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# UNITY LODGE #062 F & AM

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## Greetings from the East



Dear Brothers of Unity Lodge,

I hope all of you had the best celebration you could have during this very difficult Easter season. This Easter I'm reminded how important it is to have God in my life. I'm reminded that no matter how difficult life may seem, it pales in comparison to what his son Jesus Christ went

through to forgive our sins and provide us with everlasting life. Even though we dwell in this time of darkness, I can find solace in knowing I don't walk down this path alone, for he walks with me.

My prayers go out to you and your families during this unprecedented time of home isolation, sickness and death; as well as the financial stress for those with lost income brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope each of you are practicing the CDC guidelines to the best of your ability, while still balancing you and your families needs during this home isolation. Social Distancing is a new term to me and I'm sure a new term to most folks. But it does make sense along with extra good hygiene and hand washing.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Grand Jurisdiction for the first time in recorded history has postponed the Annual Communication which originally was to be held on May 16th, 2020. I fully concur with Grand Lodge and feel they are taking prudent steps to protect the health of our membership from this invisible monster. I am in lockstep with our Grand Lodge on this issue and the protection of health for our Unity Lodge membership is of my utmost importance. Therefore, with deep regret, I have cancelled the April and May Stated Communications for Unity Lodge as per recommendation from our Grand Jurisdiction and the current guidelines from the CDC.

This doesn't mean all forms of Masonry must cease, but to the contrary, this is when we are supposed to shine. I'm not asking you to use this time to study ritual (but if you feel you must, then feel free), but instead I charge you to put down your ritual books and pickup the phonebook (remember those) and reach out to a Brother or Widow. Remember, a lot of families are keeping away during these uncertain times, so your phone call might be the only voice or friend they hear for an extended period of time. Please notify me if there is anything the Lodge can do to assist any homebound brethren during this pandemic.

Also, Grand Lodge is taking extraordinary steps to keep our jurisdiction engaged in Masonry through online YouTube videos. So if you are looking for ways to perfect your rough ashlar, I encourage you to participate in the next Q&A with the Grand Master.

### Q&A with the Grand Master & Grand Line – Episode II

Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 7:00PM.

Live on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/-lZ93lkdu6s>

May God bless you this Easter Season with good health and happiness.

Fraternally,

WM Parker (JAY) Vanderhoof Jr.  
Unity Lodge No. 62

M.W. Kenneth Clay, Jr., Grand Master  
R.W. Dennis Tuttle, Jr., DDGMR  
W. Jackson Marston, DDGL  
R.W. David Akridge, DDGEO

**There will be no Stated Communications  
for the month of April and May, 2020  
due to the COVID-19 pandemic**

**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**

# Unity #62

## Officers

Worshipful Master  
**Parker Vanderhoof Jr.**

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**Al Poulin**

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**Kirby Woods**

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**Mark Duffy**

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Junior Steward  
**Mark Robinson**

Tyler  
**Bill Drown**

Rep. Grand Lodge  
**Mark Duffy**

## Sharing the Knowledge

by RW David Akridge, DDGEO

### Charity

From the English word charity, ultimately derived from Late Latin caritas meaning "generous love", from Latin carus "dear, beloved". Caritas was in use as a Roman Christian name. The English name Charity came into use among the Puritans after the Protestant Reformation. (Source: Behindthename.com)



With our world having been turned upside down in an instant by Covid-19, followed by the endless 24 hour a day news cycle, politics of the same, this month, I think it appropriate to speak of Masonic Charity. As much of the world has done, this is often defined by the giving of money or goods to some worthwhile need in the community. While I would not argue that that is one expression of Charity, I think it appropriate that we be reminded of what Charity means in Masonic terms. Contemplate on these familiar words: *"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."* (1 Cor. 13 Ch.)

While this familiar verse certainly encompasses community charity as many a civic organization would define it, I would suggest when we look at the Latin word *caritas* meaning generous love, is this not the very definition of what we are obligated to demonstrate and exemplify to our fellow man, but particularly a Brother Mason? I guess my thought for this month would be consistent with that as the verse described and if upon reflection and contemplation you arrive at a similar conclusion, let us each resolve to pay particular attention the Masonic Definition of Charity.

While we are all facing the uncertainty of current circumstances, perhaps the loss of a job, threat to our business, let us all search ourselves and if within the length of our cable tow, whether that be a kind word, a phone call to an elderly or infirm Brother, a few groceries or simply picking up the groceries, a simple household task for a distressed and worthy Brother or a Special Lady, let all consider these acts of Masonic Charity.

As we are charged to ever walk and act strictly in charge as a just and upright Mason, let these not be ritualistic words but rather our everyday conduct. The Covid -19 Crisis provides us the opportunity to go within, reflect, contemplate, spend more time with family, and while we may be practicing social distancing in our Jurisdiction, we still have the means communicate with our Brethren and grow as Masons.

In these times, I am convinced if we take a moment to contemplate the true meaning of Masonic Charity as gesture of Brotherly Love and Friendship, we are practicing Freemasonry.



## ZOOM MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 20th

With organizations having to get creative in finding ways to meet virtually, N.H. Grand Lodge has been setting up Zoom meetings that have worked very well. The 'free' one that is included will host up to 100 people for up to 40 minutes.. The best way to be prepared for the meeting is to sign up for the service before Monday. *Here are some instructions for you to try to set up your personal computer or your iPhone / iPad.*

### On a PC computer/laptop with camera:

Enter the URL <https://zoom.us> in your browser window.

