



## 2024 Officers

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Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, NH

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## November 2024

### The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

My father used to always say to me: "The older you get, the less time you have." As a child, I always took it to mean how much life you have left to live. Now, I believe it has more to do with how busy life gets and the feeling that you never seem to catch up with all that you want to do. Certainly, as a mason, there is no shortage of worthy events, meetings, gatherings, etc. that you can attend daily. I often wonder how masons of old handled all their masonic responsibilities, along with family, work, and dare I say, any projects or hobbies they had. For one thing, they did not have cell phones, which seem to make us all feel like we should be "connected" all the time.

My ascent to the East started as a Tyler in 2014, working my way up through the chairs until being elected as Worshipful Master in January 2024. At each step, I was unsure if I was ready for the next step, but feeling the call to learn more and see where my journey took me. Each chair has its nuances, and in this Lodge, there is never a shortage of exceptional Masons willing to assist and support you. As I write in my Notes from the East, Masonry teaches and educates as you progress, and learning the ritual well enough to perform degrees causes you to look deeper into the meaning. It never ceases to amaze me that our ritual is still as relevant today as it was then.

Suffice to say my journey has been rewarding and I continually look forward to further forming that perfect ashlar! This past year has been one of the most trying and turbulent for me as I have experienced personal injuries, work stressors, and the loss of my father as well as severe health issues for my mother, for whom I am now the primary health care decision maker. For these reasons, I need to focus additional time on non-Masonic activities. The decision to not seek another year in the East was not made lightly, but each person must recognize their own limitations.

Horace Chase Lodge has Brethren who, without hesitation, are up to the challenge of the East as well as Brethren who will support them moving forward. Being able to represent this storied Lodge as its Worshipful Master is an honor, and hopefully I have and will continue to reflect honor on our venerable institution. Although a few months ahead, I encourage you to attend the ascension of the next Worshipful Master of Horace Chase Lodge on January 26 at 2 p.m.

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# November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	5	6	7 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day  9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	12	13	14 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	15	16 9:30am Grand Lodge Semiannual Communication
17	18 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	19	20	21 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Stated Meeting (FC Degree)	22	23 Festival of Trees starts 
24	25 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	26	27	28 Thanksgiving  6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	29	30

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With each new Master, come different approaches of how best to engage and communicate with you. Each Master also needs to know what is important to you, as they navigate how best to convey, engage, and energize you. The journey continues for each one of us and Masonry. My journey in Masonry will continue, and I consider myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to have served this Lodge in the past, in the present, and into the future.

Some dates in November:

- Coffee Social: each Monday, starting at 9 a.m.
- Night of Masonic Light: each Thursday night (except for stated meetings), starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Stated Meeting: Thursday November 21; 6:30 p.m. dinner, Lodge opening on FellowCraft degree at 7:30 p.m.
- Grand Lodge of NH Semiannual Communication: November 16, Masonic Temple Manchester, NH, open at 9:30 a.m.
- "Fez"tival of Trees: November 23 to December 1 at the Bektash Shrine

Brethren, let me know how to make Masonry a constant in your life. The Lodge and its Officers hope to see and hear from you soon. Stop by a Night of Masonic Light or travel to another Lodge; make Masonry a positive outlet for you. Please check the Horace Chase calendar for upcoming events and reach out if we can assist you. Stay safe and well.

Fraternally,

Scott Nichols  
(603) 682-6482

### Notice of Dues Change for 2025

Dues for 2025 are proposed to increase to \$127 per year (up from \$125) to cover per capita and other expenses.

Initiation fee will remain unchanged at \$150.

Vote on these will occur at the November stated meeting on **November 21**.

Don't miss out on anything that happens at the Lodge. If you need a ride to an event, call (603) 682-6482 or email horacechase72@gmail.com.

## 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
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
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
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
John E. Glover, DDGEO	2022-2023

## Brothers Raised in November

Roger W. Tansey	November 3, 1960
Albert W. Fifield	November 1, 1984
Harvey J. Greenberg	November 30, 1988
John H. Rice III	November 2, 1989
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. Yestranski	November 17, 1993
Robert E. Koski	November 9, 1994
Mathias K. Roth	November 24, 2001
Elia A. Akselrod	November 23, 2019