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8 July Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Installation of Anniversary Lodge of Research will be held on Tuesday, 8 July 2003, at the William Pitt Tavern, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH. Lodge will open at 7:00 P.M. After the business meeting, we will hold the semi-public Installation of Officers. Refreshments will follow in the tavern.

Anniversary Lodge members and guests who wish to dine before the meeting will gather at the Far East Restaurant at 2466 Lafayette Road (Route 1), Portsmouth, NH at 5:00 PM for supper. Separate checks will be given to each party. Brethren and Ladies who will be having dinner prior to the meeting should let Brother Mark Furber know by 3 July so he can adjust the reservation. He can be reached at 603-431-2748 (home) or e-mail: <mfurber@computer.org>.

Directions to the restaurant: From the Portsmouth Traffic Circle, take Route 1 south for approximately 2 miles (go past Yokens), and the Far East Restaurant is on your right.



Masonic Service Association Disaster Relief

May 8, 2003

NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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APPEAL FOR: MISSOURI - TENNESSEE - KANSAS

Tornadoes continue their path of devastation across the Midwest where Missouri, Tennessee, and Kansas have been particularly hard hit. Some areas have suffered total destruction. There is urgent need for support.

Assistance to these three Grand Lodges will be divided 40% Missouri; 40% Tennessee; and 20% Kansas, for undesignated gifts. Designated gifts will be sent in their entirety to the Grand Lodge named.

Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brethren and their families in these stricken jurisdictions. Please make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send to 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785. Or go to <http://freemasonry.org> and follow the links to make a credit card donation.

Thank you very much for your help!

Most sincerely and fraternally,

Richard E. Fletcher, PGM
Executive Secretary



Message from the East

Brethren:

Another year is coming to an end; It does not seem possible that we have seen four seasons come and go.

It has been a pleasure for me to have served as the Master of Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175. I wish to extend a special thanks to Brother Don Crete, Brother Ed Lewis and Past Master Stet Hunt for their support at each of the lodges we visited. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the officers of Harris Lodge in Warner, Kearsage Lodge in Andover and Corinthian Lodge in Pittsfield for their generous hospitality and friendship; by allowing us to spend an evening at their lodges.

I look forward to our annual meeting in Portsmouth on July 8th; It would be wonderful if we arrive en masse to show our support for the incoming core of officers.

Fraternally yours,

Gerald C. McHugh Sr.
Worshipful Master



**Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175
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Officers for 2002-2003**

Worshipful Master	Gerald C. McHugh, Sr.
Senior Warden	Bernard R. "Skins" Watkins
Junior Warden	Mark E. Furber
Treasurer	Leonard S. Sousa
Secretary	L. Forbes Getchell
Chaplain	Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.
Senior Deacon	Richard H. Dewing
Junior Deacon	Edward N. Lewis
Marshal	David W. Scott
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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, 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, preceded by supper at 5:00 at the Far East Chinese Restaurant, Lafayette Road, Portsmouth
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/>>



Research Lodge News

Georgia

The Georgia Lodge of Research meeting on 30 May 2003 in Atlanta featured two talks:

“The Lentil Stone at Callaway Gardens and its Relationship to General W. T. Sherman,” by RWBro. Al Garner, Senior Grand Warden of Georgia

“Colonel Hiram Parks Bell: Confederate Craftsman and Statesman,” by WBro. Brent Griffin, Secretary

Northern California Research Lodge

On 15 May 2003, Northern California Research Lodge met at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge No. 480 in Lafayette, CA, for a talk by Brother Jorge Soto, Member of the History Committee of the Grand Lodge of California, on Freemasonry in Latin America.

England – Internet Lodge No. 9659

Internet Lodge No. 9659 will meet in Penarth, Wales, in August for a paper by WBro. Rich Van Doren, Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, “The Development of Freemasonry in the United States of America.”

