

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



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Annual Meeting and Installation Thursday, 8 July at the William Pitt Tavern

Anniversary Lodge of Research will meet at the William Pitt Tavern, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, on Thursday 8 July 2004 for the Annual Meeting and Installation. The Lodge will open at 7:00 PM and after the short business meeting we will invite in the guests for the semi-public installation. Dress for the meeting is business attire - coat and tie.

Anyone wishing to join in an informal supper before the meeting should meet at Molly Malone's Restaurant, 177 State Street, Portsmouth, around 5:30. This is an "Irish pub and steakhouse" and has been selected due to the change in management at the Lafayette Road Chinese restaurant that has been used in the past and the fact that it is a very short walk from the Pitt Tavern. We will have a section of the dining room for our use. Please make reservations with Mark Furber by 5 July.

The web site for Molly Malone's is

<http://www.mollymalones.com>

and the telephone number is 603-433-7233.



March Masonic Home Visit

Anniversary Lodge sponsored a program for the residents of the Masonic Home in Manchester on 25 March. The program "New Hampshire Quilts" was presented by Mrs. Julie Crossland, chair of the N.H. Quilt Documentation Project. She provided a slide show on a number of interesting quilts from our state's past and explained the nature of the project. She was assisted by Carol Poitras, whose uncle is a resident at the Home, and Mary Furber. Approximately twenty people attended, with only one empty chair in the meeting room, and the program was enjoyed by both the residents and the two staff members who attended.

The N.H. Quilt Documentation Project has undertaken a survey of all quilts in the state, and to date, more than 750 quilts made before the 1976 U.S. Bicentennial have

been documented. Plans include a book and exhibits about N.H. quilts and their makers. 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>



Residents of the Masonic Home at the presentation (Photo: Mary Furber)



Displaying a quilt: left to right, assistant Carol Poitras and speaker Julie Crossland (Photo: Mark Furber)

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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 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.

Place: William Pitt Tavern, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH

Event: Annual Meeting and Installation (semi-public)
Supper at Molly Malone's, 177 State Street, Portsmouth, at 5:30. Please make reservations with Mark Furber by 5 July.



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.

Important Notice for Officers

If you have an officer's jewel or apron and will not be at the Installation on 8 July, please make sure you send it to our Treasurer

Leonard Sousa
1198 Goffstown Road
Manchester, NH 03102-2359

or to Mark Furber for use at the Installation. Next year's officers deserve their jewels and aprons.



Historical Dates in 2005

2005 will mark the anniversary of two significant events of interest to New Hampshire Masons, and perhaps an Anniversary Lodge member will take it upon himself to provide an article or a program on one of them for our education.

- 100 Years: The Treaty of Portsmouth, negotiated at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard with the delegates who stayed at the Wentworth Hotel, was signed on 5 September 1905. Brother and President Theodore Roosevelt was the man responsible for bringing the negotiations to fruition and he was awarded the 1906 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts. He was the first American to be awarded a Nobel Prize in any field.
- 250 Years: In 1755, the members of St. John's Lodge in Portsmouth first attended worship services to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist. This tradition continues today, and Masons from the Seacoast attend St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, the same church that Masons attended in 1755, although it was named Queen's Chapel then.



New Hampshire Masonic Anniversaries in 2004

In 2004, Carroll Lodge No. 57, in Freedom, NH, celebrates its 150th Anniversary. Carroll Lodge was chartered on 14 June 1854 and has met continuously since then.



News of Anniversary Lodge Members

Congratulations to Associate Member Brother Joseph J. Howard, of Clinton, CT, who was installed as the 158th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in April. Brother Howard is a member of Siloam Lodge No. 32, Old Saybrook, CT, where he served as Master in 1986, and has been very active in the York Rite. His work has been recognized by membership in the York Rite invitational bodies, the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, and the Pierpont Edwards Medal for Distinguished Masonic Service from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, among other honors. In Connecticut, the Grand Master typically serves one one-year term in office. We offer him our best wishes for a successful and enjoyable term.

Brother Lynn Sanderson, of Portsmouth, and his wife have relocated to Webster at Rye, in Rye, NH. We wish them many years of happy and healthy retirement there. If you wish to have his new address, please contact the Editor.

Brother Max Salvas, our Associate Member in Quebec, is serving the Masonic District of St. Francis, Grand Lodge of Quebec, as an Auditor. Your Editor appreciates the district newsletter that he sends from time to time.

