



# The Grand Master's Quarterly Newsletter

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## *From the Grand Master:*

Greetings Brethren,

It is a pleasure that I welcome you to the first edition of the Grand Master's quarterly newsletter. I do hope that you find it a useful tool. The complete calendar is on the Grand Lodge website [www.nhgrandlodge.org](http://www.nhgrandlodge.org)

A special thank you to the membership of the Masonic Awareness and Publicity committee for all your hard work in just the first two weeks of our term. Thanks also go to Brothers P.T. Sullivan and Karl Olsen for the hundreds of pictures taken during the Grand Lodge session and Installation on May 21<sup>st</sup> and to Don Sullivan for the fantastic new website. I invite you and your family to join us at the following events:

The Fabulous Fraternal Family Feast picnic on June 18<sup>th</sup> at Stratham Hill Park

St. John's Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral in the Pines in Rindge

A week of activities at St. John's Lodge # 1 in Portsmouth for their 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration from June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>

Masonic Family Day on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth  
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Paul Michael Leary, installed as the 113<sup>th</sup> Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient & Honorable Fraternity of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire, on Saturday, May 21, 2011.

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For the Brethren I would like to have you join with me and your Grand Lodge with collars and aprons at the following events: St. John's Sunday in Rindge, St. John's Lodge #1 in Portsmouth on June 26<sup>th</sup>, Rainbow's Grand Assembly on July 1<sup>st</sup> and Eastern Star's Grand Chapter on August 25<sup>th</sup> as part of the suites that are formed by the Grand Marshal, Jerome T. Becker.

We are moving forward with many of the initiative that our Junior Past Grand Master, C. Wayne Libby, Jr. put in place and as your current line officers continue to roll out the strategic plan for the coming year. We will continue with all of the big issues that are on our plates, however, with that in mind my theme will be a "Return to Basics and Our Roots" – the thought that in our rush to get the big things accomplished we often forget the little things but need to keep them firmly in our minds for the benefit of our candidates and members. We need to look to our tenets and landmarks and see that we adhere to them. I am not looking to change Masonry but rather the way we do our Masonry to make it relevant in today's every changing world.

Two other thoughts, though not original to me, but are most important to me, Infinite Respect and Radical Hospitality. These phrases come from the Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson, Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire and I do believe if we keep them in the front of our minds they can help us clear up many problems that have cropped up in our lodges over the past several years. Brethren, as of today let us all start to promote these two ideas and as good Masons they should not be a challenge but a simple reminder of what we as Masons do.

As I close, I would be remiss if I did not thank everyone who participated in the Grand Lodge Installation. The bagpipers, NH State Police Drill Team, NH Rainbow for our banquet, Nelson Ward our organists and Stephanie Lyons our soloist as well as the members of the Installing Suite, those who agreed to accept positions this year as Grand Lodge Officers, their families and friends who support our endeavors and last but not least my wife, Maggie, for all she has done for me these past fifteen years of my Masonic journey.

Fraternally,

*Paul*

Grand Master

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Any errors or omissions are unintentional and we ask that you notify us of such. This newsletter may be printed or re-transmitted without permission. As we Freemasons might say, "there are no secrets contained within this publication".... so please share it with others.

Please contact me, Bruce Kominz, Editor, with any questions, comments, news stories or photographs you may wish to submit:

email: [bkominz@yahoo.com](mailto:bkominz@yahoo.com)

Thank you!

**222 Grand Lodge Annual Meeting & Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, Saturday May 21, 2011:**

**Masons Install 113<sup>th</sup> Grand Master**

story & photos by P.T. Sullivan, email: [pt35mmsull@ireland.com](mailto:pt35mmsull@ireland.com)

It is with great pleasure we announce that on Saturday May 21, 2011 the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, Free & Accepted Masons held its 222<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting in Manchester, NH. At this meeting the new Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Hampshire Brother Paul M. Leary, was installed. Most Worshipful Brother Leary, a resident of Franklin, became only the 113<sup>th</sup> Grand Master in the history of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire is celebrating 275 years of Masonry in the State. From its humble beginnings in the seacoast area, the Masonic Fraternity flourishes in 66 lodges spread throughout the entire state. Through these local lodges the Masons of New Hampshire are a part of their communities, contributing through a variety of charitable and community base programs enhancing the lives of New Hampshire residents. The Masons continue to grow in numbers and spread their fraternal friendship.





Page 2 photo:  
Grand Master Paul M.  
Leary receives his  
Apron from Past  
Grand Master Wendell  
Woodward.

