



Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, NH

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The Master's Message

Brethren,

November is that time of the year when we are charged to reflect on what we are most thankful for. I find that I am thankful for a great many things. I'm thankful that I live in a time and place that allows me to freely explore the world around me—both literally and contemplatively—permitting me to make and learn from my many mistakes. I'm thankful that I have arguably the best and most supportive family imaginable—that they allow me the freedom and flexibility to be able to pursue this Craft which provides me so much enrichment and joy. Lastly, I'm thankful to be a part of the oldest fraternity in the world—one that truly practices what it preaches; to be surrounded by men who utterly subscribe to the tenets of our institution is to know love and happiness.

There is quite a lot going on this month, and a little something for everyone. We kick off this month with a joint Table Lodge with Blazing Star Eureka Lodge being held at Horace Chase Lodge on Saturday, November 4th. Social hour starts at 6:00pm, with Lodge opening at 7:00pm. This is the first Table Lodge we have held in several years but hopefully will be the start of a new trend.

Next up, for those who are able, the three District 4 "West Coast" Lodges (Hiram, Faithful, and Cheshire-Mt. Vernon) will be holding their joint Visitation on Tuesday, November 7th at Hiram Lodge in Claremont. I believe the program will continue to explore the deeper meanings in the opening Charge, so please make every effort to attend and support our DDGM! Dinner is at 6:30pm with Lodge opening at 7:30pm.

Then, on Saturday, November 11th, our Grand Lecturer will be holding a Ritual Performance Workshop at Horace Chase Lodge at 1:00pm. This is an awesome workshop that really digs deep into how to improve your own ritual delivery. The quality of ritual performance not only makes it nicer to listen to, but can really help one to understand what the ritual is trying to teach us. This workshop is open to ALL Master Masons regardless of whether or not you're an officer and regardless of skill level.

Next up is our Stated Communication on November 16th. This month, we will be opening on the Master Mason Degree, and rather than having a lecture, I would like to have a discussion on the Master Mason Degree itself. What lessons are we taught by this Degree? How does it tie into the other two Degrees (or perhaps, what is the overall picture)? What are some of the differences between this Degree vs the EA and FC Degrees and how are they important? As we are taught that Wisdom dwells with Contemplation, a discussion of this nature should take us right to the core of what it means to be a Mason. As usual, dinner will be at 6:30pm with Lodge opening at 7:30pm.

Just two days after our Stated Communication, the 166th Semiannual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire will be held on Saturday, November

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18th, in Manchester. The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Grand Lodge Representative are required to attend, and all Master Masons are encouraged to attend—particularly newly-raised Master Masons. In keeping with Horace Chase Lodge tradition, I would like to invite any Brother who is attending Grand Lodge to join me for breakfast at Bridge Café on Elm (1117 Elm St., Manchester) at 7:30am—my treat! For any Brother who does not wish to join me for breakfast, Grand Lodge opens promptly at 9:30am, and dues cards will be checked.

Keeping within the vein of giving thanks, we have our Veterans and Special Ladies program coming up on Sunday, November 19th at 2:00pm. As most of you know, this is one of our most important programs of the year, as it affords us the opportunity to give thanks to our Masonic Veterans for their many years of tireless service, and also to our Special Ladies for their gracious sacrifice of allowing their husbands to spend so many evenings with us, their Brothers. Without their blessing and patient indulgence, most of us would not be able to enjoy the Craft that we so love. Please join us as we honor our Veterans and Special Ladies on this day. This is a semipublic event, so, Brethren, I encourage you bring your families as well! Light refreshments (courtesy of OES Priscilla Chapter) will be provided afterwards.

Last up, on Wednesday, November 29th, King Solomon's Lodge in Elkins will be holding their Official Visitation. Dinner will again be at 6:30pm with Lodge opening at 7:30pm.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,

John E. Glover
Worshipful Master
Horace Chase Lodge

A Response of Gratitude

Long may your Lodge fires burn!
Workmen in mystic labors, kind and good!
And many a year return
To shed new luster on your Brotherhood
You, who the call of mercy heard and heeded,
And gave with cheerfulness as it was needed.

Men may your work defame,
And call your deeds the offspring of the night
How often scorn and shame
Have stricken hearts in virtuous doings bright!
The Lord of all bore to his home of bliss,
In hands and feet and side the proofs of this.

But doubt ye not, dear friends,
There surely waits for you a Full Reward.
The Lord will give amends
At the great Pay Day, for thus saith the Lord, —
Because ye did it to the least, so free,
Come to my throne, ye did it unto me!

A lasting blessing rest
Upon your labors prospering more and more
God's largest gifts and best
Fill to the brim your basket and your store,
Till from hard service summoned by His voice,
You shall in Lodge Celestial all rejoice!

—Rob Morris

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, SGD	2019–2020
Wilmer J. Nemchick	2020–2021

Brothers Raised in November

Roger W. Tansey	November 3, 1960
Wilbur L. Ashworth	November 28, 1977
Albert W. Fifield	November 1, 1984
Harvey J. Greenberg	November 30, 1988
Robert L. Ballantyne	November 30, 1989
Donald A. Crete	November 8, 1991
Brian S. Stiles	November 14, 1991
Robert M. MacLean, Jr.	November 12, 1992
Thomas G. Yestramski	November 17, 1993
Robert E. Koski	November 9, 1994
Mathias K. Roth	November 24, 2001
Trent C. Zanes	November 4, 2009