Our Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Council of Cryptic Masons both held their annual installations in Manchester on 8 May 2004. Anniversary Lodge members serving in the two Grand Bodies are:

Grand Chapter:

Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.	Grand High Priest
Robert D. Steel	Grand King
Rodney A. Robinson	Assistant Grand Treasurer and Grand Organist
Arnold M. Ashley	Grand Secretary
James E. Ryan	Grand Chaplain
William F. Curtis	Grand Principal Sojourner
Raymond C. Brown	Deputy Grand Lecturer

Grand Council:

Rodney A. Robinson	Assistant Grand Treasurer and Grand Organist
Arnold M. Ashley	Grand Recorder
Dennis A. Sheridan	Grand Captain of the Guard
William F. Curtis	Grand Conductor of the Council

We congratulate Brother Dennis Sheridan on the completion of his year as Grand High Priest. He worked hard to institute a number of reforms in Capitular Masonry in New Hampshire, such as the Chapters of Instruction, that we hope will help reinvigorate that branch of our Craft.

We also congratulate Brother Raymond Brown, of Charlestown, NH, who was awarded an Aide-de-Camp Certificate by outgoing Grand High Priest Sheridan for his service as the Grand High Priest's representative to Cheshire-Webb Chapter No. 4 in Claremont, NH.



The Out of Hibernation 5k Road Race

Brother Dan Silverman, a member of St. John's Lodge No. 1 and Anniversary Lodge, was one of the principal organizers of the Out of Hibernation 5k Road Race, held on 24 April 2004 and sponsored by the First Masonic District of NH. He writes:

"The race had 126 people run and over 140 people signed up. (See my site <http://www.whatismasonry.com/> for the race results and race details). This number of runners was very impressive for an inaugural race.

"All 10 lodges of the First Masonic District were involved. Over 50 volunteers showed up.

"We raised about \$4000. This money will be distributed evenly to the 10 lodges and we expect the Grand Lodge to match the contributions made to the lodge's respective charities to total \$8000.

"The weather before the race was cold and rainy. 20 minutes before the race the sun came out and warmed the runners to a perfect 55 degrees. Immediately after the race the winds began to blow and a large tree was even blown down right across the race course. We were very fortunate that NOTHING went wrong during the race.

"Roger Clark and Richard Dewing fired off a cannon to start the race while dressed in colonial garb. It was so loud I'm surprised we didn't shatter any windows in the neighborhood.

"After the race we handed out awards and gave out door prizes (mostly gift certificates and even Red Sox tickets). Andy Hirst competed in the race and received plenty of applause. There were also several other Masons that ran the race including Tom LaBerge, P.M. from St Andrew's."

Editor's Note: Brother Dewing's cannon is fired by a linstock, which is a four or five foot long pole with a slow match at one end. The linstock was stuck in the ground on the side of Miller Avenue in Portsmouth, in front of the Methodist Church, where the race started, and forgotten after the race. On 13 May, over three weeks later, Brother Dewing and I were walking along Miller Avenue, after attending a Royal Arch degree in the Portsmouth Masonic Temple. He was walking to his car, which had been parked in the church parking lot, and I was walking home. Suddenly, he exclaimed "My linstock!" and with obvious relief recovered it from where it had been standing, stuck in the ground since the race and waiting for him to return.

What I Live For

I live for those who love me,
Whose hearts are kind and true;
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit too;
For the human ties that bind me;
For the task by God assigned me;
For the bright hopes left behind me,
And the good that I can do.

I live to learn their story,
Who've suffered for my sake;
To emulate their glory,
And follow in their wake;
Bards, patriots, martyrs, sages,
The noble of all ages,
Whose deeds crown History's pages,
And Time's great volume make.

I live to hold communion
With all that is divine;
To feel there is a union
'Twixt Nature's heart and mine;
To profit by affliction,
Reap truths from fields of fiction,
Grow wiser from conviction,
And fulfill each grand design.

I live to hail that season,
By gifted minds foretold,
When men shall live by reason,
And not alone by gold;
When man to man united,
And every wrong thing righted,
The whole world shall be lighted,
As Eden was of old.

I live for those who love me-
For those that know me true;
For the heaven that smiles above me;
And awaits my spirit too;
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs assistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.

