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April Meeting

Anniversary Lodge of Research will meet with Faithful Lodge No. 12 in Charlestown, NH, on Monday, 1 April 2002. There will be a potluck supper at 6:30 PM and the Lodge will open at 7:30 PM.

Directions:

Faithful Lodge is located on Main Street, Charlestown. Directions: Take Route 101 to Keene then take Route 12 north to Charlestown. The Lodge will be on the left in the middle of town on Route 12.



Message From the East

A special message for our Brethren who because of distance, job structure, family commitments and their own personal reasons for not being able to attend our communications. The Brethren of Anniversary Lodge No. 175 wish you well and look forward to seeing you at any of our Communications that your personal schedules will permit. You are in our thoughts and Prayers at all times. "May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon you and all regular Masons" wherever they may be.

Our next Communication will be at Faithful Lodge No. 12, Charlestown, NH, April 1, 2002. There will be a potluck supper at 6:30 PM with the Lodge opening at 7:30 PM. Want to car pool or need a ride? Call any member of Anniversary Lodge and either let him know that you need a ride or are willing to provide transportation. This will be our last Communication until July 8, 2002 at the William Pitt Tavern, Portsmouth, NH, which will be our Annual Communication.

Fraternally,

Andrew F. Hirst, W.M.



Worshipful Master Receives Honor from Southern Jurisdiction



Brother Andy Hirst, 32°, K.C.C.H., in Charleston, SC, wearing the red cap of a K.C.C.H. recipient.

The home Valley of our Worshipful Master is the Valley of Okinawa and Guam in the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. At the session of the Southern Jurisdiction's Supreme Council in Charleston, South Carolina, on 3 October 2001, he was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (K.C.C.H.). This meeting of the Supreme Council marked the Bicentennial of the founding of the Scottish Rite in Charleston in 1801 and was attended by some 3100 Scottish Rite Masons and guests.

The K.C.C.H. is awarded to selected 32° Masons for special service to Masonry or to mankind. It is somewhat similar to the Meritorious Service Award (M.S.A.) in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Congratulations, Andy!



**Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175
F. & A. M.
Officers for 2001-2002**

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This newsletter is published quarterly by Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175, New Hampshire.

This issue has been sent to all members of Anniversary Lodge and to the secretary and/or editor of a number of Masonic Research Bodies in the United States and abroad. If you know of anyone who should receive it, please let the editor know. Back issues are available from the editor.

Unless otherwise indicated, other Masonic Bodies are welcome to reprint articles from this newsletter provided that the article is reprinted in full, the name of the author and the source of the article are indicated, and a copy of the publication containing the reprint is sent to the editor.

Submissions to the newsletter are solicited and should be sent to the editor. Electronic submissions in an Office 97-compatible format are encouraged if possible.

Any opinion expressed in this newsletter is solely that of the author and not that of any Constituent Lodge or Grand Lodge.



Calendar for 2001-2002

Date and time: Sunday, August 19, 2001- 1:00 PM
Place: Leonard Sousa's House
1198 Goffstown Road, Manchester, NH
Event: Outdoor picnic - pot luck - bring food and utensils.
Barbecue available for those who want to cook.

Date and time: Monday, October 15, 2001 - 7:30 PM
Place: Red Mountain Lodge No. 68, Center Sandwich, NH
Event: Fraternal visit - No supper

Date and time: Tuesday, October 23, 2001 - 7:30 PM
Place: Concord, NH, Masonic Temple
Event: Special Meeting

Date and time: Sunday, January 6, 2002 - 7:00 PM
Place: East Gate Club at Saint James Lodge No. 102, Hampton, NH
Event: Fraternal visit - No supper

Date and time: Monday, April 1, 2002 - 6:30 PM
Place: Faithful Lodge No. 12, Charlestown, NH
Event: Fraternal visit - pot luck supper.

Date and time: Monday, July 8, 2002, time to be announced.
Place: William Pitt Tavern, Portsmouth, NH
Event: Annual Meeting



Membership

The by-laws of Anniversary Lodge establish two classes of members. Regular Members must also be members of a Constituent Lodge under the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, while Associate Members are members of Constituent Lodges under jurisdictions in amity with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. Under the by-laws approved at the January 2002 meeting and awaiting approval by the Grand Lodge, there is no fee for affiliation and the annual dues are \$10.00. The first year's dues should be included with the petition. Petitions for affiliation are available from the Secretary or the Editor and are acted on by the Secretary as he receives them. Please contact the Editor when you petition, and he will place you on the newsletter mailing list at that time.



