installed as soon after their election or appointment as may be done and if present shall be installed in open Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication. The Grand Master shall be installed by his immediate predecessor, or by such Past Grand Master as the retiring Grand Master may appoint, and in the absence of the retiring Grand Master by such Past Grand Master as the Grand Master-elect may select.

SEC. 9 In case the Grand Master-elect be absent at the time of installation, he may be installed at such time and place and by such person as the Grand Lodge may specially authorize and appoint; and if he decline the acceptance of said office, the Grand Master shall call a special communication of the Grand Lodge to elect his successor.

SEC. 10 Any elected or appointed Grand Officer not installed at the Annual Communication shall receive from the Grand Secretary an extract of this Section, to wit he may be installed in any open subordinate lodge by some brother specially authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, and such installing officer shall cause a certificate of the installation to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, who shall note the same on the installed officer's record.

SEC. 11 The several Grand Officers, previous to their installation, shall make the following declaration:

"I solemnly promise upon the honor of a Mason, that in the office of _____, I will, according to the best of my abilities, strictly comply with

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the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and all other ancient Masonic uses, so far as the same shall come to my knowledge."

SEC. 12 All Grand Officers, elected or appointed, when installed, shall be proclaimed by the Grand Marshal and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly installed.

SEC. 13 No elected officer of the Grand Lodge, or of any lodge, shall act as such, until he is duly installed.

Of the Grand Master

SEC. 14.1 The Grand Master has power and authority, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to grant dispensations to new lodges to continue in force until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; to arrest the dispensation or charter of any lodge, for good cause, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; and, for dereliction of duty or other unmasonic conduct, to suspend a brother or lodge until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge when he shall present the reason for such arrest or suspension in writing.

(See §§ 47, 68, 69, 121, 124.1)

14.2 He may convene the Grand Lodge at pleasure, giving reasonable notice to the lodges and members of the time and place intended for the meeting, and stating therein the object of it.

(See §§ 3.2, 44)

14.3 He may convene any lodge within his jurisdiction, preside therein (with his officers or otherwise), inspect their proceedings, and require their conformity to the regulations and edicts of the Grand Lodge.

14.4 He may, *in the event of any civil emergency or disaster*, grant a dispensation permitting a change of time or date for Stated Communications of a constituent lodge; provided, that such dispensation shall expire whenever the by-laws of the constituent lodge have been amended to meet the situation; the civil emergency or the results of the disaster have ceased; the next regular Communication of Grand Lodge; whichever shall first occur.

(See §§ 82.1, 82.2)

14.5 He may grant dispensations for processions, and for conferring degrees, and do all other acts and deeds that are warranted and required of him by the regulations and ancient customs of the fraternity.

(See §§ 7.2, 49.4, 49.5, 83, 103, 109, 114.3, 129, 130; S.R. 1, 9)

14.6 The Grand Master has authority from time to time, as he may think for the good of Masonry, to divide the State into districts and assign their limits. The number and size of the districts are left to his discretion, but once formed remain as formed until changed by the Grand Master.

14.6a For each such district he shall annually appoint a District Deputy Grand Master.

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14.6b Every newly constituted lodge shall be assigned by him to some district, and notice given to the District Deputy of the same.

Of the Deputy Grand Master

SEC. 15 It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to attend all the communications of the Grand Lodge and render to the Grand Master such assistance as may be required of him.

(See §§ 17.1, 17.2, 36—10, 63)

Of the Grand Wardens

SEC. 16 It shall be the duty of the Grand Wardens to assist the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge; and when required, they are to attend in the examination of any particular lodge, and act as his Wardens.

(See §§ 17.1, 17.2, 63)

Order of Succession

SEC. 17.1 During the temporary absence of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master may, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Wardens, call special meetings of the Grand Lodge, should the interest of the craft in their opinion require it.

17.2 In the absence of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master shall preside in Grand Lodge and perform such duties and possess such authority while presiding as appertain to the Grand Master. In case of the death or removal from the State of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall, *ex-officio*, exercise all the powers, and perform all the duties of the Grand Master as herein provided until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

In the absence of the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, or if both these offices are vacant, the Senior Grand Warden shall preside over the Grand Lodge; and in his absence, the Junior Grand Warden; and in the absence of all these, then the Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past Grand Wardens, according to seniority; and if no such officer be present, the Senior Past Master is to preside, unless he waive his right to another brother who is a Past Master. In any of these cases, the presiding officer, unless he is a Past Grand Master, shall wear the jewel of the Deputy Grand Master.

Of the Grand Treasurer

SEC. 18.1 The Grand Treasurer shall receive and have the custody and charge of all the property and funds of the Grand Lodge.

He shall deposit Grand Lodge funds in such depositories as shall be approved by the Grand Master and Finance Committee, and disburse said funds for bills approved by the Finance Committee, or for appropriations made by the Grand Lodge or the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Charitable Foundation, attested by the Grand Secretary.

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(See §§ 35.2, 63)

18.2 He shall have in his care all charters, records, seals and regalia returned to the Grand Lodge, and all charters and dispensations for constituting new lodges; keep a record of the office equipment, paraphernalia, regalia and other property of the Grand Lodge, showing the cost or estimate value thereof, and shall annually on the first Thursday in May file with the Grand Secretary a copy of an inventory as of that date, showing the property of all kinds on hand; also that acquired or disposed of during the preceding twelve months.

(See §§ 34.4a–34.6)

18.3 He shall annually render to the Committee of Finance a statement of his accounts with vouchers and a schedule of the funds of the Grand Lodge; and on the first day of the Annual Communication lay before the Grand Lodge a statement of his accounts exhibiting the amounts received and paid out for each account, with respective dates of receipts and disbursements.

18.4 He shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, give bond with surety or sureties to the satisfaction of the Grand Master and Finance Committee, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his trust, and shall deliver to his successor in office the funds and other property of the Grand Lodge, taking duplicate receipts therefore, one of which he shall deposit with the Grand Secretary.

Of the Grand Secretary

SEC. 19.1 The Grand Secretary shall keep a list of all lodges under this jurisdiction according to seniority.

19.2 He shall receive all petitions, applications and appeals, and lay them before the Grand Master.

(See §§ 23, 49.4b, 83)

19.3 He shall give notice of all communications of the Grand Lodge by addressing a circular to the several officers, permanent members and standing and special committees thereof, and one to each lodge.

19.4 He shall attend upon the communications of the Grand Lodge; observe and record the proceedings thereof and preserve the same in suitable books kept for that purpose; and record all reports of committees, which may be accepted by the Grand Lodge.

19.5 He shall, as soon as may be after its several communications, forward to each member of the Grand Lodge such number of copies of the edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge, including a list of the Grand Officers for the time being, as shall be directed by the Grand Master; and all such other transactions of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary for the information and regulation of the subordinate lodges.

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19.6 He shall furnish the chairman of every committee with a copy of the vote of his appointment, and attend all committees with the records and papers of his office, when required.

(See §§ 36—2, 65)

19.7 He shall cause a transcript of the journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be published as soon after the annual communication as the same can be done, and shall forward two printed copies, or a PDF thereof, to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States and such other jurisdictions as are recognized by this Grand Lodge, one copy to each officer and Permanent Member of this Grand Lodge, and two copies to each lodge. [1990 p. 87]

19.8 He shall supply through his office, directly to the lodges, official forms including applications for the charity fund and diplomas, keeping an account with each lodge of the number of diplomas furnished. He shall annually send blanks for returns with a circular which shall state the time when the returns must be made and the dues paid.

(See §§ 75.1, 75.3, 75.5, 91; S.R. 5)

19.9 He shall have the custody of the seal of the Grand Lodge and shall engross, attest, and affix the seal to all warrants, charters, commissions, diplomas and certificates, when ordered by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

19.10 Except as may be otherwise ordered by the Grand Master, all inter-jurisdictional correspondence having reference to official business of the Grand Lodge or of the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction shall be conducted through the office of the Grand Secretary.

19.11 During intervals between communications of the Grand Lodge, he shall, at his discretion, answer all correspondence addressed on the subject of Masonry.

Of District Deputy Grand Masters

SEC. 20 The District Deputy Grand Masters are the personal representatives of the Grand Master and it is their duty to visit the several lodges in their respective districts at least once in every year; preside in the same when officially present; inspect the charter or certificate of charter, by-laws, records and mode of working, and make report thereof to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary immediately after each inspection, in such manner as required by the Grand Master or the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, using Official Form No. 1. If unable to visit any lodge, they may appoint some suitable brother to perform that duty.

(See § 36—9)

They shall communicate to the lodges all such edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge as may be received by them from the Grand Secretary.

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They shall attend in Grand Lodge during their term of office, and are enjoined to use their best endeavors to see that all of their several lodges are represented at every communication of the Grand Lodge, by impressing upon them the importance of attendance by the first three officers or a proxy. They are also to use their best endeavors to see that the lodges in their respective districts are well represented at the schools of instruction each year.

They shall annually, before the first day of April in each year, make report of their doings to the Grand Master.

They may be reimbursed their necessary expenses in visiting the lodges at inspections, their accounts being first examined and passed by the Committee of Finance.

(See §§ 14.6, 47, 76, 126, 129; S.R. 1)

Of the Grand and Assistant Grand Lecturers

SEC. 21 The Grand Lecturer shall exemplify the work and lectures in Grand Lodge or at some other place, if required, and impart instruction to the officers and brethren of lodges in Schools of Instruction held for that purpose at such times and places as shall be directed by the Grand Master.

In addition to the Grand Lecturer, the Grand Master shall also annually appoint not more than six Assistant Grand Lecturers to assist in imparting instruction to the officers and brethren of lodges.

Of the Grand and Assistant Grand Chaplains

SEC. 22 The Grand Master shall annually appoint a Grand Chaplain and not more than six Assistant Grand Chaplains who shall attend the communications of the Grand Lodge and perform such duties as may be suitable to the occasion and as are established by Masonic usages. Furthermore, they shall serve as a Committee on Memorials to deceased Grand and past Grand Officers, and report thereof at the Annual Communication.

[2007 p. 638]

Of the Grand Marshal

SEC. 23 The Grand Marshal shall direct the organization of the Grand Lodge before it is opened; collect from the members and petitioners in the Grand Lodge all communications and place them before the Grand Secretary; introduce visitors; direct the formation of and conduct processions; call the lodges when required, and execute all commands of the Grand Master.

Of Grand Deacons

SEC. 24 The Grand Deacons shall carry messages and attend the Grand Master in processions.

Of Grand Stewards

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SEC. 25 The Grand Master shall annually appoint four Grand Stewards, who shall attend the communications of the Grand Lodge and perform such duties and ceremonial functions as are required of them by the Grand Master.

Of the Grand Sword Bearer

SEC. 26 The Grand Sword Bearer shall rank as Assistant Grand Marshal and in his absence perform the duties of Grand Marshal.

Of the Grand Standard Bearer

SEC. 27 It shall be the duty of the Grand Standard Bearer to carry the Grand Banner of the Order in processions and public ceremonies.

Of Grand Pursuivants

SEC. 28 The Grand Master shall annually appoint two Grand Pursuivants. Their stations shall be at the inner door of the Grand Lodge. It shall be their duty to attend to the officers, members and visitors; to see that they appear in Grand Lodge suitably clothed and, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, that they take their proper stations. In all public processions of the Grand Lodge they shall precede and assist the Grand Marshal.

Of Grand Organists

SEC. 29 The Grand Master shall annually appoint not more than six Grand Organists, who shall attend the communications of the Grand Lodge and play suitable music at appropriate times.

Of the Grand Historian

SEC. 30 It shall be the duty of the Grand Historian to keep and maintain an up-to-date narrative history of the Grand Lodge and, when called upon by the Grand Master, to report thereon. [1987 p. 443]

Of the Grand Librarian

SEC. 31 The Grand Librarian shall act as curator of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum. It shall be his duty to gather materials and maintain the collections, seeing that all books and artifacts are properly catalogued, referenced, and displayed. He shall direct all requests for the funding of new acquisitions, maintaining the collections, etc. to the Masonic Charitable Foundation, in writing.

(See § 61a)

He shall make detailed report, not later than March 15th of each year, to the Trustees of the Charitable Foundation, on the number and title of the publications added to the library, with a listing of all such articles having historical or sentimental value connected directly or indirectly with Freemasonry or Freemasons presented or collected for the museum. He shall provide at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge a written report, of a general nature, on the Library and Museum.

Of the Grand Tyler

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SEC. 32 The Grand Tyler shall duly guard the outer door and see that none, except the Grand Officers and members, enter without permission of the Grand Master.

Of District Education Representatives

SEC. 33 For each district, a District Education Representative (D.E.R.) shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master. Said D.E.R. will work under the direction of the Masonic Education and Lodge Services (MEALS) Committee, and work with the District Deputy to encourage and promote candidate and general Masonic education throughout his district. Annually he shall report to the MEALS Committee, in writing, on the status of Masonic education in his district; and may also recommend one lodge in his district to the MEALS Committee for consideration for the Raymond Rideout Award.

(See § 36—10)

Clothing in Grand Lodge

SEC. 34.1 The clothing of the Grand Officers shall be as follows:

The aprons shall be of white lambskin, lined with purple with purple edging, having the emblem of office embroidered in the center with other suitable embroidery on the edgings thereof. The emblem of the Grand Master shall be the Compasses extended to 45 degrees, with the segment of a circle at the points, and in the center of which is represented an eye, eradiated, with a triangle, also eradiated; that of the Deputy Grand Master, the Compasses and Square united, with a five-pointed star in the center; the Senior Grand Warden, the Level; the Junior Grand Warden, the Plumb; the Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys; Grand Secretary, Crossed Quill Pens; District Deputy Grand Masters, the Compasses with Quadrant and Crescent Moon in the center; Grand and Assistant Grand Lecturers, the Seal of Solomon; Grand and Assistant Grand Chaplains, Holy Bible, open; Grand Marshal, Crossed Rods; Grand Senior Deacon, Square and Compasses with the Sun in the center; Grand Junior Deacon, Square and Compasses with Crescent Moon in the center; Grand Stewards, Cornucopia; Grand Sword Bearer, Crossed Swords; Grand Standard Bearer, Banner; Grand Pursuivants, a Rod and Sword, crossed; Grand Organist, Lyre; Grand Historian, Scroll with Quill Pen; Grand Librarian, the Lamp of Knowledge with an Open Book; Grand Tyler, Sword.

The collars of the Grand Officers shall be of purple velvet, suitably embroidered or garnished with decoration in gold chain. Pendant from the collars shall be jewels patterned upon the emblem of office.

34.2 An officer of a lodge shall wear white or figured apron.

34.3 The aprons of the District Educational Representatives shall be of white lambskin lined with purple with purple edging. Embroidered in the center shall be a point within a circle bordered by two perpendicular lines with an open book atop the circle, and on the flap, the flame of knowledge. The jewel shall be styled upon the center emblem on the apron.

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34.4 Each Past Grand Master, Past Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Warden may be distinguished by the jewel prescribed for the office he has filled, with this difference; that such jewel shall be fixed within a circle or oval of gold or metal gilt. It shall be worn over the left breast. [1896 p. 64]

34.4a Each Grand Master, upon leaving office, shall receive from the Grand Lodge a past officer's jewel, said jewel to be inscribed "Property of the Grand Lodge of Maine A.F. & A.M.", and an apron suitable to the dignity and importance of the great office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine. The Grand Treasurer is authorized to appropriate from the Grand Lodge treasury funds to purchase such regalia, as needed.

Additionally, a Past Grand Masters' Medallion may be worn, suspended from a ribbon; and a Past Grand Masters' Lapel Button may be purchased through the Grand Lodge business office.

34.4b That other past officers who are Permanent Members may have distinctive clothing at Masonic functions, the Grand Treasurer shall make available past grand officer aprons similar to those worn while in office. These may be purchased through the Grand Lodge business office at cost.

34.5 That Past District Deputies may have distinctive clothing to wear at Masonic functions, the Grand Treasurer shall make available past District Deputy Aprons in the style of an active officer, but without the gold braid, fringe and tassels. These may be purchased through the Grand Lodge office at cost.

34.6 It shall be a part of the duty of the Grand Treasurer to keep and maintain a permanent record or file, with complete descriptions or sketches of all jewels and aprons approved by the Grand Lodge.

Furthermore, he shall have on file the signed and dated instrument of every Grand Officer, past Grand Master, or other consignee who takes into his personal possession and care any regalia or other property belonging to the Grand Lodge; such instrument to be in the form and substance, as follows:

To the Grand Treasurer, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

I _____ acknowledge that the following property has been delivered into my possession and care:

_____.

I promise to surrender up the same at the Annual Communication that coincides with the expiration of my term of office or constitutional need, or when otherwise directed, to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine; and in default thereof I promise to pay to said Treasurer the full value of said property."

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

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Committee of Finance

SEC. 35.1 There shall be a Committee of Finance consisting of five members chosen by ballot for three year terms, their several elections staggered over three years so that two shall be elected the first year; two the second year; and one the third year. This cycle of election and service shall repeat, provided however that in case of the absence from the State or disability of a member, the Grand Master may appoint a member pro tempore to serve during the continuance of such absence or disability; or if a vacancy is incurred, the Grand Master may appoint a substitute to fill such position until the next Annual Communication where any unexpired part of that term shall be filled through the usual election process. Also, any elected member that shall fail to attend two or more scheduled meetings of said Committee, without having been previously excused by the Chairman, shall be removed and the vacancy filled as above. [2001 p. 63, 2005 p. 111]

(See §7.1)

35.2 It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine and pass all bills against the Grand Lodge; audit, or cause to be audited by a public accountant, as may be directed by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the accounts of any other officer or committee entrusted with funds of the Grand Lodge; to examine the records of the Grand Secretary and see that they are properly kept; and to report to the Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication and before the election of officers the result of the audits of receipts and expenditures of the preceding year. They shall also, with the Grand Master, designate proper depositories for the funds of the Grand Lodge.

It shall also be the duty of the Finance Committee to annually prepare and distribute to the permanent members and constituent lodges, during the month of February, a ‘draft’ budget; this to afford the Brethren the opportunity to comment on the same in writing or in person during the months of March and April. Such draft budget must be accompanied by supporting documentation explaining, justifying and analyzing its recommendations, and a disclosure of all motions, other than acceptance of the report itself, which will be presented by the Committee at the Annual Communication. Provided, however, that such ‘drafts’ shall not be construed to prohibit the committee from altering the ‘final report, budget or motions’ during the interval between the draft’s distribution and the Annual Meeting; provided further that the committee shall prepare and distribute to the delegates to Grand Lodge within a reasonable time before the first day of the Annual Communication, a final proposal for an operating budget for the ensuing year, together with a proposed per capita tax to support that budget.

35.3 No member of the Finance Committee may serve at the same time as a trustee of the Masonic Charitable Foundation or as the head of any appendant or concordant Masonic body in the State of Maine. [2011 p. 607]

The Appointed Standing Committees

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SEC. 36 There shall be appointed after the installation of Grand Officers and before the close of the Annual Communication the following committees, each composed of three members excepting those on Masonic Education and Lodge Service, Ritual, and The Maine Masonic College, whose memberships are noted in situ.

1. *On Credentials*

The Committee on Credentials, at any communication of the Grand Lodge where a ballot is to be had, shall attend and make a proper record of the Grand Officers, Permanent Members, Masters, Wardens and Proxies of lodges, and any duplicate electors in attendance; distribute voter materials to eligible electors; and before the ballot report the names of lodges not represented and the number of votes in Grand Lodge. At the Annual Communication they shall also make a record of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in attendance, and report on the same.

(See §§ 3.1a, 44—2)

2. *On Returns*

The Committee on Returns of which the Grand Secretary shall be *ex-officio* a member and chairman, shall prepare and report in tabular form an abstract of the returns of the several lodges and submit such other statistical data relative to the work of the lodges as may be of interest to the membership of the Grand Lodge.

3. *On Grievances and Appeals*

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals shall have referred to it all matters of controversy and grievances and petitions or applications for reinstatement or restoration to Masonry; and shall hear appeals from recommendations of the Commissioners of Trials, and on receiving and hearing such appeals shall review the proceedings and findings of the Board of Commissioners of Trials and make appropriate recommendation to the Grand Lodge.

[1994 p. 1040]

4. *On History of Masonry in Maine*

The Committee on History of Masonry in Maine shall have referred to it histories of the several lodges as compiled, review and file the same in the office of the Grand Secretary.

(See § 75.2)

5. *On Dispensations and Charters*

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters shall examine the work and records of lodges working under dispensation and make such recommendations on the petition of a lodge working under such a dispensation for a charter as appears to be in the interests of the craft and the petitioners. It shall also have referred to it all matters concerning suspension and revocation of charters.

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6. *On Amendments to the Constitution*

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution shall have referred to it all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Standing Regulations entertained by Grand Lodge. [1971 p. 596]

7. *On Masonic Jurisprudence*

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence shall have referred to it all acts of the Grand Master involving questions of Masonic law and practice and shall report on such other matters as are referred to it for consideration. The report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence shall be read immediately after the reading of the Address of the Grand Master. [2011 p. 608]

(See §§ 14.1, 14.4, 14.5)

8. *On Fraternal Relations*

The Committee on Fraternal Relations shall review the proceedings and documents emanating from other Grand Masonic Jurisdictions and report thereon; also make recommendations in cases where other Grand Jurisdictions ask fraternal recognition by this Grand Lodge.

9. *On Condition of the Fraternity*

The Committee on Condition of the Fraternity shall examine the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and the returns of the lodges and make such suggestions and recommendations as may be in the interests of the subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge.

(See §§ 20 ¶ 1, 75.1)

10. *On Masonic Education and Lodge Service*

This Committee shall be composed of seven members. It is tasked with producing and conveying Masonic information to the subordinate lodges, particularly as regards Masonic educational programs, including methods and means of candidate instruction.

Furthermore, the Committee shall publish to the lodges such bulletins and multimedia presentations on Masonic subjects as may be approved by the Grand Master; recommend speakers and organize a speakers bureau; and render such assistance as may properly come under the scope of the committee to anniversary and special programs of all sorts.

Inasmuch as the District Education Representatives are the primary conduit between the Committee and the lodges, the Committee shall also recommend, to the Grand Master's consideration, candidates for service as D.E.R.s.

(See § 33) [1996 p. 1555; 2005 p. 111]

11. *On Doings of Grand Officers*

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers shall have referred to it the addresses and reports of the Grand Officers and shall refer all matters contained

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therein to the committees especially charged with particular duties under this Constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

12. On Unfinished Business

The Committee on Unfinished Business shall examine the printed proceedings of the previous communication and report at the first session of the Grand Lodge all matters therein pending and undetermined; also before the close of the Annual Communication submit a report that all matters of business presented at the communication have been acted on.

13. On Ritual

The Committee on Ritual shall be charged with the preservation of the Ritual and the perpetuation and continuity of accurate interpretation. Its membership shall be commensurate with its workload, but never less than three.

14. On By-Laws

This Committee shall, upon receipt thereof, examine all proposed by-laws or changes to the by-laws of constituent lodges, and make a determination as to their conformity to Masonic code. As soon as may be, they shall forward the same with their recommendations to the Grand Master, to be disposed of as per Section 83. This Committee shall annually report to the Grand Lodge the number and type of by-law changes requested, with a synopsis of their recommendation and reasoning for any rejected.

15. On the Maine Masonic College

The Maine Masonic College has been created and organized to provide an extended opportunity for Brethren to explore the nature and purpose of Freemasonry and its wider mission in promoting the well-being of all human kind, the Grand Lodge of Maine endorses the efforts of this college and recognizes it as a provider of opportunities for the further enlightenment of the Craft within this Grand Jurisdiction. [2005 p. 130]

The College shall be governed by a Board of Regents consisting ex-officio of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and nine members elected to serve staggered terms of three years. Election to the Board, governance of the College, and its mission, shall all be in accordance with by-laws voted by the board and approved by the Grand Master.

(See Appendix B)

The College shall be subject to Section 35.2, but not to Sections 37–42.

16. On Investments

The Committee on Investments shall develop and approve investment policies for Grand Lodge and, after consultation with the Committee on Finance and Grand Treasurer, direct the investment of available Grand Lodge funds, including the purchase and sale of stocks, bonds and other appropriate

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financial instruments. Section 41 (which requires that all committee members be Past Masters) shall not apply to this committee.

Of Standing and Special Committees

SEC. 37 All vacancies in the appointed standing committees shall be filled as soon as convenient after the opening of each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and the members of such committees shall hold office until the close of the next Annual Communication.

SEC. 38 The Grand Master may refer to any of those committees, during the recess, any matter for their consideration.

SEC. 39 The appointment of these committees shall not preclude the Grand Master or Grand Lodge from commissioning special committees whenever it is deemed expedient to which any matters may be referred.

All special committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master or in his absence by the presiding officer, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 40 The first brother chosen or appointed on a committee shall be the chairman and shall duly notify each member of the committee of the time and place of meeting; unless the Grand Master, who, *ex-officio* has a right to act as a member and chairman of every appointed committee, shall see fit to act, and he or the chairman may call the committee together, if deemed expedient.

SEC. 41 No brother, not a member of the Grand Lodge or Past Master of a subordinate lodge, shall be appointed on any committee. This, however, is not intended to militate against the right of the Grand Master to commission any brother in writing for a specific purpose.

(See § 36—16)

SEC. 42 Drafts of all committee reports containing recommendations requiring approval of Grand Lodge shall be made available to the Craft no later than March 15th of each year and, in all cases in which it is practicable, said committees shall be in readiness to report on the first day of the Annual Communication.

SEC. 43 The necessary expenses of all committees shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

Procedural Rules for Grand Lodge Sessions

SEC. 44 The Grand Master shall direct the business of the Grand Lodge according to his own judgment, except as specially provided in the following Rules:

1. None but members of the Grand Lodge, officers or past officers of other Grand Lodges excepted, shall be present at the opening of the same, nor shall any visitor be admitted during the session except by permission of the Grand Master or by vote of the Grand Lodge.

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2. When the hour arrives for the election of the officers of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Credentials shall announce the number of votes in Grand Lodge, which shall go into an executive session for that purpose, and none but members of the Grand Lodge shall be present without the consent of the Grand Master in each case. However, at the discretion of the Grand Master, Committee reports of a non-debatable nature may be read and received while ballots are being counted. [1990 p. 87]

3. Members and visitors shall keep the seats assigned them, except the Grand Marshal and officers whose duties may call them about the lodge.

4. While the voting for Grand Officers and elected committeemen is proceeding, the brethren shall remain seated; moreover, unless in case of emergency, they shall not leave the hall until all contests are decided.

Only those ballots printed by the Grand Lodge and distributed by the Committee on Credentials shall be cast; if other ballots than those provided are cast, they shall not be counted.

(See §§ 3.1a, 7.1)

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, election of any officer may be by acclamation if there shall be but one candidate for that office and if Grand Lodge shall unanimously approve such method of election.

When more than three candidates are running for election to a Grand Lodge office and a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes on the first ballot, all candidates but the three having the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall withdraw; if on the second ballot, a candidate does not have a majority of the votes cast, the candidate with the least number of votes shall withdraw.

5. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing, as shall all motions, if the presiding officer or any brother desire it.

6. All questions shall be decided by a show of hands, unless five members shall call for the yeas and nays, in which case the members shall vote in executive session as provided for in Rule 2, upon the call of the roll; at the request of any ten members, the yeas and nays shall be recorded, the representatives of lodges by the number of their lodge and the other members by name, or the title of their office.

7. Each member shall vote on all questions, except where he is personally interested, unless excused by the Grand Lodge; and no member can delegate his right of voting to another.

8. Every member who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the presiding Grand Officer; nor shall he be interrupted without his consent, except by a call to order from the presiding officer, or from some member of the Grand Lodge.

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9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, to commit, to postpone, or to amend, which motions shall take precedence in the order above named.

10. A motion to amend, until decided, shall preclude all other amendments of the main question.

11. Any member may call for a division of the question, where the same will admit of it.

12. No new motion, which totally changes the subject matter on which the original motion was intended to operate, shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion under debate.

13. A motion for reconsideration may be made on the same day the decision was made, and not afterwards, and no member, except one of the majority which decided the question, shall be allowed to move for reconsideration.
[2012 p. 881]

14. After a motion is stated by the presiding Grand Officer it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Grand Lodge, and shall not be withdrawn by the mover, against the objection of any member, without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

15. There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put by the presiding Grand Officer.

16. All motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

17. While the presiding Grand Officer is addressing the Grand Lodge or putting a question, or a brother is speaking no member shall entertain any private discourse or pass between the speaker and the chair.

18. No brother shall leave the Grand Lodge during the session, without permission of the Grand Master.

19. No brother shall speak more than twice upon the same question, unless to explain, without permission of the Grand Lodge, if any member object.

20. All matters not finally disposed of at the close of the Grand Lodge, unless in the hands of a committee or postponed to the next communication, are lost.

(See § 36—12)

21. The report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence shall be presented immediately after the reading of the Address of the Grand Master.
[2011 p. 608]

22. The Grand Master, or presiding officer, at every Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge may, at his discretion, give or cause to be given, one section of the lecture of each degree or an exemplification of the

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work in one or more degrees, or designate such other ceremonial of a Masonic character as he may deem advisable.

Discipline

SEC. 45 The Grand Lodge may punish summarily, as for contempt, any offence committed in its presence or by any member while in attendance upon a communication thereof.

SEC. 46 The Grand Lodge has exclusive power to try and punish its own officers for any offence.

SEC. 47 It shall not be competent for a lodge to entertain proceedings against its Master. Any five members of the lodge, or the District Deputy Grand Master, may impeach him before the Grand Master, who shall order an investigation of the charges; and if in his opinion they are well founded, and of a character to justify the proceedings, he may suspend the delinquent, and summon him to appear at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to show cause why he should not be dealt with according to the regulations and uses in such cases established. However, the Grand Master, without such impeachment, may proceed in the same manner.

(See § 14.1)

SEC. 48 The Grand Lodge has power to try and punish any mason residing within its jurisdiction, whether a member of one of its lodges or not, for any offence committed by him; and when the Grand Master shall suspend a brother and present the reason of such suspension, the Commissioners of Trial shall take jurisdiction and act upon such reason as upon an accusation duly transmitted to it as under Section 49.4b.

(See §§ 14.1, 101.3)

Original Jurisdiction

SEC. 49.1 Every lodge shall have original jurisdiction, except as otherwise provided, to entertain proceedings against a member thereof.

(See § 49.6)

Commissioners of Trials

49.2 The Grand Master shall annually appoint a board of five past or present Masters of Lodges, to be styled Commissioners of Trials; but he may in his discretion appoint a special Board of Commissioners for the trial of any given cause. The first named of said Board shall be the Chairman thereof and three members shall constitute a quorum. A single member may take testimony. In the absence of the Chairman, the Board shall elect a Chairman pro tempore.

Judge Advocate

49.3 The Grand Master may also appoint a past master of a lodge to be styled Judge Advocate, to perform such duties as may be delegated to him

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by the Grand Master and who shall receive for his services, and for necessary expenses, such compensation as the Grand Master shall determine.

Procedural Rules

49.4 Whenever a Brother shall be accused of any offense, which, if proved, might subject him to expulsion or suspension from the rights and privileges of Masonry, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules:

a. The accusation shall be made in writing, with specifications of the offense, under the signature of one or more Master Masons, and delivered to the Master, who shall thereupon summon his Lodge to act upon the accusation.

It shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of any lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction to prepare specifications and prefer charges against any member of the lodge or a mason sojourning within its jurisdiction at the request of any member of such lodge, upon reasonable evidence of a Masonic offence having been committed.

b. If the Lodge by a majority vote of its members present determines that the charges require investigation, the accusation shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, who shall, under the direction of the Grand Master, transmit the same to the Chairman of the Board.

c. The accused shall be served with an attested copy of the charges by the Grand Secretary.

i. Upon the receipt of the attested copy of the charges, the accused shall respond by certified mail to the Grand Secretary within fourteen days whether he contests the charges and whether he wishes to have a hearing on the charges or upon the disposition to be recommended if the charges are admitted.

ii. If the accused does not respond within fourteen days the accused will be considered in default and plead no contest to said charges and his suspension by the Grand Master shall be automatically affirmed except that charges which are a felony under the laws of the State of Maine or of the United States of America shall result in an automatic expulsion from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

iii. Any accused, or his lodge, may request a hearing solely upon the disposition to be recommended by the Commissioners.

iv. If the accused does timely respond and request a hearing, the accused shall be served with a summons to appear at a time and place to be named in said summons. The summons shall be served upon the accused fourteen days, at least, prior to the return day thereof. [2003 p. 585]

d. If the residence of the accused be unknown, the Commissioners may proceed to examine the charges and accusation EX PARTE; but if known and out of the State a summons shall be sent him, by mail or otherwise, thirty days, at least, before the time appointed for his appearance. The service and return

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thereof shall be according to regulations to be made by the Commissioners, and, when so made, shall be conclusive.

e. A Lodge or Brother aggrieved by the failure of a Lodge to determine that the charges require investigation may appeal to the Grand Master, who may, in his discretion, cause the charge to be transmitted to the Chairman of the Board and the Board shall thereafter proceed in the same manner as above provided.

f. If a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction shall be convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of an offence involving moral turpitude and accusation shall not be made against him therefore in the lodge it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to prefer and forward such accusation to the Grand Secretary who shall transmit the same to the Chairman of the Commissioners of Trials. Said Board of Commissioners of Trials shall take jurisdiction and act upon the accusations as upon other accusations duly transmitted to them.

g. The examination upon the charge and accusation shall be had at some convenient place and time to be designated by the Commissioners not later than 60 days prior to the next communication of the Grand Lodge, of which said place and time due notice shall be given, and no visitors shall be admitted except as counsel or witnesses. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commissioners, the testimony may be taken by the Chairman, or any member designated by him, who shall reduce the substance of the same to writing, to be submitted to the Board. Witnesses, if Masons, shall testify on their honor as such. Other witnesses shall be duly sworn before their testimony is taken.

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h. Each Commissioner shall have the power to issue a summons to any member of the Fraternity then being or residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge commanding him to appear at said time and place and testify as a witness. A summons may be served by copy delivered in hand or by registered mail, return receipt requested. Witnesses summoned or appearing at the request of the Board or any Commissioner shall be paid their actual necessary traveling expenses.

i. Any Brother duly authorized may appear as counsel in support of, or in opposition to, the charges during the taking of the testimony and in the argument of the cause.

j. A report of the proceedings and summary of the facts in each case, including the finding and recommendation of the Commissioners thereon, shall be signed by the Commissioners acting in such case and shall be sent by registered mail to the accused, at his last known address, within 30 days of hearing such case, together with a notice that he may appeal the recommendations of the Commissioners of Trials, said appeal to be filed with the Grand Secretary within 15 days of receiving said notice. Upon receipt of notice of appeal, the Grand Secretary shall forthwith file with the Chairman of the Committee of Grievances and Appeals, the report, findings and recommendations made by said Commission pursuant to Section 36—3. Failure to file an appeal within the time provided for herein shall terminate any

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right of appeal and findings and recommendations of the Commissioner of Trials shall be reported directly to the Grand Lodge for review and final determination. [1994 p. 1041]

k. Lodges may, by a two-thirds vote, refuse to entertain charges presented after a lapse of four years from the time of the commission of the alleged offence, unless the reasons for delay in presenting charges grow out of the absence of the accused from this jurisdiction, the absence of material witnesses or the concealment of the offence, or be decided by the Grand Master to be sufficient.

