

Winnipisaukee Lodge #75

40 Suncook Valley Rd, PO Box 745
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Announcements

STATED MEETING

EA degree on one candidate. Thurs, Jan 9.

STATED PROGRAM

TBD

STATED DINNER

Dinner is at 6:15pm. Reservations **ARE required**. Please contact W. Dave Collier at (603) 568-1163 or Dick Quindley at 455-6212.

(NO RESERVATION, NO FOOD!!)

BREAKFAST BUFFET

When: Sunday, Jan 19, 7:30am to 11:00am, Cost: \$10.00 pp.

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From the East,

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W. David Collier

Greetings Brethren!

I hope that all of you and your families are having a wonderful holiday season! Our last stated meeting was held on December 12th which we invited our wives or significant others to join us. We began the evening with a catered meal from J.P. China and Jane Cumming prepared dessert for the evening. During the meal we had holiday music that Chris Bonoli provided. Many thanks to J.P. China, Jane Cumming and Chris Bonoli for all their help. We followed up dinner and dessert with a good old fashioned yankee swap for all those that wanted to participate, which was a lot of fun.

Our meeting was opened early on the MM degree, after dinner and the yankee swap was over we held a short business meeting and then invited the ladies upstairs for some carols lead by Chris Bonoli. We had a wonderful evening of singing and fun. Thank all who helped with the ideas, preparation and planning for this event.

We would love to see more brethren participating in visiting and support of other Lodges in our District and throughout NH.

Our next stated is on Thursday, January 9th and we will be presenting the EA degree for our next candidate in Masonry. Dinner starts at 6:15 pm and please remember to make reservations with Dick Quindley at 455-6212 or email rquin@tds.com. Please come out to join us for a great evening of Masonic fellowship, discussion and I look forward to seeing you all there.

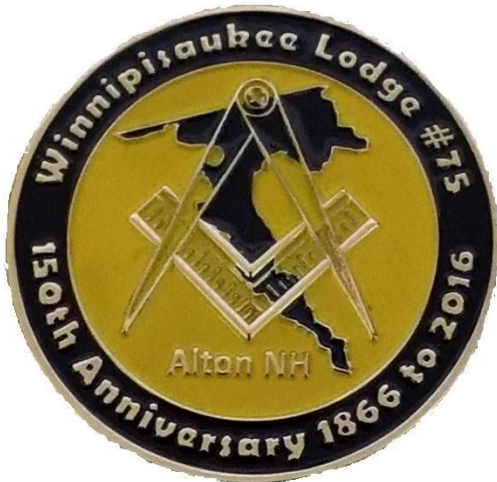
Also, a reminder to our officers that January 2nd is our last rehearsal before the Stated meeting. I look forward to seeing many brethren on the sidelines to welcome our new candidate into Masonry at Winnipisaukee Lodge.

Fraternally,

W.M. David M. Collier

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Events for the Month

Brethren,

- On Friday Jan 3 we will be gathering at the American Legion Post 72 in Alton at noon to perform a Masonic service for W. John Yetton who passed away December 24. The service will begin at 12:30pm. It would be greatly appreciated if we could get as many Brothers to attend as possible so we can show our respect for this dedicated Mason.
- Prior to the Masonic service there will be a ceremony at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawan, NH at 10:00am.
- On the day before Christmas Brother Bob Tiffany and his wife Faye lost their youngest grandson. Please keep them and their family in your thoughts and prayers during their time of grief.

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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

Nuggets – For the Brethren

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“The three Great Lights will guide our steps through life's uncertain way. And bring us safe at length to see. The bright eternal day.” - Brother Anon

Salutations from Brother Cline, Grand Lodge Representative. I am writing this in the Spirit of our First Degree and in honour of the recently departed whom take their first step in Celestial Lodge. We open this New Year on a new Decade with an Entered Apprentice Degree and with it we ought to revisit the themes of our culture that reflect the moment. Here is an excerpt from Brother W.L. Wilmshurst “*The Ceremony of Initiation*” revisited by Brother Robert Lomas.