News of Anniversary Lodge Members

The following Brethren of Anniversary Lodge are serving the Scottish Rite in leadership positions in New Hampshire:

Russell S. Bell, 32°, M.S.A., acting TPM in the Valley of Concord

John F. Gordon, 33°, Second Lieutenant Commander in New Hampshire Consistory

Philip L. Hall, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council in NH

Edward N. Lewis, 32°, Secretary in the Valley of Concord and Secretary of the Council of Deliberation

Gerald C. McHugh, Sr., 32°, Most Wise Master in the Valley of Concord

Richard E. Melvin, 33°, M.S.A., Treasurer in the Valley of Concord

James E. Ryan, 32°, Most Wise Master in the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

Dennis A. Sheridan, 33°, Secretary in the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton

Donald M. Sumner, 32°, Treasurer in the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

Harvey B. S. Webber, 32°, Thrice Potent Master in the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

And in the Order of the Eastern Star:

Albert P. Burgess is Worthy Patron in Priscilla Chapter No. 51 Order of the Eastern Star, Penacook, NH.

Mark E Langis is Associate Patron in Puritan-Charity-Themis-Atlantic Chapter No. 29, Milford, NH.

Gerard C. McHugh is in the west in Epiphany-Bethany Chapter No. 50, Concord, NH.

Editor's Note: This feature is intended to let the geographically (at least in New Hampshire terms) dispersed members of Anniversary Lodge learn about one another. Masonic and non-Masonic news, e.g., retirements, grandchildren, are welcome. Please send me your news.



New NH Lodge Web Site

Washington Lodge No. 61 in Manchester now has a web site at

<http://home.attbi.com/~fpk/wsb/html/view.cgi-home.html-.html>



New Hampshire Lodge Anniversaries

This year the following New Hampshire Lodges will be celebrating an anniversary:

200th

King Solomon Lodge No. 14, Elkins, NH

Chartered 27 January 1802

Seventh Masonic District

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 15, Newport, NH

Chartered 28 July 1802

Third Masonic District

175th

Clinton Lodge No. 52, Wilton, NH

Chartered 13 June 1827

Second Masonic District

Congratulations!



January Meeting

Brother L. Forbes Getchell, Past Master and Secretary, Anniversary Lodge of Research

Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175 met at Saint James Lodge in Hampton, NH, on 6 January 2002 as the guest of the Hampton East Gate Club. The revised by-laws were adopted by unanimous vote of the members present. The financial situation of the Lodge and the costs of the newsletter were discussed at length.

Three new members were elected to membership in Anniversary Lodge: Brothers Edward J. Hess, Jr., Paul M. Kelley and Stanley T. Pond, all residents of Seabrook, NH and members of Saint James Lodge No. 102, Hampton. Brother Ed is currently Junior Warden and Brother Paul is currently Junior Steward there.



Research Lodge News

New Jersey

Courtesy of Brother Ben Hoff and Brother Jay Hochberg, via the Internet

On Saturday, 23 February 2002, at an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, The New Jersey Lodge of Research and Education No. 1786 was organized and formally consecrated by the M.W. Grand Master, Brother David Chase. Establishment of a Lodge of Research has been one of his goals for his year in office. The normal numbering of lodges in New Jersey has never exceeded 300 or so but the Grand Master picked the

lodge number 1786 because that is the year the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was founded.

The Lodge is in a formative stage and has about 100 members at this time. More information will follow as it becomes available.

Texas

The March 2002 issue of *The Occasional Bulletin of the Texas Lodge of Research* lists the 2002 Sam Houston Lecture, sponsored by Holland Lodge No. 1 in Houston. Brother Gary Leazer will deliver the lecture "How Did We Get Here and Where Are We Going?" Brother Leazer is a Baptist minister who formerly worked for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and lost his job during the controversy about the Craft within the Southern Baptist denomination in 1992-1993. He currently manages the Center for Interfaith Studies and is a well-known Masonic speaker.

Georgia

Georgia Lodge of Research recently issued *Georgia Freemasons 1861-1865*. This book was compiled by David and Barbara Canaday and edited by Donald McKinney. It contains membership lists for the Georgia Lodges during the Civil War, identifying members who served in the Confederate military with their ranks and fates, as well as other information about the Craft in Georgia during that period. It is a massive undertaking and will be of great value to historians and genealogists.

