

Winnipisaukee Lodge #75

40 Suncook Valley Rd, PO Box 745
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Announcements

STATED MEETING

Lodge will be having holiday party at the stated meeting, Thurs, Dec 12.

STATED PROGRAM

The hope is to have live entertainment for the evening, Yankee swap and singing of Christmas Carols.

STATED DINNER

Dinner is at 6:15pm and will be catered by J. P. China. Reservations **ARE required**. Please contact W. Dave Collier at (603) 568-1163.

(NO RESERVATION, NO FOOD!!)

BREAKFAST BUFFET

When: Sunday, Dec 15, 7:30am to 11:00am, Cost: \$10.00 pp.

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From the East, W. David Collier

Greetings Brethren!

Our last stated was our annual meeting held on November 14th. Our dinner was fabulously cooked thanks to our kitchen volunteers. The Rainbow Girls joined us for dinner and afterwards gave a wonderful presentation to the members of the Lodge. Their visit helped us understand how the Rainbow Girls organization helps these young ladies make a better future for themselves and why we should be helping to support the Rainbow Girls. After their presentation we continued with the election of officers and other annual business

Our next stated is on Thursday, December 12th and bring your wife or significant other. Please make reservations as our catered dinner starts at 6:15 pm. Attire for the evening is business casual or wear a sweater for the ugly sweater contest. We will also have Christmas carols to sing and a short program. We will have a Yankee swap. For those that want to participate, bring an unusual/useless Yankee swap gift per couple or individual, no more than \$5.00 per gift.

Fraternally,

W.M. David M. Collier

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Events for the Month

Brethren,

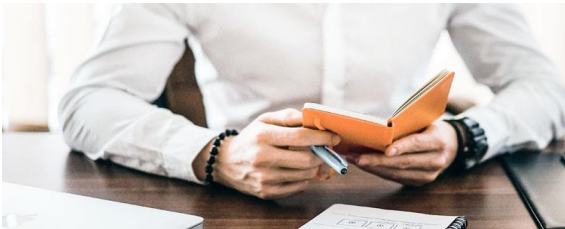
- On Thursday, November 5 a large contingent of Masons joined to pay our final respects to Honorary Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and a brother of Winnipisaukee Lodge, Dwight Meader. The M.W. Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of NH, M.W. Kenneth Clay lead the Masonic service.
- There will be a Family Leadership Conference Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020. Cost is \$25.00. This event is sponsored by the Eastern Star and is intended to provide a day of inspiring content to encourage and empower members and officers of the entire Masonic family. Our organizations share many of the same challenges and goals. This is a unique opportunity to learn about and assist each other. If we work together, we can succeed together!

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Secretary's Corner



If you receive the Trestleboard by Mail and have an email address, please send that address to the Secretary so we add you to our email distribution list, which will help us keep our postal costs down.

As of today, we mail about 50 Trestleboards a month. That's \$17.50 a month in postage!

Thank you all in advance for your continued support.

Oh, and I hope everyone enjoys the new format. If you have comments please send them to the secretary's email address.

W. John Alden, email: aldenjl@comcast.net

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Nuggets – For the Brethren



From a Post on Canadian Freemasons

Brother Jim Van Allen

“In 1877 the body of a male person washed ashore on Lake Ontario near Jordan. There were “certain markings” on the body which identified him as a Mason and he was given a fitting burial by the Masons of the District.

A headstone was erected to mark the grave site and dedicated to “An unknown Brother”.

The original stone had become eroded with the ravages of time and the environment, and was replaced on May 12, 1996 with generous donation by Heritage Lodge #703.

Approximately 125 Masons of Niagara District “A”, their families, and friends erected the new monument at Jordan Station Cemetery.”

The inscription on the tombstone is as follows

“Here lieth the remains of An Unknown Brother whose body was washed ashore near the residence of Abram Martin, Esq., Louth, on 20th April 1877.

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This tombstone is erected to show that while deceased had only on his person certain symbols to distinguish him as a Freemason yet were they sufficient to secure for the remains fraternal sympathy and Christian sepulture.

Dead Voiceless Battered Tempest-tossed
A stranger Friendless and unknown
The wave gave up its head
A Brother came and saw
And raised above his lonely head
This sculptured stone.
The mystic points of fellowship prevail
Death's Gavel cannot break that sacred tie
Gainst Light the Powers of Night can naught prevail
To live in hearts, we leave behind is not to Die".



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- Master: W. David Collier
- Chaplain: W. Jim Matarozzo
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