

Masonic Birthdays –Nov. 2020

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

Brother	Years
Jesse F. Hall	69
Richard E. Gilson	62
Lewis H. Coronis	58
Earl S. Prolman	56
Robert E. Nicholson	54
Jon R. Widdowson	42
Maurice J. Cloutier Jr.	38
Kenneth E. Patterson	22
Jonathan P. Ramsdell	13
Robert M. Marotte	11
Adam P. Shrey	11
William S. Horn	10
Leonard L. Perkins	10

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 \$120 for Rising Sun, combined with the Assessments for 2019 totaling \$55 this brings the total to \$175. Note that dues are due prior to the ensuing year. 2021 Dues are due on or before December 31, 2020

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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Masonic Trestleboard ~November 2020

Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETING

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 18, 2020

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

ALL ARE INVITED

CULINARY DELIGHT BY
LARRY GULLETT AND KEVIN BAILEY
CORN CHOWDER AND ROLLS

See page 3 for additional events.

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

From the East

As we move through the year and this pandemic continues to affect our lives every day it is important to remember the strength of our brotherhood and the relationships we share. We have had opportunities over the last several months to meet and bring brothers through new degrees and welcome new Master Masons to our Lodge. As the world moves and we see unrest and suffering around us it is good to know that as we move into the holidays that Freemasonry has survived through the centuries and that our brotherhood is strong at Rising Sun. Your Lodge is here and your Brothers are here and if you have need of anything we can do our best to assist you, please don't hesitate to reach out, these are and will be tough times please lean on your brothers, remember the promises we all made to one another and live the ideals of Freemasonry in the world, whether meeting face to face or online.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming holidays, I invite all brothers of the Lodge to join us in person or on our newly-launched Zoom stated meetings. Do good unto all my Brothers.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Tim Marotte W.M.

From the West

There has been a strong emphasis on Masonic Education within our Grand jurisdiction over the last several years. It has covered a broad range of topics: historical origin, philosophical dogma, symbology, and introspective methods to name but a few. Our jurisdiction has brought considerable and learned skill to these conversations, both within Lodge, and in our friendly interactions on a personal level. Each Brother embraces some aspect of Freemasonry that is interesting to him, otherwise, the result is that they lose sight of the most basic ideals that brought them to Masonry initially, and they stop attending.

I can honestly state that what originally brought me to Freemasonry as a very rough ashlar is no longer a good reason to stay. As I've written in the past, I sought to emulate men I considered to be upright, moral, and well grounded.

While they were admirable men and that was a good first goal, I had to develop my own model of the type of man I wanted to become. What I learned was that it was not so much the goals I envisioned, but the continuing struggle and change toward those goals. It was the journey of moral improvement along the line of time that

was keeping me interested in the Fraternity.

With this in mind, I encourage you to engage your inner voice in your day-to-day interactions and use it to learn more about yourself. Measure your behavior against the precepts taught in the Lodge. Test your actions and words, and consider how they reflect on you and the Fraternity. Determine how to use that process to improve on every opportunity.

While anyone can project to others an exterior that conveys confidence, goodness, sympathy, intelligence, and tolerance. It is much more difficult to have an honest conversation with your own internal voice. It is that education that leads to permanent change. It is a journey of which I have far yet to travel - and that keeps me interested in our Craft.

Rich Johnston, PM, Senior Warden

From the South

What does it mean to 'whisper good counsel'? It's something I have struggled with over the 10 years I have been a Master Mason. It's difficult to know sometimes what to do or say, to find the right balance between letting something go and speaking up.

In Lodge when someone messes up on ritual is it my job to correct them? If so, how should I do that? In life if I see a brother going in the wrong direction or making poor choices do, I intervene? How?

The short answer is I really don't know and it depends on so many unique factors, circumstances and the situation. When in doubt I generally don't say anything, I don't want to be 'that guy' who is always correcting other people. But then again if people don't receive guidance and proper instruction how will they learn?

I'm learning that **HOW** counsel is provided is as important as **WHAT** is being communicated.

After recent Stated Communication a brother, whom I hold in high regard, approached me privately and asked if I would like some feedback on my opening ritual as a Junior Warden. Interested in learning more I said "Of course." The brother shared with me a couple of words which I was consistently saying wrong and of which counsel allowing me to improve myself as I continue to learn more about our Craft.

In another situation a brother shared with me his experience, which took place years ago but still left an indelible

impression on him. While serving in a new role as Junior Deacon, he was unfortunately "called out" by a DDGL for doing something incorrectly as he carried out his JD duties. This criticism was delivered publicly, without consideration as to how this would be received and embarrassed this brother, who recently shared with me that he almost walked out the door with the intention of never returning to Masonry.

What were the differences between how counsel was provided? Intention of the communication matters. In one situation the communication was given with permission and given privately. It was well received as the intention was clear. In the other situation the 'counsel' was given loudly and in public without any consideration as to how it would be received.

A rule of thumb I learned early in my Masonic career was never to embarrass another brother in Lodge. It's a rule I have tried my best to follow, (even when Bob wears yellow socks with his tux to Lodge.) When in doubt I turn to the Golden Rule for guidance, treating others how I would like to be treated.

We are all learning and growing as men- we benefit from wise counsel given to us by those who care about us, who have knowledge or experience

we may not have. While we need to be open to receiving this wisdom, those providing it have a responsibility to whisper good counsel in a way in which it can be received, understood and appreciated.

John Woodrow JW

Upcoming events

Nov 19th

Pick-up turkeys at Market Basket on Amherst St at 9:30 a.m. and deliver to Tolle Street Mission.

Nov 22nd

Veterans Program 12-3p.m.

Lunch at 12, program to start at 1 p.m.

Nov 26th

Once again, we will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone is invited, dinner will be served at 2pm. Please make reservations with RW Gullett ldg39fam@comcast.net

Jan 6th 2021

MM Degree Lodge 1st section 5:30
dinner at 6:30 resume at 7:30
Michael Ansaldi (if entitled)

Jan 16th 2021

MM Degree Lodge 1st section 10:30
lunch at 12: resume at 1:00 p.m.
Lawrence (Ozzie) Osborne (if entitled)

The business portion of our stated meetings will also be via a zoom meeting, the link to the zoom will be sent via email through Grandview. It is important that you complete your registration in Grandview and ensure your email is correct.

Grandview Registration

As most of you know Grand Lodge of NH has transitioned to a new member Database called Grandview. Each member is encouraged to create their own member account to be able to update their personal information such as address, phone number, email address, and even put your spouse's information in to enable us to better fulfill our obligations to take care of our widows and orphans.

Registering for Grand View

- Access the New Hampshire Grand View platform
- URL:
<https://nh.gvsoftware.com>
- Upper right corner of the page, click-on ***Member Portal***.
Do not try to log in before clicking Member Portal
- The login screen should now appear. Click ***Membership Registration*** (upper right).
- Fill in the requested information.

- Lodge Number: Do not enter leading zeros. Example: If your Lodge number is 1, just enter the number 1 and not 001, etc.
- Member ID: Enter your current member number from your dues card.
- Last Name: Enter your last name exactly as it appears on your dues card
- Click on the “*Check Membership Status*” button
- A second page will be displayed.
- Enter your PERSONAL email address and any minimum 8-character password. (Remember your password, only you will know what it is.)
- Click o *submit* your information

If having difficulties, watch

the following video:

Video

link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hx-WliihfcM>

Once you've registered, you can log on and find the following at your portal:

My Profile, Lodge Locator, News and Events, My Lodges, Resources, Grand Lodge, Find Meetings, Notification Preferences, Grand View Social, Virtual Card and Seminars.