

January 2010  
Trestle Board

St. John's Lodge No. 1  
Portsmouth, NH

# The Master's Message

Brethren,

Thank you for electing me Worshipful Master for the second time! I consider it a great honor and important responsibility to serve in this position and I hope I can exemplify the important teachings of our fraternity.

When I was Master in 2008 I set a goal for my year in the East to ensure that the lodge had an outward focus on the community. Throughout 2008 and 2009 we followed that goal and I believe we were successful. We have had many members organize events for the community including the Road Race, Little League Ice Cream Social, and Scholarships to name a few. These events definitely helped our community and raised awareness for our fraternity.

In 2010, I would like to continue these community events but also shift the focus inward toward the members of the lodge. I want to make sure that our meetings are productive, fun, and contain good programs. I also want to follow the Grand Master's goal for creating "Unity" among our fellow lodges by encouraging members to travel to other lodges as a group. This will give us more opportunities to have fellowship with other masons. Finally, I want to make sure that the members of our lodge are happy and enjoying our fraternity as we roll into 2011 for our 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Fraternally Yours,

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## January 2010

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### **Stated Communication (Open in EA)**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2009**

(Dinner 6:00, Open 7:00)

Dinner—Prime Rib (**\$8.00**)

**Officer dress—Tux with tails**

### **Special Communication**

**Fellow Craft Degree**

Michael Boutin, Troy Hogg, Keith Davis,  
Owen Williams, Jim Maggiore

**Wednesday, January 13, 2009**

(Dinner 6:00, Open 7:00)

Dinner—Chicken Cordon Bleu (**\$8.00**)

**Officer dress—Tux with tails**

### **275th Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, January 21st**

7:00 - 8:00PM

**Note: Dinners are now \$8.00**

**Please call Gib Palmer (SD) to make reservations  
603-601-2294**

# Historical Sketch

## Eliphalet Ladd

Portsmouth's Strawberry Banke Museum has among its impressive displays three sixteen foot hollowed-out logs resting on a covered rack attached to a building. Still in remarkably good condition after more than two hundred years, these wooden pipes made up a portion of the famous Portsmouth Aqueduct.

On December 19, 1797 the New Hampshire Legislature granted a Charter to the Portsmouth Aqueduct Company, one of the first of its kind to be organized in the country. The company immediately purchased the "Warm Springs" at Oak Hill Farm on the outskirts of Portsmouth, about two miles west of Market Square, near where Sherburne Road is today. They were called "warm" springs because they flowed even in the coldest of winters. The springs were subsequently renamed Fountain Head, and in 1799, hundreds of hollowed-out logs were connected from the springs to the downtown area where 214 homes and businesses were afforded the 'modern' luxury of fresh running water.

The end of the gravity fed water supply was the Coal Wharf on the end of State Street where the Pier II restaurant used to stand and where a condominium complex is being built today.

Fountain Head delivered an abundant supply of pure spring water the quality of which was superb and well known throughout New England. As C.S. Gurney wrote in his 1902 book 'Portsmouth...Historic and Picturesque,' "to the pure spring water of Portsmouth, may be traced beyond a doubt, the remarkable record of its people for great healthfulness, and one of the many attractive features to the summer tourist."

On the petition for incorporation for the Portsmouth Aqueduct Company, eighteen visionaries from Portsmouth signed their name. Seven of them were members of St. John's Lodge including the three principle managers of the company – Bro. Eliphalet Ladd, Bro. Samuel Hill and Bro. Thomas Chadbourne. Today we remember one of the three – Bro. Eliphalet Ladd.

Eliphalet Ladd was born on June 10, 1744 in Exeter and moved to Portsmouth in 1792. While there is no specific record of the date of his being Raised a Master Mason, he is listed as a member of our Lodge and was one of the petitioners to have the Lodge incorporated. He married Abigail Hill of Berwick, ME and together they had twelve children. He was a merchant and shipbuilder by trade and during the time of the American Revolution, he served as an Army Colonel. In addition to designing and building the aque-

duct, one of his particular accomplishments was the launching of the twenty gun ship *Hercules* in Exeter. In his later years, he was a successful merchant and built several stores downtown on Market Street near the intersection of the street that bears his name (you guessed it, Ladd Street).

In his 'Rambles about Portsmouth,' Charles W. Brewster wrote, "Col. Ladd made a personal survey of the track of the aqueduct from the fountain into town; and so confident was he of his accuracy as an engineer, in leveling, that he erected an upright pipe in front of his mansion, cut it off at a particular height, and said, 'thus high the water will rise.' When it was let into the logs, it rose exactly to the point he designated, not varying an inch."