Above: Pipers and NH  
State Police Color  
Guard present the  
colors.

Left: Richard D. Perry,  
Potentate Bektash  
Shrine (NH) presents  
Grand Master Leary  
with his Fez.

Photos by P.T. Sullivan

# Upcoming Grand Lodge/ Masonic Events

## ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY, @ CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES

- **Contact person** = Secretary to the Grand Master, Charles Connell
- **Sunday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. Open Grand Lodge / 11:00 a.m. Service**
- followed by Picnic (hot dogs, hamburgers, cookies, etc.) = \$5.00 donation per person  
note that this will occur "rain or shine".



**MISSION** (from Cathedral of the Pines Official website)(photos from website)  
Cathedral of the Pines' educational programs and public events honor service to the Nation by promoting peace, interfaith understanding, and respect for the natural environment.

### VISION

Cathedral of the Pines will be a thriving center in the Monadnock region where people come both from our local communities and from all over the world to participate in a wide range of events that address the Cathedral's mission.

### FOUNDING INSPIRATION

Sibyl and Douglas Sloane III founded the Cathedral of the Pines in 1945 as a memorial to those men and women, including their son Sandy, who had sacrificed their lives in World War II. They envisioned that their cathedral without walls would welcome people of every faith in a spirit of unity and mutual respect. It was their hope that interfaith understanding would help bring world peace. In the 21st century the Cathedral seeks to honor and extend that original vision through its activities and events.

### HISTORIC AND NATURAL SITE

Situated on a hilltop with a panoramic view of the Grand Monadnock, the Cathedral of the Pines is a breathtaking open-air cathedral and meeting space on 236 acres. Our historic monuments honor the service of American men and women—both military and civilian. We welcome visitors from all over the world to participate in our events and to explore the extraordinary sanctuary grounds, meditate in outdoor chapels and gardens, and learn our history.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE #1 - 275<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### "275 years of Freemasonry in New Hampshire"

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#### St. John's Lodge Historical Sketch

**Here Ye, Here Ye On June 24, St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, NH is 275 years old.  
1736 June 24 2011**

Can you imagine – our grand old lodge is 275 years old. To put it in perspective, when our lodge was constituted in 1736, the father of our country, Bro. George Washington, was only four years old, and our soon-to-be country was 13 colonies under British rule. From the earliest days of the fraternity, Freemasonry chose as its patron saints, Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. The feast days of the Holy Saints John were celebrated as holidays by Masons and observed by attending a religious service followed by a banquet. It is likely that our lodge, founded on June 24, the birthday of Saint John the Baptist, recognized this important day every year from its founding in 1736.

On St. John's Sunday in 1932, a special ceremony commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone in 1807 was held. A tablet was unveiled in the south vestibule to mark this event. The church was filled to overflowing. An estimated 700 Masons were in the line of march that morning. In 1935, 500 Masons marched on St. John's Sunday to hear Rev. Bro. Francis E. Webster, Rector of Christ Church of Boston (the Old North Church) preach the sermon. At the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the lodge in 1936, Rev. Bro. Percy D. Endrop, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield, MA, delivered the sermon at St. John's Church with 600 Masons marching in the parade. In 1952-53, the parish erected an adjoining parish house. The cornerstone was laid with Masonic ritual under the leadership of Most Worshipful Walter E. Dunlap, Grand Master of New Hampshire. In 1955, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our first observance by the Masons at Queen's Chapel was held. Rev. Bro. Charles F. Hall, Bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire preached the sermon. The line of march for the parade included 600 Masons. On St. John's Sunday in 1960, the Governor of New Hampshire, Bro. Wesley Powell, a member of our lodge, delivered an eloquent address on the life of St. John the Baptist. On St. John's Sunday in 1986, the year of our lodge's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Rev. Bro. Robert W. Golledge, Rector of Christ Church of Boston delivered the sermon. Once again, hundreds of Masons participated and hundreds of interested citizens looked on as the parade processed through downtown Portsmouth.

From the time I was a small boy watching my father march on St. John's Sunday, to my first participation in the parade in 1974 as a member of the Order of DeMolay, to 1988, when I marched as Master of St. John's Lodge, to last year when I helped lead the parade as a member of DeWitt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templar, the St. John Sunday parade has been an enormously important and rewarding tradition; I look forward to it every year. I will be participating again this year, and I hope you will be too!

