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Masonic Service Association Appeals For North Carolina, Virginia and California

Hurricane Isabel caused extensive damage in the Mid Atlantic area. The states hardest hit were North Carolina and Virginia. As of the date of this appeal many people are still without power. Several towns were left, literally, under water. There will be a long recovery time from the destruction caused by this hurricane. MSA is putting out an appeal on behalf of the Grand Lodges of North Carolina and Virginia for help in their recovery. Assistance to these two Grand Lodges will be divided 50% North Carolina and 50% Virginia, for undesignated gifts. Designated gifts will be sent in their entirety to the Grand Lodge named.

Wildfires burned a path of devastation across various regions of California. Some areas have suffered total destruction. There is urgent need for support.

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

Masonic Service Association
8120 Fenton Street
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

Thank you very much for your help!



Corrections and Apologies

Brother Sumner Goldman writes, "Thanks for sending the news letter. I have one comment about the article on the Gilmore Family. The Village of Fisherville does still exist as the Village of Penacook. Fisherville was renamed Penacook in 1883 and is still Ward One of Concord, although it has its own school system, the Merrimack Valley School District and not the Concord District."



Reprints of Early Anniversary Lodge Transactions Now Available

Anniversary Lodge of Research has published three volumes of transactions, in 1969, 1972 and 1978. These contain papers by the early members of Anniversary Lodge. The papers include:

"The Flame That Would Not Die: Masonry 1826-1840," by Herbert E. Kimball

"The Table Lodge," by Roger E. Hopkins

"John Sullivan: Patriot and Mason," by Herbert E. Kimball

"A Biography of Captain Hopley Yeaton," by Gerald D. Foss

"George Mitchell, Esq., First Known Master of a Masonic Lodge in the Province of New Hampshire," by Gerald D. Foss

"Lyman Spalding, M.D.," by Rylance A. Lord

among many others that are still of interest today

Through the courtesy of Brother Len Sousa and the Whalley Museum in Portsmouth, who loaned copies, and the efforts of your Editor's Lady with her scanner and software, these three volumes of transactions are now available again.

In keeping with the publications policy of Anniversary Lodge, these are available only to Members of Anniversary Lodge and to the Research Lodges and Masonic libraries with which we exchange publications. They will not be available on the web site. The cost is \$15.00, including postage within the US and Canada, and you may choose either an archival CD with the volumes in PDF format or a printed (laser printer) version in a binder. To order, send a check payable to "Anniversary Lodge of Research" to Mark Furber, and specify the media you would like to receive.



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F. & A. M.
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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.



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: The Cat and The Fiddle Restaurant, Concord, NH.

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. 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.



Meeting in Littleton – 1 December 2003

Anniversary Lodge visited the Fifth Masonic District Association meeting at the Littleton Masonic Temple on Monday 1 December. Approximately 20 people were present, including Anniversary Lodge members Don Crete, Richard Dewing, Forbes Getchell, Andy Hirst, Paul Ladd, David Lamprey, Jerry Sawyer, Dennis Sheridan. A spaghetti supper with mildly spicy sausages, salad and “death by chocolate” ice cream was served by Brother Darrell A. Louis, Senior Warden of Burns Lodge No. 66, Littleton. After supper, Brother James H. Nelson, DDGM of the Fifth Masonic District spoke and then Mark Furber spoke about Anniversary Lodge and gave his presentation “Preston, Webb and Cross: A Short History of our Masonic Ritual.”



Some Brethren at the spaghetti supper in Littleton. (Photo: Mark Furber)



Our Junior Warden – Richard H. Dewing

Brother Richard H. Dewing was elected and installed Junior Warden of Anniversary Lodge of Research on 8 July 2003. In keeping with past practice, here is a short biography of our newest elected officer.

Brother Dewing was born on 7 August 1928 in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. He graduated from Amesbury High School in 1947 and attended Tilton School and the University of Georgia before transferring to the University of New Hampshire. He graduated with a B.A. from UNH in 1953. He has since been recognized by the Tewksbury and the UNH Athletic Halls of Fame.

