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The 2003-2004 Officers after the Installation on 8 July. Left to right (both rows) Len Sousa, Forbes Getchell, Paul Ladd, Cliff Hodgdon, Mark Furber, Richard Gilbert, David Scott, Richard Dewing, and Donald Crete. Missing are Harry Moore, Ed Lewis and "Skins" Watkins. This picture was taken in the Lodge Room on the third floor of the William Pitt Tavern and the temperature and humidity there were once again very high. (Photo: Mary Furber)

Fall Meetings – Portsmouth and Littleton

Anniversary Lodge of Research will meet with St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, on Wednesday 5 November 2003. Supper is at 6:00 and the Lodge opens at 7:00. Please make reservations for supper with Mark Furber by Sunday 2 November.

The Portsmouth Masonic Temple is located at 351 Middle Street and the telephone there is 603-436-3712.

Directions: From the Portsmouth traffic circle, take the Route 1 Bypass South to the set of lights on Greenleaf Avenue. Turn left onto Greenleaf Avenue. After a short hill, continue onto Lafayette Road, which will become Middle Street. The Temple is on the right about one mile away.

Anniversary Lodge of Research will meet in Littleton as guests of the Fifth Masonic District Association on Monday 1 December 2003. Supper is at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:30. Please make reservations for supper with Mark Furber by early in Thanksgiving week.

The Littleton Masonic Temple is located at 166 Main Street and the telephone there is: 603-444-2410.

Directions: Take I-93 North to Littleton. Take Exit 41 towards Littleton and Whitefield. Bear right onto Cottage Street. After about 2/3 mile, turn left onto Main Street. The Temple is on the left across from the Post Office.

Dress for all meetings is business attire (coat and tie).



Corrections and Apologies

With respect to the article on William Whipple in the last issue, Brother Andy Hirst points out that during Brother Whipple's life, what is now the State of Maine was part of the Province and then the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The article stated that Whipple was born in Kittery, Maine.



**Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175
F. & A. M.
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Worshipful Master	Mark E. Furber
Senior Warden	Bernard "Skins" Watkins
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Lodge Web Site

Please visit the Anniversary Lodge web site at

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

Calendar for 2003-2004

Date and time: Sunday, 24 August 2003, 1200 noon to 3:00 PM

Place: Leonard Sousa's house.

Event: Pot Luck Picnic.

Date and time: Wednesday, 5 November 2003. Lodge opens at 7:00 PM, preceded by a supper at 6:00 PM

Place: Portsmouth, NH, Masonic Temple
351 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH

Event: Visit to St. John's Lodge No. 1.

Date and time: Monday, 1 December 2003. Meeting at 7:30 PM, preceded by a supper at 6:30 PM

Place: Littleton, NH, Masonic Temple
166 Main Street, Littleton, NH

Event: Meeting as guests of the Fifth Masonic District Association.

Date and time: Thursday, 25 March 2004, 6:30 PM.

Place: Masonic Home
813 Beech Street, Manchester, NH

Event: Presentation of program for residents of the Masonic Home. Supper arrangements to be announced.

Date and time: Saturday, 5 June 2004, 5:30 PM

Place: To be announced, central part of the state.

Event: Semi-public supper to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Anniversary Lodge.

Speaker: Brother Mark Tabbert, Curator, Scottish Rite National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA

Date and time: Thursday, July 8, 2004, 7:00 PM, supper to be announced, but probably at the usual Chinese restaurant

Place: William Pitt Tavern, Strawberry Banke, 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.

Research Lodge News

District of Columbia

Pythagoras Lodge of Research is the only research lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, F.A.A.M. (Free And Accepted Masons). It was organized in the 1960's and meets four times per year.

On Saturday, 20 September, Pythagoras Lodge will meet at Antietam Lodge in Keedysville, Maryland. That is just east of the Antietam Battlefield in Maryland, the site of one of the most important battles of the Civil War, on 17 September 1862, the bloodiest day in American history. Over 22 000 Americans were casualties on that day - more than on September 11, 2001, Pearl Harbor and D-Day combined.

