

Masonic Birthdays –October 2020

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Owen F. Walton	56
Richard J. Thompson	49
Brian J. Smith	38
Brian C. Turner	38
Frederick M. Raban	35
George P. Ivy	29
Steven E. Munzing	29
Dimitrios Katsioulis	25
Robert M. Porter	18
Michael A. Christopher	16
Norman W. Pelletier	15
John J. Dagianis	14
Pascal H. Corbinand	10
John C. Woodrow	10
Anthony F. Zanichowsky	10
Mark E. McLaughlin	9
Robert A. Nolet Jr.	9
Stephen M. Trachtenberg	9

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

Worshipful Master:	Timothy Marotte
Senior Warden	Richard Johnston PM
Junior Warden	John Woodrow
Secretary	Brian Smith PM
Associate Secretary	Larry Gullett PM
Treasurer	Kevin Bailey
Associate Treasurer	Steve Bahsler PM
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

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Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETING

WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 21, 2020

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

SHEPARD'S PIE

LARRY GULLETT & RANDY PERKINS

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

From the East

This past month we had the pleasure of returning to degree work and raising 2 new Master Masons, and while the degree was a little different given our new restrictions it was still a great experience for me and, I hope, for our new Master Masons! We are entering into a busy back half of this year and I was very uplifted to see so many faces on the sidelines for our degree in September and hope that we continue to show that support wherever possible as we continue through our remaining business in 2020. These are interesting times, and I would fault no one for staying home-I've certainly been anxious to attend Lodge and other functions-but for those who feel safe and able, your presence is appreciated and is vital to the success of any Masonic event, the sidelines are where support is the most obvious and for those of you who can attend I thank you.

We will be heading into the next year with restrictions and regulations in place for the safety of all our Masonic family and I hope that we can work within those strictures to make lasting memories and create indelible memories for our Brothers. Be safe, wear your masks, and remember that every human being has a claim on your kind offices-do good until all and remember that everywhere you go you

represent this Fraternity so do your best to make that representation a positive one!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Tim Marotte W.M.

From the West Richard L. Johnston PM SW

Congratulations to Brothers Randall Perkins and Eric Thing on their advancement to the degree of Master Mason. This month's article is dedicated to them.

Having taken that third step, you are no doubt hearing that this is only the start of your Masonic journey. I would disagree, because the journey started long ago, with all of the events and decisions that made you into men worthy enough to knock at the door of the Lodge for admission. But now, with so much new knowledge from that experience, it can be very daunting to imagine where this journey might take you!

My advice to you is to take your time to explore what other Brethren have done. Our Craft has many opportunities to improve oneself, contribute to others, and practice the tenets of our Fraternity. Each Brother is different, and must define his own

goals, and take his own path. So, it is with you.

But just as you would not set off on a mountain hike without the right equipment, you also would not sprint to join every organization that exists in Masonry without first building a good foundation with what you are learning in Blue Lodge.

Journey well, and improve yourselves in Masonry at every opportunity.

From the South: John C. Woodrow JW

It's a challenging time in our country. We are polarized politically, frightened by COVID 19 medically and more divided culturally than perhaps in our nation's history. We all get frustrated from time to time if not outright angry when we see posts on social media, we feel are biased, factually incorrect or support a cause or someone that we don't believe in. This is especially true today a month away from a presidential election. While we have our First Amendment rights to free speech, freedom of expression etc. I struggle at times with how to walk this fine line, how to make my voice heard while at the same time representing myself as a Mason and as a member of our Lodge.

Twice now I have unfortunately gotten into an online exchange with brothers on social media that was divisive. It bothered me. It was disturbing. These were brothers, men I trust and men I respect. To ensure we were “square” I picked up the phone and called both of them. We quickly agreed that our friendship and brotherhood was much more important than any political position, and I hung up the phone knowing our relationships were solid.

But the experience gave me pause. I don’t post a lot on social media and I’m not perfect in walking this fine line. I promised myself in the future to take a more careful view of what I choose to post. I am committed to taking the extra time to fact check what I am forwarding, and to stop and think, “Am I using social media in a positive and informative way or is what I am posting just creating more division in our already divided country”?

I recently watched a documentary which really put social media into perspective for me. The Netflix documentary [The Social Dilemma](#) is 1:32 HR long and a worthwhile investment of your time. I strongly encourage you to watch it and understand the challenges, both positive and negative, of social media today, especially the impact on young people.

We can respectfully disagree with brothers without being disagreeable, and we can support each other by privately whispering counsel to those of us who may stray from time to time or may express ourselves in a way that does not reflect positively on Masonry.

I get the opportunity to practice this during my daily conversations over the phone with my father Right Worshipful Ralph T. Woodrow, (age 96) who lives in Springfield, Virginia. While we may disagree on many things, we remind each other that as Masons, friendship and brotherly love is the only cement that will hold our fraternity, if not our country together. Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire expect no less of us.

Upcoming Events

October 14th 7 p.m.

Fellowcraft Degree

October 28th 7 p.m.

Entered Apprentice Degree

November 11th 7 p.m.

Fellowcraft Degree
Bro. Scott Hurley (if entitled)

Our Veterans program will be held on November 22nd the following Brethren will be honored for their service to Masonry. Please mark your calendar for this special event.

Years of Service	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
25 year	Wayne	Roland	Johnson	
25 year	John		Callahan	
25 year	Dimitrios		Katsioulis	
25 year	Anthony	Francis	Phillips	Jr.
25 year	Robert	David	Jungkman	
25 year	Archie	Schofield	Mobley	Jr.
40 year	John	William	Herrholz	
40 year	James	Frederick	McLaughlin	
50 year	Ernest	Clarke	Hiscoe	
50 year	Richard	John	Thompson	
60 year	Mark	Augustus	Marden	
60 year	Jack	Hartman	Tottel	
60 year	Roland	Norman	Petersen	
70 year	Roger	Warren	Gaskill	
70 year	Jesse	Frank	Hall	



Photos of the Kayaking event held 9/27/2020