He married Mary Lundberg in Concord, NH on 13 June 1953. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary a few months ago. They are the parents of two children, a son Jeff and a daughter Janet.

In 1953, he entered the U.S. Air Force, where he served 20 years as a pilot and fully qualified maintenance officer. He earned his Command Pilot wings, having completed the required 15 years of service and 3000 hours

of flying time. His career accumulation of flying time was some 8000 hours. During his service in Viet Nam with the 310th Air Commando Squadron, he flew 1195 sorties, approximately 200 of them in combat, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross as well as a Presidential Unit Citation for flying Marines in and out of landing zones under heavy enemy fire. In Viet Nam he flew primarily C-123 Provider transports. His other awards include the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters. For the last few years of his active duty he flew KC-135s, performing in-flight refueling missions. Retiring from the Air Force in 1973, he and his family settled in Durham, NH.

His interest in the University of New Hampshire has been constant and diverse. He served as: local alumni representative for the Memorial Union Advisory Board, member and secretary of the UNH 100 Club, which provides athletic scholarships at UNH, at the subsequent Wildcat Athletic Council, alumni member of the ROTC Advisory Committee, and advisor and trustee for Acacia Fraternity. He has also worked for many years at all UNH home football games manning the yardage chains.

His contributions to the Town of Durham and the surrounding area include: Chair of the Parks and recreation Committee, Past President and current Board member for the Durham Historical Association, building committee and construction worker for the Jackson’s Landing hockey rink, member of the Lamprey River Advisory Committee, and in setting out flowers and mowing Wagon Hill. He was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by the New Hampshire Municipal Association in 1996 and in 2003 was honored by the Durham Great Bay Rotary Club by being made a Paul Harris Fellow.

He is a member of two colonial re-enactment groups, the 1st Newmarket Militia and the 18th Dover Colonial Militia Company, serving as Lieutenant in charge of artillery. His involvement includes providing cannon salutes welcoming tall ships that come into Portsmouth, firing salutes at the turning around of the USS *Constitution* in Boston, parades in the Seacoast area and participation in grammar school programs that afford the students demonstrations of a number of aspects of life in Colonial America.

Brother Dewing is currently Junior Deacon of Rising Star Lodge No. 47, Newmarket, NH, Junior Deacon of Major General William Whipple Military Lodge, a 32^o Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Bektash Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S, and President of Portsmouth Chapter No. 386 of the National Sojourners.



Meeting in Portsmouth – 1 November 2003

Anniversary Lodge met with St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, NH on Wednesday 5 November 2003. Members present were: Richard Dewing, Mark Furber, Forbes Getchell, Glen Gordon, Andy Hirst, Cliff Hodgdon, Ed Lewis, Rodney Robinson, Daniel Silverman, and Nelson Ward.

Business at St. John's included the annual meeting of the St. John's Masonic Association and various committee reports. Anniversary Lodge Master Mark Furber gave a short talk on the purposes of Anniversary Lodge and presented the Master of St. John's Lodge, Brother Verne Anderson, with an Anniversary Lodge lapel pin.

After the Lodges were closed, Mark Furber gave a presentation "Preston, Webb and Cross: A Short History of our Masonic Ritual." Included in the presentation were several antique Masonic monitors from the late 18th and early 19th Centuries.



Obituary – Ralph Munn

Anniversary Lodge mourns the passing of Brother Ralph Henry Munn, Jr., on 16 June 2003, and offers its deepest condolences to his widow and family.