Click: Sign up for free.

Enter your date of birth, and hit continue

Enter your work/home email address and click sign up.

You will get a link to that email that you have to click on to use Zoom.

Click on that link in your email and it will bring you to the Zoom page.

Jay will have already sent you a link for the meeting in an email.

Click top right JOIN A MEETING and enter in the Meeting ID. Join.

### To get the Zoom app on your iPhone and iPad:

Go to APPS on your iPhone.

Hit the search button on the bottom right and type in Zoom

Click on the zoom.us link and scroll to the one that says ZOOM Cloud

Meeting (Meet Happy) with 411k subscribers.

Hit the GET button and INSTALL on your iPhone.

Click OPEN.

At the bottom, hit Sign Up (or Sign in if already a member)

Enter your date of birth and confirm. (Enter year first)

Then sign up with your email address, name and accept terms of service.

Check your email and click on the link.

Sign up with email address, and create password.

At top right click JOIN.

Enter the meeting ID that you received from Jay in an email.

### Once inside zoom.

Click on Computer Audio or Test Speakers / Mike.

Click on Settings, then Audio to test speaker and mike.

You can click on Video to see how it looks (before the meeting starts)

Do you need to turn a light on, get closer to the camera? Turn up volume?

Upper right screen: Click Gallery (will split the screen equally)

**If you are having problems getting set up,** send an email to [pridenh@gmail.com](mailto:pridenh@gmail.com) or send a text message to: 207.515.2981. Good Luck!

*Wally was able to set up his computer following the above directions.*

## Unity Lodge #62 Living Past Masters

John Cannon .....	2012
Ralph Currier .....	2006, 2016
William Drown .....	1995
John Lemay .....	2013
Thomas Mix .....	2003
Al Poulin .....	1984-86, 03, 08

## Birthdays

Joseph King	4/2
Kirby Wood	4/4
Douglas Beckwith	4/10
Gary Gould	4/25
William Denley	4/28
Parker Vanderhoof	5/10
William Drown	5/13
Frederick Meyer	5/23

## MM Birthdays

David Clough	4/4/98
John Cannon	4/19/83
James Souza	4/19/04
John Blackwood	4/23/92
Dineen Davidson	4/23/92
Frederick Meyer	4/24/75
Gary Gould	5/1/91
Harry Wood	5/3/82
Joseph Palmariello	5/9/90
Sean Sheridan	5/11/15
William Denley	5/17/10
Ian Young	5/22/89
Carl Helander	5/23/62
James Tibbets	5/26/66
Thomas Scirocco	5/27/76
Leslie Joy	5/28/64
Malcolm Joy	5/28/64

## Updated COVID-19 Guidance

*excerpted from Grand Master Kenneth Clay's  
message on March 23, 2020*

You SHALL limit attendance at in-person Masonic events in this Grand Jurisdiction to 10 or fewer attendees. Any in-person meetings you conduct should only be for items that are deemed “essentially necessary” for the Lodge to operate (i.e. necessary building maintenance, authorizing the Secretary and Treasurer to pay bills, etc.).

Stated and Special Communications can only be held in a face-to-face meeting and are limited as noted above.

Except for Tiled Lodge functions, Lodges can meet in an informal electronic setting (WebEx, conference call) to continue Masonic dialogue. No Masonic ritual is to be performed on the call/electronic meeting. Rather they are to be used for general Masonic discussion and education.

My Brethren, I encourage you to look for ways to stay in touch. Now more than ever is a great time to make a call and reach out to your Masonic members and your Special Ladies. If they need assistance, see what you or the Lodge can do to help. While many may be doing just fine, the simple act of a phone call helps demonstrate to them just how important they are to us.

Communication is one of the four pillars of my term as Grand Master and now more than ever it's critical we show who we are as Freemasons. My brethren, I leave you with this important lesson from our Masonic ritual – Let the World Know How Masons Love One Another!

Fraternally,  
Kenneth Clay, Grand Master

send correspondence to:

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c/o Wallace Farnum (Secretary)

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## Unity Lodge Calendar

April 20, 6:30 p.m.

**Unity Lodge #62**

Online Zoom Meeting

*You will receive an email from Jay  
with Meeting # and time to Join*

## 5th Masonic District of New Hampshire hosts Leadership Institute Class on Zoom

This morning, (April 11th) RW Brother David Collins, RW Brother Dan Hotchkiss, and RW Brother Troy Patoine, led the Leadership Institute, Class 1. This two part class is designed to provide each of your Lodge Line Officers and those aspiring to be Line Officers, the tools necessary to better execute their job. Attended by Most Worshipful Brother Ken Clay, Jr. and some 30 Masons from across the Jurisdiction in this virtual offering, I am pleased that we had some 5 Brethren from District 5 in attendance. Lodges represented were, Federal, Humane, Morrison, and Winnepesaukee. Each of them made an investment of their time on behalf of their Lodge and I have no doubt it represented a worthwhile use of their time and one that will pay big dividends in the development of leadership in their Lodge. Well done! If you didn't get to join this one, don't worry, it will be repeated in the near future.

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