

Masonic Birthdays Oct 2022

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Owen F. Walton	58
Richard J. Thompson	51
Brian J. Smith	40
Brian C. Turner	40
George P. Ivy	31
Steven E. Munzing	31
Dimitrios Katsioulis	27
Robert M. Porter	20
Michael A. Christopher	18
Norman W. Pelletier	17
John J. Dagianis	16
Pascal H. Corbinand	12
John C. Woodrow	12
Anthony F. Zanichkowsky	12
Mark E. McLaughlin	11
Robert A. Nolet Jr.	11
Stephen M. Trachtenberg	11

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 2022

Worshipful Master	Richard Johnston PM
Senior Warden	John Woodrow
Junior Warden	Robert Nolet
Secretary	RW Larry Gullett PM
Associate Secretary	Ed Waible
Treasurer	Kevin Bailey
Associate Treasurer	Steve Bahsler PM
Trustee:	RW Brian Smith PM
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. 2022 Dues are due on or before December 31, 2021

If you need assistance, please contact the Master or Secretary

2021/2022 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.

www.risingsun39.com



Rising Sun Lodge #39, F&AM

196 Main St, Suite 16

Nashua, NH 03060

Phone: 603-882-4931

Richard Johnston, Worshipful Master

Email: worshipfulmaster@risingsun39.com

www.risingsun39.com

Rising Sun Lodge #39

F&AM



*Making a difference in our community
since 1822*

Masonic Trestleboard ~ October 2022 ~

Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 19TH, 2022
6:15 PM DINNER, 7:30 PM LODGE OPENS.

OKTOBERFEST THEME

WEDNESDAY NOV 16TH



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

From the East

“A certain point within a circle...”

The symbology of Freemasonry goes back centuries. Operative Masons left their marks on their work, sometimes as a proud gesture that ‘Masons were here’, and sometime because their pay depended upon it. The so-called ‘Maker’s Mark’ goes to this use. Count the bricks with your mark, and that’s how much you would be paid. In our speculative Lodges, symbols are used to introduce and re-enforce moral concepts within our rituals. We, and much of the public, recognize the Square and Compasses as associated with Freemasonry among other craft ideas. In ritual, we discuss the use of the rule, level, plumb, and other symbols and over the years, have even attached them to our speech.

“Are you ‘on the level’?” and “Be square with me” are colloquialisms we use in our day-to-day conversation. Symbols are important in our daily lives. And so, when we first are introduced to the point within a circle, we may see that this is a pure play on how to act as an individual Brother. It ties together the ideas of religion, morality, and our humanity onto one succinct lesson as to how they are all inter-related. I’m neither a biblical scholar, or an esotericist. The following thoughts are based on my own personal experiences and certainly my

scant knowledge of ancient personalities. The ideology of St. John the Baptist is based on his thoughts around penance. A more contemporary view might be that the man who recognizes his errors or deviations from morality must listen to his inner compass and attempt to make amends. This Saint was all about watching his morals, and affecting penance. St. John the Evangelist (also known as the Apostle) impresses one with his service to duty and his dedication to his sense of morality. He demonstrated his morality by being an example and impressing on others the importance of being a good person. Both of these men are found in the Bible, with several books written about them, and therefore the Holy Scriptures at the vertex of the circle. To the point, inside the circle, all three sources of inspiration are visible. Is it possible to err? Of course. But by St. John the Baptist, we are obliged to make amends. Should we remain silent about what we believe to be moral? Of course, not – we teach our children and others through our actions and discourse. We are obligated to be truthful and to correct bad or immoral behavior when we see it. Are we left to wander about the world seeking guidance and morality? No, the Holy Scriptures are there as a reference.

This is my interpretation of the point within the circle. How does this symbol relate to you and your daily life? Do you apply it in your own life in ways you might not have recognized?

Fraternally,
Rich Johnston, WM

From the West

Brothers welcome back from the summer.

The more time I spend in Masonry the more I realize the importance of the work we do in our ‘blue lodge’. The primary purpose of Masonry is to take good men and make them better and the primary purpose of Rising Sun is to establish strong ties with honorable men and provide the opportunity for them to become Master Masons.

I’m proud that Rising Sun is known as a friendly and welcoming Lodge. Visitors return to our Lodge and some even affiliate because of the brotherhood we offer. Our line is solid and unlike many lodges we have more brothers who want to be in line than there are chairs! A wonderful ‘problem’ to have. Fear not, there is plenty to do and many ways you can lend a hand.

This is YOUR lodge, OUR lodge, please let your lodge officers know what you want, what you think may be missing, or things we could do better.

It's not necessary that we do more activities, but rather that we are a force for good in our community, not just showing up for a photo op, or a fleeting feel good moment, but that we are making a consistent effort to make a difference in the lives of others.

As we look forward to the year ahead, let your voices be heard. While ritual excellence is imperative, so is spending time with men with whom we share a common bond and like values. While we may differ in many ways, we are at core brothers first; and how fortunate we are to have men we can count on as part of our lives.

John Woodrow SW

For the Lodge

Our present Secretary, RW Larry Gullett, PDDGM, has indicated that he will be retiring from the position after this term. He has served the Lodge faithfully and well, and we are so sorry to see him go. I personally, will be especially sorry as he has been my right-hand man for many years. The WM would like to hear from anyone interested in accepting the position if elected. Being the Secretary is an intensive job, requiring a good relationship with the Grand Lodge, and familiarity with the

Constitution of the GL of NH. It requires a significant number of hours, attendance at all Lodge functions, some computer work, and coordination between the WM and other Lodges. Please contact the Worshipful Master if you are interested in serving this very special and busy Lodge. You will not be sorry if elected to serve this Lodge!

UP COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

Wednesday October 5, 7:00PM Fellow Craft Degree Rehearsal

Sunday October 9 1:00 PM Rainbow Grand Officers Day

Tuesday October 11, 6:00PM Ancient York 89 Stated Communication

Wednesday October 12, 7:00PM Fellowcraft Degree

Sunday October 16 Pilgrim Chapter OES Centennial Celebration, see details elsewhere in this Trestleboard.

Wednesday October 19, Rising Sun Stated Communication, 6:15PM Dinner, 7:30PM Opening on the EA

Wednesday October 26, 6:00PM Movie Night: Featured artist, Mel Brooks

Friday Oct 28th 7:30 Pilgrim Chapter Monthly Meeting

Wednesday November 2, 7:00PM Master Mason Degree Rehearsal

Tuesday November 8, 6:00PM Ancient York 89 Stated Communication

Wednesday November 9, 5:30PM Open on the MM degree, Candidate examination (if entitled), Master Mason Degree first section, 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Master Mason Degree, second section

Pilgrim Chapter OES Centennial

Pilgrim Chapter's Centennial Celebration luncheon will be held at Alpine Grove in Hollis. Tickets are available until October 10th. Social Hour at noon, luncheon at 1:00pm with introductions, presentations, and speeches. The day will conclude at 4:00pm.

All are welcome to join Pilgrim at 10:00AM at First Church (1 Concord St., Nashua) for morning services before the celebration luncheon. Questions and RSVPs to lisajproulx@gmail.com