

Masonic Birthdays –March 2020

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

| Brother | Years |
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| Davis P. Thurber | 71 |
| Charles H. Farwell Jr. | 69 |
| Paul K. Geddes | 64 |
| Alton M. Hopkins | 62 |
| Roland N. Petersen | 59 |
| George D. Van Dyke | 53 |
| Richard C. Clifton | 43 |
| George J. Louzek Jr. | 41 |
| C. Wayne Libby Jr. | 41 |
| Robert G. Hampton | 38 |
| Maurice J. Cloutier Jr. | 37 |
| Robert A. Maffee | 36 |
| Thomas A. Maffee | 36 |
| Roger J. Pellerin | 34 |
| Paul F. Matthews | 31 |
| William M. Martin | 23 |
| Clement G. Hartley | 21 |
| William R. Kime | 21 |
| Raymond R. Russell Jr. | 21 |
| Guy R. Martineau | 17 |
| Kenneth E. Ziehm II | 16 |
| Ronald Vincent | 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.

Attest: Brian J Smith, P.M., Secretary

Elected Officers – Rising Sun 2020

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| 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. 2020 Dues are due on or before December 31, 2019

Brethren we still have a significant number of members who have not paid their Dues.

If you need assistance, please contact the Master or Secretary

2020 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 ~ March 2020 ~

Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETING

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 18, 2020

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

CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE
BY OUR SD BRO. NOLET

SPECIAL EVENTS

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WEDNESDAY – APRIL 15, 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

One of my first responsibilities as Master of Rising Sun Lodge was to conduct a funeral service for our departed brother, RW Joe Beaumont. It was a difficult way to start my term but as you've all heard me say over the last year, it is one of the most important roles we can fill for a brother. Last month I had the opportunity to preside over a memorial service for the same brother before he departed for his final resting place. This service was a fitting tribute to an influential brother of both Rising Sun and Ancient York Lodges and we had good representation from both lodges with whom we shared some memories, some laughs, and a dose of Joe's favorite medicine. Worshipful Bro. Mike Mader, Master of Ancient York, shared some very important words during this service. RW Bro. Beaumont served as Master of both Rising Sun and Ancient York and it is in his memory that steps are being taken to bring our lodges closer together in the spirit of Nashua Freemasonry as espoused by WM Mader in his eulogy. We will be scheduling events to promote this unity and have some fun while we're at it, which is a most fitting tribute to Joe's memory. Be present, be active, and be an influence in the experience of another brother because that means a lot to the men with whom you share this journey and it

can make a difference that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Tim Marotte W.M.

From the West Richard L. Johnston PM SW

Brethren, the Ides of March are upon us! And I for one am looking forward to a new year. No, your Senior Warden has not gone crazy, any more than usual. The Romans marked March 15th as a special day on their calendar. Prior to the assassination of Julius Caesar on that date in 44 B.C., it was a holiday commemorating the beginning of their new year. Prior to this time, all past debts were to be paid off, and Romans gathered to celebrate with festivals. It was only after Caesar was assassinated on March 15 (inspired by many dissatisfied Roman Senators) that the date obtained a negative connotation. The partisanship of those days makes today's cultural divides seem like child's play. After removing Caesar, there were several rounds of revenge, murder, and upheaval. The calendar was changed, religious deities replaced, and most of the Roman Senate executed. Years later, Shakespeare made a name for himself by penning the play "Julius Caesar", from which we now have the

famous phrase, "Beware the Ides of March!"

I'm glad that as Masons, we celebrate Greek contributions, rather than the ancient Roman.

All of this brings us to my message for this month. We have all taken a solemn oath to support and maintain the landmarks of our Craft, and to abide by the laws of the country under whose flag we live. As such, we all have a debt that we must pay as patriots and good citizens. One of these debts is to maintain the good order of our society, and of course, this is a large and constant task.

In this new year, let's renew our resolve to keep our Fraternity strong, and to extend to everyone an attentive and dignified ear when discussing differences. Too many throw out around partisan sound bites, and fail to seek the truth. Media plays a large role in our Masonic interactions with each other and adopting passionate extreme rhetoric only weakens our bond, and lowers our integrity.

Remember, Brethren – our bond is our strength and our harmony is the support of our Craft. That is our debt, let's pay it off.

From the South: John C. Woodrow JW

With the passing of Joe Beaumont as well as other Masons recently who all had years in the Craft, I begin to wonder about the wisdom that is also leaving our Lodge with each passing brother. We learn that

‘wisdom dwells with contemplation’ but how many of us take the time to think, in our daily lives? How many of us carve out the time in the morning to reflect on the day ahead? Contemplation can take many forms, taking a long walk in the woods, meditating, quietly sitting and thinking, perhaps writing or maybe prayer. Regardless of what we do to gain perspective and live our days proactively by choice, rather than reacting to the crisis of the moment, helps us be more thoughtful in going about our day and makes us more available to live in the moment. They say that stress is the silent killer and I believe that to be true. I also believe that if you don’t take care of yourself, you are doing a disservice to your family, friends, brothers and other loved ones.

My father, a 60 year+ Mason, shared his wisdom with me when I first become a Brother. That my priorities should always be, Family, Work and Lodge in that order. It is wisdom I try to live by and pass along to new Masons. My son Alex, who is a professional touring rock musician, yogi, author and brother in Rising Sun Lodge writes in his newly released book **You Are The Rock Star** *“A clear mind creates new thoughts, new opportunities, new paths and ways of thinking. A clear mind puts things in perspective; it allows us to watch our thoughts and recognized that obsessing over the past and stressing about the future*

doesn’t serve us. Have you ever gone on vacation and your problems seemed less significant? Did you problems really change? No, your perspective did. And that’s what is so awesome about meditation (contemplation).



PMWGM Owen Walton and Honorary member of Rising Sun Lodge was celebrating his 55 year and was awarded the Meritorious Award by his Lodge.



Upcoming Events:

March 4th RS Rehearsal 7pm

March 5th Town Hall Meeting 6:30pm
Jewel Lodge Pembroke
Attire is casual

March 8th 2nd District Dine out Buffalo
Wild Wings
5:30-8:30 Manchester

March 15th Rainbow/Pledge breakfast.
8am-10:30

April 8th FC Degree 7pm start

Michael Ansaldi (if entitled)
Scott Hurley (if entitled)
Wayne Miguel (if entitled)

April 15th Stated Meeting

April 22nd Master Mason Degree
5:30 1st section Dinner at 6:30 2nd Section
7:30.
Bro. Randal Perkins (if entitled)
Bro. Eric Thing (if entitled)

April 29th Master Mason Degree
5:30 1st section Dinner at 6:30 2nd Section
7:30.
Bro. Lawrence Osborne (if entitled)

May 27th 6:00PM

There will be a S.A.F.E. Food seminar sponsored by Rising Sun #39 in the 4th Floor dining room. This free seminar is about 2 hours long and light snacks will be provided. At the completion of the seminar, you will be provided with a certificate of completion.

Please Note: If you intend to work in the kitchen you are strongly encouraged to attend, even if you have taken it previously. The information is updated and timely, and is applicable not only to our Masonic functions, but also in the home.

July 9-12 John Albro lodge # 122 Visit
Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Best Western in Dartmouth NS at 902 463-2000 mention Rising Sun Lodge for group rate. More info in next month's TB.



RW Joseph Beaumont Parting Memorial



Rising Sun Lodge # 39 and Ancient York Lodge # 89 presenting a donation to the Children's Dyslexia center in remembrance of RW Beaumont