

Masonic Birthdays – June 2021

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Ronald D. Weiss	62
Harold F. Bickford	49
Harry M. Willnus	42
John W. Herrholz	40
Stephen K. Bahsler	38
Treffley E. Sage	34
John Callahan	26
Robert D. Jungkman	25
Larry D. Gullett	23
Bruce S. Ricard	23
Dwight V. Cram	18
Gary T. Asselin	13
Edward M. Waible	11
Robert A. Hardman	11
Michael A. Arnold	7
Darren A. Stanizzi	7
Robert B. Yonaitis	5
Kevin A. Bailey	5
Alastair P. Huntley	4

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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Making a difference in our community
since 1822

Masonic Trestleboard ~ June 2021 ~

Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 16TH, 2021

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

HIATUS FEAST

PULLED PORK, COLE SLAW

NO COST,

EVERYONE INVITED

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AFTER BRIEF MEETING

1 CASUAL DRESS

If you need a ride to Lodge, please contact
the Master or Secretary

From the East

Courage - the ability to control fear and to be willing to deal with something that is dangerous, difficult, or unpleasant.

(Cambridge Dictionary)

From all the data that is publicly available, it appears that the rate of Covid virus transmission in New Hampshire is diminished. As our neighborhoods and businesses begin the long transition to recovery, it is important that we continue to practice those habits which have brought us to this point.

We must continue to wash our hands regularly, clean common surfaces, and maintain a reasonable distance from those with illnesses or who are susceptible to this contagion. These are all common-sense measures that apply even in a non-covid world.

We must now have the courage to begin the return to normalcy. This will not be easy!

In a world with many diseases, some of which are endemic, we cannot reasonably believe that the rate of Covid transmission will ever go to zero. "Of 357 generic diseases in the world today, 252 of these are endemic or potentially endemic to the United States." (S. Barger, Gideon Informatics online,

www.gideononline.com). But we cannot be afraid of our own skins, hiding in isolation forever, waiting for our own emotional death. We must take those first steps.

Mankind is a social creature and our mutual support is the strongest bond in

society. As scientists gain skill in developing vaccines and treatments for Covid and other communicable diseases, we must reasonably accept the possibility that this contagion or another like it may once again happen. We therefore need to continue promoting our responsibility to care for each other and ourselves. Providing support to essential workers, respecting each other's fears, and demonstrating prudence in our own actions is more important now than ever. With courage, a forward-looking hope of the future, and determination, our lives will soon return to normal. Once regularity appears and the fear subsides, our handshakes will once again return stronger than before.

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

In line with the revised state and local policies, the Grand Master has issued new COVID-19 guidance for our jurisdiction. In summary, it is up to the Worshipful Master, and each individual to decide on whether to wear a mask during Lodge meetings.

I have decided that wearing a mask is to be optional, but as I stated in my "From the East" article, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, or not attending Lodge, then please do so! It is up to you to decide what is best in your circumstances. Also, we once again will be allowed to serve meals with guests outside the Lodge family. This is welcome news!

Most importantly, if you are feeling ill, everyone will thank you to NOT come to Lodge.

I encourage everyone to be considerate, and to continue to practice good sanitation.

WM Rich Johnston, PM

From the West John C. Woodrow SW

On Gratitude

I try to remind myself to be grateful each day for all that I have been given, for my family, and for the friendship and brotherhood in our Lodge. I'm grateful and give thanks today for having almost made it through this pandemic both individually and as a Lodge. While some restrictions remain in place, gradually mask wearing is becoming optional in more and more places, people are gathering again in restaurants and homes and families are reuniting.

We sense this momentum taking hold in our Lodge as well, with an increase in the number of brothers on the sidelines at our Stated, new applications for membership, and a recent exceptionally strong showing (25) at the monthly luncheon. We also have a (mostly reserved) table now at the Casey Magee's Pub for Wednesday libations following our weekly meetings (Stated, bi-centennial planning, rehearsals, officers' meetings etc.) And stay tuned for additional events coming up this summer with a BBQ competition and of course our annual Rising Sun Fishing Trip in August.

I invite you to put on your favorite Hawaiian shirt and join us for our annual Hiatus Feast on June 16th followed by our last Stated before we go dark this summer. If you have not been to Lodge in a while, please consider putting this on your calendar and attending. Rising Sun Lodge is firmly back on track, and will remain so with the continued strength and support of our brothers.

From the South Robert Nolet JW

Before joining the fraternity, I had no idea how many appendant bodies were in the Masonic family. As a newly raised Master Mason, I was almost overwhelmed with how many different roads are opened to us as brothers. York rite, Scottish Rite, Shriners... my head was spinning. I had all kinds of brothers asking me to join one or the other.

One of our past masters had a conversation with me about taking it slow. Very wise advice indeed. It's very easy to jump headfirst into masonry and join everything as fast as possible. To fill up the week with something every night. As a father of 2 young boys, I'm glad I took it slow. Granted, I did jump into the officer line pretty quickly. That was something I wanted to start my journey with. Now that my boys are getting older, I found myself excited to dive in a little further and join the shrine. In the next few years, as my time in line gets to its end, I'm planning on

joining the Scottish Rite and The York Rite when that time comes.

My reason for writing this, is to make the point that you should enjoy your time in our fraternity. If you have the time, do some exploring and join some other bodies. Travel and be involved. Go at your own pace, but most importantly, absorb it. "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

-Ferris Bueller!

Committee's and Projects

At the May Stated, WM Johnston announced three initiatives that will make our Lodge stronger, build our Ladies program, and establish our brand to increase our visibility.

Website refresh – Led by John Woodrow, with the assistance of Bros. McLaughlin (our webmaster), Taylor, and Perkins. The mandate for this group is to update the website content and resolve a slate of usability issues.

Ladies of the Lodge – RW Gullett, Bros. Treffley Sage, Peter Shulkin, and myself. Our goal is to establish a year-long plan to reach out on a more regular basis to our Lodge Ladies, and provide them with the reassurance that we 'have their backs'.

Life Membership – Led by Wor. Marotte, RW Gullett, and Bro. Bailey this

committee will review our Lodge finances and the requirements of the current Life Membership program and prepare our submission to Grand Lodge.

June 4th Masonic Funeral Service for Brother Mercier in Boscawen at the Veterans Cemetery 11 a.m. Carpooling from 99 Park and Ride Leaving at 9:45

June 7th Ancient York 89 Stated Meeting

June 18th Monthly Luncheon Noon at Pub Grainery Nashua

June 25th Pilgrim Chapter Stated Mtg 7:30 start

July 4th Masonic Funeral Service for Brother Davis Thurber in Nashua at Edgewood Cemetery 11 a.m.

August 14th Rising Sun's annual fishing trip see next page

RISING SUN #39 **ANNUAL FAMILY DEEP SEA FISHING**

Saturday, August 14, 2021

6:15am – Carpooling from Crosby's Parking Lot

8:00am- Leaving from



Captains Fishing Parties

10, 82nd Street

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Contact Guy Martineau, **603.315.4454**, grmartineau@yahoo.com

Limited to 50 people

This Ticket Includes: Passage, Fishing, Pole Rental and Bait

\$78

Per person