



# The Quarterly Newsletter Of Anniversary Lodge Of Research No. 175 New Hampshire



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## Spring Meetings 6 March in Andover, 10 April in Pittsfield

Anniversary Lodge will visit Kearsarge Lodge No. 81 in Andover on Thursday, 6 March 2003. The Lodge opens at 7:30 P.M., preceded by a supper at 6:30 P.M. Supper reservations by 1 March.

Directions: The Masonic Temple in Andover (Potter's Place) NH, is located in Cilleyville Road. Telephone 603-735-5981. From I-93 take Route 11 West all the way to Andover. Then turn south on Route 4.

Cilleyville Road will be on the right. Take Cilleyville Road; cross the railroad tracks and the Temple will be in the right just past the church.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 9 April 2003 at Corinthian Lodge No. 82 in Pittsfield, NH, at 7:30 P.M., preceded by a supper at 6:30 P.M. Supper reservations by 5 April.

Directions: The Masonic Temple in Pittsfield is located on Park Street. Telephone 603-435-8531. From Route 28 turn onto Leavitt Road. Leavitt Road becomes Main Street. There will be a little park on your left and the Lodge is set back behind the park.

For either meeting, please make supper reservations with the Worshipful Master at 603-478-3519.



## Message from the East

Brethren:

We are experiencing quite an interesting winter so far; with record snowfalls and record cold temperatures. The wonderful thing about it is that this has not dampened or chilled the spirit of Masonry in New Hampshire. There have been annual meetings, table lodges, and installations to keep us occupied. I hope you had a warm happy holiday season filled with fond moments with family and friends.

Most recently my daughter presented us with a beautiful healthy baby granddaughter named Leanna Rose. The joy of holding this young innocent child filled me with awe thinking of all that the wonders and mysteries that would befall her in the future.

We as masons share those moments as we anticipate preparing the EA for his initiation on through his completion of the third degree. Will he come to understand the joy we share by sharing the fellowship and coming to our meetings? Will he take the initiative to take a chair and rise to the East? The answer to these questions may be determined only by the quality of the rituals he receives; and the sincerity of the fellowship he perceives in the lodge. Are we doing all in our power to accomplish this end; or are we shortchanging our candidates and ourselves?

Remember, raising a candidate is like raising a child; the more we nurture and put into it the more we get out of it.

Gerald C. McHugh  
Worshipful Master



## Corrections and Apologies

There was no Fourth Quarter 2002 issue of the newsletter. This was due primarily to the Editor's moving back to New Hampshire, and secondarily to the lack of meetings during December-February.

The Third Quarter 2002 issue listed 2002-2003 New Hampshire York Rite Grand Officers who are also Anniversary Lodge members. We accidentally omitted Companion Dennis A. Sheridan, who is R.E. Grand King of the Grand Chapter of NH and Ill. Grand Steward of the Grand Council of NH. Our apologies to Companion Sheridan, and our congratulations on his election to this important office.



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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 or from the Lodge web site.

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 2002-2003**

Date and time: Wednesday, 13 November 2002, 7:30 PM  
Place: Harris Lodge No. 91, Warner, NH  
Event: Meeting

Date and time: Thursday, 6 March 2003. Lodge opens at 7:30 PM, preceded by a supper at 6:30 PM  
Place: Kearsarge Lodge No. 81 in Andover, NH  
Event: Meeting

Date and time: Wednesday, 9 April 2003 at, Lodge opens at 7:30 PM, preceded by a supper at 6:30 PM  
Place: Corinthian Lodge No. 82 in Pittsfield, NH  
Event: Meeting

Date and time: Tuesday, July 8, 2003, 7:00 PM.  
Place: William Pitt Tavern, Portsmouth, NH  
Event: Annual Meeting and Installation



**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 a \$10.00 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.



**Lodge Web Site**

Please visit the Anniversary Lodge web site at

<<http://www.furber.com/alor/>>



## Passed From Labor To Refreshment

We remember two members of Anniversary Lodge who passed away recently.

