

Winnipisaukee Lodge #75

40 Suncook Valley Rd, PO Box 745
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Announcements

STATED MEETING

Valentine's Day dinner and program.
Thurs, Feb 13.

STATED PROGRAM

Old cemeteries of Alton, their history and
conservation.

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. \$10.00 per person.
(NO RESERVATION, NO FOOD!!)

BREAKFAST BUFFET

When: Sunday, Feb 16, 7:30am to
11:00am, Cost: \$10.00 pp.

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*From the East,
W. David Collier*

Greetings Brethren!

Our last stated meeting was held on January 9th where we started the evening with another fabulous dinner. Thank you to all who volunteered on the kitchen crew to help prepare the meal for the evening.

Following dinner, we opened and performed our first EA degree of the year for a new candidate. I am pleased to say that Nick Trudel took his first step in Masonry. Be sure to congratulate him on a job well done next time you see him.

Also, many thanks to all the officers for all their hard work to make this a great degree for our candidate and to Brother Cline who gave a wonderful talk on Masonry and brotherly love.

The next stated is on Thursday, February 13th. Bring your ladies or significant others for an evening of enlightenment. Attire for the evening will be business casual. Our guest speaker for the evening is Marty Cornelissen, who is an officer in the Town of Alton Historical Society. He will be giving us a presentation on the retracement and preservation of some of the old graveyards in our Town. Dinner starts at 6:15 pm and please remember to make reservations with Dick Quindley at 455-6212 or email rquin@tds.com. The cost is \$10.00 per person for this event.

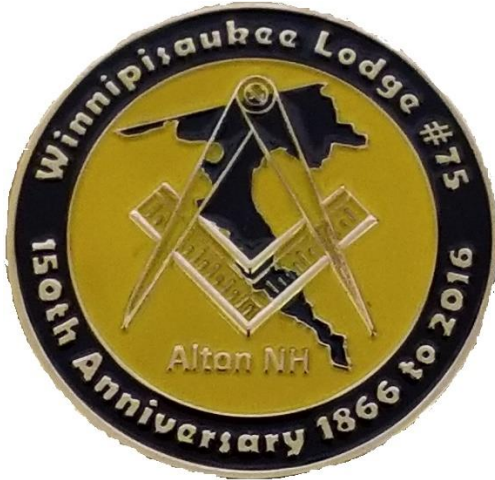
I look forward to seeing everyone there and having a great evening.

Fraternally,

W.M. David M. Collier

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Events for the Month

Brethren,

- Our stated is Thursday, Feb 13, 2020. This will be a Valentine's Day evening of food and enlightenment. Bring family, friends, etc. as this is a semi-public evening. Cost is \$10.00 per person and reservations are required. Contact the Worshipful Master, David Collier, or W. Dick Quindley for reservations.
- The past month was a quiet one. Other than some of our brethren participating in the District 5 dine around there is not much to report.
- The District 5 dine around will be at Rogers Restaurant and Pizza, 869 Central Ave, Dover. Wednesday, Feb, 19, at 6:30pm.

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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: www.MasonryToday.com, Jan 2, 2020

Today in Masonic History we discuss Gormogon.

Gormogon was a short lived 18th century society that is believed to have been formed by an expelled Freemason.

The beginnings of Gormogon, in a sense, started at a session of the newly formed Grand Lodge of England. Phillip Wharton who became the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England in 1722 is believed to be the founder of Gormogon. In 1723, at a Masonic session, he tried to make it that the Grand Master could not appoint his Deputy Grand Master and that it would be an elected position. When the membership refused, the minutes of the session state "The late Grand Master went away from the Hall without Ceremony." Which essentially can have two interpretations, either Wharton declared the meeting closed and resigned his position without being properly relieved by the a new Grand Master or Wharton was relieved of his position as Grand Master.

Regardless of which method mentioned before was the actual reason, Wharton left the fraternity in 1723. The following year the first mention of Gormogon appeared in the London *Daily Post*. In the announcement for Gormogon, it was claimed that Gormogon was a society that was started in China "thousands of years before Adam." It claimed that the society was started by Chin-Qua Ky-Po, that article claimed he was the first emperor of China. The first emperor of China was Qin Shi Huang and lived between 260 B.C. and 210 B.C. The article also claimed that Freemasons were not welcome unless they were willing to leave the Masonic fraternity and be "degraded." Later there would be indications that being "degraded" meant burning your apron and white gloves. That same year a letter appeared announcing that a prominent Freemason had left the Masonic fraternity and joined Gormogon by being "degraded." It is presumed that Wharton was the prominent Freemason mentioned.

Little was heard from the Gormogon organization until 1728, when an article appeared announcing a meeting of Gormogon. This was a year after Wharton had been charged with High Treason for supporting the King of Spain during the 1727 siege of Gibraltar. Wharton would not return to England for the rest of his life for fear of being put on trial.

Wharton passed away on May 31st, 1731. After his passing there were no further announcements or articles concerning Gormogon. Although a poem written by Tim Bobbin which first appeared in 1757 has a dedication to Gormogon and seems to imply that Bobbin was a member of the order, although no records remain. There is a Gormogon medal that still exists and is in the British Museum.

