



Trestle Board

April 14, 2009



Greetings from the East,

Brethren,

At the March Stated a new petition was read in Lodge. The petition will follow the usual course and vote of acceptance may be done at the April Stated.

Some of the business discussed was;

A dinner done by the Lodge for the Rayfree Senior center,

A committee was appointed to examine the Lodges finances,

A date for an EA Degree for possibly two candidates. The Degree will be done at our May Stated,

A Spaghetti supper to be done in July, this will be to raise money for our Charity Fund,

A proposal for a raffle to be held, also to raise money for the Lodge or the Charity Fund, more ideas for prizes are welcome.

A new Master Mason was raised at Tucker Lodge early this month. On April 7, Paul Edward Clements was raised to the sublime Degree of MM. Congratulations to Brother Clements on reaching this milestone. I think the Officers and Brethren did a good job on this Degree. Thanks to all the Brethren that assisted with the extra parts. There were a number of visitors in attendance from St James, Gideon, and St. Johns Lodges. I thought Worshipful Clovis Leach of Gideon Lodge was interested in reacquiring the Traveling Gavel but that remains at Tucker. Maybe he and his Brethren will return another day.

The date for our next stated meeting is April 28 at 7:30 PM. There is no Degree to be done so there will not be a dinner before the meeting. I am hoping to have a brother give the MM History at the meeting. A few of our new Master Masons have never heard that portion of the Degree.

Upcoming Events at Tucker Lodge

April 28, Stated Meeting/, no dinner planned

Rehearsals for the next EA Degree; May 5, 12 and 19 at 6:30 PM, rehearsals may be attended by every member of our Lodge, it may be a good way to learn more yourself and to help the Lodge prepare.

May 26, Stated Meeting, two candidates for the EA Degree, tentative plans for a potluck dinner at 6:15, with the Degree to start about 7:00. We will open in MM and change for the Degree. Business to be done when possible, after 7:30.

First District Events

April 21 (Tuesday), 2009 Masters Class at St. Andrews #56, 351 Middle St., Portsmouth 7-9 PM

April 25, " Out of Hibernation Road Race, Masonic Temple, Portsmouth

April 29, MM Degree for three at William Pitt Tavern, Degree being done a Military Team with Maine Ritual.

Brethren, visiting is a very enjoyable part of our Fraternity. There are many Degrees and events happening over the next month. Attend and meet other brothers in Masonry.

NH Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be held on May 16. The Master, Wardens and G.L. Representative are expected to attend.

Fraternally,

Craig R. White, Sr., (WM) 603-895-0118 (Home, Evenings), (603) 303-0102 (Cell)

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From the Southeast Corner,

Brethren,

Tucker Lodge would like to wish the following HAPPY BIRTHDAY! John Littlefield 4/12, Carroll Sanderson 4/17, Bryon Littlefield 4/17, John Ross 4/17, Rolf Rodtang 4/19, Gerald Kidder 4/25, John Stewart Jr. 4/25, Michael Pettengill Sr. 4/27, Stephen Retzke 5/13, Charles Perkins 5/18, Frank Langford 5/20, Oliver Frates 5/21, Robert J. Willoughby 5/26 and Bruce (Magyver) Welch 5/29

Peace to All,

Ed Miller, Secretary

603-895-8888

Sickness or distress: If you know of a member of the Tucker Lodge family who is in sickness or distress, please call the Secretary, Brother Edward Miller 603-895-8888. If you need a ride to attend Lodge please call WM Craig White at 603-895-0118. Trestle Board; your input is welcome for it's your opportunity to improve our communication.

Raymond Masonic Building Association (RMBA) news

The annual meeting of the RMBA was held on Saturday, April 11 at 10 AM. Unfortunately the meeting was poorly attended, but those that did attend accomplished much. Thanks to those that took the time to attend.

