

THE TRESTLEBOARD
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HUMANE LODGE NO. 21 F. & A.M.
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Free & Accepted Masons

Constituted March 10, 1810

Chartered July 24, 1811

Stated Meetings First Monday

HUMANE LODGE NO. 21

Online at: <http://www.HumaneLodge21.org>.

May 2023

FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

It was wonderful to see a great turnout for April's meeting, we had a first-time visitor and a long time member we had not seen in a while. We enjoyed another excellent meal prepared and served by the OES Chapter of James Farrington-Pleiades #7, a big thank you to all of them.

Our Stated meeting this month will be on May 1st at 7:30 pm and our program will be all about Life Membership, what it is and how you can take part in it. This program will be presented by Right Worshipful Ron Brown.

Saturday May 6th we are once again participating in Free Comic Book Day from 10am to 4pm. This is a great event that brings hundreds of people to our door, which is why we also use this for our annual open house. Any volunteers to hand out comics or give Lodge room tours would be greatly appreciated.

The 234th Annual Communication of NH Grand Lodge will be on May 20th and will open at 9:30am. The Master, Wardens and GL Representative are required to attend.

On May 29th the Brethren of your Lodge will plan to march in the Rochester Memorial Day Parade. We typically will meet behind Holy Rosary church; the parade kicks off at 10am and we march to The Commons where there is a Memorial Day program with guest speakers. Rest assured it has been confirmed that there will be a parade this year and we won't have a repeat of last year!

On May 31st Humane Lodge will again host the Area 51 Cornerstones Masonic education session. This will be in-person and we will be discussing Anderson's Constitution.

And as a third reminder! Humane Lodge will once again be hosting a Traditional Masonic Table Lodge. The date will be Saturday, June 17th and you can reach out to Right Worshipful Bro. John Bartoszak for reservations and more information.

As always, continue to look out for your fellow Brothers and our Special Ladies. If you need help or know of a Brother that needs help, please contact me or any of the Lodge officers.

Fraternally,

Patrick Meehan, Worshipful Master

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Past Masters of Humane Lodge No. 21 F. & A. M.