Appeals

49.5 Any Brother may appeal a finding of the Commissioners of Trials, in his case, to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, which will hear said appeal and make appropriate recommendation to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Said appeal must be made within 15 days of receiving notification from the Commissioners of Trials. [1994 p. 1041]

Compensation of Commissioners

49.6 The Commissioners shall receive for their services and for necessary expenses in each case, such compensation as the Grand Master shall determine and allow upon the certificate of the Commissioners and the same shall be paid from the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Original Jurisdiction may be taken by Grand Lodge

49.7 Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the Grand Lodge from taking original jurisdiction in any case and proceeding according to any method which it may adopt; provided, however, that no action shall be taken against any Brother whose address is known without reasonable notice to him and an opportunity to appear and be heard in person or by Masonic Counsel.

SEC. 50 An expulsion or suspension of a brother from any other Masonic organization shall not operate as an expulsion or suspension from the lodge of which he is a member.

SEC. 51 No lodge shall suspend or expel a member from the rights of Masonry for non-payment of dues; the penalty of such delinquency shall be forfeiture or suspension of membership. Suspension for nonpayment of dues and forfeiture of membership are not the same. The latter requires a petition and ballot; the former, payment of arrears within three years restores to membership, after three years he must petition for reinstatement.

(See § 105.5)

In any case, the member shall be notified of the charges, and summoned to appear at a time and place to be named in said summons, and make such answer as he may desire. The summons shall be served upon the member, either in person or by registered or certified mail at his last known address, fourteen days at least before the date of the hearing. If, however, the residence

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of the brother be unknown, the lodge may proceed to trial *EXPARTE*; but if known and out of state, notice and summons shall be sent him by registered mail, certified mail, or otherwise, thirty days at least before the date appointed for hearing.

SEC. 52 Any brother who has lost his membership in a lodge because of non-payment of dues shall not be admitted to membership in any other lodge until the same are paid or remitted. The recommendation of the Master and Wardens of the lodge, of which the applicant was last a member, should accompany such application.

SEC. 53 The Grand Lodge shall hear all appeals upon the record as sent up, unless for special reasons it shall determine to hear other testimony; and, according to its immemorial usage, may confirm, modify or reverse the proceedings appealed from, and it may give such final judgment and sentence as its deems just.

(See §§ 49, 54, 57)

SEC. 54 The Grand Lodge shall review the proceedings in all cases in which the penalty of suspension or expulsion is inflicted, with the same power of confirmation, modification or reversal, as contained in the preceding section.

(See § 49.4j)

SEC. 55 When the Grand Lodge reverses or abrogates the judgment, suspending or expelling a brother, he shall at once be entitled to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his lodge.

SEC. 56 A Mason expelled by the Grand Lodge of Maine loses his membership in the Order. A Mason suspended by the Grand Lodge of Maine loses absolutely his membership in any Lodge in this jurisdiction in which he holds membership, and his status becomes that of a non-affiliated Mason.

SEC. 57.1 A petition for restoration of a Mason expelled or suspended by the Grand Lodge of Maine shall only be entertained if presented in writing, and filed in the office of the Grand Secretary, not less than sixty days before the date of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge at which its consideration is requested and restoration upon such a petition shall not take effect until confirmed by the Grand Lodge. Provided, however, that before action shall be taken by the Grand Lodge upon a petition for restoration, a copy thereof shall be filed at a stated communication of the Lodge of which the petitioner was formerly a member, lay over until the next communication and a favorable recommendation made thereon to the Grand Lodge and after review and report to the Grand Lodge by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

57.2 Whenever the Grand Lodge shall release a Mason from a penalty of expulsion or suspension, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within any lodge of which he was formerly a member without its consent expressed by an unanimous ballot.

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57.3 If a lodge of which an expelled or suspended Mason was formerly a member has ceased to exist, a petition for restoration may be made direct to the Grand Lodge, on a favorable recommendation made thereon by five or more Master Masons in good standing.

SEC. 58 No subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction shall publish the suspension or expulsion of any of its members, unless by authority of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 59 A lodge or brother offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no penalty is attached, shall be subject to admonition, suspension, or expulsion.

PART SECOND; THE MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE

SEC. 60 THE MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, is a Maine Title 13-B nonprofit corporation. As established, July 8, 1991, by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, it shall hold in trust in the name of said corporation the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and such other funds or other property as are established or accepted for charitable, education or other specific purposes, which are in accord with Masonic principles and practices. [1992 p. 585]

SEC. 61 The Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge shall from time to time be increased by adding thereto such monies as may be voted into it.

(See § 131) [1984 p. 642]

61a The Corporation shall have the care, custody, management and administration of the Museum and Library owned by the Grand Lodge of Maine. [1992 p. 585]

(See § 31)

SEC. 62 The interest arising from the charitable funds of the Masonic Charitable Foundation, and such other funds as may be available, may be appropriated in whole or in part, for the relief:

First, to poor and worthy members of lodges, their widows and orphans, under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

Second, to all other worthy causes within and without the Masonic Fraternity, as the Grand Lodge or the Trustees of the Masonic Charitable Foundation through a Committee on Distribution appointed by the Trustees from their own members may consider worthy of assistance, to the DeMolay and Pine Tree Youth Foundation, and to other charitable, literary, educational, research, scientific or medical purposes as the Trustees or the Grand Lodge, may deem appropriate and consistent with Masonic Principles and practices; and if the whole be not distributed the residue may be used for the payment of ordinary expenses necessary for the proper administration of the funds, and any amount over the appropriation for relief and expenses may be added to the Charity Fund. [1992 p. 585]

SEC. 63 The Masonic Charitable Foundation shall be under the management of a Board of Trustees, consisting ex officio of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Grand Secretary; and six directly elected members, not acting officers of the Grand Lodge, chosen by ballot for terms of three years, their several elections staggered over three years; this to afford a certain continuity to the Board. Any vacancy in the elected members occurring during the year may be filled pro tempore, by vote of the Board of Trustees, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge where any unexpired part of such term shall be filled through the usual election process.

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(See § 7.1)

The Board of Trustees thus constituted shall be styled "TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE", who shall have authority to invest the accruing funds and exchange the investment thereof in the manner they shall deem most safe and productive. No part of the principal of any funds in their custody shall be expended for any purpose whatever. Provided, that it shall be lawful for said Trustees to appoint an Investment Committee from their own number which shall have authority to invest the funds in the custody of the Trustees in such securities and forms of investment as said Committee shall approve, and to make sales and transfers thereof. Provided, further, that the Trustees by a vote of not less than two-thirds of its members may delegate to an investment counsel of their selection the powers granted above to the Investment Committee. All documents and instruments required in effecting sales and transfers, so authorized, shall be signed and executed by the Grand Treasurer. The Board of Trustees shall also conduct the offices relative to any trust funds or special gifts created by will or other instrument in writing accepted by the Grand Lodge and shall have authority to take, hold, and convey title to any such funds or property in the name of the Grand Lodge. [1992 p. 585]

SEC. 64 The Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Maine shall be held in Portland, or at such other place as the Grand Master shall designate, on the third Tuesday of April of each year, and other meetings shall be held at such other times and places as may be deemed expedient by the Grand Master. A majority of the Board shall be necessary for every act except that of adjournment.

SEC. 65 The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge shall be, *ex officio*, Secretary of the Board of Trustees. It shall be his duty to keep just, fair records of their proceedings, and report the same to the Grand Lodge whenever required.

SEC. 66 The Trustees have the power to adopt such regulations for their own government and proceedings as are not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

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Style and Jurisdictional Sovereignty of Lodges

SEC. 67 All lodges under this jurisdiction have a right to convene as Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The territorial jurisdiction of such lodges shall be co-extensive with the territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, with all lodges having concurrent jurisdiction therein.[2001 pp. 58–63]

SEC. 68 No lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons can legally assemble in this state under a warrant or charter granted by any foreign Masonic power, and Masters of lodges are required to report to the Grand Master all invasions of this Grand jurisdiction by lodges of other jurisdictions, with all the circumstances attending, so far as they may be able. [1869 p. 406]

Specially Chartered Lodges of Masonic Study and Research

SEC. 69 Seven or more Master Masons may unite to form a lodge for Masonic study and research. Such a lodge shall be without power or authority to confer degrees on candidates or to receive members other than by affiliation; nor shall it be entitled to representation or vote in Grand Lodge. Thus limited, a dispensation and charter may be issued without compliance with the requirements of Sections 70–135.

Lodges for Masonic study and research may accept as associate members, Master Masons or Lodges of Master Masons in good standing in this or other Grand Jurisdictions in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Maine, and also organizations recognized as Masonic by this Grand Lodge, and Masonic libraries, under such conditions as its by-laws may provide. [1981 p. 43]

Inherent Rights of Regularly Chartered Lodges

SEC. 70 All regular lodges may receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts and raise Master Masons, and establish fees therefore; choose officers annually, and transact all matters appertaining to Masonry, agreeably to their charters, the laws of the Grand Lodge and the ancient uses of the craft.

It is the duty of the members of a lodge to pay such annual dues and assessments as will permit the lodge to meet its obligations respecting its proper operating expenses and, in-as-much as they are organized to permit their members as a collective body to engage in works of benevolence and charity, they also have a right to establish funds for charitable purposes.

Duty of Master and Wardens, or Proxy, to Attend Grand Lodge

SEC. 71.1 As the Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representation of every individual member of the Fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority and power, and in its acts should be assisted by all the light and intelligence of its own members and the whole craft.


It is the duty, therefore, of every regularly chartered lodge to be represented at the communications of the Grand Lodge by its Master and Wardens, or proxy, and that there may be no neglect of this duty each lodge is required, at the stated communication next before any communication of the Grand Lodge (unless it has been previously done), to elect a Master Mason of

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regular standing in said lodge, not holding office in Grand Lodge; as proxy, and such proxy shall have a right to a seat in the Grand Lodge during the Masonic year in which he was elected, and to cast the votes of the lodge when neither the Master nor either of the Wardens shall be present.

The proxy shall be duly commissioned under the seal of the lodge and the attestation of the Master and Secretary. Said commission shall be tendered on official Form No. 11, as annually issued by the Grand Lodge, or in a letter in the form and substance as follows, viz.:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

BE IT KNOWN: That Brother _____, of _____, having been elected

of _____
Lodge.

by the members of _____ Lodge, in _____, to represent said Lodge in Grand Lodge the ensuing year, I do in their behalf commission him their representative to appear, and upon all subjects relating to the craft in general, and this lodge in particular, to act and decide as fully as though we were personally present.

Confirming the acts of our beloved brother in his capacity, we pray that he may enjoy all the protection and privileges to which we are entitled.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of our lodge to be affixed, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 20____.

Attest: _____ *Secretary.*

71.2 In case of vacancy not filled by the lodge before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, or the inability of the proxy commissioned by the lodge to attend the Annual Communication, the Master or acting Master may appoint a substitute and give him a certificate under the seal of the lodge; but such substitute can act as proxy only by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 72 Every lodge represented by proxy in Grand Lodge shall issue the commission annually. All commissions of proxies of the Grand Lodge shall expire with the closing of the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication after such appointment, and no brother shall represent more than one lodge at the same time, either as representative or proxy.

SEC. 73 No informality in the form of the commission shall preclude the Grand Lodge from admitting to a seat any brother who has been duly elected as the proxy of a lodge.

Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax and Assessments

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SEC. 74.1 Each regularly chartered lodge shall pay towards the support of the Grand Lodge and its programs, as follows:

(See § 75.1)

74.2 An annual per capita tax on all of its members, including any active members of the lodge who have been granted honorary status by vote or by-law and those absent from the state, but excluding any plural members that are being duly assessed in other lodges in this jurisdiction. Said tax shall be an amount as voted at the last Annual Session. That amount may be adjusted in accordance with the report of the Finance Committee as presented pursuant to Section 35, but shall not be increased in any one year by more than an amount equal to 10% of the previous year's tax, rounded to the nearest five cents.

74.3 An annual per capita assessment on all of its members as in Section 90.1, of two dollars for preparing, printing and mailing The Maine Mason publication to each member. All monies collected for The Maine Mason are to be considered dedicated funds. If the Maine Mason shall cease to be published this levy shall likewise cease. These funds shall be subject to Section 35 of the Constitution as any other Grand Lodge fund.

74.4 An annual per capita assessment on all of its members as in Section 90.1, of one dollar, plus an additional five dollars for every candidate initiated during the year, shall be remitted to the Grand Lodge for donation to The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association for the support of that Memorial.

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

74.6 Lodges U. D. (under dispensation) are not required to pay the above per capita tax or assessments except, if they hold their meeting at a place not otherwise covered by the Grand Lodge Blanket Liability Insurance, they then must pay to be brought under the Grand Lodge policy.

74.7 No per capita tax or assessments will be remitted unless upon the petition of a lodge and a report thereon of a committee of the Grand Lodge. Moreover, Grand Lodge will not remit Grand Lodge dues to subordinate lodges on account of loss by fire of property not insured.[1866 p. 192]

(See S.R. 22)

Of Grand Lodge Mandates and Penalties

SEC. 75.1 The lodges under this jurisdiction shall make returns annually of their officers and members and of all the work done during the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, agreeably to the form established and on the blanks furnished by the Grand Lodge, and the Secretary of each lodge shall, on or before the first day of February, following, send one copy of the return to the Grand Secretary and one duplicate copy of the return and a copy of an abstract thereof, on blanks also to be furnished by the Grand Lodge, and the

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dues, that is the per capita taxes, assessments and fees listed in Sections 74.2–74.5, by check, post office order or bank draft, made payable to the Grand Lodge of Maine, A.F. & A.M., to the Grand Treasurer, who shall receipt for the dues upon the copy of the return and return the copy to the Secretary of the lodge to be preserved in the files of the lodge.

75.1a Any lodge which fails to so transmit its aforesaid returns and dues on or before the first day of February annually shall be penalized the sum of five dollars for the delinquency and one additional dollar for each day after the second day of February the said returns and dues are delayed.

75.1b Should any lodge neglect to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge for the space of two years, the Master and Wardens of such lodge shall not be permitted to attend, in their official capacity, any meeting of the Grand Lodge, until such returns and payments are made. And should the delinquency continue for three years, the charter, funds and regalia of such lodge may be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

75.2 Not later than March 1st annually, each lodge in this Jurisdiction shall prepare its history for the preceding year, permanent copies of which shall be on file with the lodge and Grand Lodge; provided, however, that any lodge whose annual meeting falls in the month of February shall have until April 1st of each year to comply with the above requirements.

(See § 36—4)

And subsequent to 1983, any lodge that fails in any year to complete and submit its history to the Grand Lodge by the day due shall be fined ten dollars for each year in arrears, and each year thereafter on the day due shall be fined an additional ten dollars for each year in arrears.[1987 p. 446]

75.3 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.

75.4 Any lodge which fails to be represented at any Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge as required by paragraph 3 of Section 2 of the Constitution, shall be penalized the sum of **ten dollars** for each such failure, said penalty to be paid before July 1 following the date of the Annual Communication when said failure occurs.

75.5 Each constituent lodge shall submit once in every four years a complete list of its members to the Grand Secretary, on numbered sheets provided by Grand Lodge, before the first day of February 1984, and each four years thereafter. If such a list is not received by the above dates, a fine of ten dollars will be imposed upon that lodge and a fine of one dollar for each day the list is not received following the date of February 1st. [1981 p. 40]

Duty of Lodges to their District Deputy

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SEC. 76 The District Deputy Grand Master shall be seasonably notified in writing, by the secretary of each lodge in his district, of each and every meeting of that lodge to be held. [1910 p. 47]

It shall be the duty of every Master or presiding officer of a lodge, when notified of the intended official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, to convene his lodge, receive him as the representative of the Grand Lodge, resign to him the chair, while making his official communication, and submit to his inspection the by-laws, records and mode of working.

Meetings and General Business of Lodges

SEC. 77 A lodge ought to meet once in each calendar or lunar month, but may with propriety stand closed during any three consecutive months once in any fiscal year, provided its by-laws so provide and the lodge so votes.

SEC. 78 All general business, such as the election and installation of officers, the discussion of questions relating to the general interest of the Fraternity and the local affairs of the lodge, may be transacted in a lodge of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts or Master Masons, except that which may relate specifically to a particular degree, at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. Provided however, that only Master Masons who are members of the lodge may vote or hold office and those below the degree of Master Mason may debate only with the permission of the Worshipful Master. [2003 p. 587]

SEC. 79 No lodge under this jurisdiction shall hold more than one stated meeting in each month, at which it can receive petitions and ballot for candidates, except by dispensation.

(See § 82.1 ¶ 2)

SEC. 80 No lodge shall "call off" from one day to another; but when the business cannot conveniently be completed at one session, a lodge may close to open on another day without further notice, and so on from time to time until the business is completed; and the subsequent communications shall be held to be a continuance of the first communication, but no business shall be transacted except such as was pending on the first day.

SEC. 81 A vote passed by a lodge may be reconsidered at the same communication, and not afterwards; but this shall not prevent the rescinding or repealing of a vote when it can legally be done. Nor can a lodge, at a *special meeting*, alter or expunge any part of the proceedings of a stated one.

Dispensations/Constitutional Abatements and Permits

SEC. 82.1 No lodge can suspend the operation of a by-law, nor can the Grand Master suspend a by-law of a lodge.[1918 p. 45]

However, in the absence of a quorum at a stated communication due to civil emergency or disaster, a lodge may request dispensation from the Grand Master to transact the business of said communication on a day and at a time after the day and time named in the by-laws.

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(See § 14.4)

Provided further that no action shall be had upon a petition for degrees or for an election of an officer or officers of a lodge under a dispensation from the Grand Master until the expiration of three days from the time the notices calling the communication for action have been issued and mailed.

82.2 In cases of extreme necessity, a lodge may request a temporary, limited abatement of a constitutional requirement, *if* said section shall provide for it.

(See §§ 14.4, 14.5, 86, 109 ¶ 2)

82.3 The Grand Master may also, by dispensation, grant permits for activities that, under code, require his permission.

(See §§ 14.5, 86, 109 ¶ 2; S.R. 30)

82.4 All applications for dispensations must be submitted on the approved forms supplied by the Grand Secretary's office.

By-Laws; Adoption and Amendment

SEC. 83 A lodge endeavoring to adopt or revise by-laws shall forward four copies of all such proposals, made and attested under the signature of the secretary and seal of the lodge on Official Form 14, to the Grand Secretary. These shall be reviewed by the Committee on By-laws and forwarded to the Grand Master, who shall approve or reject, or return the same to the lodge for further revision. One copy of the submitted form shall be retained by the Committee on By-laws; one by the Grand Master for his records; and, on approval, one copy shall be placed in the lodge's permanent folder at the Grand Lodge office and one copy returned to the lodge. By-laws or amendments to by-laws are in effect on the date of approval by the Grand Master, and no lodge shall operate under or record the same in its book of by-laws prior to that approval.

(See § 36—14)

Special Concerns of Lodges

SEC. 84 It shall not be permitted to introduce political or other exciting topics not connected with Masonry, for discussion, in any lodge under this jurisdiction.

SEC. 85 No lodge shall encourage, promote, or permit the delivery of any Masonic lectures, which have not been sanctioned and authorized by the Grand Lodge. Nor shall any mason be permitted to deliver such lectures under this jurisdiction.

SEC. 86 No lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions and processions for attendance upon divine service excepted, without dispensation from the Grand Master. And it is proper, as a mark of respect for the Chief Magistrate of the Nation or State, to permit lodges to appear in public

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either upon occasions of public reception of him, or of public mourning for his death.

(See § 14.5, 82.3)

SEC. 87 It shall not be legal for any lodge to interfere with the business or concerns of another lodge, except as required under Section 88.

SEC. 88 Lodges should take cognizance of Masonic offences committed within their territorial jurisdiction by any brother. If it becomes known to a lodge that a member of another lodge residing in this jurisdiction is liable to charges for unmasonic conduct, it becomes the duty of that lodge to complain to the lodge of which the accused is a member; and if that lodge refuses or neglects to proceed against him, it should proceed to try him itself. The lodge which first commenced proceedings would have jurisdiction in the case.

(See §§ 48, 49.1)

SEC. 89 Any officer below the rank of Junior Warden may resign. Whenever a vacancy occurs in any of said offices; it may be filled at the next or any succeeding stated communication of the lodge.

SEC. 90 The Master of any Lodge under this jurisdiction who has faithfully discharged his duties and complied with the laws of the Grand Lodge shall, at the end of his first term, be presented with a Past Master's diploma similar in style and fitness to the one adopted in 1824.

SEC. 91 Each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as it makes Master Masons. No duplicate of a diploma shall be issued. In the event that the original diploma is lost by fire or other unavoidable circumstance, a diploma certificate may be issued by the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 92.1 It is the privilege of every affiliated Mason in good and regular standing to visit any lodge when not engaged in the transaction of private business unless objection is made by a sitting member of the Lodge to the admission of such visitor, in which event such visitor shall not be admitted during that communication.

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; and Masters are enjoined not to allow a visitor to attend their lodge without being properly vouched for by some well-known brother present or being found by strict examination to be a Mason in good standing in a regular lodge duly listed in an edition of LIST OF LODGES—*Masonic*, said edition to be current within three years.

92.2 A visiting brother having satisfied the above requirements shall have the right, if he so desires, to inspect the Charter or Charter Certificate of the lodge.

92.3 Every Lodge shall keep and preserve a record of visitors.

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SEC. 93.1 It is the duty of a lodge of which a brother Master Mason was a member in good standing, or the lodge nearest, to attend and perform the usual Masonic burial service over the deceased if this was his expressed wish or the request of his nearest relatives.

93.2 A non-affiliated Master Mason is not entitled to Masonic burial, but it may be voluntarily accorded by the lodge; and if requested a brother below the degree of Master Mason may be interred with the formalities of the Order, at the Master's discretion. [2001 p. 64–65]

(See § 120)

SEC. 94 Every lodge must preserve the copy of the printed proceedings in the hall, and when a volume is completed shall bind it for the use of the lodge.

SEC. 95 No lodge, or officer or member of a lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a mason to go from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges for relief.

Of Petitioners for Degrees

SEC. 96 No lodge, without dispensation from the Grand Master, shall receive a petition from a candidate for the degrees until he has resided in this State one year, excepting those listed below.

(See §§ 82.2, 101.1, 101.2)

1. Seafaring men absent only from the State on a voyage to sea.
2. Candidates in the military or naval service who are stationed and have their domicile in this State during the preceding six months. [2002 p. 317]

SEC. 97 No lodge shall receive a petition from a Candidate until he shall have attained the age of eighteen years. [2003 p. 587]

SEC. 98 By the Ancient regulations, the physical deformity of an individual operates as a bar to his admission into the fraternity, but as this regulation was adopted for the government of the craft at a period when they united the character of operative with that of speculative Masons, this Grand Lodge authorizes such a construction of the regulations as that, when the petitioner is able to understand and exemplify or explain the arts or mysteries of Freemasonry and his deformity does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, the admission will not be an infringement upon the ancient landmarks but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of our institution.

Blindness alone shall not render a candidate ineligible under the provisions of this section provided he is capable of meeting his Masonic obligations and is otherwise a desirable candidate.

Of Rejected Petitioners

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SEC. 99 An applicant whose petition for the degrees is rejected shall be notified by the secretary of the lodge and all fees he has paid shall be returned to him. The notice shall specify the date of rejection, the constitutional period which must elapse before he may present a petition again to the lodge and also the period which must elapse before he may present a petition to any other lodge without consent of the lodge which has rejected his petition.

SEC. 100 An objection by any member before the initiation is equivalent to rejection by ballot, and must be so recorded; such objection may be made privately to the Master, or to the lodge, and the reasons therefore cannot be required; and if any mason shall declare the name of the objector, or assist in the initiation of any one against whom he has knowledge or information that objection has been made after the acceptance, he shall be liable to be expelled from the Institution; but if objections are made after initiation, to the advancement of the candidate, they must be made known to the lodge and their sufficiency determined by a two thirds vote.

SEC. 101.1 No petition for the degrees shall be received by any lodge from any candidate who has been rejected in that lodge within less than six months after the rejection.

101.2 A petitioner for the degrees whose application has been rejected by a lodge shall not be initiated in any lodge under this jurisdiction other than the one which rejected him, within five years from the date of such rejection, unless the lodge having jurisdiction recommend him to another lodge by a unanimous secret ballot.

101.3 A mason knowingly assisting or recommending for initiation, to any lodge whatever, any person rejected aforesaid, shall, if a member of a lodge under this jurisdiction, be suspended or expelled as may be determined after charges and due trial.

(See §§ 14.1, 48, 49)

Of Irregularly Made Masons

SEC. 102 An applicant whose petition for the degrees has been rejected in any lodge, who shall within five years after such rejection, be initiated in any lodge under this jurisdiction, other than the one to which he first applied, without consent of said lodge, shall be declared an irregularly made Mason and all Masonic intercourse with him is forbidden.

SEC. 103 Whenever it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Grand Master that any irregularly made mason is irregular for a reason not attributable to his own fault, the Grand Master, in his discretion, may cause such irregular mason to be healed by appearing before the Master of a lodge at a stated communication and be re-obligated in all the degrees, and the secretary of the lodge shall issue a certificate or re-obligation of the candidate which certificate shall be presented with his application for membership.

A mason healed by edict of the Grand Master may petition for membership in the same manner as with an ordinary petition, provided he is not ineligible

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under any other section of this Constitution or the Common Law of Masonry. The status of a mason healed by edict of the Grand Master shall remain that of a "non-affiliated mason" until such time as he may be regularly admitted a member of a lodge under this jurisdiction.

Of Applications and Balloting

SEC. 104.1 The general rule which governs the Order in the admission of members and candidates is that such admission is to be sanctioned by entire unanimity; and so sacred and fundamental does the Grand Lodge conceive this rule to be, that no petitioner shall be initiated or affiliated in any lodge under this jurisdiction without a clear and unanimous ballot in his favor.

104.2 All applications for admission must be made and the ballot thereon taken at stated communications, except by dispensation. No ballot shall be taken unless there are at least seven members of the lodge present, and every member present shall ballot on the application, unless excused by the lodge.

(See § 82.1 ¶ 3; S.R. 11)

104.3 An application should be read in its entirety at the time it is first presented to the lodge. When the application is then presented for balloting the reading of the formal language may be eliminated and the words "an application in the usual form" substituted, but each question and the answer thereto should be read at the time of balloting, together with any additional remarks contained within the application form.

For Degrees and Original Membership

SEC. 105.1 There shall be but one ballot for all the degrees, which must be free and secret; and in balloting for the degrees for membership, if more than one negative vote appear, the balloting shall cease and the candidate be declared rejected. However, if on the first ballot one negative only appears a second balloting shall immediately take place, and if a negative shall appear, the candidate shall be declared rejected.

(See S.R. 12)

In balloting upon application for degrees or membership, the ballot shall be taken upon each applicant separately.

No petitioner for the degrees shall be balloted for, in any case, until his application has been referred to a committee and strict inquiry made into his moral character and fitness to be made a mason.

And no petitioner for the degrees shall be balloted for in less than four weeks from the presentation of his application without first obtaining a dispensation therefore.

(See § 82.1 ¶ 3)

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105.2 When an application for degrees and membership is presented to a prospective member he will receive a copy of the brochure MAINE FREEMASONRY attached to the application. [1996 p. 1554]

Each such application shall be made on Official Form No. 13, over the signature of the applicant, stating his age, residence, that he has resided in the state one year next preceding the date of his application (except as otherwise provided in Section 94), and whether he has made application and been rejected by any other lodge. This application, together with the included questionnaire, shall be filed in the archives of the lodge for permanent preservation.

(See §§ 97, 100, 101, 102; S.R. 5)

For Wavier of Jurisdiction

105.3 A candidate receiving part of the degrees in one lodge can make application only by the consent of that lodge to another lodge for the remainder, even if he has removed into the jurisdiction of the second lodge after receiving one or two degrees in the first lodge.[1864 p. 16]

Consent to waive jurisdiction and a recommendation to another lodge can be granted only by unanimous vote, taken by secret ballot at a stated meeting, upon an application presented on Official Form No. 31 at the preceding stated meeting. [1876 p. 15]

Moreover, a person residing in this jurisdiction who has received part of the degrees in a lodge which has ceased to exist, can apply for the remainder in any lodge under this jurisdiction, with a certificate of the facts from the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction in which the extinct lodge was located.

(See § 19 ¶ 10) [1874 p. 269]

For Affiliation

105.4 A Master Mason holding a demit from any regular lodge, or obtaining a certificate of good standing from the same, may apply for membership to any lodge within this jurisdiction. All such applications for affiliation shall be made on Official Form No. 9, and must be made in the same manner and take the same course as applications for degrees.

A mason who has demitted from a lodge can regain membership therein only in the same manner in which he may become a member of any other lodge.

Brethren raised in a lodge under dispensation, the charter of which is afterward refused, are non-affiliated Masons in good standing and can apply to any lodge for membership by affiliation. A certificate of good standing from the Grand Secretary will supply the want of a demit.[1898 p. 25]

For Reinstatement

105.5 A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within three years thereafter but after that time he

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can be restored only upon his application made on Official Form No. 10, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears, *which shall take the same course as an application for initiation*, and if rejected said applicant shall not again petition until six months after the rejection.

(See §§ 51, 52)

For Restoration after Suspension or Expulsion

105.6 A petition for restoration of a Mason expelled or suspended by the Grand Lodge of Maine shall be handled as per Section 57.

Constraints on the Conferral of Degrees

SEC. 106 No lodge, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, shall initiate, craft, or raise a candidate, unless a Past Master is present to preside.

SEC. 107 A candidate for the degrees, whose petition has been accepted, who does not present himself for initiation within one year from such acceptance, shall forfeit all right by reason of such acceptance, and shall not be initiated except on a new petition; but any time, if more than three months, such person is temporarily absent from the state shall be deducted.

SEC. 108 No lodge shall permit more than one candidate to be present at a time in the first section of the first, or the second section of the third degree. In addition, no lodge shall confer more than five degrees at the same communication of the lodge, or hold more than one communication upon the same day for the conferring of degrees.

SEC. 109 No candidate shall receive the Entered Apprentice degree unless at least fourteen days have elapsed since he was accepted. No candidate shall receive the Fellow Craft degree in any lodge in this State unless at least fourteen days have elapsed since his receiving the Entered Apprentice degree; nor shall any Fellow Craft be permitted to receive the Master Mason degree until after fourteen days shall have elapsed from the date of his having received the Fellow Craft degree, except that the Grand Master on being satisfied of the necessity therefore, may issue a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the above required time.

(See § 82.2)

Provided further, That the discretion vested in the Grand Master to grant dispensation for the conferring of degrees in less than the required time shall be governed strictly by conditions of extreme necessity or extraordinary emergency, and never to permit a candidate to be raised to the degree of a Master Mason upon the same day on which he has been passed as a Fellow Craft.

SEC. 110 No Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall be passed or raised in any lodge, without the recommendation of the lodge in which he was first admitted.

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SEC. 111 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.

SEC. 112 If any person, who wishes for initiation in any lodge, resides without the state, he shall first obtain the consent of the lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, by unanimous vote at a stated communication, and the permission in writing of the Grand Master within whose jurisdiction he resides, which consent and permission shall be annexed to his application.

SEC. 113 A lodge in this jurisdiction shall not be permitted to have degrees conferred upon an elected candidate by a lodge in any Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relations, unless at least one degree shall have been conferred by said lodge and the fees for all the degrees paid in full.

Proficiency Requirements

SEC. 114.1 No candidate should be permitted to advance to the degree of Fellow Craft or Master Mason without a sufficient knowledge of the preceding degree to prove himself as a mason of such degree in the usual manner, unless in a case of absolute emergency.

114.2 It is the right and duty of the Master to determine when a candidate shall be advanced, except when objection has been made. Any such objection must be made known to the lodge and its sufficiency determined by vote of the lodge.
[1915 p. 192]

114.3 Every Master Mason raised shall within ninety days after receiving the Master Mason degree (unless time is granted by the Worshipful Master) pass an examination to the satisfaction of the Worshipful Master on the lecture of the first section of that degree, and so much of the second section as relates to the signs, grips, and words, and it shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master, to inform each brother of this requirement and advise him as to how instruction may be obtained, unless for good and sufficient reason a brother may be excused from this requirement by the Worship Master or the Grand Master.
[1999 pp. 634–635]

Fees for Degrees and Membership

SEC. 115 The fee demanded by a lodge for conferring the first three degrees in Masonry, shall not be less than thirty dollars, including the fee to the Grand Lodge; and no lodge under this jurisdiction shall take notes of hand for fees, or grant any time of credit therefore, or permit the fees or any part thereof to be remitted directly or indirectly.

(See § 74.4)

Any subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction, on submitting proper by-law changes to the Grand Lodge, and on approval by the Grand Master, may charge a fee for membership through affiliation.[2012 p. 882]

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(See § 83)

Members of a Lodge

SEC. 116 Affiliation [membership in a lodge] is a Masonic duty. The members of a lodge, so long as they have signed the by-laws thereof and retain their membership therein, are as follows:

1. Those who were members of the lodge at the time its dispensation warrant, or charter was issued.
2. Those later admitted by affiliation.
3. Those who may acquire membership therein by a consolidation with another lodge.

(See § 130)

4. Those duly elected in and receiving the third degree in that lodge or in some other lodge as a courtesy for the lodge electing them, except that:

(a) This shall not be construed to prohibit any lodge in this jurisdiction from conferring any degree upon a candidate lawfully elected thereto by a lodge in any other jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge holds fraternal relations, on the request under seal from the electing lodge, the identity and standing of the candidate being fully established, in which case the membership of the brother shall remain in the electing lodge and the fees shall belong thereto.

(b) A candidate lawfully elected to receive the degrees in a lodge under this jurisdiction, who shall by request of the electing lodge receive the degree of Master Mason in a lodge in a Grand Jurisdiction in fraternal relations with this lodge, shall become a member of the electing lodge on receipt of his signature to be attached to the lodge by-laws.

SEC. 117 The removal of a Brother into another jurisdiction does not, of itself, authorize his name to be stricken from the roll of the lodge of which he is a member.

Multiple Memberships

SEC. 118.1 A brother in this Grand Jurisdiction may hold active memberships in more than one lodge. Such a ‘multiple membership’ can be considered to be one of two types; dual or plural. While Maine recognizes both types, some jurisdictions prohibit one or both.

(See ‘Requirements of Grand Lodges’ in the LIST OF LODGES MASONIC, a.k.a. the Tyler’s Book.)

Dual Membership

A member of this Jurisdiction residing in another Grand Jurisdiction which allows dual membership, who affiliates with one or more lodges under that Jurisdiction —while retaining his membership in this Jurisdiction— becomes a *dual member*; a member of another Grand Jurisdiction that allows

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dual membership who affiliate with one or more lodges under this Grand Jurisdiction—and retains his membership in such other Grand Jurisdiction—becomes a dual member.

