

## Masonic Birthdays –May 2021

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

Brother	Years
Mark A. Marden	61
Creighton L. MacKinley	59
John J. McCartney	53
Kenneth W. Juttner	43
Robert G. Bianchi	35
Albert R. Anctil	34
Peter M. Shulkin	32
John W. Jackson	27
Archie S. Mobley Jr.	26
Matthew H. Hoffman	17
Gregory R. Hovagim	15
Ryan B. Gartley	13
David O. Hunt	12
Jacob B. Weisberg	13
Brian M. Anderson	10
John B. Burns	8
Michael T. Rhodes	8
Alexander J. Woodrow	8

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

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

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*Making a difference in our community  
since 1822*

## Masonic Trestleboard ~ May 2021 ~

### Important Lodge Events

#### STATED MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY – MAY 19TH, 2021

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

DINNER

JAMBALAYA AND GREEN SALAD

WORSHIPFUL RICH JOHNSTON

**\$ 5.00 DONATION**

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 16TH, 2021

HIATUS FEAST

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**

We utilize acting skills throughout our Craft to deliver important messages and lessons. The rituals in Blue Lodge, York Rite, Shrine, DeMolay, and OES require us to step outside of ourselves and take on roles that demand sincerity, honesty, and emotion. We use the tools and implements of architecture as supplemental props to develop and illustrate the important precepts that build the foundation of Freemasonry in each other's hearts and minds.

As mentioned in last month's Trestleboard, a large contingent of Rising Sun Brethren participated in a unique opportunity to film the Scottish Rite, NMJ 30<sup>th</sup> degree in Lexington. It was very well received, and in fact the post-production crew showed us another new side of Freemasonry. Being on a real 'set' and watching the process was very interesting. Seeing the finished product – the results of everyone's efforts – was personally very satisfying. It was a team-building exercise that was fun, interesting, and memorable. This was a great example of "All, contributing to the One."

There are many opportunities for YOU to develop and give back to the Craft. Participating in Blue Lodge ritual is one way - joining other bodies and participating in their degree work is another. Then, as you naturally dive into the deeper meaning of the rituals, you will learn that sharing your experience with others allows you to contribute back to

your Brethren. Each ritual requires many roles, the end result being yet another team-building practice.

At Rising Sun, our emblem and fellowcraft teams are always open to anyone who wishes to participate in our degree work. As we open post-covid, there will also be degrees over the Summer and into the Fall. Rising Sun has also been asked to assist another Lodge with a Master Mason degree in June, and once the date is set, we will set up rehearsals. Please see me if you are interested - you will find it as challenging as it is satisfying.

WM Rich Johnston, PM

## **From the West John C. Woodrow SW**

Brothers we are all living finite lives, the average lifespan of a male in the United States is around 80 years, the average age of a member of Rising Sun is 65. Doing some quick math, it's clear (even with all the fine cooking coming out of our kitchen) that we do not live forever. That brings to my mind several important questions for reflection: what is my legacy, how will I be remembered, how did I make a difference? In the end I believe the answers to those questions lay in being of service to others. Seriously.

When asked, most new candidates say that they want to become a Mason to participate more in the community, to give back. They seek the brotherhood we offer, true friendships with men who share like values and are intrigued by our long

history and the 'secrets' of our order. As well as to learn where the gold is buried....

As Mason's we are known for our generosity, we provide relief and support to widows and orphans, and beyond that we are involved in the many charities of the appendant bodies of Masonry, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star. It has been said, and I believe this to be true, that Mason's give more money per year than any other organization in the world, \$1m a day in charitable contributions. It's something of which we can all be deservedly proud.

I think however it's easy for us to get caught up in all the trappings of being a Mason, our awards, our titles and positions, our monetary donations while forgetting about the fundamentals. Do we live our oath and obligations- do we even remember what they are? Would someone know us to be a Mason if they didn't see our ring, our pin or our Lodge jersey? There is no expectation that we can live the Masonic ideal perfectly, only that we strive to do so each day. As Masons we learn important lessons in our degrees to apply to our lives.

How we share of ourselves with others, lending a helping hand to a brother, a neighbor or friend, offering a kind word, a pat on the back, a note of support, can and does make a difference in someone's life. We grow stronger as a Lodge when we show up and support each other, our events and activities, and we grow as men by being of service to others. It is our legacy that will endure long after we are gone.

### **From the South Robert Nolet JW**

I find myself asking “What does it mean to be a mason?” “What has changed in myself since becoming a mason?”

I Think these are two very personal and important questions that all masons should ask themselves. Since joining the lodge and receiving the sublime degree of master mason, many things have changed.

Whether it be in my personal life, at the lodge, at work, or in the public I find myself questioning if I’m representing the fraternity correctly. If I found a wallet full of cash on the ground, would I do My best to find the owner? Do I do my best to help a brother, or better yet, a stranger when they’re in need? I believe the answer is in our saying “We make good men better”.

I like to think I was a good man before joining the fraternity. I know for a fact that the brotherhood has made me a better man. The messages and lessons in our degrees make us think, and they are certainly in the forefront of my mind when I make important decisions in my life. Whether it is helping a brother, Joining the lodge cleaning up the road, or seeing someone that needs help in my daily travels, I’m always thinking about the morality and responsibilities we have in being members of our lodge and a member of our fraternity.

Always Keep our Tenants and moralities in the front of your mind Brethren. Do your best every day and help when you can.

You were all good men before you joined. You are all certainly better since. Some of the best I’ve ever met. Improve yourself every day and Keep up the good work!

### **From the Secretary**

We now have the ability to take credit cards for the various expenses, such as dinners, donations, dues, etc. Please see the secretary to take advantage of this.

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

**May 5<sup>th</sup> EA Degree Rehearsal 7pm**

**May 11<sup>th</sup> Ancient York Stated Meeting**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> EA Degree Rehearsal 7pm**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> Monthly Luncheon Noon at Pub Grainery Nashua**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> EA Degree 7pm Start**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> Pilgrim Chapter Stated Mtg 7:30 start**



Thank you to everyone who attended the Rt. 102 Roadside Cleanup on April 24. Also, a special thanks to Bro. Paul Bielawski for bootstrapping the effort and providing Rising Sun with several extendible ‘claws’, Bro. Nolet for the water, and Bro. Gullett for providing logistical support!

Here is a picture of the intrepid warriors about to pounce on valuable road side treasure! Bro. John Woodrow gets the prize for finding real money which he promptly invested in bitcoin. Bro. Rich Johnston found sunglasses and a pocket knife, which he gifted to (Little) Bobby Nolet!

What a crew!