

## Masonic Birthdays Nov 2022

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren.

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Jesse F. Hall	71
Lewis H. Coronis	60
Earl S. Prolman	58
Robert E. Nicholson	56
Jon R. Widdowson	44
Maurice J. Cloutier Jr.	40
Kenneth E. Patterson	24
Jonathan P. Ramsdell	14
Robert M. Marotte	13
Adam P. Shrey	13
William S. Horn	12
Kevin Burns	5
Jack Tulley	3

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 \$143.42 for Rising Sun, combined with the Assessments for 2023 totaling \$56.58 this brings the total to \$200. Note that dues are due prior to the ensuing year. 20223 Dues are due on or before December 31, 2022. 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.

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## Rising Sun Lodge #39

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*Making a difference in our community  
since 1822*

## Masonic Trestleboard ~ November 2022 ~

### Important Lodge Events

#### STATED MEETINGS

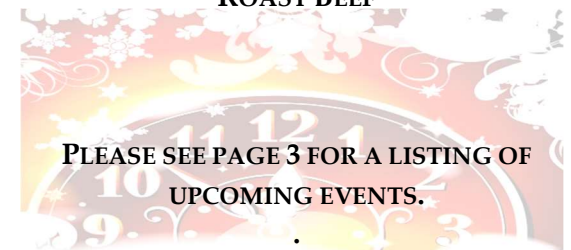
WEDNESDAY – NOV 16TH, 2022

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

MISSISSIPPI POT ROAST

DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

ROAST BEEF



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

## From the East

And the variety of scenes each season brings...

I wish all that 'variety' was not on my lawn right now, but with a few stiff breezes, I'm sure it will make its way over the hill and into the woods. I'll sit by my pellet stove and wait with patience!

Often, I contemplate the uniqueness of Rising Sun Lodge. From its constitution in 1822, to the most recent Brotherhood movie night, I am constantly reminded of the diversity of men in our ranks. From old retired folk (and I include myself in that rank) to the youngest Entered Apprentice, we attract men of every origin, profession, and station in life. This provides the whole Brotherhood with the ability to accomplish many goals. As the current Master of the Lodge, it is never a far reach to find a Brother willing to apply his expertise to accomplish a goal. Conversely, as the Master it is sometimes a challenge to plan and execute those plans that are of interest to the largest number of Brethren, maximum participation being the key to every success.

Some of you have heard me say that we sometimes have too much happening all at once, to the detriment of planning an important event. That is particularly true with our Lodge. With most members simultaneously participating in multiple affiliated bodies, we must often weigh where our time is most effectively and pleasantly spent. This brings me to the point of this posting with apologies in advance to those who may take this differently than intended.

My opinion is that Blue Lodge is the most important working gear of our Fraternity. Its sole purpose is not to create Master Masons to join other organizations. Rather, it is to build the Man and prepare him become as good as he can be. Charity, while being a part of that, is only a part of the equation, as is the wonderful fellowship we often enjoy after the meetings.

*Educating oneself as to who he is, identifying his faults, and seeking self-improvement is and should be the first goal of a Freemason.* It is called 'growth'. As a band of Brothers and Fellows with the same goal, learning this lesson is the work done while in Blue Lodge, and

the foundation on which every other effort or Masonic body is thereafter built.

I constantly struggle if the way I think, and act is something of which I can be proud. Sometimes human nature takes over, and I react in a way that causes me to reflect, and a desire to change – or make amends. With all of the challenges in our lives, these opportunities for improvement are frequent, and there is only one lifetime to become better. For me, this all began and continues in Blue Lodge. Be active in your Lodge. Explore the talents and opinions of your Brethren. Weigh your relationships with each other. Discover how your Brethren view the world and each other in a sanctuary where we can all meet safely on the level, with respect and Brotherly Love. Remember to whisper good council and help promote any good reformation.

I hope this article stimulates your thoughts, and please remember I'm always willing to discuss my thoughts with any Brother.

Have a very pleasant holiday season and embrace your friends, family, and Brethren in the warmth of the lessons learned in your Blue Lodge.

## Holiday Stroll is Back!

Holiday Stroll Open House November 26, 4PM. All Masonic bodies are invited to represent your organization to help receive visitors and answer questions.

## Important message from the Worshipful Master

With several new Covid variants spreading through the population, 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 necessary to wear a mask for your own safety be comfortable doing so. 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!

### **Brethren, an appeal for your assistance!**

Rising Sun is again looking for donations of like-new, outgrown Winter clothing for kids of ages 9 to 18. Jackets, shirts, pants, etc. are all needed. The plan is that these will be gifted to the Nashua Children's home. It is getting cold, and time is short, so please text or call me if your children have outgrown said items, and they are still in great condition. Ask your neighbors if they are able to help. I will arrange for the pickup and cleaning if necessary. My phone number is 603-785-2226.

Fraternally,  
Rich Johnston, PM  
Worshipful Master

### **From the West**

As the holiday season approaches, please take care of yourselves, your families and extend your kindness and generosity to others. With all the uncertainty in the world and in our country, what we do matters. As Masons we are called on to do more both as an organization, as well as individuals.

I saw a t-shirt recently which simply read on the front "Be Kind" and on the back "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about". We have a lot to be grateful for, our fraternity, our friendships and our families all help to sustain us through difficult times. Others are not so fortunate. We are indeed blessed by our association, and commitment to the principles of Freemasonry which we extend to our community.

Don't underestimate the power of a kind word, a smile, a pat on the back, or a friendly phone call.

John Woodrow SW

### **From the Secretary's Desk**

On Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day, the Lodge will be cooking a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. There is no cost, and everyone is invited. Dinner will be at 2 PM. To ensure we have plenty food, please RSVP to the secretary.

By now you should have received your 2023 dues bill. It was voted at our September stated meeting to increase the dues as following. Lodge Dues are \$143.42 combined with the assessments for 2023 totaling \$56.58 this brings the total to \$200. If you need assistance, please reach out to the Master or the Secretary.

### **Curling Tournament**

The annual Nova Scotia Masonic curling tournament is February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2023. Those interested in traveling and participating please let the secretary know. This is a fun and enjoyable time.

### **Rising Sun visit to John Albro Lodge.**

Please mark your calendars our visit to John Albro Lodge # 122 is scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> additional information will be forthcoming.

### **UP COMING EVENTS**

November 2nd 7:00PM MM rehearsal

November 8<sup>th</sup>, Ancient York stated meeting

November 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM. Bro. Scott Frey, Bro. Jesus Navarro, and Bro. John Wise (If entitled) MM degree 1<sup>st</sup> section, Dinner at 6:30PM. 7:30PM MM degree second section

November 13<sup>th</sup> Rainbow/Pledge Breakfast 7:30 – 10:30.

November 15<sup>th</sup> Scottish Rite Stated meeting

November 16<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication 6:15 Dinner, 7:30PM Lodge opens on the EA degree. Our special educational speaker for the evening will be MWGM David S. Collins.

November 19<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Manchester Opens at 9:30AM

November 24<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving dinner at the Lodge. Dinner will be at 2 PM to ensure we have plenty food, please RSVP to the secretary.

November 25<sup>th</sup> Pilgrim Chapter OES stated meeting

November 26, 4PM Nashua Masonic Open House in conjunction with the Holiday Stroll

December 3<sup>rd</sup> 11AM Rising Sun Annual Christmas Party will be a potluck, please bring a dish to share. Santa will be stopping by, so please bring a small gift (no more than \$10.) for any child you may be bringing.

December 5<sup>th</sup> York Rite Stated meeting.