It's Sunday morning, June 26. What a wonderful opportunity it will be to showcase the Masonic Fraternity; and what better way to honor our lodge on its 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary than to participate. Just as we did 256 years ago, we will put on our white aprons, form a procession, and march to St. John Church. And as we near the church and walk up the hill, the church bells will be ringing, and the Rector and his parishioners will be there welcoming us. We will be afforded the opportunity to offer up our devotion to God, celebrate the birthday of St. John the Baptist for whom the church and our lodge are named, and when the service is over, we will return from whence we came, marching together as members of the oldest, most recognized, and best fraternal organization on Earth. Please come and join us this year. You will be really glad you did. Happy Birthday St. John's Lodge!

**Alan M. Robinson, PM Historian**

# **275<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

## **ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 1, F&AM**

### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

(subject to change)

Masonic Temple reserved for the full week: 20 June 2011 (Monday) through 26 June 2011(Sunday)  
Planned program of activities: (times are approximate):

#### **Monday, 20 June 2011**

**12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM** - Open House and Tour of Masonic Temple, escorted by Officers and Members of St. John's Lodge.

#### **Tuesday, 21 June 2011**

**6:00 PM** – Dinner in Auditorium \$12.00. Reservations **a must.** Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo (or both) served family style. Price includes tip for NH Rainbow Girls. Reservations with Robert L. Sutherland Jr. 436-1095 or [robert7615@aol.com](mailto:robert7615@aol.com) no later than June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**7:00 PM** – Opening of St. John's Lodge No. 1, F&AM, by the regular Lodge Officers (the Lodge will remain open until noon on Sunday, 26 June 2011)

**7:15 PM** - Entered Apprentice Degree on active Candidate performed by Officers from the First Masonic District of NH in Colonial costumes appropriate to their stations

**9:30 PM** – Lodge called from Labor to Refreshment

#### **Wednesday, 22 June 2011**

**6:00 PM** – Dinner in Auditorium \$12.00. Reservations **a must.** Beef Tips served family style. Price includes Tip for NH Rainbow Girls. Reservations with Robert L. Sutherland Jr. 436-1095 or [robert7615@aol.com](mailto:robert7615@aol.com) no later than June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**7:00 PM** – Fellow Craft Degree on active Candidate performed by regular Officers of St. John's Lodge No. 1 dressed in their usual attire (white tie and tails)

**9:15 PM** – Lodge called from Labor to Refreshment

#### **Thursday, 23 June 2011**

**6:00 PM** – Dinner in Auditorium \$12.00. Reservations **a must.** Roast Chicken Breast served family style. Price includes Tip for NH Rainbow Girls. Reservations with Robert L. Sutherland Jr. 436-1095 or [robert7615@aol.com](mailto:robert7615@aol.com) no later than June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**7:00 PM** – Master Mason Degree on active Candidate. First and Second Sections performed by Past Masters of St. John's Lodge No. 1; Second Section participants will be dressed in Biblical costumes appropriate to their stations

**9:30 PM** – Lodge called from Labor to Refreshment

#### **Friday, 24 June 2011**

**6:00 PM** – Anniversary Banquet in Auditorium. Limited to maximum of 175 people. \$30.00. Reservations **a must.** Prime Rib plated and served. Price includes tip for NH Rainbow Girls. Reservations with Robert L. Sutherland Jr. 436-1095 or [robert7615@aol.com](mailto:robert7615@aol.com) no later than June 17<sup>th</sup>. SEMI-PUBLIC

**7:00 PM** – Celebration of the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formal beginning of St. John's Lodge No. 1, F&AM, Constituted on June 24, 1736

**Program** – Remarks by Worshipful Master Daniel S. Stolworthy (10 minutes)  
 - A reading of the essay “*I AM ST. JOHN’S LODGE NO. 1*” as offered by Worshipful Robert E. Buffum, Senior Past Master (10 minutes)  
 - Musical program by the talented group *Voices of the Heart*, offering a medley of selected songs popular during the years 1736 through 2011 (20 to 30 minutes)  
 - Remarks by Most Worshipful Paul M. Leary, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire (10 minutes)

**9:45 PM** – Lodge called from Labor to Refreshment

**Saturday, 25 June 2011**

**2:00 PM to 5:00 PM** – Guided tour of Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, NH, a restored area featuring original houses and artifacts reaching back to the beginnings of the City, including Stoodley’s Tavern and the William Pitt Tavern - where St. John’s Lodge met during many of its early years

**5:00 PM to 7:00 PM** – New England Clambake and Barbeque in the Auditorium, with Lobsters, Clams, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and all the trimmings for a pleasant and relaxing dinner. \$25.00. Reservations ***a must***. Reservations with Robert L. Sutherland Jr. at 436-1095 or [robert7615@aol.com](mailto:robert7615@aol.com) no later than June 17<sup>th</sup>. SEMI-PUBLIC