Plural Membership

A member in good standing of a lodge in this Jurisdiction may retain such membership and affiliate with one or more other lodges in this Jurisdiction, or join in a petition for a dispensation for a new lodge and present a paid up dues receipt in lieu of a Demit or Request for Demit, and become a plural member.

118.2 A plural member may hold office in each lodge where he is a regular member, according to its by-laws.[1996, p. 1554]

(See §§ 2.2, 44–7, 72)

118.3 A plural member, having been suspended, [nonpayment of dues], from one of his lodges in this jurisdiction, shall not be issued a dues card in any other lodge in this jurisdiction even though his dues be current in that lodge, until his dues shall be paid up in the lodge from which he has been suspended; and furthermore he shall be prohibited from attending any lodge meeting in this jurisdiction until his outstanding dues obligation has been met.

Of Demits and Demission from Membership

SEC. 119 A Brother Master Mason that holds membership in a regular lodge may honorably terminate that membership as follows:

(See § 122)

1. Upon application at any stated communication the lodge may, by simple majority, vote a demit at once; either in the form of an honorable discharge from membership, or with a recommendation as it may see fit.

2. Or a member may give notice at a stated communication that at the next he shall apply for a demit, and at such next stated communication, if no charges have been filed and his dues are paid to that time, it is the Secretary's duty to give him a certificate of honorable discharge from membership. The lodge may also vote him such recommendation as it sees fit. The Secretary shall note on his record the giving of the notice and the issuing of the demit.

Unless a multiple member, with the issuing of Official Form No. 17 [Demit] the Brother's status becomes that of a non-affiliated Mason.

Of Non-Affiliated Masons

SEC. 120 A Master Mason who has voluntarily remained for more than one year without being affiliated with some regular lodge shall not of right be entitled to any of the benefits or privileges of Masonry, and shall be under the same disabilities as if under suspension for non-payment of dues.

(See §§ 56, 93 ¶ 2, 103 ¶ 2, 105.4 ¶ 3, 116 ¶ 1)

Lodges Under Dispensation

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SEC. 121 A dispensation for holding a new lodge may be issued by the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, on the petition of not less than seven Master Masons of known skill and good standing. The fee for such dispensation shall be twenty-five dollars, to be paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Every dispensation shall be returned to the Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication, together with a written petition for a charter, an attested transcript of all the proceedings and the by-laws of the lodge and dues. If these be approved by the Grand Lodge, a Charter of Constitution may be issued to the petitioners, bearing even date with the dispensation, for which they shall pay to the Grand Treasurer the further sum of thirty dollars.

If it is desired to work longer under a dispensation without obtaining a charter, the petition should be varied accordingly.

(See § 36—5)

SEC. 122 Lodges under dispensations have all the rights and powers of chartered lodges, except the election and installation of officers and the rights growing out of election and installation. [2011 p. 608]

The Master and Wardens shall be named by the Grand Master in the dispensation, and may act as delegates to the Grand Lodge but shall have no vote therein. All other officers shall be appointed by the Master of the lodge.

The members of a lodge under dispensation have the same rights and privileges as members of a chartered lodge except the right to demit; they may, however, withdraw their membership at any time before the lodge is constituted—even though they are named in the charter—or thereafter by declining to sign the by-laws.

SEC. 123 A lodge under dispensation should collect dues from its members, and assessment over and above dues may be made to defray the ordinary expenses of the lodge or to pay debts incurred to meet such expense.

Lodges under dispensations also have the right and power of to set and collect an affiliation fee for those who wish to hold membership therein. In no event shall said fee be more than three times the amount of the sum of the fees established for a new candidate. [2011 p. 609]

Chartering and Organization of New Lodges

SEC. 124.1 Every newly chartered lodge may work under dispensation until constituted under the charter, unless the Grand Lodge or Grand Master otherwise order.

124.2 Every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the Grand Master and his officers, or by some competent brother especially appointed by him for the purpose; and no new lodge is recognized, or entitled to representation in this Grand Lodge, unless it be regularly constituted, solemnly dedicated and registered, and its officers installed.

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124.3 Every chartered lodge shall have a seal having some Masonic device and showing the name and number of the lodge and the place where held; and all official documents or papers emanating from such lodge, but not its ordinary correspondence, shall bear the imprint of such seal.

(See §§ 18 ¶ 3, 71.1 ¶ 3, 131, 132)

Of Charters and Charter Certificates

SEC. 125 Every warranted lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which body all the power of the Fraternity resides; and no other authority except that possessed by the Grand Lodge can annul, abrogate or destroy the power of a warrant. If, therefore, the majority of a lodge should determine to leave the institution of that lodge, the constitution or power of assembling remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance. If the number remaining, however, be reduced to less than seven, the charter shall be returned agreeably to the regulation in such cases provided.

SEC. 126 No petition for the removal of a lodge from the place in which it is located shall be sustained in Grand Lodge, unless said petition is sanctioned by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District where said lodge is situated and has the approbation of the lodge nearest the place where said lodge is intended to be held, unless such approbation be unreasonably withheld. Nor shall any lodge hold meetings, unless authorized by the Grand Master, in any town other than the one designated in its charter, under the penalty of a forfeiture thereof; nor move its hall more than one-half a mile from where it is located, or where it may be located when the lodge is constituted, without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 127 The Master of a lodge has the special charge of its charter, and it is his duty to see that it is carefully preserved. The charter or charter certificate must be present when the lodge is opened.

(See § 129)

SEC. 128 Charter certificates may be issued, signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, subject to the following regulations:

I. The charter shall be kept or deposited in such a manner that the Master, upon reasonable notice, can have access thereto and take the same into his possession at his discretion.

II. It shall be the duty of the Master to have the charter present in the lodge at the time of the installation of the Master, into whose custody the same shall be delivered, to be kept or deposited by him as herein before provided.

III. Upon the visitation of the lodge by the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master, or any special representative of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, the charter shall be produced, provided that notice to that effect shall have been seasonably given.

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IV. The life of the certificate shall depend upon and be coexistent with the life of the charter in all respects, the authority of the certificate proceeding from the charter, for which it is merely a physical substitute and evidence that the lodge has, and works under, a regular charter.

SEC. 129 Whenever any lodge under this jurisdiction shall have lost its charter by casualty or otherwise, it shall be the duty of said lodge to apply for a new charter, which application shall be signed by at least seven Master Masons who are members of said lodge, and sanctioned by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District where said lodge is situated; and if, in the opinion of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, a new charter should be granted, the same may be issued by the Grand Master, the lodge applying therefore paying a fee of five dollars for engrossing the same, which shall be the only fee demanded for said charter.

Consolidation of Lodges

SEC. 130 Any two or more lodges whose territorial jurisdictions are contiguous, may consolidate into one lodge in the manner following:

I. When a proposition to consolidate a lodge with another is made therein, the Worshipful Master shall cause the matter to be laid over to a future meeting, and special notice given to the members of the lodge that the matter will come before the lodge at that meeting for action.

II. If the lodge votes to consolidate, with not exceeding six votes in the negative, the measure shall be deemed to be carried.

III. Concurrent action must be taken in the other lodge, or lodges, at a meeting notified for the purpose, in the same manner and adopted by the same vote.

IV. If both lodges vote to consolidate, the proceedings shall be certified by each lodge to the Grand Master for examination.

V. If he finds the proceedings of the lodges in accordance with these provisions, the lodges may be consolidated under the name, which may be selected.

VI. The senior charter shall be endorsed under the attestation of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, as the warrant of the consolidated lodge; which shall take rank as of the date of the charter.

VII. The junior charter or charters shall be endorsed in like that they are no longer in force and delivered to the consolidation lodge, if desired, to be preserved in its archives.

VIII. The Grand Master by himself or such brother as he may specially deputize therefore shall cause the members of said lodges to be assembled, after due notice of at least 30 days to the Constituent members of each of the lodges being consolidated, sent by each of those lodge's Secretary, in the usual manner of giving notice. This notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and further state that the Grand Master or his designee shall conduct the election of new

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officers and immediately thereafter install those newly elected Officers. Immediately thereafter the Grand Master, or his designee, shall proceed to organize the new lodge by delivering the charter endorsed as above provided. He shall make due return of his proceedings to the Grand Secretary, to be entered upon the records of the Grand Lodge and reported at its next Annual Communication.

IX. The officers of each of these old lodges shall at once deliver and pay over to the corresponding officers of the consolidated lodge all the property, books and monies of each of said lodges, to be the property of the new lodge.

Surrender, Forfeiture and Revocation of Charters

SEC. 131 Every charter surrendered to the Grand Lodge whether or not with the intention of being resumed at a future period, shall be accompanied by the by-laws, records, seal, regalia, funds and other property of the lodge of every description; and all the property of a lodge, surrendering its charter with the intention of resuming it, shall be held by the Grand Lodge in trust until such time as the charter shall be restored or the intention of reclaiming it abandoned. The interest arising from said funds and other property shall be made a part of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge; and in case of forfeiture the principal shall be disposed of as the Grand Lodge shall direct. No charter thus deposited shall be restored, unless upon the petition of seven Master Masons, of whom four at least of the petitioners for its restoration were members of the lodge at the time of its surrender. In addition, it shall be the duty of the petitioners to notify the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, and the lodge nearest their residence, of their intention to petition for the restoration.

SEC. 132 Every charter, when declared forfeited, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge, with the records, by-laws, seal, regalia, funds and other property of the lodge, of every description; and all members of a lodge who shall refuse to make such surrender, or who shall vote to divide the funds among themselves, or to appropriate them in any other way than is here designated, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of the rules and regulations of Masonry.

SEC. 133 If the Master and Wardens of any lodge be summoned to attend, or to produce the charter, books, papers or accounts of their lodge to the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction it is located, or to any committee authorized by the Grand Lodge, and shall refuse to comply or to give satisfactory reasons for noncompliance, they may be suspended, and the proceedings shall be notified to the Grand Lodge, when, in case of contumacy, expulsion or revocation of charter shall be the penalty.

(See §§ 47, 48)

SEC. 134 If at any time it shall be found necessary to suspend or cancel the warrant or charter of any lodge under this jurisdiction for irregular or unmasonic conduct, the members of said lodge implicated in such irregular or unmasonic conduct, at the time of its having incurred such penalty, shall be disqualified to join or visit any other lodge, without special permission from the Grand Lodge obtained on written petition.

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SEC. 135 Any mason assisting at the work of a lodge, knowing its warrant or charter to have been suspended or cancelled, shall be liable to expulsion from the rights of Masonry.

PART FOURTH; AMENDING SECTION

SEC. 136 This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be first proposed in writing at a regular communication of the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Lodge shall proceed to consider the question *whether the proposition shall be entertained*, and if decided in the affirmative, the proposed alteration or amendment shall be referred to a committee, entered upon the records, published with the other Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and sent to the several subordinate lodges for their consideration; and it shall be deemed in order to take up the subject and act upon it definitely at the next Annual Communication, and not sooner. But no alteration or amendment shall be adopted, unless a majority of the members present concurs therein.

(See 36—6)

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For guidance on how Standing Regulations are proposed, adopted or altered, see the page on Supplemental Information.

1. Resolved: That lodges be allowed to occupy halls with other associations, provided the District Deputy of the district first personally inspect, and in writing approve, the occupation. But this inspection shall not be necessary in cases where other societies seek to have joint occupation of previously dedicated Masonic halls. [1882 pp. 32, 212]

Added: A hall can be built for joint occupancy with another association, provided the plans of such building shall be submitted to the Grand Master, and after his approval, permission may be given to build a building in common.

[1891 p. 253]

Voted: That application to a lodge for joint occupation of its hall by another society shall be granted only by a two thirds vote of the lodge, the application having been laid over from one stated meeting to another. *Provided*, however, that in special cases the Grand Master may give permission to act upon such application at any stated or special meeting, if he shall find sufficient cause therefore. [1882 pp. 32, 212]

2. Resolved: That, while the Grand Lodge does not desire to interfere with the right of the Fraternity as individuals to attend or promote balls and dancing, the lodges are forbidden to connect Masonic balls, so called, with a lodge, or use the name of a lodge in reference to them, or to advertise them or sell tickets for admission thereto. [1885 p. 225; 1929 p. 40]

3. Resolved: That when, under the by-laws of any lodge, its annual meeting falls in a month in which there are two stated meetings, the first shall be deemed the annual meeting; and, when it falls in a month wherein there is no stated meeting, the stated meeting next before such month shall be deemed the annual meeting of such lodge. [1888 p. 47]

4. Resolved: That smoking, or the appearance of smoking, in the Lodge Hall, or in the Preparation Room when in use for the preparation of candidates, in this Grand Jurisdiction, is hereby forbidden. Violation of this regulation shall be considered a Masonic misdemeanor. [1919 p. 260]

5. Resolved: That no 'official' Grand Lodge form, that is any form used to comply with a constitutional requirement, be added or amended until it has been reviewed and approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. This requirement shall also extend to electronically fillable official forms. [1996, p. 1554, 2014]

6. Resolved: No building shall be purchased, erected or extensively reconstructed at the expense, in whole or in part, of any lodge in this jurisdiction until the plans of the same, and the terms and conditions of its construction or acquisition, shall have been approved by the Grand Master. [1922 p. 239]

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7. Resolved: The hour for holding the stated meetings of Lodges shall be 7:30 P.M., unless some other hour is definitely fixed by the by-laws of the Lodge. [1961 p. 92]

(See Const. § 14.4)

8. Resolved: That the Brethren of this jurisdiction may be recognized for their years of service to Masonry, the following awards are herein codified: [2014]

1. Maine Masonic Service Buttons

A series of embossed lapel buttons shall be made available, for purchase, from the Grand Lodge business office. Said buttons shall be offered in five year increments from five to forty-five years. These wholly discretionary awards may be presented by a lodge subject to the following provisions:

(a) The recipient must be a member of this jurisdiction.

(b) Although his years of service need not be consecutive, the recipient must have been a Master Mason in good standing for the full term indicated on the button, and any and all years during which he was under suspension or demitted shall not be counted in arriving at the requisite number of years.

(c) Not less than three years of the recipient's service shall have been as a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction, and prior to presentation evidence of membership in other jurisdictions must be obtained through the Grand Secretary's office to establish the recipient's membership during the balance of the full term.

2. Grand Lodge of Maine Veteran's Medal and 50-Year Button

This Medal and lapel button shall be presented to each member in this jurisdiction who has been a Master Mason in good standing for fifty years, subject to the same provisions as above except that not less than five years of that period shall have been as a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction. As a gift from the Grand Lodge, this Medal should be presented, when possible, by a Permanent Member thereof or a serving District Deputy Grand Master.

Moreover a bronze star, of the pin or lapel button type, may thereafter be attached to the ribbon of the Medal for each additional five years of active membership. [1955 p. 518; 1967 p. 463; 1970 pp. 340, 342; 2013 p. 59]

9. Resolved: That the Grand Master may recognize the efforts of very deserving individuals, the following awards are herein codified: [2014]

1. Simon Greenleaf Medal—Meritorious Service

Given for Unusual Contribution to Masonry, this Medal may be awarded by the Grand Master, in his discretion, to Freemasons who have contributed their time, thought and services to Masonry beyond the usual line of duty, which contributions have rendered them worthy to receive this award.

Not more than two such Medals may be awarded annually. [2000 p. 985]

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2. Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal—Distinguished Service

Given for Distinguished Service, this Medal may be awarded by the Grand Master, in his discretion, to Freemasons whose outstanding proficiency in the knowledge of Freemasonry, and distinguished service in the successful application of that knowledge for the advancement of the welfare of the Craft, shall have rendered them worthy of such recognition and honor.

Awarding of this Medal is subject to the following provisions:

(a) That not more than two such Medals may be awarded during any Masonic year.

(b) That not more than one such medal may be awarded to a Mason outside of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge during any Masonic year.

(c) That in addition to the Medals provided for above, the incoming Grand Master may, following his installation and at his discretion, award a medal to the Grand Master whom he succeeds. [1995 p. 1288]

3. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Medal

Given at the Grand Master's discretion to a Maine citizen, Mason or non-Mason, who best exemplifies the characteristics of leadership, citizenship, honor and integrity, as repeatedly demonstrated by that great Maine man and Mason, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. This Medal is to be awarded, not on an annual basis, but whenever the appropriate recipient is identified, and never more frequently than one per Masonic year. [1995 pp. 1288–1289]

4. Grand Master's Certificate of Merit

There are many unsung workers in the vineyards of Masonry whose efforts help the Fraternity in many ways and, inasmuch as these efforts should be recognized, the Grand Master in his discretion may each year at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge award a "Grand Master's Certificate of Merit" to up to ten workers whom he deems worthy of such recognition.

[1979 pp. 377–378]

10. Resolved: That this Grand Lodge recognizes no degrees of Masonry except those conferred under the regulations of the Grand Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the several states and territories of the United States of America and the governments throughout the world; and, it admits the following named organizations to be regular and duly constituted Masonic Bodies functioning within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, namely:

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Maine, and the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Maine, and the several bodies under their jurisdiction, also the several bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Maine chartered by the Supreme Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and the several bodies under the jurisdiction of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America.

[1984 p. 644]

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11. Resolved: That it shall be the duty of the Master and Wardens of every lodge to see that a ballot box, when presented for use, shall contain as many white balls as there are members of the lodge present, and in addition at least six black cubes.

12. Resolved: That the casting of a black ball factiously and without just cause is a Masonic offence for which a member is subject to Masonic punishment.

13. Resolved: That any Mason who shall confer, communicate, sell, or shall assist in or be accessory to the conferring, communicating, selling, or shall solicit any person to receive or apply for any degree called, claimed or represented to be Masonic, not recognized by this Grand Lodge as such, may be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

14. Resolved: That all written or printed notices of lodge communications or other matters of lodge business containing any Masonic information beyond the time and place of stated or special communications shall be mailed in sealed envelopes. [2014]

Such sealed notice may include the names, address, age and occupation of a candidate for any of the Degrees, together with the names of the brethren who have recommended him, after his application has been balloted upon and he accepted for the Degrees. [1970 p. 342]

Email or other electronic messaging cannot to be considered ‘sealed’.

15. Resolved: That the Grand Master may appoint and commission Representatives of this Grand Lodge near the other Grand Jurisdictions with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relations and may receive in Grand Lodge brethren commissioned to represent such Grand Jurisdictions near this Grand Lodge.

16. Resolved: That the lodges in this jurisdiction be forbidden to hold joint installations of their elective and appointed officers except by consent or permission of the Grand Master, to be granted only subject to all safeguards applicable to a public installation in the offices of a single lodge; namely, that each lodge participating in a joint installation shall be convened in session in its own rooms, that opportunity be given for any member to object to the installation of any particular officer, that the members of each of the lodges participating in such joint installation proceed in order, either on foot or in conveyance, to the place of installation, and that following the ceremony each such lodge shall reconvene in its own lodge rooms for a proper closing.

17. Resolved: That the American Flag shall be displayed in the East at the right of the Master in all Lodge Communications and shall be carried in all processions, except funerals.

18. Resolved: That...

1. Any chartered lodge under this Jurisdiction may vote to become a sponsoring body for a Chapter of the International Order of DeMolay, provided

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such proposal has been before the Lodge one month and notice of the intended vote is included in the summons for the meeting at which said vote is to be taken.

2. Any chartered lodge under this Jurisdiction may vote to use its Charity Funds to contribute to the support of the DeMolay and Pine Tree Youth Foundation, provided the lodge's by-laws so permit and that such proposal has been before the lodge one month and notice of the intended vote is included in the summons for the meeting at which said vote is to be taken. [1970 p. 318]

3. Any chartered lodge under this Jurisdiction may vote to use its general funds to contribute to the support of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, provided the lodge's by-laws so permit and that such proposal has been before the lodge one month and notice of the intended vote is included in the summons for the meeting at which said vote is to be taken. [1992 p. 586]

19. Resolved: That in addition to the coverage afforded by the Grand Lodge Blanket Liability Insurance, each lodge shall procure liability coverage for its temple and premises.

20. Resolved: A Lodge in this jurisdiction may with dispensation from the Grand Master, be permitted to make a fraternal visit to a sister lodge within this jurisdiction for the purpose of conferring a degree on its own candidate, provided, however, the candidate shall have received the Entered Apprentice Degree and shall consent thereto, and the lodge shall so vote. [1967 p. 530]

21. Resolved: That any Brother who is a veteran of any war in which the United States has been engaged, or who is on active duty in the United States military, or who has received the Grand Lodge of Maine 50-year Masonic Veteran's Medal, and whose dues have been remitted or paid by his lodge because of a demonstrated financial need, shall have his case referred to the Committee on Distribution of the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation for payment of any per capita tax and/or assessment.[1969 p. 131; 2006 p. 380]

22. Resolved: That this Grand Lodge hereby create THE GRAND LODGE ADVISORY COUNCIL to consist of the elected Grand Lodge officers, and all the Past Grand Masters.

The purposes of the Grand Lodge Advisory Council shall be:

(a) To assist and advise the Most Worshipful Grand Master and other officers of this Grand Lodge who may seek the advice and assistance of the Council

(b) To give continuity and added strength to Grand Lodge programs and activities.

(c) To encourage and assist in presenting a clearer understanding of Masonry and its significance to Masons and others thereby strengthening the Image of the Fraternity.

The Council shall organize each year by electing a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary at the first regular meeting of the Council following

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the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Secretary shall be elected to any of these offices.

The Grand Master shall call the first meeting of the Council.

The officers shall serve for one year and until their successors are elected.

The Council shall hold two regular meetings each year, the first to be held within two months following the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and the second to be held within one month preceding the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Special meetings shall be held upon call of the Chairman or upon written request of at least five members of the Council to the Secretary of the Council. All said meetings shall be held at such times and places as the Chairman or a majority of the members of the Council shall select. Notice of meetings shall be given in writing at least one week in advance of the meeting and shall state the time; hour and place of said meetings.

The Chairman of the Council or a majority of the members of the Council voting at a meeting may appoint such Committees as are deemed necessary to facilitate and expedite the work of the Council.

The Council may adopt such by-laws for its operation as it may deem necessary and as are not inconsistent with the Grand Lodge Constitution or Standing Regulations. [1970 p. 344]

23. Resolved: All lodges that have not segregated life membership funds into a special account shall immediately do so and report to Grand Lodge annually as such and not co-mingle them with general operating funds.

The income from the paid life membership shall be used to pay the dues of the members who purchased the life membership. At the death of a member who has paid a life membership, the principal shall revert to the Charity Fund of the lodge or General Fund of the lodge upon vote of the lodge.

[1974 p. 314]

24. Resolved: That for the advancement of the work of Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall devote the whole of his working time, attention and energy to the performance of the Grand Lodge affairs, as a full-time employee, and he shall not engage in or become interested in any other business, calling or pursuit which will require his personal attendance during business hours.

[1995 p. 482]

25. Resolved: Masonic Lodges themselves may not conduct enterprises such as raffles, bean-o, bingo, and any game of chance. However, Masons who are members of any club or other organization whose membership is conditioned in whole or in part, upon membership in or affiliation with, the Masonic Craft may conduct the above mentioned enterprises.

These enterprises may be conducted in a Masonic Building but may not be conducted in the lodge room or rooms. The District Deputy Grand Master must inspect each Masonic Building in his District and certify to the Grand Master

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that he considers a part of the building suitable in which to conduct the above enterprises. No public advertising of the above activities may be made on or about the outside of the Masonic Building or on or about the premises outside the building. [1981 pp. 41–42]

26. Resolved: Constituent Lodges may hold semi-public Installations on Sunday afternoon or evenings, as long as those ceremonies do not conflict with regularly scheduled Church Services within the Community or Communities comprising the jurisdiction of the lodge. [2000 p. 969]

27. Resolved: That the following officer be added to the present line of officers of the several lodges in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine, that officer being "Lodge Librarian."

It shall be the duty of the Lodge Librarian to gather, keep and maintain the collection of books, audiovisuals and archive material owned by the lodge. The Lodge Librarian shall provide a written report upon the request of the Master of the Lodge. [2000 p. 960]

28. Resolved: That the use of cameras and personal electronic devices in open lodge or Grand Lodge shall be regulated as follows:

I. Cameras shall only be used at such times as may be permitted by the presiding officer.

II. Cellular phones are not to be used for making or taking calls; sending or reading texts; checking electronic messaging services or social networks; or accessing the internet for any purpose whatsoever, unless sanctioned by the presiding officer. Further, they must be turned off or set for a non-audible alert.

III. All emergency medical paging devices are permitted, and may be worn. The volume of said device is to be at such a level as the member wearing the device can hear tones or pages without interrupting the business being conducted.

IV. Personal recording devices of any kind are not permitted without written dispensation from the Grand Master.

V. The use of a desktop, laptop, tablet or other personal computing devices, unless for the work of the lodge or Grand Lodge, is not permitted. [2004 p. 887]

29. Resolved: Whereas the MAINE MASONIC TEXT BOOK, which has long been accepted by the Grand Lodge of Maine, and whereas this august body did accept the revised edition of such textbook at the Grand Lodge Session of 1960 which contained Mackey's 25 Ancient Landmarks, it shall therefore continue to print this list of Ancient Landmarks & that they shall be included in every printing hereafter, along with the 7 Ancient Landmarks of Roscoe Pound.

And, whereas the subject of Landmarks is so controversial, and whereas no two men could agree on a number to be accepted; Be it known that this Grand Lodge believes in the words of our esteemed Past Grand Master and renowned

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authoritarian on Masonic Jurisprudence, M.W. Josiah Hayden Drummond, when he wrote concerning the decision of the Grand Lodge of England in 1723:

"This is an expressed recognition that there are "Ancient Rules" which the Grand Lodge has no power to "break in upon" by amendment or explanation. These "Rules" are the "Ancient Landmarks", deemed by almost all the Craft as unchangeable; it is true that some, viewing Masonic government from a modern stand-point, deny their existence, some because these "Ancient Rules" springing from ancient usages cannot be codified as a complete code any more than that all the usages of the Craft can be enumerated."

Therefore, this Grand Lodge does not "accept" nor "deny" any Ancient Landmark, but leaves them there for future Grand Masters and the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction to view with their own sense of integrity.

(See Appendix D—Report of the Committee on Landmarks)
[2005 pp. 122–126]

30. Resolved: No consumption of alcohol on lodge premises is to take place without a Dispensation from the Grand Master on each occasion. No invitations shall be issued or announcements to be made concerning an event where alcoholic beverages are to be consumed until after the Grand Master has signed a Dispensation. The Grand Master, acting on the advice of the Grand Lodge Standing Committee on Insurance and of the Grand Lodge liability insurance carrier, will require the following items to be submitted with a request for a Dispensation:

(a) Where alcohol is to be served by a Lessee, the request for a Dispensation must be accompanied by:

- i. A copy of the rental agreement. Each Lodge is free to develop its own rental agreement, however, every rental agreement shall contain the indemnity language contained in a form lease provided by the Grand Secretary.
- ii. A copy of the Certificate of General Liability Insurance Coverage of the Lessor or Lessee naming the Grand Lodge of Maine as an additional insured with such limits of coverage as shall be from time to time provided by the Grand Secretary.
- iii. A copy of the Certificate of Alcohol Liability Insurance Coverage of the Lessor or Lessee naming the Grand Lodge of Maine as an additional insured with such limits of coverage as shall be from time to time provided by the Grand Secretary. (In some cases, an insurance carrier may include "Liquor Liability" or "Alcohol Liability" on its general liability Certificate of Insurance in which case only one Certificate of Insurance will be needed.)

(b) Where alcohol is to be consumed at a Lodge event, the request for a dispensation must be accompanied by:

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- i. The signed statement of the proposed Grand Lodge Representative.
- ii. The Lodge's Certificate of General Liability Insurance Coverage.
- iii. A Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance Coverage. (Again, in some cases an insurance carrier may include both general liability and liquor liability coverage on the same certificate.)

(c) A Dispensation for a Table Lodge 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 is not be required by this Standing Regulation but may be required at the discretion of the Grand Master.

(d) A Dispensation for alcohol at Outdoor Degrees (where alcohol is served within two hours after the degree) shall be required. The request for a Dispensation shall be accompanied by the signed statement of the proposed Grand Lodge Representative. The Grand Lodge Representative is authorized to intervene to assure that no alcohol is consumed to excess or is provided to a minor or to a person who appears to him to be intoxicated. Evidence of insurance coverage for outdoor degrees is not required by this Standing Regulation but may be required at the discretion of the Grand Master.

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Arranged alphabetically, along with such other propositions of Masonic law as seem to be useful in the work of the lodge.

No decisions approved by the Grand Lodge of Maine which have been amended or revoked by later decisions or by subsequent amendment or revision of the Constitution and Standing Regulations are included within this Digest.

ACCUSATION

(See CHARGES)

ADVANCEMENT

(See Const. §§ 106, 109, 114.1, 114.2)

Advancement denotes the reception of a degree, after the first has been conferred.

It is the right and duty of the Master to determine when a candidate shall be advanced, except when objection has been made. [1915 p. 192]

When objection is made to the advancement of a candidate who has received a part of the degrees, the candidate has no right to appear to defend himself; nor to any information as to the reasons for the failure of the lodge to confer the balance of the degrees. [1915 p. 192]

While it is necessary for a candidate to appear for the E.A. degree within one year of the date of election, there is no limitation of time within which the second or third degree must be taken. [1901 p. 198]

Candidates receiving degrees irregularly are entitled to no rights or Privileges until healed. [1928 p. 581]

There is no definite time for advancement. [1914 p. 23]

If objections to the advancement of a candidate are made after initiation, such objections must be made known to the lodge and their sufficiency determined by vote of the lodge. [1915 p. 192]

AFFILIATION

(See Const. §§ 105.4, 116, 118)

Affiliation means membership.

(See Membership)

Unless the member signs the by-laws within six months, he must apply for membership anew. [1879 p. 11]

Application for membership requires unanimous ballot. [1879 p. 11]

Objection to affiliation can be made prior to the next stated meeting after the election. [1879 p. 11]

A member must sign the by-laws before he can be called a member of the

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lodge. [1986 p. 205]

The candidate for membership, by affiliation, even though rejected, can apply as often as he wishes to same or any other lodge. [1900 p. 19]

Affiliation is a Masonic duty. [1878 p. 558]

Application for affiliation can be filed with any lodge. [1870 p. 22]

A candidate took degrees in two foreign countries. He now applies for membership here. If he is found to know the work, his petition for membership can be received and voted upon, then he can be re-obligated in all three degrees. He is then a member regularly made.[1892 p. 375]

A Brother who has taken the degrees in a foreign country and whose original Lodge does not exist can apply to a Lodge in the jurisdiction in which he resides, and if accepted be obligated to all three degrees, sign the by-laws of the Lodge and become a member.[1892 p. 375, 1970 p. 277]

AFFIRMATION

A candidate cannot be obligated by simply listening to the obligation and then saying, "I affirm".

ALCOHOL

(See "Intoxicating Liquors"; S.R. 30)

ALTAR

Five-sided altar *is* not appropriate furniture in Masonic Hall. [1929 p. 39]

AMPLE FORM

The Grand Lodge is opened in Ample Form when the Grand Master presides.

APPEAL

(See Const. §§ 4 (6), 49, 53, 55)

Any member may appeal from any ruling of the Master or decision of the lodge. [1861 pp. 160, 208; 1862 p. 252]

The work of a lodge cannot be delayed by an appeal from the ruling of the Master. [1870 p. 22]

Appeal to the Grand Lodge may be made by verbal notice to the lodge or Secretary but it should be in writing. [1863 p. 303]

APPLICATION

When more lodges than one are located in the same town or city, the lodge to which a candidate first makes application has exclusive jurisdiction over him. [1866 p. 157]

(See: Const. §§ 82.1 ¶ 3, 96–101.1, 104.1–105.6)

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When an accepted candidate has forfeited his rights by not being initiated within the prescribed time, he may apply to the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides as if he had never made application to any lodge. [1872 p. 465]

A signature by one's mark is not sufficient.[1870 p. 22, 1876 p. 16]

An applicant who cannot read and is able simply to write his name is not eligible. [1908 p. 22]

An application should not be received unless it is recommended by at least one member of the lodge. [1865, p. 85]

An application must be presented to the lodge before any action can be taken upon it. [1864 p. 14]

If it appears upon the face of the application or in any other manner, before rejection or initiation, that the lodge has no jurisdiction over the candidate, either because he belongs to another lodge (and has not the required consent) or has not resided the required time in the state or in the jurisdiction of the lodge, or is mentally or physically disqualified, or has been rejected by another lodge (and has not the required recommendation), or is ineligible for any other cause, the fact should be noted on the record and his application returned without further proceedings. [1861 p. 151, 1862 p. 232, 1866 p. 156, 157, 1872 p. 466, 1876 p. 16, 1928 p. 579]

The fact that a candidate otherwise eligible is an alien does not affect his eligibility. [1894 p. 20]

"Residence upon the sea" is not recognized in this jurisdiction.

[1900 p. 21]

When a lodge has received an application and voted to refer it, the secretary has no right to return it to the applicant, but shall hold it to carry out the vote of the lodge. [1878 p. 549]

A Lodge "may" vote to refer an application or have the Master simply refer it to the Committee of Inquiry after its initial reading before the Lodge.

[1986 p. 204]

An application must be referred to the Committee of Inquiry at the stated communication at which it was received in order to be acted upon at the next.

[1884 p. 625]

After an application has been referred and delivered to the Committee of Inquiry, it may be reported and balloted upon although mislaid and not present at the time. [1871 p. 223]

A candidate receiving part of the degrees in one lodge can make application only by the consent of that lodge to another lodge for the remainder, even if he has removed into the jurisdiction of the second lodge after receiving one or two degrees in the first lodge. [1864 p. 16]

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But a person who has received part of the degrees in a lodge which has ceased to exist can apply for the remainder to the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, with a certificate of the facts from the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction in which the extinct lodge was located.[1874 p. 269]

Brethren raised in a lodge under dispensation, the charter of which is afterward refused, are unaffiliated Masons in good standing and can apply to any lodge for membership. A certificate from the Grand Secretary will supply the want of a demit. [1898 p. 25]

Consent to waive jurisdiction and a recommendation to another lodge can be granted only by unanimous vote, taken by secret ballot at a stated meeting, upon an application presented at the preceding stated meeting. [1876 p. 15]

Where one applies to a lodge under dispensation and is rejected, and the lodge does not receive a charter, the applicant who is rejected is under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; he can apply by permission of the Grand Master when the Grand Lodge is not in session, to receive the degrees in the lodge within whose jurisdiction he is, six months after the rejection, provided he is otherwise eligible. [1898 p. 25]

A rejected candidate, residing in the jurisdiction of a lodge other than the one rejecting him, may apply during the five years next after the rejection to either lodge, but only with the unanimous consent of the other. [1892 p. 376]

A rejected applicant for the degrees cannot apply for a waiver of jurisdiction from the rejecting lodge until six months have expired from the time of his rejection. [1898 p. 27]

A resident of another jurisdiction who, with proper consent, applies for the degrees in a lodge in Maine and is rejected, may, after six months, again apply to the lodge here without consent from any other source. [1895 p. 176]

A rejected candidate may renew his application only upon a new petition; the old petition cannot be used under any circumstances. This is true whether the rejection is by ballot or by objection after ballot.[1891 p. 25]

A rejected candidate, in making a new petition, must *always* state the fact of his previous rejection, and should give the date or the number of years since he has been rejected. [1892 p. 375]

A demitted mason may petition for membership in any lodge in any jurisdiction regardless of his residence or its location.[1915 p. 189]

A petitioner for degrees or affiliation who alleges that he has received any Masonic degrees in a lodge in a jurisdiction not in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Maine shall not be recognized as a mason by a lodge in this jurisdiction. A petitioner under such circumstances must apply for all the degrees as conferred in this jurisdiction, and must also state the conditions surrounding the receipt of the so-called degrees, and that he had taken such degrees under a misapprehension as to the regularity of the lodge conferring the same. [1927 pp. 373–374]

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A petitioner who has joined a clandestine lodge must make all facts known, renounce allegiance to such lodge and sign a pledge on his honor as a man that he will hold no association with any of its members, as such, in the future. Lodges should be extremely careful in investigation of such cases to determine whether or not the applicant knew that he was joining a clandestine lodge at the time he applied for degrees therein, and if it appear that he did know the lodge was clandestine, it will be a question for the lodge receiving a petition under such circumstances to determine whether the applicant possesses that manly character which should underlie the eligibility and right of any man to become a Mason. [1923 p. 390]

(See BALLOT; CANDIDATE; JURISDICTION; MEMBERSHIP; WORK)

The application cannot be withdrawn after being referred to the Committee of Inquiry until after the ballot and then only if the ballot is clear and with the consent of the lodge. [1860 p. 104, 1878 p. 549]

A false statement in the application is ground for charges. [1864 p. 15]

Application for membership must be made at a stated meeting, lie over to the next meeting for the report from the Committee of Inquiry and may be approved by secret unanimous ballot. [1875 p. 528]

If the applicant becomes sick before the ballot is taken, the application and fee should be returned if the disability renders him unable honestly to acquire the means of subsistence. [1877 p. 281]

Application without the signature of the applicant is null and void.