The meeting will then move to the Dunker Church on the Antietam Battlefield itself, and there will include the Empty Chair Degree," which is a public Masonic ceremony commemorating Freemasons who gave their lives in battles for their country, and a Masonic flag presentation ceremony by a group of Maryland State Police who are Masons, plus a short talk by a representative of the Austrian Embassy, about a famous Austrian who participated in the American Civil War.

The web site for Pythagoras Lodge of Research is <http://bessel.org/plor.htm>

Texas

We are sorry to report that Brother L. Randall Rogers, Jr., Past Master of Texas Lodge of Research, died Wednesday 13 August 2003 in a tragic traffic accident. Brother Rogers was a Methodist/Disciples of Christ minister and retired Navy Chaplain who was stationed at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard at one time. He was 84.

At the quarterly meeting in Austin, TX on 20-21 June 2003, members of the Lodge heard the annual Anson Jones Lecture from Worshipful Brother James W. Daniel, Past Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England. His topic was "From Alabama to Wales via a Texas Star: Aspects of Anglo-American Relations 1860-1875." Brother Daniel held the attention of all present as he guided them on a series of voyages of the British-built and armed 1000-ton Confederate warship *CSS Alabama* and the subsequent negotiations over the U.S. claims for monetary damage from the British. The arbitrators' common tie to Masonry was a principal factor in the success of the negotiations. Then, Brother Daniel created a "first" in Anson Jones Lecture history by leading TLR members and guests in singing choruses of "Roll, Alabama Roll," a ballad telling the story of the *Alabama*, her accomplishments and her fate. (taken from *The Occasional Bulletin*, Texas Lodge of Research)

Israel

On 22 July 2003, a new Research Lodge was consecrated in Israel. This Lodge, named Gvill Lodge of Research No. 82, will meet quarterly in Tel Aviv. "Gvill" is the Hebrew word for the Rough Ashlar, and signifies that we as Masons always need to work on self-improvement.

The Lodge is intended for the serious Masonic researcher. Membership in the Lodge is currently at eighteen and includes several prominent Israeli Masons. RWB Dan Doron is the first Master and RWB Yasha Beresiner, PM of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, is the first Depute Master.

The Lodge plans to publish an annual volume of papers, in Hebrew, and has a list of speakers

Brother Leon Zeldis, "The Symbolism of Colours in Freemasonry" (on 2 November 2003)

Brother Yasha Beresiner, "The Constitutions of the Freemasons".

Brother Eli Minoff, on ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) lodges in Palestine after World War I.

Another hallmark of the Lodge is simplicity in regalia. Israeli Lodges have an interesting heritage because Israel is a land of emigrants. Their Masonic background includes Scottish, French, German and Egyptian Lodges, and consequently richly decorated aprons are usually worn. Members of the Lodge will wear plain white aprons showing the Lodge jewel.

We should also note that the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this October.



The jewel of Gvill Lodge of Research No. 82, courtesy of RWB Dan Doron. The two ashlars with the compasses pointing to both are shown, and the inscription on the top is the Hebrew for "Let there be light."

New Members

As of mid-August, we welcome four new members:

Brother Nelson Hersey is a resident of Kittery, Maine and retired from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. He is a Past Master and current Chaplain for St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56 in Portsmouth as well as a member and current Associate Chaplain for St. John's Lodge No. 1, also of Portsmouth. He is a long-time friend of your Editor's family and was kind enough to serve as Installing Chaplain at the recent Installation.

Brother Sumner Goldman of Concord, NH, is a Past Master of Horace Chase Lodge No. 72 and active in the Scottish Rite Valley of Concord. He has been selected to receive the 33rd Degree this fall.

Brother John E. Alexander of Windsor, VT, rejoins us. He was Master of Anniversary Lodge in 1985-1986.