**Sunday, 26 June 2011 – St. John’s Sunday**

**7:00 AM** – Coffee and doughnuts in the Auditorium  
**7:45 AM** – Lodge called from Refreshment to Labor  
**# 8:00 AM** – Lines form for the parade to St. John’s Church. Transportation will be provided for those who prefer not to march.  
**8:30 AM** – Parade leaves for St. John’s Church  
**9:30 AM** – Divine Services at St. John’s Church  
**11:00 AM** – Parade returns to Masonic Temple  
**12:00 PM** – Closing of St. John’s Lodge No. 1, F&AM, by the regular Lodge Officers

**# Lodges that are planning to attend and march as a Lodge please inform the Secretary of St John’s Lodge #1 no later than June 17<sup>th</sup>. Call Robert L. Sutherland Jr. at 436-1095 or [robert7615@aol.com](mailto:robert7615@aol.com). We need this information to set of the line of march in advance of the parade. If possible, please let us know how many persons will be in your line of march, and whether you plan to march with another Lodge. Additional autos may be needed for your handicapped members, so plan for this eventuality. The march is about 0.7 mile long, each way. Dress for Lodge Officers is full regalia. Members may wear business suits. The Officers of St John’s Lodge #1 will be in full formal attire, Grand Lodge will be attending with us, and they will set their attire as they see fit. The line of march will be: youngest lodge first, to the oldest in the rear.. Only one set of the Great lights will be in the line of march. All Lodges will be declared open by the Grand Master when Grand Lodge is opened, and all Lodges will be closed by him when St John’s Lodge #1 closes for the week.**

## “MASONIC FAMILY DAY” AT STRAWBERRY BANKE

- **Contact person** = Robert Sutherland, Jr., Tel. 436-1095 email: [rlsjr42@comcast.net](mailto:rlsjr42@comcast.net)

- **Saturday, July 9, 2011. Open Grand Lodge @ 9:30 a.m. - cookout @ approx. 11:30 a.m.**

TO: All Past Grand Masters, all Grand Lodge Officers and the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of all Constituent Lodges

Mason's Day at Strawberry Banke will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011. William Pitt Tavern Lodge No. 1789 will open at 9:30 A.M. in the tavern.

Admission to the entire Strawberry Banke Museum for Masons, members of the Scottish and York Rite, Shrine, Rainbow and DeMolay, and their families, will be by showing a current Dues Card.

The William Pitt Tavern is the only building of its kind in North America and we should all take advantage of this opportunity to visit the tavern and tour the Strawberry Banke Museum with our families.

Dress for Grand Lodge Officers is Purple Polo Shirts and Khaki Pants for those who have them. Dress for all others is smart casual with no jeans or tee shirts.

### **Saturday, July 9th**

William Pitt Tavern

**Mason's Day** (from the Strawberry Banke official website)

A day of Masonic celebration, this annual daylong fest has a special significance to New Hampshire Masons, as the William Pitt Tavern is where the Granite State's first Masonic Grand Lodge was established in 1789. Masons Day is free of charge to Masons and their families with the presentation of a valid Masonic dues card, and to museum visitors with a Strawberry Banke Museum ticket. Among the events and programs planned are action demonstrations by police and firefighters, scavenger hunts with prizes, face painting, magic shows, balloon artists, and a cookout with free food. For more information, please call the Grand Lodge at 603-554-1723.

Visitors to Strawberry Banke have the opportunity to experience and imagine how people lived and worked in this typical American neighborhood throughout four centuries of history. Through its restored houses, its featured exhibits, its historic landscapes and gardens, and its interpretive programs, Strawberry Banke tells the stories of the many generations who settled in the Portsmouth, NH, community from the late 17th to the mid-20th century.

Significantly, this site was rescued from the poorly conceived urban renewal policies of the 1950s by conscientious, far sighted citizens. Always maintaining its grass roots origins, there has been no single benefactor underwriting its existence. Strawberry Banke has relied upon and continues to rely upon the generous support of numerous individuals who believe in the importance of preserving a site that so accurately depicts the history of immigrants transforming themselves into a community of American citizens.

Strawberry Banke tells these stories today by preserving an actual community where visitors can connect with the past; serving as a resource for educators, community; and providing a gathering space for the present day Portsmouth community.