Ralph Henry Munn, Jr., 76, of Thetford, Vermont, died June 16 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He was born March 30, 1927, in Concord, N.H., the son of Ralph Henry Sr. and Mabel Vera (Sloan) Munn. He attended schools in Concord and moved to Fairlee in 1938. He graduated from Orford High School in 1945 and from the University of New Hampshire in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Mr. Munn served as an officer in the U.S. Army, with three years of active duty and ten years on reserve duty. He retired at the rank of captain. He worked for the General Electric Company Jet Engine Division in Cincinnati, Ohio for nine years and later in the General Purpose Control Division in Bloomington, Illinois, for 22 years. He moved to Thetford in 1985, and worked at the Scientific Stockroom of Dartmouth Medical School for eight years.

He was a 55-year member of Mount Cube Lodge No. 10 in Orford, where he had served as Master. He had received the Major General John L. Sullivan award for outstanding service in 2002. He was also a member of a number of Masonic, civic and church organizations in Illinois, where he served on many committees. He joined the Thetford Baptist Church in 2002.

He married Jean Farrar on March 30, 1951, in Clemson, S.C. They had four children.

Survivors include his wife; a son, David B. Munn of Wilnot, NH; three daughters, Cheryl Munn of Andrews Airforce Base, MD, Debra Munn Bier of Belleville, IL, and Barbara Munn of Bristol, NH; a stepsister Irene Gully of Lebanon, NH; and eight grandchildren.

Anniversary Lodge Publications Policy

Brother Mark E. Furber, Editor

Anniversary Lodge is approaching a point where we will have two publications, *The Quarterly Newsletter* and *The Transactions*, or volume of research papers. It is appropriate to describe the differences between the two and discuss the costs associated with them.

The Quarterly Newsletter will continue to contain the variety of short items and notices that you are used to seeing, as well as short papers when space permits. It will be limited to a maximum of 8 pages (4 sheets of paper) to stay with a one-ounce mailing. The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter is approximately \$3.40 per member per year. The newsletter will continue to be available on the web site, which means that anyone can receive it electronically. It will also be distributed somewhat freely in hopes that it is a good recruiting tool for Anniversary Lodge. For example, your Editor is leaving copies of the newsletter and petitions for affiliation with any NH Lodge that he happens to attend. We may be able to move towards having more people who receive it electronically, with a corresponding savings in printing and postage.

The Transactions will be issued once a year or less often, depending on the number of papers we receive. The intent is to have the first volume since 1978 ready for our 40th Anniversary celebration in June 2004, and the next would follow in 2005 or 2006. *The Transactions* will be a bound softcover volume, similar in nature to those produced by a number of research lodges, and will contain items of more permanent interest than the newsletter. The content will consist primarily of papers written by our members, with some other material such as a yearly summary of the Lodge's activities. *The Transactions* will generally not duplicate material in the newsletter, but there may be overlap. For example, the regular newsletter sections "News of Anniversary Lodge Members," "Research Lodge News" and "Book Reviews" would not be included in the transactions, but some of the short biographies that have appeared in the newsletter, such as the one on Charles Gilman from the Second Quarter 2002 issue, might be included. The goal is to have papers that are of archival quality and original to Anniversary Lodge.

Due to the cost of color printing, we will continue with black and white illustrations, unless there is a compelling need for color – perhaps in a paper on Masonic artwork, for example. We have quotes in hand for printing and mailing the transactions that are on the order of \$3.50 per member per issue, so the cost is expected to be a maximum of \$3.50 per member per year, if we are indeed able to publish transactions annually. *The Transactions* will be available only to Members of Anniversary Lodge and to the research lodges and Masonic libraries with which we have relationships.

Note that with our new dues structure of \$10.00 per member per year, we will be spending approximately \$6.90 per member per year on publications, which is the only significant expense that Anniversary Lodge has at this time.

