

Masonic Birthdays –February 2020

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Roger W. Gaskill	69
Kenneth P. Blanchard	58
Steven F. Maffee	34
David A. Barker	29
Shawn N. Jasper	29
William Luszey	28
Wayne R. Johnson	25
Anthony F. Phillips, Jr.	24
Gregory W. Chenevert	14
Matthew A. Stanizzi	9
Richard W. Dagenais	5
Joshua P. Baxter	4
Glenn A. Ruhl	4

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 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

If you need assistance, please contact the Master or Secretary

2019/20 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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*Making a difference in our community
since 1822*

Masonic Trestleboard ~ February 2020 ~

Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETING

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 19, 2020

6:15 PM DINNER, 7:30 PM LODGE OPENS.

CHILI AND BREAD

CULINARY DELIGHT BY

LARRY GULLETT AND KEVIN BAILEY

SPECIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 18, 2020

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

At our January stated meeting we installed our officer suite for 2020 and I am happy to welcome some new members to the team and thank those officers stepping away for their service to the Lodge over the last year. We have a lot of exciting initiatives we are going to be working on this year, not the least of which is the kickoff of our 200th anniversary planning. Participation in the events we have coming up from all of our membership, including our Entered Apprentices, is important to accomplish the goals that we have. When you have an opportunity to jump in and work I encourage you to do so, the lodge is only going to be stronger for the effort our members put in. At January's stated meeting we discussed the need for volunteers to assist with our Special Ladies Committee, our Anniversary Committee, and we will have more opportunities as the year progresses so listen for them in Lodge and in the trestleboard. Be active and stay busy with your brothers, the reward is far greater than the work required.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Tim Marotte WM

From the West

I do a lot of thinking in the month of February. Perhaps as a result of my 'course corrections' that I perform every year around the holidays? Perhaps it is because I need something to occupy my mind while waiting out the vicissitudes of Winter? Or more likely, it is due to the fact that I'm just not a winter person anymore. The body aches for warmth, the short days leave chores unfinished to be tended to into the future, and the mobility I had in my youth has been lost and that has pre-empted my frolicking in the snow as I used to do. With all of this time on my hands, I contemplate long standing questions, one of which is, "Why am I a Freemason?" Like many Brethren, my Father was a Mason, which was unbeknown to me before a couple of hundred showed up at my Dad's funeral. For years after that, I did not know any Masons until sharing stories with a certain J. Beaumont every Friday at the local watering hole. That was the beginning of my Masonic journey, and I took the first step because both Dad and Joe seemed like upright men. I wanted to be like them. Since then, I've come to discover through my family genealogy that we Masons were 'everywhere'. Shocker! In fact, through my travels in the Western Hemisphere, I learned I could throw a stone, and would likely hit a Brother if I

was not careful! It became a joke with my then wife, that there were always Masons wherever we traveled. (Insert her eye roll here.)

And so, in answer to my question, I am a Mason because I want to be like them. I still want to learn my faults and strengths, and mold myself into their image. It's been a long journey, and I am far from where I want to be, but I want to keep working at it. Perhaps one day I may inspire someone else to take this journey of a thousand steps? That is why I am a Mason.

Rich Johnston P.M. SW

From the South

Brothers, these are unsettling times in our county and the world.

Let us be kind to each other and to others, especially in the coming weeks and challenging times ahead.

We are charged to let the world observe how Mason's love one another' and to that I would add:

"Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together."

Woodrow Wilson

John C. Woodrow, JW

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FREE AND ACCEPTED

MASONS **KENNETH A. CLAY, JR.**

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December 20, 2019

TO: All Constituent Lodges in New
Hampshire

All Brethren under the Jurisdiction of the
Grand Lodge of New Hampshire
Brethren,

As the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of New Hampshire Free & Accepted
Masons, I hereby ORDER all Lodges
under my jurisdiction to READ this notice
in full as follows:

A) The notice is to be read at the next
Stated Communication of every Lodge in
New Hampshire

B) A copy of this notice is to be placed in
the next published Lodge Trestleboard

C) The record of the reading of this notice
and placement of this notice in the Lodge
Trestleboard shall be placed in the minutes
of that Communication confirming that this
order was executed.

Recently there have been some
misunderstandings regarding the
acceptable use of a consecrated Lodge
Room. I want to point out the following
section of the Grand Constitution of the
Grand Lodge of New Hampshire Free &
Accepted Masons.

**Per the Grand Constitution, Article
XIII.20.2**, “Non-Masonic Use of Lodge
Room”, No Lodge shall rent its Lodge
Room to, nor allow it to be occupied by,
any Body that is not recognized as
legitimate by the Constitution and the
regular, lawful Masonic Bodies of New
Hampshire unless a Dispensation is
obtained from the Grand Master, and the
intended use does not conflict with the
precepts of Freemasonry.

A Lodge may request a Dispensation from
the Grand Master. This is allowed under
the **Grand Constitution Article VI.1.2.18**,
“Permitting a Lodge Room to be used for
non-Masonic purposes”. If no Dispensation
is requested and no approval is granted
from me, and a Lodge uses their
consecrated Lodge Room for Non-Masonic
Purposes, I will hold the Lodge and the
Officers of that Lodge in violation of the
Grand Constitution.

The penalty for violation of the Grand
Constitution is as follows:

A) For the individual Brother violating the
Grand Constitution, the potential penalty
may be Reprimand, Suspension, or
Expulsion from the rights and privileges of
Freemasonry.

B) For any Lodge violating the Grand
Constitution, the Charter of that Lodge
may be Suspended or Revoked.
The Grand Constitution spells out these
acceptable uses of a consecrated Lodge
Room. All Masons in New Hampshire take
an obligation at each of the three Degrees
to stand to and abide by the Constitution,
Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge
of New Hampshire. Furthermore, each
Officer of any Masonic Lodge in New
Hampshire takes the same obligation at
each installation into their office. Any
ignorance of the Grand Constitution is
unacceptable. As the custodian of
Freemasonry in New Hampshire I must be
sure that all comply with the Grand
Constitution, Rules and Regulations.
Should any Brother have questions
regarding this subject, they are welcome to
contact me directly.

Fraternally,

Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., *Grand Master*

Upcoming Events:

February 16th

Rainbow/Pledge breakfast. 8am-10:30

Bi-Centennial planning meeting 4th floor
11am-12:30

February 22, 2020 Special Communication.

A semi-public Memorial Service will be held in Nashua to commemorate the contributions of Joseph J.H. Beaumont, Past Master of both Rising Sun #39 and Ancient York #89. Officers of both Lodges are requested to be at the Lodge at 11:30AM. There will be Social Hour refreshments and light fare served immediately after the service. Your attendance is requested.

February 26th FC Degree 7pm start

Michael Ansaldi (if entitled)
Wayne Miguel (if entitled)
Lawrence Osborne (if entitled)
Randal Perkins (if entitled)
Eric Thing (if entitled)

