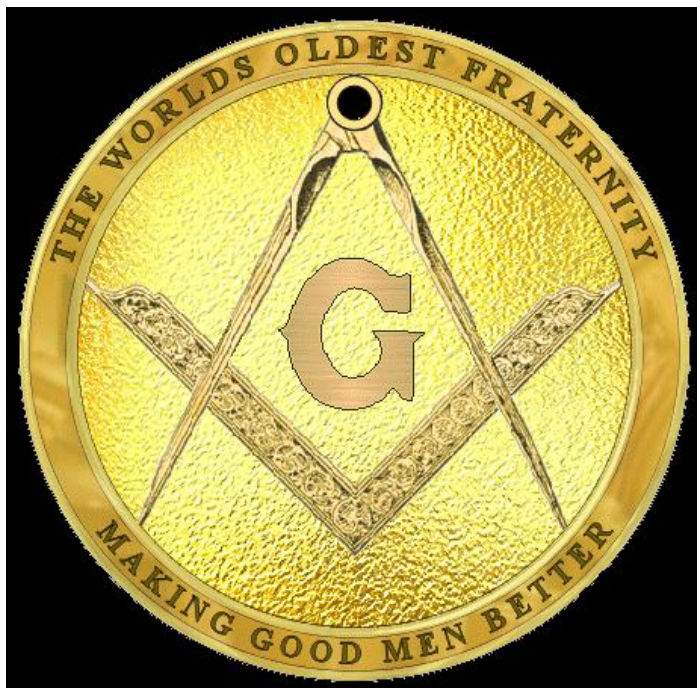


MOSES PAUL LODGE #96
DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Free and Accepted Masons

Dover, N. H.

February 2012

Organized Under Dispensation

December 20, 1889

Chartered May 21, 1890

MASTERS MESSAGE

The Lodge has a lot going on so let's get to it! We will have an EA degree in February and an MM degree for two Brothers in early March. The officers are working hard to learn their new work, so please make every effort to attend to support them and our new Brothers. I'm trying to balance the amount of time we spend practicing while ensuring we complete the required tasks to effectively run the Lodge. It's somewhat of a juggling act, but I think it's working out OK so far.

The January Stated went later than intended, but we completed some business items that required immediate attention. Some minor updates to our by-laws as recommended by our DDGM were voted on and passed. These changes are included in this mailing and will become effective soon. A new copy of the By-Laws will be printed and available to all members.

Other business discussed at the Stated Meeting included an anonymous financial donation made to assist in our monthly Square and Compass meals, a special thanks goes out to that Brother. We also completed a donation of 70 gallons of heating oil from our old boiler to a family in need in Dover, through the Dover Share Fund with the assistance of **D F Richard Energy**.

We also debated and eventually adopted a new activity to be complete during each Stated Meeting this year. The rules and first results are included in this Trestle Board. The goal here is to get more Brothers to attend meetings. As always, attendance is something we struggle with, but have improved quite a bit in the last few years. Where it used to be around 10, we now have a core group of 15-20 who regularly attend, and that is great. It would be even better to have more. To that end, I've put together an anonymous online survey and am requesting all Brothers who can, to take it:

http://kwiksurveys.com/online-survey.php?surveyID=OBLIMF_191e9614

If we do not get adequate response, a paper version will be included with the next dues notice that is sent out. This is very important - we can speculate as to why our attendance is down, but a survey will truly gauge what the membership's opinion is and help me make changes.

Our new Heating System is working out wonderfully and a plaque recognizing all those who contributed has been completed and is dedicated at the January Stated. This will be prominently placed in the entry way of the Lodge. Furthermore, a second plaque recognizing those who contributed to the purchase of the building on Pearl Street is in progress.

Our Fundraising Committee met on January 26, and has begun planning several events for the upcoming year. One easy thing we can do in addition to such events, is to rent our Function Hall out. If you or a group you know could use the Function Hall in the lodge, please pass along my phone number to anyone interested. We have held various groups including rehearsal dinners, lectures, company meetings, church gatherings and birthday parties. Finally, my Installation was a success. The lodge was standing room only, and we had a great day. Brother John Pond Jr. received the District 1 award for his recent work as Lodge Secretary. You can view photos of the Installation on our website, as well as on the Grand Lodge's site.

<http://www.nhgrandlodge.org/category/news> (scroll down)

<http://www.nhfreemasons.org/photo.htm>

Stay well Brethren, I hope to see you in Lodge.

