

Masonic Birthdays –March 2021

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Paul K. Geddes	65
Alton M. Hopkins	63
Roland N. Petersen	60
George D. Van Dyke	54
Richard C. Clifton	44
George J. Louzek Jr.	43
C. Wayne Libby Jr.	42
Robert G. Hampton	39
Maurice J. Cloutier Jr.	38
Robert A. Maffee	37
Thomas A. Maffee	37
Roger J. Pellerin	35
Paul F. Matthews	32
William M. Martin	24
Clement G. Hartley	22
William R. Kime	22
Raymond R. Russell Jr.	22
Guy R. Martineau	18
Kenneth E. Ziehm II	17
Ronald Vincent	5

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.

Richard Johnston, W.M.

Attest: RW Larry Gullett, P.M., Secretary

Elected Officers – Rising Sun 2021

Worshipful Master	Richard Johnston PM
Senior Warden	John Woodrow
Junior Warden	Robert Nolet
Secretary	RW Larry Gullett PM
Associate Secretary	RW Brian Smith 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 2020 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

If you need assistance, please contact the Master or Secretary

2020/2021 ANNUAL DUES ARE PAST DUE

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Masonic Trestleboard ~ March 2021 ~

Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETING

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 17, 2021

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Bro. Matthew Stanizzi, M.D,
Medical Director of BioRestore NH

DINNER

CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE

BY OUR JW BRO. NOLET

\$ 5.00 DONATION

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 21, 2021

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

Is it Spring yet?

As we exit February, winter fatigue has set in among my Brethren. Although we have made gains in battling COVID, the usual late winter cabin fever has reared its head, worse than other years. It's only natural that with all of the changes we've made to adapt, we are all stressed.

Adjusting to stress, it's my habit to withdraw in the winter, not having any outside winter sports in which I can participate. But in its place, I rely on my favorite hobbies, in particular – cooking. I'm neither a professional or an amateur. Like many, I understand basic techniques, and have even delved into the science of food. Alton Brown was one of my favorites! I now know why you can't make mayonnaise when there's a thunderstorm approaching, and why copper bowls are best. Safe food practices are normal to me, and I have not made anyone ill (yet). I now appreciate, see, and taste the difference between a good cook, and an artful chef. Unless you are going to make a career out of it, these are useless skills - with one exception.

A well-prepared dish is an 'empty plate', unless it is accompanied by appreciation. Sharing my culinary experiments with friends and Brethren is the missing ingredient that elevates a meal, and brings

me personal stress relief. If a meal goes out of the kitchen and there is silence in the room, either conversation has been displaced because the food was stunningly excellent, or there's something terribly wrong. I always prefer the former.

Right now, I miss the fellowship we share at our meals. It's an opportunity to listen and talk about the concerns in our lives: Freemasonry, our children, jobs, hobbies, challenges, and dreams. The buzz of my Brethren talking, seeing their smiles, and hearing their laughter is my most effective means of coping with stress. Knowing that my simple food has given them the impetus or excuse to come together gives me satisfaction. I encourage you to try it for yourself. If you want to try your hand in the kitchen, please talk to me or our Junior Warden. You will find you have great support, and with so many skilled cooks in our Lodge to back you up, you will not fail!

And here you were, wondering when I was going to come around to Masonry.

Rich Johnston, PM
Worshipful Master

From the West John C. Woodrow SW

Good day brothers. As we prepare for our first Master Mason degree of the year the Fellow Craft team is learning the meaning of the emblems they will present. Sitting in

the West, looking around our Lodge room at the symbols engraved on the walls, I've been thinking more and more about why these symbols exist, what's their purpose, and why we have them.

In addition to the well-known Square and Compass, Masonry is rich with symbols each meant to convey deep meaning and understanding. These symbols of moral virtues originated centuries ago even before the Dark Ages and Middle Ages when only the wealthy or clergy were literate. Symbols served as a means of passing down knowledge, a way to teach morals and lessons to those seeking further light, but who could not read.

Back in the day, operative Masons also had their own symbols, or "marks" which they engraved on their work so they could receive their proper wages at the end of the day. Their work represented who they were, how they were known, it reflected the skills they learned, and the knowledge they possessed

As a speculative Mason we don't chisel our mark into stone but none the less we do leave our mark. "The mark of a man" it is said, is our word; it is how we are known; it is the work that we do, how we honor our commitments, how we treat others, and how we fulfil our obligations. Of course, we can't do this perfectly, we can only strive to do the best we can do. And in the end, we will leave our mark. What mark will you leave and how will you be remembered?

From the South Robert A. Nolet JW

Happy March Brethren!

With the winter winding down, and the weather getting warmer, I thought I would share a recent event that made me think. I recently had some new garage doors installed on my house. It was a bit frustrating because I ordered the doors in October and it took months for them to arrive. Covid strikes again. My wife and I were ecstatic when we received the call that the installation was scheduled. The day came, and of course, the installer was 2 hours late. Of course, I was not happy the way this was going.

Once the workman showed up, instead of getting mad, I decided that I was going to go out and see if I could make his day a little easier and give him a hand. After spending most of the day with him, I learned a lot of his story.

He was a young man, maybe 30. He was just married and was about to buy a house. We talked about kids, and things he liked to do. We were actually starting a friendship that never would have happened if I lost my cool. It got very interesting when it was getting dark, and he was running very late. He told me he would have to skip his Tuesday ritual of feeding the homeless in Manchester. He told me he was homeless for a time and that he volunteered to give them hope. To show that you can get back up, and be successful

in whatever you want to do. It was an inspiring conversation and I'm sure that we were supposed to meet that day.

You never know what someone is going through. Everyone has a story. Sometimes you just need to listen and learn.

News from Scottish Rite

Do you know a Master Mason, who you believe is ready to take the next step?

Do you have a brother who's asked about the Rite?

The Scottish Rite is excited to officially announce "Join the Rite Nights" at Thursday Night at the Rite!

Master Masons who've been waiting to join the Rite now have the opportunity to witness the 4° from the safety and convenience of home. Once applications are completed, candidates have the opportunity to take their first steps into Scottish Rite Freemasonry and witness the 4°: Builder at 7:30 PM ET online on any of the following dates:

March 4, March 18, April 15, and April 29

Now is the time to reach out to them to submit an application.

We welcome any Master Mason to apply today and we welcome you to share this invitation with them so that they may take the next step and rise to a new degree.

Please contact the Master, Secretary, or RW Robert Porter.

From the Secretary

Brethren, please open your wallets and look at your dues card. Is it signed? Is it dated 2021? If not, your dues are past due. Please remit your dues, or if you are having difficulty in these trying times, please reach out to the Master or secretary. Thank you

Upcoming Events:

March 3rd EA Rehearsal 7pm

March 4th Town Hall Meeting 6:30pm St. Mark's Lodge Derry
Attire is business casual

March 9th Ancient York Stated Meeting
Dinner 6pm Lodge opens 7pm

March 10th Bicentennial meeting 4th floor
6:30

March 13th Luncheon 12pm at Bobolas 9
Simon St Nashua **All are invited**

March 26th Pilgrim Chapter OES Stated
Meeting 7:30pm

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.