New Members

As of mid-December, we welcome one new member: Brother Daniel Silverman is currently Junior Deacon of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth. He was raised in October 2002 and is married to Zara. Both he and his Lady are avid runners and have organized a Masonic road race team called "The Tortoise and the Square." He is also one of the organizers of the planned "Out of Hibernation 5K" race to be sponsored by the First Masonic District in NH and scheduled for 24 April 2004. He maintains a web site about his Masonic experiences at

<http://www.whatismasonry.com>



A Mason's Winter Prayer

Great Architect of the Universe, we are grateful for Your many blessings and the many ways in which You manifest Yourself in our lives! By the whiteness of the snow, we are reminded of purity of thought and deed. By the individual flakes, we are reminded that it is by teamwork that great things are accomplished. Even the power of Niagara Falls is nothing more than many drips working together. By the volume of snow and ice on our sidewalks, we are reminded that it is only by hard work that we will remain on our feet. By the shimmering icicle, we are reminded of the Tyler's sword. By the cold, we are reminded that not everyone is gifted with these great blessings and we feel nothing but sorrow for those who live in warm climates. So mote it be.

Author unknown. Courtesy of Brother Kevan van Herd, St. George's Lodge, Kelowna, British Columbia



News of Anniversary Lodge Members

Congratulations to Brother Stewart Aronson, who received the Jeremy Ladd Cross Medal at the Grand Lodge session in November. The Cross Medal is the highest award given by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and is given only to those who have made outstanding contributions to the Craft.

Congratulations to Brother Nelson Hersey, Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56, Portsmouth, and one of the mainstays of Portsmouth Masonry, who received the Major General John Sullivan Medal in Silver at the recent St. Andrew's Veterans' Night. Brother Nelson is also a great fisherman, and recently complained to your Editor about the lack of ice this year. He does not see much hope for a good ice fishing season.

We have heard from Brother Ed Yeaton in Escondido, CA. His area had been hit hard by the wildfires in October,

with some 1500 houses destroyed, but he has been spared and he and his wife are well. He reports that the fires were close enough to his house to be seen, but were thankfully stopped.

Brother Mark Furber has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the James E. Whalley Masonic Museum and Library in Portsmouth.

Anniversary Lodge members serving as officers for Major General William Whipple Military Lodge this year are:

Worshipful Master	Carroll M. Brown
Secretary/Treasurer	Donald M. Sumner
Junior Deacon	Richard H. Dewing
Chaplain	Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.
Marshal	David J. Lamprey, Sr.
Historian	Harold E. Fernald, Jr.

The Grand Commandery of New Hampshire held its 157th Annual Conclave on 4 December 2003 in Portsmouth. Anniversary Lodge members serving as Grand Commandery Officers for 2003-2004 are:

Deputy Grand Commander	William F. Curtis
Grand Junior Warden	Dennis A. Sheridan
Grand Organist	Rodney A. Robinson

We also congratulate the Junior Past Grand Commander, Anniversary Lodge member Thomas Tsirimokos, on his term in office.



The Perfect Lodge

Brother S. K. Baril, Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire, CT

I think that I shall never see
A lodge that's all it ought to be;
A lodge whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way.

A lodge that has no empty chairs
Whose Master shows he really cares;
A lodge where attitudes are never bleak,
Where none are proud and all are meek.

Where members never peddle lies
Or make complaints or criticize;
Where all are always fair and kind
And to all others faults are blind.

Such perfect lodges there may be
But none of them are known to me;
Yet still I'll work and pray and plan
To make MY LODGE, the best I can



Camp Redding, Connecticut

A Report from Brother Brice Kominz, Olive Branch Lodge No. 16, Plymouth, NH

Captain,

I wish to report on my solo engagement at Camp Redding, CT.

The American sent the following dispatch (intercepted by us):

Greetings all, I wish you all the joy of the day. The time is fast approaching for the 225th Anniversary of the Northern Army encampment at Camp Reading, Redding, CT. The camp grounds are now a part of Putnam Memorial State Park. We encourage you to join with us in remarking this event on the Weekend of Oct. 24-25-26th, 2003.

A brief history tells us that Gen. Washington established a Winter Camp at Redding, CT, along with other sites, in a ring about New York Town, during the winter of 1778-79. The purpose, of course, was to keep an eye on the British Force in New York. Putnam Memorial State Park was the site of the New Hampshire, and Canadian Regiments Camps.