England – Quatuor Coronati No. 2076

Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, the oldest and most prestigious research lodge in the world, has announced its schedule for mid-2003. All meetings are at Freemasons’ Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

8 May: “The Polite Revolution: The Formation of American Grand Lodges, 1778-1806,” by Brother S. Brent Morris. Note that Brother Morris is the only American member of the Lodge, which is limited in membership to 40.

26 June: “The Landscape Garden & Freemasonry,” by Brother and Professor James Stevens Curl

11 September: “The Scholar the Builders Rejected: The Life and Work of J.S.M. Ward,” by Brother Anthony R. Baker. The Civil War Lodge of Research has been invited to this meeting.

Also, the new address for the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle, Ltd., is

20 Great Queen Street
London, WC2B 5BE
England
telephone: 020-7405-7340
web site: www.qccc.co.uk

fax: 020-7404-8131

Australia - Victorian Lodge of Research

Brother Neil W. Morse has been awarded this year's "Frank Oldfield Memorial Lecture Award" from the Victorian Lodge of Research for his lectures "The Degree of an English Master or Golden Ring" and, in conjunction with Brother Graeme Love, "The Reformed Triad Rite". The Award carries a Certificate and a prize of \$100 to be spent on Masonic books to aid in Research.

Brother Kent Henderson has been elected a Fellow of the Lodge. Brother Kent is recognized world wide for his work for Freemasonry and his election is seen as supportive of that work.

Tennessee

Tennessee Lodge of Research has published its annual volume of transactions for 2002. This 70 page softcover volume contains reports on meetings, a complete set of The Short Talk Bulletins for 2002, and several papers. including: “A Survey of Native American Freemasonry;” “Ensigns of the Principal Tribes;” a biography of Brother David E. Jackson, fur trader and cousin of both Andrew Jackson and Stonewall Jackson; “Masonic History of Montgomery County and of Clarksville Lodge No. 89, Clarksville, TN;” and a series on the degrees of the Royal Arch Chapter.

Civil War Lodge of Research and Quatuor Coronati

Brother John Shroeder, Master of the Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865, reports that Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, has invited the Civil War Lodge to visit Quatuor Coronati's meeting on September 11, 2003, in London. Brother Shroeder noted, "They visited us at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, in 1998, and have invited us to return the visit this year. We are starting our planning now and want to have a large number of members participate. We hope to be able to have a number of visits to Masonic Bodies in London during the week we plan to be there."

The Grand Lodge of Virginia chartered Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865 in 1995 with the noted Masonic author, Brother Allen E. Roberts, as the Charter Master. The Lodge has grown rapidly since and now has 417 current members from 33 states and six countries. Any Mason interested in participating in this historic Masonic trip is invited to contact Brother Shroeder via e-mail at <shroeder@erols.com>, by telephone at 703-321-7047, or by standard mail at 5418 Inverchapel Road, Springfield, VA 22151-2020 for further details.

Excerpted from *The Scottish Rite Journal*, June 2003 issue.

Philalethes Society – New York City

Anniversary Lodge Associate Member Brother Bill Thomas is President of the recently formed Knickerbocker Chapter of the Philalethes Society in New York City. The Chapter invites you to contribute original and innovative papers on topics related to Freemasonry. Topics may be scholarly or literary, and of general interest to the Fraternity. Papers will be published in the Chapter's Annual Proceedings in December 2003.

Abstracts are not required. Submissions are due before December 1, 2003. All research papers must include bibliography. All submissions must contain a brief biography of the author. Submissions should be on disk or by e-mail in Word or WordPerfect format. Contact the Chapter if an alternative is desired.



News of Anniversary Lodge Members

We welcome one new member, Brother Walter Lovell, a resident of Somersworth and a Past Master of Morrison Lodge No. 90 in Northwood. He is also active in the Scottish Rite – Valley of Portsmouth-Dover and a District Education Officer.