### Robert W. Sterling

Robert W. Sterling, of Henniker, died Saturday 9 November 2002 at the Hospice House in Concord, at the age of 88. The son of Weldon and Aura Mae (Crooker) Sterling, he was born in Hillsboro and moved to Henniker in 1932. He owned and operated Sterling Exxon Garage in Henniker from 1946 to 1982. He was one of the last lay judges in New Hampshire, serving as an associate judge from 1951 to 1963 and a presiding justice from 1963 to 1984 in Henniker District Court. He was a member of the Henniker Congregational Church

His Masonic record included: a 55-year member of Aurora Masonic Lodge No. 43 in Henniker, Past District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourth Masonic District, member of the York and Scottish Rites, and Past Patron of Portia-Henocon Asteria Chapter No. 14, Order of the Eastern Star in Hillsborough.

Brother Sterling's wife Ercel (Hall) Sterling passed away in 1998. He is survived by two sons, three daughters, eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren

### Donald Linton Ferguson

Donald Linton Ferguson, of Exeter, died 15 October 2002 at Langdon Place of Exeter at the age of 91. He was born 14 February 1911, in Portland, Maine, the son of Robert Burns Ferguson and Mae (Irving) Ferguson. He graduated from Portland High School in 1929 and continued his education at Northeastern Business School. He had lived in Exeter since 1959.

Brother Ferguson was a member of the Exeter Congregational Church and the Seacoast Writers Guild, an avid gardener and outdoorsman, and extremely proud of his Scottish heritage, traveling to Scotland and studying Gaelic weekly. At his home in Exeter, he grew an apple tree on which he grafted seven varieties of apples. He had been a Mason for seventy years and was a member of Star in the East Lodge No. 59 at the time of his death. He had been raised in Ancient York Lodge No. 17, Portland, Maine, which has now merged with Triangle Lodge No. 1, Portland.

His wife, the late Olive Grover (Poliy) Ferguson, passed away in February 1995. He is survived by two sons, and three grandchildren.



## Research Lodge News

### Australia - Northern Territory

Leichhardt Lodge of Research No. 225, based in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its Consecration on 16 November 2002. The anniversary observances included a dinner and a lecture by a noted Australian Masonic scholar, Brother Andy Walker. This Lodge of Research is slightly unusual in that it does work degrees on candidates rather than accepting only members by affiliation. Note that Darwin is at the "Top End" of Australia, near New Guinea and East Timor. The city was an important base for Allied action against the Japanese during World War II, and was the only part of Australia to undergo prolonged attacks during the war. The Lodge has a web site at <<http://www.llor225.com/>>

### Washington State

Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research No. 281 has published its schedule of speakers for 2003. Meetings are in Seattle.

- 27 Feb. *The Contemporary Research Lodge*  
Bob Jensen
- 24 Apr *Prince Hall – The Cornerstone Ceremony*  
Sidney Breckenridge
- 26 Jun *Rito Escoces*  
Norman D. Peterson
- 28 Aug *Completion – The Royal Arch*  
Edwin A. Opstad
- 23 Oct *The 1730 Initiation of Benjamin Franklin*  
James N. Reid

### Australia and New Zealand Masonic Research Council

Brother Richard Num was elected President of ANZMRC at their biennial general meeting in September 2002. Brother Num is a prominent Mason in the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory, a Past Master of South Australian Lodge of Research No. 216, and a the web master or moderator of a number of Masonic research Internet resources.

The January 2003 issue of *Harashim*, the quarterly newsletter of ANZMRC, contains three papers that should be required reading for anyone concerned about our decline in membership. They are.

*Freemasonry – To Be Or Not To Be? That Is The Question!* by Arthur Page, which examines the

relationship between the Craft and some current trends in Western society.

*Freemasonry – A Species on the Way to Extinction?* by Jean Bénédic, founder and President of the only Swiss Masonic Research body, Groupe de Recherche Alpina, which provides a European perspective on some of the problems facing English-speaking Masonry.

*Masonic Membership Myths Debunked* by John Belton, which provides a statistical look at Masonic membership in the English-speaking world and addresses some common misconceptions.

Brother David Gray, a prominent Prince Hall Mason in Ohio was selected as the 2002 ANZMRC Touring Lecturer but was forced to postpone his tour due to his wife's health. She is now doing well and his tour has been rescheduled for May-July 2003. He will speak on Prince Hall Masonry at a variety of Lodges in Australia and New Zealand.