Anniversary festivities will include a full Military encampment, with the usual camp amenities, a 'March-In' parade to the Camp, opening ceremonies and Wreath laying, camp demonstrations and military tacticals. The Camp will be open to the Publick, both Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, this event also marks the Anniversary of American Union Military Lodge #1, that was meeting there during the Winter Camp. All Masons are encouraged to join in the marking of this Anniversary.

I explained that our ship was in New York Harbor and I was on a small boat with our crew scouting. I was separated and thus was at this encampment. Fortunately, being a Freemason, with the honor and custom of Fraternal "Free Passage", I enjoyed a Masonic Table Lodge with both the British and Rebel American Brethren on Friday Night (at the nearby Lodge in Bethel).

The night was cold - frozen canteen in the morning. The fire of a nearby Loyalist was a welcome sight. A local man with two sons signed on to the Royal cause, along with his distaff (Wife & daughters) prepared a hearty meal. Two British Foot units, some Loyalist Militia and myself joined the Continentals for the 21st Century Parade & Dedication Ceremonies. (Camp Redding is known as "Connecticut's Valley Forge", as they had a horrendous winter and were unable to be re-supplied from Danbury, in spite of its relative closeness). An afternoon battle/skirmish took place along the road that circles the encampment (note that we camped in the actual location of the real Camp - stones still remain from the chimneys of the houses - there were about 1500 troops stationed here). Our small Royal force, being outnumbered, was repulsed

and eventually defeated - I was but cannon fodder and was the first to fall (real blood too - I cut my finger).

One of the nicest things I have noticed about Revolutionary War reenactments, as opposed to Civil War reenactments, is the appreciation shown for the participants. In Rev. War, I have never paid a fee for the event, and often the local establishment provides some meal/refreshment, as the State Park/Museum did for us Saturday night, and also gave each Reenactor a commemorative medallion - very kind indeed!

Saturday Night was occupied by Masonic Activities. Once again, under a flag of truce, Brothers of Royal and (dis-Loyal) rebel American joined together for the good of the Fraternity. Again at the Lodge in Bethel, CT, an Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified on two Candidates. The Grand Master of Connecticut, Chip Stamm, presided in the East, and I (Bruce Kominz, Wor. Master of Olive Branch Lodge #16, Plymouth, NH) sat in the South. We were represented by Lodges throughout "New England". It was a Special Lodge under Masonic Dispensation, of American Union Military Lodge #1, which did actually meet in the Camp in 1778! We looked good (see photo). Later that evening, six of us Masons were initiated into the Order of the Beaver, being both Master Masons and Reenactors of period prior to 1840. A good, fun degree.

In the wee hours of the morning, I received special dispatch to depart and rejoin our ship in N.Y. harbor (I packed up my car and drove home to N.H.). I observed the unusual rebel custom of "setting back the clocks one hour", but was still plenty tired on my carriage ride.

This was a good, fun and relaxing outing (except for the below freezing weather). And, as a Freemason (the Largest and Oldest Charitable Fraternal Order in the World (a slight "commercial message...")), a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow Masonic Reenactors and join in some historic events. We may have our detractors, but we are a good group of men with their hearts in the right places.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce H. Kominz, 1st Lieutenant, HM Frigate *Richmond*



Grand Lodge of New Hampshire Web Site

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire now has an official web site at

<http://www.nhgrandlodge.org>

which may be of interest.





March-In of the Reenactors



Firebacks (stones from huts) in Putnam Memorial State Park



Masonic Degree Team (Lieutenant Kominz, 2nd from left, Grand Master Stamm, center with gavel) in Bethel, CT



Royal Navy Lieutenant Kominz at Camp. Note the tent in the background.

Note: Photos courtesy of Bruce Kominz



Warning Labels Gone Mad

Seen on a can of MIXED NUTS that your Editor and his Lady received for Christmas: “Allergy Information: Manufactured on equipment that also processes peanuts and other tree nuts. May contain peanuts and other tree nuts.”