Congratulations to Brother Dennis A. Sheridan, who was installed as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire on 10 May. A biography of Brother Sheridan will appear in the next issue. Also serving the Grand Chapter in the 2003-2004 line of officers are:

Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.	Grand King
James S. Ryan,	Grand Chaplain
William F. Curtis	Grand Steward
Gerald C. McHugh	Deputy Grand Captain of the Host

Serving in the 2003-2003 Grand Council line are:

Dennis A. Sheridan	Grand Marshall
William F. Curtis	Grand Steward
Rodney A. Robinson	Grand Organist

Congratulations to Brother John F. Gordon, who is R.W. District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District of NH.

Brother Aldine J. Tillotson is serving North Star Lodge No. 8, Lancaster, NH, as Secretary and Historian.

In Saint James Lodge No. 102, Hampton, NH, Brother Andrew F. Hirst is Secretary and Brother Harold E. Fernald is Historian. Both are Past Masters of Anniversary Lodge.

Brother Nelson Ward is serving St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, NH, as organist. Brother Ward is an outstanding musician and well-known to Masons in the Seacoast for his talents.

Brother Harry Moore is Junior Deacon of Rockingham Lodge No. 76, Candia, NH.

Brother Lynn Sanderson, PM of Anniversary Lodge, is Historian of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56, Portsmouth, NH.

Brother Wm. Lee Fisher, PM of Anniversary Lodge, is Secretary of Strafford Lodge No. 29, Dover, NH.

In Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, NH, we have Brother Ed Lewis as Marshall and Brother Sumner Goldman as Historian.

Brother William E. Higon is Marshall of Pulpit Rock Lodge No. 103, Pelham, NH.



A New N.H. Lodge Web Site

Rockingham Lodge No. 76, Candia, now has a web site at

<http://www.rockinghamlodge.org>

Congratulations.



General MacArthur on Leadership

"Leadership is a lively process of becoming. If you haven't added to your interest during the past year; If you are thinking the same thoughts, Relating the same personal experiences, Having the same predictable reactions, Then rigor mortis has set in to your leadership style."

General and Brother Douglas A. MacArthur

General MacArthur was made a Mason "at sight" in the Philippines on January 17, 1936. He affiliated with Manila Lodge No. 1. In 1936 at Manila he received his 32nd Degree AASR SJ. He was awarded the KCCH and an honorary 33rd Degree on December 8, 1947 at the American Embassy in Tokyo, Japan. He was a life member of Nile Shrine, Seattle, Washington.



General William Whipple Military Lodge

Brother Andrew F. Hirst, PM, Saint James Lodge No. 102, Hampton, NH, Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175 and General William Whipple Military Lodge

On May 20, 2003, General William Whipple Military Lodge of New Hampshire celebrated the twenty-fifth year of its Charter.

In 1974, The Saint James Colonial Craftsmen were organized as part of the National Bicentennial Celebration for the year 1976 to preserve and perpetuate our National heritage. This organization was formed under the direction of R.W. Brother Harold E. Fernald, Jr., who has been the Grand Historian for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire since May 1975.



Brother Fernald in the William Pitt Tavern during the Strawberry Banke candlelight stroll near Christmas. (Photo: Andy Hirst)

From the Saint James Colonial Craftsmen under the leadership of Brother Fernald emerged General William Whipple Military Lodge. The purpose of the Lodge is to preserve the heritage of our State, Nation and Fraternity. The Lodge was under dispensation from May 21, 1977 through May 20, 1978 when it was issued a Charter until May 1983. At the Semi-Annual Communication of November 20, 1982 the Charter was extended to May of 1993. At the annual Communication of May 15, 1993 the Lodge was given permanent status. Its Annual Communication is during the week of the fourth Sunday in May, at the William Pitt Tavern. R.W. Brother Harold E. Fernald, Jr. was the first Worshipful Master of General William Whipple Military Lodge.

The Lodge has developed many programs for both public and tyled meetings. The first program of the Lodge was a play named "The Fight" written by Worshipful Brother Ralph J. Pollard from the State of Maine. This was followed by "After the Storm", 1982, "Fair but Warmer", 1984, "The Visit", 1986, "Death of a Legend", 1986, "Tarnished Knight", 1987 and "The Noble Train", 1992. Most Worshipful Brother Richard R. Schanda, Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Hampshire from May 1998 through May 2000, wrote all these plays.