# William Pitt Tavern

Home of

**William Pitt Tavern Lodge No. 1789**

**Charter July 8, 1983**

Brother Secretary:

I have recently received the honor to be Grand Archivist of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. As such I will be curator of the Masonic Museum at the William Pitt Tavern at Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth. I am writing to describe initiatives so that the William Pitt Tavern Museum can serve all New Hampshire Lodges.

One of my objectives for our museum is to make it OUR Museum. It is more than a Grand Lodge project.

Bringing the story of Freemasonry at the Museum requires keeping it open more than it has been. I am writing to ask every Lodge to commit to sending us at least one brother to volunteer for one day each year.

The Museum is open from the beginning of May to the end of October. In past years it has been open only one day a week, Tuesdays, and then on Saturday for "Masons' Day at Strawberry Banke." I want to extend that to be open Saturdays as well, to bring the message of our Order to many more visitors.

I also ask that each Lodge consider holding a Special Communication at the Tavern annually, to show the connection of every Lodge to the birthplace of Masonry in New Hampshire. The Lodge Room at the William Pitt Tavern is available to all NH Masonic groups. Please use it so we can spread the word that we are here and have been for two and a half centuries.

Another way to keep a presence for every Lodge is to ask each to prepare a small exhibit on your history to be displayed at the Museum. More than a dozen Lodges are over 200 years old. Some are less than 50. All have a story to offer, telling how they started and where they have been, and what communities they serve. All New Hampshire Lodges are asked to send me any pamphlets on your Lodge History and/or any notification on SPECIAL EVENTS planned for their Lodge so that I may display them in the Museum.

Each lodge can tell its own story. The idea is to make visitors aware of the areas where we are to be found and what folks will find there.

The William Pitt Tavern Museum has to be more than an accumulation of old stuff, mementos of forgotten times. It must tell the story of Freemasonry in New Hampshire.

Your Lodge's help will make that a reality.

I look forward to having an opportunity to visit your Lodge in person, to presenting a bit of the Museum's history to the brethren and generating interest in its mission. Please contact me for more information on what we can do together.

Thank you for your support,  
Robert E Padian, Grand Archivist

*William Pitt Tavern is now open every Tuesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the public  
(Editors note: Volunteers are needed.... contact Robert Padian @ 431-8088)*

## Hold the date October 15th State-wide Open House

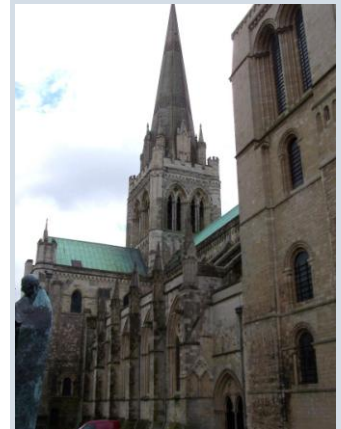
Contact: William Sawyer 842-6415 email: willmarmer@aol.com

Freemasons from Colebrook to Portsmouth to Salem, are reaching out to their communities with a statewide Open House, Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. By inviting people for a behind-the-scenes look at the world's oldest and largest fraternity in an open and congenial atmosphere, local Masons hope to dispel many of the myths, rumors and misunderstandings that have persisted for decades and are perpetuated in media by the success of books and movies like *DaVinci Code* and *The Lost Symbol*. "The times demand that we change that quiet, even reclusive image and work to make ourselves known and understood in the communities where we are located."

NH Freemasons Newsletter

Open House Issue  
October 15 2011

### Where did Freemasonry start ?



"We are the largest and oldest fraternity in the world and we do preserve certain secrets pertaining to our rituals, but that's insignificant when one considers the people hosting this event are the very real people of our own local communities and anything but secretive," said Paul M. Leary, Grand Master of New Hampshire's 7,000 Masons.

"We live, work and play like everyone else, share the same concerns for our kids like everyone else and work to make our communities better places to live, just like everyone else. We are part of the community."

The times demand that people have a chance to see for themselves what's "behind our closed doors and to have a sense of the genuine passion we Freemasons share for the social and spiritual values we embrace."

[View the inside of the Lodge and ask any question.](#)

Masonry (or Freemasonry) is the oldest fraternity in the world. No one knows just how old it is because the actual origins have been lost in time. Probably, it arose from the guilds of stonemasons who built the castles and cathedrals of the Middle Ages. In 1717, Masonry created a formal organization in England when the first Grand Lodge was formed. It was only 19 years later, that the first Lodge in New Hampshire was constituted in 1736. That was 40 years



**What can you tell me about Freemasonry?**

**Is Freemasonry a charitable organization?**

**Is it a religion ?**

**Is Freemasonry a secret organization ?**

**What are the qualifications for membership ?**

Are these your questions or do you have others ?

