

## Masonic Birthdays –Dec. 2019

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Edward M. Annis	61
Jack H. Tottel	60
Samuel W. Kouchalakos	43
James F. McLaughlin	43
Jeffrey D. Alexander	25
George P. Brown	21
Norman J. Poisson	21
David J. Proulx	13
Robert S. Paul	12
Jay C. Taylor	11
Michael J. Marotte	10
Stephen W. Dohoney	6
Dominick L. Mandeville	6
Daniel W. Leonard	2

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.  
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 2020 totaling \$55 this brings the total to \$170. Note that dues are due prior to the ensuing year. 2020 Dues are due on or before December 31, 2019

**Brethren we still have a significant number of members who have not paid their 2019 Dues.**  
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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*Making a difference in our community  
since 1822*

## Masonic Trestleboard ~December 2019~

### Important Lodge Events

#### STATED MEETING

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 18, 2019  
6:15 PM DINNER, 7:30 PM LODGE OPENS.  
ALL ARE INVITED

CULINARY DELIGHT BY  
LARRY GULLETT AND KEVIN BAILEY  
ROAST BEEF , POTATOES , VEGGIE AND ROLLS  
PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH OUR JW  
BRO. WOODROW.  
REQUESTED DONATION IS 7.00

See page 3 for additional events.

If you need a ride to Lodge please contact the Master 603 557-8931

### **From the East**

The holiday season is upon us and it is at this time of year we can look back on a year well spent and the year ahead of us. I ask each of you to reflect on your Masonic experiences over this last year. We have been a productive lodge and been happily busy. I hope that as each of you looks forward to the year ahead you look to help continue that work within the lodge. Each and every member of this lodge is an important piece of a large puzzle and without the members, officers, and Past Masters of our lodge we would not succeed as we have. Thank you for everything that you have done this year and will do in the future.

At this time, we also look to those we have promised to assist - those special ladies that are as much a part of our Masonic family as our brothers. A call to action went out at November's stated meeting and I need help from you to reach out to our special ladies. Offer your assistance to them during this time of year so that they and the world see how Masons love one another through the fulfillment of that most important promise we made to each and every brother. Please reach out to me or any of the officers if you wish to help with this initiative and watch for new plans for our special ladies' program in the next year. Those brothers who no longer toil in

the quarry rely on us to fulfill our obligations and look to those that they left behind.

Thank you again, Brethren, for your support this last year. Enjoy the holidays and please join us for our important Stated Meeting in December.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Tim Marotte W.M.

### **From the West**

Of all the times of year, in my mind this month is the most meaningful. Surrounded by family, Brethren, and friends, we renew our faith and count our blessings. Regardless of the religion, race, or country from which we are borne, the Holiday season is a time of joining hands, thinking of others, and embracing our common heritage as children of one almighty god and inhabitants of the same planet. I learned this from my Dad, who was deprived of his Father at the age of eight. Grandfather was going about his work day just like any other, when he suffered a heart attack and was summoned to join the Great Architect of the Universe.

It was during the 1930s, and there was hardship everywhere. It was a time when food was scarce, war was approaching. My Grandmother, now a

widow with a young son (an orphan in those days) made the most difficult decision for a mother – she appealed to her Masonic family at Grandfather's Lodge and her Eastern Star. Her prayers were answered when they arranged for my Dad to attend Girard College in Philadelphia – 200 miles away by rail. On a cold December morning, my father, 8 years old, was sent by train alone, and he was not to see his mother for 6 months, as was the school policy for new students.

The pain of that separation had a profound effect on my Father. This was most evident around Christmas time. Family was his joy, and he demonstrated it in every way imaginable for a man of his means. There was always one more friend to visit, one more gift to buy, one more trip to see the Great Wanamaker Organ, one more chance for my brother and I to tell Santa what we wanted. One more chance to give his family the Christmas he never had.

Those were simpler times, and I was fortunate to have had such an experience to emulate as I grew older. The world today is far more complex. Many things lay claim to our time, leaving precious little for thought and reflection. However, every year I take the time to pour a dram, light the tree, and contemplate where I have been,

and where I am going. It is always time well spent - my annual course correction.

My message this month is to prioritize some time to consider the many blessings that surround us – family, friends, Brethren, comforts of home, and the many freedoms we enjoy. Share those with every person who might not be so fortunate. Hold your families close, and tell them you love them. Enjoy the mystery of human Faith, the anticipation of Hope, and the warmth of Charity.

Fraternal blessings to everyone!

Rich Johnston, PM, Senior Warden

### **From the office of the Secretary**

Brother Denehy has asked the Lodge for assistance with helping the organization of End Hunger for 68 hours. This organizations mission is to see that children do not go hungry when not in school. They typically pack 300 backpacks and send them home with the kids every weekend. Well Brethren, the Christmas school shutdown is about to occur, and we have been asked to assist in packing 300 backpacks with enough food to last through the holiday season. Brethren this is an awesome way to give back to the community.

We are set for December 16th at their location (noted below). We need four or five volunteers to meet at Aldi on Amherst street at 5 p.m. We will load up the food and take to their location, we should have everything ready for the full cadre of volunteers to be at 17 Airport Road (near Law logistics) off of Amherst Street by 630. So that is when those folks should show up. We need about 50 people. We should be done no later than 7:45 p.m. The teachers who distribute the food will show up between 7:15 and 7:45 to pick up their bags. We load them right into the cars. We might need to do a little clean up, like break down boxes etc, but we only need a few people to do that.

We will be reaching out to our Sisters and Brothers within the Masonic community to assist.

Please contract RW Larry Gullett to sign up.

### **Upcoming events**

#### **Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

Officer's rehearsal 7pm.

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** Annual Christmas party. 8-11  
Breakfast at 8, St. Nick appearing around 9.

#### **December 11th 2019**

Entered Apprentice Degree open 7 pm

#### **December 16th 2019**

Stuffing backpacks for end 68 hours of hunger