Brother Ed Yeaton is a 60-year member of St. John's Lodge No. 1 in Portsmouth and a long-term resident of the San Diego area. He was present at the St. John's Veterans' Day in June. He writes: "In response to your letter, the following might be of interest. One year after I was raised in St. John's No. 1 in Portsmouth I was sent to Bremerton, Washington by the Navy. After the war I worked for Boeing in Seattle as an industrial engineer. In 1956, Boeing sent me to California where I finally retired. I joined San Diego Lodge No. 35 and Consuelo Lodge No. 325 in Escondido as a dual member having retained my membership in St. John's. Somehow, someone found that I play the organ, so for the past few years I have been organist for those two Lodges and also for North County Daylight lodge as a sojourner. This year I am the Worthy Patron, for the second time, in the Order of the Eastern Star No. 154, Secretary of the local Hi-12 Club, vice president of North County Shrine Club and a member of Scottish Rite and Al Bahr Shrine in San Diego. For relaxation I have done a lot of sailing over the past 30 years and still try to get out once a week."



A Civil War Project

Your Editor was contacted by Brother Norman G. Lincoln, Secretary of Ohio Lodge of Research, about an item in the August 2003 issue of *Civil War Times*. On page 101, there is a photograph of a ballot box reportedly used by soldiers of the 6th New Hampshire Regiment to vote in Presidential election of 1864. The ballot box is of the type used by Masonic Lodges, with white and black balls, and has "6 NH INF" on the lid. Brother Lincoln wondered whether there was a New Hampshire Lodge attached to the 6th NH.

Regimental Lodges were common during the Civil War, on both sides. A 1916 article in *The Builder* by J. L. Carson lists almost 200 regimental lodges, with Texas leading with fifty.

According to the information readily available, the Grand Lodge of NH chartered five military Lodges during the Civil War:

Star Spangled Banner Lodge - 2nd NH

Hughes Lodge - 5th NH (Named after Aaron Porter Hughes, Grand Master in 1860-1861)

Loyal Lodge - 11th NH

Comrades Lodge - 14th NH

Citizen Soldiers' Lodge - 16th NH

No Lodge was listed in the 6th NH.

Records from these Lodges are scant, but this may be an interesting field of inquiry for an Anniversary Lodge member interested in the Civil War. Certainly a paper giving general information on Civil War regimental Lodges and some information on the New Hampshire Lodges would be welcome.



Not One Person

By Brother Dan Weatherington, from the Masonic e-mail journal *Cinosam*

Not one person ever joined Masonry because George Washington was a Mason. Not one person ever joined Masonry because Harry Truman was a Mason. Not one person ever joined because of any of our great Masonic heroes. Joining doesn't make you any of those people.

Not one person ever joined in order to give a million dollars a day to charity, or homes, or crippled children. You don't have to be a member to give money.

Not one person ever joined because our ritual is outstanding, or our minutes are accurate, or a hundred other things we worry about. They don't know about our ritual.

They joined because someone they knew and admired was a Mason. It could have been a father, a friend, a man down the street, or someone a thousand miles away.

Who, it didn't matter. They admired him and wanted to do the things he did, and they did it by the millions.

Want to help our growth? Be the kind of man someone admires. Someone will notice.



Overheard on the Internet

"When anyone asks me why Masons wear aprons I tell them that it is so we don't get our clothes dirty when we make those canning jars we sell."

The Ideal of a Freemason

If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life; who, without blemish, fulfils his duty as a man, a subject, a husband and a father; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and aids his fellowman without self-interest; whose heart beats warm for friendship, whose serene mind is open for licensed pleasures, who in vicissitudes does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger;

The man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity; who in nature sees the finger of the Eternal Master; who feels and adores the higher destination of man; to whom faith, hope and charity are not mere words without any meaning; to whom property, nay even life, is not too dear for the protection of innocence and virtue, and for the defense of truth;

The man who towards himself is a severe judge, but who is tolerant with the debilities of his neighbour; who endeavours to oppose errors without arrogance, and to promote intelligence without impatience; who properly understands how to estimate and employ his means; who honours virtue though it may be in the most humble garment, and who does not favour vice though it be clad in purple; and who administers justice to merit whether dwelling in palaces or cottages.