Tennessee

Tennessee Lodge of Research has just issued its Annual Proceedings for 2001. These proceedings include reprints of their quarterly newsletters and of the Short Talk Bulletins for 2001, and a variety of papers including: Medicine in the Civil War, Freemasonry in Australia, The Masonic Badge, The Search for the Ruffians, The Triple Tau, and The Seven Cardinal Virtues.

Philalethes Society Officers –Press Release

Friday, February 15, 2002 – Washington DC

The Executive Board of The Philalethes Society is pleased to announce the Installation of the following Officers.

- President – Joel H. Springer III, FPS – San Francisco, California, USA
- Senior Vice-President – Pedro Filloy, FPS – San Jose, Costa Rica
- Junior Vice-President – Samuel B. Walker, FPS – Deep River, Connecticut, USA
- Executive Secretary – Wallace McLeod, FPS, BF – Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Business Manager – Kenneth D. Roberts, FPS – Lancaster, Virginia, USA

- Treasurer – Henry G. Law , FPS – Wilmington, Delaware, USA
- Librarian – Harold L. Davidson, FPS – Billings, Montana, USA
- Editor – Nelson King, FPS, BF – Toronto Ontario, Canada

The Philalethes Society was founded on October 1 1928, by a group of Masonic Students. It was designed for Freemasons desirous of seeking and spreading Masonic light. In 1946 *the philalethes* magazine was established to publish articles by and for its members. For many years it has been voted the best Masonic Publication in the world. The sole purpose of this Research Society is to act as a clearing house for Masonic knowledge. It exchanges ideas, researches problems confronting Freemasonry, and passes them along to the Masonic world. Its membership consists of Members and Fellows who are Master Masons in good standing in a Regular Masonic Lodge anywhere in the world. Today Members are located within 185 Regular Grand Lodges.



Let Us For A Moment Be Very Blunt And Even Soul Searching

How many of us have visited a sick Brother in the last 6 months? Or even cut the grass of a sick neighbor?

How many of us have invited a Brother who is lonely because his wife has died and he is by himself out to lunch or dinner in the last 6 months?

How many of us have picked up a Mason who does not like to drive at night and taken him to Lodge in the last 6 months?

How many of us have visited a Masonic Widow in the last 6 months?

How many of us have invited a new Mason to come visit us at home so we could discuss Masonry in the last 6 months?

How many of us would rather just write a check then do any of the above? And is writing a check true Masonic Relief?

Courtesy of Brother Nelson King.
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***The Builder* Now Available on CD**

From Brother Paul M. Bessel, Executive Secretary,
Masonic Leadership Center

Brethren:

The Builder was a Masonic magazine published from 1915 through 1930. Many of us feel it was the best Masonic magazine ever published, as it included thousands of excellent articles on Masonic history, philosophy, biography, symbolism, etc. Those who have ever seen copies of *The Builder* can attest to the fact that you find terrific articles on almost every page. The only problem is that copies of *The Builder* are difficult to find.

George Helmer, our Brother who recently passed away, often told me that he was "the mad scanner." He enjoyed scanning good Masonic articles and putting them on CD-ROMs. We talked about *The Builder*, and George decided to scan all the articles in *The Builder*, and gave a copy of that CD-ROM to the MLC (Masonic Leadership Center) for MLC to make available for two reasons: to spread the word about the great articles in *The Builder*, and to help raise funds for MLC which can be used to continue the dream of Allen E. Roberts and George Helmer for more Masonic education.

MLC has now started making copies of the CD-ROM that George Helmer gave us, which I believe contains all, or just about all, of the articles that were ever printed in *The Builder* during its 16 years of existence. The CD-ROM is just as George Helmer gave it to us. In view of the expenses of the MLC, we are making this CD-ROM, which I believe contains all or just about all the articles ever printed in *The Builder*, for \$49.95. This can be a fitting way to remember George Helmer and his work, as well as Allen E. Robert's dream for a Masonic Leadership Center that can continue to educate and train Masons and Masonic leaders.

If you would like to have one of the CD-ROMs of *The Builder*, please send a check for \$49.95, payable to "MLC," and mail it to:

MLC – Masonic Leadership Center
c/o Paul M. Bessel
2301 Jefferson Davis Hwy #1521
Arlington VA 22202-3855

I will do my best to fill all orders as quickly as possible, but please allow some time for copying each CD-ROM and shipping it to you.

