



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



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## **Spring Meeting: Quilts At the Masonic Home**

Anniversary Lodge of Research will visit the New Hampshire Masonic Home on Thursday, 25 March 2004, 6:30 PM, to provide a program for the residents of the Home.

The program "New Hampshire Quilts" will be presented by Mrs. Julie Crossland, chair of the N.H. Quilt Documentation Project. She will discuss quilt history and show a number of interesting quilts from our state's past.

The N.H. Quilt Documentation Project has undertaken a survey of all quilts in the state, and to date, more than 550 quilts made before the quilt revival of the 1976 U.S. Bicentennial have been documented. Planned outcomes include a book about N.H. quilts and their makers, and an exhibit or series of exhibits of significant N.H. quilts. Documentation Days are planned for many areas of the state in the months to come. These events allow people with quilts to have them examined, appraised, photographed and entered into the quilt database. The Project has a web site at

<http://www.nhquilt.doc.org>

The Masonic Home is located at 813 Beech Street, Manchester, NH, and the telephone number there is 603-669-7361. Given the nature of the talk, Anniversary Lodge members may bring their Ladies, but due to the very limited space at the Home, please contact Mark Furber in advance if you wish to attend. We expect to have to limit attendance.



## **General Assembly of Royal Arch Masons 20 March in Manchester**

A General Assembly of interested Royal Arch Masons will be holden at the Masonic Temple in Manchester, NH on March 20, 2004 at 2:00 PM. The purpose is to discuss the future of our beloved Chapter and proposals which will be voted on at the Grand Chapter Business Meeting at the Masonic Temple in Pembroke (Suncook) on April 30, 2004 at 7:30 PM.

The General Assembly will be an informal event, so come casually dressed for comfort and bring your thinking caps. We have several proposals for change to discuss and would like to iron out as much in this atmosphere where we can sit down man to man and answer questions. You have noticed some different things during the last year coming from Grand Chapter and hopefully they have moved us in an improved direction. Candidates are coming forward in good numbers, but good ritual teams are needed in some areas to do the Work, and their establishment will aid the Chapters that need help.

If you received this notice, it is your responsibility to share this information with the members of your Chapter. Please come forward and join with us, regardless of your length of service. We want New Companions as well as Old to aid us. All are invited to attend and give us your comments, concerns or opinions.

Topics for the General Assembly:

- Our options for the future.
- Formation of three solid working Districts, each District to be responsible for one degree, alternating yearly at a specific date, in rotation of degrees and location.
- Each District having working reunions of excellent caliber ritual work.
- District Degree Teams.
- Removal of Visitation restrictions for weak Chapters.
- Keeping Grand Chapter as a shining example of ritual presentation.
- Finding new ways to reward those deserving few who continue to serve.
- The best ways for our Grand Line Officers to serve us.

Fraternally,

Dennis A. Sheridan  
Grand High Priest



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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 on the NH Quilt Documentation Project for residents of the Masonic Home. No formal supper arrangements.

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

Place: The Cat 'N 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, and there is no affiliation fee. 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.



## We Welcome Three New Members

Brother Edgar Anderson is a Past Master (1984) of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, and has served that Lodge as Treasurer for many years. He is a Past Commander-in-Chief of New Hampshire Consistory and has been honored with the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree. He is a Director of the James E. Whalley Masonic Museum and Library in Portsmouth, where he can be found working on Wednesday mornings, is retired from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and resides in Portsmouth.

Brother Ed Halpaus is Grand Lodge Education Officer in the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and maintains an excellent collection of educational materials on the Grand Lodge of Minnesota web site. Of particular interest is the series of "Three-Five-Seven" Minute talks that can be used in Lodge. He also writes "Masonic Matters," a monthly Masonic Education and Information e-publication. He was elected to membership in The Masonic Brotherhood of The Blue Forget-Me-Not in 2003 and is also a recipient of The Duane E. Anderson Award for Excellence in Masonic Education. His material can be found on the Grand Lodge of Minnesota web site

<http://www.mn-masons.org/gleo>

Brother Robert Harrell is a friend of Brother Ed Yeaton of St. John's Lodge No. 1, who joined us last year. Brother Harrell is a resident of Escondido, CA and a Past Master of Consuelo Lodge No. 325 and North County Daylight Lodge No. 843, both in Escondido. He is currently the officer's coach for his daylight lodge and, before he retired, was a commercial airline pilot. He was raised in Darcy Lodge No. 37 in Flemington, New Jersey, in 1967 and is a member of the York Rite. He has New Hampshire roots in that his mother's family is from West Epping and New England roots in that his parents are from the Boston area.



