

Masonic Birthdays Dec 2022

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren.

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Samuel W. Kouchalakos	46
James F. McLaughlin	43
Jeffrey D. Alexander	28
George P. Brown	24
Norman J. Poisson	24
Jay C. Taylor	14
Stephen W. Dohoney	9
Dominick L. Mandeville	9
Daniel W. Leonard	5

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

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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*Making a difference in our community
since 1822*

Masonic Trestleboard ~ December 2022 ~

Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETINGS

DECEMBER 21ST

ROAST BEEF

JANUARY 18TH, 2023

ANNUAL MEETING

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

I hope this message finds you well and looking forward to the beautiful celebrations of the Holiday season. People across the globe recognize this as a time to reflect on the gifts of life, and the hopes of the future. It's a time when we reflect on our role in this boundless universe, and to discover the wonders it holds, most still hidden from Man's eyes.

As I have written in the past, for me this is a time of reflection and adjustment. I reflect on the friends, family, and associations I have been blessed to obtain. I review the previous year, and ask how well I followed my moral compass, and how I have traveled the course. And I look forward to the New Year, and where I would steer my ship next. I hope you will agree that this year was one of change and progress. I feel that I will be leaving the Oriental Chair after having tried my best. Our Brotherhood is strong, the ritual lessons solid, and the tenets of our profession growing. Our working tools have proven to be useful and powerful in *your* hands.

As my term started, the officers and I updated our strategic 6-year plan, and we have faithfully followed it through to mid-execution. As a result, we have our closest friends in our Sister Lodge, and are supporting each other more than ever. Who could forget that we were finally able to personally renew our Masonic bonds internationally as well?

We are attracting the right 'type' of man to join our ranks and vetting them well. Our Secretary and Treasurer have made improvements in how the Lodge manages through their offices. We have built operationally by applying new technology.

And of course, we celebrated a milestone in the history of our Lodge and city. The Bicentennial Celebration could not have been the success it was, without everyone pitching in.

Finally, I am most grateful to my Brethren for their Love and Support. Any Lodge is only the men within it who work together to accomplish good things. As Worshipful Master, I take no credit for our achievements this year, and assume all the blame for any failures. But with the strong bonds within this Lodge, we are guaranteed to look forward to a better and brighter world. Thank you all for a good year and enjoy the blessings of these holidays!

Important message from the Worshipful Master

Now that winter is upon us, please ensure that you stay in touch with our elderly Brothers and Special Ladies. With energy and food costs rising, there are those who must make the decision to heat, pay for medicines, or eat. As I approach age, even I find myself worried about these things and for some less fortunate, it is a terrifying time. If you are apprised of any of our Masonic Family in need, please discreetly bring it to the attention of one of the senior officers. We have the means and the obligation to assist!

Brethren, thank you for your assistance!

Rising Sun is once again looking for donations of like-new, outgrown Winter clothing for kids of ages 9 to 18. Jackets, shirts, pants, etc. are all needed. 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 can help. I will arrange for the pickup and cleaning if necessary. My phone number is 603-785-2226. You may also bring them to our Lodge Meeting, and I will take them off your hands.

Thank you!

Rich Johnston, WM

FROM THE WEST

I recently read an article by Meir Soloveitchik titled "Thanksgiving Was Born From America's Struggles" which I found informative and I believe worthy of your time. In part the author writes:

(Brother) George Washington proclaimed on November 26 the first national Thanksgiving celebration, asking Americans to give gratitude to God for "the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed. Washington's point was that Americans weren't celebrating the unanimity but their ability to resolve differences democratically, allowing room for dissent on

some of the most sensitive political and religious questions. For American to disagree profoundly about politics and yet be able to gather together, was itself a reason for gratitude.

While not stated in our by-laws, constitution or referenced in Masonic ritual, Masonry in America is a patriotic organization. While attending the recent semi-annual stated communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire I joined 190 other Free and Accepted Masons as we stood to pledge allegiance "...to the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God with liberty and justice for all." We rose together, not merely reciting words but proclaiming proudly the principles for which stand also stand as Masons.

Is our fraternity perfect? No. Is our country perfect? No. But it is hoped that we recognize our imperfections and strive to do better for the common good. As Masons more is expected of us, and we have work to do. Our fraternity remains highly relevant today. Working together we make good men better as we smooth the edges of our rough ashlar.

John Woodrow S.W.

Upcoming Events

Dec 3rd Nashua Masonic family Christmas party 11am -3 PM

December 4 2:00PM Shelley Gullett Celebration of Life, Nashua Lodge Room

Dec 13th Ancient York Stated

Dec 18th Pledge/Rainbow Breakfast 7:30 – 10.

Dec 21st Stated and election of officers.

On November 16 Rising Sun was honored to receive MWGM Bro. David Collins, MWPGM Ken Clay, and MWHGM Jerry Becker for an evening of Brotherhood and education. Shown here are the Grand Masters recognizing our newest Master Masons. MWGM Collins delivered an excellent presentation on Masonic Protocol, which was followed by lively questions. Everyone came away learning something new!

