

Masonic Birthdays Sept 2021

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

Brother	Years
Keith Vaskelionis Jr.	35
Michael F. Jean	31
Richard G. Coutoumas	21
Adam J. Freiband	14
Alan J. Sewell	11
Paul G. Bielawski	10
Michael F. Rizzo	9
Michael Tibbetts	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

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Masonic Trestleboard ~ September 2021 ~

Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2021
6:15 PM DINNER, 7:30 PM LODGE OPENS.

BEEF STROGANOFF

CULINARY DELIGHT BY ERIC THING

PLEASE SEE PAGE 3 FOR A LISTING OF
UPCOMING EVENTS.

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

From the East

Brethren, my most sincere welcome back from our summer hiatus. I hope everyone enjoyed the time with your families, and were able to rest and refresh yourselves. Our Fall is going to be very busy. At the June Master's and Wardens meeting it was announced that the MWGM would like all visitations completed as soon as possible, and to facilitate this, joint visitations are allowed. After consulting with the officers and our counterparts in Ancient York, we will have our first joint visitation on Tuesday September 28. We will open on the Fellowcraft degree, and I hope we can fill the sidelines for what promises to be an interesting evening of Masonry. Please make plans to attend! Please see the details in the 'Important Dates' section of this Trestleboard.

I would like to wish Bros. Jay Taylor and Bro. Randall Perkins (our Sr. Deacon and Junior Steward, respectively) the best of success as they set off on a new chapter in their lives. They are relocating to Kentucky to pursue new employment opportunities. I know they will be missed by everyone, and I will certainly miss having them in our officer's line. Thank you for your service to the Lodge.

WM Rich Johnston, PM

Important message from the Worshipful Master

As we return to a very busy Fall Lodge schedule, it's worth mentioning again that

although Rising Sun does not mandate the use of masks as a hedge against COVID, it is my desire that anyone who feels that it is necessary to wear a mask for your own safety be comfortable doing so. I encourage everyone to wash your hands and practice good personal hygiene. Of course, if you are not feeling well, I will thank you to please not come to Lodge. We will miss you but would rather see you when you are healthy!

From the West John C. Woodrow SW

As Mason's we are called on to be generous and indeed the financial support, we provide help to fund a wide variety of causes from the Shriner's Orthopaedic, Spinal Injury and Burn Hospital, Templar Eye Foundation, Children's Dyslexia Center, and Almoners Fund to name just a few. We also give generously to local organizations in need from the Nashua Soup Kitchen, Children's Home, Veterans Count as well as many other local charities. Generosity comes in many forms; recently Paul Bielawski and Adam Freiband, both members of our Lodge went "Over the Edge" raising thousands of dollars for the Nashua Dyslexia Center by rappelling with leaps and bounds down the 22 story Sullivan Tower.

Earlier this month brothers showed up unannounced at another brother's house to help clear a fallen tree and branches from his property. Generosity in action. Throughout the year we help each other

out in big ways and small, reaching out to those in need and do our best to stay connected to those who need our support. We often think of generosity as giving of money, and while that certainly can be a part of it, simply giving a little of ourselves, a kind act, a helping hand, a few words of encouragement or appreciation or simply a smile can make a difference in the life of another.

Recently at Hannaford's there was an elderly lady in front of me in the checkout line, stooped and struggling, a bit confused, attempting to get her money out of her purse. I caught the checkout clerk's attention and indicated that I like to pay for the woman's grocery's which I happily did. This small act of kindness didn't go exactly as I imagined, however. This elderly woman looked up at me and wanted to know why I was doing that for her. I told her that she reminded me of my own mother who had passed away four years ago, and I just wanted to extend kindness to her as I thought of my own mother. She smiled broadly and with a mischievous look in her eyes said, "So you think I look dead?" We both shared a good laugh and then she asked, "Where do you live?" to which I responded, "Don't get any ideas, I'm married!" and we laughed together again. At times it's not about the money we give but the connections with others that we make.

We are called upon as Masons to give of our time, talent, and treasures. I'm proud of our association and the difference we all make in the world in our own way.

From the South Robert Nolet JW

As we return to work at the end of this summer, I hope you all had a great break and spent quality time with family and friends. We have a VERY bust fall to look forward to.

I would like to take a quick second to thank brother Guy Martineau for once again running an incredible deep sea fishing trip. I look forward to this every year. This year was no exception to the amazing trip that it is. As per usual, my kids completely showed me up in the fishing department. We came home with plenty of fresh haddock, and my wife got a really nice mackerel that we decided to smoke while the chowder was cooking. We ate good that night! If you have never been, please plan on coming next year. You will not regret it!

As we begin meeting again, please let me know if you would like to show off your culinary skills! We're always looking for brothers to cook for our stated meetings. A full mason is a happy mason! I'm looking forward to seeing you all again as we meet on the level. It's been a great summer, but we have work to do! See you all very soon!

UP COMING EVENTS

September 2 – Masters & Wardens meeting at Lafayette-Bible Lodge, Goffstown (6:30 light refreshments, meeting starts at 7:15PM)
September 7 – Valley of Nashua Scottish Rite Kick-off Social at 5:30 Dinner 6:30
September 14 – Ancient York 89 stated meeting
September 15 Rising Sun Stated (6:15 dinner, 7:30PM Lodge opens on the EA degree)
September 19th Rainbow Breakfast
September 20 – Rehearsal for AY/RS Joint Visitation FC Degree)
September 24 – Pilgrim Chapter 55 OES stated meeting
September 28 – AY/RS Visitation (FC Degree)
September 29 – RS Fellowcraft Degree if entitled
October 2 – 2ND District LOI at St. Mark's in Derry (1:00 PM)
October 3 – RS Breakfast 7:30-10am
October 6th Rehearsal for MM degree inspection.
October 10 – RS Breakfast 7:30-10am
October 12 – Ancient York 89 Stated meeting
October 16 – RS Ladies at the Table
October 17th Rainbow Breakfast

October 17th Rehearsal for MM degree inspection
October 20 - Rising Sun Stated (6:15 dinner, 7:30PM Lodge opens on the EA degree)
October 22 – Pilgrim Chapter 55 OES stated meeting
October 24 – RS Breakfast 7:30-10am
October 27 – RS Annual Ritual Inspection. MM degree
October 31 - RS Breakfast 7:30-10am
November 14 -RS Veterans Awards and visit by the Grand Master

Visitation Schedule

Sept 8th Washington Lodge # 61 MM
Sept 28th Rising Sun 39/Ancient York 89 FC
October 25th Pulpit Rock 103 MM
October 26th St Marks 44/Spicket 85 EA
TBD Lafayette Bible # 41 FC

Charitable Works



Congratulations to Bros. Paul Bielawski and Adam Freiband for participating in this year's United Way "Over the Edge" event at the Sullivan Tower in Manchester. Rappelling 22 stories is sure to get the blood moving, and it was all for a worthy cause – the Nashua Children's Dyslexia Center! Thank you, Brothers.

That's Bro. Bielawski, on the lower right, holding on tightly.

2021 Rising Sun Fishing Trip

Once again, the Rising Sun Fishing Trip was a huge success. The weather was fair, and the seas calm as nearly 50 Brothers, their families and friends, set out from Newburyport, Ma. Worshipful Guy Martineau and Ziehm organized the event which has been well attended since 2003.