The man who, without courting applause, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors and revered by his subordinates; the man who never proclaims what he has done, can do, or will do, but where need is will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion and a rare power of mind, and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, and then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good!

If you, my Brethren meet such a man, you will see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth; and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason.

Excerpted from "The History of Freemasonry" by Otto Klotz, *The Canadian Craftsman*, March 15, 1868. M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz was an Honourary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Courtesy of a correspondent in Ontario, Canada.



News of Anniversary Lodge Members

Congratulations to Associate Member Brother Joseph J. Howard, who is serving as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 2003.

In Bektash Temple, we have Brother Richard R. Schanda serving as Oriental Guide and Brother Richard Melvin serving as Treasurer.

In leadership roles in the Scottish Rite in New Hampshire:

Valley of Nashua

Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection
Robert G. Bianchi, Deputy Master

New Hampshire Consistory, S.P.R.S.
John F. Gordon, First Lieutenant Commander

Valley of Portsmouth-Dover

John Christie Council, Princes of Jerusalem
Roger M. Clark, Sovereign Prince
Walter W. Lovell, High Priest
Richard H. Dewing, Senior Warden

Valley of Lancaster-Littleton

Dennis A. Sheridan, Secretary

Secretary of the Council of Deliberation

Edward N. Lewis

In the Grand Lodge of Vermont, our Senior Warden "Skins" is serving as Assistant Grand Chaplain.

Associate Member Brother Bill Thomas is serving as Marshal for American Lodge of Research in New York City. Brother Thomas recently presented a paper on the history of his Lodge, Shakespeare No. 750 in New York, where he is the web master. Please visit their web page at

<http://www.shakespeare750.com/>

Brothers Donald Sumner and Lee Fisher are noted Revolutionary War reenactors in the Seacoast area, and we read in the papers that they have been supporting the Portsmouth Cemetery Committee, which is striving to maintain the historical cemeteries in that city. On Sunday, 7 September, for a fundraiser at the John Langdon House, Donald Sumner played William Whipple, and Lee and Dorothy Fisher played Dr. and Mrs. Hall Jackson.

We also read in the papers that Brother Richard R. Schanda, Past Grand Master and Past Master (1983-84) of Anniversary Lodge, has been writing his "Outdoors with Joe Dixx" column for 53 years, which may a record for a newspaper columnist in New Hampshire. *The Portsmouth Herald* had a profile of him in the Sunday, 24 August 2003, issue and described him as "a renowned hunter, quintessential clam digger and the Renaissance man of New Hampshire nature."



Annual Meeting – 8 July 2002



Brethren and Ladies dining at the Far East Chinese Restaurant before the meeting. (Photo: Mark Furber)

The Annual Meeting and Installation of Anniversary Lodge was held at the William Pitt Tavern, Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth, NH, on 8 July 2003. Prior to the meeting, approximately twenty-five members and guests dined at the Far East Chinese Restaurant.

That day was once again notable for high temperatures and humidity, making the Lodge room on the third floor of the tavern hot and uncomfortable, so the Lodge voted to remove coats. During the business meeting, the annual reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer were read and the officers for 2003-2004 were elected.

There were two visitors from outside of the state: Brother Rich Van Doren and his wife Nancy. Brother Van Doren is a Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and currently a resident of Massachusetts. Like your Editor, he is a member of Internet Lodge No. 9659 in England.

