



SPRING 2020

UNITY LODGE #062 F & AM

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Chartered June 9, 1857



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Greetings from the East



Dear Brother's of Unity Lodge,

What a crazy spring we are having this year. Not only is our great country dealing with a nationwide pandemic, which shows no boundaries among us all, but now we are also dealing with the aftermath from one bad law enforcement officers actions. My mind has a hard time coming to grips with the realities of what is happening around us. I understand why those are upset, and why they want their voices heard, but opportunistic destructive behavior is certainly not warranted or the answer. Why punish the many for the actions of the few? I believe 99.9% of the law enforcement officers in this wonderful country are amazing in every way and truly believe in the motto to Serve and Protect.

I worry about all of you and wish you safety in whatever form it comes in. I pray we all can get through this together as Brothers unscathed, so we may continue the good virtues of Freemasonry. But for now, we must trust our elected leaders to provide the information we need moving on to make us safe.

The Governors "Stay at home order" is due to expire on 15 June. I'm not sure if it will be extended again or not, but I've decided to cancel our Stated Communication in June as per the Grand Masters edict. The officers of Unity joined me at the Lodge to discuss the Grand Masters recommendations for reconvening Stated Communications on Monday 15 June. CDC guidelines of social distancing and face coverings were observed.

Thank-you, and may Brotherly Love Prevail

Faternally,

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

Worshipful Masters,



We have been given guidance from the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer on how to proceed with Degree Inspections for the time being. Note that there will be no candidate or exemplar, and no physical contact including grips, etc. for now, until social distancing guidelines allow. There are also some specific instructions for the second section of the MM Degree.

Also note that these guidelines are to allow us to rehearse and perform Degree Inspections, and NOT for the conferring of Degrees on actual candidates at this time.

Two Lodges in District 5 completed their inspections prior to the Covid 19 shutdown, so we need to plan out the remainder of these. I am asking that you please look ahead and get your inspection scheduled soon.

The following Lodges are due to be inspected on the following Degrees:

Federal Lodge #5 - FC
Unity Lodge # 62 - FC
Fraternal Lodge #71 - EA
Winnipisaukee Lodge #75 - EA
Morrison Lodge #90 - MM

I am looking forward to hearing back from each of you soon, and planning some great Ritual.

Faternally,

Jackson E. Marston, DDGL
ddgl5@nhgrandlodge.org
603-396-3793 call or text

**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.

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

Passing the DDGEO title

by RW David Akridge, GEO

May 2020



Month after Month during our normal times of Stated and Special Communications, we all sign in as members of our Lodge. You may have noticed at the top of your Sign- In Book, there is a blank to fill in as to the type of meeting, Lodge Name, and then we come to the date. There are two spaces. One is the calendar year as is commonly used and the one that we are all used to. I am writing this article on May 6, 2020. However, if I were using the Masonic Dating System Anno Lucis, meaning in the Year of Light, the date would be written May 6, 6020 AL. Why is this, well put simply 4000 BC was adopted in the 18th Century as a simplification of the Anno Mundi era dating system used in the Hebrew calendar which really refers to the year of creation.

We as Mason's have adopted this dating system as the receiving of Light is an important symbol to us. We know from the book of Genesis that God brought Light to the World and created the day and night. Since this dating system refers directly to the creation of the world, and as Light is central to our Degrees, we have the Anno Lucis dating system.

Finally, as we come to the close of this Masonic Calendar year, I wanted to extend my personal thanks and appreciation to the Brethren of Unity Lodge for allowing me to provide an educational piece for your Trestle Board but more importantly for welcoming me as a part of your Lodge. Whether it be attendance at a Master's Class, and educational topic and discussion as a part of your Stated or just sharing a meal at before your Stated or the District Dine-Around, it has truly been a wonderful two years.

As you may have heard, I will be installed on May 16th as the Grand Education for New Hampshire. I am delighted that Worshipful (soon to be Right Worshipful) Tim Stickney will be serving as your DDGEO for District 5. Worshipful Stickney and I have had the opportunity to have some transition discussions and while the name may change, Masonic Education in District 5 will continue to move forward. I know he will do a great job and plug right in to the great District Team we have.

We have some great things planned for Masonic Education/Discussion this year. While maybe not as often, my home Lodge is still Federal #5 in District 5 and I look forward to being with you again soon.

