



December, 2019

# UNITY LODGE #062 F & AM

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## Lodge in Darkness

*excerpted from Grand Secretary Mark E. Langis from July 2019*

Many clubs have amended their bylaws so their Lodge will not meet in certain months, such as in the summer due to vacations or the lodge being too warm; or during the winter when storms arise or to save on heating bills. Bro. Langis clarified that lodges can continue to conduct business such as holding special communications for initiating, passing or raising brethren, install officers, conduct Masonic Services, hold a Table Lodge, Veterans or Special Ladies Program, etc. Civic, social and fundraising events can also be held.

What you cannot do, while your lodge is in darkness, is to conduct business that requires a stated communication such as receiving and acting on applications, or hold special elections for a vacant office without requesting a Dispensation well in advance for the Grand Master to consider and notify the lodge.

The GLNH documents state: *“Darkness” has no bearing on Lodge business ... it only means there are no Stated Communications!*

### Stated Communication

3rd Monday of the month  
From April to December

Next Stated Communication  
**Monday, December 16th**

Dinner: 6:15; Meeting: 7:00



### District 5 Dine Around CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday  
**December 18**  
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**Magrilla's**  
19 Hanson St. Rochester

\$5-\$10 wrapped gift for  
**Yankee Swap**  
if you want to play

**Best Christmas Sweaters**



If you need transportation call on a Brother or one of your officers for a ride to the Lodge.  
Jay at (207) 266-9330 or Wally at (603) 473-7055

## 2020 Unity #062 Officers

Worshipful Master  
**Parker Vanderhoof Jr.**

Senior Warden  
**Al Poulin**

Junior Warden  
**Brian Vanderhoof**

Secretary  
**Wallace Farnum**

Treasurer  
**Ralph Currier**

Chaplain  
**Kirby Woods**

Senior Deacon  
**Mark Duffy**

Junior Deacon  
**Charles Pixley**

Marshall  
**Joseph Palmariello**

Senior Steward  
**Carl F. Helander**

Junior Steward  
**Mark Robinson**

Tyler  
**Bill Drown**

Rep. Grand Lodge  
**Mark Duffy**



## Message from the Master

December 2019

### Greetings from the East

Hello Brethren,

Holiday Season is upon us and as I'm writing this I'm sure some of you are taking advantage of today's Cyber Monday online deals. I just happen to be sitting in Seattle's Sea-Tac Airport, because my red-eye flight into Boston has been delayed 4 hours due to Winter Storm Ezekiel. With that being said, this is the time of year to count your blessings.

If you have a roof over your head, food in the fridge and clothes on your back and a place to sleep... then you are richer than 75% of the world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish someplace... then you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... you are more blessed than a million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pains of starvation... you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death... you are more blessed than 3 Billion people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married... you are blessed because you are very rare, even in our United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful... you are blessed because the majority can, but do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder... you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing that someone was thinking of you, and further more... you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

Many of us are blessed and very fortunate and therefore we should count our blessings, but there are many more who are not. Please remember your obligation and stretch forth a helping hand to those in need and less fortunate during this blessed Holiday Season.

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## Sharing the Knowledge

by RW David Akridge, DDGEO

### Are Masonic Ceremonies the True Secrets of the Order?

Constitutionally, we well know that upon the successful completion of the three Blue Lodge Degrees, we are considered Master Mason's. As long as we pay our dues, we are accorded the full rights and privileges of a Master Mason. However, I would ask you to read the following taken from *Masonry Defined* by E.R. Johnston that was compiled primarily from Dr. Albert Mackey and other Masonic Authorities. Read it slowly and focus particularly on the last sentence. If any of this resonates with you, read it again and reflect on the words. Is this not what "We Came Here to Do?" If after reading, you have any thoughts you might want to share, feel free to call me or email me. Email is DDGEO5@nhgrandlodge.org and cell is 603-781-4453. Better yet, speak with your Worshipful Master and maybe you can lead the discussion on this topic in your Lodge. This piece lends itself to Masonic Discussion.

**"Initiated.** *The Initiated while in lodge, labor to perfect their own mental faculties, as well as those of the whole human race. Here let us seek the secrets of Masonry, in themselves unpronounceable, neither are they to be communicated by the laying on of hands, in a few fleeting hours. Thoughts, the indulgence in which a few short years ago would have been punished by the sword, the stake or banishment, are, in our days, loved as philanthropic; and princes now do things for which but a few years back misunderstood philosophers were condemned as mad imposters. But there are thoughts, even in the present day, which the great mass of mankind may mock or curse, but which will in some future period by usefully and beneficially introduced into private life. This has been nearly all, and yet continues to be the chief employment of a genuine Freemason; although in the lodge, those subjects are very seldom openly introduced; it is for this reason that the great mass consider the ceremonies to be the true secret, whereas they are in reality but the shell in which they are enclosed."*

### Message from the Master *continued*

Unity Lodge will be having our Christmas celebration on our next stated communication on 16 December. This year, as we have done in years past, we will have a potluck dinner as well as a gift xchange. So please bring your special ladies and favorite dish to share and come out and join us, and bring a gift of no more value than \$20 to swap and something to give to our local food pantry for those who are not as blessed as you.

Fraternally yours, WM Parker Vanderhoof Jr. (Jay)



### Unity Lodge #62 Living Past Masters

John Cannon .....	2012
Ralph Currier.....	2006, 2016
William Drown .....	1995
John Lemay .....	2013
Al Mayranen.....	2009, 10, 11
Timothy Merrill .....	1997
Thomas Mix .....	2003
Al Poulin .....	1984-86, 03, 08



### December Birthdays

George Lineham	12/05
Michael Roush	12/10
Wallace Farnum	12/15
Mark Duffy	12/16
Andrew Denley	12/27
Ian Young	12/28



### Raised in December

Brandon Dion	12/18/17
Marquis Robinson	12/18/17
William Judge	12/21/91





# Unity Lodge #062 Calendar

- Dec 2     **Humane Lodge #21** Stated Communication, 6:30 social, 7:30 lodge
- Dec 9     **Fraternal Lodge #71** Stated Communication, 6:30 meal, 7:30 meeting  
            **Morrison Lodge #90**, Annual Meeting 6:30 to 10:30
- Nov. 13   **Corinthian Lodge #82**, Stated Communication, 6:30, Lodge/Inspection 7:30
- Dec. 12   **Winnepesaukee Lodge #75** Stated Communication 6:15, dinner 7  
            **Federal Lodge #5**, MM Degree (2 candidates), 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- Dec. 14   **Humane Lodge #21** Christmas Party, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15   **World Famous Breakfast Buffet**, Winnepesaukee Lodge #75, 7:30 - 11 a.m.
- Dec. 16   **Unity Lodge #062** Stated Communication, 6:15 pm meal, 7:00 lodge  
            **Humane Lodge #21** EA Degree Rehearsal 6:30 to 7:30 pm
- Dec. 18   **District Dine Around** Christmas Party, Magrillas, Rochester, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19   **Federal Lodge #5** Stated Communication 7:00 meal, 7:30 Lodge
- Dec. 21   **1st District Masters Class**, 9 a.m. with coffee & donuts to 11 a.m. Location TBD
- Dec. 30   **Morrison Lodge #90**, Stated Communication, 6:30 meal, 7:30 Lodge



send correspondence to:

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c/o Wallace Farnum (Secretary)

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