Brother Ladd passed from labor to refreshment on February 24, 1806 in Portsmouth. He exhibited the good sense and ingenuity that our founding fathers had when they raised our country from its infancy. He was a good man and good speculative Mason; and by his study and application of Geometry, the first and noblest of sciences, he was a very good operative mason as well.

**Alan M. Robinson, PM**  
**Historian**

# Famous Masons



## Henry Harley "Hap" Arnold

Hap Arnold is the only person to ever attain the rank of 5 star general for two different branches of the military. Hap was General of the Army and later General of the Air Force. Arnold was an aviation pioneer and instrumental in the formation of the United States Air Force as the fourth branch of the US Military.

Henry Arnold was born on June 25, 1896 to a prominent political and military family. He entered West Point at the age of 17. At the age of 24, Arnold started his aviation career by being selected to receive training at the Wright Brothers Aviation School in Ohio. A year later, Arnold became only the second military aviator and was one of the original 24 military aviators to wear the newly designed Military Aviator badge.

In 1941, Arnold became the first Chief of the United State Army Air Forces. In 1943, he was promoted to General of the Air Force and, in 1944 he was given the rank of General of the Army.

## Famous Masons, continued

Arnold died in 1950 in Sonoma, CA. His nickname, "Hap" was given to him by his aunt and is short for "Happy". The Arnold Engineering Development Center and Arnold Air Force Base in TN is named after him. The top honorary organization in Air Force ROTC, The Arnold Air Society is named in his honor as is the cadet center at the US Air Force Academy. The Air Force Aid Society awards a scholarship in his name. The high school at the Wiesbaden Air Base was renamed the General HH Arnold High School in 1955 and is still named that today, even though Wiesbaden is now an army base. In 1988, the US Post Office issued the HH Hap Arnold postage stamp.

All three of Arnold's sons attended West Point and served as colonels in the Air Force.

Hap Arnold was raised in Union Lodge #7, Junction City, KS. He received the higher degrees in the Army Scottish Right bodies at Fort Levinworth, KS. He was also a shriner.

## Upcoming Events



### Table Lodge

We will be hosting a Table Lodge on  
**Wednesday, April 21st.**  
Lodge opens at 6:00PM.  
Join us for a fun event. See order form insert

OUT OF HIBERNATION 5K



### Out of Hibernation 5K

We're planning the 4th annual road race for 2010.  
The work starts now!

If you're interested in helping, talk to  
Bro. Stolworthy or Bro. Silverman  
828-7200 379-2554

### Happy Birthday Brothers!

Join us for the Stated Communication during your birthday month  
and the dinner is on the Master and Wardens.



## From the Secretary's Desk

I would like to thank the Lodge for asking me to be their Secretary again this year. I must tell you that it is a very rewarding job, busy, but the rewards are well worth the work. The calls from our Brothers and Special Ladies make it so much fun.

I have a Brother from California. that calls me often and some of our Special Ladies give a call and thank the Lodge for remembering them by still sending them the Trestle Board.

I added the Special Ladies to our mail list about the middle of last year when one of them asked if she could still get the notice as she loves the Histories and to know what was going on, and that it would make her feel that she was still part of the Lodge even though her husband had passed on. So, welcome to our Special Ladies, you are always part of our Lodge and hope you had a great Holiday season!

*RW Robert L. Sutherland Jr.*  
*Secretary*

## 275th Anniversary Ornament

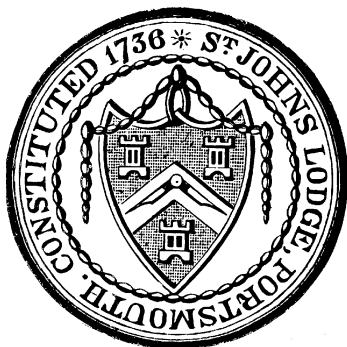
Christmas may have passed, but you can start making your plans for next year. The 275th Anniversary Committee has designed a beautiful pewter ornament to commemorate our 275th anniversary. Get your orders in now!



Ornaments are priced at just **\$15** (\$20 with shipping), including a gift box and ribbon for hanging. To place an order, please go to our website, <http://www.stjohnslodge1.org/275th.htm>. You can also order ornaments by contacting the Worshipful Master, Tom Haslam 8 Stratham Lane, Stratham, NH 03885

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