After the business meeting, the Brethren and guests moved to the second floor of the tavern where Brother David Scott and his Lady presented the William Pitt Tavern with a unique piece of artwork – see article elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Brethren and Guests returned to the Lodge room and the officers for 2003-2004 were installed, with the exception of the Senior Warden, Senior Deacon and Senior Steward, who were unable to be present. The Installing Suite consisted of:

Installing Master	Rodney A. Robinson
Installing the Officers	Jeremy J. Sawyer
Installing Marshal	Alan M. Robinson
Installing Chaplain	Nelson D. Hersey
Installing Secretary	Gerald C. McHugh, Sr.
Charge to the Master	Jeremy J. Sawyer
Charge to the Wardens	Roger M. Clark
Charge to the Brethren	Andrew F. Hirst

Brother Roger Clark sang two songs written by Brother Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart as installation charges that

were performed for the first time one month before Mozart's death in 1791. Outgoing Worshipful Master Brother Gerry McHugh was presented with his Past Master's jewel. Incoming Master Brother Mark Furber made some announcements and Brother Jerry Sawyer, PGM and Grand Treasurer, provided greetings from the Grand Lodge and spoke about the Baal's Bridge square from early 16th Century Ireland. Refreshments followed in the social quarters on the second floor of the tavern.



The Installing Suite. Left to right: Len Sousa (front), Andy Hirst (back), Jerry Sawyer, Gerry McHugh, Rodney Robinson, Nelson Hersey, Roger Clark, Alan Robinson. (Photo: Mary Furber)



William Pitt Tavern News

As most of our readers know, the William Pitt Tavern in Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth, is central to the history of New Hampshire Masonry. Staffing constraints have made it difficult for the museum to keep the tavern open for visitors, so Masons and their Ladies are being asked to volunteer to serve as guides on the weekends. Without these volunteers, the Tavern cannot be kept open.

Brothers Roger Clark and Carroll Brown are coordinating this effort. In general, 2-3 people are needed for each weekend day that the tavern is open. Please contact them for additional information.

By the way, Roger tells us that, as of mid-September, the total of visitors to the tavern this year is hovering around 1500.



The Gilmore Family: Joseph Henry Gilmore



During the Nineteenth Century, the Gilmore family of Concord, NH, was prominent in business and politics. Two members of interest were Masons. The first, New Hampshire Governor and railway promoter Joseph Albree Gilmore, will be the subject of a future article. This one is about his son, who is perhaps best remembered for a particular Christian hymn, although his life encompassed much more.

Joseph Henry Gilmore was born in Boston, Massachusetts on 29 April 1834. His parents were Joseph A. Gilmore (1811-1867), who at that time was a grocer in Boston, and Ann Page (Whipple) Gilmore. The Gilmore family were Baptists.

From a very early age, he found literature to be a driving passion in his life. He graduated from Phillips-Andover Academy in 1854. By 1858, he had earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from Brown University in Providence and then studied theology at Newton Theological Institution in Newton, Massachusetts, one of the predecessors of today's Andover-Newton Theological School. He graduated in theology in 1861, was ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1862 and became pastor of the church in Fisherville, NH (a town that no longer exists but whose area is now split between Concord and Boscawen). From 1863-1864, he was his father's assistant while his father was governor; during that period, he also edited the Concord *Daily Monitor*.

On 10 May 1861, which is approximately the time of his graduation from theological school, he married Mary Josephine Parkhurst, of Newton Center, MA. Their marriage was a short one and later, after her death, he married Lucy Ann Brown of Fisherville on 21 September 1865. He had no children.

Gilmore is the author of the hymn "He Leadeth Me", although he might not have known it at the time. He described the unlikely event, which occurred shortly after his ordination, "I was supplying, for a couple of Sundays,

the pulpit of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia. At the mid-week service, on the 26th of March, 1862, I set out to give the people an exposition of the Twenty-third Psalm, which I had given before on three or four occasions, but this time I did not get further than the words 'He Leadeth Me.' Those words took hold of me as they had never done before, and I saw them in a significance and wondrous beauty of which I had never dreamed. It was the darkest hour of the Civil War. I did not refer to that fact—that is, I don't think I did—but it may subconsciously have led me to realize that God's leadership is the one significant fact in human experience, that it makes no difference how we are led, or where we are led, so long as we are sure God is leading us."