On May 16, 1987, "The Call," the official summons to all Constituent Lodge and Special Lodges to meet at the

William Pitt Tavern on July 8, 1989 to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Founding of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was presented to St. John's Lodge No. 1 to begin its two year journey to every Lodge in numerical sequence. "The Call" was the idea of Brother Fernald. In the mid 1990's R.W. Brother Roger M. Clark, Master of Whipple Lodge for the years 1998-1990 developed the "Flag Program". Over the years since the Lodge has been chartered it has performed its many programs well over one hundred times in public and closed sessions from down the Seacoast seaboard, to Canada and France.

R.W. Brother Harold E. Fernald, Jr. is presently putting together a detailed history of General William Whipple Military Lodge that should be available sometime in the year 2004. There have been fourteen Worshipful Masters of General William Whipple Military Lodge starting with RW Brother Harold E. Fernald, Jr. in 1977 to RW Brother Andrew F. Hirst in this year 2003. Worshipful Brother Carroll M. Brown was installed as the fifteenth Worshipful Master on May 31, 2003.



Whipple Lodge Members with their Ladies at Yorktown, VA. (Photo: Andy Hirst)



Some Early Masons in America

The first recorded Mason to become a permanent resident of America was John Skene, whose name is 27th on the roll of members of Aberdeen Lodge No. 1, Scotland. He came to America in October, 1682, and settled in Burlington, New Jersey., at the Peachfield Plantation, now a historic site.

Brother Skene became Deputy Governor of New Jersey and died while in office in 1690. He served under the last of the Proprietor Governors of New Jersey, Dr. Daniel Coxe. In 1730, Dr. Coxe's son, Colonel Daniel Coxe, was appointed Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania by the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of England. There is no record that Coxe ever issued a deputation for the formation of a Lodge in this country.

March Meeting at Kearsarge Lodge, Potter Place

Brother Ed Lewis, Junior Deacon, Anniversary Lodge

March 6, 2003 brought us to Kearsarge Lodge No. 81, Potter Place, NH, for the winter meeting of Anniversary Lodge. We started the evening with a social greeting from the Kearsarge brothers before a fine meal - home made spaghetti sauce over spaghetti and a tossed salad with ice cream and chocolate sauce for desert.

We then went to the lodge room and following the opening many introductions were made of people in both bodies. After a short meeting of Kearsarge Lodge, the gavel was turned over to our Master Gerry McHugh who explained what Anniversary Lodge is and Brother Stetson Hunt gave a short talk.

Both bodies were closed and the brothers departed to be home in good season over some interesting frost heaves that the winter season had provided us with. There were a total of four members from Anniversary Lodge at this meeting: Master Gerry McHugh, Past Master Stetson Hunt, Senior Steward Donald Crete and Junior Deacon Edward Lewis.



April Meeting at Corinthian Lodge, Pittsfield

Brother Ed Lewis, Junior Deacon, Anniversary Lodge

Anniversary Lodge met with Corinthian Lodge No. 82, Pittsfield, NH, on Wednesday night April 8, 2003.

We started in the dining room with a standing social while we waited to give the cooks time to finish the wonderful dinner. All people were served as guests of the lodge. Brothers from Anniversary Lodge No. 175 attending were Stetson Hunt, Andrew F Hirst, Donald A Crete, L. Forbes Getchell, Clifton Hodgdon, Edward N Lewis and the current Master Gerald C McHugh Sr. Everyone was treated to a dinner of beans and dogs and topped off with cookies and ice cream.

Upstairs during the meeting our own Brother Hirst sat in the West as the Senior Warden had to step up to master as the lodge Master was unable to come to the meeting. One of the interesting things of the evening was that all business was transacted in the Entered Apprentice degree.