Fraternally,

Paul M. Bessel
paul@bessel.org



From The Editor

I will start with two questions for the readers of this newsletter. Please contact me if you have opinions:

1. Is the type too small for easy reading? I am using a 10 point font for most of the text.

2. Would you be willing to receive the newsletter electronically, as a PDF file on a web page, for example, instead of in the mail?

We note with sadness the recent passing from labor to refreshment of Brother George Helmer of Edmonton, Alberta, on 18 February 2002. Brother George will be sadly missed by Masons all over the world who are active on the Internet. For many years he provided us with many excellent old papers on the Craft via e-mail and web pages. One of his longer-term projects was the electronic version of *The Builders* magazine which is now available on CD. Some of his selections have appeared in this newsletter, and I expect that will continue from time to time.

The George Helmer Memorial Fund has been established by the Philalethes Society. Donations to this Memorial Fund will be used to further the charitable works of the Society and can be sent to:

The Philalethes Society
5266 Mary Ball Rd.
Lancaster, VA 22503

Or made on line via a credit card at

[http://freemasonry.org/psoc/
george_helmer_memorial_fund.htm](http://freemasonry.org/psoc/george_helmer_memorial_fund.htm)

I have several good papers in hand or in the works, including these subjects:

- A History of Red Mountain Lodge No. 63.
- Masonic Music in England.
- The murals in the Northwood, NH, Masonic Temple.
- The celebration of George Washington's 200th birthday in Portsmouth in 1932.
- The James E. Whalley Library and Museum.
- Masonic Postcards from New Hampshire.
- Some short biographies of NH Masonic leaders.
- The 50th Anniversary of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, as observed in New Hampshire in 1917.

The problem we face, like many other Masonic bodies, is money. Given the recent dues structure in Anniversary Lodge, the Lodge does not have the money available to continue to publish newsletters longer than this one, e.g., costing 34 cents postage in the US and on the order of 40 cents to print. I am investigating some options here, but for the next year or so, until the new \$10 dues are approved and collected, the newsletter will remain at this size and

without any long papers. I apologize to those who have worked to contribute them, and can promise to work to get them published in the near future.

My hope, as we settle into our new dues structure that allows \$10 per member per year for all purposes, that we can evolve to the two-tiered arrangement that is used by many research lodges:

- A quarterly newsletter of a few pages, similar to this one, that contains notices of meetings, news items, and short subjects. This will cost on the order of \$3.00 per member per year.
- An annual bound volume of transactions, probably softcover, that contains a summary of the year and papers. Some preliminary numbers indicate that such a volume would cost on the order of \$4.00 per member per year.

We shall see how things develop. My hope is that the members will find paying \$10.00 dues for some publications a better deal than paying \$3.00 dues for no publications. And of course, we need our members to write papers for whatever publications we have.

The next issue of the newsletter will be out in June in advance of our Annual Meeting on 8 July.

A web site for Anniversary Lodge is in the works and will help to reduce postage and printing costs a bit. Mary and I will host it at no cost to the Lodge on our web site at www.furber.com.

With some reluctance, I have included a write-up about myself, since there have been a few questions about who I am and why the editor for New Hampshire's Lodge of Research has a Connecticut address.

And as always, a thank you to my wife Mary for her assistance with the production of the newsletter.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber



An Old Joke

A Lodge was holding meetings in a local hotel while its hall was being refurbished.

A traveling salesman noticed all the guys in tuxes going into the meeting room and asked the desk clerk what was going on.

"Oh, those are the Masons," replied the clerk.

"Hey," said the salesman, "I'm big on joining organizations. Maybe I should join them."

"I don't think so," said the clerk. "They're very exclusive. See that guy standing outside the door with a sword? He's been knocking on that door for months now and they still won't let him in!"



The Master Mason's Creed

Brother Augustine W. Armstrong, Iowa
The Builder - July 1921

I believe in right doing,
And steadfastly pursuing
The pathway of duty
In life's checkered career;
Asking light from above
That my actions may prove
By the test of the square
I am truly sincere,

I believe the protecting care
Each Mason should share
For the widow and orphan
In sorrow's dark days;
With charity for a cover
The frailties of a brother
Who may have wandered
Into forbidden ways.

And I firmly believe
That each day I receive
The proof that I have
An immortal soul;
And should walk in the light
Shunning error's dark night,
With my face toward heaven
Life's ultimate goal.