GEO Akridge: Thank you for your many past submissions to the Unity Trestleboard. Sharing these pieces of information about "seeking the light and universal truths in Freemasonry", alchemy, the "rough and perfect ashlar", "What we came here to do", and the "Broken Column Pin" helped us revisit our steps through masonry. There is always a page in the Unity Trestleboard for your musings.



Re-Entry Plan Clarification

by Dennis A. Tuttle, Jr. DDGM District 5

Hello Worshipful Masters,

Today you received a copy of the Grand Master's re-entry plan. He has asked that us DDGM's clarify a few things with you.

1. He is NOT rushing you to get started back up. He is however leaving it up to each of you to decide what is best for your Lodge.

1. Whether you meet or decide not to yet, please keep me in the loop so that I can report back to MW Clay when he asks.

2. If ANY member does not feel comfortable coming back at this stage, please don't pressure them.

1. Since many of you have become more comfortable with online meetings, don't hesitate to

1. open the Lodge,
2. start an online meeting so members that are hesitant to attend can maybe contribute something.
3. Then end the online meeting BEFORE
4. you close the Lodge.
5. However, remember that no ritual will be done online.

3. If ANY member of your Lodge or any other body that has been in your building tests positive for COVID-19, please inform the Grand Lodge Office immediately.

4. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. If I don't know the answer I will find out for you.

P.S. The Grand Master has offered up one more recommendation to add to his list.

1. When saluting the flag, do it in place to avoid having the Marshal carry the flag and pass in close proximity to other Brethren.

Hopefully we will be able to move to Stage 2 relatively soon.

Stay safe and I reiterate, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Dennis A Tuttle Jr

DDGM District 5

(603) 969-9284

President

Scythe of Time Chapter

Widows Sons MRA

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

Cortez Willey	6/4
Richard Maynard	6/22
Marquis Robinson	6/22
Dale Crawford	6/23
Leslie Joy	6/24
John Cannon	6/25
William Denley	6/28

James Blackwood	7/6
Richard Gray	7/6
Robert Baldwin	7/7
Neal Hansen	7/12
Richard Nelson	7/24
Carl Helander	7/28

Geoffrey Denley	8/6
Kenneth Fifield	8/15
Sean Sheridan	8/20
Richard Smith	8/23

MM Birthdays

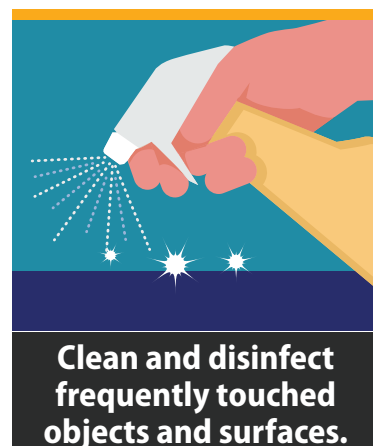
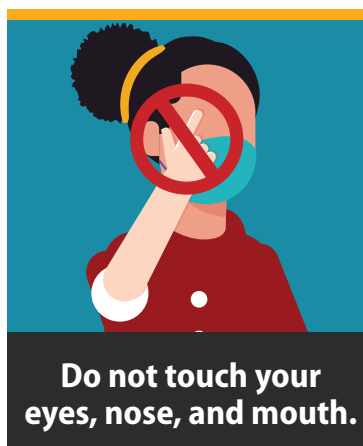
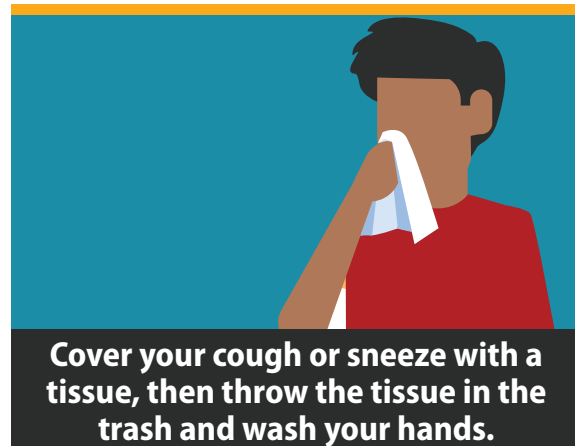
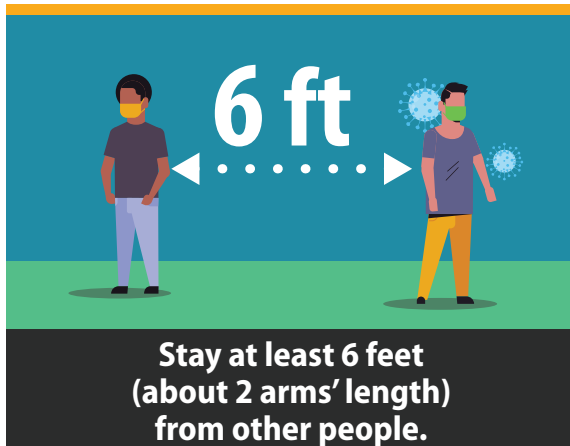
Richard Maynard	6/2/76
Brian Vanderhoof	6/23/14
George Lineham	6/25/70
Ralph Currier	6/27/96
Fred Morrill Sr	6/28/79
Alfred Poulin	6/28/79
William Stephen	6/28/90

