

Masonic Birthdays –Jan. 2023

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

Brother	Years
Robert L. Clark	59
Frederick W. Pauling	51
Malcolm R. Holden Sr.	41
Dennis Webster	41
Richard L. Johnston	29
Jeffrey S. Stanley	29
Rodney D. Gagnon	26
Richard F. Hartford	22
Paul M. Haskell Sr.	18
Gregory A. Hackney	12

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 D. 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

2023 ANNUAL DUES ARE PAST DUE

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Masonic Trestleboard ~January 2023~

Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETING

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 18, 2023

7:30 PM LODGE OPENS.

DINNER AT 6:15

HAM LOAF

FEBRUARY 4TH, INSTALLATION OF OFFICER'S
11AM PLEASE SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE DETAILS



See page 4 for additional events.

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

From the East

Happy New Year, my Brothers!

We have had a wonderful calendar year at our Lodge. Much was accomplished and celebrated. It was fitting that a busy December capped off a very busy year. Well done!

Our Christmas Party was once again very well attended. Santa made his appearance and handed out presents to the kids, and he also had some

Christmas fun with the adults there.



At our December Stated, we held our election of Officers for 2023. I want to thank all who served the Lodge faithfully for the past year and congratulate those who accepted positions for the next term. I personally wish Worshipful-

elect John Woodrow success as he leads our Lodge on to a new future. In February, I will leave the East confident that our Lodge is in capable hands.



Also, at our Stated Worshipful Past Master Dennis Webster was presented with the Major General John Sullivan Award in Silver for his continued exemplary service to Rising Sun #39 and Freemasonry. Presenting the award was the Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother David S. Collins. It was well deserved and clearly a timely gesture to recognize this faithful Brother.

I thank the Lodge for once again demonstrating Masonic Charity to aid the Nashua Children's home. The Winter clothing, we collected was

delivered to the Home, and they expressed their appreciation for all we do for them through the year. Bro. Alan Sewell also secured a large unknown (read: 'loads') number of warm hand-knitted hats for the kids, which he delivered - much to their surprise. My Brothers, I want to thank you for an excellent year. My wish for all is that the New Year will bring you good health, much success in your personal endeavors, and that you will continue to enjoy the rewards of our ancient and honorable fraternity.

Communication

In today's world with all of its concerns and employments, we often lose sight of each other for periods of time. This is no more true of the older or 'away' members of our Lodge and our Lodge Ladies. I can attest that it takes an effort to remain informed and to be informative in return. Throughout the year, we strive to reach out to our Widows and orphans, Brothers who we have not seen or heard from for a time, and our friends and family who have become involved in the demands of their own immediate lives.

A Worshipful Master cannot reach out to everyone, much as they'd like to do so. He relies on the Secretary and all of the Brethren to give timely notice if anyone needs assistance, or is in distress. We also like to hear how the Brethren are doing.

My call to action is this - Communication is a two-way street. If you reach out to a Brother, widow, friend, or orphan, take that as an excuse to demonstrate to another Brother that the Fraternal network is intact and that "Here Masons care about each other". If there is news of a need, discreetly let the Master or Secretary know so that appropriate conversations can be started.

There is a joke about, "How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?" However, if the bulb is out, shouldn't someone else know there is a lightbulb out that needs attention? It is our duty to watch over each other and our Masonic Family. I hope this gives you something to ponder.