Gormogon found new life in pop culture. In 2007 the Fox drama *Bones* did a season long story arch involving Gormogon. The first episode of the season titled "The Widow's Son in the Windshield" established a serial killer, that they called Gormogon. The killer would take an apprentice to teach them the craft of killing individuals involved in fraternal organizations like the Freemasons and Knights of Columbus (the first victim of Gormogon's

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apprentice was a member of Knights of Columbus). The storyline on Bones had no relation to the actual Gormogon organization, with the exception that both the fictional Gormogon and the real Gormogon both targeted Freemasonry.

According to *Cassell's Dictionary of Slang* Gormogon is a contraction of the words gorgon and dragon. The *Oxford English Dictionary* describes the etymology as "meaningless: pseudo Chinese."

In the end the objective of Gormogon was meant to hold Freemasonry up for ridicule.

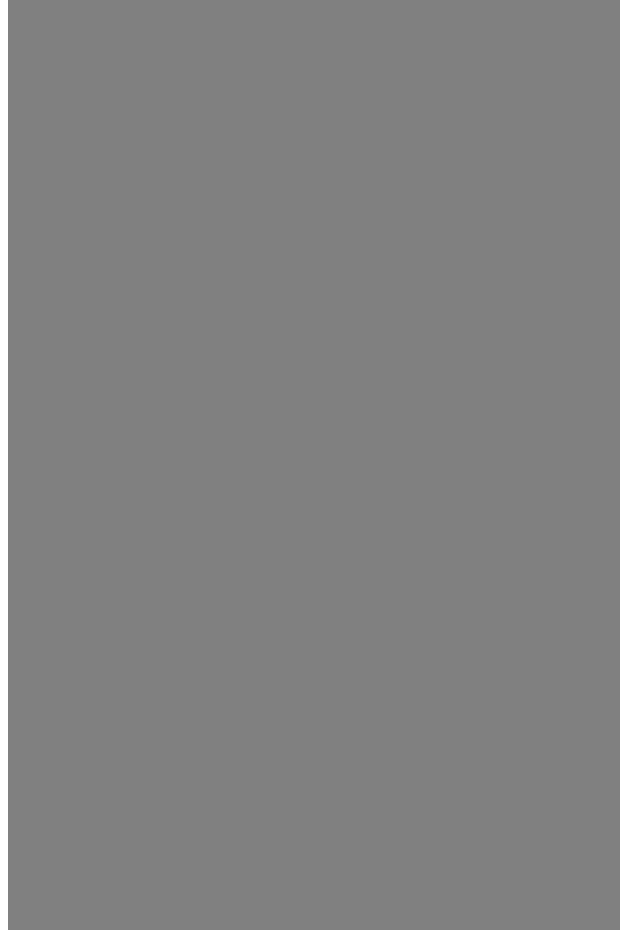


Lodge Officers:

- Master: W. David Collier
- Chaplain: W. Jim Matarozzo
- Senior Warden: W. Kirby Wood
- Junior Warden: Dave Cumming
- Treasurer: Frank Alden
- Secretary: W. John Alden
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- Junior Deacon: Saverio DeSaverio
- Marshall: Frank Gatcomb
- Senior Steward: Gardner Warr
- Junior Steward: Dave Snyder
- Tyler: Seldon Alden
- Electrician: Robert Tiffany
- Musician: W. Walter Gibbs
- Much appreciated Brother:
- Kitchen Boss: W. Dick Quindley
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Proposed Legislation to be voted on at Grand Lodge

To: All Past Grand Masters
All Grand Lodge Officers
Permanent Members
Constituent Lodge Secretaries and Masters

Subject: Proposed Amendment to the Grand Constitution

Brethren:

At the Semiannual Communication of Grand Lodge on November 16, 2019, an amendment to the Grand Constitution was proposed by RW R. Bradley Alderfer. It was moved and seconded. After

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brief discussion the vote was taken and did not receive unanimous approval. Therefore, it will be held over until the Annual Communication in May. It deals with 'Residency Requirements' for certain Grand Lodge Offices. On November 19, 2019, notice was made, in accordance with the Grand Constitution (GLC Art. II.3, page GLC 9).

This is a reminder that this proposed amendment will be acted upon at the May 16, 2020 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. It will take a majority in favor to pass.

Furthermore, it's been decided that the vote will be by written ballot. Upon arriving and checking in at the Credentials Table, you'll be handed the ballot for this amendment. The amendment will be presented prior to the distinguished guests being formally received. During the discussion phase, the Grand Master will recognize three Brethren to speak in favor and three Brethren in opposition to this proposal. The Grand Stewards will then collect the ballots and the Deputy Grand Secretary and Grand Secretary will be charged with counting them at the Grand Secretary's desk.

If you have concerns with this amendment and plan to make further amendments to it as presented, you must do so in writing no later than April 16, 2020. You may send it by US Postal Service or electronically to the Office of the Grand Secretary by April 16. No amendments will be accepted after that date.

Questions or concerns are to be directly addressed to RW R. Bradley Alderfer at rbalderfer@gmail.com.

The full proposal is in the attached PDF.

Fraternally,

Mark E. Langis, Grand Secretary