## Slovenia

The January 2003 issue of *Harashim* also informed us of a new Lodge of Research in Slovenia, formerly part of Yugoslavia. As in many countries formerly behind the Iron Curtain, Masonry has returned and is growing slowly. This Lodge of Hospitality is an English-speaking Lodge of "education, demonstration and research." It has fourteen founding members and was consecrated in September 2002. The Lodge produces a four-page monthly newsletter and as its charity project plans to sponsor a guide dog for a blind person this year The Lodge web site is

<<http://www.gl-slovenia.org/hospitality>>

## Louisiana

Louisiana Lodge of Research was formed in 1989 and published its first volume of transactions recently. This 133 page softcover volume, titled *More Light*, contains papers presented around the state of Louisiana during 1989-2000, including: some Lodge histories, a study of Masonic funeral services, Mexico's Masonic wars, the Louisiana-Saint Domingue connection, a history of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana, which is essential to understanding the origins of the Scottish Rite in the Southern Jurisdiction, and some biographies.

## Maine

Each year, The Maine Lodge of Research honors a prominent Masonic scholar by election as a Fellow. The 2001 Fellow was Brother Raymond T. Coleman, a member of William G. Butler Lodge No. 12 in Boston, editor of *The Prince Hall Craftsman* – the official magazine of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts – since 1974 and the Grand Historian for that jurisdiction since 1984.

He is the author of five books and many papers on the Craft.

The Maine Lodge of Research has published its transactions for 2000-2001. The contents include the lecture given by Brother Coleman on Prince Hall Masonry at his elevation to Fellow, an overview of Russian Freemasonry, a paper on Mosby's Partisan Rangers (Civil War), a report on the re-dedication ceremony involving Massachusetts Prince Hall, Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire Masons at the Prince Hall Temple in Dorchester, Mass, and various items of Lodge information.

## South Australia

South Australian Lodge of Research No. 216 has just published volume IV of *Masonic Research in South Australia*. This 158 page softcover volume includes a discussion of the history of astronomy, a view of Freemasonry in Japan, and papers from the 2000 lecture tour in Australia and New Zealand of Brother Yasha Beresiner, Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, including one on Jewish aspects of the Craft and one that explores the forces that have made the Craft so successful and long-lived an institution. It also includes two remarkable papers by Brother George Woolmer, Grand Librarian for the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory, in which Brother Woolmer attempts to summarize and to synthesize all theories of origin for the Craft, ranging from the sound to the crackpot. These papers are well worth a look for the bibliographies and listings of his torical events alone.



## Blue Lodge Anniversaries

These New Hampshire Blue Lodges are celebrating anniversaries in 2003.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 16, Plymouth  
200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, chartered 27 July 1803

Social-Summit Lodge No.50, Canaan  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, chartered 20 May 1978

Note that this Lodge is the result of the merger of Social Lodge No. 50, Enfield, originally chartered in 1827, and Summit Lodge No. 98, Canaan, originally chartered in 1902.

Major General William Whipple Military Lodge  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, chartered 20 May 1978



## November Meeting

Report provided by Brother Ed Lewis, Junior Deacon,  
Anniversary Lodge of Research

Anniversary Lodge met in Warner on 11/20/02 with WM McHugh sharing the East with the Master of Harris Lodge No. 91. Attending for Anniversary lodge were Don Crete, Gerald McHugh, Dick Marple, Paul Ladd, Andy Hirst, Forbes Getchell and Skins Watkins. Skins filled in for the missing Marshal and made a great flag presentation. Dick Marple made a presentation on his English Research Lodge – Quatuor Coronati No. 2076. Andy Hirst spoke as well as Forbes Getchell. With all the short presentations Master McHugh had quite a program to entertain the brothers. The Ladies in Warner treated us to a fine chicken dinner that made the men of Harris Lodge proud and the men from Anniversary Lodge full prior to the meeting. The Lodge was having what they call a "step-up night" and Brother Roger Becker presided in the East except for the closing charge which with a lot of style was delivered from the west of the altar.



## The Ballot Box

Overheard on the Internet

A friend was acting as Senior Deacon in his Lodge one night, and had responsibility for a ballot. The Worshipful Master had not had a complete meeting before this one, so was a little "nerved up". At the close of the ballot, the Worshipful Master instructed my friend (a tall, bulky and very impressive sight in his dinner jacket) "Brother Senior Deacon, you will destroy the ballot box."

My friend looked a tad surprised and queried "Worshipful Master?"

Our new Worshipful Master glared at the Senior Deacon, somewhat angry to find his instructions being questioned so soon into his term, and repeated, in an extremely firm tone, "Brother Senior Deacon, you WILL destroy the ballot box!"

