

**FEDERAL LODGE No. 5**  
**DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**Free and Accepted Masons**  
**Dover, N. H.**  
**March 2022**

**Petition Granted April 28, 1790**  
**Original Charter October 24, 1792**  
**Charter Voluntarily Surrendered April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1798**  
**Reorganized November 17, 2018**  
**Re-chartered January 1, 2019**

## March Calendar

# EVENT NOTICE:

**Event: Fellowship Dinner**

**Date and Time:** Wednesday March 2nd 6:30 pm.

**Dress Code:** Casual

**Description:** Fellowship dinner with our brothers and Grange members. Special Night for Grange, Phyllis Lapointe will be installed as the Master of the Grange.

**Who can attend:** All Masons, Grange Members, and Invited Guests

**Event: Grand Master Town Hall, Pittsfield Masonic Temple**

**Date and Time:** Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> Light Refreshments 6:30 pm  
Meeting Opens at 7:00 pm.

**Dress Code:** All others Business Casual

**Description:** Town Hall Meeting and a chance to ask questions of the Grand Master

**Who can attend:** Master Masons.

**Event: Stated Communication**

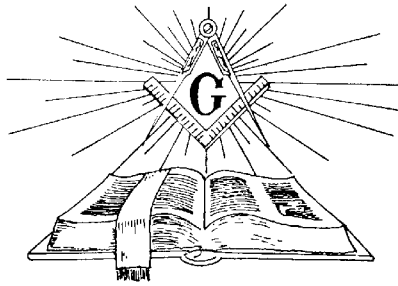
**Date and Time:** Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> Lodge Opens at 7:00 pm.

**Dress Code:** Officers Jacket and tie. All others Business Casual

**Description:** Business Meeting and Special Program by Worshipful Kris Furtney “The Perfect Storm”

**Who can attend:** Semi Public.





## Secretary's Desk

Thank you to all who have paid their dues on time! Please make every effort to pay these quickly as the Lodge depends on this money to be able maintain our building and pay the bills. If you can't afford your dues or have other issues preventing you from paying them please contact me or any officer, we may be able to work out a solution.

When was the last time you came to a meeting? What a great time to come to Lodge! Come be a part of your new Lodge, meet old friends, make new ones and enjoy some brotherly love and affection! We as your officers know that your time is valuable and should not be wasted! The meetings are fun and informative. Can't remember the signs or you don't feel you know anyone, don't worry, we are all brothers and will greet you with open arms.

**Something as Masons that we all need to think about! Have you made your wishes known to your family about a Masonic Service when you are called from labor to rest? Does your family know who to contact? Does your family know where you keep your white apron? These are important things to take care of!**

Please visit our website [www.nhfreemasons.org](http://www.nhfreemasons.org) for upcoming events.

This Month's Education/History Article is entitled "What is Meant by Worshipful"

The District 5 Calendar at: <https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=5thmasonicdistrictofnh%40gmail.-com>

NH Grand Lodge Web site at: [www.nhgrandlodge.org](http://www.nhgrandlodge.org)

Webmaster: [dovertmasons@nhfreemasons.org](mailto:dovertmasons@nhfreemasons.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FederalLodge5/>

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**FEDERAL LODGE #5, Dover, NH**  
**Officers & Appointments for 2022**

<b>Worshipful Master:</b>	Wor. Orman Hall 603-781-1444
<b>Senior Warden:</b>	Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney 603- 969 -8408
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<b>Asst. Treasurer:</b>	RW David Akridge 603-781-4453
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<b>Marshal:</b>	Richard Lapointe 603-905-9953
<b>Tyler:</b>	Casey Bova 603-828-2341
<b>Asst. Tyler:</b>	
<b>Musician:</b>	RW Dave Akridge 603-343-1388
<b>Historian:</b>	Andrea Marocchi 603-750-0294
<b>Asst. Historian:</b>	RW David Akridge 603-343-1388
<b>Electrician</b>	
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	Wor. Bro. Rob Johnson
	Wor Bro. Carl Helander
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	Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney 603- 969 -8408
	Wor. John T Pond Jr. 603-978-8940
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	Wor. Orman Hall 603-781-1444
	Wor. Kristopher G. Furtney 603- 969 -8408

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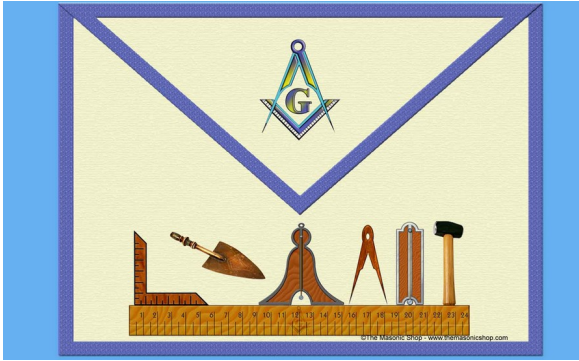
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Jason Merrill 603-540-6216

