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Don't miss out on anything that happens at the Lodge. If you need a ride to an event, call (703) 568-9593 or email horacechase72@gmail.com.

The Master's Message

Brethren,

It feels as though someone threw a switch, and suddenly Autumn is upon us. Peering out my window, I see the trees ablaze in Fall colors. A chill is definitely in the air, and the annual game of "how long can we hold out until we turn the heat on" is in full swing!

Looking back at the last month, we definitely came out of darkness at a full run. We had an outstanding Fellowcraft Inspection Degree on September 8th. On the 15th, we had a very full night at our September Stated Communication where we discussed the difficult (the structural issues with the library) and the joyful (Brother Alex Kopf's "History through Beer" program). The very next day, several Brothers were able to join me in performing a Masonic funeral service for a Massachusetts Brother who was laid to rest at the NH Veterans Cemetery. Finally, on the 24th, many of us attended the fun and informative Lodge of Instruction for our District down in Concord.

This month, though we "only" have two meetings, our plate is similarly full, but with a decided mixture of business and pleasure.

First up is our Stated Communication on October 20th. Dinner will once again be provided by those lovely ladies who allow me to spend so much time with my Brothers! This month's dinner will feature tacos (some assembly required) along with appropriate side dishes.





For our Masonic Program this month, we have as our guest speaker, Brother Jaran Blessing of Blazing Star Eureka Lodge. Brother Blessing will be presenting his program on "memorization," which I had the pleasure to see in Concord last month. His program definitely strives to get to the heart of why we do things a certain way. Even though Brother Blessing has been a Master Mason only a short time, I am continually impressed by his eagerness to learn, his insight, and his ability to communicate complex ideas in terms that are digestible by all.

Along with Brother Blessing's program, we have some meaty business to discuss as well. Foremost is the continued discussion of repairing the structural damage to the library. At our September Stated, a motion was made to spend appropriate funds to fully repair the damage, though an exact figure is not yet clear, as we are still awaiting some additional contractor quotes. Ideally, a vote will be held on the motion at this meeting to move the repairs forward. Brethren, this repair will be very expensive* and it is important that you attend the October Stated Communication if you wish your voice to be heard.

At the end of the month, on Saturday, October 29th, we will be holding a Special Communication in an historic setting as we confer the Master Mason Degree upon one of our own in the Hall Jackson room at William Pitt Tavern in Portsmouth. This is the location where, in 1789, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was officially formed. It seems altogether fitting that Brother who is as avid history buff should be Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in this setting. The Degree will commence at 1:00 p.m., with the plan being to repair to a local watering hole afterwards for dinner. Further information along with RSVP details will be forthcoming.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 9–11:30 a.m. Coffee social 	4		5	6 6:30 p.m. Night of Masonic Light	7 8
9	10 9–11:30 a.m. Coffee social 	11		12	13 6:30 p.m. Night of Masonic Light 7:00 p.m. MM Degree rehearsal	14 15
16 4:00 p.m. Priscilla Chapter Game Night 	17 9–11:30 a.m. Coffee social 	18	19 7:00 p.m. MM Degree rehearsal	20 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. Stated Communication (open on lowest degree present)	21 3:00 p.m. Eastern Star Halloween party 	22
23	24 9–11:30 a.m. Coffee social 	25		26	27 6:30 p.m. Night of Masonic Light	28 29 1:00 p.m. MM Degree @ William Pitt Tavern Dinner to follow
30	31 9–11:30 a.m. Coffee social 					

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Looking ahead a little further, on Saturday, November 12th, at 2:00 p.m., we will be honoring our Masonic Veterans and Special Ladies. This is one of our events that truly personalizes what we do, as we get to hear so many interesting stories about and from our Veterans and Special Ladies. Make sure you save the date and come and enjoy this very special program!

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
John E. Glover
Worshipful Master
Horace Chase Lodge

*Because the potential cost of the repairs is not appropriate to share in public, I am not including those figures here, but I will be happy to share the quotes we have received with any Brother who reaches out to me privately.

Masonic Rings

*Those men who help my dad each day,
They wear those mason rings.
A Square and Compass set in gold,
The praise of which I sing.*

*My dad, he hurt his back you know,
One cold and wintry day.
He slipped and fell upon the ice,
The insurance would not pay.*

*And since that time those rings I see,
On hands that help us much.
With mowing lawns and hauling trash,
Each day my heart they touch.*

*They even built a house for me,
Amid our backyard tree.
Where all the neighbor kids,
Would play with laughter full of glee.*

*My Mom she cried from happiness,
The time the Masons came.
To aid our family in distress,
Without a thought of gain.*

*And when I'm big, just like my dad,
Of this it must be told.
I want to wear a ring like his,
A Square and Compass gold.*

*Long years have passed since when
My dad was in that plaster cast.
And since I swore that Solemn Oath,
Which unites us to the last.*

*But more than that I'm proud to say,
I wear his Mason ring.
The one dad wore for many years,
Until his death this spring.*

*And one last time his comrades came,
To aid my weeping mother.
They praised and bid a fond farewell,
To our fallen Brother.*

*And after which MY son did ask,
About their Aprons white.
And of the rings upon their hands.
Of gold so shiny bright.*

*With tearful eyes I said with pride,
They're men of spirit pure.
Those men who wear those Mason rings,
Of that you can be sure.*

*And before he went to bed that night,
The family he foretold.
Someday I'll wear a ring like dad's,
A Square and Compass gold.*

Michael R. Strampe

Living Past Masters

George A. Langwasser	1977
Terry S. Gregg	1979-1980
Dale C. Nudd	1981-1982
Sumner Goldman, PGSB	1989-1990
Albert W. Fifield	1991
Fred W. Courser III	1992-1994
Mark C. Roth, PDDGM, PGC, PGP	1994-1995
Robert W. Lawrie, Honorary	1995
Herbert S. Carpenter IV, PDEO	1996-1997
Dana B. Reddish	1997-1998
Robert S. Hansen	1998
Gary E. Roy, PDDGM	1999-2000
Andrew F. Lane	2003-2004
Roger A. Becker	2003-2005
Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., PGM	2005-2006
Donald H. Wheeler, Jr.	2006-2007
Robert M. MacLean, Jr., PGP	2007
Robert C. Lethbridge, GC	2008
Peter D. Crouch, DDGL	2008-2009
Robert W. Lawrie	2009-2010
David A. Hardy, PDDGM	2010-2011
Louis M. Corson	2011-2012
Joseph A. Hardy	2012-2013
Brian Stiles	2013-2015
Jason M. Valley	2014
James M. Triacca, Honorary	2015
Karl R. Olson, GH	2016-2018
Michael A. Drotar, PGS	2016
Glenn A. Patterson	2017
Rodney W. Sewall, Jr.	2018-2019
Andrew J. Bennert, JGD	2019-2020
Wilmer J. Nemchick	2020-2021

Brothers Raised in October

David H. Jurta	October 4, 1973
Allan S. McCausland	October 26, 1977
Philip S. Roberts	October 26, 1977
Thomas R. Edney	October 26, 1978
Edwin J. Geffken	October 17, 1995
James D. Hanna	October 13, 1998
Thomas H. Johnson, Jr.	October 13, 1998
Nils E. Regnall	October 13, 1998
Ronald F. Piroso	October 27, 2004
Charles R. Hussman	October 20, 2005
Donald E. Taylor	October 30, 2008
Stephen D. Stockwell	October 28, 2010
Thomas E. Hemstock, Jr.	October 1, 2016