At the close of the meeting a few individuals stayed behind and kept talking about the thought that Gilmore had emphasized. And there, while talking and writing at the same time, he penciled the words of the hymn on a blank page of the sermon that he had intended to deliver. He then handed it to his wife and thought no more about it. The words of the first verse and chorus are:

He leadeth me! O blessed tho'
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me

So impressed with the simple, yet striking, truths conveyed in the hymn, Gilmore's wife sent it to *The Watchman and Reflector*, a paper published in Boston, where it first appeared in print. Later it was set to music by William B. Bradbury (see note) and found its way into a Baptist hymnal underneath the title of "He Leadeth Me."

In 1865, Joseph Gilmore entered the Second Baptist Church of Rochester, New York. He was there to deliver a sermon in the hopes of becoming the congregation's pastor. Upon entering the church, he heard the sound of music and picked up a hymnal to find out what the people gathered there were singing. He was stunned to find that they were singing his words - from a poem he had written three years earlier on the back of scrap of paper.

Gilmore did indeed become the pastor at the Second Baptist Church. He also taught Hebrew at Rochester Theological Seminary and then became professor of rhetoric, logic and English at the University of Rochester, a position he held from 1868 until 1908, when he retired. He served a chairman of the department, was instrumental in the development of the school's library, and wrote six books, on American and English literature. These works were influential in the formation of the study of American literature at the college level. To his students, he was known informally as "Gillie."

Brother Gilmore was made a Mason in Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, NH on 22 March 1864, passed on 9 April 1864 and raised on 13 April 1864. He demitted

from that Lodge on 23 March 1899. Inquiries have not shown if he ever affiliated with a Lodge in Rochester, NY.

Professor Gilmore died on 23 July 1918 in Rochester, NY. An endowed chair in English at the University of Rochester is named in his honor.

Note: Of interest to those in the Seacoast, Dr. William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868) was a native of York, Maine. He studied organ and voice in Boston and abroad and became an accomplished organist and choirmaster. Dr. Bradbury greatly enhanced church and choral music in America and was instrumental in publishing at least sixty different hymnbooks.

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The Philalethes Society Semi-Annual Meeting

The Eighteenth Semi-Annual Meeting of the Philalethes Society took place in San Francisco, California, on Friday and Saturday, 12-13 September 2003. It was called "Creating Freemasonry's Future by Re-Discovering Its Past," and was hosted by the Henry Wilson Coil Chapter of the Society. This meeting celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Society.

After the business meeting, several educational presentations were given:

Professor Margaret C. Jacob of the University of California, Los Angeles, delivered the Keynote Address, on "Freemasonry at its Origins."

Dennis Chornenky of Minnesota spoke on "Masonic Traditions of the 21st Century;"

Roger Van Gorden, Past Grand Master of Indiana, gave A Glimpse of the Past with an Eye to the Future."

The Editor of *The Philalethes* magazine, Nelson King, of Ontario, described a current project, in which members of the Society in Canada, Costa Rica, and Cuba have formed a committee to provide Relief (chiefly in the form of medical supplies) to Masons in Cuba, where such things are not available.

W. Kirk MacNulty, of Virginia, who has written several books on the symbolism and esoteric aspects of the Craft, spoke on "A Philosophical Background for Masonic Symbolism," based largely on the relationship between the Kabbala and Freemasonry

Gary Kaplan, of Pennsylvania and California, acted as facilitator for discussion groups concerning the future of the Philalethes Society and of Freemasonry

The keynote speaker for the 75th Anniversary Banquet was Most Worshipful Brother M. William Holsinger, Grand Master of Masons in California, who provided a number of insights into the significance of Freemasonry.

After the Executive Board session, it was announced that the Guest Lecturer at the Annual Assembly and Feast in Washington, on 13 February 2004, is to be John L. Cooper III, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California. It was also announced, due to recent deaths in the forty Fellows of the Society, that two new Fellows were selected to fill the vacancies: Michael Poll from Louisiana and Norman Peterson of Oregon.



From the East

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as Master of Anniversary Lodge this year. This advancement was a bit sooner than planned, due to the heart problem experienced by our Senior Warden "Skins" in June, but thankfully he has recovered and is out and about again.

