

## Masonic Birthdays –February 2019

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Roger W. Gaskill	68
Kenneth P. Blanchard	57
G. Raymond Palmer	50
Randy S. McMullen	35
Steven F. Maffee	33
David A. Barker	28
Shawn N. Jasper	28
William Luszey	27
Wayne R. Johnson	24
Anthony F. Phillips, Jr.	23
Gregory W. Chenevert	13
Matthew A. Stanizzi	8
Richard W. Dagenais	4
Joshua P. Baxter	3
Glenn A. Ruhl	3

I wish each of the above Brethren a very happy Masonic Birthday, and invite them to join us at Lodge this month, so that I may personally extend my hand and best wishes.

Timothy Marotte, W.M. Elect  
Attest: Brian J Smith, P.M., Secretary

## Elected Officers – Rising Sun 2019

Worshipful Master:	Timothy Marotte
Senior Warden	Richard Johnston
Junior Warden	John Woodrow
Secretary	Brian Smith
Associate Secretary	Larry Gullett
Treasurer	Kevin Bailey
Associate Treasurer	Steve Bahsler
Trustee:	Ed Waible
Grand Lodge Rep:	Michael Tebbetts

Lodge Dues are \$115 for Rising Sun, combined with the Assessments for 2019 totaling \$55 this brings the total to \$170. Note that dues are due prior to the ensuing year. 2019 Dues are due on or before December 31, 2018

If you need assistance, please contact the Master or Secretary

### 2019 ANNUAL DUES ARE PAST DUE

You may pay via check, or electronically via the Rising Sun Website. You may also make donations electronically for specific funds as well.

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## Rising Sun Lodge #39

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since 1822*

## Masonic Trestleboard ~ February 2019 ~

### Important Lodge Events

#### STATED MEETING

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 20, 2019  
6:15 PM DINNER, 7:30 PM LODGE OPENS.

LASAGNA, CAESAR SALAD, AND GARLIC  
BREAD

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 2, 2019  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.  
2 PM, WITH HAM LOAF DINNER TO FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 20, 2019  
6:15 PM DINNER, 7:30 PM LODGE OPENS.

If you need a ride to Lodge please contact  
the Master or Secretary

### **From the East**

As I write this message it is January and I am preparing for our upcoming installation. I am honored and humbled by the decision of the brethren to elect me to the position of Worshipful Master and I look forward to serving my lodge. The top 3 officers of your lodge have been working on developing a 6-year plan and we are going to work hard to execute that plan. What the Wardens and I have devised is a plan to improve our lodge's ritual proficiency, work more within the local community in advance of our upcoming bicentennial celebration, and to make meetings more engaging and interesting for our members.

I would like to thank the members of Rising Sun Lodge for your trust in me, and Past Masters for their continued support in the year ahead. I welcome any member of the lodge to come to me or any of the officers with suggestions; we are here to serve you.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Tim Marotte WM Elect

### **From the West**

As we enter February, Rising Sun will install a new slate of Lodge officers. I congratulate each one on their preferment, and know that each office is occupied by a Brother who is dedicated to their Craft. I

thought it would be informative to discuss what it means to be an officer. As was mentioned at our December Stated, ours is a 'succession' Lodge – meaning that once placed into line, the expectation is that each officer would advance to the next chair if so elected or appointed. According to our Lodge Bylaws, the term of each office is one year. Our Grand Lodge Constitution (Art. XIV.2) states that once installed, the Brother holds that office until replaced by another election, or by his death, suspension, or expulsion. It's therefore important that to be considered as an officer, a Master Mason must be judged as to his ability to advance and be a successful Worshipful Master. Good future leadership is a difficult quality to measure, because there are many ways to lead and each person develops his own unique style. Identifying a successful potential leader is therefore more an art than a science and this is not an easy task, as every new Worshipful Master has discovered. While we all meet upon the level, our officers have additional obligations owed to the Lodge. Among them are attendance at all Lodge meetings, learning the ritual associated with their current office, as well as the next office to which they aspire. They will work hard to be ready to 'step up' within a few months of being installed, attend all Masonic funerals, special communications, and public events. and share their knowledge of our landmarks and customs. In short, their role is to support our Lodge, spread further Masonic light, and be an example of a

good Mason both within and outside the Lodge. Finally, I am confident that each new officer for the next year will serve our Lodge with distinction, skill, and pride. Congratulations, and I am looking forward to serving every one as your Senior Warden for the next year.

Rich Johnston, PM, SW Elect

### **From the South**

I had the honor of attending two Masonic funerals this past week and have been reflecting on what we leave behind when we go to the Celestial Lodge above: how we will be remembered, what legacy will we leave when we are gone? It seems to me that it's not going to matter how much wealth we have accumulated- we just leave it behind for others to spend and it's also not going to matter what material possessions we have acquired, those will go to others or be thrown out. What we will be remembered, for will be our service to others. The lasting impressions we have made along the way, the help we have extended to others, a smile, a handshake, a ride, a visit, a call of concern, a warm embrace. You will be remembered for your generosity and what you shared of yourself with others. You ARE a Master Mason. Do you walk the talk or just show the ring and wear the pin? How will you be remembered?

John C. Woodrow, JW Elect

## Friendship and Social Enjoyment

In 2018 the brothers of Rising Sun Lodge visited John Albro Lodge. part of our annual exchange. On their way home Brother Guy Martineau's car had a blowout. While fixing the tire a local resident of Machias stopped to help. After introductions are made both realize that they are brothers. Not only that but Brother Erik Guptill is to be installed as master of Warren Lodge in Jan of 2019. Brother Guy make a simple promise. To thank him for the help he's coming back in January with a few brothers.

On January 12th, 13 Brothers from Nova Scotia and 7 Brothers from New Hampshire, came to visit Warren Lodge #2. We met our fellow Masons in Machais, ME. The new Brothers we met and made new friends is Masonry at its finest. A selfless act turned into a great event. If that's not what Masonry is all about, then I don't know what is.



**Installation of Officers – Saturday, January 12, 2019**

John Albro #122 – Bedford, Nova Scotia and Rising Sun #39 – Nashua, New Hampshire visit to Warren Lodge #2 in E. Machias, Maine