## Thought of the Day

"There is a rank due to the United States, among nations, which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity; it must be known that we are at all times ready for war."

-- Brother and President George Washington,  
Fifth Annual Address to Congress (today  
known as the State of the Union address),  
3 December 1793, Philadelphia



## News of Anniversary Lodge Members

Brother David J. Lamprey, Sr., has been selected to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree at the Scottish Rite Supreme Council session in 2004. Brother Lamprey is our current Senior Grand Warden and has worked long and hard for the benefit of the Craft in New Hampshire. Congratulations!

Brother Robert Bianchi is serving as Chairman of the Bektash Shrine Circus, which will be held 8-10 April at the J.F.K. Coliseum in Manchester. Brother Bianchi has worked hard with the circus for a number of years and is deserving of our congratulations for his efforts.

Brother Erville H. Smith is serving as Secretary of Blazing Star Lodge No. 11, Concord.

Brother Gerald McHugh is serving as Secretary of Harmony Lodge No. 38, Hillsborough.



## 10 Reasons to Become a Mason

Courtesy: First Masonic District of Ohio Officers Association.

1. Masonry is a place to spend time with good men who will make you want to become a better man.
2. Masonry is a place where moral virtue is taught and respected as the cornerstone of life.
3. Masonry is a place where the spiritual growth of every member can rise to its fullest potential.
4. Masonry is a place to become better prepared for service to your family, your church and your community.
5. Masonry is a place where you can be part of a great fraternity that believes in Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.
6. Masonry is a place where you can support others and give them encouragement as well as receive it yourself.
7. Masonry is a place where outstanding individuals from every walk of life will greet you and call you "Brother."
8. Masonry is a place to meet community leaders and take an active part in community activities.
9. Masonry is a place where you will find unlimited opportunity to acquire leadership experience, self-development and personal growth.
10. Masonry is a place where you can be sure every man is a true and trustworthy friend.



## **Masonic Service Association Operation Phone Home**

February 24, 2004 - NEWS RELEASE

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### **OPERATION PHONE HOME**

Operation Phone Home is a campaign designed with the goal of providing prepaid international phone calling cards to as many military men and women serving overseas as can be reached. It will be an ongoing effort as long as American Military Personnel serve overseas, particularly in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Balkans.

The Masonic Service Association, on behalf of the Masonic fraternity, has entered into an agreement with the USO to participate in this program. MSA has met all of the requirements necessary to have a web site presence and a link to the USO web page and to have a Masonic Logo on the phone card. The card will include the logo of the USO, the participating phone company (AT&T), and the American Flag. On the left side of the card will appear the Square and Compasses and the words "Compliments of America's Freemasons."

Anyone wishing to participate in this program may send a donation marked Operation Phone Home to

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

Or go to <http://www.freemasonry.org> and follow the links to donate by credit card.

All of the monies received will go to this program and an accounting will be made by MSA at the end of each calendar year.

Thank you very much for your help!



### **From the East**

We have two meetings this spring. On 25 March, we will provide a program for the residents of the Masonic Home in Manchester. Since the majority of the residents are women and we want to present a program of interest to them, my wife has arranged for the leader of the New Hampshire Quilt Documentation Project to speak on historic quilts. My hope is that the program will work out well and perhaps we in Anniversary Lodge can provide the Masonic Home residents a program on occasion. They are already on the mailing list for our publications. Unfortunately, due to severe space limitations in the Home's recreation room, I have been asked to keep the number attending from Anniversary Lodge to a minimum.

On Saturday 5 June, we will celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a dinner at the Cat 'N Fiddle restaurant

in Concord. Our Grand Master will be in attendance and our keynote speaker will be Brother Mark Tabbert from the Scottish Rite Museum in Lexington, MA. He will speak about the Craft in 18<sup>th</sup> Century America and the reasons that so many of our leaders at that time, such as Paul Revere, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, became Masons. The menu includes the usual Masonic fare – prime rib – as well as chicken and fish alternatives, and the price includes a social hour, a commemorative item and door prizes. The reservation form for the dinner is included in this mailing, and is available on our web site. I hope to see you there.

Dues continue to be collected, and I am in the process of contacting members who owe dues before they are eligible for suspension. If you have a situation that makes paying dues a hardship, please contact me in confidence. We do not want to lose our unemployed, elderly or infirm members.