The Annual Meeting and Installation in July went well, in spite of the usual heat and humidity. I would like to thank the members of the Installing Suite for their excellent work, and am particularly happy that my uncle, Brother Rodney Robinson, his son and my first cousin, Brother Alan Robinson, with whom I went to school from kindergarten at the Haven School in Portsmouth through our bachelor's degrees at UNH, and long-time family friend Brother Nelson Hersey were able to participate. Being installed by a close family member such as "Uncle Rod" is special, as you can perhaps imagine.

We have four good meetings set up for the coming year. First, we will visit St. John's Lodge in Portsmouth on 5 November. We have visited St. John's before, but I

particularly wanted to visit my own Lodge as Master of Anniversary Lodge. On 1 December, we will visit our Brethren in the North Country, at a meeting of the Fifth Masonic District Association in Littleton. Anniversary Lodge has not been in the northern part of the State for a number of years and it is well past time to do that. We have a number of long-term members in Coos County and we hope to see them there.

After a break for winter, which we hope will be less severe than the last, we will visit the Masonic Home in Manchester on 25 March to present a program for the residents of the Home. The facilities there do not allow for a Lodge meeting as such, and we expect more women residents to attend than men, so the program will be suitable for both. Thanks to Brother Ed Lewis for suggesting the visit, and thanks to Cheryl Estes at the Home for making the arrangements. We note that 2004 also marks the 100th Anniversary of the foundation of the New Hampshire Masonic Home.

Finally, we will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Anniversary Lodge with a semi-public supper on 5 June. The actual date of our Charter is 20 May 1964, but the crush of statewide Masonic meetings in May makes an early June date better for those with busy Masonic calendars. The supper will be held in a suitable location in the central part of the State, for the convenience of those traveling to it, and I am happy to announce that I have arranged for Brother Mark Tabbert, Curator of Masonic and Fraternal Collections at the Scottish Rite National Heritage Museum in Lexington, MA, to be the featured speaker. Details will follow as they become available, but please reserve the date now. I also expect to have the first volume of proceedings we have published since 1978 available at the supper.

A minor administrative note: It appears that our Associate Members have not been receiving the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire magazine, *The New Hampshire Freemason*, which is published twice a year. If you would like to receive it, please contact me and I will make arrangements.

And as always, thanks to my wife Mary for her help with the newsletter and web page, her providing of refreshments for the installation and for her support this year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber

Dennis Sheridan: Grand High Priest

Anniversary Lodge member Dennis A Sheridan, of Littleton, NH, was installed as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire at the Annual Convocation on 10 May 2003 in Manchester.

Brother Sheridan was born on 22 January 1957 in Lancaster, NH, raised in Jefferson, NH and attended high school at the White Mountain Regional High School in Whitefield, NH. He began full time employment at FCI

Corporation, formerly the Burndy Corporation, a manufacturer of electrical connectors, in July of 1979. He is presently employed there in the Small Terminals area.

He is married to the former Dorothea O. Lewis and is the proud father of a son, Patrick Allan and a daughter Amanda Olga. The family resides in Littleton.



(Photo: Herbert Hutchinson)

Brother Sheridan is a mainstay of the Craft in Northern New Hampshire, and indeed the State as a whole. He was made a Mason in White Mountain Lodge No. 86 in Whitefield, in 1980, where he served as Master in 1984-85 and 1993. White Mountain Lodge merged with North Star Lodge No. 8, Lancaster, in 2000. He is a dual member of Burns Lodge No. 66 in Littleton, where he has served as Junior Warden and is currently Secretary. He has also been Secretary and Custodian of the Littleton Masonic Temple Building Association since 1992. He affiliated with Anniversary Lodge of Research in 1989.

In the Fifth Masonic District, he served as President of the District Association in 1889-1990, District Deputy Grand Lecturer in 1988 and District Deputy Grand Master in 1989-1990. He has received the Major-General John Sullivan Distinguished Service Award twice, in 1989 and in 1999.