[1894 p. 20]

Misstatement of age in the application—candidate is a minor—Worshipful Master is justified in rejecting; same as if rejection had been made.

[1919 p. 221]

Application to be properly before the lodge must be accompanied with a fee. [1920 p. 418]

Before an application can be acted upon by a lodge, it must be properly before the lodge. No application can be properly before a lodge unless it was received at a stated meeting except by dispensation from some authorized officer to receive it at a special communication. [1864 p. 14]

Where an applicant has, in his petition, stated that he has never applied to any other lodge for the degrees, and, after conferring the degrees, it is ascertained that he had made an application to and been rejected by another lodge, charges should be preferred against him, and if, on due trial, the charges are proved, he should be expelled notwithstanding the general rule that a Mason cannot be tried for offenses committed before he was a Mason. [1864 p. 15]

An applicant for the degrees should be recommended by at least one member of the lodge to which he applies. If no member can recommend the candidate as worthy, his application ought not to be received. [1865 p. 85]

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An application should be read in its entirety at the time it is first presented to the lodge. When the application is then presented for balloting the reading of the formal language may be eliminated and the words "an application in the usual form" substituted, but each question and the answer thereto should be read at the time of balloting, together with any additional remarks contained within the application form. [1956 pp. 785–786]

A decision approved in 1865, page 85, states that "an application should not be accepted until it is recommended by at least one member of the lodge". If there is no by-law of the lodge requiring the application to be signed by two members of the lodge, then in view of the above decision, only one of the men signing the recommendation need be a member of the lodge. However, if the by-laws of the lodge require that two members sign the application, then that regulation should be followed. [1955 p. 519]

When a lodge finds, before ballot, that a candidate has been rejected in another lodge, the only thing to be done is for the Master to cause to be entered on the record "that it appearing that the lodge has no jurisdiction in the case, the application is ordered to be returned." [1866 p. 157]

A lodge received an application and referred it to the investigating committee. Within three months the applicant left the area and in another three months moved out of State. The application was not signed by the investigating committee. In two and one-half years the applicant returned to the original lodge jurisdiction. The lodge still had jurisdiction over the applicant and could act on his application.[1969 p. 33]

APPOINTMENTS

A Master of a lodge cannot appoint his officers until he is installed. He may indicate before that whom he intends to appoint but the record of the appointment should be made after the record of his installation. [1862 p. 233]

APRON

The apron should not be worn outside the lodge hall except at funerals or church services without a dispensation. [1902 p. 21]

ASSESSMENT

The assessment, over and above dues, may be made to defray the ordinary expenses of the lodge or to pay debts incurred to meet such expense, but no assessment can be made for purposes outside of lodge obligations, except for the Grand Lodge. [1875 pp. 528–529]

A lodge may levy an assessment upon its members to pay indebtedness already incurred for charitable purposes or to meet existing calls for charity, but not to create a fund for possible future use.[1921 pp. 19–20]

Persons becoming members after an assessment is made are not liable thereto. [1873 p. 15]

When an assessment is made, it should be collected of all upon whom it is

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laid, or remitted by vote of the lodge. [1873 p. 16]

An assessment voted by a lodge can be collected.[1878 p. 550]

Assessment or a tax has been voted in Grand Lodge. [1878 p. 48]

Expenses of Washington's Birthday celebration cannot be paid by an assessment on the members. [1894 p. 19]

AVOUCHMENT

A mason cannot properly avouch for another unless he has sat in a lodge with him or has examined him as one of a committee appointed by the Master for that purpose, or upon the avouchment of a known mason in the presence of the one avouched for. [1864 p. 15]

The practice of undertaking to examine a person (claiming to be a Mason) except when specially appointed for that purpose by the Master, is a very dangerous and reprehensible one. [1864 p. 15]

BALLOT

(See Const. §§ 79, 82.1 ¶ 3, 104.1, 104.2, 105.1; S.R. 11, 12)

The ballot must be secret. [1822 p. 67]

The ballot should never be discussed.[1861 p. 147]

The rejection of an applicant is final when declared and recorded. That only one black ball was cast and a second ballot was not taken cannot affect the issue. [1915 p. 190; 1922 p. 207]

Our regulations require that but two ballots shall be taken on a candidate but this requirement means two ballots the result of, which is plain. If there is any room for doubt the ballot is defective the Master should order a new ballot.

[1929 p. 40]

Any question arising as to order in which ballot shall be taken on candidates shall be decided by Master. [1930 p. 230]

Ballot, if favorable, can be reconsidered.[1861 pp. 153–155]

Ballot, if unfavorable, cannot be reconsidered.[1861 p. 176; 1862 p. 249]

Ballot cannot be in a special meeting without dispensation. Secrecy is vital. [1863 pp. 303, 305]

Ballot for all degrees at once is proper.[1863 p. 304]

Ballot should not be passed without a report from the Committee of Inquiry. If the committee unreasonably delays its report, the proper course is to discharge the committee from further consideration of the petition and refer it to a new committee. [1861 p. 149]

Nor in less than four weeks from the presentation of his petition, for degrees or membership unless by dispensation.[1928 p. 576]

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Every member present must ballot on an application for degrees or membership unless excused by the lodge.[1924 p. 590]

No Brother should be excused from balloting except by a unanimous ballot. [1864 p. 15]

A Brother who waits until after the balloting has commenced cannot be excused from balloting. [1865 p. 85]

There must be a ballot on the application of every candidate whether the report is favorable or unfavorable. The only mode by which a candidate is accepted or rejected is by a ballot. [1865 p. 84]

If it is discovered, at any time before the ballot, that the lodge has no jurisdiction over the candidate, or if the candidate has died, the ballot must not be taken.[1861 p. 151; 1866 p. 157; 1870 p. 22; 1872 p. 466; 1876 p. 16]

After a ballot has been taken and the candidate has been declared rejected, no other ballot can be taken to correct a supposed mistake; the only remedy in such a case is by a new application. A ballot cannot be reconsidered after the Worshipful Master declares the result.

[1861 p. 176; 1870 p. 22; 1871 p. 349; 1874 p. 268]

After an application has been referred to the committee, it cannot be withdrawn until after it is accepted by a unanimous ballot, unless it appears that the lodge has no jurisdiction.[1863 p. 303; 1864 p. 115]

A lodge can waive jurisdiction only by a unanimous secret ballot, the request for waiver having been received at a previous stated communication.

[1876 p. 15]

A ballot taken when a quorum is not present is void, and it should be taken again at the next stated meeting. [1870 p. 22]

If two or more black balls appear, the Master must declare the candidate rejected, though a brother believes he threw one by mistake. [1872 p. 466]

If a candidate is declared by the Master to have been accepted, and the record so states, the candidate is entitled to the degrees unless objection is made; in which case the Master must declare the candidate rejected.

[1904 p. 22]

A member of a lodge who votes upon an application, which is accepted, may afterward object to the applicant and such objection is equivalent to a rejection by the lodge. [1915 p. 190; 1921 p. 19]

A ballot must be taken although an objection has been made. [1876 p. 16]

“The Master should declare the application rejected even though no black balls appear if objection has been made previously.”[1887 p. 692]

A separate ballot shall be had upon each application.

[1904 p. 22, 1907 p. 214, 1918 p. 24]

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If the Worshipful Master is in doubt, the ballot can be taken again by order of the Worshipful Master. [1871 p. 224]

A blackball is cast by a member who later goes to the Worshipful Master and confesses a wrong motive and asks for a new ballot to be taken. This cannot be done until six months have elapsed from the time the rejection is announced. [1874 p. 268]

A ballot cannot be taken over after a mistake is discovered after the lodge is closed. [1876 p. 16]

The Tyler is not required to ballot but he should have an opportunity to do so if he wishes. [1889 p. 334, 1884 p. 626]

The ballot, once declared by the Worshipful Master, is final even though the wrong ballot box was used and a new ballot is void. [1894 p. 19]

Method of balloting.[1897, p. 635, Correspondence]

The election of a candidate can be declared illegal if there are not enough ballots in the box. [1899 p. 204]

The ballot declared clear by the Worshipful Master must stand even if it develops there actually was a blackball cast. The recourse is objection.

[1904 p. 22]

In taking the ballot, every honest and reasonable doubt should be resolved in favor of the institution. [1891 p. 16]

Abuse of the ballot for personal reasons is unmasonic conduct.

[1923 p. 389]

Worshipful Master excused a member from voting without a vote of the lodge. This does not make the ballot defective.[1924 p. 590]

Worshipful Master can continue to collect the ballot until he is sure there is no mistake made. [1929 p. 40]

Improper use of the ballot to satisfy personal feelings is unmasonic conduct. [1939 p. 613]

It is improper for a lodge to vote on whether or not to spread a ballot on a petition on which the committee of inquiry has reported. A ballot must be spread unless a petitioner has since deceased or it is discovered that the lodge lacks jurisdiction. Nor can a petition be withdrawn until a ballot is taken.

[1968 p. 680]

BIBLE

Use of Masonic funds for the translation and distribution of the Bible is set forth in a good article by Simon Greenleaf.[1820 pp. 49–51]

The Grand Lodge voted not to use funds for it.[1821 p. 55]

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A Bible is necessary in Blue Lodges in Maine. The Bible was adopted in its entirety as the Great Light in Masonry.[1858 p. 394, 1856 p. 125]

The Bible should not be owned in common with the O.E.S., which is a non-Masonic order. [1922 p. 206]

BLUE LODGES

The Grand Lodge and its subordinates know of no other lodges than those technically called Blue Lodges and which only confer the degrees of E.A., F.C. and M.M. Any sign, therefore, in which the candidate is instructed is only to be given in the lodge of Master Masons etc.; should not be given in what are called the Higher Bodies. [1865 p. 84]

BUILDINGS AND BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS

(See S.R. 1, 6)

(See Grand Master's Address, 1953 Proceedings)

A lodge cannot donate its funds to a building association, but it can invest in the stock of such an association. [1921 p. 19]

Masonic buildings require approval by Grand Lodge.

[1951 p. 412, 1952 p. 635]

In a case where the lodge funds are advanced to a building corporation in exchange for its stock or membership certificate which corporation is, in fact, constructing, purchasing or altering the building, approval by the Grand Master is necessary. Otherwise, the whole purpose of the regulation, which is not only intended to approve the design and arrangement of the building but also to protect the lodge from an unsafe expenditure of its funds, would be lost, and any lodge wishing to proceed without having this approval could simply arrange to set up a corporation and accomplish exactly what this section intends to prevent. [1955 p. 517]

BURIAL

(See FUNERAL)

(See Const. §§ 68, 93.1, 93.2, 120; SUSPENSION, EXPULSION)

A non-affiliated Mason is not *entitled* to Masonic burial, but it may be voluntarily accorded by the lodge.

Lodges may hold Masonic Memorial services for departed Brethren even though the body or the ashes are not present. We do not memorialize the remains, but rather the life that was and still is.[1979 p. 379]

If, at the request of a deceased brother, a Royal Arch Chapter performs a burial service, the lodge can take no part. The use of the lodge service by a chapter is inappropriate and without right.[1866 p. 156]

A lodge taking charge of the body of a deceased brother for burial must retain control of it until it is buried; and no service shall be allowed to follow

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the Masonic service, although the lodge should extend all proper courtesy to any other society that may be present. [1905 p. 220]

At a Masonic burial the bearers shall wear no other regalia than the Masonic regalia. [1905 p. 220]

It is not proper, at a burial, for a person in Masonic regalia to assist any other than a Masonic lodge. [1905 p. 220]

A brother may wear his apron if he is to be cremated. [1984 p. 626]

(See CANDIDATE)

BUSINESS

(See Const. §§ ~~92, 94~~)

BY-LAWS

(See Const. §§ ~~91, 92, 108, 133, 36~~)

The by-laws legally adopted by a lodge bind the lodge so long as they are in force. Should the lodge legally vote to change the by-laws the change does not become effective until approved by the Grand Master. [1905 p. 220]

If the by-laws of a lodge provide that a meeting shall be held on a stated day of every month of the year, and make no provision allowing the lodge to stand closed during certain months, the lodge cannot legally vote to stand so closed. [1905 p. 220]

Certain items that the by-laws of a lodge should not provide for.

[1861 p. 182]

By-laws of lodge require Grand Lodge approval.[1864 p. 14]

Changes in a lodge's by-laws respecting fees cannot affect an application, which was received by the lodge before the by-laws, were altered. [1864 p. 15]

By-laws cannot be overlooked because of a custom. [1879 p. 11]

A By-law of a lodge cannot be suspended by the Grand Master.

[1918 p. 45]

A By-law is effective when approved by the Grand Master. [1921 p. 20]

CALLING OFF

(See Const. § ~~92~~; see BUSINESS)

CANDIDATE

(See Const. §§ ~~122, 123, 127, 128, 133.1; S.R. 25, 50~~)

Color is no bar to receiving the degrees in Masonry, but to be freeborn is requisite. [1876 pp. 15–16]

A candidate who cannot write is ineligible.[1876 p. 16]

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A candidate who cannot read and is able simply to write his name is not eligible. [1908 p. 22]

A rejected candidate, removing to another jurisdiction and there taking the degrees within five years from his rejection, without consent of the rejecting lodge, is not entitled to recognition in this state, nor to Masonic burial.

[1876 p. 18]

A candidate; rejected by a lodge in another state, shall not be received in a lodge in this state without the consent of the rejecting lodge. [1868 p. 200]

A candidate cannot be compelled to seek advancement. [1886 p. 341]

Candidates of a Maine lodge while still residing within jurisdiction of the lodge, must be initiated, passed, and raised by that lodge. [1930 p. 230]

Names of candidates who are to be balloted upon should not be published in notices of meeting. [1930 p. 229]

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Birth, whether legitimate or otherwise, cannot be a test for eligibility to Masonry. [1849 p. 40]

If the petition shows on its face that the candidate resides in another Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, it should not be referred to the Committee of Inquiry until the permission of the Grand Master in whose jurisdiction the candidate resides is obtained. [1863 p. 303]

If the candidate dies, no ballot should be taken and his fee should be returned. [1870 p. 22]

A candidate must be able to sign his name; a mark is not adequate.

[1870 p. 22]

An insane candidate should not be advanced.[1873 p. 45]

A man becomes a candidate when his petition has been received by the lodge and referred to a committee. [1886 p. 342]

A candidate gets a degree in X lodge—its charter is surrendered—he can apply to the nearest lodge for the next two degrees. Neither lodge nearest the old lodge nor the candidate can act in the procedure without the consent of the Grand Lodge, or during recess, the Grand Master.[1894 p. 20]

An alien whose residence is here is eligible to become a Mason here.

[1894 p. 20]

A candidate should be raised in his own lodge except for extraordinary and pressing reasons. [1897 p. 230]

A candidate raised in a lodge under dispensation—charter refused—the candidate becomes a non-affiliated member and can apply to any lodge for

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membership with certificate from the Grand Secretary in place of demit.

[1898 p. 25]

A candidate is not a member until he signs the by-laws. He is a non-affiliate.

The lodge can certify the facts under seal, which he can deposit with an application in the usual manner. [1902 p. 22]

A candidate receiving the degrees in a lodge under dispensation becomes a member with the same rights and privileges as a brother named in the dispensation. [1906 p. 20]

Naturalization is not necessary to become a Master. [1925 p. 24]

If the fees are raised between any degrees, the candidate must pay the increase as he receives the degrees unless he has paid in full for all the degrees.

[1929 p. 39]

A newly raised member refusing to pass the examination as required by the mandatory language of Section 114.3 is subject to disciplinary action which should be taken after the preferring of charges by the Junior Warden.

[1955 p. 519]

A candidate is brought from darkness to light. Without the use of a hoodwink, he cannot be in darkness, therefore he cannot receive the degrees in the same manner as every other Mason receives them. Not well-qualified physically to receive the degrees. [1964 p. 683]

A candidate, who had taken his Entered Apprentice Degree more than twenty years ago was desirous of being passed to the degree of a Fellow craft. A brother wished to object to his advancement. The lapse of time is no consideration, there being no limitation of time within which the second or third degree must be taken. The situation is governed by the Constitution, Section 100. Objections must be made known to the Lodge and their sufficiency determined by a two-thirds vote.[1901 p. 198, 1967 p. 461]

A candidate who received his E.A. Degree in another Jurisdiction and moved to Maine wanted to continue to receive his degrees here. He understood but could not speak English. He could not be advanced because if he could not speak English he probably could not understand enough to know what was going on. He should learn enough English to answer the necessary questions in the lesson. [1986 p. 204]

CERTIFICATE

(See Charter)

CHAPLAIN

A Chaplain of a lodge must be a member of it.[1930 p. 217]

CHARGES

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(See Const. §§ 49.4a, 45, 59)

Except a member be under Suspension by order of the Grand Master the filing of charges does not prevent the accused from voting on other questions.

[1862 p. 231]

Charges of "general bad character" are not sufficient; they must allege specific acts of unmasonic conduct. [1862 p. 233]

Charges may be tried or dismissed, but no one is authorized to erase them from the record. [1876 p. 16]

(See Const. §§ 46–69; CHAPTER XVIII Text Book for procedure governing Masonic trials)

Charges may be filed with the Secretary, out of the lodge, and the Master may fix a time for the trial and order notice to the accused without waiting for a meeting of the lodge to receive the charges.[1863 p. 302]

Legal proceedings need not be considered in case of Masonic charges.

[1876 p. 17]

A Suspended member can prefer charges against a member. [1914 p. 23]

Charges which have been preferred against a brother, voted upon in the lodge, forwarded to the Grand Lodge, and referred to the Commissioners of Trials can be withdrawn. If the brother who signed the charges will write a letter or statement over his signature to the Master of the lodge, stating that he wishes to withdraw his charges, and if a meeting of the lodge votes to withdraw the charges, then it is within the province of the Grand Master to withdraw the case from the Commissioners of trials, return the same to the lodge and remove any suspension which may have been imposed in the interim. This action can be taken at any time before the Grand Lodge votes upon the case. [1956 p. 786]

CHARITY

(See Const. § ~~90~~; ~~S.R. 56, 58~~)

(See RELIEF)

A lodge having a charity fund provided for by its By-laws shall use no part of said fund for any other than a Masonic charitable purpose.

[1905 p. 220; 1898 p. 25; 1929 p. 39; 1933 p. 24]

A lodge has no authority to appropriate its charity fund for any other purpose than that for which it was designated.

If a lodge wishes to grant aid to any other lodge in building or repairing its hall it can do so from its general income, if it has any, but not from its Charity Fund. [1898 p. 25]

Reimbursement to a lodge tendering relief to a Mason cannot be required but it should be worked out equitably. [1877 p. 281]

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Charity fund of the lodge does not relieve the duty of each member to be charitable. [1898 p. 29]

Charity or relief given a Mason by another lodge should be repaid by his own lodge although there is no legal duty.[1899 p. 205]

The rules for granting relief or charity as propounded by Drummond.

[1899 p. 538, CORRESPONDENCE; 1896 pp. 67–71]

California case of relief, very good case; shows basis of right to relief as set forth by Drummond. The right to relief is limited by the Mason's distress and by the ability of his Brother. Masonic charity creates no pecuniary debt.

[1901 pp .230, 232; 1985 pp. 11, 59]

Definition of the right of a Mason to relief and charity. [1906 pp. 22, 23]

A lodge cannot levy an assessment to create a charity fund, but it can do so to pay a debt. [1921 pp. 19–20]

Charity fund cannot be used as a building fund.[1927 p. 376]

Charity Fund cannot be used for hall repairs.[1929 p. 39; 1984 p. 595]

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

(See Const. §§ 60–66)

Complete setup. Grand Master's address in 1953 Proceedings.

CHARTER

(See Const. §§ 14, 22, 23, 36 (5), ~~69, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78, 85, 87, 88, 89, 106, 107, 109; S.R. 17~~)

Charters can be granted or restored only by the Grand Lodge. [1884 p. 625]

The Charter or a charter certificate must be present when the lodge is opened. [1861 p. 151]

A visiting brother has the right to inspect the charter or charter certificate.

[1861 p. 149]

No names can be inserted in a charter, after the lodge has been constituted, without action of the Grand Lodge. [1870 p.23]

The charter or charter certificate may be taken to the Tyler's room for examination by a visitor without closing the lodge; it is legally present when in any of the rooms occupied for lodge work.[1883 p. 311]

When a charter has been lost or destroyed, a copy of the original may be issued with the vote of the Grand Lodge authorizing it, properly attested, endorsed upon it. [1889 p. 359]

If a Charter is surrendered, Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts may

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apply to the nearest lodge. [1883 p. 311]

If a Charter is surrendered, the members cannot apply for membership elsewhere until the Grand Lodge has voted to accept the surrendered Charter.

[1883 p. 311]

CLANDESTINE

(See Const. § ~~409~~)

A clandestine lodge is one without a charter or warrant from a recognized Grand Lodge.

Member of a clandestine lodge may petition for membership in a bona fide lodge under certain conditions. [1923 pp. 390–391]

CLOTHING

(See Const. § 34)

The wearing of a Royal Arch apron in a lodge or in a Master Mason's procession is not permissible. [1884 p. 625]

It is not permissible for officers of a lodge to wear robes. [1895 p. 176]

No costumes, robes, uniforms or other dress other than that which has been approved by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge shall be worn in lodge for any degree work unless approved by the Grand Master or a dispensation has been granted by the Grand Master previous to any degree. This includes the Wayfaring Man and Degree Teams approved to perform degrees in this state.

[1999 P. 611]

The apron is a part of the Masonic clothing and cannot be worn in public outside of the lodge room (except at funerals and attendance upon divine service), without a dispensation. [1902 p. 21]

CLUBS

It is not proper to use the word "Masonic" in their name. [1928 p. 578]

Masonic clubs are to be encouraged. Their conduct must be within our landmarks. [1930 p. 231]

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COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

(See INQUIRY)

COMMUNICATION

(See Const. §§ 14, 77–81, 126; S.R. 3, 7, 14)

A Communication is a meeting of a lodge for the transaction of business. A Stated Communication is a regular meeting of a lodge as provided in its By-laws. A Special Communication is a meeting called for the transaction of a

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special matter of business on a date not set in the by-laws of a lodge.

The time for the stated communication of a lodge should be fixed by the By-laws. [1872 p. 466]

Only one stated communication, at which applications can be received or balloted on, can be held in each lunar month.[1876 p. 32]

At a special communication no business can be done that is not specified in the notice calling it. [1872 p. 272]

At any communication of the lodge, the Master can close it upon one degree and open another as many times as he sees fit.[1893 pp. 782–784]

The word "communication" in the constitution refers to the warranted lodge, and not to the ritual lodge formed by opening the former on a particular degree. [Ibid.]

No one but one of the three principal officers can call a communication of the lodge. [1864 p. 16]

A communication held as a stated meeting upon a wrong day is void; and the business done thereat must come up again as if it had never been acted upon. [1875 p. 528]

If a lodge by its By-laws provides for a stated communication in each month, it cannot by a mere vote omit such communication. It cannot suspend a By-law. [1905 p. 220]

If the By-laws of a lodge provide that its stated communication may be omitted during any or all of the summer months, and if at any time the lodge votes so to do, the Master has no authority to call a stated communication during the time covered by the vote of the lodge.[1905 p. 221]

CONDUCT

Secrecy of happenings in the lodge if violated is unmasonic conduct.

[1861 p. 155]

The conduct of the applicant before he submits his application cannot be grounds for Masonic discipline unless he does some act or makes some statement in his application that deceives the lodge.

[1866 p. 157; 1867 pp. 40–41]

Domestic troubles should not be meddled in by the lodge. [1886 p. 341]

Offense of a member committed before a petition is not grounds for complaint. [1907 p. 199; 1906 pp. 21–22]

CONSOLIDATION

(See LODGES, CONSOLIDATION OF. Cons. 74, Subsections I to IX, inclusive)

Consolidation of two lodges does not affect the jurisdiction of the

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consolidated lodge. [1894 p. 20]

CONSTITUTION OF A LODGE

(See Const. § 437)

Only those whose names appear in the Charter can be members of the lodge at the time of Constitution. [1875 p. 527]

CORNERSTONE

Laying cornerstones can be done only by the Grand Master or his proxy.

[1868 p. 199]

COUNSEL

(See Const. § 49.i)

DANCES

Balls etc., cannot be run in the name of the lodge. [1908 p. 24]

(See S.R. 2)

DEDICATION

The dedication of halls can be done only by the Grand Master or his proxy.

[1868 p. 199]

DEGREES

(See ADVANCEMENT—COMMUNICATION)

(See Const. §§ 44—22, 70, 106 – 115; S.R. 10)

A foreign jurisdiction requested to confer degrees on our candidates may do this work in their own time and in their own way notwithstanding provisions of our regulations. [1929 p. 40]

Can be performed by any Brother in the presence of the Worshipful Master and by his request. [1860 p. 106]

The Degrees of other bodies known to Blue Lodge Masonry are specifically identified. [1868 p. 299]

A lodge cannot confer the Master Mason Degree for another lodge without a waiver. [1878 pp. 549, 567]

The Third Degree can be taken any time after the Second no matter how many years elapse. [1886 p. 341]

Five Degrees is the limit at any one meeting. Any part of the five can be in different Degrees but the total must not exceed five. Good discussion of same by Drummond. [1893 p. 782]

A candidate takes two degrees in 1857 and in 1900 he asks for the Third. This is O.K. No limit of time to take the Second or Third. [1901 p. 198]

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Degrees by courtesy cannot be done between lodges of the state; a man so raised is not a regular Mason. He must file a new petition to the lodge having jurisdiction. The lodge must obtain a dispensation and proceed the same as in ordinary petition. [1922 p. 209]

Foreign lodges should not confer degrees in Maine on a candidate accepted by a Maine lodge (this could be done as visiting officers). [1930 pp. 229, 281]

A lodge cannot work its degrees in another lodge hall without dispensation. [1942 p. 217]

Degrees out of time, if done by courtesy in another jurisdiction and in accord with the law of that state, even if done in violation of our law, are not improperly conferred (that is the Second and Third Degree on the same day).

[1946 p. 200]

No degree work should be done on Sunday. [1949 p. 31]

DIMISSION

The term "Dimission" as used Masonically refers to the honorable withdrawal of a Mason from his lodge. His status is that of a Non-affiliate Mason.

(See Non-affiliate Mason.)

DEMOLAY

Standing Regulation No. 18 as adopted by this Grand Lodge allows lodges to become sponsoring bodies for a chapter of the Order of DeMolay. While a report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution did not recommend the use of lodge funds for this purpose, yet the Regulation, as adopted by the Grand Lodge, does not prevent or prohibit the use of lodge funds.

The word "sponsor" as defined by Webster means "a surety; one who binds himself to be responsible for another's obligations in case of default; one who endorses or stands behind a person, movement or the like." In view of the fact that lodges have been authorized to sponsor DeMolay, and bearing in mind the above technical definition of the word, since the regulation contains no language preventing the use of lodge funds, it is proper for lodge funds to be used for such purpose. [1956 p. 786]

It is permissible for a lodge to make a donation to a Chapter of DeMolay even though it did not sponsor the Chapter. S.R. 18 permits lodges to sponsor DeMolay and it has been ruled that the regulations do not "prevent or prohibit the use of lodge funds." Presumably, it is not the intent of Grand Lodge to limit assistance to DeMolay strictly to sponsoring lodges. [1966 p. 246]

DIMIT

(See Const. §§ 89, 119)

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Upon application at any stated communication the lodge may vote a dimit at once, either in the form of an honorable discharge from membership or with a recommendation, as it may see fit. [1897 p. 198]

Or a member may give notice at a stated communication that at the next he shall apply for a dimit; and at such next stated meeting, if no charges have been filed and his dues are paid to that time, it is the secretary's duty to give him a certificate of honorable discharge from membership. The lodge may also vote him such recommendation as it sees fit. The secretary should note on his record the giving of the notice and the issuing of the dimit. [1897 p. 199]

A vote of a lodge to give a member a dimit on payment of his dues does not sever his membership until the dues are paid; but the lodge ought not to vote upon the request until the dues are paid.[1861 p. 150]

An unconditional vote to grant a dimit severs the membership at once, unless the vote is reconsidered at the same meeting and before the dimit is actually delivered. [1873 p. 16; 1874 p. 305]

The dimit of a rejected applicant for membership should be returned without endorsement. [1871 p. 224]

No duplicate of a dimit can be issued. Should same be destroyed it is competent for a lodge to receive a communication stating the facts for record; then it may vote to instruct the secretary to make abstracts from the records for delivery to the brother entitled to the same.[1915 p. 191]

A lodge cannot charge a fee for granting a dimit.[1886 p. 341]

A dimit should not be granted to one who has disgraced himself and the fraternity by acts of intoxication or other misconduct, but charges should be preferred and a trial had. [1886 pp. 341-342]

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A dimit cannot be given to a Senior Warden. It is the same as resignation, which is not permissible. [1867 p. 126]

A dimit was granted. The Brother later desires membership in the same lodge. He must abide the result of the ballot.[1870 p. 22]

Dimit requires only a majority voting.[1875 p. 527]

Procedure for granting dimit established.[1879 p. 196]

Definition of dimit: means dismissal, and also recommendation.

[1887 p. 159]

A dimit should not be granted to a Fellow Craft or an Entered Apprentice.

[1889 p. 335]

Dimit, if lost or destroyed—the member may become affiliated by using a certificate of the facts. Duplicate of a dimit should never be issued.

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[1890 p. 687]

A demitted Brother can apply for membership at any time; no limit.

[1900 p. 19]

A demitted member can apply anywhere. Dimit must be filed with the petition for affiliation.

[1915 p. 189]

Dimit lost by fire, etc., cannot be duplicated. The abstract of all the records can be forwarded.

[1915 p. 191]

A dimit was granted but never issued. Membership still continues.

[1915 p. 192]

Member of two lodges by failure to get dimit, first lodge ordered to issue a dimit, second lodge to refund the dues paid to it to the first lodge.

[1944 p. 604]

DIPLOMA

(See Const. § 91)

It is better for the regular officers to sign the diploma, but if that is not convenient it may be signed by the pro tempore officers acting when the third degree was conferred.

[1891 p. 24; 1898 p. 27]

No duplicate of a diploma can be issued. Diploma certificate may be issued by Grand Secretary.

In case of the death of the Master, diploma should be signed by the Senior Warden as acting Master; the S.W. pro tem as such, and the J.W. [1898 p. 27]

A Master at the end of his first term, though less than a year, is entitled to receive from the Grand Lodge, through the District Deputy Grand Master, a Past Master's Diploma.

[1870 p. 22]

(See Const. § 90)

A Master of a lodge U.D. is not entitled to a Past Master's Diploma.

[1864 p. 16]

Sec. 91 of the Grand Lodge Constitution provides that "each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as it makes Master Masons. No duplicate of a diploma shall be issued." In a situation where the Grand Secretary has forwarded the diploma to the lodge for the new member and because of some failure or neglect to deliver the diploma by the officers of the lodge to the new member, he has never received his diploma. The Grand Secretary is correct in issuing another diploma and forwarding it to the lodge for presentation to the member.

The diploma has not been issued until it has been completely executed and delivered to the candidate. Once the candidate has received his diploma, he shall never be entitled to receive another. Where the candidate has never

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received a diploma and the lodge arranges for a diploma to be delivered to him, this latter diploma is not a duplicate. We are obligated, in view of our Constitution, to see to it that the candidate actually receives one diploma and, if we fail to deliver that diploma to him, it is our duty to the new member to correct the situation. [1955 pp. 517–518]

DISCIPLINE

(See Const. §§ 45–59)

DISPENSATION, LODGES UNDER

(See Const. §§ 74.6, 121–124)

~~Men named in a dispensation to a lodge or raised in a lodge under dispensation remain unaffiliated Master Masons or have their membership in suspension until a charter is granted and are not subject to the per capita tax.~~

————— [1956 p. 786]

~~Sec. 72 of the Grand Lodge Constitution, dealing with the matter of granting a charter to a lodge under dispensation, states, in part, that "the Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Grand Master, shall omit from the Charter the names of all who do not file their demits or proper evidence that they are not then affiliated." "The demits from the men who intend to become charter members should not be placed on file with the Grand Secretary before the Grand Lodge votes on the question of whether to issue the charter. They should be filed after the Grand Lodge votes and before the charter is prepared and issued by the Grand Master.~~ [1955 p. 517]

DISPENSATION, OTHER PURPOSES

(See Const. §§ 14.4, 14.5, 82.1–82.4, 86, 109 ¶ 2; S.R. 30)

When a lodge fails to elect officers at the stated time, or an elected officer declines to be installed, a dispensation to hold the election at another time must be obtained from the Grand Master. However, he cannot grant a dispensation to fill a vacancy in the office of Master while the office of either Warden is not vacant, nor of Senior Warden while that of Junior Warden is not vacant.

[1866 p. 155]

See APPLICATION; BURIAL

If a special meeting of the lodge is called for the purpose of conferring a degree on a dispensation, can the local business of the lodge be transacted at that meeting? The answer is; not unless specifically in the notice calling the meeting. [1862 p. 272]

~~The fee for dispensation must be paid to the Grand Lodge whether the candidate is rejected or not.~~ [1865 p. 81]

A vote on a petition for affiliation by one who has demitted from a Lodge can be taken only at a stated communication of that lodge. [1970 p. 279]

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A dispensation which carries beyond the term of the Grand Master granting the dispensation, necessarily interferes with the inherent right of his successor. A Grand Master may only temporarily suspend the operation of a law. When he retires from the office of Grand Master the license he granted expires. It is the prerogative of his successor to determine whether or not a law or regulation should be dispensed with.[1977 pp. 35–36]

DISCHARGE FROM MEMBERSHIP

(See Demit)

DISTRICTS

(See Const. § 14.6)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

(See Const. §§ 14.6, 20, 47, 76, 126, 129; S.R. 1)

ELIGIBILITY AND APPOINTMENT See GRAND OFFICERS.