After the opening the members of the Anniversary Lodge introduced themselves, The Master of Anniversary Lodge called Brother Hirst for an explanation of Anniversary Lodge. He is currently reading about Massachusetts Masonic history. He told us about the start of the Lodge Education officers in Massachusetts, the first state to have them, and how it was from there that the program has spread. Brother Getchell spoke about the book written by David Crockett and available for sale if someone would to have one for their library. The book is only \$25.00. Gerald C McHugh Sr. Spoke on flag folding and its meaning.

This was followed by a series of announcements about Table Lodges in the area. A lot of announcements so all had something to think about attending. We were on the way home by 8:30 and I think many of the brothers had to drive a distance so they appreciated the early close to the evening.



From The Editor

First, let me thank everyone who sent us condolences on the passing of my mother Virginia (Robinson) Furber on 20 March. The last few months have not been easy for us, but we can comfort in the fact that she is now in a better place.

A few months ago I wrote a short review of Brother Kent Henderson's book *Freemasonry for Wives and Others*, in which I noted that the book was somewhat Australian-centered and that a North American version might be viable. Little did I know what that casual remark really meant. Brother Henderson was kind enough to contact me and we have agreed that I will work with him to create and distribute a North American version. More on this effort later.

Recently the State of New Hampshire lost its most famous landmark, The Old Man of the Mountains. That profile appears in the upper right corner of the first page of our newsletter, as well as on many other NH emblems. We note that the long-time caretaker of The Old Man was a New Hampshire Mason, Brother Niels Nielsen, who passed away in 2001. We can remember The Old Man best in the words of New Hampshire native Daniel Webster: "Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades; shoemakers hang out a gigantic shoe; jewelers a monster watch, and the dentist hangs out a gold tooth; but in the mountains of New Hampshire, God Almighty has hung out a sign to show that there He makes men."

In the production of the newsletter I have had the capable assistance of my wife Mary, who has taken over most of the copying, addressing and mailing. I also appreciate the meeting reports that Brother Ed Lewis has faithfully provided to us.

I hope to see you all at the Tavern on 8 July, and I expect we all hope that the temperature is less extreme than last year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber



William Whipple: Signer of The Declaration of Independence



William Whipple was born in Kittery, Maine, on 14 January 1730. His parents were Captain William Whipple (1695-1722), of Ipswich, Massachusetts, a brewer who later went to sea, and Mary Cutt (1698-1783). He was one of five children.

William Whipple grew up in a seafaring family, attended the local grammar school and went to sea as a young man. He commanded a ship before the age of 21 and made several voyages in the "Triangle Trade," in which slaves were brought from West Africa to the West Indies and sold for molasses, which was taken to New England and distilled into rum, and the rum then taken to West Africa and traded for slaves. Whipple was basically silent upon the morality of the slave trade, as were most of his contemporaries. In 1759 he left the sea and entered the mercantile trade with his brothers Joseph and Robert. Robert Whipple died shortly thereafter, and the business continued with Joseph and William.

Whipple married a cousin, Catherine Moffatt, the daughter of John Moffatt, in 1767. They resided in the Moffatt-Ladd house on Market Street in Portsmouth, now a historical site open to visitors, and had a son, William, who was born in 1772, is recorded as being baptized in the North Church, and who died on 29 April 1773. He is buried in the North Cemetery in Portsmouth, close to his father. There are stories that the couple had seven children, all of whom died at birth or in infancy, but William is the only one of which there is a record. He left no descendents.

As a merchant, he became a victim of the restrictions placed by the British on trade, and therefore an early

adherent to the Revolutionary cause. He was elected to the Committee of Safety in Portsmouth, and then to the Continental Congress as a delegate from New Hampshire, where he served in 1775, 1776 and 1778, but declined reelection due to military duties. In 1776 he was one of three men from New Hampshire to sign the Declaration of Independence, the others being Josiah Bartlett and Matthew Thornton.