Fraternally and sincerely,
Rich Johnston, Worshipful Master

From the West

I was listening to the radio recently and Boston Globe columnist Billy Baker was being interviewed about a book he had just written We Need to Hang Out. The essence of the book was that men, especially in their middle ages don't have many real friends or know to make them. The author adds, when men become over-scheduled, they don't short-change their kids, or their careers, they short change their friendships. Indeed, he goes on to say that research shows that loneliness is a major health issue for men in the United States. He describes how men and women differ in how they form and keep relationships; women form relationships face to face while men form relationships shoulder to shoulder. He goes on to say that for men it's about bonding over shared activities- the example he uses is it would be weird to say to another guy "let's have coffee some time" but not at all weird to say, "can you come over and help me cut down a tree in my yard". As his story continues, he describes how he selectively invited a few more acquaintances to join him Wednesday evenings for "Wednesday night hang

outs" and that over time, by participating in various activities they developed stronger and deeper relationships with each other. This all hit home for me. Our fraternity provides the opportunity to bond with other men. We have the shared experience of being raised as Master Masons, we share the same values as we seek to learn and improve ourselves as Masons and as men. We share a commitment to do good in the world. As we look to 2023 let's encourage our members, especially those whom we may not have seen in a while and those who live alone, to join us at our various events and activities. If those events and activities are not compelling let's change them, so they are. Loneliness is a serious problem for older men, exacerbated by the holidays and present throughout the year. It's not likely a brother is going to reach out to another brother and say, 'I'm lonely', so let's make it easier by making every effort to be in touch with them and invite those brothers to our Stated dinner, or other more informal Lodge events and activities. I leave you with this line from a song by Randy Travis which I think about often: "It's not what you take when you

leave this world behind you. It's what you leave behind you when you go." Looking forward to 2023 brothers.

John Woodrow SW

From The South

Happy New Year Brethren!
Congratulations to all the new line officers on being elected and appointed. Serving our lodge as an officer is one of the most fulfilling duties you can have. To the new officers, returning, thank you for stepping up! I would also like to thank you for allowing me to serve the lodge as Sr. Warden this upcoming year.

I'm very excited to see what the future holds for Rising Sun. The Open house during the Christmas stroll was impressive! I've never seen such a great turnout for an open house. There were quite a few men that are extremely interested. I'm hoping we meet a few at a stated dinner very soon. I would also like to take a moment to Thank our Worshipful Master, Rich Johnston. The past two years have been hectic to say the least. I'm so proud of the work and Love he has poured into our lodge. From the bicentennial

celebration to the many degrees and stated meetings, He gave us everything he had and more. I'm beyond grateful for the knowledge and experience I've gained the last 2 years. Thanks for everything Worshipful, especially for the friendship.

Robert Nolet JW

Installation of Officers

The Installation of Rising Sun Officers for 2023 will be on February 4th, at 11:00 AM, followed by pictures and a luncheon. Please RSVP to RW Larry Gullett, secretary@risingsun39.com.

Upcoming events

January 7th 2:00PM – Nashua
Assembly IORG Installation of
Officer's.

January 10th Ancient York # 89 Stated
Meeting.

January 15th 8-10 AM Rainbow/Pledge
Breakfast all are welcome.

January 18th, Stated Communication
and Annual Meeting. 6:15PM Dinner,
7:30PM

January 28, Ancient York Installation
of Officers 3PM

February 8th 7 PM Rising Sun officer's
meeting

The following officers will be installed (if present)

Worshipful Master	John Clow Woodrow
Senior Warden	Robert Allen Nolet, Jr.
Junior Warden	Eric Charles Thing
Treasurer	Kevin Allan Bailey
Assistant Treasurer	Steve Karl Bahsler, PM
Secretary	Bryan Keith Foose
Assistant Secretary	Mike James Tebbetts
Chaplain	RW Timothy Robert Marotte, PM,
Associate Chaplain	Alan Sewell
Senior Deacon	Brian Jeffrey Alden
Junior Deacon	Robert Patrick DuBien
Senior Steward	Michael Scott Frey
Junior Steward	John A. Wise
Tyler	
Marshal	Richard Willis Dagenais
Organist	Dennis Webster, PM
Historian	R.W. Brian J. Smith, PM

In addition, the following were elected to represent Rising Sun Lodge # 39

Grand Lodge Rep.	Michael J. Tebbetts
Rep. to Board of Trustees	R.W. Brian J. Smith, PM