DUTIES AND POWERS

(See Const. §§ ~~24, 68, 75, 86, 89, 98~~)

It is not his province to act as a prosecutor, but he should take notice of Masonic offenses and strive, with kindness and firmness, to bring lodges and members to realize the full import of their Masonic promises. [1883 p. 312]

In the absence of the Master and Wardens, the District Deputy Grand Master has no power to open the lodge which he is visiting, unless he is specially commissioned to do so by the Grand Master. [1890 p. 687]

He can install his successor. [1894 p. 19]

IN GENERAL See Const. §§ ~~24, 83~~.

When visiting a lodge unofficially, he may, if he deem it necessary, assume his official character and exercise the full powers of his office.

[1863 p. 303]

Reception of; form for, see page 78, Text Book.

District Deputy Grand Masters cannot exchange official visits; he has no authority outside of his own District and may attend lodges outside of his district only as a visiting brother. [1923 p. 387]

The rules for visitations by D.D.G.M.s.[1823 p.81]

Procedure for visits by D.D.G.M.s. [1853 p. 290]

If the Worshipful Master is also appointed and installed as District Deputy Grand Master, he vacates the office of Master.[1877 p. 280]

Good statement of the duties and authorities of the D.D.G.M. [1885 p. 15]

Duties of the District Deputy Grand Master.[1891 p. 23]

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D.D.G.M.s to keep a record book. [1891 p. 24]

Eligibility and duties of D.D.G.M.s.[1934 p. 195]

The election of a District Deputy Grand Master as Master of a lodge is void.
He is not eligible. [1862 p. 233]

Official visitation, powers of D.D.G.M. [1990 p. 75]

A Past District Deputy Grand Master is entitled to be addressed as "Right Worshipful" for the remainder of his Masonic life. The Maine Masonic Text Book states that "a Masonic title is a personal one which attaches to a Brother by virtue of his having acquired an office in a lodge or the Grand Lodge and to which he is not divested when his term of office expires."

See MASONIC TITLES [1955 p. 519]

DOTAGE

The term "dotage" as used Masonically has no reference to any particular age. Dotage or imbecility of mind occurs with some persons early in life, while others go to a ripe old age with faculties unimpaired. Its determination is a question for the lodge, having in mind the fact that it is materials for use, and not waste or encumbrances that is desired.

DRUNKENNESS

Drunkenness is a proper cause for charges.[1866 p. 156]

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

See MEMBERSHIPS\MULTIPLE

DUES AND FEES

(See Const. §§ ~~51, 52, 82, 84, 85, 90, 115, 123, 125, 131~~; S.R. 3)

To GRAND LODGE.

(See Const. §§ ~~84, 85, 90~~; S.R. 3)

Lodges U. D. are not required to pay the per capita tax. [1889 p. 569]

~~A chartered lodge is not liable for Grand Lodge dues on members who are named in a dispensation for a new lodge.[1889 p. 569]~~

See ASSESSMENT; CHARTER; DISPENSATION.

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(See Const. §§ ~~51, 52, 82, 131~~)

A change in the by-laws of a lodge, respecting fees, does not affect an application received by the lodge before the change was made. [1864 p. 15]

If objections to the advancement of a candidate are sustained, the lodge should not return the deposit and fees for the degrees already conferred.

[1878 pp. 540, 5501]

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When a candidate declines to be initiated, the lodge has the power to return his fee, and it is just and proper for it to do so.[1890 pp. 687–688]

The lodge has power to collect dues for current expenses and charitable purposes, and to levy special assessments, if necessary, to pay the current expenses or any debt incurred for the ordinary expenses of the lodge.

[1875 p. 528]

The penalty for nonpayment of dues is forfeiture of, or suspension from, membership only after due trial by lodge.[1933 p. 23]

When dues are a fixed sum a year, payable at a stated time, a member is not liable for dues for part of a year. [1874 p. 305]

A lodge cannot remit the dues of a deceased member nor restore to good standing a deceased brother suspended for non-payment of dues. The account of a deceased brother should be closed with a statement of his death.

[1904 p. 305]

The expenses of music for the celebration of St. John's Day may be properly assessed upon and collected of the members of a lodge. [1878 p. 550]

A lodge cannot legally make an assessment upon its members to defray the expenses of observing Washington's Birthday.[1874 p. 19]

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If the by-laws of a lodge provide for the suspension of the members who willfully neglect or refuse to pay their dues, the proper method is to file charges against each person neglecting and proceed to try them under that by-law. If the by-laws require the payment of dues but provide no penalty for willful neglect or refusal to pay them, a member who refuses or willfully neglects to pay his dues, after being required so to do by the lodge, should be tried for violating the by-laws or for willfully disobeying the summons to the lodge and, if found guilty, may be suspended from membership. If found guilty of willfully disobeying a summons of his lodge, I see no reason why he may not be suspended or expelled from the Order. (Drummond). [1862 p. 232]

Dues to the Grand Lodge must be paid for all members whether acting, honorary, absent, etc., and fees for all initiates including clergymen.

[1862 p. 246]

Member of a lodge under dispensation must pay dues in the parent lodge until demitted or constituted into the new lodge.[1871 p. 224]

Penalty for nonpayment of dues can be suspension or deprivation of membership. [1877 p. 280]

Deprivation of membership can follow suspension for nonpayment of dues. A suspended Brother has a moral obligation to pay his dues. [1883 p. 311]

A lodge under dispensation should collect dues from its members.

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[1886 p. 341]

Nonpayment of dues is discussed at length.[1876 p. 179]

Dues are not payable while a member is under suspension. [1889 p. 334]

Dues of a deceased Brother, being a legal claim, can properly be paid from his estate but should never be enforced by law.[1898 p. 26]

If dues are not paid, the Brother can be suspended or deprived of membership. These are two different actions. If deprived, he can only obtain membership again in the regular course of procedure. If suspended, he is reinstated automatically by paying up, within three years of the time of suspension, the dues he owed at the time he was suspended. After three years, he must re-apply and his application will be processed like a new application for membership.

An honorary member cannot be made to pay past dues if the By-laws are changed requiring him to pay. [1900 p. 19]

Dues should be payable in advance. See by-law on same. [1946 p. 199]

Dues cannot be charged for part of a year; hence a new member owes no dues for the balance of the year in which he was raised. [1946 p. 201]

A member who refuses to pay an assessment is subject to the same penalty as one who refuses to pay dues as provided in Sec. 54 of the Grand Lodge Constitution. The words dues and assessments are synonymous terms within the language of this section and, if a member fails to pay either one, including a Grand Lodge assessment, he is subject to the penalty.[1955 p. 519]

The name on the dues card must correspond with the name on the records of the lodge, until and unless the name is legally changed and the lodge so notified. In no case should two cards be issued.[1958 p. 282]

EDUCATION

(See Const. §§ ~~36 (11), 62, S. R 22~~)

Education is a part of Masonic charity.[1824 p. 100]

ELECTION, GRAND LODGE

(See Const. §§ ~~7, 13, 44, 94, Rules 1 and 3~~)

ELECTION, SUBORDINATE LODGE

(Const. §§ ~~93 (2), 96~~)

Election should take place in open lodge and not at refreshment.

[1861 p. 146]

The Master of a lodge has no authority to order an election to fill vacancies occurring after the annual election by reason of any elected officer declining to be installed. [1865 p. 85]

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Nominations for the election of officers or for officers to be elected should never be made. [1868 p. 199]

Lodges may use a printed ballot, similar to the one used in Grand Lodge, listing the names of those officers who are desirous of being elected to a specific office. [1985 p. 11, 59]

ELIGIBILITY

See APPLICATION; CANDIDATE; PHYSICAL DISABILITY.

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To be eligible for the office of Master, a Brother must have served as a Warden. [1967 p. 462]

A Brother served his lodge as Junior Warden for a period of nine months in the absence of the duly elected Warden who was absent and not available to fulfill his obligations to the office. The brother who served went on to be elected and installed Worshipful Master of the lodge and served one term. Is he a Past Master and is he entitled to the title of Worshipful never being ELECTED a warden of his lodge? Answer – The Constitutions state that, “to be eligible for the office of Master, a brother must have served as a Warden.” It is not stated that he must be ELECTED and INSTALLED. Service to the lodge as a Warden, although not duly elected, is sufficient in this case and that brother is a Past Master and entitled to the title of Worshipful. [1999 p. 611]

EMBLEMS

Emblems not related to Masonry and its teachings should not be placed permanently in lodge rooms. [1923 p. 387]

EMERGENCY

See ADVANCEMENT. Const. § ~~430~~.

ENTERED APPRENTICE

See ADVANCEMENT.

EVIDENCE

The general rules of civil courts relative to evidence are usually applicable in Masonic trials. Hearsay evidence is inadmissible.

See TRIAL COMMISSION. Cons: 49.

EXAMINATION

Examination of E.A. or F.C. in M.M. Lodge is proper in order to determine proficiency of candidate. [1921 p. 20]

EXPULSION

(See Const. §§ 48, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59)

An expelled Mason may be restored to rights and privileges of Masonry

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upon satisfactory evidence of his reformation.[1833 p. 228]

If a member is expelled by Grand Lodge, he cannot be restored without Grand Lodge action. [1874 p. 300]

FAIRS, ETC

Fairs and public displays for Masonic benefits are not recommended.

[1883 p. 313]

FEEES

(See DUES AND FEES) (See Const. §§ ~~115, 123, 125, 131~~)

The fees to the Grand Lodge must be paid by the lodge in which a Brother is initiated notwithstanding he may have received the other two degrees in a different lodge. [1864 p. 16]

Petition was accepted, the candidate failed to appear within one year without cause; later filed a new petition. He must pay the fee again.

[1874 p. 268]

Membership fee should not be paid where the degrees are received in another lodge. [1874 p. 271]

If a candidate refuses to take the degrees after being accepted, he should have his fees returned to him. [1890 p. 688]

Grand Lodge should repay fees to the lodge for a non-valid member.

[1942 p. 217]

Fees of a candidate who decides not to take the degree should probably be returned to him. [1944 p. 603]

FELLOW CRAFT

(See ADVANCEMENT)

FORFEITURE

(See Const. §§ 51, 131–135)

FUND RAISING

(See S.R. 25)

FUNDS

Lodge General Funds: Lodges shall hold all general funds in trust to defray the necessary expenses of the lodge and for charitable purposes. Lodges may, in cases not sacrificing these needs, use general funds on lodge endeavors intended to increase the well-being and happiness of the community in which the lodge is located. Lodge funds may not be used for any other than these Masonic purposes.

Lodge Charity Funds: Lodges may amend their by-laws regarding the

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expenditure of charity funds to include the same broad purposes as are now found in Section 62 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine pertaining to the appropriation of funds by the Masonic Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

[1865 p. 84; 1876 p. 17; 1927 pp. 374, 376; 1929 p. 40; 1997 p. 38]

A lodge cannot give a portion of its funds to another lodge without the consent of the Grand Lodge. [1873 p. 37; 1894 p. 19]

A lodge cannot donate its funds to a Masonic building association or board of trustees to assist in erecting a building for the use of the lodge and other Masonic bodies, but may invest in its stocks or bonds. [1921 p. 19]

They may be used to employ assistance to take care of sick members.

[1875 p. 528]

They cannot be used for insuring the lives of any of the members.

[1877 pp. 283–285, 455–456]

They may be used for the celebration of St. John's Day according to the ancient uses of the craft. [1881 pp. 615–616]

However, not to pay the expenses of a pleasure excursion and visitation of a distant lodge on that day. [1880 p. 297; 1881 p. 616]

Nor to pay the expenses of annual receptions, etc. [1895 p. 176]

Nor to pay expenses of dance and ladies' night. [1930 p. 229]

They may be used to defray reasonable expenses for music at a public installation. [1903 p. 216]

No part of a charity fund may be used for other than a charitable purpose.

[1905 p. 220; 1927 p. 376]

(See DUES AND FEES)

Lodge funds cannot properly be used to hire bands to attend funerals or to pay fares for members to go on excursions. If the members indulge in such luxuries, they should be paid for by subscription. [1865 p. 84]

Funds of lodge cannot be used for bands on St. John's Day parade.

[1880 p. 297]

Refreshments and meals may be paid from lodge funds. [1896 p. 72]

Improper use of funds discussed. [1915 p. 234]

Ladies' night or dances should not be taken from lodge funds.

[1930 pp. 229, 281]

Funds should not be used for dances or public entertainment.

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[1930 p. 232]

Funds of a lodge should be used for Masonic purposes only and not for non-Masonic charity. [1933 p. 25]

Red Cross contributions from Masonic funds not condemned; also not condoned. [1943 p. 418]

Funds of lodge cannot be used for a purpose not Masonic such as hospitals, etc. [1948 p. 577]

Funds should not be used to erect a marker on grave of a deceased Brother who was suspended for nonpayment of dues. [1948 p. 577]

(See BUILDINGS; also p. 235 Text Book)

The practice of lodges to purchase jewels, for Past Masters from lodge funds is proper. [1962 p. 235]

Lodge funds may not be used for other than Masonic purposes, and solicitation for lodge purposes should not be made from anyone except members of the Craft. [1961 p. 26]

A Lodge wished to make a contribution to a memorial hospital building fund in their community. The Lodge acknowledged that they could not use Lodge funds for this purpose. By vote of the Lodge, a committee of Brethren was organized to solicit personal contributions, from each member. The funds collected were given to the memorial hospital building fund in the name of "Masonic Member Contribution." This project in no way violated our Constitution or regulations. No lodge funds were used. By their action, the members took an active interest in promoting the general welfare of all citizens in the community, not confining their activities solely to promoting the Lodge. Individual Masons, in the name of Masonry expressed interest in the community's welfare by positive action. [1967 p. 463]

A lodge received an unconditional testamentary gift without restriction on its use. This fund, not being derived from dues, fees, or assessments, the lodge may properly vote to segregate and not to commingle with lodge funds. It may properly designate its use and the income derived therefrom for a Temple Building Fund. The presently effective decisions prohibiting the use of lodge funds for building purposes relate to funds created by dues and assessments levied against and collected from its members. [1914 p. 24; 1968 p. 680]

S.R. 18. The monies, excepting Charity Funds of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and of the constituent lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction may be used in part to contribute to the support of the DeMolay and Pine Tree Youth Foundation, after majority vote by the members attending the Grand Lodge session, or by the members attending a lodge meeting.

The Charity Funds of a constituent lodge may be used to contribute to the support of the DeMolay and Pine Tree Youth Foundation provided the by-laws of a lodge so permit, after majority vote by the members attending a lodge meeting. Notice of such action to be included in the notice calling a meeting of

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a constituent lodge, at which said action is to be taken.

S.R. 23. All lodges that have not segregated life membership funds into a special account, shall immediately do so and report to Grand Lodge annually as such and not co-mingle them with general operating funds.

The income from the paid life membership shall be used to pay the dues of the member who purchased the life membership. At the death of a member who has paid a life membership the principal shall revert to the Charity Fund of the lodge.

FUNERAL

(See BURIAL) (See Const. § 402)

Funeral for a Brother who committed suicide can be held Masonically provided he was insane when he did it. [1867 p. 126]

At the burial of a Mason, the Masonic service should be last although other Orders perform their services.[1878 p. 549; 1905 p. 220]

At a Masonic funeral, Blue Lodge Masonic regalia only should be worn by
Masons. [1884 p. 626]

If a Royal Arch Mason dies having requested to be buried by his Chapter, the lodges have nothing to do about the funeral any more than if he had requested to be buried by the Odd Fellows or any other organization; nor can they properly appear at the funeral as a lodge. The idea of a Chapter using our burial service is as appropriate as if they had taken that of Knight Templar or of Catholic or Episcopal Churches. They have just as much right to use the one as the other and no more. (Drummond) [1866 p. 156]

The Commandery officiates at the funeral; the lodge as a body should not be present. [1898 p. 26]

If the funeral service is not Masonic, the lodge should not attend as such. The Fraternity should not appear in public except for some Masonic labor.

[1865 p. 117; 1925 p. 24]

A Brother, guilty of sexual misconduct, is considered not to be in good standing as a Master Mason and is therefore not entitled to the rights and privileges of a Master Mason.

Details: A Brother pleaded guilty (through plea-bargaining) to two lesser counts of sexual misconduct with a minor. While awaiting sentencing, he was shot to death. His family requested a Masonic Memorial Service, which was denied on the grounds that being guilty of two or more counts of sexual misconduct with a minor, he should not be considered in good standing as a Master Mason and not entitled to any of the rights and privileges of a Master Mason. [1988 p. 618]

FURNITURE

The use of the Masonic lodge furniture or fixtures to simulate or suggest

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the physical appearance of a Masonic Lodge in any other place than dedicated and approved for the holding of a Masonic Lodge necessitates a dispensation from the Grand Master. [1998 p. 334]

GAMBLING

(See S.R. 25)

Lodges should not participate in “Gift Enterprises” or use similar methods of raising money. [1883 pp. 313, 510]

GOOD STANDING

The term "good standing" when applied to a Mason means that he is a member of a regular lodge and not under charges of unmaasonic conduct. It does not have any reference to the payment of dues.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY

Masonry has no part in governmental activity.[1862 Appendix 12–22]

GRAND LODGE CHARITY

(See Const. §§ 60–66; S.R. 21)

The income from the funds of the Masonic Charitable Foundation, and such other funds as may be appropriated in whole or in part for the relief of poor and worthy members of lodges, their widows and orphans, under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case. The widows and orphans of deceased Masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would have been upon the principle stated in this paragraph.

Every brother entrusted with funds is required to take receipts for the same when paid, and forward said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

Each almoner is provided by the Grand Treasurer with one printed blank receipt for each person for whom such almoner draws money from the Charity Fund, which receipts, such almoner shall cause to be signed by the beneficiaries respectively, and file the same with the Grand Treasurer.

No almoner who fails to file with the Grand Treasurer a receipt from each person for whose benefit money has been appropriated by this Board, for the full amount of such appropriation, when the money has been drawn by such almoner, shall be considered worthy to be entrusted with the sacred office of almoner for this Charity Fund. [1876 p. 230]

PROCEDURES

Application for relief for members of the order should always be made by the Lodge in the name of the Mason if he is still living even though the need for relief is due to the illness of some other member of the family. Generally the secretary of the lodge serves as the Almoner to make contacts with the beneficiary as need may arise though the lodge may designate some other officer or member to serve in that capacity. The secretary of a lodge may

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secure Grand Lodge charity application forms from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge charity applications are furnished in duplicate. The copy marked *original* is to be sent to the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Charity Committee on Distribution and the duplicate copy retained by the lodge.

GRAND LODGE

JURISDICTION. (See Const. §§ ~~72, 79, 109~~)

CIVIL CHARTER OF.

See an Act to Incorporate the Master, Wardens, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Maine. (Approved June 16, 1820.) Amended in 1935 to permit holding of real estate to the value of \$250,000 and personal estate to the value of \$750,000.

COMMUNICATIONS OF (See Cons. ~~2, 3, 23~~)

POWERS OF. (See Const. §§ 4, 56)

See GRAND LODGE; RESTORATION.

PRESIDING OFFICERS IN. See Const. § ~~19~~.

RULES FOR GOVERNMENT OF. See Const. §§ 36, 44.

SEAL OF.

The form, a circle, surrounded by the words "Incorporated by the State, June 16, consecrated June 25, A.L. 5820." Within this circle the words "GRAND LODGE OF MAINE", upholding on its three pillars the Bible, Square and Compasses, supported on the right by a Scythe, and on the left by an Anchor (part of the arms of the state), having within the Compasses, "REGIT" (the Bible rules and directs us) irradiated by the Polar Star (the emblem of Maine), and having above the whole the All-Seeing Eye.

STYLE AND TITLE OF. (See Const. § 1)

VOTES IN. (See Const. § 2)

DISCIPLINE BY. (See Const. §§ 45, 40, 47, 48, 53, 54)

COMMITTEES OF. (See Const. § 35)

STANDING COMMITTEES. (See Const. §§ 36–42, 44)

ELECTION, etc.

Title of, Most Worshipful. (See Const. § 2)

Eligibility and qualifications of. See GRAND OFFICERS. (See Const. §§ 5, 6)

Election of. See GRAND OFFICERS; (See Const. §§ 7, 8, 9)

DUTIES, POWERS AND RIGHTS. (See Const. §§ ~~3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23–27, 31–35 inc. 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 47, 48, 49, 67, 72, 74, 83, 88, 89,~~

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~~91, 93, 101, 112, 113, 120, S.R. 5, 14, 16)~~

To report all invasions of jurisdiction to the Grand Lodge. [1869 p. 406]

See BURIAL; DISPENSATIONS; GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Master's address has been a custom so long that it is nearly equivalent to Masonic law. [1867 p. 10]

Grand Master's rulings are decisions and not opinions. [1879 p. 41]

Grand Master's powers defined. [1886 p. 342]

The Grand Master has no authority to give consent to a lodge to use a part of its funds in another lodge. [1894 p. 19]

Where the Grand Lodge does not expressly prohibit certain proceedings, the Grand Master undoubtedly retains the prerogatives, which have existed from time immemorial and become landmarks of the Fraternity. [1943 p. 467]

However, see Grand Master's address quoting Drummond in the 1953 Proceedings. One-day annual sessions for the Grand Lodge is within the broad powers of the Grand Master to order. [1945 p. 9]

Rulings and dispensations of the Grand Master to become effective after his term expires are invalid. [1948 p. 578]

GRAND OFFICERS

ELIGIBILITY. (See Const. §§ 5, 6)

A Master chosen and installed into one of said Grand Offices, thereby vacates his office in the lodge and the Senior Warden succeeds to the chair until the next Annual Communication.[1877 p. 280; 1878 p. 565]

HOW CHOSEN. (See Const. § 7)

HALLS

(See S.R. 11, 21, "Intoxicating Liquors")

Masonic halls should be used only for Masonic purposes, especially after dedication.[1867 p. 126; 1878 p. 550; 1927 p. 378; 1929 pp. 39-40]

They should not be used for conferring the so-called side degrees.

[1870 p. 22]

In case of necessity, after obtaining permission from the proper authority, a lodge may occupy a hall used by another society, until a suitable hall can be procured. [1878 p. 550]

Lodges may be allowed to occupy halls with other associations, provided the District Deputy of the District first personally inspect, and in writing approve the occupation, but this inspection shall not be necessary in cases where other societies seek to have joint occupation of previously dedicated Masonic halls. [1882 pp. 32, 212]

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Permission may be given to build a hall for joint occupancy with another organization, provided the plans of such building be submitted to the Grand Master and receive his approval. [1891 p. 253]

An application to a lodge for joint occupation of their hall by another society shall be granted only by a two-thirds vote of the lodge, the application having been laid over from one stated meeting to another. Provided, however, that in special cases the Grand Master may give permission to act upon such application at any stated or special meeting if he shall find sufficient cause therefore. [1882 p. 212]

Masonic halls may be located without regard to the points of the compass. The ritual is symbolic and need not be complied with in its literal sense.

[1884 pp. 625–626]

Joint occupancy of halls is not improper.[1882 pp. 16, 32]

A lodge can be situated in a tenement house or dwelling house if properly secured to the satisfaction of the Grand Master.[1918 p. 24]

A marriage ceremony should not be performed in a Masonic hall.

[1925 p. 23]

The dining hall in a Masonic building can be used for purposes not Masonic only by vote of the lodge. [1948 p. 577]

Standing Regulation No. 1 includes a vote passed in 1882 which provides "that application to a lodge for joint occupation of its hall by another society shall be granted only by a two-thirds vote of the lodge, the application having been laid over from one stated meeting to another."

Any concordant, appendant order, or organization, including the Order of Rainbow for Girls and the International Order of DeMolay for Boys may properly use Masonic halls for their meetings, subject to the provisions of the above-mentioned vote. [1955 p. 521]

The dining hall can be used for parties but not the Masonic Hall.

[1929 p. 39]

The lodge room cannot be used for social parties.[1929 p. 39]

Use of Masonic halls by "Tall Cedars of Lebanon" for conferring so-called degree. Use of Masonic halls by any person or persons for purposes not in keeping with Masonic principles and decorum is prohibited. [1962 p. 236]

Sheltering flood victims in a Masonic Hall is in keeping with Masonic principles and decorum. It is not a violation of Masonic law.

[1978 pp. 191–192]

Programs which are designed to promote a great awareness of Freemasonry should be held in a Masonic Lodge Hall. If held in any other location, then the rules and guidelines pertaining to the use of and function of a

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Masonic Lodge facility will apply to the facility in which the program takes place. [1998 p. 334]

HAT

The Master, while the lodge is engaged in work, should wear a hat of some type and description of his own choice. The hat should be removed whenever in the presence of higher authority such as during prayer, in church, during any reference to Deity and in the presence of the Grand Master. The hat may be removed on occasion for the convenience and comfort of the Master. A hat should not be worn by anyone else while occupying the Master's chair, excepting a Past Master while acting as Master. If the Master is present in the lodge room and any other person is temporarily occupying the Master's chair, it shall be within the Master's discretion whether or not he, the Master, shall at that time wear a hat. No other person, excepting the Grand Master, shall wear a hat in a lodge. [1955 p. 521; 1990 p. 75]

HEALING

(See Const. § 120)

See JURISDICTION DECISION 1968.

HEALING OF CANDIDATES

The healing of a candidate, irregularly worked, cannot be waived.

[1943 p. 467]

Healing of candidate. [1878 p. 550]

HISTORY

(See Const. § 75.2)

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

There are two kinds of honorary members; one a member of the lodge, made honorary to relieve him of duties without being deprived of any powers or privileges; the other, a Mason not a member, elected as a compliment to him, without the powers of an active member.

When a brother of a lodge has been elected an honorary member, that election cannot be reconsidered. [1899 p. 203]

Frequent election of honorary members of the first class is objectionable.

[1900 pp. 53–54]

A nonaffiliate may be made an honorary member. [1896 p. 72]

An active member of one lodge may be made an honorary member of another lodge without the rights and privileges of an active member.

[1896 p. 72; 1899 p. 203; 1900 pp. 53–54]

(See Const. § 90)

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Honorary membership does not conflict with Section 135 of the Constitution. This section refers only to an "active" member of a lodge.
[1968 p. 680]

See LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

HONORARY PAST MASTER

A request was made to create a brother an Honorary Past Master of a Lodge. This was not granted. There is no constitutional authority in our Grand Lodge for creating an Honorary Past Master. The only person entitled to the rank of Past Master is one who has been duly elected a Master of a subordinate lodge and he must first have served as a warden. He must have actually been installed in the East. No other person but an actual Past Master of a Blue Lodge can receive a Past Master's certificate, the Past Master's degree, preside over a lodge in the absence of the Worshipful Master or install the officers of a lodge. To create a Brother an Honorary Past Master would confer upon him an empty title without meaning.
[1967 p. 462]

INCORPORATION TRUSTEES

LODGE CHARITY FUNDS

See CHAPTER XIX p. 216, Text Book.

INCORPORATION

Incorporation of lodges. [1953 pp. 58, 112]

IN FORM

The Grand Lodge is opened "In Form" when it is opened in the absence of both the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master.

IRREGULAR MASON

An irregular Mason is one who has been made in a regular lodge but in an unconstitutional or unlawful manner.

INQUIRY, COMMITTEE OF

The character of its report, whether favorable or unfavorable, should never be recorded.
[1865 p. 85]

A member of cannot be required to give his reasons for an unfavorable report nor for declining to sign a favorable report signed by the other members.

[1877 p. 280]

Secretary should never record the nature of the report of the Committee of Inquiry but simply the fact that the Committee of Inquiry reported, which report was accepted, etc.
[1865 p. 85]

See BALLOT.

INSTALLATION

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(See Const. §§ 8, 10, 2, 13, 95; S.R. 7, 10, 40)

A Royal Arch Mason, who has never been Master of a chartered lodge, cannot install the Master of a lodge. [1862 p. 233]

Officers of Commandery of Knights Templar or of another Masonic body cannot assist in installation of officers of a lodge. [1930 p. 229]

No officer, grand or subordinate, can be installed by proxy. [1865 p. 85]

It is not proper for a lodge to hold a public joint installation with any non-Masonic society. [1922 p. 206]

A decision issued in 1980 instructed lodges to “refrain” from holding installations of officers on Sundays as such practices were an “infringement on family life” and “could lead to adverse reactions.”

While this holds true for tyled installations, semi-public installations provide an opportunity for the families of Masons to gather in a most wholesome circumstance. It is, therefore, my decision that constituent lodges may hold semi-public installations on Sunday afternoons as long as these ceremonies do not conflict with the regularly scheduled church services within the community or communities comprising the jurisdiction of the lodge.

[1998 p. 335]

When objections are made to the installation of an officer, the reason therefore must be filed with the installing officer. If no reasons are filed, or if those filed are not sufficient in the judgment of the installing officer, he proceeds with the installation. If the reasons given are adjudged sufficient, the installing officer fixes a time and place for a hearing by him and notifies the parties. After the hearing, he issues his order declaring the reasons, sustained or not, as the case may be, which order must be entered on the records of the lodge; and the installation proceeds, or not, according to the decision.

If the Grand Master is the installing officer, or there is no appeal, the decision is final; but from the decision of any other installing brother, an appeal lies to the Grand Master. [1871 p. 349]

See CHAPTER VI, TEXT BOOK, and PAST MASTER

Installation is necessary before the Worshipful Master can act. However, this is not so in the case of the other officers. The same rule prevails in Grand Lodge. [1827 pp. 153–154; 1861 p. 148]

It is not absolutely necessary that a re-elected Master should be installed, because by the Constitution he holds his place until his successor is elected and installed in his stead, but a Past Master who has vacated the chair one year or more, being again elected Master, cannot act as such until regularly installed, and, if the re-elected Master declines to be installed again, it may be taken as declining to accept the office.

[1862 p. 233; 1863 p. 321; 1868 p. 199; 1875 p. 528]

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The installation must be in the town where the lodge is located by its charter. [1868 p. 200]

The installing officer is the judge of the validity of the objections made, but the appeal to the Grand Master stays the proceedings until the Grand Master's decision, which becomes final. [1871 p. 349]

Installations joint with the O.E.S are not proper. [1922 p. 206]

Commandery or other Masonic groups should not assist in installation or work of the lodge. [1930 pp. 229, 281]

Joint installations of several lodges. Each lodge must open and close in its own hall. [1942 pp. 219, 295]

Permission was asked to hold a joint installation of the officers of a Blue Lodge and the officers of the Royal Arch Chapter. This should never be permitted. Until 1942, Blue Lodges were forbidden to hold joint installations. At that time, Standing Regulation ~~No. 40~~ was adopted permitting joint installation of Blue Lodges but only by consent or permission of the Grand Master. Since there was a complete prohibition until this time, and the standing regulation relates to Blue Lodges only, without mention of concordant bodies it was the intent of Grand Lodge to permit joint installation of Blue Lodges only. To allow a joint installation of a Blue Lodge and Chapter would in effect be tacit solicitation by the Chapter within a Blue Lodge, which is highly improper. The several appendant bodies of Masonry should be kept separate and work in their own particular field of Masonic activity. [1967 p. 462]

INSURANCE

See DUES AND FEES; FUNDS.

INTOXICATING LIQUORS

One of the most perplexing problems to confront your Grand Master has been the dispensing of alcoholic beverages in Masonic Temples or rather the lack thereof and the desire to do so by some of the Brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction.

In view of the many problems facing our Blue Lodges at the present time and taking into consideration the trend of the times, your Grand Master after due consideration and studying the matter, hereby rules that alcoholic beverages may be dispensed with dispensation in any Masonic Temple, apartments or halls subject to the following restrictions and limitations:

1. At no time shall alcoholic beverages be introduced into the Lodge room, except for authorized ceremonial purposes, or those rooms used directly in connection therewith, such as the preparation room, Tyler's room, or corridors adjacent thereto.

2. At no time shall officers of the Lodge partake of alcoholic beverages after a meal and before the opening of a Lodge, which they are to attend.

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3. At no time shall any member be admitted to a Lodge meeting while under the influence of alcoholic beverages.

4. At no time shall there be any area allotted to, or construction of a permanent servicing facility within any Masonic Temple under this jurisdiction.

5. The temperate use and dispensing of alcoholic beverages during exclusively social function, fellowship and banquet periods, always in the confines of the social rooms, banquet rooms or dining halls, and always under the control of responsible persons, is not prohibited.

6. The foregoing is not to be construed as a mandate that the use and dispensing of alcoholic beverages must be allowed; whether such use is allowed or prohibited, is for the local Masonic body and the Building or Temple Association, as the case may be, to determine.

7. All applicable laws and regulations, both of the State of Maine and the local authorities, shall be observed and complied with at all times.

8. No Lodge or recognized collateral body as such, shall apply for or hold any license required by the foregoing laws or regulations.

9. Reference to alcoholic beverages, in any connotation, such as cocktails, bar, B.Y.O.B., etc., is not permitted in any Lodge notice, or as an enclosure in the mailing of a Lodge notice. The use of the phrases "social hour" or "social period" is not prohibited.

We must recognize that times change and it is easily demonstrated that in 2004 a substantial number of our members use alcoholic beverages, always within the bounds of temperance, and the temptation is to leave our meeting places, or in connection with a social function, for an atmosphere and surroundings which can often be contradictory to the atmosphere and surroundings of a Lodge building.

[1935 p. 391; 1973 p. 44; 1974 p. 304; 1975 p. 502; 1976 p. 745; 1986 p. 205; 2004 pp. 888–900]

JURISDICTION

IN GENERAL (See Const. §§ 112–121, 123, 133; S.R. 5, 50)

The Grand Lodge is the legal successor of every demised lodge, and the power to act in its stead is vested only in the Grand Lodge, or in the Grand Master during the recess. [1895 p. 250]

An applicant rejected by a lodge under dispensation which did not afterwards receive its charter is placed under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge and can apply by permission of Grand Lodge or of Grand Master during recess for degrees in a lodge within whose jurisdiction he is six months after rejection if otherwise eligible. [1898 p. 25]

OVER CANDIDATES.—

See APPLICATION. (See Const. § 114)

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When a lodge legally votes to surrender its charter it thereby vacates its territory, and candidates resident therein, including Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, should apply to the nearest lodge.[1883 p. 311]

The legal residence of a candidate must be determined by the facts in the particular case, and no general rule can be given which will decide every case; usually, however, the best test is, "What is his residence for the purposes of paying personal taxes and of voting?"

[1862 pp. 234–235; 1867 pp. 39–40; 1881 p. 616]

When a lodge has received the petition of a candidate over whom it has jurisdiction, it cannot lose that jurisdiction by anything happening subsequently, except by voluntarily surrendering it.[1867 p. 130]

Unless it is lost by the candidate's failing to receive the degree within the required time after he is accepted. [1873 pp. 29–30]

It is unmasonic to make the receipt of a part of the fee a condition of waiving jurisdiction over a candidate.