In memory of Brother George Helmer,
who posted this on 12 August 1998.



The Centre for Research into Freemasonry

The following, excerpted from literature (UK spelling included) provided by the Centre, tells of an interesting development in the United Kingdom.

The Centre for Research into Freemasonry was established by the University of Sheffield in the academic session 2000-2001. The Centre undertakes and promotes objective scholarly research into the historical, social and cultural impact of Freemasonry, particularly in Britain. Freemasonry is a rich field of investigation that has been largely neglected by professional humanities scholars in Britain. The Centre for Research into Freemasonry will create bibliographies, guides to research resources, and other materials to facilitate such research, as well as running an active public programme of lectures, seminars and conferences, and developing its own large-scale research projects.

The Centre forms part of the University's award-winning Humanities Research Institute, and was formally launched on 5 March 2001. Professor Andrew Prescott, a medieval historian and expert on humanities computing,

has been seconded from the British Library to the University of Sheffield for three years to establish the new Centre.

In 1797, Sheffield's first hospital, the General Infirmary, was opened. The occasion was marked by an enormous procession. This included the Master Cutler, members of the Cutlers' Company, and representatives of local friendly societies, but at the heart of the procession were Freemasons from all over Yorkshire and Derbyshire, including Masonic dignitaries from Sheffield bearing such symbols as the square and compasses and an illuminated globe.

Until the 1930s, Freemasonry was an important part of English civic life. Freemasonry is a British invention, apparently developing in its modern form from medieval guilds in Scotland at the beginning of the 17th century. Indeed, Freemasonry is one of the cultural phenomena of British origin that has had the biggest international impact. However, professional scholars in Britain have unaccountably neglected the history of Freemasonry. This contrasts with Europe and America, where the historical, literary and artistic heritage of Freemasonry has for a long time been the subject of intense scholarly scrutiny, and is very much part of the academic mainstream.

In a move to remedy this situation, the University of Sheffield has established a Centre for Research into Freemasonry, funded by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Yorkshire West Riding Province of Freemasons and Lord Northampton, the newly appointed Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, who have provided £250,000 over three years. While the Freemasons are providing funding for the Centre, they have, at their own insistence, no involvement in appointments to the staff of the Centre or to the research agenda of the Centre. The funding is administered by a specially-established Trust which includes a representative of the Masonic order and of the University of Sheffield, together with independent members. The research agenda of the Centre is appraised and assessed by an advisory committee of distinguished academics from the university of Sheffield and other academic institutions.

Freemasonry has an interesting and complex relationship with radical traditions. Masonic forms of organisation profoundly influenced trade unions and friendly societies; the form of oath for which the Tolpuddle Martyrs were prosecuted was Masonic in character. Freemasonry is also an important theme for gender studies. While Freemasonry has latterly been one of the bastions of male exclusivity in British society, women Freemasons have existed since the eighteenth century, and women's lodges were among the first institutions created and run exclusively by women.

The new Centre will be actively engaging in research into these and many other themes. Although there are a number of journals on the history of Freemasonry run by Masonic organisations, there are no independent British journals or monograph series in this field. Next year the Centre plans to launch a new monograph series on research into Freemasonry. It will also develop critical bibliographies and guides to research materials on the

history of Freemasonry, and will make them freely available through its web site. Another development will be a series of CDs offering searchable electronic facsimiles of key items of Masonic bibliography.

The Centre has already launched a seminar series. Among speakers who have already joined us at Sheffield are such distinguished scholars as Marsha Keith Schuchard, Dr Jan Snoek of the University of Heidelberg, and Dr Petri Mirala of the University of Helsinki. Speakers planned for the 2001-2 session include Professor David Stevenson of the University of St Andrews, Professor Roger Burt of the University of Exeter and Dr Marie Mulvey Roberts of the University of Western England. In April 2002, the Centre is organising, with the Department of Hispanic Studies at the University of Sheffield, a two day workshop on 'Marranos and Masons' at the Institute for Marrano-Anusim Studies, Gan Yavneh, Israel. In July, there will be a major international conference at Sheffield, organised with the University of Sheffield's Centre for Gender Studies in Europe, on 'Lodges, Chapters and Orders: Fraternal Organisations and the Structuring of Gender Roles in Europe, 1300-2000'. Keynote speakers at this conference will include the eminent scholar of the Enlightenment and of Freemasonry, Professor Margaret Jacobs.