The Separation of the Ceremony into two main section, the “State of Darkness” and the “State of Light”. Symbolizes a cosmic truth about human life whilst maintaining a historical correspondence with the Ancient Mysteries.

Cosmically, all human life begins its quest for light and truth in a State of Darkness about its nature, its purpose and its destiny. We are born blind hoodwinked about our raison D’ être. The ancients taught that we have all drunk the water of forgetfulness before being born into our flesh.

Our lack of knowledge of our purpose, our hoodwinked fumbings, our searching for we know not what, continues until the disillusionments of existence awake us to the fact that there may be something higher worth hunting for.

This preliminary condition of mind and soul the initiates likened to being in a place which they called “the Hall of ignorance” or “the Hall of Truth in Darkness” there we grope for the light and wisdom that are around us, but which we cannot discover because our facilities are not trained to perceive them.

For those with an attentive ear I’ve included a link to [“The First Three Knocks”](https://youtu.be/DhoHD2vcYKw) podcast which is a great listening treat. This quick 4:00 episode briefly covers the First Degree.
<https://youtu.be/DhoHD2vcYKw> I hope these resources serve you all well and wish you a wonderful New Years.

Cheers,
Brother C.W. Cline, Grand Lodge Representative

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NOTICE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

TO: All Constituent Lodge Masters and Secretaries

December 20, 2019

Brethren,

As the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire Free & Accepted Masons, I hereby ORDER all Lodges under my jurisdiction to READ this notice in full as follows:

- A. The notice is to be read at the next Stated Communication of every Lodge in New Hampshire
- B. A copy of this notice is to be placed in the next published Lodge Trestleboard
- C. The record of the reading of this notice and placement of this notice in the Lodge Trestleboard shall be placed in the minutes of that Communication confirming that this order was executed.

Recently there have been some misunderstandings regarding the acceptable use of a consecrated Lodge Room. I want to point out the following section of the Grand Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire Free & Accepted Masons.

Per the Grand Constitution, Article XIII.20.2, “Non-Masonic Use of Lodge Room”, No Lodge shall rent its Lodge Room to, nor allow it to be occupied by, any Body that is not recognized as legitimate by the Constitution and the regular, lawful Masonic Bodies of New Hampshire unless a Dispensation is obtained from the Grand Master, and the intended use does not conflict with the precepts of Freemasonry.

A Lodge may request a Dispensation from the Grand Master. This is allowed under the **Grand Constitution Article VI.1.2.18, “Permitting a Lodge Room to be used for non-Masonic purposes”**. If no Dispensation is requested and no approval is granted from me, and a Lodge uses their consecrated Lodge Room for Non-Masonic Purposes, I will hold the Lodge and the Officers of that Lodge in violation of the Grand Constitution.

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The penalty for violation of the Grand Constitution is as follows:

- A. For the individual Brother violating the Grand Constitution, the potential penalty may be Reprimand, Suspension, or Expulsion from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.
- B. For any Lodge violating the Grand Constitution, the Charter of that Lodge may be Suspended or Revoked.

The Grand Constitution spells out these acceptable uses of a consecrated Lodge Room. All Masons in New Hampshire take an obligation at each of the three Degrees to stand to and abide by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. Furthermore, each Officer of any Masonic Lodge in New Hampshire takes the same obligation at each installation into their office. Any ignorance of the Grand Constitution is unacceptable. As the custodian of Freemasonry in New Hampshire I must be sure that all comply with the Grand Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Should any Brother have questions regarding this subject, they are welcome to contact me directly.

Fraternally,
Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., *Grand Master*

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Lodge Officers:

- Master: W. David Collier
- Chaplain: W. Jim Matarozzo
- Senior Warden: W. Kirby Wood
- Junior Warden: Paul Mertz
- Treasurer: Frank Alden
- Secretary: W. John Alden
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- Junior Deacon: Saverio DeSaverio
- Marshall: Frank Gatcomb
- Senior Steward: Gardner Warr
- Tyler: Seldon Alden
- Electrician: Robert Tiffany
- Musician: W. Walter Gibbs
- Much appreciated Brother:
- Kitchen Boss: W. Dick Quindley
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