[1883 p. 311; 1891 pp. 24–25; 1902 p. 21]

When a person removes into this state, the foreign lodge in whose territory he resided loses all jurisdiction over him, and its waiver will not aid the reception of his petition in this state before he has resided one year in it.

[1886 p. 342]

A lodge can take a candidate into the jurisdiction of another lodge to confer a degree upon him only by the permission of the Grand Master.

[1895 p. 176; 1896 pp. 57, 72; 1897 p. 230]

See APPLICATION; CANDIDATE; MEMBERSHIP; WORK. OVER OFFENSES.

(See Const. §§ 48, 99, 49–4a)

Masonry has no jurisdiction over political offenses. [1865 p. 85]

A candidate moving about from one jurisdiction to another discussed.

[1864 p. 14]

A lodge has penal jurisdiction over its own members wherever they may reside. Geographical jurisdiction extends half way to the nearest lodge in this state in every direction; in other words, any particular place is under the jurisdiction of the nearest lodge in the state. This is the jurisdiction of lodges for all purposes except the admission of candidates.[1861 p. 150]

A Navy or Coastguardsman cannot be considered a "seafaring man," as mentioned in ~~Section 112~~ of our Constitution. He is usually stationed for a year or more in one place and could thereby obtain the necessary residence requirements. [1986 p. 204]

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When there are two or more lodges in a town, that lodge to which a candidate first makes application acquires exclusive jurisdiction over him.

[1866 p. 157]

A candidate is rejected by a lodge outside the town where he lives but another lodge is formed in the town where he lives. He cannot apply to the new lodge without consent of the rejecting lodge because of the law of rejection. He cannot apply to the rejecting lodge because of the law of jurisdiction. It requires the consent of both lodges in either case.[1868 p. 200]

A candidate is accepted. He takes no degrees. Then he acquires residence in the jurisdiction of another lodge. He may apply there. [1872 p. 465]

A candidate not taking a degree for one year after acceptance may then petition any other lodge. [1873 p. 30]

A candidate receives one degree in a lodge under dispensation in another state. Dispensation was revoked. He comes to Maine. He wants other degrees. This requires permission of the Grand Master of that state. He then petitions to the lodge here for further degrees. [1874 p. 269]

A rejected petitioner wishing to petition another lodge requires permission of the first lodge. [1874 p. 274]

If no jurisdiction is discovered, that fact should be recorded and the petition should be returned. [1876 p. 16]

A sea captain having no residence in Maine gives us no jurisdiction over him for the degrees. [1876 p. 17]

The Grand Lodge of one state can accept as a member a man who belonged to another state. [1881 p. 806]

A sea captain gets the Entered Apprentice Degree in a foreign country. On return home to adjoin his lodge, he must apply and pay for all three degrees in his home lodge. [1886 p. 342]

A candidate must live in Maine one year.[1886 p. 342]

A candidate is rejected in Maine and moves to Oregon. Twenty years later he applies here to have the disability removed. The lodge here has no jurisdiction. [1894 p. 19]

Concurrent jurisdiction—A member applies to one; he is rejected. Five years elapse. He can then apply to the other without waiver. [1903 p. 217]

Residence, a test of (where he votes and is bound to pay taxes).

[1907 p. 199]

Waiver of jurisdiction is granted. The candidate petitions another lodge. He is rejected. He cannot petition the first lodge without waiver from the second lodge for five years. [1916 p. 21]

It is not necessary to be physically present to give a lodge jurisdiction.

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[1921 p. 21]

Where a candidate is not at fault in a case of invasion of jurisdiction, it was held that he was a regularly made Mason.[1923 p. 430]

When a person removes into this state, the foreign lodge in whose territory he resides loses all jurisdiction over him, and its waiver will not aid the reception of his petition in this state before he has resided one year in it.

[1927 p. 435]

A candidate who asks for the Third Degree to be done in another state; permission granted. The candidate returns to Maine. His own lodge has the right to do it.

[1930 pp. 230, 281]

An applicant is rejected in Lodge "A" in 1950. In 1952 he moves his residence to the jurisdiction of Lodge "B". In 1953, he applies to Lodge "A" for a waiver of jurisdiction. The waiver is denied.

Lodge "A" loses jurisdiction in five years from the date of the rejection and not from the date of refusing the waiver of jurisdiction. A decision in 1880, page 298, states that an applicant whose application for a waiver of jurisdiction is rejected is in exactly the same status as before applying for the application for the waiver of jurisdiction.

[1955 p. 517]

Once a candidate applies to one of several lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, that lodge has exclusive jurisdiction.[1943 p. 468]

A member raised in the case of invasion of jurisdiction is declared to be null and void.

[1945 p. 12]

A brother was suspended for non-payment of dues approximately ten years ago, now a resident of another state. The Lodge inquires whether or not it has retained jurisdiction over him, or must he apply for membership in a lodge in the state in which he now resides. The Lodge still retained jurisdiction and a petition for restoration under Section 51 of the Constitution was the proper course to pursue. Section 52 provides that he shall not be admitted to membership in any other lodge until his dues are paid or remitted. While our constitutional law is not law beyond our jurisdiction, it is not likely that he could become affiliated without a demit which cannot be obtained without being current in his dues.

[1967 p. 461]

A brother who received the Entered Apprentice Degree several years ago is now living in a sister jurisdiction and requests a waiver of jurisdiction in order to petition for the degrees in the sister jurisdiction. The lodge in this state had jurisdiction by virtue of election and conferral of the first degree. The lodge in this state should proceed under ~~Section 134, Paragraphs 2 and 3.~~ [1967 p. 462]

LANDMARKS

Landmarks are those ancient and universal fundamental principles of the Craft, which no Masonic authority can alter or repeal.

(See S.R. 29)

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LECTURES

(See Const. § ~~400~~)

LIBRARIAN

It shall be the duty of the Lodge Librarian to gather, keep and maintain the collection of books, audiovisuals and archival material owned by the lodge. The Lodge Librarian shall provide a written report upon the request of the Master of the Lodge. [2000 p. 959]

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

A member, who by virtue of a by-law has purchased and paid for life membership, is entitled to retain it, and the lodge must abide by it in spite of change or repeal of the by-law.[1899 p. 202; 1900 p. 53]

But if a lodge, by By-law, exempts honorary members from dues and makes Past Masters honorary members, a repeal of the By-laws subjects such members to dues for the future, but not for any time before the repeal.

[1900 p. 19; 1913 p. 193]

If a life member takes a dimit, he can affiliate anywhere else. Life membership means that there is no obligation to pay further dues.

[1915 p. 193]

All lodges that have not segregated life membership funds into a special account shall immediately do so and report to Grand Lodge annually as such and not commingle them with general operating funds.

The income from the paid life membership shall be used to pay the dues of the member who purchased the life membership. At the death of a member who has paid a life membership, the principal shall revert to the Charity Fund of the lodge, or General Fund of the lodge upon vote of the lodge.

(See S.R. 23)

LODGE

A Lodge is a society of Masons meeting by authority of a Charter or Warrant from a regular Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, for the purpose of doing Masonic work and transacting appropriate business.

A clandestine lodge is one without a charter or warrant from a recognized Grand Lodge.

UNDER DISPENSATION

See DISPENSATION.

(See Const. §§ 67–71, 79, 82–111)

The members of a lodge U. D. remain members of their respective lodges; but their membership therein is suspended during the continuance of the dispensation. [1861 p. 149]

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A candidate receiving the Master Mason degree in a lodge under dispensation thereby becomes a member of that lodge, with the same rights and privileges as the brethren named in the dispensation.[1906 p. 20]

A lodge U. D. has the same territorial jurisdictions, for all purposes, as a chartered lodge. [1861 p. 150]

No person but the Master, or a Warden of a lodge U.D. can open such lodge. [1861 p. 150]

If it is desired to work longer under a dispensation without obtaining a charter, ~~the demits need not be sent up, and~~ the petition should be varied accordingly.

The Master may preside over a lodge under dispensation (U.D.) without having received the Past Master's degree.[1871 p. 223]

See CHARTER; DIPLOMA.

UNDER CHARTER

(See Const. §§ 74, 85–87, 108, 110; S.R. 25)

Every newly chartered lodge must be constituted by the Grand Master, or his proxy, before it can work under its charter.[1861 p. 147]

Cannot meet in any other town than that named in the charter without the permission of the Grand Master.[1864 p. 12; 1896 p. 57]

See CHARTER; HISTORY.

POWERS. See Const. § 82.

DUTIES. See Const. §§ 79, 84, 85, 105.

PROXIES IN GRAND LODGE. See Cons. 2, 79, 80; S.R. 1 (b).

FORM OF THE COMMISSION. See Cons. 79, 81.

See PROXY.

IN GENERAL See Const. §§ 71, 86, 101, 104, 110, 127, 132; S.R. 12, 13, 61.

A lodge may hold more than one meeting on the same day for any other purpose than the conferring of degrees. [1878 p. 549]

It is proper for a lodge to accept an invitation to attend a church service where the pastor is not a Mason. [1925 p. 23]

A lodge may not allow a brother to use its hall for his marriage service.

[1925 p. 23]

A lodge may not attend as such the funeral of a brother unless it conducts the burial service. [1925 p. 24]

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A member of a lodge in good standing is entitled to all the rights and benefits of masonry, without regard to his mental condition. [1884 p. 625]

A newly chartered lodge cannot proceed to work under the charter before it is constituted, and its officers installed.[1861 pp. 147–148]

Lodges under dispensation—only persons named in petition have the right to ballot on petitions and vote on all applications.[1862 p. 232]

In lodges under dispensation, only persons named in the dispensation have a right to vote therein. [1863 pp. 320–321]

The only members of lodges under dispensation are those named in the dispensation. [1874 p. 274]

When a lodge desires to move from one town to another, it should petition the Grand Lodge, which is referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters. [1889 p. 350]

It is improper for a lodge to send resolutions to the President of the country protesting an appointment to the Vatican. [1952 p. 63]

Masons working under dispensation remain members of their respective lodges. [1861 p. 149]

No person but the Master or Warden of a lodge under dispensation can open such lodge. Provisions in our Constitution which are said to authorize a Past Master in the absence of the Master and Wardens to open a lodge do not apply to lodges under dispensation. [1861 p. 150]

A lodge under dispensation has no members. It may receive the assistance of brethren not named in the dispensation and they may be appointed to act as officers. The Master and Wardens are named in the dispensation. The other officers are appointed. None are elected as in chartered lodges. [1863]

A lodge may solicit advertising for a magazine it wants to publish only from members of the Craft but not from non-members. If a non-member voluntarily came forward and wanted to place an advertisement, it could be accepted. [1961 p. 27]

A candidate irregularly initiated an Entered Apprentice was ordered healed by the Grand Master. Before he was healed, he moved permanently from the State, four years ago. He therefore forfeited his election under ~~Section 128~~ of the Constitution and the lodge no longer has jurisdiction.

[1872 p. 465; 1873 pp. 29–30; 1968 p. 680]

LODGES, CONSOLIDATION OF

(See Const. § 74)

LODGE TRESTLE BOARD

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Joint trestleboards may be used, providing the Lodge adheres to the restrictions concerning the listing of names of candidates, as shown in the Constitution, Standing Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge.

[1985 pp. 11, 59]

It is my decision that listing the names of candidates in email Trestle boards does not meet the requirement of Standing Regulation ~~No. 55~~ and should not be allowed.

[2004 p. 894]

MASONIC TITLES

A Masonic Title is a personal one, which attaches to a brother by virtue of his having acquired an office in a lodge, or the Grand Lodge, and of which he is not divested when his term of office expires.

(See DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS)

MASTER

(See Const. §§ 83, 85, 88, 98, 106)

The powers of the Master of a Lodge are much different from those exercised by the head of any other society. The presiding officer of most societies is chosen by the members of the organization, and can usually be removed by that body. A Master is elected by his Lodge, but can only be removed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. The presiding officer of other organizations are usually bound by certain rules of order, and a code of By-laws. A Lodge cannot enact By-laws to alter, amend, or curtail the powers of a Master. While lodges have By-laws they cannot in any way infringe upon the ancient prerogatives and powers of the Master of a Lodge which are derived from the old charges and the ancient uses of the Order. The authority of a Master is absolute, subject only to appeal to the Grand Lodge.

AMONG THE POWERS LODGED IN THE MASTER OF A LODGE ARE:

To congregate his lodge when he pleases, and for what purpose he pleases, provided that any action he may take does not conflict with the laws of the Grand Lodge, the Constitution and Landmarks of the Fraternity.

To temporarily call another member of his lodge to preside, but in doing so he is not relieved of responsibility thereby for what occurs in his lodge.

To decide all points of order, and no appeal may be taken from his decisions to the lodge.

To initiate and close debate at his pleasure.

To say whom may enter and leave the lodge room.

To appoint all committees. A lodge may not appoint a committee. It may, however, pass a resolution that a committee be appointed, but the selection of the membership of the committee is an inherent right of the Master.

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To appoint the appointive officers of his lodge.

To be ex-officio a member of all committees he appoints.

A MASTER'S LIMITATIONS ARE:

That he cannot pay out any of the funds of the lodge without authority granted by a vote of the lodge.

That he should not sign a petition for a new lodge.

That he may not accept a petition or confer a degree without the consent of the lodge.

A Master can be suspended only by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. He may be impeached for official misconduct by five members of his own lodge, or the District Deputy Grand Master, of the District to which his lodge is assigned, before the Grand Master.

The Worshipful Master of a lodge receives great honor, has great privileges, enjoys great prerogatives and powers; therefore he must endeavor to measure up to his responsibilities, and endeavor to do his best to leave his lodge at the expiration of his term of office better than he found it.

There is no law, edict or regulation of our Grand Lodge that I am aware of that designates the power and authority of the Worshipful Master.

The Worshipful Master receives his prerogatives from the old charges and regulations and the well-established uses of the Order. The Masonic Fraternity has often and very justly been termed to be an absolute monarchy in its government. The Master's authority, in his lodge, is absolute. (Drummond)

[1864 p. 12]

The Master can allow the Senior Warden to fill the East in his presence. Cases might arise when it would not only be justifiable, but highly proper; but it is a practice not to be recommended. [1864 p. 12]

Masters hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed.

[1875 p. 528]

A reelected Master should be installed.[1868 p. 199]

The only person entitled to the rank of Past Master is one who has been duly elected a Master of a subordinate lodge and he must first have served as a warden. [1967 p. 462]

A Master may preside over a lodge under dispensation without having received the Past Master's Degree. [1871 p. 223]

A Master may call any Brother to preside in his presence and under his direction and the work may go on but not otherwise.[1900 p. 20]

A Master can be reelected for a second term even though the previous vote was to the contrary, if this is not against the By-laws.[1902 p. 22]

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A Royal Arch Mason who has never been Master of a chartered lodge cannot properly install the Master of a lodge. The Blue Lodge cannot distinguish him from any other Master Mason.[1862 p. 233]

See HAT.

A lodge may install as an officer a brother who has lost his right hand in the service of his country. It is anticipated that he will eventually become Master of his lodge. [1974 p. 254]

MEETINGS

(See Const. §§ 92, 93, 105, 127; S.R. 24, 36)

Stated meetings must be held at a definite time. By-laws must so provide.

[1872 p. 466]

A meeting was held on the wrong date. All business done must be done over at the next proper meeting. [1875 p. 528]

A stated meeting in August that the By-laws allow the lodge to call off that month and the members so vote, then the Master cannot call such a stated meeting. [1905 p. 220]

A petition cannot be received nor ballot had at a Special Communication without a dispensation. [1861 p. 150]

After a lodge is opened, no one has a right to leave the lodge room except by permission of the Worshipful Master. [1864 p. 12]

No member of a lodge has a right to call a meeting of his lodge except its three principal officers for the time being.[1864 p. 16]

It is illegal for Constituent Lodges to meet at 4:00 p.m. and Stated Meetings at 7:30 p.m. the same day, for the sole reason of meeting once a month and dividing the work of the Master Mason's Degree. [1984 p. 626]

MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP

(See Const. §§ 51, 52, 77, 133, 134, 135, 136; S.R. 25)

The removal of a brother into another jurisdiction does not, of itself, authorize his name to be stricken from the roll of the lodge of which he is a member. [1863 p. 303]

There is no law requiring a demitted mason to apply for membership to the nearest lodge; he may apply to any lodge wherever located.

[1870 p. 22; 1915 p. 189]

Application for membership must be made in the same manner, and take the same course, as applications for degrees.[1875 p. 528]

There is no limitation of time within which a brother who has taken a dimit from one lodge must apply to another for membership. [1900 p. 19]

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A mason who has demitted from a lodge can regain membership therein only in the same manner in which he may become a member of any other lodge. [1870 p. 23]

A candidate for membership only can apply to the same or any other lodge immediately after his rejection.

A candidate for degrees of Masonry even though there is supposed to be a mistake in rejection must wait the prescribed six months and then make a new application. [1900 p. 19]

Brethren raised in a lodge under dispensation, the charter of which is afterward refused, are non-affiliated masons in good standing, and can apply to any lodge for membership. A certificate from the Grand Secretary will supply the want of a dimit. [1898 p. 25]

The Master may refuse to admit a member for good cause, after investigation made. [1877 p. 280]

A Brother Mason rejected on his application for membership, has no right to question the lodge or its members as to the reason therefore. [1865 p. 85]

The general rule is that a brother elected to membership in a lodge does not become a member thereof until he has signed the By-laws, for an objection made before he has signed the By-laws is equivalent to a rejection.

[1883 p. 516]

An affiliated Mason must sign the by-laws before he can be called a member of the Lodge. [1986 p. 205]

Circumstances may, however, exist which will preclude all concerned from raising the question as to whether a brother did sign the By-laws.

[1880 pp. 297–298; 1881 p. 616]

When a lodge has voted to surrender its charter, its members cannot apply for membership in another lodge until the Grand Lodge accepts the surrender of the charter. [1883 p. 311]

A member of a lodge loses none of his Masonic rights by being elected an honorary member, unless the By-laws so provide and he expressly accepts the honorary membership with a limitation upon his rights. [1889 p. 334]

A member suspended for nonpayment of dues is not liable for dues accruing during the time he is suspended. [1889 p. 334]

A person who receives the Master's Degree in a lodge, and signs the By-laws, thereby becomes a member of the lodge without any ballot unless the By-laws of the lodge otherwise provide. [1863 p. 303]

A Mason does not lose his membership in his lodge by mere lapse of time or by removal from the jurisdiction. In the case of a lodge that suspended work in 1832 and resumed it in 1855, in the meantime retaining their Charter, those

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who were members in 1832 still remain members unless their membership has been terminated by some act of the lodge.[1863 p. 303]

A Brother who was a member of a lodge not now in existence may become a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction although he never was demitted from his old lodge. [1864 p. 12]

Persons named in a Charter are not necessarily members of the lodge after it is organized. The issuing of a Charter makes the persons named in it members on certain implied conditions, one of which is that the lodge shall adopt a code of By-laws conformable to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and that those named who wish to become members shall signify their assent to the By-laws by signing them.[1864 p. 12]

The crimes of members cannot be countenanced.[1872 p. 458]

The conferring of the Master Mason Degree constitutes the recipient a member of a lodge. [1878 p. 549]

Membership cannot be conditional or provisional. [1879 p. 11]

If the mental resources of a member are lost, he is still entitled to all Masonic privileges. [1884 p. 625]

An honorary member is not deprived of any rights as an active member and can be elected Worshipful Master. [1889 p. 334]

Honorary members will be subject to dues if the by-laws change subjecting them to dues. [1898 p. 26]

Honorary membership election cannot be reconsidered. [1899 p. 203]

A member is in good standing even though several years in arrears in dues, if he has not been tried or suspended. [1914 p. 24]

Permanent membership in a Grand Lodge lasts only so long as a member is in good standing of a subordinate lodge.[1942 p. 217]

Honorary membership-conditions justifying same-for the by-laws.

[1946 p. 195]

A Brother Mason who makes application for membership and is black balled has no right to question the lodge or members thereof as to the reason for so doing. [1865 p. 85]

A brother has a right to know who is a member of his lodge. There is no regulation or decision which prohibits a brother from seeing the membership roster of his own lodge. However, no brother can require that he be furnished a mailing list of the membership. [1968 p. 680]

MEMBERSHIPS; MULTIPLE

A ‘multiple membership’ can be considered to be one of two types; dual or plural. While Maine recognizes both types, some jurisdictions prohibit one or

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both. See ‘Requirements of Grand Lodges’ in the LIST OF LODGES MASONIC (a.k.a. the Tyler’s Book).

Dual Membership

A member of this Jurisdiction residing in another Grand Jurisdiction which allows dual membership, who affiliates with one or more lodges under that Jurisdiction —while retaining his membership in this Jurisdiction— becomes a *dual member*; a member of another Grand Jurisdiction that allows dual membership who affiliate with one or more lodges under this Grand Jurisdiction —and retains his membership in such other Grand Jurisdiction— becomes a dual member.

Plural Membership

A member in good standing of a lodge in this Jurisdiction may retain such membership and affiliate with one or more other lodges in this Jurisdiction, or join in a petition for a dispensation for a new lodge and present a paid up dues receipt in lieu of a Demit or Request for Demit, and become a plural member.

(See Const. § 135)

An applicant for dual or plural membership in a Maine Lodge, if rejected, may immediately apply to the same or to any other Lodge. Since he is a Master Mason, he would come under the same rules as an application for affiliation.

[1986 p. 205]

A brother may apply for membership by affiliation to any lodge within this jurisdiction.

A brother from a sister jurisdiction applied for dual membership in a Maine Lodge in 1970. In 1974 he was suspended in his home lodge and jurisdiction for non-payment of dues. However, he was still carried as a Maine member to the present time.

According to the Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations of that Sister Jurisdiction, the Brother lost all rights and privileges to Masonry the same as a concordant body member in our jurisdiction would.

Loss of membership in either lodge should not constitute a loss of membership in both, which would be the effect should the member take a demit from one lodge. Membership in one lodge is not a prerequisite for membership in another. His status in one lodge should not affect his status in the lodge in which he remains an active member in good standing. No lodge is permitted to interfere with business or concerns of another lodge.[1990 p. 75]

Once a Mason becomes a member of a Maine Lodge, his membership stays intact, even if he moves to another state completely. This refers to dual membership as well as regular membership. This, of course, applies only as long as he is in good standing in either or both lodges. [1985 p. 12]

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MEMORIAL DAY

A lodge cannot rightfully take part in Memorial Day Services.

[1897 p. 198]

MINUTES

(See Const. § 108)

Minutes are the entries made by the secretary during the meeting, as distinguished from the permanent record of the proceedings in the proper book.

When a loose-leaf record book is used, the minutes book must be permanently preserved. [1923 p. 386]

Minutes must be read for the approval of the lodge at its close, save that they should not be read in a lodge open on a lower degree than that in which the proceedings took place. [1862 p. 233; 1866 p. 156]

See RECORD.

When a lodge of Master Masons closes, the minutes of proceedings should be read. If then the lodge is opened on an inferior degree, at its close the minutes of proceedings on that degree only should be read. The proceedings of a Master's lodge cannot be read in a Lodge of Fellow Craft or Entered Apprentices. [1862 p. 233]

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS.

MONTH

(See S.R. 13)

When stated communications of a lodge are held on a day fixed by a specific phase of the moon, the time between two such meetings is a month within the meaning of the constitution, although the two may come in the same calendar month. The word "month" Masonically means lunar month.

Also when, under the By-laws of a lodge, its annual communication occurs in a month in which there are two stated communications, the first shall be deemed the annual meeting; and, when the annual communication occurs in a month wherein there is no stated communication, the stated communication next before such month shall be deemed the annual communication of the lodge. [1876 p. 32; 1888 p. 47; 1890 pp. 686–687]

MOON LODGES

Moon lodges may hold two stated meetings in one month if the moon so dictates. [1890 p. 687]

Moon lodges to be held on Saturday on the full of the moon. If it falls on another day, the Saturday before the full is the day. [1884 p. 626]

NOMINATION

It is unmasonic to make nominations for Masonic offices.

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[1868 p. 199]

NON-AFFILIATE

A non-affiliated Mason is one who has withdrawn his membership in a lodge by dimission. A non-affiliate Mason has the right to petition a lodge for affiliation. While he remains unaffiliated he is not entitled to any Masonic rights or privileges, is still subject to Masonic discipline, and remains under those obligations, which can never be repudiated or laid aside.

NONPAYMENT OF DUES

See DUES; MEMBERSHIP; SUSPENSION and EXPULSION; TRIAL

NOTIFICATION

(See S.R. 36)

A notification is the notice by which the time, place, hour and frequently the business of a lodge is communicated to its members. A brother receiving a notification is requested to attend. The obligation, which a notification imposes, is a general one as distinguished from a summons.

OBJECTION

(See Const. § 124)

An objection by a member of the lodge to a candidate after election and before initiation is equivalent to a rejection by ballot and should be so recorded.

[1861 pp. 151–155; 1862 p. 251; 1915 p. 199; 1921 p. 19]

A member is under no obligation to tell the Committee of Inquiry what he may know objectionable to a candidate. It is within his own discretion whether he will give the information to the committee or merely act upon it when he comes to ballot upon the application. [1865 p. 84]

A member may cause the rejection of a candidate by giving notice to the Master, in advance, that he objects to the candidate but cannot be present at the ballot; in such case the Master must declare the candidate rejected, even though the ballot be clear. [1866 p. 157]

Objection can be made only to an actual candidate; a protest filed against election of one whose petition is not pending is unavailing. [1878 p. 550]

Objection to one who has been elected a member of a lodge [by affiliation] before he signs the By-laws, is equivalent to a rejection. [1879 p. 11]

Even if an objection is not recorded, it is still valid, and by direction of the Grand Master will be noted on the record.[1896 p. 22; 1897 p. 230]

A nonaffiliated member (or a member of another lodge) has no legal right to object to the initiation of a candidate. He can only make known his objections to the Master or some member of the lodge, who should give them such weight as he thinks they should receive and act accordingly.

[1871 p. 224]

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It is not illegal or improper for a member to prevent the admission of a candidate, at the request of a brother who cannot be present. [1872 p. 466]

Objection made after ballot may be withdrawn at any time before the candidate is declared rejected. [1870 p. 23]

But not after he is declared rejected. [1876 p. 16]

Authorities cited establishing the right of objection. [1861 pp. 151–152]

A member in good standing can legally prevent a candidate from being accepted in his lodge by giving notice to the Worshipful Master that he shall not be able to attend the communication when such a candidate (naming him) will probably be balloted for and that, if present, he should object to him in the manner recognized among Masons. Upon such notice to the Worshipful Master, it would be his duty to have the candidate entered on the minutes as rejected. A member being absent from the town when a lodge is holden retains all his rights of objecting to candidates as much as if present. [1866 p. 157]

Detailed discussion of the right of objection.[1862 pp. 249–251]

If an objection is made, the ballot must still be taken and if clear, the rejection is made. [1876 p. 16]

If an objection is made after one degree is received, the fee for that degree should not be refunded. [1878 p. 550]

Objection cannot be made until the application is submitted to the lodge.
[1878 p. 550]

Objection can be made at any time before the candidate has been received into the lodge by the Senior Deacon. [1886 p. 341]

An objection lasts only six months. New application can be then filed and a new objection must be made to stop it. [1891 p. 25]

An objection should be recorded by the Secretary. [1897 p. 230]

However, the candidate is rejected even though no record is made.
[1896 p. 22]

Objection must be made to the Worshipful Master even though the Senior Warden presided in the absence of the Worshipful Master at the time the candidate was elected. [1898 p. 27]

A candidate receives his first degree in Lodge "A". Subsequently he moves to a different town within the jurisdiction of Lodge "B". Lodge "A" issues a waiver of jurisdiction to Lodge "B". Some years elapse before the candidate appears to take his second degree. In the meantime, an objection is made confidentially to the Master of the lodge against the advancement of the candidate. Since the candidate has received one degree, the objection should be made in open lodge and, if the objection is supported by two-thirds of the members present, the objection is sustained and the candidate cannot be

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advanced. If the objection is not so made and so disposed of, it is entirely within the discretion and judgment of the Worshipful Master to determine when the candidate shall be advanced. [1955 pp. 518–519]

The right to object is inalienable. [1904 p. 31]

An objection can be made later by a member who earlier voted favorably.

[1915 p. 190]

An objection to granting a Waiver of Jurisdiction can be made only by a member of a lodge. [1920 p. 417]

Objection cannot be made by a Mason not a member of that lodge.

[1947 p. 394]

Objection after the First Degree must be voted on at a stated and not at a special meeting. [1948 p. 578]

Objection to advancement is permanent. Petitioner must make a new application. He cannot sit in a lodge of Entered Apprentices.

Objection to one who has been elected a member of a lodge before he signs the By-laws is equivalent to rejection. [1949 p. 31]

(Note this is not election to Masonry; it is election as a member of the lodge which is really affiliation.)

Objection made after unanimous ballot to restore the membership is not a valid objection. [1952 p. 631]

When objections are made to a candidate after ballot and before initiation, the Master must declare the candidate rejected and direct the Secretary to enter the same upon the records. [1861 p. 151]

OBLIGATION

If a portion of the obligation is omitted, the candidate should be re-obligated. [1947 p. 394]

OFFENSE

(See CHAPTER XVIII, TEXT BOOK) (See Const. §§ 76, 78, 88, 99, 116, 124)

A Mason cannot be tried for an offense committed before an initiation.

[1866 p. 157; 1867 pp. 40–41; 1906 p. 21; 1907 pp. 199, 214]

But he may be tried and expelled for any false statements contained in his petition for initiation, or made to obtain initiation. [1864 p. 15; 1867 pp. 40–41]

Any mason, joining an organization whose avowed principles and practices are in violation of the laws of freemasonry, is liable to Masonic discipline.

[1884 p. 846]

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Court action in which the lawyer referred to Masonry severely condemned by Drummond. [1876 pp. 32–33]

Advertising Masonic matters is forbidden.[1935 p. 396]

(See JURISDICTION; PUNISHMENT, POLITICAL OFFENSES.)

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

O.E.S. emblem is O.K. in a Masonic hall if not attached to an emblem of Masonry. [1921 p. 20]

Permanent emblems of O.E.S. in a Masonic hall are not good. (O.E.S. described as a supplement to Masonry.) [1923 p. 387]

OFFICER

(See Const. §§ 13, 34, 135) (See Eligibility)

Officers cannot be appointed by the Master until after he is installed; he may indicate before that whom he intends to appoint, but the record should show that the appointments were made after his installation. [1862 p. 233]

It is not permissible for officers of a lodge to wear robes. [1895 p. 176]

In the absence of an officer, the Master may make a pro tempore appointment for the meeting or for an indefinite time.[1862 p. 231]

When a pro tem officer is absent, and another is appointed, the power of the former ceases. [1862 p. 231]

A brother not eligible to office at the time of the election but becoming so before he is installed, by installation becomes a legal officer. [1880 p. 296]

A vote of a lodge, providing that no brother shall serve as Master more than one term, is in violation of Masonic principles, and is void. A vote that is in violation of fundamental Masonic principles is not binding upon a lodge.

[1902 p. 22]

A brother may, by appointment act as Chaplain or Tyler in a lodge of which he is not a member, but may not be installed as such. [1903 p. 217]

Citizenship is not necessary to becoming officer of lodge, if brother is otherwise qualified. [1925 p. 24]

(See INSTALLATION)

No officer can properly be installed by proxy and no brother can be compelled to accept any office. [1865 p. 85]

PARADES

(See Const. § 101)

PARDON

Pardon of a convict should not be petitioned for by a lodge. [1913 p. 202]

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PAST MASTER

(See Const. §§ 98, 132)

A Brother served his lodge as Junior Warden for a period of nine months in the absence of the duly elected Warden who was absent and not available to fulfill his obligations to that office. The brother who served went on to be elected and installed Worshipful Master of the lodge and served one term. Is he a Past Master and is he entitled to the title of Worshipful never being ELECTED a warden of his lodge? Answer – The Constitutions state that, “to be eligible for the office of Master, a brother must have served as a Warden.” It is not stated that he must be ELECTED and INSTALLED. Service to the lodge as a Warden, although not duly elected, is sufficient in this case and that brother is a Past Master and entitled to the title of Worshipful. [1999 p. 611]

The only Past Master known to the lodge is one who has served one term as the Master of a chartered lodge.[1866 p. 156; 1929 p. 39]

Hence, the conferring of the Past Master degree can be done only by a Past Master of a lodge, and in the presence only of such.[1866 p. 156; 1872 p. 466]

A Past Master, who is not the Master at the time, must be installed as Master before he can act as such under a subsequent election. [1862 p. 233]

Under our constitution a Past Master, in the absence of the Master and both Wardens, may open the lodge and preside at the transaction of any business properly before the lodge. If all are absent and no Past Master present, members can fill the chairs according to seniority and merit.

[1878 p. 549; 1879 pp. 41–43]

Or at the request of the officer present whose duty it is to open the lodge.

[1890 p. 687]

Election, installation, and service as Master for one term, entitle a brother to a Past Master's diploma, although he may not have received the "Past Master's Degree."
[1900 p. 53]

Past Master's degree can be performed only by a Past Master.

[1847 p. 429]

Master, when installed, is entitled to the Past Master's Degree.

[1870 p. 22]

A Past Master can take the East at the request of the Junior Warden if the Senior Warden and Worshipful Master are absent.[1890 p. 687]

A Past Master of a lodge outside the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine, but not a Past Master of a lodge within our jurisdiction, is not entitled to receive the Past Master's Degree or a Past Master's diploma.[1956 p.785]

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The only person entitled to the rank of Past Master is one who has been duly elected a Master of a subordinate lodge and he must first have served as a warden. [1967 p. 462]

The Past Master of a Royal Arch Chapter is not entitled to sit in a Past Master's Blue Lodge unless he is a Past Master of a Blue Lodge. [1929 p. 39]

A Master of a lodge under dispensation is not entitled to a Past Master's Diploma. [1864 p. 16]

The proper person to confer the Past Master's Degree on the Master elect, is a Past Master of a Blue Lodge and as part of the installation ceremonies.

[1866 p. 156]

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PAUPER

(See Const. § 103)

PETITION

(See Const. § 123) (See APPLICATION)

A petitioner is a person who makes application to receive the degrees of masonry, or a mason who makes application for membership in a lodge.

A petition though technically informal, if it is rejected, the candidate must abide the result. [1876 p. 16]

When a petition is presented and the Committee of Inquiry is unable to obtain adequate information concerning the candidate, the lodge should take further time; the lodge should require evidence not merely that the petitioner is not objectionable but that he is absolutely worthy. [1862 p. 232]

Under our Constitution, a petition can in no case whatever be withdrawn after reference to the Committee of Inquiry and before ballot unless it is one of which the lodge has no jurisdiction. [1863 p. 303]

PHYSICAL DISABILITY

(See Const. § 122)

If the Senior Warden can conscientiously declare that the candidate "is in due form," and is fully able to receive and impart all signs and tokens necessary for Masonic recognition in each degree he is not ineligible.

[1892 p. 375]

It is for the Master of the lodge to decide whether, under the foregoing limitations, the disability of a particular candidate excludes him.