Despite all this public activity, however, at the heart of the Centre's work remains the day-to-day research activity of exploring the literature and archives of Freemasonry. In advancing this work, a vital resource will be the wonderful collections of the Library and Museum of Freemasonry at Freemasons' Hall in London, which have been little used by scholars and to which the University of Sheffield has special access arrangements under the terms of the funding agreement for the Centre.

At present, the main priority of the Centre for Research into Freemasonry is the development of a research agenda which will help place the study of Freemasonry in the mainstream of humanities scholarship. During the initial three year period of funding, the Centre will not be offering any taught courses on Freemasonry at undergraduate and postgraduate level. However, it welcomes enquiries about postgraduate research into any aspect of the social, cultural and historical impact of Freemasonry, and will assist in developing applications to the appropriate academic department of the University.

The Centre now has available a CD version of Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry*, edited by Andrew Prescott.

Price £30 (GBP incl. VAT, equivalent to \$44 USD) including delivery.

Features:

1. The text of 9 extant editions produced in England during Preston's lifetime.
2. Intuitive interface for browsing and searching the editions.
3. Exploration of the text's evolution across the 9 editions.
4. Introductory analyses & digitised images of the 1788 edition.

Publisher: Academy Electronic Publications, 2001.
ISBN: 0-9541589-0-3
Format: Digital Compact Disc with jewel case.

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About The Editor



Mark Edmund Furber, currently Senior Deacon and Editor of Anniversary Lodge of Research, is a native of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, born on 5 November 1961. He can trace his family back to the early settlers of New Hampshire. For example, people familiar with the Great Bay area may remember Furber Strait, which was named after an ancestor, William Furber, who operated a ferry there in the 1600's.

Brother Furber was educated in the Portsmouth public schools, the University of New Hampshire (BSEE, 1983; MSEE 1985) and the University of Connecticut (Ph.D., 1995). Professionally, he is an engineer working primarily in the control systems area. He is currently employed as a principal systems engineer by Goodrich Aerospace (formerly Perkin-Elmer) in Danbury, Connecticut, where he is involved in the development of advanced optical systems for defense and astronomical applications. His engineering career previously took him to Itek Optical Systems, Lexington, Massachusetts, and to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. He has also taught in the electrical engineering programs at the University of New Hampshire, the University of Connecticut and the University of Massachusetts/Lowell, and in 1996-1997 was department head for electronic and computer engineering technology at New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, NH.

He is a Senior Member of Portsmouth Chapter, Order of DeMolay, where he served as Master Council in 1978. He also served as Illustrious Knight Commander of White Mountain Priory No. 1, Order of Knighthood, in 1981 and is a Chevalier. He credits the Order of DeMolay with developing his public speaking skills through its ritual, and those skills have served him well in his engineering and teaching career.

He was raised in St. John's Lodge No. 1 in Portsmouth in June 1983, following his maternal grandfather, Leon A. Robinson, who was Master of St. John's in 1932. He served St. John's as an officer in the 1990's and was Senior Warden in 1997, but his relocation to Connecticut in early 1998 for his current job prevented his being a candidate for Master.

His trip to Connecticut was positive, however, because it was there that he met his wife, Mary Kathleen Pitchard. They were married on 28 June 2000 at the North Congregational Church in Portsmouth and currently live in her hometown of New Milford, CT. Mary is a programmer, specializing in databases, an avid practitioner of the needle arts (sewing, quilting, crocheting, etc.) and has four cats. She maintains a web page at <<http://www.furber.com>> that may be of interest.

Brother Furber is a life member of the York Rite Bodies in Portsmouth (Washington Chapter No. 3, Davenport Council No. 5 and DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2) and a member of the Scottish Valley of Portsmouth-Dover and of New Hampshire Consistory, Valley of Nashua. Since relocating to Connecticut, he has affiliated with Union Lodge No. 40, Danbury, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Waterbury. He is also a member of Internet Lodge No. 9659 in England, the Philalethes Society and is an associate or correspondence circle member of a number of Research Lodges. He recently became local secretary for the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

He joined Anniversary Lodge of Research in the mid-1990's and was appointed to office in 2000 by Brother Lee Fisher, who asked him to establish a newsletter for the Lodge. Serving as editor for Anniversary Lodge allows him to contribute somewhat to the Craft in New Hampshire even in his present location in Connecticut.