My friend promptly put the ballot box down on the floor, and jumped on it.

The Worshipful Master has now gone on to greater offices, and so has my friend, but neither one has conducted a ballot since.



## News of Anniversary Lodge Members

Brother William F. Curtis, of Epping, NH, is currently Eminent Commander of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2, Portsmouth.

Brother James Ryan is Secretary of Star in the East Lodge No. 59 in Exeter.

Brother Mark Furber has been elected an Honorary Member of Louisiana Lodge of Research.

Our Treasurer, Brother Leonard Sousa, is now back home after a successful hip replacement at Mary Hitchcock Hospital and then rehabilitation at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. He reports that he is now walking much better.

Brother Frank Vose writes that he has settled in Nalcrest, Florida, which is between St. Petersburg and Melbourne, near Winter Haven, and is in good health. He is about two hours from Cape Canaveral and the pictures on his wall rattle from launches there. If anyone wishes to contact him, please contact the Secretary or Editor for his address.



## The Duke of Kent (Grand Master, United Grand Lodge of England) on Charity

"On the subject of charities, let me remind you first of all that Freemasonry is not a charity. Nor indeed does it have charity as its main purpose. Charity is but one expression of the true spirit of Freemasonry, a demonstration to our Brethren and their dependants and to the community that our hearts are indeed expanded by benevolence".



## At Day's End

By John Hall

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?  
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?  
The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through,  
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?  
Can you say tonight, in parting, with the day that's slipping fast,  
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?  
Does the man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?  
Did you waste the day, or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent?  
Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?  
As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say,  
"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?"

Courtesy of Brother Nelson Hersey, PM, St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56, Portsmouth



## Books

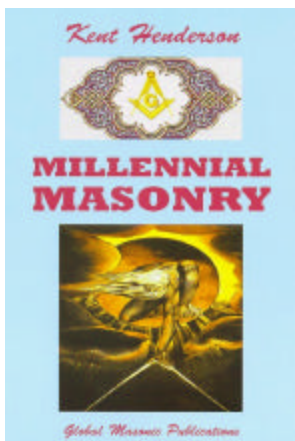
Reviewed by Mark Furber

Brother Kent Henderson is a prominent Mason in Victoria, Australia, and the owner of Global Masonic Publications. He is the secretary of the Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council, perhaps the leading authority on variations in the Craft among various jurisdictions, and is the author or co-author of some excellent books on the Craft, including *The Grand Masters of Australia* and *Freemasonry Universal*. This past year he has published two intriguing books: *Freemasonry for Wives and Others* and *Millennial Masonry*. The former was reviewed in our last issue. Both are available from

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### Millennial Masonry



This provocative book is a collection of essays by Brother Henderson, in which he demonstrates his knowledge of our Craft around the world and the problems and opportunities we face in the new millennium, hence the title.

The collection will certainly stimulate some thinking and perhaps discussion, and I recommend it for the thinking Mason. The contents include a considerable variety of topics:

- *Masonic Government and Practice - A World Perspective*
- *Italian Freemasonry and the P2 Incident*
- *Overseas Masonic Oddities*
- *Overseas Masonic Practices - What Can They Teach Us?*
- *A Masonic Wedding*
- *Back to the Future - A Prescription for Masonic Renewal (The "European Concept" Lodge Model)*
- *Why not United Grand Lodges in America?*
- *The Craft in Islamic Countries - An Analytical Review*
- *Freemasons - an Endangered Species? (with John Belton)*
- *Vice Regal Grand Masters - Who and Why?*

To summarize two interesting items, *A Masonic Wedding* describes, with an annotated ritual and photographs, the Masonic wedding ceremony as practiced

occasionally today in Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Turkey. *Why not United Grand Lodges in America?* discusses the reasons for and against the amalgamation of "mainstream" and Prince Hall Grand Lodges in the United States, offering a German model as a possible solution.