[1923 p. 416]

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

(See Const. §§ 122)

[1826, p. 133]

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Physical deformity.[1853 p. 38; 1854 p. 348, 1867, pp. 110, 128]

The Master alone is the judge as to Physical qualification.

[1876 pp. 17–18]

Physical requirement is up to the Worshipful Master to decide.

[1916 p. 22, 1923, pp. 382, 415–416]

Physical requirements within the discretion of the Master [with limitations].
[1925 p. 25]

A deaf man who cannot hear by mechanical device is not an eligible candidate.
[1936 p. 613]

Decision is left to the constituent lodge.[1946 p. 207]

A man who desires to become a member, but who suffers from an illness of the inner ear which prevents him from wearing a hoodwink which causes him to lose his equilibrium, cannot be initiated without a hoodwink.

A candidate is brought from darkness to light. Without the use of a hoodwink he cannot be in darkness, therefore he cannot receive the degrees in the same manner as every other Mason receives them. He is not well qualified physically to receive the degrees.[1964 p. 683, 1965, p. 92/Jurisprudence]

It is permissible for a lodge to accept petition of a blind man.

Blindness alone shall not render a candidate ineligible under the provisions of this section provided he is capable of meeting his Masonic obligations and is otherwise a desirable candidate.

(See Const. § 122b)

It is my decision that from this time forward, a man who is missing an arm is eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry.[2004 p. 894]

PLURAL MEMBERSHIPS

(See MEMBERSHIPS—MULTIPLE)

POLITICAL OFFENSES

(See Const. § 105)

Masonry has no jurisdiction over political offenses. [1865 p. 85]

POLITICS

No political committee and no meeting of any group held either for the purpose of discussing political problems or in connection with the observance of a political anniversary of any party should be held at any time in a Masonic hall or lodge room.
[1955 p. 520]

POWERS OF GRAND LODGE

(See Const. § 4, Sub-sections 1–9)

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PROCEEDINGS

(See Const. § 97)

PROCESSIONS

(Sec CHAPTER VIII, p. 81, TEXT BOOK)

(See Const. §§ 15, 101)

It is contrary to the uses of the order, and improper for the fraternity to take part, in their Masonic character, in any public demonstration except to perform some Masonic labor. [1865 p. 117]

A lodge should not appear as a lodge, or with Masonic insignia, in any public celebration or observance.[1874 pp. 267–268; 1900 p. 19]

Processions in Masonic regalia must be for a strictly Masonic occasion.

[1920 p. 417]

PROFANE

The term "profane" as used Masonically is not in an irreverent or irreligious sense, but to designate one who is not a member of the fraternity. It is derived from a Latin word meaning "one outside the Temple."

PRO TEMPORE APPOINTMENT

In the absence of an officer, the Worshipful Master may make a pro tempore appointment for the meeting or for an indefinite time. When a pro tem officer is absent and another is appointed, the power of the former ceases.

[1862 p. 231]

PROXY

(See Lodge) (See Const. §§ 79–81)

A permanent member of the Grand Lodge cannot be represented therein by proxy. [1877 pp. 303–304]

When a Master or either of the Wardens registers, he is considered present for the whole session, unless excused.

These officers are obligated to perform their duties to the Masons of their respective lodges and only in extreme emergency such as illness (under a doctor's care) should they be relieved of this duty. ~~Furthermore they receive per diem expenses to perform this duty.~~

If a proxy has been duly appointed and the Master and Wardens are excused, the proxy has the right and duty to act on their behalf.

The proxy does not have the power to act if the W. M. and Wardens leave the Grand Lodge, but are still in the building, in the corridor, or the men's room.

There is absolutely no reason for all three to be absent at one time. Furthermore, if only one is present it is his duty to represent his lodge. The

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area extends to the city in which Grand Lodge is held. The W. M. and Wardens know the time and place of the Grand Lodge sessions and should be there during the meeting. If this were not the case it could be that weak-minded officers might always leave controversial issues to a proxy and not accept their rightful duty for which they have been appointed.

If the W. M. and Wardens must leave in case of an emergency, the proxy has the duty to act.

An "emergency" is an illness under a doctor's care or a death. To return to one's occupation cannot be considered an emergency. Grand Lodge session is only one and one-half days and when a W. M. or Warden goes to that session he should have made preparation well in advance. To go one-half day ~~and collect travel mileage~~ is a disgrace to himself as well as his lodge and to go to Grand Lodge only for a "trip" or "excursion" is even worse.

It is the duty of the W. M. or either Warden to act if they are in the building. If they do not act in such a circumstance, the lodge would lose its right to vote.

[1970 pp. 277–279]

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

It is contrary to the uses of the Order and improper for the Fraternity to take part in their conventional character in any public demonstration except to perform some Masonic labor.

[1865 p. 117]

PUBLIC CEREMONIES

(See PROCESSIONS)

PUBLICITY

The rules for publicity of lodge and Grand Lodge affairs as propounded by Drummond. He states that it is O.K to publish list of officers elected or installed but nothing else happening in a subordinate lodge except upon public occasions.

[1901 p. 232]

PUNISHMENT

(See Const. §§ 51, 59)

The punishment for non-payment of dues can be only suspension from or forfeiture of membership after due trial.

[1877 p. 280]

No punishment can be inflicted upon a mason until after due trial.

[1861 p. 177]

A lodge can be prohibited by the Grand Lodge from doing any work.

[1873 p. 47]

A secretary refusing to obey instructions of the lodge is subject to charges and punishment.

[1875 p. 528]

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A candidate was given the degrees even though the ballot was not clear and objection was made in open lodge. The Worshipful Master and the Charter were suspended. [1875 pp. 529–530]

Joining an organization whose avowed principles and practices are in violation of the laws of Masonry subjects the member to Masonic discipline.

[1884 p. 846]

Reprimand to a lodge for out-of-time work was ordered. [1943 p. 467]

See OFFENCE; TRIAL COMMISSION.

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATE

(See Const. § 122)

QUORUM

(See Const. §§ 94, 132)

We have reference in our ritualistic work that "three made a Master Mason's Lodge." However, Sections. ~~94 and 132~~ of the Constitution provide that no ballot shall be taken for initiation or membership, unless there are at least seven members of the lodge present. The Constitution provides that all general business should be done in a Master's lodge and at least seven members must be present. A decision passed in 1868, page 200, states that a quorum for a lodge to do business is seven. [1955 p. 519]

RECOGNITION

Formula for recognition in foreign jurisdictions.[1927 p. 423]

(See also Foreword in Appendix 1954)

RECOMMENDATION

(See APPLICATION; BALLOT; CANDIDATE) (See Const. §§ 52, 103)

RECONSIDERATION

(See Const. §§ 44 (Rule 13), 111)

RECORDS

Every lodge must keep an accurate record of such of its proceedings as, in the judgment of the Master, are proper to be written in a book specially kept for the purpose. If a loose-leaf record book is used, the following restrictions and conditions must be observed. The pages shall be consecutively numbered before the book is used for recording purposes; no entry shall be made therein except by the secretary of the lodge or by a Master Mason in good standing; the secretary shall keep all minutes of meetings in a book which shall be retained as a permanent record in the archives of the lodge.[1923 p. 386]

Due to the loss or destroyed records of Freedom Lodge #42 it is to be forgiven and allowed to start fresh as of January 1, 1995 in regard to its loss of

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records. This decision is not meant to free Freedom Lodge from any fees that may be due Grand Lodge.

Freedom Lodge #42 from now on will operate under the Constitution, Standing Regulations, and Digest of Decisions of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine.[1995 p. 1244]

At each stated meeting the record of the preceding stated meeting and all intervening special meetings, as transcribed from the minutes, must be read to the lodge and corrected and confirmed by it.[1866 p. 156]

No part of the record can be altered or erased after it has been thus confirmed. [1866 p. 156; 1874 p. 274]

Proceedings of a lodge, accidentally omitted from the records, cannot be inserted therein after the records have been confirmed. In such case, the business must be transacted again; or, if anything has been done by an officer or committee of the lodge under an unrecorded vote, that action should be confirmed. A lodge is not bound by the records until they are confirmed.

[1873 p. 16]

Before they are confirmed they may be amended, according to the truth, by a majority vote of the lodge. [1874 p. 274]

If a transaction has been accurately recorded, the lodge should not by amending the record undertake to change what was actually done.

If a vote is passed which is decided by the Grand Master to be illegal, and the record has not been confirmed, it may be amended by omitting such vote.

If the record has been confirmed, the vote cannot be expunged, but a note should be appended showing the decision of the Grand Master. [1874 p. 274]

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No part of the record can be altered or erased after it has once been confirmed. The minutes should be read before the closing of each meeting in order to have them approved if correctly taken but after being transcribed in the record book, correctly and confirmed, they cannot be changed. [1866 p. 156]

Records do not bind the lodge until approved.[1873 p. 16]

Record of action of a lodge can be changed before being approved.

[1874 p. 274]

Records of a meeting of a lodge, after being confirmed, cannot be amended. [1908 p. 23]

Loose-leaf records are O.K. under restriction.[1923 p. 386]

REINSTATEMENT

(See RESTORATION)

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A petition for reinstatement requires no special form but takes the same procedure. [1922 p. 207]

If the applicant for reinstatement is rejected, he cannot apply again for reinstatement. [1931 p. 461]

The attempted reinstatement of a member in a manner not in conformity with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge is irregular and invalid, and the standing of the individual is that of an unaffiliated member. Monies received at the time of such irregular reinstatement are improperly received and should be refunded by the lodge. [1957 pp. 41, 119]

REJECTION

(See Const. §§ 123–12, 116–119)

After the result of the ballot has been formally declared by the Master, no further proceedings can be had, even to correct an alleged mistake.

[1894 p. 19; 1915 p. 190; 1922 p. 207]

A rejection follows a candidate into another jurisdiction, with the same effect as in this. [1874 p. 271]

(See APPLICATION; BALLOT; CANDIDATE; JURISDICTION; OBJECTION)

A candidate living in a town where there is no lodge is rejected and the Grand Secretary notified of his rejection. Afterwards, a lodge is constituted in the town where he resides. If he desires to petition again, he must present his petition to the lodge which rejected him. That lodge can receive it only by the permission of the new lodge. [1861 p. 149]

A petition is received and referred to the investigating committee. They ascertain that the candidate has already been rejected in another lodge. The committee should report that the lodge has no jurisdiction over the petition. The lodge has no right to ballot upon it, not even for the purpose of rejection.

[1861 p. 151]

A lodge cannot allow a candidate to withdraw his petition after he has been rejected. [1864 p. 16]

The effect of a candidate rejected taking degrees in another lodge discussed. [1862 p. 251]

A rejected candidate of another state cannot be legally made here without consent of the other state. [1868 p. 200]

A rejected candidate cannot apply until six months have expired. It is not material when it is to be balloted upon. [1871 p. 223]

Rejection is legal on the petition submitted by the candidate even if he has not signed it. [1875 p. 529]

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A candidate rejected here gets a degree in another state is not recognized here as a Mason. [1875 p. 551]

A candidate rejected in Maine joins in another state; not entitled to Masonic recognition or burial here. [1876 p. 18]

A rejected candidate wishing to apply in another lodge may apply to the rejecting lodge for a waiver. [1877 p. 280]

A candidate is rejected here. He goes abroad. He is made a Mason there. He returns here. He cannot be recognized as a Mason here. [1886 p. 558]

Rejected candidate must sign a new application upon reapplying.

[1891 p. 25]

A candidate petitions a lodge under dispensation. He is rejected. He can then, within six months, apply to a lodge having jurisdiction with permission of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. [1898 p. 25]

A candidate is rejected. He cannot apply for a waiver for six months.

[1898 p. 27]

A candidate rejected by a mistake, must wait six months. [1900 p. 19]

The five-year rule runs from the date of his last rejection. [1914 p. 25]

A rejection may be declared by the Worshipful Master even though there is only one black ball. [1915 p. 190; 1922 p. 207]

Rejection—a good rule for same. [1917 p. 199]

Rejection—if a member ballots favorably, he can later object and cause a rejection of the candidate. [1921 p. 19]

Rejection under foreign jurisdiction does not give that jurisdiction control over the candidate for an unreasonable time. If he has lived in Maine five years, it is O.K. to forget the laws of the other state.[1945 p. 13]

A candidate is accepted and receives the first and the second degrees. It is then ascertained that he has been rejected by another lodge. The lodge, which received him, can confer the third degree upon him. He is a Mason. The lodge which initiated him cannot be blamed if they used reasonable diligence and did not have any knowledge of such rejection but they cannot proceed a step after they learn of such rejection, whether such knowledge comes through official source or otherwise. If a candidate desires to proceed further, he must apply with the recommendation of the lodge which initiated him and a statement of the facts of the lodge which rejected him, and abide the result. [1862 p. 232]

RELIEF

Every Mason is under equal obligation to every worthy brother to relieve his distress according to his necessity and his own ability. The sole claim of a distressed worthy brother for relief grows out of his being a Mason, and not out of his having contributed to the funds of a particular lodge. The association of

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Masons in a lodge in no manner relieves them from their individual obligations; and when they act as a lodge their duty, and therefore that of the lodge is precisely the same as that of the individual mason. Masonic relief is never purchased or sold and therefore never creates a debt.[1906 p. 23]

No lodge is required to reimburse another lodge for expenses voluntarily incurred in assisting its members outside of its jurisdiction. However, Masonic committee demands a liberal and equitable adjustment of expenses necessarily incurred in such cases, having regard to the ability of the lodge.

[1877 p. 281; 1906 p. 22]

While a lodge creates no claim for reimbursement, by the relief of a member of another lodge, still, if the relief is authorized by the latter lodge, it is bound to make reimbursement.[1891 p. 26; 1906 p. 22]

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REPORT

(See INQUIRY, COMMITTEE OF)

RESIDENCE

(See Const. §§ 112–121, 123)

A person applying to a lodge in the town in which he resides and, after being initiated, removing to another town in which there is a lodge, cannot be crafted or raised in the second lodge except by permission of the lodge in which he was initiated. [1864 p. 16]

Residence means domicile; definition by Drummond. Temporary absence does not affect residence. [1862 pp. 234–235]

Residence as affects a soldier. [1864 p. 14]

Residence, discussion of same by Drummond.[1867 pp. 39–40]

Residence defined. [1877 p. 281]

Residence means legal residence. [1881 p. 616]

Resident of Massachusetts gets their permission and applies here. He is rejected. He can apply here again in six months with no one's consent.

[1895 p. 176]

A candidate is a resident of a town but not personally therein for several years. Personal presence is not now required.[1926 p. 205]

A Navy or Coastguardsman cannot be considered a "seafaring man," as mentioned in ~~Section 112~~ of our Constitution, since he is usually stationed for a year or more in one place and could thereby obtain the necessary residence requirement. [1986 p. 204]

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RESIGNATION

(See Const. § 96)

No installed officer, whether elected or appointed, can resign unless a resignation is authorized by the By-laws approved by the Grand Lodge.

[1862 p. 231]

RESTORATION

(See Const. § 56, 57)

(See TRIAL COMMISSION)

(See Const. § 51, 55, 56, 57)

To restore a member suspended for nonpayment of dues, no action of the Grand Lodge is necessary.

[1876 p. 17]

No particular form of application is required for restoration to membership, but the request, when presented, should take the same course as an ordinary application for membership and be laid over for action at the next stated meeting.

[1922 p. 207]

When the dues are paid within three years the secretary should announce the fact in open lodge, the Master should declare the brother reinstated, and record should be made accordingly.

[1894 p. 20]

RETURNS

(See CHARTER; DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER; INSTALLATION; LODGE SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION)

ROBES

Robes should never be worn by officers in Blue Lodges.

[1895 p. 176; 1898 p. 26]

SECRETARY

Secretaries of lodges need not and should not give information to Secretaries of Eastern Star as to whether members of lodges are in good standing. Nor should such information be given to any except masons and then only for Masonic reasons.

[1934 p. 194]

SOJOURNER

The term "sojourner" when applied to a mason means one who is within the territorial jurisdiction of a lodge, but whose residence and lodge are elsewhere.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

(See Const. § 36—10)

SPECIAL MEETINGS

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A petition cannot be received nor ballot had at a special communication without a dispensation. [1861 p. 150]

SPECIFICATION

(See CHARGES)

STANDING REGULATIONS

A standing regulation is a rule adopted by the Grand Lodge governing particular instructions relative to matters involving laws and practices to be followed by the lodges and by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge. A standing resolution is effective only so far as it conforms to existing laws and Grand Lodge interpretation of such laws. Standing Regulations remain in force until rescinded or a modification of the law renders them inoperative.

SUMMONS

A summons is a call of authority; a citation to appear and answer by a member in any case of charges preferred against him. Or it is an imperative injunction to appear at a communication of the lodge with which the brother receiving it is affiliated; or to attend the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, or any committee or other body authorized by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to issue it.

(See CHARGES)

SUNDAY

No Degree work should be done on Sunday. Constituent lodges shall refrain from holding any special communications on Sunday except for a Masonic Memorial Service, or the participation of the lodge at a divine service.

(See INSTALLATION, S.R. 26)[1949 p. 31; 1980 p. 581]

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

(See Const. §§ 14, 49–59, 84)

Suspension from Masonry is a penalty imposed by Grand Lodge and excludes a Mason from all Masonic privileges, and prohibits all Masonic intercourse between him and his brethren during the period of his suspension.

Expulsion from Masonry is the highest Masonic penalty that can be imposed and excludes a Mason from all Masonic rights and privileges forever, unless he be restored by the Grand Lodge.

A member suspended for unmasonic conduct or nonpayment of dues is not liable for dues accruing during his suspension. [1876 p. 17; 1877 pp. 454–455]

Suspension from membership for nonpayment of dues cannot be inflicted without notice and hearing. [1894 p. 20]

By-law providing otherwise is void. [1894 p. 20]

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Vote of lodge that a brother must pay dues while under such suspension
also void. [1894 p. 20]

If suspended from membership for nonpayment of dues in a lodge in this
jurisdiction, a brother is not by right entitled to sit in his own or any other lodge
in this jurisdiction; yet if no objection is made, he may be allowed to visit.

[1900 pp. 20–21]

Forfeiture of, or suspension from membership for nonpayment of dues,
does not suspend from all the rights of masonry, but only from the rights of
membership. [1900 p. 20]

Notice of suspension in Masonic Lodge must not be sent to any non-
Masonic body.

(See DUES; RESTORATION)

Suspension from membership should be inflicted for such offenses as
breaches of the By-laws of the lodges. Some different punishment should be
inflicted for unmasonic conduct affecting the order generally. [1863 p. 303]

The name of a brother suspended for nonpayment of dues should not be
erased from the By-laws. [1864 p. 15]

Suspension for three months or a definite time, the member's status is the
same as before suspension after the period expires.[1876 p. 16]

When suspended for nonpayment of dues, vote of Grand Lodge is not
necessary to restore the membership. [1876 p. 17]

Suspension for nonpayment of dues, the member has no right to visit the
lodge, he has no right to charity or Masonic burial but he must depend for all
these things on the voluntary courtesy of the brethren.[1877 p. 455]

Suspension for nonpayment of dues shall not preclude the right of the
lodge to deprive of membership and the latter can follow the former if the
brother fails to pay up. [1891 p. 26]

Suspension for nonpayment of dues cannot take place until after due notice
and an opportunity to be heard upon charges filed.[1894 p. 20]

A vote for payment of dues during suspension is void. [1894 p. 220]

Suspension for a definite time, a member is restored to the same position at
the end of the period as he was before suspension.[1896 p. 51]

A suspended member for nonpayment of dues has no right to sit in his own
or any other lodge but a lodge may permit him to visit. [1900 p. 20]

Deceased member suspended for nonpayment of dues cannot be restored to
membership. [1904 p. 22]

Suspension for nonpayment of dues or forfeiture of membership is not the
same. If it is the latter, requires a petition and ballot; the former, payment of

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arrears within three years restores to membership, after three years he must petition for reinstatement.[1877 p. 280; 1933 pp. 24, 58; 1937 pp. 104–105]

Suspension for definite time by Grand Lodge, petition for reinstatement need not come back to Grand Lodge. He need only apply to his lodge.

[1944 p. 604]

On October 13, 1965 a brother was suspended by the Grand Master in accordance with Section 14 of the Constitution, effective until the Annual Communication in May 1966. The matter was referred to the Trial Commission which reported that it was unable to obtain proper service on the accused and recommended that said suspension be continued until final hearing and action by Grand Lodge. This recommendation was adopted by Grand Lodge.

[1966 p.p. 29, 292]

The Secretary of the lodge concerned, in filing his annual return, excluded the name of this brother from the list of members of the lodge and listed him as suspended. The question was raised whether or not it was proper procedure. The Secretary was correct. In his return for both years 1965 and 1966, it was proper to list this brother as suspended, which was in accord with the facts.

[1967 p. 463]

TABLE LODGE

(See S.R. 30)

THE TEXT BOOK

The Maine Masonic Text Book is the only authorized monitorial work in this jurisdiction.

TRESTLE BOARD

(See LODGE TRESTLE BOARD)

TRIAL

PROCEDURE; THE LODGE.

(See Const. § 49)

When a lodge is tried, all its members are tried.[1863 p. 302]

PROCEDURE; GRAND LODGE.

(See Const. § 49)

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the Grand Lodge from taking original jurisdiction in any case and proceeding according to any method which it may adopt; provided, however, that no action shall be taken against any Brother whose address is known without reasonable notice to him and an opportunity to appear and be heard in person or by Masonic Counsel.

[1931 p. 467]

For full directions for proceedings in cases of nonpayment of dues, see

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Chapter XVIII (Text Book).

Proceedings, in cases of trial for nonpayment of dues, need not be sent up to the Grand Lodge for review. [1876 p. 17]

(See DEPOSITION; DIMIT; JURISDICTION, MEMBERSHIP; OFFENSE; PUNISHMENT; SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION; WITNESS)

IN GRAND LODGE.

(See Const. §§ 14, 36—3, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 55, 56, 57)

Neither the accuser nor the accused should be present when the vote is taken. [1860 p. 106]

It becomes known to a lodge that a member of another lodge residing in this jurisdiction becomes liable to charges for Masonic conduct. The duty of that lodge is to complain to the lodge of which the accused is a member and then, if that lodge refuses or neglects to proceed against him, it should proceed to try him itself. The lodge which first commenced proceedings would have jurisdiction in the case. [1861 p. 150]

When a Mason is tried by a lodge, the charges and the proceedings thereon should be entered on the records of the lodge. The evidence should not be transcribed but the secretary should reduce to writing the substance of it and send an attested copy, with the other papers, to the Grand Lodge. [1862 p. 231]

On a trial of a Mason for revealing out of a lodge what is done in it, persons not Masons to whom it is alleged the accused has made statements of the doings of the lodge are competent witnesses to prove what statements were made. They may be called by the prosecutor or by the accused to rebut the testimony against him. [1862 p. 231]

The filing of charges against a member of a lodge does not affect his right to vote upon other questions. Presumption of the innocence continues until he is pronounced guilty by the lodge after a regular trial but he has no right to vote upon any question relating to the trial while it is in progress. He cannot vote in his own case. [1862 p. 231]

A lodge under dispensation has no jurisdiction to try charges against a Mason even though he is one of those named in the dispensation. Such charges for unmasonic conduct towards the lodge should be filed with the Grand Master, who has authority to act upon them. [1862 p. 233]

A Mason cannot be tried for general bad character but only for specific acts of unmasonic conduct. [1862 p. 233]

In the absence of any regulation of the Grand Lodge or of a subordinate lodge, the counsel of the accused may vote upon all questions arising during the trial and on the final question of guilty or not guilty. [1863 p. 303]

After a lodge on due trial has suspended a brother, it can (before that suspension has been confirmed by the Grand Lodge) restore him if, on further

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reflection and investigation, they are satisfied that they have been unnecessarily severe, and this they can do by a two-thirds vote; but if the friends of a suspended Mason wish to do this, notice should be given to all the brethren that on such an evening the matter will be brought up for the decision of the lodge so that no unfair advantage shall be taken of absent brethren who did not know that any such action was proposed to be had.[1864 p. 15]

Charges may be filed with the Secretary, out of the Lodge, and the Master may fix a time for the trial and order notice to the accused without waiting for a meeting of the Lodge to receive the charges.[1863 p. 320]

A profane may be a witness at a Masonic trial.[1871 p. 224]

No member of a lodge can be suspended, expelled or in any other way deprived of his membership in his lodge without due notice to him and trial as provided in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and any provision that in any case he shall cease to be a member or his name be stricken from the roll can only be construed to mean after notice and trial.[1861 p. 177]

TRUSTEES

(See CHAPTER XIX, TEXT BOOK)

TYLER

The Constitution does not require the Tyler to vote upon the application of candidates; but at elections and upon applications of candidates, if a member of the lodge, he should be permitted to vote if he desire, the Master designating some other brother to Tyler while he is absent from his station.

[1889 p. 334]

UNAFFILIATE

(See S.R. 37)

An unaffiliate is a mason whose membership in a regular lodge has been severed on account of a penalty imposed for a Masonic offense, or one who has withdrawn from membership in the Order.

An unaffiliated mason is subject to Masonic discipline, and remains under those obligations, which can never be repudiated, or laid aside. He has no Masonic right save that of petitioning for reinstatement or restoration under such regulations as surround his separation from the Order.

Unaffiliation, although not a Masonic offense, is discussed.

[1862 Appendix 10]

When a lodge ceased to exist, its members then became unaffiliated.

[1865 p. 96]

An unaffiliated member has the same position with the Grand Lodge as does a member of a lodge.

[1883 p. 513]

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Unaffiliated member not entitled to become an honorary member. Masonic relief for self, for family, Masonic burial, right to visit lodges or participate in Masonic labors or ceremonies; discussed in. [1897 p. 197]

When a charter is revoked, the members of a lodge become unaffiliated members. [1897 p. 231]

UNWRITTEN LAW

The unwritten law of Masonry consists of those time-honored customs and uses of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, of general recognition, which are not repugnant to the written law of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

VACANCY

(See Const. § 96)

VISITATION

(See Const. § 107; S.R. 6, 30)

The right is not absolute or inalienable.

~~There is no reason why a colored man who has been made a Mason in a lodge which we recognized as a regular and duly constituted lodge should not be admitted to the lodges in this jurisdiction after due examination.~~

————— [1865 p. 84]

No visitor should be admitted against the objection of a member, although no reasons therefore are given.

[1866 p. 155; 1875 p. 528; 1876 p. 16; 1877 p. 280]

It is a sufficient reason for refusing to admit a visitor that he had been rejected by the lodge and had never received its consent to be made in another lodge. [1866 p. 156]

A Master may call off his lodge and examine a visitor in presence of the members, for the purpose of instruction, using due care. [1871 p. 224]

The right of objection to a visitor is a personal right, and can be exercised only by one present at the lodge, and before the lodge is opened or before the introduction of the visitor. [1882 p. 16]

A member coming into the lodge after it is opened cannot exclude a visitor who has been already admitted. [1882 p. 16]

(See CHARTER; MEMBERSHIP)

The right of visitation discussed and new resolution passed.

[1857 p. 219; 1858 p. 413]

Avouchment of visitors. [1860 p. 112]

A Master should not unseat a member of his lodge by admitting a brother who is not a member, if the member has notified the Worshipful Master that he

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objects to the non-member's admission although he did not state the nature of his objection. [1866 p. 155]

It is a sufficient reason for refusing to allow a person to visit your lodge if he has been rejected in it and has never received its consent to take the degrees elsewhere. [1866 p. 156]

A visitor cannot be admitted if the member objects before or after the examination. [1876 p. 16]

A member who is intoxicated, insane, or in any other condition, which would disturb the lodge, can be refused admission by the Master. He cannot be refused for any other reason.[1877 p. 280; 1878 p. 566]

Objection to a visitor must be made before the meeting opens or the visitor is introduced. Visitation is a right, subordinate to the right of the member in his own lodge. Objection must be made at each meeting.[1882 p. 15]

Procedure for the examination of visitors.[1939 p. 543]

A brother visiting a lodge has a right to see the charter before he submits himself to examination. [1861 p. 149]

VOTE

(See Const. § 444)

A vote that is in violation of fundamental Masonic principles is not binding upon a lodge. (But it should be repealed for a matter of record.)

[1902 p. 22]

A vote decided by the Grand Master to be illegal should be so recorded with the notation of the Grand Master's ruling.[1874 p. 274]

A vote can be rescinded or repealed but it cannot be reconsidered at a subsequent meeting. [1876 p. 16]

A vote recommending a rejected candidate or waiving jurisdiction should specify the lodge to which he should apply.[1876 p. 17]

(See RECONSIDERATION)

VOUCHING

(See AVOUCHMENT)

WAR VETERAN PER CAPITA TAX RELIEF

(See S.R. 21)

WARDEN

Can a Warden preside and open a lodge in the presence of the Master? The answer is not as Warden, but the Master may call upon any brother to preside in his presence and under his direction, he being responsible for all that is done in the same manner as if he were actually in the chair.[1861 p. 150]

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WAIVER

Waiver or consent may be applied for by the candidate or the lodge to which he intends to apply. [1871 p. 224]

A waiver must be to a certain lodge.[1872 p. 466]

A waiver is granted. The candidate is accepted and fails to take the degree within the year. The waiver is still good.[1901 p. 198]

A waiver can have no conditions attached, otherwise it is no good.

[1902 p. 21]

A waiver of jurisdiction is good until it is withdrawn. [1914 p. 25]

A waiver from a foreign jurisdiction can have no conditions attached.

[1945 p. 13]

WARRANT

(See CHARTER)

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

The widows and orphans of a mason are only those who hold these relations legitimately under the laws of the state.[1879 p. 10]

When a Masonic widow remarries and the man she marries is not a Mason, she is no longer entitled to any Masonic benefits. However, when her husband that was a Mason died, she was entitled to receive a Widow's Pin. Even though one was not presented at that time, she is still entitled to receive one in memory of her then Masonic husband. [2004 p. 893]

WITNESS

(See Const. § 49 (g))

Any person of sufficient intelligence may be a witness on a Masonic trial.

On trial of a mason for improper revelations to persons not masons, they are competent witnesses on either side, to show what statements were made.

[1862 p. 231]

A profane may be a witness. [1871 p. 224]

(See DEPOSITION; EVIDENCE)

WORK

(See Const. §§ 112–132; S.R. 25)

A person residing within the jurisdiction of a lodge, who receives the first degree abroad and then petitions the home lodge for the remaining degrees, must take the first degree, precisely as if he had never taken it, the work of the foreign lodge is not recognized in this state, unless the Grand Jurisdiction in

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which the degrees were conferred is in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Maine. [1886 p. 342]

There is no limit to the time within which the other degrees may be conferred upon one who has received the first.

[1894 p. 20; 1900 p. 19; 1901 p. 198]

A Master may call any brother to preside in his presence and under his direction, but not otherwise. [1900 p. 20]

(See APPEAL APPLICATION; MASTER; QUORUM)

Courtesy work if done according to the laws of a foreign state is proper even though contrary to our Masonic law.[1929 p. 40]

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A Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was holden according to adjournment, at Masons' Hall in Portland, Thursday, February 8th, A. D. 1821.

Voted, That the By-Laws as adopted by the Grand Lodge be printed, and that the act of incorporation be printed therewith.

Voted, That R. W. Brothers William Swan, Joseph M. Gerrish and William Lord be a committee to get the by-laws printed; the number not to exceed five hundred copies (four hundred were printed).

Voted, That one copy of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be sent to each Grand Lodge in America (copies were also sent to the Officers of the Grand Lodge, District Deputy Grand Masters, and the several Lodges in the State.)

[The following historical document is provided for reference only.]

THE
BY-
LAWS,
FOR THE
GOVERNMENT AND MANAGEMENT
OF THE
MASTER, WARDENS and MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MAINE.
INCORPORATED JUNE 16, 1820.
ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 1821.

PRINTED BY ORDER OF THE M. W. GRAND LODGE.

PORTLAND:
1821.

THE BY-LAWS
OF THE
MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS

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OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF
MAINE.

(Act of Incorporation not reproduced in this appendix.)

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECT. 1. THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE recognizes all the ancient usages of free Masonry, as essential and on alterable principles. Its powers extend to the government of subordinate lodges within its jurisdiction—to the issuing of dispensations and charters, and the revocation of the same for unmasonic conduct, or neglect of duty—and to the regulation of all Masonic concerns within the state of Maine.

SECT. 2. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Recording Grand Secretary, shall be a Board of Trustees of the real and personal estate of the Grand Lodge; and a majority of them shall have power to use the Seal for the purpose of carrying into effect all the contracts and resolutions of the Grand Lodge, and in the name of the Corporation to transact all things relating to the property of the Grand Lodge, not herein otherwise provided for. And all evidences of the property of the Grand Lodge whether holden in fee, or in trust for subordinate lodges, shall be recorded in a book, kept for that purpose by the Recording Grand Secretary, as well as in any other places appointed by law.

SECT. 3. The regular meetings of the Grand Lodge, shall be the in the town of Portland, on the second Thursdays of January, April, July and October: and special meetings may be called as the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master shall direct. All meetings shall be advertised at least two weeks, in one or more newspapers, printed in the town where the Grand Lodge may be holden, and a notification thereof, shall be forwarded to each officer of the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER II.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECT. 1. The Grand Lodge is composed of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Grand Secretaries, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Marshal, one or more Grand Chaplains, Senior and Junior Grand Deacons, four Grand Stewards, Grand Sword-Bearer, two Grand Pursuivants, Masters and Wardens of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, Proxies of Lodges, and a Grand Tyler; each of whom may have one vote therein, except the Grand Tyler; and shall take rank in processions in the order aforesaid.

SECT. 2. All present and past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Wardens and none others, are permanent members of the Grand Lodge.

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SECT. 3. The Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Recording Grand Secretary shall be chosen by ballot. Two thirds of the votes collected, shall be necessary to make a choice, except in the election of the two last mention officers, who may be chosen by a majority. All the other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master: And all offices shall retain their offices till others are elected or appointed in their stead.

SECT. 4. The election of officers shall take place on the second Thursday of January annually, to commence at seven o'clock P.M.; and they shall be installed as soon after their election as conveniently may be. The Grand Master shall be installed by his immediate predecessor, if present; otherwise, by the senior past Master; preference being always given to past Grand Officers, according to their rank. Being thus installed, the Grand Master shall forthwith install the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Recording Grand Secretary, and appoint and install the rest of the officers.

SECT. 5. No person shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Marshal, or Grand Deacon unless he be of the degree of Past Master. And the election or appointment of any person to either of the offices of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, or District Deputy Grand Master, and his acceptance of the same, shall vacate any office he may hold in a subordinate Lodge.

SECT. 6. The Grand Master and Grand Wardens shall not be eligible more than three years successively.

SECT. 7. A Committee of finance shall the annually chosen by ballot, consisting of three, who shall examine and audit all accounts against the Grand Lodge, including those of the Grand Treasurer—examine the records of the Grand Secretaries; recommend any compensations to be allowed for services; and report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and previous to the choice of officers. Said report shall exhibit all the expenditures of the Grand Lodge the preceding year, with a statement of its funds made to them by the Grand Treasurer; an abstract of which shall be inserted in each annual communication to the subordinate Lodges.

SECT. 8. No vote passed in the Grand Lodge shall be reconsidered by a less number then were presence at passing the same, provided a return of the number of voters was made and recorded.