**Public Affairs Officer**





## MASTER'S MESSAGE

Hello Brethren and Greetings from the East

I hope you are all doing well. I suppose most of us are experiencing a bit of cabin fever about now I know I am. Did you know that cabin fever was originally associated with typhoid fever? The term as we know it today was first coined in January 1918 in a western set novel called Cabin Fever. The novel was written by BM Bower which was a pen name for a woman named Bertha Muzzy Sinclair. Hmm I wonder if she was a descendant of Henry Sinclair. Sinclair wrote 57 western themed novels, many of which were best -sellers and 18 of which were made into films. But none had the lingual or cultural impact of Cabin Fever. So there you have it and although I would certainly rather suffer from the latter rather than the former I'll still be glad when spring arrives. I would like to remind you that this month's program will be presented by Worshipful Brother Furtney will be semipublic so if you like to bring someone please feel free to do so. I would also like to remind those of you that will be participating in the upcoming EA degree please practice, practice, practice Until next we meet I wish you all the best life has to offer.

Fraternally Yours  
Worshipful Master Elect Orman Hall  
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## MASONIC THOUGHT

**A surprise inspection, by the Grand Architect of the Universe, of the Temple of the Heart of a true Mason will probably find more flaws to be corrected but will never find rust on the Tilers sword of the true Mason**



# WHAT IS MEANT BY "WORSHIPFUL"?

*Mentor's Manual, Indiana Grand Lodge (1975)*

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"Worshipful. This word has no necessary religious or sacred implication but usually means only honorable, respectable, or venerable...."

*-Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia (1961)*

"Worshipful. A term meaning honorable or respectable used as part of the title of the Master of a Blue Lodge or

Grand Lodge."

-Hunter's *Masonic Dictionary*, 2d ed.

"1. 'Worchyp,' old English for 'greatly respect.'"

-*The Master's Book*, by Carl Claudy (1935; 1959 reprint)

"Why is the Master called Worshipful? Remember, we are talking about an Institution whose roots extend far into antiquity, and which comes to us from the Middle Ages. In medieval English, the term 'Worshipful' meant 'honorable' or 'respected.' To this day, a magistrate in the smallest English village is addressed not as Your Honor, but as Your Worship. Thus, Worshipful is a title of respect for the office of the Brother who presides over the Lodge, and who is, the Brethren believe, possessed of sufficient knowledge, wisdom and integrity to preside over them in the proper manner."



# MARCH



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## Old Past Master Speaks



## ANCIENT LANDMARKS

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"I bought me a Masonic Manual today," announced the Very New Master Mason to the Old Past Master. "Into what strange paths I am about to venture I don't know, but I am going to try..." rather shyly..."to learn some of the work.

"That is very commendable" agreed the Old Past Master. "You will find it a fascinating study."

"But there are a lot of things in it I don't understand," went on the Very New Master Mason. "For instance, in the charge to a Master Mason the Master says, 'the ancient landmarks of the order, committed to your care, you are carefully to preserve and never suffer them to be infringed' and so on. But nowhere can I find any explanation of just what the ancient landmarks are!"

"Well, that is a problem, isn't it?" smiled the Old Past Master. "If you will get Mackey's Jurisprudence you will find a list of twenty five, Roscoe Pound has a list of seven in his

book of the same name, Brother Joseph Fort Newton considers five is the number and several Grand Lodges have lists up to fifty or sixty!"

"Do you mean to say there are no universally known and understood list of ancient landmarks?" demanded the Very New Master Mason.

"I do. There is no such list."

"But... but... but then how can we 'carefully preserve them' and 'never suffer them to be infringed?'"

"Well, it really isn't as difficult as it sounds!" smiled the Old Past Master. "There is none, or hardly any, disagreement among Masonic authorities on the fundamental Masonic law. The ancient usages and customs of the fraternity are the same the world over and generally recognized as such by all Grand Bodies. But a 'landmark' is something that cannot be changed, according to our understanding of it. Therefore, different authorities have thought differently about our ancient usages and customs, some saying that such and thus, while ancient and honorable, is not a landmark, and therefore can be changed, while others hold that the same custom is a landmark and cannot be changed.

