

Masonic Birthdays –Dec. 2020

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Edward M. Annis	62
Jack H. Tottel	60
Samuel W. Kouchalakos	44
James F. McLaughlin	41
Jeffrey D. Alexander	26
George P. Brown	22
Norman J. Poisson	22
David J. Proulx	14
Jay C. Taylor	12
Stephen W. Dohoney	7
Dominick L. Mandeville	7
Daniel W. Leonard	3

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 \$120 for Rising Sun, combined with the Assessments for 2021 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 number of members who have not paid their 2020 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 ~December 2020~

Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETING

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 16, 2020

7:30 PM LODGE OPENS.

NO DINNER

JANUARY 20TH 2021 STATED

NO DINNER

**DRESS CODE FOR DEC AND JAN
STATED MEETINGS WILL BE
BUSINESS CASUAL**

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

From the East

It is easy to point to the difficulties that we are personally experiencing in the world today and speak to those, but I feel like it does no good to continue on that path because there are those in greater need than many of us. As hard as it is for us as men, as Masons, or as citizens of this country for whatever reason we have an opportunity to look to those less fortunate and assist them with what they need. A number of opportunities to work and volunteer in our local community have come into the Lodge and we responded spectacularly in November with both our Turkey Drive and the monetary donation we were able to raise for the Nashua Children's Home. As we consider the needs of our Lodge, ourselves, and our community we should all be taking time to dedicate to each of those causes in any way that we can, please reach out to me or any of the top 3 officers of the Lodge as I have at least 2 calls to action from local organizations in my email inbox and your lodge will also need your assistance with our special ladies as we move into the holidays. We have a gift bag program that is brought to us by the Nashua Senior Center and once we have a list of special ladies who are looking for help we will need to get out and deliver those bags so please reach out.

As to taking care of yourselves Brethren, it's important and as we continue through these times to remember to stop, breathe, and ask for help if you need it. Your Brothers are here for you, and too often we forget that so please, don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Tim Marotte W.M.

From the West

With the holiday season now upon us and the continued impact of COVID-19, these can be lonely and frightening times for many in our Masonic family. Please take one minute of every day to call, email, or write someone connected to our Fraternity. Help to brighten their day and give them the assurance that we have their backs, that they're needed and above all, loved.

As we gather with our families and celebrate the tenets of our respective faiths, I hope that the important lessons of Freemasonry are remembered and more importantly, renewed. Be kind to each other. Practice Charity in both the senses of love and generosity to others. Look to your inner self, and refine and realign the moral compass inside.

Enjoy the manifold blessings and comforts around you and your family, and become the light that touches others with joy and peace during this most important time of the year.

Merry Christmas, and the happiest of holiday seasons.

Rich Johnston, PM, Senior Warden

From the South

I have the privilege of spending this Thanksgiving week with my father Ralph who, as a 65-year Mason, has many books in his Masonic library. In one of these books Short Talks on Masonry written in 1926, by Brother Joseph Fort Newton, caught my attention. In one chapter he discusses the Level and the Plumb.

The Plumb (the emblem of the Junior Warden) he writes: *"is a symbol of rectitude of conduct, integrity of life and that uprightness of moral character which makes a good and just man"*. Further he writes;

"What is true of a man is equally true of a nation. The strength of a nation is its integrity, and no nation is stronger than the moral quality of the men who are its citizens. Always it comes back at last to the individual, who is a living stone in the wall of society and the state, making it strong or weak. By every act of injustice, by every lack of integrity, we weaken society and

imperil the security and sanctity of the common life. By every noble act we make all sacred things more sacred and secure for ourselves and for those who come after us."

Worthy of our time, reflection and consideration.

Wishing you, your family and our Country unity, health and strength throughout the coming months.

John Woodrow JW

July 8-11 2021 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 the coming months.

Hundred Dollar Club

Our 200th anniversary is right around the corner and we are in the middle of identifying several fundraisers to support this auspicious occasion. The Hundred Dollar club is for a donation of \$100.00 toward our 200th anniversary, your name will go on a plaque commemorating your donation.

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. Help to brighten their day!

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 on *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.