SECT. 9. No permanent regulation shall be established at the meeting at which it was proposed, nor until it has been considered and reported by a Committee of the Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof sent to each subordinate Lodge.

SECT. 10. The present officers of the Grand Lodge shall retain their offices until the second Thursday of January, A.D. 1822, which shall be considered as the termination of the first year of the period for which they may serve, so far as relates to their being re-eligible.

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DUTIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

SECT. 1. The Grand Treasurer shall have the care and management of all the property and funds of the Grand Lodge, under the direction of the board of Trustees; and shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, give bond with sureties, to the satisfaction of the board of Trustees, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his trust. He shall receive all monies belonging to the Grand Lodge; shall pay all bills passed by the Committee on Finance, and all sums ordered to be paid by the Trustees to the charity fund;—shall have any his care all the regalia of the Grand Lodge not entrusted to the Senior Grand Steward; all charters, records, seals and regalia returned to the Grand Lodge, and all charters and dispensations, for constituting new lodges;—he shall render an annual account of all monies by him received and paid, with a schedule of the property and funds of the Grand Lodge to the Committee on Finance;—and shall deliver to his successor in office all the funds and other property of the Grand Lodge entrusted to him, taking duplicate receipts therefore, one of which he shall deposit with the Recording Grand Secretary.

SECT. 2. The Recording Grand Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Grand Lodge;—record the transactions of the Grand Lodge, receive petitions, applications and appeals, and lay them before the Grand Master;—keep a list of the subordinate lodges according to seniority;—furnish the chairman of every committee with a copy of vote of his appointment, and attend all committees with the records, and papers of his office when required; and shall immediately after each annual communication cause to be printed a suitable number of copies of a transcript of the records of the preceding year, including a list of the Grand Officers for the time being, and of such transactions of the Grand Lodge as may be particularly interesting to the fraternity in general, and forward a copy to each Officer of the Grand Lodge and to each subordinate Lodge.

SECT. 3 The Corresponding Grand Secretary shall, under the direction of the Grand Master, conduct all the foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge, keeping a correct record thereof;—and, when present, shall read all communications to the Grand Lodge, if required.

SECT. 4. The Grand Marshal is to direct the formation of all processions;—to regulate all festivals and refreshments;—to direct the organization of the Grand Lodge, before it is opened;—to introduce visitors;—to collect from the members and petitioners all communications to the Grand Lodge and place them for the Grand Master:—and to execute all commands of the Grand Master not otherwise provided for.

SECT. 5. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall visit the Lodges in their respective Districts at least once in a year, shall preside in the same while present, and shall inspect their by-laws, records, and work;—but if unable to visit any Lodge, they may appoint some suitable brother to perform that duty. They shall have power to grant dispensations for initiation;—shall forward to the Lodges all such communications as they may receive from the Recording Grand Secretary, and furnish them with such diplomas as they shall be entitled to;—shall receive and give duplicates receipts for all dues to the Grand Lodge,—receive the returns of the Lodges, and make their remarks thereon;—shall annually attend the Grand Lodge, and shall deliver to the Grand Treasurer

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all returns and money in their hands at or before every annual meeting, taking duplicate receipts therefore, one of which shall be deposited with the Recording Grand Secretary. They shall be reimbursed their expenses in visiting the Lodges, their accounts being first examined and passed by the committee of Finance. And each District Deputy Grand Master shall deliver over to his successor in office the collar, jewel, records, and all other property belonging thereto.

SECT. 6. The Senior Grand Steward shall have in his charge all the jewels, clothing, and furniture of the Grand Lodge in ordinary use; and at each annual meeting shall render a true inventory thereof, and shall deliver the same over to his successor, taking duplicate receipts, one of which he shall deliver to the Grand Treasurer. It is his duty to distribute the jewels and clothing previous to opening the Grand Lodge, and to make suitable provisions, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, for all festivals and refreshments:—The Other Stewards are to aid him in the execution of his office.

CHAPTER IV.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

SECT. 1. Every subordinate Lodge shall be represented at every communication of the Grand Lodge, by its Master and Wardens, or by a proxy chosen by the Lodge, and commissioned under the seal of the Lodge and attestation of the Master and Secretary.

SECT. 2. No proxy of a Lodge shall be allowed to vote, when the master and wardens of the same lodge are present and qualified to vote. Nor shall any person be entitled to two votes by reason of his being both master or warden of one Lodge and proxy of another, nor for any other reason whatever.

SECT. 3 Every proxy of a Lodge must be a master mason of regular standing, and not an officer of the Grand Lodge, nor a proxy of any other Lodge. The commission of every proxy shall expire with the close of each annual communication, unless sooner revoked or superseded; and such commission shall be in substance as follows, viz.—

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE

BE IT KNOWN

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+ SEAL. +
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Master of
— Lodge.

That brother _____ of _____ having been chosen by the members of _____ Lodge, in _____ to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge the ensuing year; I do, in their behalf, declare and attest the same by these presents: confirming the acts of our beloved Brother in his capacity aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of our Lodge to be affixed this _____ day of _____ A.D. 18 —.

Attest, _____ Secretary.

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SECT. 4. All subordinate Lodges shall make an annual return to their District Deputy Grand Master, of their officers and members, and of all candidates initiated, crafted and raised. They shall take rank according to the dates of their respective charters; and they shall not hold meetings in any place except the places designated therein, but by permission of the Grand Lodge.

SECT. 5. Every Lodge neglecting for the space of two years to pay its dues to the Grand Lodge, shall forfeit its charter, unless such dues are remitted by the Grand Lodge, within said two years. And the funds of such Lodge shall be held by the Grand Lodge in trust, till the charter be restored; and the interest arising from such funds, while so held, shall be made a part of the charity fund of the Grand Lodge.

SECT. 6. None but master Masons can the members of lodges, and none but members are eligible as permanent officers in any Lodge. And no Lodge, in the absence of the master and wardens shall confer any degree, unless a past master is present to preside.

SECT. 7. No Lodge shall ballot for a candidate for initiation, unless he has been proposed *four weeks*, without first obtaining a dispensation therefore, nor without making a strict inquiry into his moral character; *Provided, however*, that in cases where the members have a full knowledge of the character of a candidate, who is bound on a voyage to sea, or on a long journey, they may proceed to ballot for him at a shorter period, if they shall consider that the urgency of his case requires it. And no person, residing in a town in which a Lodge is held, shall be accepted for initiation by a Lodge in any other town, without the approbation of the master and wardens of a Lodge in the town of his residence. And no person who has been once rejected in any Lodge shall be accepted by any other Lodge, without a recommendation from the master, wardens, and three other members of the Lodge which rejected him. And when the master and wardens of such Lodge are unwilling to give such recommendation, they shall forthwith certify such rejection to the Grand Lodge, and to every other Lodge within thirty miles. And if any Mason shall knowingly aid or recommend for initiation any candidate so rejected and not recommended by the master and wardens as aforesaid, such mason shall be expelled from the fraternity.

SECT. 8. The fee demanded by a Lodge for conferring the three first degrees of Masonry, shall not be less than nineteen dollars, including the fee to the Grand Lodge; but clergyman, approbated by competent authority to preach the gospel, may be initiated, crafted, and raised without any fee whatever.

SECT. 9. No Lodge shall, in any case whatever, take any note of hand for fees, or grant any time of credit for the same.

SECT. 10. No petition for the removal of a Lodge from the place in which it is established, shall be sustained in the Grand Lodge, unless it be first approved in writing by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, and by the Lodge nearest the place where it is intended to be held.

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SECT. 11. Every Lodge shall pay annually, to the support of the Grand Lodge, *one eighth* of a dollar for each member constituting such Lodge, and three dollars for every person initiated therein; and shall annually transmit to the Grand Treasurer, one of the duplicate receipts therefore which it shall take from the District Deputy Grand Master.

SECT. 12. Every master of a Lodge shall convene the same, at such a time as he shall be notified that a visit is intended by the District Deputy Grand Master;—shall resign the chair to him while present;—shall submit to his inspection the records by-laws and mode of work therein;—and shall deliver him the return of the Lodge, and all monies due to the Grand Lodge. And if the District Deputy Grand Master is prevented by any casualty from making an annual visit to any Lodge, the dues and returns of such Lodge shall be seasonably forwarded to him by the master of the same.

SECT. 13. Every Lodge shall be furnished with blank returns, and with as many diplomas as there may be Candidates initiated therein. And the Master of each Lodge, who has complied with all the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge, shall receive a Master's diploma, after having sustained the office one year.

SECT. 14. The Grand Master has authority, from time to time as he may think for the good of Masonry to divide the State into Districts, and appoint District Deputy Grand Masters over the same. And every Lodge newly constituted, shall be assigned to some District, and notice given to the District Deputy Grand Master of the same.

SECT. 15. No candidate shall receive more than two degrees at one and the same meeting of the Lodge, without first obtaining a dispensation therefore.

SECT. 16. No petition constituting a new Lodge shall be sustained in the Grand Lodge, unless it be first approved in writing by the District Deputy Grand Master of the same District, and by the two lodges nearest the place where it is intended to be held, unless such approbation be unreasonably refused.

SECT. 17. For every charter to a new Lodge there shall be paid eighty-five dollars, of which five shall go to the Recording Grand Secretary, and ten dollars to the Charity Fund. And every Lodge shall be consecrated and its officers installed within two years from the date of its charter.

SECT. 18. No charter returned to the Grand Lodge shall be restored, unless its records, by-laws, seal and regalia were returned with it; nor unless seven of the applicants for its restoration were members when it was returned, if so many be living.

SECT. 19. Every charter, when declared forfeited, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge, with the records, by-laws and seal of the Lodge. And if any members of a Lodge shall vote to divide the funds thereof among themselves, they shall be expelled from the fraternity.

SECT. 20. No person shall be interred with Masonic honors, unless three fourths of the votes given in the Lodge to which application for that purpose

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may be made, shall be in favor thereof, which votes shall be taken by ballot; nor unless he be a Master Mason.

CHAPTER V.

CHARITY FUND

SECT. 1. There shall be a Charity Fund established by the Grand Lodge, which shall be from time to time increased by adding thereto one half of all monies that may be in the Treasury at every annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, over and above the debts of the Grand Lodge, and one half of all donations not specifically appropriated by the donors.

SECT. 2. The Charity fund shall be under the direction of the board of trustees beforementioned, and six brother brethren, who are not acting officers of the Grand Lodge, to be elected by ballot for the term of three years, and to constitute, during that term the permanent part of the board. And if a vacancy occur in said board it shall be reported to the Grand Lodge, and be filled at the next stated communication. And the Board of Trustees, thus constituted, shall invest the accruing Charity Funds in such a manner as they shall deem most safe and productive, and no part of the principal of said fund shall be expended for any purpose whatsoever.

SECT. 3. The trustees of the Charity Fund shall meet on Monday preceding each quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge, and oftener if expedient; and a majority of the whole board shall be necessary for every act, except that of adjournment.

SECT. 4. The Recording Grand Secretary shall be Secretary of the board of trustees; and it shall be his duty to keep a true record of their proceedings, and report the same to the Grand Lodge at every quarterly communication.

SECT. 5. The interest arising annually from the Charity Fund shall be appropriated, as the Trustees shall direct, for the relief of such poor and distressed brethren, their widows and orphans, as they may consider worthy of assistance; but all interest unappropriated at the end of the year shall be added to the principal.

Copy of Record – Attest,

WILLIAM LORD, Grand Secretary.

The following is a correct List of Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine, under the superintendence of six District Deputy Grand Masters, according to the Districts, vis.:

FIRST DISTRICT

Portland, *Portland*

York, *Kennebunk*

Saco, *Saco*

Freeport, *Freeport*

Cumberland, *New Gloucester*

Adoniram, *Limington*

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Ancient Land Mark, *Portland* Tranquil, *Minot*

SECOND DISTRICT

Pythagorean, *Fryeburg* Oriental Star, *Livermore*

Oriental, *Bridgton* Blazing Star, *Rumford*

Oxford, *Paris*

THIRD DISTRICT

Kennebec, *Hallowell* Northern Star, *Anson*

Maine, *Farmington* Hermon, *Gardiner*

Village, *Bowdoinham* Waterville, *Waterville*

Temple, *Winthrop* Somerset, *Norridgewock*

FOURTH DISTRICT

Solar, *Bath* Orient, *Thomaston*

United, *Brunswick* St. George, *Warren*

Lincoln, *Wiscasset* Union, *Union*

Amity, *Camden*

FIFTH DISTRICT

Hancock, *Castine* Felicity, *Bucksport*

Rising Virtue, *Bangor* Belfast, *Belfast*

SIXTH DISTRICT

Warren, *Machias* Eastern, *Eastport*

Tuscan, *Columbia*

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BY-LAWS MAINE MASONIC COLLEGE

ARTICLE 1 – NAME OF THE COLLEGE

The name of this college shall be the Maine Masonic College.

ARTICLE 2 – RECOGNITION AND ENDORSEMENT BY THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE

Whereas the Maine Masonic College has been created and organized to provide an extended opportunity for brethren to explore the nature and purposes of Freemasonry and its wider mission in promoting the well-being of all human kind, the Grand Lodge of Maine endorses the efforts of this College and recognizes it as a provider of opportunities for the further enlightenment of the Craft within this Grand Jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 3 – MISSION AND PURPOSE

It is the mission of the Maine Masonic College to create an educational environment for the purpose of inspiring the members of the Craft to explore the nature and purpose of Freemasonry which will lead to a deeper self-understanding of the founding principles, tenets, and lessons of morality.

Section I – Preamble

This mission statement expresses the purpose for which this college exists and the functions which it will perform.

Section II – Objectives

- To work cooperatively with the Committee on Masonic Education and Lodge Service to ensure that the interests and needs of the Craft are being met.
- To Survey the Brethren to determine needs and interests.
- To implement course offerings based on the results of the survey.
- To offer programs that may be of interest to Masons and non- Masons alike for the purpose of strengthening community relations.

ARTICLE 4 – GOVERNANCE OF THE COLLEGE

Section I – Board of Regents

The college shall be governed by a Board of Regents consisting of nine elected members and two ex-officio members who will be responsible for the governance of all aspects of the college including the selection of educational courses and offerings, course instructors, the adoption of an annual budget and an annual evaluation of the College's effectiveness in meeting its established goals. Members of the board must be Master Masons in good standing.

Section II – Ex-Officio Members

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The Grand master and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine by virtue of their elected offices shall automatically serve as ex-officio members of the Board of Regents.

Section III – Terms of Office

The terms of office for the elected members of the Board of Regents shall be staggered terms of three years. The college year shall run from May 1st to April 30th and the Regents shall be elected at each annual meeting held in April by a majority vote of the Board. Regents may serve innumerable terms but not more than two terms in succession.

Section IV – Vacancies

Any vacancies that may occur on the Board for any reason may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board for the unexpired term.

Section V – Resignations

Ay Regent may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board or to the Board of Regents. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified thereof as determined by the Chairman of the Board.

Section VI – Removal From Office

Any member of the Board or Officer may be removed from the Board or Office by a three-quarters vote of the total voting members of the Board and voting at any meeting of the Board.

Section VII – Attendance Requirements

Any member of the Board who misses three scheduled meetings during the course of a year shall be replaced unless excused by the President.

Section VIII – Quorum

A majority of the members of the Board of Regents present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for conducting business.

ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS

Section I – Elective Officers

The elective officers of the Board shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. (1) Only the members of the Board of Regents may nominate a candidate for office. Each shall be elected for a term of one year.

Section II – Duties of the Officers

The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board and perform all duties as usually pertain to the office of Chairman.

The Vice-chairman in the absence of the Chairman shall preside at all meetings and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairman or the Board of Regents.

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The Secretary shall be responsible for creating and maintaining appropriate records of the meetings of the Board. He shall receive all monies and pay them to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefore. (1)

The Treasurer shall receive and have the custody and charge of all property and funds of the Maine Masonic College. He shall deposit the funds of the College in such depositories as approved by the Chairman and the Board of Regents. He will expend funds upon the approval of the Chairman with the consent of the Board of Regents. He shall render a statement of his accounts to the Board of Regents annually. (1)

ARTICLE 6 – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Standing Committees

Standing committees shall consist of the following: (1) the Committee on Community Outreach; (2) the Committee on Management and Controls; (3) the Committee on Bookings and Arrangements.

Section II – Authority of the Chairman to Appoint Additional Committees

The Chairman of the Board of Regents shall have the authority to appoint other committees that he deems appropriate.

ARTICLE 7 – APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – These by-laws shall not become effective until approved by a majority vote of the Board of Regents.

Section II – Amendments

Proposals for amendments to these by-laws must be submitted in writing and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Regents.

Original approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Regents on July 24, 2005
(1) Amended by vote of the Board of Regents on September 17, 2005

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[The following document is provided for general reference only, and should not be presumed to be up-to-date or authoritative.]

BY-LAWS OF THE MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE

ARTICLE I

Name, Principal Office, Corporate Seal

Section 1. Name. The name of the corporation shall be The Masonic Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Section 2. Principal Office. The location and principal office of the corporation shall be in the City of Portland, State of Maine, but the corporation may also maintain other offices in such places, either within or without the State of Maine, as the Board of Directors may designate or as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

Section 3. Registered Office. The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Maine a registered office and a registered agent as required by the Maine Nonprofit Corporation Act. The registered office of the corporation in the State of Maine may be, but need not be, the same as the principal office.

Section 4. Seal. The seal of the corporation shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, and the word "Maine".

ARTICLE II

Members

The corporation shall have no members and shall be a non- membership corporation.

ARTICLE III

Board of Trustees

Section 1. Number and Qualifications. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of not fewer than eight or more than eleven trustees. Trustees need not be residents of the State of Maine. The Board of Trustees shall consist of members of the Grand Lodge of Maine as follows: Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and six brethren who are not acting officers of the Grand Lodge.

Section 2. Election. The six trustees to be elected shall be elected at the annual communication of the

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Mason's Grand Lodge of Maine, and each trustee shall hold office for three years.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees, either by increase in the number of trustees or otherwise, shall be reported to the Grand Lodge of Maine and filled at the Grand Lodge's next annual communication. Until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, said vacancy or vacancies may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining trustees, though less than a quorum of the Board of Trustees. A trustee elected or chosen to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The property, affairs and business of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Trustees, which may exercise all such powers of the Corporation and do all such lawful acts as are not prohibited by statute, the corporation's Articles of Incorporation or these By-laws.

Section 5. Meetings of Trustees.

(1) Special Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Trustees may be held at any time and place upon call by or at the request of the Grand Master of the Mason's Grand Lodge of Maine, notice thereof being given to each trustee at least three days prior thereto stating the place, day and hour of the meeting. Notice that a meeting has been called may be given by the President, Treasurer, Clerk, Secretary or Assistant Secretary, or by one of the trustees, and shall be given by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail or telegram to each trustee at his or her address as shown by the records of the corporation. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. Notice of any meeting of the Board of Trustees may be waived in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, either before or after such meeting, and shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance of a trustee at such meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice thereof, except where a trustee attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because such meeting is not lawfully convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any meeting of the Board of Trustees need be specified in the notice, or waiver of notice, of such meeting.

(2) Annual Meetings. An annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held without notice other than this By-law at the principal office of the corporation on the third Tuesday of April each year. The annual meeting shall be held in Portland or at such other place as the Grand Master shall designate. In the event that the annual meeting is not held on the date herein provided, a subsequent meeting may be held in lieu thereof, and any business transacted or elections held at such meeting shall have the same effect as if transacted or held at the annual meeting. Such subsequent meeting shall be called in the manner prescribed for special meetings of the trustees.

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Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the number of trustees then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Less than a quorum may, however, adjourn a meeting to a stated time and place without further notice. The act of the majority of the trustees present at a meeting, at which a quorum is present, shall be the act of the Board of Trustees.

Section 7. Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Trustees at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the trustees.

Section 8. Telephonic Meetings Permitted. Members of the Board of Trustees, or any committee designated by the Board, may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this By-law shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 9. Compensation of Trustees. Trustees, as such, shall not receive any stated salary for their services, but by resolution of the Board of Trustees, a fixed sum or reimbursement of expenses of attendance or both may be allowed for attendance at any meeting of the Board. Any trustee may serve the corporation in any other capacity and receive reasonable compensation therefore.

Section 10. Committees. The Board of Trustees may, by resolution or resolutions passed by a majority of the whole Board, appoint an Executive Committee and such other committee or committees as the Board of trustees may from time to time determine, which committee or committees shall have and exercise such powers as the Board of Trustees may by resolution determine. A majority of the members of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and each committee may make rules for the conduct of its affairs. The Board of Trustees shall have the power at any time to change the membership of any committee, to fill vacancies in it, or to discharge it.

ARTICLE IV The Officers

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Clerk, and such other officers and assistant officers and agents as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person. The officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Trustees and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2. Removal. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Trustees may be removed by such Board whenever in its judgment the best interest of the corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer so removed.

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Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Trustees for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 4. The President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and shall be the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the trustees, shall have the general and executive management and control of the business of the corporation, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Trustees are carried into effect.

He shall perform such duties as are provided by the laws of the state of Maine or by these By-laws or as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

Section 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the financial officer of the corporation, and shall have the custody of the corporate funds and securities. He shall deposit such funds in the name of the corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Trustees. He shall disburse the funds of the corporation as directed by the Board of Trustees and shall keep records of account showing accurately at all times the financial condition of the corporation. He shall furnish to the President and the Board of Trustees, whenever requested, a statement of the financial condition of the corporation, and shall perform such other duties as these By-laws may require or the Board of Trustees may prescribe.

The Treasurer may be required to furnish bond in such amount and with such sureties as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

Section 6. The Vice-Presidents. In the absence, disability of the President, the Board of Trustees may designate one or more Vice-Presidents to perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. The Vice-Presidents shall perform such other duties as these By-laws may require or as the Board of Trustees or the President may prescribe. The first Vice- President shall be the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Section 7. The Secretary. The Secretary shall attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and shall keep, or cause to be kept, in a book provided for that purpose, a true and complete record of the proceedings of such meetings. He shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the corporation, and shall perform such other duties as these By-laws may require or as the Board of Trustees may prescribe.

Section 8. Assistants. The Board of Trustees may elect one or more assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, as the Board shall deem advisable. Such assistants shall assist the Secretary or the Treasurer, as the case may be, in the performance of his or her duties, and at the request of such officers or of the President, shall perform the duties of such officers in the event of the absence or inability to act of such officers. They shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Trustees may from time to time direct. An assistant treasurer shall, if required by the Board of Trustees, furnish bond in such amount and with such sureties as the Board may determine.

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ARTICLE V

Contracts, Checks, Deposits and Funds

Section 1. Contracts. The Board of Trustees may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these By-laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Trustees. In the absence of such determination by the Board, such instruments shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer.

Section 3. Deposits. All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Trustees may select.

Section 4. Gifts. The Board of Trustees may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI

Exempt Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-laws, no trustee, officer, employee, agent or representative of this corporation shall take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of the corporation not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Regulations there under, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and Regulations.

ARTICLE VII

Prohibition Against Sharing in Corporate Earnings

No trustee, officer, employee, agent or representative of this corporation, or any other private individual shall receive or be entitled to receive at any time any of the net earnings or pecuniary profit from the operations of the corporation, provided that this shall not prevent the payment to any persons of reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the corporation in effecting any of its purposes, and no such person or persons shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon the dissolution of the corporation.

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, the assets of the corporation then remaining in the hands of the Board of Trustees after all debts have been satisfied or provided for shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered and paid

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over, in such amounts as the Board of trustees may determine, to one or more exclusively charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational organizations which would then qualify as tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Regulations there under, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE VIII

Indemnification of Trustees and Officers

To the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Maine as they may now or hereafter exist, the corporation shall indemnify any officer or trustee of the corporation who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was an officer or trustee of the corporation, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding; provided that no indemnification shall be provided with respect to any matter as to which he or she shall have been finally adjudicated in any civil proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interests of the corporation or, in any criminal proceeding, to have had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

ARTICLE IX

Interested Trustees and Officers

No transaction in which a trustee or officer has a personal or adverse interest (as that term is defined in the Maine Business Nonprofit Corporation Act) shall be void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the trustee or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board of Trustees or committee thereof which approves such transaction, or because his or her vote is counted, if the material facts as to his or her interest and as to the transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board of Trustees or the committee, and are noted in the minutes.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

These By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed and new By-laws adopted by the Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided at least three (3) days' written notice of the proposed amendment or alteration or adoption of new By-laws is contained in the notice of such meeting.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS

1. Our Current Situation

At the outset we recognize that Albert Mackey's version of the Landmarks has been published in the Maine Masonic Text Book since 1923. No action approving Mackey's version of the Landmarks has ever been taken by the Grand Lodge of Maine. We believe there are many good reasons why we have not done so in the past and should not to do so at this time. One of the best reasons is clearly stated among the Frequently Asked Questions on the web site of the Grand Lodge of Maine. It states: "No Grand Lodge can make or unmake a landmark, any more than the Congress can make or unmake a law of nature..... There is no supreme authority to declare what the landmarks are and hardly any two jurisdictions agree." Looking further, we find that less than half of the U.S. Grand Lodges have adopted specific written Landmarks, and of that minority an even smaller minority have adopted Albert Mackey's compilation.

Our study indicates that there are three methods of trying to identify Masonic Landmarks: the Drummond Method, the Mackey Method and the Pound Method.

2. The Drummond Method—Non-codification

Josiah Hayden Drummond (1827–1902), was a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine and later served on many other leadership capacities including a term as Sovereign Grand Commander, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America. He had an international reputation as a scholar of Masonic Jurisprudence. He prepared the original edition of the Maine Masonic Text Book in 1877, known first as the Textbook of Masonic Jurisprudence and frequently referred to as Drummond's Monitor. Drummond's method for determining Ancient Landmarks reflects his training and career in the Law. It is essentially the Common Law method applying long standing precedence to specific situations, one by one, as those situations arose. This method is very reluctant to accept attempts at comprehensive codification. Chapter XIV of the current edition of Maine Masonic Text Book contains Drummond's own language concerning the Landmarks, which has been unchanged since 1877 with one important exception.

Drummond's list of the sources of Masonic law identifies the Ancient Landmarks as our highest and most fundamental law:

- i. The Ancient Landmarks
- ii. The Ancient Charges
- iii. The Old Regulations
- iv. The Constitution of our Grand Lodge
- v. The Regulations and Decisions of our Grand Lodge
- vi. The Uses and Customs of the Fraternity
- vii. The Bylaws of the Lodge

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Drummond's language pertinent to the various attempts at codification of the Landmarks is as follows:

"Various attempts have been made to enumerate the Landmarks: But as no two authors agree in their enumeration, it is safe to conclude that not one of the attempts is a success. The very definition of a Landmark shows that an enumeration of them is scarcely possible.... It has been said that the Landmarks are the unwritten law of Masonry; but that is not correct: Landmarks are found in the ancient charges."

Drummond advises us to look to the Ancient Charges and Regulations, some of the oldest documents we have, and apply those provisions to a current situation. In doing so, he tells us, we will discern a Landmark.

3. Mackey's Method—A Comprehensive Codification

Albert Gallatin Mackey (1807–1881), in contrast to the common law method recommended by Drummond, employed a method found in civil or continental law which favors comprehensive and detailed codification.

A few Masonic writers had tried this method including Rob Morris, the founder of the order of Eastern Star, who identified 17 Ancient Landmarks. Mackey, using such research tools as were available to him identified 25 Landmarks. He attempted to put the seal on his version of the Landmarks by providing in the 25th Landmark that his particular formulation could never be changed.

We do not believe that all of the Landmarks identified by Mackey are, indeed, Landmarks. For example, Mackey identifies as his eighth Landmark the right of a Grand Master to make Masons at sight. We note that this has never been part of the Masonic Law of Maine. It has never been a part of Masonic Law of Massachusetts, our Mother Jurisdiction, nor has it ever been part of the Masonic Law of the United Grand Lodge of England, its Mother Jurisdiction. In this item as in several others, Mackey shows a bias in favor of enhancing the authority of Grand Masters beyond what is included in our Constitution or in the Constitution of most other Grand Jurisdictions.

We note that several items in Mackey's enumeration are specifically contrary to the Masonic Law of this Grand Jurisdiction. For example, in Maine we have decided that a man who has a physical impairment can become a Mason. Mackey says quite specifically that a cripple cannot become a Mason.

Mackey presented an interesting and scholarly analysis of the Landmarks, but it was only his personal interpretation. His version sparked considerable further study, both here, in England and on the Continent. We believe that in this area we should rely on Drummond's advice. His advice, succinctly stated in his textbook, is that we should avoid as ill-fated any attempt to enumerate or codify the Landmarks and that we should, instead, given a particular situation, seek the Landmarks in the Ancient Charges.

Drummond knew Albert Gallatin Mackey. He knew of Mackey's version of the Landmarks which had been published in 1858. He specifically did NOT

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acknowledge them as the sole authoritative version of the Landmarks, nor did he include them in his textbook. Mackey's version of the Ancient Landmarks first appeared in the Maine Masonic Text Book in 1923, twenty-one years after Drummond's death.

At the time Mackey's 25 Landmarks were added to the Maine Masonic Text Book the next to the last paragraph of Drummond's chapter on the sources of Masonic law was changed. Drummond's original language was:

For the reasons given, no enumeration of the Landmarks will be given. In order that the Ancient Charges and The Old Regulations may be accessible to all, they will be given in the succeeding Chapters. The law derived from the Constitution, Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge will be given only in the Digest.

When Mackey's version of the Landmarks was added this paragraph was changed to read:

In order that The Ancient Landmarks, the ancient Charges and The Old Regulations may be accessible to all, they will be given in the succeeding Chapters. The law derived from the Constitution, Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge will be given only in the Digest.

The critical first sentence (which we have put in italics) was omitted. We doubt that Drummond would have been pleased with this new language as it is in obvious conflict with one of the principal points he was trying to make.

4. The Pound Method—A Non-comprehensive Codification

Roscoe Pound (1870–1964) was for many years dean of the Harvard Law School. He was an active Mason, having served as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and was honored by being made Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Pound wrote extensively on Masonic philosophy, Masonic Jurisprudence and the Landmarks of Masonry.

Pound offers a different approach. He agrees with Drummond that no comprehensive codification is possible but he agrees with Mackey at least to the extent that he believes that it is possible to definitively agree on some basic, essential Landmarks. Pound looked at each one of Mackey's Landmarks and found that he could not find support for eighteen of them in the Ancient Charges and Regulations. He did identify seven Landmarks that were fully supported and so universally accepted by regular Masons everywhere that they could be safely accepted as Landmarks. He also concluded that this was not an exclusive list and that time might reveal further Landmarks. Dean Pound's analysis of the Landmarks is found in Chapter Two of his book, "Masonic Jurisprudence". His non-exclusive list, written in the early 1900's, we have put into contemporary language as follows:

- i. Belief in God.
- ii. Belief in the immortality of the soul.

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iii. A Volume of Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the furniture of a Lodge.

iv. The legend of the Third Degree.

v. The symbolism of the ancient art of stonemasons.

vi. The confidentiality of the modes of recognition and the degree experience.

vi. That a Mason must be a free, male adult.

We believe that each of these items is so basic and so universally accepted that we can say with certainty that they are Landmarks of Masonry without which no other Grand Lodge could be said to be regular. We also agree with Pound that this list of Landmarks should not be declared to be exclusive.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, our Mother Grand Jurisdiction, adopted this list with the strong advocacy of M.W. Melvin Johnson, Dean of the Boston University Law School, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and who also served a term as Sovereign Grand Commander, A.A.S.R. of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States (a successor in that office to Josiah Hayden Drummond.) It is interesting also to note that the Grand Lodge of Vermont had adopted Mackey's compilation only to repeal it in 1954 and adopt Pound's list instead. This concise listing of Landmarks is the most commonly accepted listing of Landmarks in the world today.

5. Conclusions

We are left with some simple facts:

1. The Grand Lodge of Maine traces much of its jurisprudence to the work and thinking of Josiah Hayden Drummond, its most famous Mason.

2. The Grand Lodge of Maine has never formally accepted Mackey's version of the Landmarks. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, our Mother Jurisdiction, has never accepted it nor has it ever been accepted in England, its Mother Jurisdiction. Mackey's version of the Landmark was first drafted 38 years after the founding of the Grand Lodge of Maine. His version is one of many that were formulated during the last century and a half. It is not universally accepted today as authoritative, and is it not part of the Masonic common law as we received it. Consequently, with respect to the Masonic law of Maine, the adoption of Mackey's version of the Landmarks would be an innovation.

3. The Grand Lodge of Maine seeks to be informed by the best Masonic scholarship and takes special note of the influence of Dean Pound on the jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, its Mother Jurisdiction.

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PROCEEDINGS

Every Lodge must preserve one copy in the hall, and when a volume is completed shall bind it for the use of the Lodge. - (Constitution, Sec. 97.)

<i>Vol. I --1820 to 1847</i>	<i>Vol. XXVI --1916 to 1917</i>
<i>II --1848 to 1854</i>	<i>XXVII --1918 to 1920</i>
<i>III --1855 to 1858</i>	<i>XXVIII --1921 to 1924</i>
<i>IV --1859 to 1863</i>	<i>XXIX --1925 to 1928</i>
<i>V --1864 to 1866</i>	<i>XXX --1929 to 1932</i>
<i>VI --1867 to 1869</i>	<i>XXXI --1933 to 1936</i>
<i>VII --1870 to 1872</i>	<i>XXXII --1937 to 1940</i>
<i>VIII --1873 to 1875</i>	<i>XXXIII --1941 to 1944</i>
<i>IX --1876 to 1878</i>	<i>XXXIV --1945 to 1948</i>
<i>X --1879 to 1881</i>	<i>XXXV --1949 to 1952</i>
<i>XI --1882 to 1884</i>	<i>XXXVI --1953 to 1956</i>
<i>XII --1885 to 1887</i>	<i>XXXVII --1957 to 1960</i>
<i>XIII --1888 to 1890</i>	<i>XXXVIII --1961 to 1964</i>
<i>XIV --1891 to 1893</i>	<i>XXXIX --1965 to 1968</i>
<i>XV --1894 to 1895</i>	<i>XXXX --1969 to 1972</i>
<i>XVI --1896 to 1897</i>	<i>XXXI --1973 to 1976</i>
<i>XVII --1898 to 1899</i>	<i>XXXII --1977 to 1980</i>
<i>XVIII --1900 to 1901</i>	<i>XXXIII --1981 to 1984</i>
<i>XIX --1902 to 1903</i>	<i>XXXIV --1985 to 1988</i>
<i>XX --1904 to 1905</i>	<i>XXXV --1989 to 1992</i>
<i>XXI --1906 to 1907</i>	<i>XXXVI --1993 to 1996</i>
<i>XXII --1908 to 1909</i>	<i>XXXVII --1997 to 2000</i>
<i>XXIII --1910 to 1911</i>	<i>XXXVIII --2001 to 2004</i>
<i>XXIV --1912 to 1913</i>	<i>XXXIX --2005 to 2008</i>
<i>XXV --1914 to 1915</i>	<i>L --2009 to 2012</i>
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*The One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge
will be held in Bangor, Tuesday, May 5th, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.*