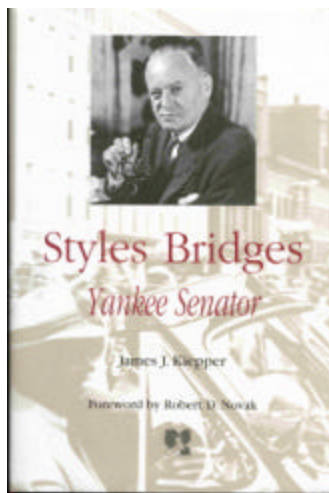
Of particular interest are the essays in which Brother Henderson discusses his views on the reasons why Lodges succeed or fail. He lists four ways to measure the performance of a Lodge:

1. The quality of its ceremonial
2. Its means of involving members
3. Its successful delivery of Masonic education
4. The quality of its after-proceedings (meals and social life).

and provides insight into how these areas can be improved.

Paperback. Full color cover. Approximately 200 pages. Foreword by Brother Murray Yaxley, PDGM (Tasmania) and Past President, ANZMRC. Price: \$35.00 Australian per copy, post paid, which is approximately \$19.00 American.

### Styles Bridges: Yankee Senator



This book is not Masonic, but is about a prominent New Hampshire politician who was a member of the Craft. It should be of interest to anyone who wishes to understand N.H. politics during the middle years of the Twentieth Century as well as someone with an interest in Washington during the Cold War.

The book covers Bridges' life, from his boyhood through his years in the Senate, and provides

both details and notes for the scholar and compelling anecdotes for the casual reader. It deals fairly with some of the controversies that affected his career. Although it focuses primarily on politics, it provides insights into his personal life and associates. It would be a valuable addition to one's New Hampshire history collection.

The author, James J. Kiepper, is a native of Hopkinton, NH, a retired professor of history at the University of Albany (New York) and worked with Governor Nelson Rockefeller in the 1960's.

Published by Phoenix Publishing, Sugar Hill, NH, 2001. Foreword by Robert D. Novak. Hardcover. 270 pages. Illustrated. \$24.95. Available in local bookstores or via the Internet.

## Styles Bridges: New Hampshire Political Leader



Within living memory, it was more likely than not that a man prominent in the professions, in politics, the military, business or industry would be a Mason. While these men might not have been active in Masonry, one would hope that the teachings of the Craft did influence their lives and actions. Today's decline in membership has also made it far less likely that a man in a position of leadership will be a Mason.

Henry Styles Bridges was born in West Pembroke, Maine, on 9 September 1898. His father died when the boy was nine years old, and Bridges was raised by his mother, a schoolteacher. He was educated at local schools and graduated from the University of Maine in 1918. After graduation Bridges held a number of short-term jobs. He was an instructor at Sanderson Academy in Ashfield, MA, (1918-19); a member of University of New Hampshire Extension staff (1921-22); secretary of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation (1922-23); editor of *The Granite Monthly* magazine (1924-26); and director of the New Hampshire Investment Company (1924-29). He served in the Army Reserve from 1925-1937

The Great Depression changed Styles Bridges' future. His investment company disappeared and he found work with the New Hampshire Public Service Commission (1930-34), and then ran in the 1934 Republican primary for Governor. He won the primary, and won the election, making him the youngest governor in the nation.

Governor Bridges asked for smaller state appropriations where possible, and formed a commission to study how government might save money; although there was very little money to save in New Hampshire government in 1935. Bridges was fortunate to inherit his predecessor Governor Winant's relief programs. He ran for New Hampshire's U.S. Senate seat in 1936 and won as one of only two Republicans during the 1936 New Deal landslide. For the next twenty-five years, until his death in

1961, Bridges was an increasingly important part of the Republican establishment.

Senator Bridges soon recognized that control of funding was a route to power, and gained a seat on the Appropriations Committee during his first term. During the Second World War, he was one of four men in Congress to be briefed on the Manhattan Project, and worked to keep funding flowing to that vital effort but hidden from the Congress at large. He had hopes of being nominated for Vice President on the Republican 1940 ticket with Wendell Wilkie, but was not. It was not until the 1950s that Bridges was able, by virtue of his Senate seniority, to reap the benefits of power. During the Eisenhower administrations (1952-60) Bridges served as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and was able to bring Federal government defense dollars to New Hampshire. One of his achievements was the establishment of a Strategic Air Command Base in Portsmouth and Newington – Pease Air Force Base.

He married a Concord, NH woman, Sally Clement, in June 1928. They had three sons. She died of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1938. In 1944, he married Doloris Thauwald, a resident of the DC area, who passed away in 1969.

Senator Bridges never forgot that he owed his position to votes back home, and he worked hard to bring federal money to New Hampshire and to help his constituents. For a short time in the 1950's, he was under examination because of some legal but ill-appearing practices in election fundraising, practices that were made illegal during Watergate-era reforms - but his reputation was never seriously damaged.