We suggest that the “may contain” be changed to “does contain.”



Revolutionary War Naval Officers in Masonic Temple, Bethel, CT

From the East

The two meetings this fall, with St. John's in Portsmouth and with the Fifth Masonic District in Littleton, both went well. A sincere thank you to our hosts and to the members who attended.

In the spring, we have two meetings: at the Masonic Home in March and then our 40th Anniversary dinner at the Cat and Fiddle in Concord on 5 June. Details will follow in the next newsletter. I hope to see you there.

In the last newsletter, I noted 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. This is due to the construction of the database used to mail the magazine. A few have contacted me and asked for the magazine, but if you would like to receive it and have not contacted me, please do so and I will make arrangements.

I would also ask for your help identifying any widows of deceased Anniversary Lodge members that you may know, so we can have an up-to-date mailing list and maintain contact with them. Although the widows may be well cared for by their local Lodges, an occasional card or friendly inquiry from us might not be amiss.

A note on the dues bill and card you have probably just received. For a few years, Anniversary Lodge has been sending out dues bills in the spring, and then following the payment with the dues card in a separate mailing. The correct fiscal year for the Lodge is the calendar year, so the change to calendar year dues billing has been made for 2004. We are also saving the cost of the second mailing by including your dues card with your dues bill, and hoping you will send in payment appropriately. If you are unable to pay your dues for reasons of sickness or distress, please let me know and we will certainly not drop you from membership. Our Secretary has identified some members who owe dues and I am in the process of contacting them.

I am collecting e-mail addresses for Lodge members who have them. Although we will continue to communicate the old-fashioned way, some business can be done by e-mail as efficiently as with the telephone. Please send your e-mail address to me at

alor@furber.com

which is an address I have established for Lodge business in an attempt to at least control the influx of "spam."

As always, thanks to my wife Mary for her help with the newsletter, the web page, the republished volumes of transactions and for all of her support this year.

Finally, best wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all of you and your families.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber



Research Lodge News

New York City

The American Lodge of Research met on 29 October in New York City to receive the paper "We See Through a Glass Darkly – The Roman Catholic Church and Masonry" by Brother Richard W. Bateman.

The Lodge also just issued its transactions for 2002 (Volume XXXI). This hardcover volume contains several interesting papers:

"Brother Rob Morris: The New York Connection" by Paul C. Edwards, Worshipful Master 2002

"The Brother Who Was "Raised" Twice" by Paul B. Matthews

"Point Within A Circle" and "Symbolism of the Rose in the Rose Croix Degree" by Stevan Nikolic

"Masonic References in Literature," by Wallace McLeod

"Morgan – The Impact on Masonry" by Richard E. Eades

"Sense and Sensibility: The Evolution of the Master's Word During the 18th Century" by C. Bruce Hunter

The Lodge was warranted in 1931 and is the oldest research lodge in the United States, as well as one of the most consistent in publishing high quality transactions.

Vermont

Vermont Lodge of Research No. 110 was formed in 1999 and is quite active in publishing for a young research lodge. The next meeting of the Lodge of Research is set for 10 February at United Brethren Lodge No. 21 in White River Junction, VT, at 7:30 PM. The Lodge will dine at the restaurant in the old bus station at 6:00. For additional information, you may contact the Editor

Saskatchewan

Solomon Lodge of Research No. 5986 in Saskatoon has a unique program for a research lodge – it sponsors three Awards each year, given at the Annual Communication. The Awards are made to those Lodges that "have made the greatest effort during the year to enhance Masonry in every conceivable manner" (one for Lodges with 40 members or more, and the other for Lodges with 39 members or fewer) and for "the most comprehensive program for youth." 2003 winners are Ionic Lodge No. 31, Eston-Eatonia Lodge No. 134 and Bruce No. 36, respectively.