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Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, May 17, 2008

The Two Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, F.&A.M. will be held at the Masonic Temple, Elm Street, Manchester, New Hampshire on Saturday May 17, 2008. Grand Lodge will open promptly at 9:30 am. The Masters and Wardens or their respective proxy's of all constituent Lodges within the jurisdiction of New Hampshire are required to attend.

Lodges of Instruction—Planning Reminder

All District Officers within the State need to have their plans for their respective 2008 Lodge of Instruction into the Grand Master by August 1, 2008. Each Lodge should be hearing from their District Officers the plan for their own District. Lodges in each District should be contacting their District Officers to offer their assistance. The success of these annual functions depends upon participation of all Lodges so offer assistance now and make it a successful event.

2008 Cathedral of the Pines **Saints' John Day**

How many of you Brethren are familiar with the fact that annually the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire holds an event to celebrate Saints' John Day? Many of you may be somewhat familiar with this but how much do you really know about why this takes place. Here is a little History on that event.

Saints' John Day is the Day principally observed by the various Masonic bodies attending church services together, usually in one of their local churches, synagogues or other buildings of worship. In 1949, a few members of Altemont Lodge, No. 26, had the happy thought of a union service in the beautiful Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire. That first meeting was so thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended that it has been continued by Altemont Lodge No. 26 and the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of New Hampshire, as an annual Saints' John Day occasion. Masonic Lodges in New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, other states and Canada are represented here annually.

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES is an International Shrine. The ALTAR OF THE NATION within the Cathedral was unanimously recognized as such by the U.S. Congress and dedicated as a memorial for all American War Dead. The Memorial Bell Tower at the entrance to the Cathedral was dedicated as a memorial for all American Women (both military and civilian) who sacrificed their lives for our Country or its establishment. Governors of every state contributed to the fund to build this Tower. A major contribution was made by a faithful friend of the Cathedral, Mrs. Sara Thummel.

An invitation is extended by the Cathedral Trustee to persons of every faith acknowledging the One God to hold their own service at CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES. Those who officiate at services here, or offer their voices or spread the word of the Cathedral, perform a particular service on behalf of all to our Supreme Creator. Many visitors have here found solace, have had an almost extinct spark of devotion to God rekindled or have experienced an inspirational awakening.

So Brethren for those of you who attend annually or those of you who have never attended, why not come to a service where persons of every faith celebrate together under the umbrella of Freemasonry Universal.

Fifty-Ninth Annual

Saints' John Day Service

**THE CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2008

10:00 A.M.

Web Sites of Interest

Grand Lodge of NH: www.nhgrandlodge.org
Masonic Services Association: www.msana.com
Anniversary Lodge of Research: www.anniversarylodge.org
NH Eastern Star: www.nhoes.org
NH York Rite: www.yorkrite.com/nh
Scottish Rite: www.supremecouncil.org
Demolay: www.demolay.org
Rainbow Girls: www.nhrainbow.org

New Book Titles Available

The Everything Freemason Book by John Young **\$ 12.00**

The Book of Fate by Brad Meltzer \$9.00

Masonic Humor by Jack Bright \$ 14.00

The Magus of Freemasons by Tobias Churton **\$14.00**

My Dad is a Freemason by Richard Vang \$16.00

Freemasons for Dummies by Christopher Hodapp **\$ 14.00**

The Complete Idiots Guide to Freemasonry by S. Morris **\$13.00**

Out of the Shadows by Roundtree \$ 32.00

Custodians of Truth: The Continuance of Rex Deus
by Tim Wallis-Murphy \$19.00

Solomon's Builders - Freemasons, Founding Fathers and the
Secrets of Washington, D. C. by Christopher Hodapp **\$ 11.00**