Progress on our first volume of papers since 1978 continues. I continue to collect e-mail addresses for Lodge members who have them. Please send your e-mail address to me at

[alor@furber.com](mailto:alor@furber.com)

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

I note that the Far East Chinese restaurant on Lafayette Road in Portsmouth has changed hands, or at least changed its name and sign. Since that has been the site of the dinner before our July meeting for the last few years, my wife and I intend to check it out before plans are made for this July.

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.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber



### **The Prestonian Lecture for 2004**

For most purposes, William Preston (born in Edinburgh in 1742, died in London in 1818) is the father of the ritual used in the English-speaking Craft. In his will, he left £200, a considerable amount of money at the time, to support an annual lecture on Freemasonry in England. The Prestonian Lecturer is still appointed by the United Grand Lodge of England, and the 2004 Lecturer, W.Bro. A. T. Stewart, will speak on "English Speculative Freemasonry: Origins, Themes and Developments" at Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076 (London), Tudor Lodge, No. 1792 (Warwickshire), and Lodge of Light, No. 7218 (Sussex).



## The Lesser Lights

Brother Gordon C. Mallitt, PDGDC, Prince Albert Lodge No.248, United Grand Lodge of Queensland

On the night of my initiation some sixty years ago I became confused. I was confused about those Three Lesser Lights. And I have been confused ever since. And only a couple of months ago I sheepishly confessed this to another brother from this lodge, who confessed that he also, was confused.

You see, when a candidate enters our lodge for the first time, the first things drawn to his attention are the VOSL, the Square and the Compasses. They are explained to him under the name of the Three Great Lights in Freemasonry. But he doesn't see them as Lights, anyone can see they are not lights in the usual sense of the word. So he immediately learns that we talk symbolically, and things may not always be what they seem. But, one thing is for sure-in a Masonic lodge, lights ain't lights!

Very soon he is told about the Three Lesser Lights and that they represent the Sun, the Moon and the W.M. But very rarely does the instructor make sure that the candidate is left in no doubt as to exactly what objects the name 'lesser lights' applies to. But he now knows that Great Lights aren't really lights so why would he think that the Lesser Lights would be any different?

So I looked up the history of lights in lodges and here, briefly, is what I found:

The Guinness Book of Records tells us that Mary's Chapel in Edinburgh is the oldest Masonic lodge still in existence- its records dating back to July 31st. 1599. In all the ritual evidence that survives the next one hundred years there were only three lights- not three great lights and three lesser lights as we now have.

In the Edinburgh group of texts, 1696-1714, all have three lights denoting the Master, Warden and Fellow Craft, but in a manuscript -The Sloane Manuscript - dated about 1700, a new meaning is given, the sun, the master and the square. Then there is a group of three texts of about 1725 which all give a set of twelve lights, as follows - Father, Son, Holy Ghost, Sun, Moon, Master Mason, Square, Rule, Plumb Line, Maul and Chisel.

Note also that although the Square is mentioned, the VSL and Compasses are not, and it is clear that "Three Great Lights" in our modern sense of the term had not yet made their appearance as part of the ritual.

From about 1696 to 1730 there were ritual questions about the positions of the lights, and the majority of lodges favoured "East, South and West." When they discussed the purpose of the lights, they generally were to light the men to, at and from work. In answer to the question-"What do the lights represent," the texts of 1730 usually agreed on "The Sun, the Moon and the Master-Mason", and one of the exposures of the time added that "they are three large candles placed on high candlesticks."

So it appears that as late as 1730, when a period of some standardization seems to have begun, only three lights were in general use, and they conform to our present day lesser lights, though they did not bear that title. Our

"Three Great Lights" even in 1730 were still unknown as such. Not until 1760 were the three Great Lights distinguished from the three lesser lights, and in a ritual of the period appear the following questions:

Master. When you was thus brought to the light, what did you see?

Answer. Bible, square and compass.

Mas. What was it they told you they signified?

Ans. Three Great Lights in Masonry.

Mas. Explain them, Brother.

Ans. The Bible to rule and govern our faith; the Square to square our actions, the Compasses to keep us within bounds with all men, particularly with a Brother.

Mas. What were the next things that were shewn to you?

Ans. Three candles which I was told were three lesser lights in Masonry.

Mas. What do they represent?

Ans. The sun, moon and master-mason.

Mas. Why so, brother?

Ans. The sun to rule the day, etc & etc.

So- In short, the Lesser Lights of today were originally the three lights of prior to 1730. It was not until the title "Three Great Lights" came into general use that the term "Lesser Lights" was introduced, presumed to be between 1745 and 1760.

So here endeth the confusion!!