"The old manuscripts which give us so much light on our Masonic forbears; the Regius, the Harleian; the Antiquity, etc., have various charges, rules, regulations and laws. These are all very old, yet many of them could hardly be considered a landmark; for instance, one such old regulation forbids Masons to indulge in games of chance except at Christmas! That would hardly do for a Masonic landmark, would it? So just because a rule or custom is old does not make it, per se, a landmark.

"On the other hand, much that is beautiful in our fraternity is new; that is, it is less than three and often less than two hundred years old. There was no Grand Lodge before 1717, and Masonry was not divided in three degrees at that time, I believe. Yet many authorities consider the division of the work into three degrees as a landmark.

"So where doctors disagree, only the patient can decide!"

"There are a certain body of laws, usages and customs which are universally recognized and regarded. From these, different authorities select certain ones which in their judgment are landmarks. Other authorities say 'no, thus and such is a law, statute, rule, judgment, agreement or custom of the fraternity but isn't a landmark!' Brother Shepard has just brought out a book on the subject which gives the ideas of many authorities, writers and Grand Lodges. What strikes me on reading it, is not the difference in the lists of what are called landmarks, but the fact that all so well agree as to what is fundamental in Masonry!

"Now it is a fact that we agree that the 'ancient landmarks' are fixed and unalterable. It is also a fact that Masons themselves have altered their own unalterable landmarks! The very fact that Grand Lodges were invented, or discovered, or created, is a change in an old, old custom, made necessary by change in times and people. The issuing of diplomas was a change; for ancient brethren had only the 'Mason word' to prove themselves Master. We do not prepare a man to be made a Mason as was done two centuries ago, nor is our ritual the same, nor our obligation the same; antiquarians have even discovered where parts of our obligations came from, and it was not from a Masonic source that all of them were derived!

"But let not your heart be troubled! Masonry herself says of herself that she is a progressive science. How can she progress and stand still? Brother A. S. McBride than whom no more spiritually minded or common-sense writer ever spread Masonry before the Craft for their better understanding, asks the literal-minded Mason who says nothing can be changed in Masonry, why not work in Hebrew, since Solomon and his workman used that tongue? And does Masonry suffer because the English of today is not the English of the 17th century?

"I personally believe that the ancient landmarks which cannot suffer change are few in number; a belief in Deity, a belief in a future life, a book of Law on the altar, a secret mode of recognition, that only men, of good character, can be made Masons; these and one or two more seems to me to be real landmarks. Other landmarks so prescribed seem to me... and to many deeper Masonic students... to be common law, custom, usage, rather than landmarks.

"But I only think these things. I do not try to convince any one I am right, for those who decide have authority and scholarship behind them. I follow where they lead. But Masonry teaches a man to think, and so I do her no injury if I do think. And if my Grand Lodge says forty-seven laws are landmarks, I keep them like Kipling's Mason 'to a hair.' That I choose to disagree with my Grand Lodge in my heart doesn't make me a law-breaker; only a minority. And there is no harm in being a minority as long as one conforms!

"Therefore, read your manual, learn your ritual, consult your Grand Lodge records, and abide by the laws, resolutions and edicts you have sworn to uphold. And when you have done that, tolerant charitable Masonry says to you 'my

brother, having done as you pledged you would, you may now think whatever you want is right!"

*MasonicPoems.com*

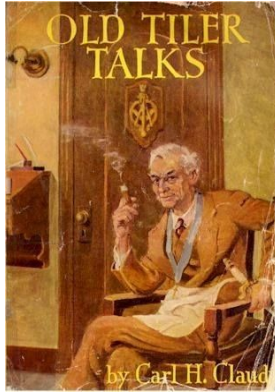
**We Meet on the Level**

We meet on the level, my Brothers and me,  
We encourage good men into our society.  
If their actions be upright and always true,  
If we see integrity in all that they do.  
If they seek more light and value truth,  
If their own insights desire proof.  
we will offer them our right hand,  
And welcome them from any land.  
For we judge on character not creed,  
Nor on religion or wealth, but deed.  
We'll meet them on the level, my Brothers and me,  
And accept them as a Mason, ancient and free.

*By Peter Ryan*



*MasonicPoems.com*



## FOOLISH QUESTIONS

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"Jones is a nut!" remarked the New Brother to the Old Tiler. "I went with him yesterday to look up an applicant for membership. I didn't know much about such things, so I let him do the talking. And the questions that man asked!"

"What did he want to know?"

"First, he wanted to know what kind of job the applicant held, how long he had been there, where he had worked before, was he satisfied, did he like

his boss, how much he made and whether he saved any of it or spent it all!"