+* Jeremiah H. Woodman	1810-11	+* Arnold M. Ashley, PGM, 33°	1970-71
* Levi Jones	1812-13	* Edward J. Dotson	1972-73
* William Barker	1814	* Robert E. Gray	1974-75
* Pierce P. Furber	1815-16	* Donald S. Hawkins, Jr.	1976-77
* Jeremiah H. Woodman	1817	* Charles H. Weed	1978-79
* Levi Jones	1818	+ Ronald J. Brown, 33°	1980-81
* Joseph Cross	1819-20	Leslie E. Locke	1982-83
* William Jones	1821	* Robert O. White	1984-85
* Levi Jones	1822	William F. Clark	1986-87
+* Charles Dennett	1823-27	+ Edward J. Kelvington	1988-89
* Stephen M. Mathers	1828	H. Stephen Wood	1990-91
* Charles Dennett	1829-37	* Stanley F. Focht	1992-93
* Charles Dennett	1850	William A. Taylor	1994-95
* Josiah B. Edgerly	1851-53	* George A. White	1996-97
* James H. Edgerly	1854-58	Gary A. Pike	1998-99
+* Alexander M. Winn, PGM	1859	George L. Hubbard, Jr.	2000-01
* George Corson	1860	Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°	2002-03
* David Hayes	1861-62	+ Edward J. Kelvington	2004-05
+* Franklin McDuffee	1863-64	* George A. White	2006
+* James H. Edgerly	1865	Arthur A. Trahan	2007
* George Corson	1866	** Frederick M. Steadman	2007
* John S. Parsons	1867-70	Jeffrey L. Brown, 33°	2008-09
* Noah Tebbets	1871	* Stanley F. Focht	2010
* John S. Parsons	1872-73	William A. Taylor	2011
* Russell B. Wentworth	1874-76	David P. Kondrup	2012-13
* Thomas H. Edgerly	1877	Dave R. Nason	2014-15
* Russell B. Wentworth	1878-80	Robert F. Hackett	2016-17
* James E. Edgerly	1881	Patrick Gaudette	2018-19
* John I. Copp	1882-83	John F. Bartoszak, Sr.	2020-21
* Ralph B. Palmer	1884	Patrick Meehan.	2022
* Charles B. Ricker	1885		
* Osman B. Warren	1886-88		
+* John S. Daniels	1889-91		
* Howard E. Grant	1892-94		
* George A. McDuffee	1895-97		
* Frederick E. Small	1898-99		
+* Charles L. Wentworth, 33°	1900-01		
* George P. Furbush	1902-03		
* Louis M. Richardson	1904-05		
* John S. Kimball	1906-07		
* Fred W. Crocker	1908-09		
+* J. Stacy Tripp	1910-11		
+* Eugene C. Howard	1912-14		
* Charles W. Varney	1915		
* Lorenzo W. Clifford	1916-17		
* Albion G. Weeks	1918-19		
* William E. Tripp	1920-21		
+* Clarence L. Woodman	1922-23		
* Joel L. McCrillis	1924-25		
* Horace J. Davis	1926		
* William H. Otis	1927-28		
* Carleton E. Meader	1929		
* James C. Pringle	1930-31		
* Raymond V. Jones, Sr.	1932-33		
* Francis D. Swan	1934-35		
* Joshua Studley	1936-37		
* Donald G. McCallister	1938-39		
+* Robert P. Wilson	1940-41		
* Neal F. Teague	1942-43		
* Downing Osborne	1944-45		
+* Robert P. Wilson	1946		
* Alwyn B. Marble	1947-48		
* George S. Snyder	1949-50		
* Bruce R. DeMerritt, Sr.	1951-52		
* James A. Baxter	1953-54		
+* Walter D. Abbott	1955-56		
*** James Flood	1956		
* John L. Phillips	1957-58		
+ William B. Holmberg	1959-60		
* James H. Edgerly, Jr.	1961-62		
*** Leroy S. Redlon	1961		
* Philip W. Hussey	1963		
+* Frederick H. Heuss	1964-65		
* Austin F. Wilson	1966-67		
* Norman H. Clough	1968-69		

* Deceased ** Honorary + Past District Deputy Grand Master

Charity (cont'd from April)

It is an erroneous idea, but one widely prevalent, that Freemasonry is a benefit society; that persons join it that they may be cared for in their periods of adversity. Nothing could be further from the truth; at least theoretically one units with our Fraternity that he may serve and minister to the needs of others.

Freemasonry is not, in itself, a charitable organization. That is, the primary purpose of the Order is not charitable relief to its members.

Masonic charity is a great fact; it is an inherent part of the Masonic system; but it is not the primary purpose or function of Freemasonry.

The fundamental creed of Masonry is and ever must be, the study of Masonic philosophy. As Freemasons come together for the discussion of Masonic truth, a strong feeling of brotherhood naturally results. The friendships formed in this work carry in themselves a desire to relieve the necessities of unfortunate brothers.

The real Masonic charity (or assistance) that is afforded by one brother to another is assistance in the learning and understanding of Masonic truth.

We are not taught that we shall afford one another political, business or social assistance. Masonic lodges are not political organizations; they are no business syndicates; they are not social cliques. The average Freemason looks askance at the brother who seems to seek assistance of such sort. However, it is not to be denied that the strong and enduring friendships formed in the lodge are a real assistance to a man in all of his legitimate endeavors. But we must not forget that if we assist a brother Freemason in his endeavors, we assist him as a friend, and not because there is anything in Masonry that teaches us to discriminate in favor of Freemasons in the ordinary relationships of life.

To be continued...



Happy Birthday, Brethren!