In 1777, with the British under General Burgoyne advancing in Vermont, Whipple was appointed a Brigadier General by the New Hampshire Provincial Congress, given command of the First New Hampshire Brigade, and sent to report to Major General Horatio Gates, in command of the Northern Frontier for the Continental Army. The New Hampshire troops fought well in the Battle of Saratoga, and General Whipple was one of two officers appointed by General Gates to present the terms of surrender to General Burgoyne. Whipple was then ordered to march the remaining British troops to Boston, which he did with little difficulty. He then commanded a brigade at Newport, Rhode Island, under General John Sullivan in 1778, and fought at the Battle of Quaker Hill.

After two years of hard campaigning, he returned home, but did not resign his commission until near the end of the war in 1782.

After his return to Portsmouth, he served his city and state as a member of a committee to name the streets of Portsmouth, in the State Assembly from 1780 to 1784, as Superintendent of Finances for New Hampshire in 1782-1784, and as Judge of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire from 1782 until his death. He found the office of Superintendent of Finances particularly burdensome, since he was responsible for the collection of taxes due to the state and the National Government during hard times in New Hampshire. During that period he suffered from what would be called coronary artery disease today, as was shown by the autopsy that he requested to be performed after his death, and he sometimes fainted and fell from his horse during his travels. Whipple died on 28 November 1785, and is buried in the North Cemetery in Portsmouth.

The minute books of St. John's Lodge, Portsmouth, show the following: "At a Lodge held at Mr. James Stoutley, this 2d Jan 1752, being the first night of the Quarter, Mr. William Whipple Proposed & by Dispensation Balloted for & Unanimously Voted to be made a member of this Society." This Lodge meeting took place at the building now called Stoodley's Tavern, still extant in Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, and we note that the exact spelling of Mr. Stoodley's name varied almost daily in the Eighteenth Century.

The memory of William Whipple was honored in, the *New Hampshire Gazette*, 9 December 1785, "On Monday the 28th of November, died, universally lamented, the Hon. Gen. William Whipple, Judge of the Superior Court of New Hampshire.

"In him concentrated every principle that exalts the dignity of man. His disinterested patriotism and public services are now known to all. And when newspaper encomiums are lost in oblivion, the pen of the historian shall preserve the remembrance of his virtue in the breast

of succeeding generations. During the long course of unequalled sufferings, he endured his lot with a firmness correspondent to the greatness of his mind.

"He viewed his approaching dissolution with a heroic fortitude, in full confidence, that He who made him knew best how to dispose of him. In his extremest agonies, his mind was still revolving schemes for the happiness of mankind, and those sentiments of benevolence which distinguished him while living, were the last that died in him. He was generous and humane, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might rise up and say 'THIS WAS A MAN.'"



The grace of William Whipple (the rectangular object in the center) in Portsmouth's North Cemetery is marked by a flag and historical sign. (Photo: Mary Furber)

His memory was also enshrined in the former Whipple Elementary School on State Street in Portsmouth, now a building housing expensive condominiums, streets in Portsmouth and Kittery, and the former William Whipple Chapter, Order of DeMolay, in Kittery Maine.



A postcard (published 1910-1920) of the Whipple School in your Editor's Collection.

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The Philaethes Society On-Line Leadership Course

Brother Nelson King, Editor for the Philaethes Society, informs us that a new version of the on-line Masonic Leadership Course is available at the Philaethes web site

<<http://www.freemasonry.org/leadership>>

The course consists of 10 parts and is based on Brother Allen E. Roberts' book *Masonic Lifeline: Leadership*, which will be sent to each enrollee. Each lesson contains the text for the lesson, questions on the text, and an optional assignment. The cost is \$75.00 US or \$100.00 with a subscription to *The Philaethes* magazine, and is open to all. On registering with the Philaethes Society, you will be given a password to allow entry into Part One of the Leadership Course. When you have finished answering the questions, they will be e-mailed to the Course Tutor, who will review your answers, then send you the suggested answers and new password, which will allow you entry into the next part of the Course. On completion of the 10-part course you will be sent a Certificate of Accomplishment.

A preview of Lesson One is currently available on the web site. For questions concerning the Leadership Course contact Nelson King at <nking@freemasonry.org>