He joined the Scottish Rite in 1985 and has served as Thrice Potent Master, North Star Lodge of Perfection, in 1991-1992, Sovereign Prince, Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem, in 1997-1998, and Most Wise Master, Littleton Chapter of Rose Croix, in 1989-1990. He is currently Secretary of the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton. He is also a member of New Hampshire Consistory and has been recognized with the 33rd Degree in 1995 and by appointment as Deputy's Representative for Valley of Lancaster-Littleton in 2001.

In the York Rite, he is a Past High Priest of North Star Chapter No. 16, Lancaster, a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Evening Star Council No. 13, Colebrook and a Past Commander of North Star-Saint Gerard Commandery No.

4, Littleton, and continues to be active in his local York Rite Bodies. He has served as Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, and as Inspector General and Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. He received the award of Knight Commander of the Temple in 2001.

In the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, he was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal in 2001 and was elected Grand King in 2002.

He is a member and active participant in nearly all of the invitational and honorary bodies in New Hampshire: the Royal Order of Scotland; the New Hampshire Society of Veteran Freemasons; Palestine Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, where he is presently Inner Guard; Scenic Council, Knight Masons, where he was elected and installed as Excellent Chief in 2002; and Profile York Rite College No. 100, where he is presently Preceptor. He received the Order of the Purple Cross in 2002.

He is also a member of Bektash Temple and served as President of White Mountain Shrine Club in 1996-1997. He has been appointed Grand Representative to a number of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters and Grand Commanderies.

As Grand High Priest for 2003-2004, Brother Sheridan is taking positive action towards the survival and revitalization of Capitular Masonry in New Hampshire. For example, in order to ensure the availability of proficient degree teams, he has divided the State into four Districts, each with a Grand Lecturer, and will ensure that a team is ready in each District to assist Chapters as needed. He has also arranged for a Chapter of Instruction in each District to provide needed instruction in basic Chapter ritual and procedures.

Congratulations and best wishes!



The Scott Family Needlepoint

(Information courtesy of Brother Richard R. Schanda, Editor, *The New Hampshire Freemason*)

At the Annual Meeting of Anniversary Lodge on 8 July, Brother David Scott, Past Master of Anniversary Lodge (1999), and his wife Nancy donated a unique and irreplaceable piece of needle art to the William Pitt Tavern.

Julia Ann Piece was born on 29 March 1832 in Spencer, Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Thomas Scott Pierce and Marcia Mason. Julia was the ninth generation of the Pierce family in the US. The family had founded the S.S. Pierce Company in 1831 as tea and fruit importers. In later years, S.S. Pierce was a leading new England food service distributor, and included the Stateline Potato Chip Company as a subsidiary.

Julia married Nelson Ryan Scott on 6 May 1851. Nelson was a prominent pharmacist in Worcester, MA. One son, George Scott, followed his father as a pharmacist. George and his wife had four sons, one of

whom was Sidney Mason Scott, one of the owners of the Boston Envelope Company and the Boston Drinking Cup Company. Sidney and his wife had two sons: David Wallace Scott and Richard Mason Scott.



David and Nancy Scott with the needlepoint. (Photo courtesy Richard Schanda)

The picture of George Washington Crossing the Delaware was done in petit point and petit point by Julia for her husband Nelson in 1852. For the layman, this is “fine” and “super fine” needlepoint and involved many hours of precision work. The picture has been passed down through the Scott family from son to son, all of whom have followed the tradition of joining the Masonic fraternity.

David Wallace Scott is a Past Master of Anniversary Lodge, an honorary Past Master and current Treasurer of Cheshire Lodge No. 23, Cornish, NH, a member of Charity Lodge No. 18, Jaffrey, Franklin Lodge No. 6, Lebanon, the Scottish Rite and the Bektash Shriners. He is proud to have this picture hung in the Washington Room at the William Pitt Tavern in Portsmouth.



A close-up of the needlework. (Photo: Mary Furber)