Message from the new President,

First, I would like to thank you, for having the confidence in me and voting me into the position of President of the RMBA. That being said, there are a few things that need to be taken care of over the next few months to make our lodge building more pleasant for members and visitors alike.

It has been mentioned that the front entrance to the lodge should have a handrail. Although it is not required by code, it would be helpful to those members and guests that may like a bit of assistance.

I will be asking for volunteers to help with general clean up around the property, probably during the weekend of the 16th & 17th of May. We also need people to Scrape, Prep & Paint the fire escape, it has been over 6 years since it was done last. The next thing is that I need someone to assist me in repairing or rebuilding the shelter to the cellar door which took some structural damage during this past year winters storms.

The last thing on the agenda is that we need to do a fund raiser to help off set the costs of all these projects that need to be done, as well as monies toward having the roof redone or replaced and purchase of a replacement furnace for the lodge. Cost analysis is being done whether we go with gas or oil, but the cost either way to replace the furnace will be burdened by the lodge.

If any of the brethren have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or another Officer of the association.

Fraternally,

Br. Eric L. Colwell

Elected Officers January 2009

Worshipful Master, Craig R. White, Sr.
Junior Warden, Steven A. Welch
Deputy Treasurer, Michael Pettengill PM
Deputy Secretary, Ernie Rutherford HPM

Senior Warden, Oliver Frates.
Treasurer, Warren W Black PM
Secretary, Edward JP Miller
G.L. Rep., Roger Retzke PM

Appointed Officers January 2008

Chaplain	Tad W. Richardson PM	Marshal	Robert F. Drowne
Senior Deacon	Eric Colwell	Junior Deacon	Bruce F. Welch
Tyler	Philip Thomas	Musician	Donald Willoughby PM
Senior Steward	Romeo E. Levesque HPM	Junior Steward	Walter Davis

Masonic Service Recipients

65 Years

Carroll Sanderson Mar '43

50 Years

Robert B. Piper, Oct '52	Donald Willoughby, Oct '52	Chester Menter, Jan '54
Charles Perkins, Apr '56	Robert Whitney, Jan '59	Edward W. Moulton June '59

40 Years

Roland Drake, Mar '60	John G. Porter, Mar '60	Charles E. Hutchins, May '64
Robert J. Willoughby, Nov '60	John F. Gordon May '64	James A. Tilley, Nov '64
Richard C. Heselton, Apr '66	Romeo Levesque Jr, Jan '69	Wayne Ingalls, Nov '69

25 Years

Frank Case Sr, Nov '70	Albert G Henson, Feb '71	Willard J Foss Jr, Apr '71
Peter A Gylfphe Apr '71	Byron D Littlefield, May '71	Richard E Care, May '71
Rolf J Rodtang, Nov '71	Ronald C Levesque, Jan '72	Nelson Sherman, Nov '72
Donald C Smith, May '74	Warren C Cross, Jan '75	Frank S Langford, Jan '75
Gerald J Kidder, Nov '75	Donald J Tenney, Nov '75	Francis L Willey, Nov '75
Thomas J Wolkowski, Nov '76	Ronald P Simone, Dec '78	John Stewart, Apr '80
David Roux, Nov '80	David Menter, Oct '81	

Living Past Masters

60-61, 82, 88 Chester E Menter	67-68 Edward C Moulton	69-70, 91 Donald R Willoughby
71-72 Robert J Willoughby	73-74, 85, 89 John F Gordon	75-76 Wayne Ingalls
81 Nelson E Sherman	83-84 Ronald P Simone	86-87 John Stewart Jr
92-93 Albert G Henson	94 Albert J Henson	95-96 Roland M Davis
97-98 Michael V Pettengill Sr.	99-00, 07 Warren W Black	01-02 Roger Retzke
03-04 Tad W Richardson	05-06 Ryan P McKinley	06 Ernest L Rutherford (H)
07 Romeo Levesque Jr.(H)	08 Donald C Smith	