Fraternally and respectfully,

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Calendar of Events

February 2012 Calendar:

Thu Feb 2, 2012

6:30pm - 8pm Square and Compass

8pm - 9:30pm Practice (EA^o)

Thu Feb 9, 2012

7pm - 9:30pm Special Meeting Degree (EA^o), Officer's dress - tuxedo

Thu Feb 16, 2012

6:30pm-7:15pm Fundraising Committee meeting

7:30pm Stated Communication, Open in EA, Officer's dress – suit and tie, Rehearsal of Masonic Burial Service

Thu Feb 23, 2012

6pm - 8:30pm Practice (MM^o)

Thu Mar 1, 2012

6:30pm - 8pm Square and Compass

8pm - 9:30pm Practice (MM^o)

Tue Mar 6, 2012

7:00pm – 9:00pm Practice, if needed (MM^o)

Thu Mar 8, 2012

6pm – Special Meeting Degree (MM^o), Meal at 6:00pm, work at 7:00pm, Officer's dress - tuxedo

This calendar can be found online at

https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=0v203v9m5qpltb2r7td56lecac%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York

Please visit both our website www.nhfreemasons.org and the District Webpage at <http://firstmasonicdistrictofnh.com> for upcoming events.

Webmaster: dovertmasons@nhfreemasons.org

NOT RECEIVING THE TRESTLE BOARD BY EMAIL???

If you would like to get it as soon as it comes out *and* save the Lodge a stamp send your email address to bears123@comcast.net

The following are the Moses Paul Lodge BY Law changes that were approved at January stated meeting. Once these are approved by Grand lodge the by laws will be updated and a copy sent out to each member.

BY LAW CHANGES

1-B Article II Section 1: The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Stewards, Chaplain, Marshal, and Tyler. **(ADD) The lodge may elect an Assistant Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary at their discretion.**

2-B Article II Section 2: The Worshipful Master may at his discretion, appoint an Associate Chaplain, a Musician, an Historian, an Assistant Steward, and an assistant Tyler, **(DELETE): a Deputy Secretary, and a Deputy Treasurer, the latter two being subordinate to the will of the elected officer under which they serve.**

3B Article IV Section 1: The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, two members of the Finance Committee for one year, one Trustee of the Charity Fund for 3 years, **(DELETE) one Trustee of the Maintenance and Properties Fund for 3 years,** one Representative to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the stated communication in December. **(ADD) The lodge may elect an Assistant Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary at their discretion.** The officers elected and appointed shall be installed **(CHANGE TO) on or before the next stated meeting,** and shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and installed.

4B: Article V Section 2: The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all monies paid to the Lodge and shall make proper deposits of same in accounts as approved by the Finance committee. He shall pay all bills against the Lodge after **(CHANGE TO) vote of the lodge, and with the approval of the (signed by) Master.** His accounts at all times shall be subject to

inspection by the Lodge, and he shall make a detailed report of all financial activity to the Lodge at the Annual Communication. He shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

5B: Article V Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Secretary, at every Stated Communication, to read the records of the last Stated and all subsequent Special communications; to keep a true record of all proceedings of the Lodge; to receive all monies due the Lodge and pay them into the hands of the Treasurer **(ADD) receiving his receipt**, and at the end of his official term he shall have his books written out for inspection by the Finance Committee. He shall also make returns to the Grand lodge, as required; issue all notices and summonses at the request of the Worshipful Master; and perform such other duties as is required. In his absence at any Communication he shall send the records and all other items necessary for the conduct of a meeting in time for the opening of the Lodge; and on leaving his office he shall deliver to his successor all books, papers, and other property pertaining to his office which may be in his possession. For his services he may receive such sum as the Finance Committee shall recommend, and the Lodge approve at the Annual Communication.

7B: Article XI Section 3: **(Change to) The Building Association, shall exercise overall supervision of all Building and Maintenance funds, investments, and disbursements.** All such disbursements shall be made by detailed voucher drawn upon the Treasurer, who acts as custodian of the **Building Association Fund**, and approved by the Finance Committee. They shall report all activities within the fund at the Annual Communication. No funds for any single project exceeding the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) shall be expended without the prior vote of the Lodge.