"Quite right, too," commented the Old Tiler. "He wanted to know if the applicant was a solid citizen, able to pay his dues and unlikely to become a charge on the lodge. Chap who holds a job today and leaves it tomorrow for another is apt to be an applicant for charity."

"But that's one of the things a lodge is for- charity," said the New Brother.

"To its members who are in need, yes," answered the Old Tiler. "But no lodge willingly takes in members who may need charity. Masonry is not a crutch for the indigent. It is a staff for those who go lame in life's, journey, but when a man starts out lame he has to get crutches from some other institution."

"He asked, 'Why do you want to become a Mason?' that seemed to me an impertinence. A man's reasons for wanting to join Masonry are no business of ours."

"Is that so!" answered the Old Tiler. "Son, you know so many things that are not so! I have been on the petitions of a great many men and that is always my first question. I have heard many answers. Some men want to join because their fathers were Masons. Some think it will help them in life.

Some frankly say they want to make friends so they can be successful.

Others think that Masonry will help them in their religion. Still others want to be Masons because they want to belong to a secret society."

"But why is that our business?"

"A man who wants to join a fraternity because his father belonged, is good material," answered the Old Tiler. "He wants to imitate his father. As his father was a Mason it is



probable that he was a good man. If the applicant desires to imitate a good man, and thinks we can help him, his motives are worthy. The man who wants to become a Mason to stiffen his religious belief is not a good candidate. Masonry demands no religion of its applicants, merely a belief in Deity. A man with religious convictions which are slipping and looks for something to prop them up, should go elsewhere than the Masonic Altar. Asking nothing but a belief in God, we have a right to demand that that belief be strong, well-grounded, unshakable, and beyond question.

"The man who says he wants to join the Masonic order because he wants to belong to a secret society doesn't get asked and more questions! He is through right there. Masonry is no haven for curiosity seekers. The chap who thinks Masonry will make him friends who will help him in his business gets nowhere with a good committee. Masonry is not a business club. Imagine a man going to a minister and saying: 'I want to join your church so I can sell lawn mowers to your members.' Would the minister want him? Masonry is not a church, but it is holy to Masons. Masonry is a bright and shining light in a man's heart which must not be sullied by profane motives. To attempt to use Masonry for business is like using the Bible to sit on diverting from the proper purpose that which should be held sacred.

"The man who answers that question by saying, 'I have always heard of Masons as men who receive help in being good men; I would like to have the privilege of becoming a member,' is approaching the matter in the right spirit. Masonry doesn't hunt the man, the man must hunt the lodge. And he must hunt with a pure motive, or cannot join any good lodge, with a good committee. The motive is vitally important. We want to know if he can afford \$50 for a fee

and \$5 a year for dues. If they have to rob their children to join we have no use for them. We want to know if a man stands well with his fellows outside the lodge; if so he is apt to stand well with them inside. If he has few friends and those of doubtful character, the chances are he is not good timber for us.

"Masonry is what we make it. Every good man who comes into a lodge helps the fraternity. Every insincere man, every scoffer, every dishonest man who gets into lodge, injures the fraternity. Masonry can accomplish good in the hearts of men only as it is better than they are. When it becomes less good than the average man, the average man will not want to join, and Masonry's power will be gone.

"The price of liberty, so we are told, is eternal vigilance. The price of quality in a lodge is eternal care by the investigation committee. An important job, it should be approached with the idea that the future of the lodge and of Masonry to some extent rests on the man making the investigation.

"Hm. Thanks. See you later."

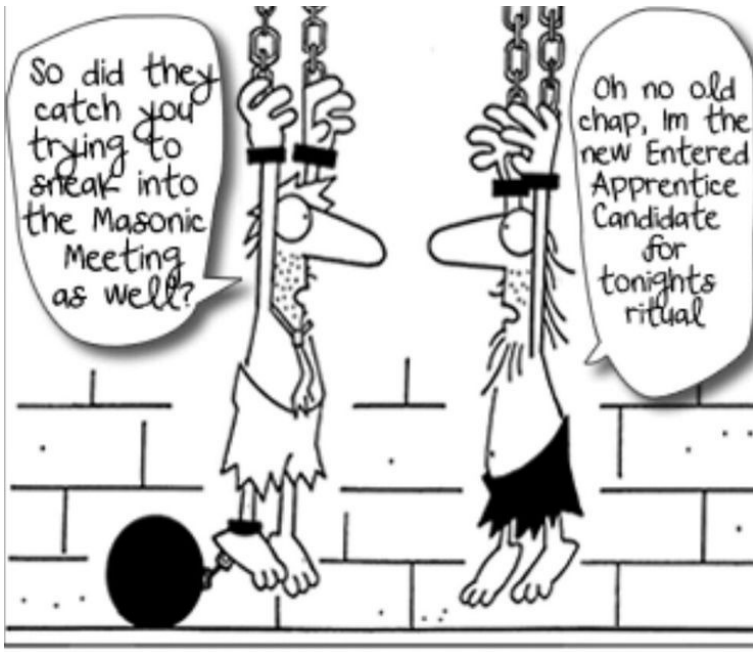
"You're welcome- but what is your hurry?"