## NH Masonic Lodges open Oct 15th 9 to 3



Everyone is welcome. Brochures and membership petitions will be available, together with light food and refreshments. Membership is open to qualified men, at least 21, without regard to race or specific religions. The fraternity promotes friendship, fellowship and kinship, offering a range of activities for personal

development, community service, civic leadership and social, family-oriented fun.

## From Colebrook to Portsmouth to Salem

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before we separated from Great Britain.

The word 'lodge' means both a group of Masons meeting in some place and the room or building in which they meet. Masonic buildings are sometimes called 'temples' because much of the symbolism Masonry uses to teach its lessons comes from ancient building techniques.

Masonry teaches that each person has a responsibility to make things better in the world. Most individuals won't be the ones to find a cure for cancer, or eliminate poverty, or help create world peace, but every man and woman and child can do something to help others and to make things a little better.

Freemasons is deeply involved with helping people-it spends \$3 million per day, every day, in the USA, just to make life a little easier. And the great majority of that help goes to people who are not Masons. Is this type of greatness in you ?

### What are the requirements for membership ?

The person who wants to join Freemasonry must be a man (it's a fraternity), sound in body and mind, who believes in God, is at least 21 years old and has a good reputation.

(Incidentally, the 'sound in body' requirement which comes from the stonemasons of the Middle Ages-doesn't mean that a physically challenged man cannot be a Mason; many are)

These are the only 'formal' requirements. But there are others, not so formal.

He should believe in

"The times demand that we change that quiet, even reclusive image and work to make ourselves known and understood in the communities where we are located."



Please view our video's on line at:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NHGrandLodge>

They will provide additional information.

I hope to see you on the 15th of October at any Lodge. Info can be found at [www.nhgrandlodge.org](http://www.nhgrandlodge.org) for a location in your community or call me at 778 8040 or [willmarmer@aol.com](mailto:willmarmer@aol.com)

William Sawyer  
NH Freemasons

helping others. He should believe there is more to life than pleasure and money. He should be willing to respect the opinions of others. And he should want to grow and develop as a human being.

**Pass this on**

Brethren, pass this on to someone you know, who might be interested in visiting with us.



## International Order of Rainbow for Girls, New Hampshire

- **Contact person** = Joan L. Smith, Supreme Deputy, Tel. 888-0891 email: [Jlspma@aol.com](mailto:Jlspma@aol.com)

### Rainbow news:

New Hampshire Rainbow Girls have been on the move this spring, with a very busy schedule. Since the start of 2011, besides their own regular meetings and assembly projects, they attended the Laser Tag event with the Masons of NH, Eastern Star ladies, and NH Demolay at Hooksett Space Center, and all had a terrific time. The girls have been having one initiation after another, with a current 7.8% increase in membership since January 1<sup>st</sup>; this added to last years' phenomenal success rate of 37% growth is chiefly due to the progressive way our girls are learning through leadership to govern their own Order. The girls enjoyed getting together with NH Demolay at the Lock-in at Concord Racquet Club in March, and have traveled to out of state Grand Assembly sessions; they have had two successful and fun Visitations for the Grand Worthy Advisor, Miss Stephanie Morrison; they had a terrific Membership – Prospect Sleepover in April; they had a successful Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, starring members of NH Rainbow and Demolay, to benefit our State Charity – David's House in Lebanon NH; they performed a wonderful Flag Tribute for the NH Consistory annual event; and as always they had the pleasure of serving lunch and dinner to our Masons at Grand Lodge. Wherever they go you can be guaranteed that friendship, fun, laughter and smiles always follows.

You are cordially invited to attend the 71<sup>st</sup> Grand Assembly "Roll out the Red Carpet" session on July 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> at the Nashua Marriott where Miss Stephanie Morrison, GWA from Pemigewasset Assembly #28, and her Sparkling Starlets and Precious Papparazzi will be 'strutting their stuff' in true Hollywood fashion. Sessions start at 2pm on Friday, and finish on Sunday with the Installation of Officers for the 2011-2012 term, when Miss Kaytee Peek, GWAA from Exeter Assembly #20, assumes the East as our next Grand Worthy Advisor in NH.



NH Rainbow Photos

Above: Rainbow Consistory Flag Tribute 2011

Below: Rainbow Laser Tag 2011 (with M.W. C. Wayne Libby, Jr.)