And now, Brethren, my next concern is- why and how did the three columns we know as the Doric, the Ionic and the Corinthian come to be so named? But that's all for now brethren, - I don't want to confuse you any further!!

Authority- Harry Carr., Past Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England and for many years Editor and Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge #2076, London. -and whom I was privileged to meet here in this Masonic Temple in 1978.



## Overheard on the Internet: DVDs or Animal Skins?

"Sorry to pour oil on your waters, but if your real intent is to make sure that the brethren of your Lodge 100 years from now read in your minutes what we got up to then, I believe the only guaranteed way of ensuring that this will happen is to hand write the minutes using Stephens blue-black ink on acid free paper or parchment. No other method of writing, printing or storing, manual or electronic, can guarantee their longevity."

From a discussion about using computers to record Lodge minutes.



## Research Lodge News

### Civil War Lodge of Research, Virginia

In 2000, the small and primitive submarine *Hunley* of the Confederate States Navy was located in Charleston, SC, and raised. Excavations and preservation of the submarine have continued since. This submarine was the first to sink an enemy vessel in combat. In spite of the fact that 23 of her previous 28 crew members had perished in previous sinkings, nine brave men took her back into battle on 17 February 1864 and sank the *USS Housatonic*, but all aboard were lost when the *Hunley* also sank. The commanding officer of the boat was Lieutenant George E. Dixon, a Mason from Mobile Lodge No. 40 in Mobile, Alabama. A watch fob with Masonic markings was found with his body.

On 17 April 2004, the crew of the *Hunley* will be interred with full military honors at Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston, SC. Retired U.S. Navy submarine veterans will act as pallbearers. A funeral procession consisting of many Civil War reenactor units is scheduled, and Masons attending will form a part of that procession – not as reenactors, but as Masons, marching in regalia. McCormick-Mobile Lodge No. 40, of Mobile, Alabama, will conduct a Masonic service for Brother Dixon. Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865, of Virginia, will attend, participate in the funeral procession, and then meet later that day in Charleston.

More information on the *Hunley* is available at

<http://www.hunley.org>

and <http://www.hunleyfuneral.org>

### The Philaethes Society

At the Annual Feast and Assembly of the Philaethes Society in Washington, DC, on 13 February 2004, Brother Pedro Filloy, of Costa Rica, was elected and installed as President of the Society.

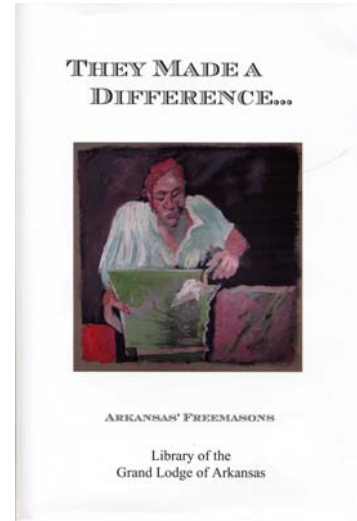
The Keynote Speaker at the Assembly was Brother John L. Cooper III, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons Of the State of California. He spoke about Masonic recognition, and addressed both the history of relations between mainstream and Prince Hall Masonry in California and some current issues regarding French Masonry. The text of his talk is available on the Society's web site

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

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the week of 25 October 2004.



## Book Review



*They Made A Difference* has been published by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge Library. It contains short biographies of fifty-six prominent Arkansas Masons, from early frontier times to the present. The Masons profiled include:

- Albert Pike, lawyer and Scottish Rite leader
- Congressman Wilbur Mills. Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee 1957-1977
- Archibald Yell, killed at the Battle of Buena Vista during the Mexican-American War in 1847
- Charles Thompson, architect of the Arkansas State House
- Francis Scully, physician and author of *History of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the US*, published in 1953 and still in print today
- Harvey Couch, who led the introduction of electricity in Arkansas in the 1910's

The book is a group effort, with Brothers Dick E. Browning, Joseph Clements, Jr., Angelo G. Coppola, Sr., C. James Graham, and Terrell Strickland contributing, and was edited by Mrs. Gayle Browning. For New Hampshire Masons familiar with Brother Gerry Foss's book *Three Centuries of Freemasonry in New Hampshire*, the style and content will be familiar. It is a good example of how a Grand Lodge can document the achievements of its members in a readable and convenient form.

*They Made a Difference* is available from

Grand Lodge of Arkansas Library  
700 Scott Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Published November 2003, Hardbound, 119 pages, ISBN 0-88053-096-0, price \$15.00 plus \$4.00 shipping.