William Denley	7/12/91
Michael Roush	7/12/91

Richard Smith	8/4/93
Robert Baldwin	8/15/11
Dale Crawford	8/15/11
Parker Vanderhoof	8/15/11
Kenneth Fifiend	8/20/92
Thomas Mix	8/20/92
Dean Giffin	8/27/98

Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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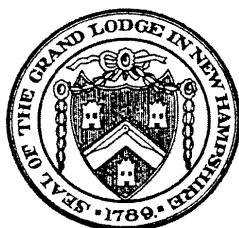
Looking For Further Light as a Master Mason?

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire Education Committee proudly presents

Master Mason Education Seminar

The One Day Mentoring Program every Master Mason Needs

Saturday August 1, 2020



Horace Chase Masonic Temple
53 North Main St. Boscawen, NH
8:30 am Registration
9:00am to 3:30pm (Breaks included)



Topics Covered:

- History of Freemasonry: Where did Masonry begin and how has it evolved in New Hampshire.
- How the system of Freemasonry functions and what it means to you.
- How the ritual developed in New Hampshire.
- Lodge Protocol and Etiquette: Understanding how to conduct yourself at a Lodge meeting.
- What is Grand Lodge and how it relates to the Master Mason in his own Lodge.

Why Should I Attend?

The Grand Lodge
Book Table will be
available.

This is an ideal opportunity to develop the foundation of your Masonic knowledge. My Brother you came knocking on our door seeking light and this program has been developed to provide you just that! This seminar is open to all Master Masons.

Coffee, Donuts, &
Lunch provided!

Dress is Casual: Polo Shirt,
Collared Shirt, and Slacks.

NO Suit or Tie

Cost: \$25.00 per person

NO Cost to Master Masons

Raised within the Past Year

Registration Deadline: July 24

Handouts & Flash Drive
provided which include
information from many
Masonic writers such as
Preston, Webb, Anderson

SEATING IS LIMITED, REGISTER NOW!

Make your Check payable to: "Grand Lodge of NH"

Mail Check to: Grand Lodge of NH, PO Box 486, Milford, NH 03055

Any Questions Email - David Akridge; Grand Lodge Education Officer: geo@nhgrandlodge.org

Grand Lecturer Inspection Guidelines, June 15, 2020

- Rehearsals may restart on July 1, 2020.
- Degree inspections can be scheduled to occur on or after August 1, 2020.
- All inspections will not include a candidate, active or exemplar, until further notice. Officers will be asked to simulate the presence of a candidate to the best of their ability.
- All officers will wear masks, maintain social distancing of 6 feet, and will avoid all direct physical interaction despite the typical requirements of the degree (no grips, etc.). Officers will strictly follow the guidelines laid out by the Grand Master on June 10, 2020. **There should be no person-to-person contact.**
- If there is something that an officer would typically do to direct or instruct the candidate during the degree, that officer will narrate the process and act it out as best as he can. For example, the Senior Deacon's handling of the candidate in preparation for the obligation.
- When the Grand Master restarts Degree performances for our candidates, inspections will subsequently follow those revised guidelines.
- For the 2nd Section of the Master Mason Degree, no more than two "craftsman" (the First Craftsman and one other) will be allowed.
- For the portion of 2nd Section of the Master Mason Degree just prior to and containing the "raising" of the Candidate (page 99, line 25 and beyond), only the Master, Chaplain, Senior Warden and Marshal will participate.

Find us on  Unity Lodge #62 F&AM

Check out our updated Lodge Page:
<http://unitylodge62.com>

send correspondence to:

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c/o Wallace Farnum (Secretary)

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Stated Communication

3rd Monday of the month
From April to December

Next Stated Communication

Monday, July 20th

Lodge Opening

7:00 p.m.