He was raised in Morning Sun Lodge, Conway, MA on 16 June 1919 and affiliated with Eureka Lodge No. 70, Concord, NH, on 10 November 1932.

Senator Bridges died 26 November 1961 and was succeeded in office by Thomas J. McIntire. His will left his house in Concord, built on land occupied by Revolutionary War hero Joshua Thompson, to the State upon the death of his widow. In 1969 Bridges House became the Governor's official residence.

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State of New Hampshire web site, <<http://www.state.nh.us>>, New Hampshire Almanac – New Hampshire's Governors.

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## From The Editor

My wife and I moved back to New Hampshire in mid-December, and are now trying to settle in at home and on the job and to take care of my mother. In most ways it is good to be back, and I look forward to becoming active in the Craft in Portsmouth as time permits. We appreciate the expressions of concern and the best wishes that we have received. Please note my new address:

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This is not the "Styles Bridges issue" of the newsletter, but I read his biography over the holidays and thought some information on his life and the book would be of interest. I know that some of our readers will remember him and may hold favorable or unfavorable opinions of him. In my family his support of the Air Force Base in Newington/Portsmouth sticks in our minds, since the construction of the base required the taking of the Hodgdon family farm in Newington, where my maternal grandmother grew up. In any event, he is an interesting figure.

Sometime in the next six months, I expect to have a draft of our first volume of transactions ready for the printers. We will discuss this more in the next newsletter and at the annual meeting in July.

I am still working on a small project about Masonic postcards from New Hampshire, and would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone with information on them. I am looking for postcards of two types:

a. Current or recent postcards showing Masonic buildings or events in NH. The only one I have is the one showing the Portsmouth Masonic Temple that has been around for 20 or so years.

b. Older postcards. I have a small collection of them already and am interested in scanning others. Any loaned to me will be returned quickly and without damage.

A web site for Anniversary Lodge is up and "under construction" as the saying on the Internet goes. The URL is

<http://www.furber.com/alor/>

and all issues of the newsletter are available as PDF files there.

And as always, a thank you to my wife Mary for her assistance.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber



## Thomas X. Tsirimokos: Grand Commander



At the 155th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, on 8-10 November 2002 in Nashua, Anniversary Lodge Past Master Thomas Xenophon Tsirimokos became the 135th Right Eminent Grand Commander of New Hampshire.

Brother Tom is the son of an Air Force officer. He was born January 29, 1951 in Manchester, NH and was educated in public schools in Germany and California. He received the A.B. degree *cum laude* from Dartmouth College in 1973, then returned to Germany to work for the U.S. Army. He received the J.D. and M.B.A. degrees from Emory University, Atlanta, in 1978. He later joined the Contracts Department of Sanders in Merrimack, and presently holds the position of Senior Attorney with Sanders' successor, BAE SYSTEMS in Nashua.

Brother Tom married Virginia Ruth Lamprey October 30, 1993. They have two children, George and Stephanie, and reside in Manchester.

Brother Tom was raised in Washington Lodge No. 61, Manchester, in 1984, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1990 and currently serves as Treasurer. He is a Past Master (1995-96) of Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175. He was exalted in Mount Horeb Chapter No. 11, Manchester, in 1986, where he served as Excellent High Priest in 1996-1997. He was greeted in Adoniram Council No. 3, Manchester, in 1986, where he served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1990-1991. He was knighted in Trinity Commandery No. 1, Manchester, in 1986, where he served as Eminent Commander in 1993-1994, 1994-1995, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002. Sir Knight Charles J. Kennedy, then R.E.G.C, appointed him to the progressive line of the Grand Commandery in 1994.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Nashua, NH, and of Bektash Temple. He joined Ruth Chapter No. 16, O.E.S., in Manchester, where he served as Worthy Patron in 1997-1998 and 2000-2001. He is a member of the various York Rite honorary bodies.

Brother and Sir Knight Tom is a strong supporter of Masonry in general, and Knights Templary in particular. Our Chivalric community is fortunate to have the benefit of his leadership during the year ahead. We wish for him, and for his Lady Virginia, every success and satisfaction.

Material provided by Brothers Tom and Rodney A. Robinson, editor of the NH Supplement for *Knight Templar* magazine