"Got to find Jones and tell him I'm the nut. Then ask the Master to let me go with him again and see if I can't see something else in his questions besides foolishness!" answered the New Brother.



## JUST SMILE

### New Candidate



Grand Lodge of the South Pole



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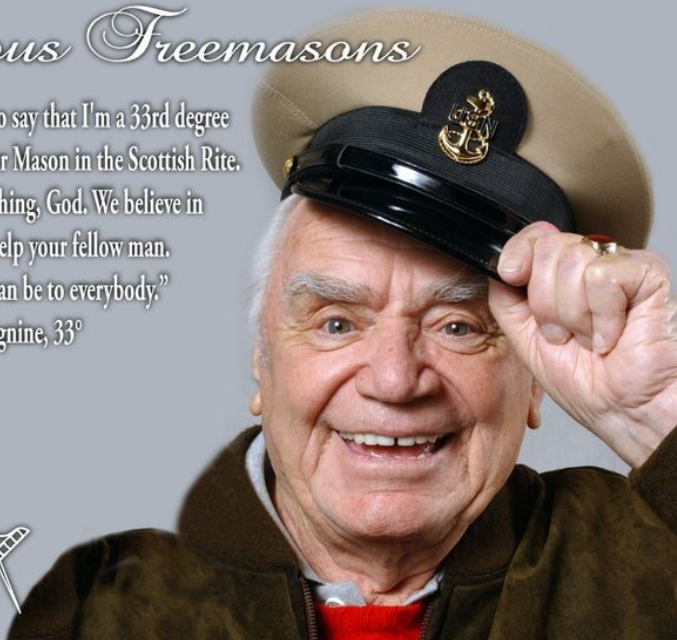
### LIVING PAST MASTERS:

Wor. Bro. Robert J. Smith	1968-1969 (Strafford 29)
Wor. Bro. Donald S. Meserve	1972 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. William H. Carswell II	1976-1978 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. Bruce N. Hardenbrook	1979-1980, 1993 (Strafford 29)
Wor. Bro. Anthony M. Induisi	1983 (Strafford 29)
Rt. Wor. Bro. David R. Spiller	1984-1985, 1996 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. Anthony Zizos	1989-1990 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. James S. Miller	1991, 1998, 2001-2004 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. Forrest R. Willome	1991-1992 (Strafford 29)
Wor. Bro. John F. Torr	1993-1994, 1999-2000 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor Stephen E. Wawrzekiewicz	1995 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor Robert H. Stewart	1996 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. Jay A. Edgerly	1997 (Moses Paul 96)
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Wor. Bro. Saint C. Jones	2002-2003 (Strafford 29)
Rt. Wor. Bro. Michael R. Stewart	2004-2005 (Strafford 29)
Wor. Bro. Michael J. Mawson	2005 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. George M. McGee III	2006 (Moses Paul 96)

Wor. Bro. Christopher A. Piehler	2007-2008 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. Harlan W. Adams	2008-2009 (Strafford 29)
Wor. Bro. Robert Berry	2009 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. Kristopher G. Furtney	2010-2011 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. David S. Butler	2010-2011 (Strafford 29)
Wor. Bro. Vincent R. Puleo	2012-2013 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. Robert J. Corsetti	2014-2015 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. Christopher T. DeRosa	2014-2015 (Strafford 29)
Rt. Wor. Bro. W. David Akridge	2016-2017 (Moses Paul 96)
Wor. Bro. Michael R. Steward II	2016-2017 (Strafford 29)
Wor. Bro. Orman W. Hall	2018 (Strafford 29)
Wor. Bro. John T. Pond, Jr.	2018 (Moses Paul 96) 2019-2020 (Federal 5)
Wor. Bro. James A. Smith	2021 (Federal 5)

# *Famous Freemasons*

"I am very happy to say that I'm a 33rd degree  
Grand Cross Master Mason in the Scottish Rite.  
We believe in one thing, God. We believe in  
another thing: to help your fellow man.  
Be as kind as you can be to everybody."  
— Bro. Ernest Borgnine, 33°



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