The Moses Paul Attendance Drawing

Rules: At each Stated Meeting in 2012, a Brother's name will be randomly drawn and is declared that month's winner. The prize for being the winner is to have free Square and Compass Meals (first Thursday) for the remainder of 2012. The winner **must be present** to claim his prize. If the winner is not present, his name will be re-entered for the next month's drawing. This program will be evaluated at the June Stated Meeting and can be stopped at this time if the Lodge chooses to do so.

January's Moses Paul Attendance Drawing winner was Brother **RAY ALLEN**.

Make sure you come to next month's Stated Meeting for your chance to win!

Thought for the Month

What is Masonry? by Bro. Walter H. Bonn, Victor, Iowa

It's not a sign or handshake, a hall where tilers sit, It's not a guarded building, where passwords will admit, It's not a place of symbols, which Wardens oft display, It's not a lodge of members, who meet in white array.

It is the home of justice, of liberty and truth, Of loyalty to country, of sympathy for youth, Of succor for a brother, of gentleness and cheer, Of tolerance for neighbors, whose life is often drear.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

Raymond E. Allen
Raymond L. Blaisdell
Gerald E. Brown
Leo P. Cinfo
Robert J. Corsetti
Ian Y. Cundiff
Frank B. Freeland
John C. Joyal
Calvin A. Mittelsteadt
Kyle K. Parent
Gerald R. Smith

Can You Identify the Masonic symbols?



Moses Paul Lodge #96, Dover, NH

Officers & Appointments for 2012

Worshipful Master:	Wor. Vincent R. Puleo 603-491-1639
Senior Warden:	Robert J. Corsetti 603-969-8378
Junior Warden:	Wor. Stephen E. Wawrzekiewicz 603-332-1427
Treasurer:	James E. Phelps 603-969-9500
Deputy Treasurer:	Jean L. LaBrack 603-743-4066
Secretary:	John T. Pond, Jr. 603-978-8940
Deputy Secretary:	Wor. James S. Miller 603-742-6691
Representative to Grand Lodge:	Richard Lapointe 603 749-3147
Chaplain	Wor. James S. Miller 603-742-6691
Senior Deacon:	Michael J. Stacy 603-394-6455
Junior Deacon:	David Akridge 603-343-1388
Marshall:	Wor. Robert D. Berry 978-922-4951
Senior Steward:	Elie Khoury
Junior Steward:	David Martinelli
Asst Steward:	Jean LaBrack
Tyler:	Richard Lapointe 603-749-3147
Asst. Tyler:	
Historian:	David Akridge
Finance Committee:	Jean L. LaBrack Timothy Granfield 603-343-5926
Trustees of Charity Fund	David M. Goldsmith- 2012 Wor. Donald S. Meserve - 2012, 2013 Wor. Stephen E. Wawrzekiewicz- 2011, 2012, 2013
Widow's Program Chairman:	Wor. James S. Miller Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney
Gates:	#1-Richard Lapointe, #2-Wor. Robert D. Berry, #3-Wor. Donald S. Meserve
Representative to Evergreen Place:	James E. Phelps
Building Assoc. Representatives:	Wor. Donald S. Meserve Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney Richard Lapointe Eli Khoury John T. Pond, Jr
Public Affairs Officer:	Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney 603-664-7920
Lodge Care Taker:	Wor. Donald S. Meserve
Web Master :	Kyle Parent 603-292-5331

Moses Paul Lodge #96
Living Past Masters



John A. Taylor.....	1958, 59
Gerald E. Brown.....	1965
Robert D. Sylvester.....	1966, 67
Ronald C. Bartlett.....	1968
Donald S. Meserve.....	1972
Raymond E. Allen.....	1975
William H. Carswell, II.....	1976, 77, 78
Stephen J. Regoulinsky.....	1981, 82
David R. Spiller.....	1984, 85
Edwin F. Mitchell, Jr.....	1986
Anthony Zizos.....	1989, 90
James S. Miller...1991, 98, 01, 02, 03, 04	
Leigh F. Ivey, Sr.....	1992
John F. Torr.....	1993, 94, 99, 00
Stephen E Wawrzkieicz.....	1995
Robert H. Stewart.....	1996
Jay A. Edgerly.....	1997
William C. Hill, HPM.....	2003
Michael J. Mawson.....	2005
George M. McGee III.....	2006
Christopher Pehler.....	2007, 2008
Robert D. Berry.....	2009
Bruce G. Staples, HPM.....	2010
Kristopher G. Furtney.....	2010, 2011