## Grand Masters Calendar of Upcoming NH Events

(Subject to change)

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Check *your* calendar and please plan ahead!

**You can find the Grand Masters Calendar at: <http://www.nhgrandlodge.org/calendar>**

*The below listings are those for the Grand Master's "in state – NH" activities only, and are intended as a "useful quick reference tool" only.... For a complete listing, please use the link above to the full calendar.*

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**Wed, 1 June, 19:00 – 21:00, 410 West Main St. Tilton, NH , Doric-Centre Lodge. Ist Official Function of the Grand Master in his Lodge, Semi-Public Meeting. Matching Funds & Community Builders Award.**

**Sun, 5 June, 14:00 – 18:00, Doric-Center Lodge, Tilton, NH, GL PLANNING MEETING Brown-Bag lunch  
Focus: Training for District Officers to better enable them to meet responsibilities. Trainers (Collins, Wright, Becker, R. Smith and many others) provide outlines to GM**

**Monday, 6 Jun 2011, Table Lodge - Jerusalem Lodge, Keene, NH**

**Sun, 12 June, 12:00 – 14:00, Rainbow Homecoming, Meridian Lodge #60, Franklin, NH**

**Mon, 13 June, 18:30 – 21:30, Doric-Centre Lodge, 410 West Main Street, Tilton, NH  
6:30 Dinner; 7:30 Stated Meeting**

**Sat, 18 June, 12:00 – 17:00, Fab Frat Family Picnic, Stratham Hill Park, Stratham, NH  
Fabulous Fraternal Family Picnic. Bring Family and friends. Cost: \$5.00 per person.**

**Sun, 19 June, 09:30 – 14:00, ST JOHNS' SUNDAY, Cathedral in the Pines, Rindge, NH  
Dress: Line Officers - Morning Jacket; all others – Tuxedo, Arrive: 9:30 - 10:00 am; Gather: 10:15 am;  
Pictures: 10:30 am; Open: 11:00 am, Picnic afterwards, cost \$5.00**

**Wed, 22 June, 18:30 – 22:00, GL Line Officers, Manchester**

**Thursday 23 Jun 2011, 275th Anniversary, St. Johns' Lodge #1, Portsmouth, NH  
MM Degree by PMs of St. Johns Lodge #1**

**Friday, 24 Jun 2011, 275th Anniversary, St. Johns Lodge #1, Portsmouth, NH  
Banquets at Lodge; tickets limited to 125**

**Friday, 24 Jun 2011, Harmony Lodge #38 - Table Lodge, 16 Gay Avenue, Hillsborough, NH  
DDGM Roger Becker to represent PML**

**Saturday, 25 Jun 2011, 275th Anniversary, St. Johns Lodge #1, Portsmouth, NH  
BBQ lunch; Strawberry Banke, clambake dinner**

**Sat, 25 June, 17:00 – 20:00, Table Lodge - Winnepesaukee Lodge #75, Winnepesaukee Lodge #75, Alton, NH  
DDGM will represent. Joint with Morning Star Lodge #17. Disp to PML 5/6/11**

**Sunday, 26 Jun 2011, 275th Anniversary, St. Johns Lodge #1, Large turnout: bands,  
Commandrie, March from Lodge to the Church and back. Coffee and donuts  
Church Service ends celebration.**

**27 June, 19:00 – 22:00, Education Committee, Manchester**

**Friday, 1 Jul 2011, Rainbow Grand Assembly**

**Sunday, 3 Jul 2011, Rainbow Grand Assembly**

**Sat, 9 July, 09:00 – 12:00, MASONIC FAMILY DAY  
Willaim Pitt Tavern Lodge, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH**

