

## Masonic Birthdays –Sept. 2020

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Keith Vaskelionis Jr.	34
Michael F. Jean	30
Richard G. Coutoumas	20
Adam J. Freiband	13
Alan J. Sewell	10
Paul G. Bielawski	9
Michael F. Rizzo	8
Michael Tibbetts	7

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: R.W. 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
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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## Rising Sun Lodge #39

F&AM



*Making a difference in our community  
since 1822*

## Masonic Trestleboard ~September 2020~

### Important Lodge Events

#### STATED MEETING

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 19, 2020  
6:15 PM DINNER, 7:30 PM LODGE OPENS.  
ALL ARE INVITED

CULINARY DELIGHT BY  
KEVIN BAILEY  
MEATLOAF AND FIXINS

SEE PAGE 3 FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS

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

### **From the East**

I am going to take a slightly selfish stance in this month's trestleboard. On Sunday, 8/23, I hosted the inaugural episode of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire's new podcast, The Granite Cornerstone. This initiative came to fruition after months of planning between myself and the Grand Lodge Communications Committee, our intention with this podcast is to expand the digital outreach from the Grand Lodge and to capture the momentum from the ongoing Grand Master's Q&A sessions.

It is the hope that this podcast will be able to highlight interesting stories from Masons within New Hampshire. There are stories that exist around our fantastic state that don't get told because there hasn't always been a venue for these conversations and we are hoping to create that venue with this podcast. As we move forward with the year and the "season" of the show we are looking for input from members around the state on topics that are of interest to you and tell a compelling story that needs to be shared. For those of you who missed it, please visit the Grand Lodge YouTube page, if you have any suggestions please send an email over to [granitecornerstone@nhgrandlodge.org](mailto:granitecornerstone@nhgrandlodge.org)

This is an important Grand Lodge program and I am looking forward to continuing my journey as host of this show.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Tim Marotte W.M.

### **From the West Richard L. Johnston PM SW**

Brethren! In my mind, this month marks the beginning of a new Masonic year with regular meetings, visitations, and many Fall events. Although Covid-19 countermeasures still affect some aspects of our lives it will be good to return to ritual, meet with Brothers, and sit within the familiar and sacred walls of our Lodge room. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again. Please make an effort to attend the September Stated, as we will be taking up the issue of dues for the next year, as well as discussing event planning. At our August 19<sup>th</sup> Special Communication we were treated to one of the best lesson presentations I have heard at Rising Sun. Brother 'Mikey' Ansaldi did a near perfect recitation, and if you noticed my squirming in the West, it was because I was trying to determine if he wasn't in fact reading it from the cipher. Well done, Brother!

Finally, I leave you with a question that you must answer for yourself. I entreat

each of you to contemplate what makes you – as a Freemason – different from all other men?

Aside from a dues card, there are certainly many other men of integrity, good will, wisdom, and charity in the world. What makes you different? Plenty of other men go to church, raise families, have friends, and contribute to society and science. What was it that you found when you knocked at the door of the Lodge for the first time?

And so, what makes you different, Brother Freemason? Can you affirmatively answer this question at the bar of your own conscience?

### **From the South John Woodrow J.W.**

At the conclusion of our Special meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>, Worshipful Marotte charged each of us, to continue to invest in our Masonic education by reading one thing each day about our Craft. The Masonic cornerstone for our lives has been laid; that house not built by human hands is under construction and we are gently reminded to not let our current circumstances cause our work to stop.

We all could not help but be impressed with the EA proficiency delivered by Mike Ansaldi. It reminded me of the effort required, the time we have all spent, learning our lessons, practicing our ritual and learning to improve

ourselves in Masonry. Let this not be for naught, but rather let's continue to build upon the foundation others have helped us lay.

We belong to the largest, most philanthropic, fraternal organization in the world with over 1 million members, we are almost 400 years old (the fraternity NOT our members, although some of us...). Admittedly it is harder for us to stay connected at 6 feet distance and behind a mask and additional effort is required. So, it falls to us, as brothers of Rising Sun to seek out those opportunities to stay connected.

We are still having our Stated meetings the third Wednesday of every month. There are several zoom calls, podcasts and conference calls all available to us to help us all stay connected. And while joining these calls can be more challenging for some than others, Rich, with practice these calls are easy to join and a great way to stay connected.

So, let's each of us commit to taking 10-15 minutes a day to continue to invest in Masonry or just get on the phone and call a brother. Masonry will always be here for us. Let's make sure we stay ready to be there for it.

The Glory and the Beauty of the Day.

A Masonic thought for the day – Have you reached out to a Brother or Special Lady recently? These are especially frightening times for the elderly members of our Masonic family. Take one minute of every day to call, email, or write someone connected to our Fraternity. Help to brighten their day!

### **Upcoming events**

#### **September 9<sup>th</sup> 2020**

MM Rehearsal 7pm

#### **September 20<sup>th</sup> 2020**

MM Rehearsal 4pm

#### **September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020**

Master Mason Degree

Randy Perkins  
Eric Thing

#### **September 26<sup>th</sup> 2020**

#### **Lodge of Instruction is now in Nashua**

11:30AM Book Sales  
Open 12:00 PM Lunch  
1:00 PM Grand Lodge Opening  
3:30 PM Grand Lodge Closing  
Lodge Officers Tuxedo, Bow Tie  
Brethren Business Suit

#### **September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Our Official Inspection by the District Officer's will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Section of the Fellowcraft Degree

Dinner at 6:30 Lodge will open at 7:30

#### **October 14, 2020**

#### **FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE**

Brother Michael Ansaldi  
Lodge will open at 7:00.

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August 28, 2020

To: ALL New Hampshire Masons  
Brethren,

The "Stay Safer at Home" Order issued by the Governor of the State of New Hampshire commenced on June 15, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby issue the following updated guidance in Lodge activities within this Jurisdiction. My EDICT remains in effect. As such, any duly elected and installed Worshipful Master of any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may continue to cancel any regular Stated Communication of his Lodge for reasons specific to the COVID-19 Virus.

The phased re-entry plan is updated as follows:

Phase I commenced on June 15, 2020 and applies to Stated Communications and Special Communications.

Phase IA commenced on June 19, 2020 and applies to Inspections and rehearsals.

Effective, July 1, 2020, Lodge Visitations may be convened.

Phase IB commenced on July 15, 2020 and applies to meals and collations subject to set guidelines.

Phase II commenced on August 1, 2020 and applies to the conducting of Degrees.

Today I am announcing the final phase of our Masonic re-entry plan - Phase III commences on September 1, 2020 and pertains to the holding of Veterans and Special Ladies Programs. Lodges may again host Veterans and Special Ladies Programs so long as they conform to local, state and Federal guidelines related to the COVID-19 virus.

While this pandemic remains a threat, we must be diligent in the practice of social distancing, wearing of masks and frequent hygiene. I will continue to update the membership if pandemic conditions change in this Jurisdiction.

I wish to thank the many Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction for their patience and flexibility as we navigate the turbulent waters of this pandemic. At all times, the health and safety of our membership was and is front and center. Stay safe and enjoy your

Freemasonry

Fraternally,

Kenneth A. Clay, J., Grand Master