Jeffrey Brown	May 6	Marc Auclair	May 23
Paul Hyam	May 7	Philip Patch Jr.	May 23
Merle Wentworth Jr.	May 9	George Runde	May 25
William Taylor	May 16	Timothy Redden	May 28

May						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30	31			

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Stated Communication of Humane Lodge will be holden on **Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:30 PM** - *Any business to come before a Lodge of Master Masons will be completed. Rt. Wor. Ron Brown will present a program about Life Membership. A meal will be served at 6:30 PM for those who have made reservations. Reservations are required and can be made with the Secretary Jeff Grant.*

Free Comic Book will be on **Saturday, May 6, 2023** and the lodge will be open from **10 am to 4 pm** as a comic book stop for the event.

A rehearsal has been scheduled for all officers on **Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7 PM**. Please contact the Worshipful Master if you cannot attend.

The **Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire** will be held in **Manchester, NH** on **Saturday, May 20, 2023** beginning at **9 am**. *The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Grand Lodge Representative are required to attend.*

Humane Lodge is planning to participate in the **annual Rochester Memorial Day Parade** on **Monday, May 29, 2023** forming at **Holy Rosary Church** on North Main Street at **9:45 AM**. *Parade steps off at 10 AM and continues to the Rochester Common. All brethren are welcome to join. Aprons, collars and jewels are acceptable.*

Humane Lodge will host the **Area 51 Cornerstones Masonic education session** on **Monday, May 31, 2023 at 7 PM**. *This will be in-person and we will be discussing Anderson's Constitution.*

West Words

Greetings Brethren,

I hope this message finds you well. At the April stated meeting we had the pleasure of education from Calvin Cline on the masonic diploma that he is in the works of bringing back into circulation for new Master Masons. The design of the diploma is one that has been remastered with modern digital mastery and keeping the artwork true to the original design. The displace piece that was passed around was incredible. This is something we as a lodge could consider for all new Maser Masons raised in Humane Lodge. I would presume that if you are a Master already and interested in obtaining a Diploma you can reach out to Brother Cline for more details.

Moving the light forward into May we have the Rochester Free comic book day on May 6th that is happening. I ask any Brothers interested in lending a hand to please join us there to pass out comics. Also, if you are a fan of comics be it Marvel, DC, Star Wars or any other PG13 or general audience class and wish to dress up please do so and add to the fun. Keep in mind this is a family-oriented event so if you wear a costume keep it geared to that level as kids of all ages and their parents will be passing through our doors.

I have heard from Worshipful Meehan that the Rochester Memorial Day parade is back and scheduled for May 29th. Please join us for a strong Masonic showing as we march in the parade. For more details reach out to the Lodge Secretary.

The month of May is Mental Health awareness month. I ask that you take a little extra time to become aware of conditions that affect so many people. As the smile that some may wear does not represent the feeling in their heart or minds. Be the difference if you can and shine the light for those that might just need an ear to listen to them. It could make a world of difference for them.

Until we meet on the level again in our travels be safe and keep the light of Masonry glowing within your heart as well as all that you do.

Fraternally yours,

Marc Auclair
Senior Warden

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HUMANE LODGE #21

END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER LET'S HELP THE HUNGRY CHILDREN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

There are two ways to donate. First is money.
A small donation of \$10.00 will help give a hungry child
2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 3 dinners.
Second is to donate food products which are much needed
for the hungry children in our community.
Please contact the lodge for a list of example food items needed.

FOOD ITEM LIST:

- Peanut butter – 18 oz size
- Jelly – 20 oz size
- Mayonnaise – 12 oz squeezable
- Canned pasta – beefaroni, ravioli, spaghetti
- Canned spaghetti and meatballs
- Canned soup – 12-20 oz size
- Macaroni and cheese – boxed type
- Canned fruit – 3-4 serving size
- Granola bars/nutrition bars
- Cereal – boxes/bags 5-8 serving size
- Tuna or chicken – 10 oz or smaller cans
- Instant oatmeal
- Swiss miss cocoa mix
- Pop tarts
- Ramen noodles

Drop off locations: Rochester Public Library,
Rochester Fire Department-Central Station.