**Sunday, 10 Jul 2011, 33rd Degree Picnic, Tuftonboro**

**Fri, 15 July, 19:00 – 21:30,Marriott Hotel, Nashua, NH, Banquet**

**Sat, 16 July, 08:30 – 14:00, Scenic Counsel**

**Sun, 17 July, 14:00 – 17:00, 77 Tide Mill Road, Hampton, NH 03842, Meet & Greet**

**Mon, 25 July, 19:00 – 22:00, Education Committee, Manchester**

**Wed, 27 July, 18:30 – 22:00, GL Line OFFICERS, Manchester, NH**

**Fri, 29 July, 18:00 – 22:00, Rising Sun Lodge, John Albro Lodge, Nova Scotia Visit, Dinner at 6:00 pm**

**Sat, 30 July, 12:00 – 22:00, MM Degree, w/ John Albro Lodge, Nova Scotia**

**Saturday, 6 Aug 2011, Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game, Windsor, VT**

**Wednesday, 10 Aug 2011, LODGE ON THE LAKE – Canaan, Canaan, NH**

**Sat, 13 August, 14:00 – 17:00, SVMA VETERANS, SVMA, Rte 3, Holderness, NH,  
Veterans' Program #16, #68, #69, #83**

**Sunday, 14 Aug 2011, Doric Centre Lodge Special Ladies, Tilton, NH, More Info to follow**

**Mon, 22 August, 19:00 – 22:00, Education Committee, Manchester, NH**

**Wed, 24 August, 18:30 – 22:00, GL Line OFFICERS, Manchester, NH**

**Thu, 25 August, 18:30 – 22:00, OES GRAND CHAPTER, 6:30 pm - Assemble; 7:00 pm Open**

# Meet your 2011 – 2012 Grand Lodge Officers

Reprinted from Ceremony of Installation  
May 21, 2011

## ELECTED OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED FOR 2011

Paul M. Leary . . . . . M\W\Grand Master  
Stewart L. Aronson . . . . . R\W\Deputy Grand Master  
John F. Gordon . . . . . R\W\Senior Grand Warden  
John E. Lobdell . . . . . R\W\Junior Grand Warden  
Daniel R. Hotchkiss. . . . . R\W\Grand Treasurer  
Brent W. Washburn . . . . . R\W\Deputy Grand Treasurer  
Thomas S. Lowe. . . . . R\W\Grand Secretary

## APPOINTED OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED FOR 2011

John C. Marden . . . . . W\Deputy Grand Secretary  
Charles E. Connell . . . . . W\Secretary to the Grand Master  
Rev. Dwight V. Meader . . . . . R\W\Grand Chaplain  
Max L. Jenness . . . . . R\W\Grand Chaplain  
Brian J. Smith . . . . . R\W\Grand Chaplain  
Robert C. Lethbridge . . . . . R\W\Grand Chaplain  
Charles R. Pierce . . . . . R\W\Grand Chaplain  
Thomas A. Welman . . . . . R\W\Grand Chaplain  
Richard A. Smith . . . . . R\W\Grand Lecturer  
Allen A. Wright . . . . . R\W\Deputy Grand Lecturer  
Arthur A. Dunham, Jr. . . . . R\W\Grand Historian  
Karl R. Olson . . . . . R\W\Grand Historian  
Richard R. Kelley . . . . . R\W\Grand Historian  
Kenneth A. Clay, Jr. . . . . W\Senior Grand Deacon  
David S. Collins . . . . . W\Junior Grand Deacon  
Jerome T. Becker . . . . . W\Grand Marshal  
Bruce D. McLaughlin . . . . . W\Grand Steward  
Joseph G. Bigwood . . . . . W\Grand Steward  
Paul C. Smith . . . . . W\Grand Steward  
Daniel S. Hamilton . . . . . W\Grand Steward  
Woodbury P. Fogg . . . . . W\Grand Sword Bearer  
Richard G. Tuck . . . . . W\Grand Pursuivant  
Lloyd S. Doughty, II . . . . . W\Grand Pursuivant  
Robert E. Padian. . . . . Grand Archivist  
Raymond S. Burton . . . . . W\Grand Organist  
Jasper J. Chen . . . . . W\Grand Organist  
Robert H. Cook . . . . . W\Grand Organist  
Robert D. Coppo . . . . . W\Grand Organist  
Lawrence W. Leonard . . . . . W\Grand Organist  
Ronald R. Parsons . . . . . W\Grand Organist  
Theodore H. Smith, Jr. . . . . W\Grand Tyler

## R\W\DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

District No.

- 1 Robert L. Sutherland, Jr.
- 2 David W. Smith
- 3 Earl W. Cole, Jr.
- 4 Roger A. Becker
- 5 Darrell A. Louis
- 6 Ralph R. Currier
- 7 George W. Clay
- 8 Alfred J. Flateau

## R\W\DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS

District No.

- 1 David R. Spiller
- 2 Michael T. Salisbury
- 3 Alfred R. Chesley
- 4 John P. Woolf
- 5 Ronald N. Crane
- 6 Brian F. Godfrey
- 7 Wayne S. Curtiss
- 8 Craig M. Shippee

## W\DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS

District No.

- 1 Nathan G. Page
- 2 Jack L. Caynon, Jr.
- 3 Peter M. Keating
- 4 Paul S. Gross
- 5 David A. Rich
- 6 C. Leonard Peterson
- 7 Gary R. Wall
- 8 Bruce H. Kominz