George Linnaeus Banks, 1865, reprinted from *The Washington Gazette*, a Maryland Lodge newsletter, Brother Ray Lunn, editor, 2001, and courtesy of Brother Steven K. Robison, PM, Jackson Lodge No. 146, Seymour, Indiana



We Welcome Three New Members

Brother Craig B. Nelson is a member of St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, in New Milford, CT, where he is currently serving as Secretary, and is a resident of New Preston, CT. He was raised in the former Rising Sun Lodge No. 27, Washington, CT. He is a Past Master and Past District Deputy for Masonic District 2A in Connecticut and is interested in local and Masonic history. He writes that St. Peter's Lodge is doing well this year, with more petitions in the month of April than in the last three years combined.

Brother Robert D. Steel is a resident of Benton, NH and retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer. He is a member of Grafton-Kane Lodge No. 46, North Haverhill, NH, where he was Master in 1998-1999, and Burns Lodge No. 66, Littleton. He is active both in the York Rite, where he is a past presiding officer of his Chapter, Council and Commandery and currently Grand King in the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, and in the Scottish Rite, where he is a past presiding officer of the three bodies in the Valley of Lancaster-Littleton and was honored with the 33° in 1998. He is also a member of several invitational Masonic bodies and research lodges. Brother Bob is married to a Scottish lassie, Catherine, and they have three daughters, one son, and six grandchildren, after almost 42 years of marriage.

Brother Lorne N. Urquhart is a member of Fidelity Lodge No. 199, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and a resident of Fletcher's Lake, Nova Scotia. He is currently serving the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia as Grand Historian and as editor of *The Nova Scotia Freemason*, and has operated a publishing company for twenty-one years. He is married with two grown children.



Let's Change Some Lives!

We are Masons. Proud, independent thinkers, who know the truth in our heart, and act according to our beliefs. Look at what Masonry makes men into. This is a wonderful, great thing. Millions of men's lives have been improved by the Masonic ritual and strong ties of brotherhood. That's what Masonry does better than any other organization except perhaps the Marine Corps. Why aren't we focusing on this? Let's leave all the other social activities up to the social service clubs. We have very hard-core powerful forces of ritual that have life changing effects. Let's change some lives!

Brother Andrew Horn
Santa Monica Palisades Lodge No. 307
California
Overheard on the Internet



Richard Asa Gilbert, Sr. – Grand High Priest for 2004-2005



Anniversary Lodge member Richard Asa Gilbert, Sr., was installed as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire on 8 May 2004. He succeeds another Anniversary Lodge member, Dennis Sheridan, who served in 2003-2004.

Brother Gilbert was born on 22 January 1933 in Lewiston, Maine. He married his wife Marjorie on 14 September 1957 in Dover, NH. They currently reside in Newmarket, NH. They have two children, Richard A. Gilbert, Jr., and Brenda, and three grandchildren, Christina, Danielle and Richard A. Gilbert, III, by Richard Jr. and his wife Rosanne.

He served in the U.S. Army during 1951-1953, with a tour in Korea. He worked as a production supervisor for Macallen/Essex for thirty-six years, and more recently as a utility worker at the University of New Hampshire for twelve years.

In the town of Newmarket, he has served his community as Supervisor of the Checklist for twelve years, and as a Deacon and Chairman of the Trustees of the Newmarket Community Church. He is a Charter Member and past Chaplain of the 1st Newmarket Militia Company, a Revolutionary War reenactment group, and was Commander of Robert G. Durgin Post No. 67 of the American Legion in 1963.

Brother Gilbert was raised in Rising Star Lodge No. 47, Newmarket, where he was Master in 1974-1975 and is currently serving as Chaplain. He is a Past Master of Major General William Whipple Military Lodge and present Chaplain of Anniversary Lodge of Research. He is also a Charter Member of William Pitt Tavern Lodge No. 1789 and an Honorary Member of Triple-8 Travelers Lodge No. 32, Portsmouth, NH, a Constituent Lodge of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

He has served the Craft in New Hampshire as Grand Chaplain, as President of the New Hampshire Society of Veteran Freemasons, and in the First District Masters' and Wardens' Association.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Portsmouth-Dover, where he is a Past Most Wise Master

of New Hampshire Chapter of Rose Croix, and a member of New Hampshire Consistory. He is member of Corinthian-Queen Esther Chapter No. 23, Order of Eastern Star, Kingston, where he served seven terms as Worthy Patron, and also Crescent Chapter No. 45, O.E.S., of Northwood.

In the York Rite in New Hampshire, he has worked long and hard. He is a Past High Priest of both the former Belknap Chapter No. 8 of Dover and Temple Chapter No. 20 of Rochester, and an Honorary Member of Washington Chapter No. 3, Portsmouth. He is a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of the former Orphan Council No. 1 of Dover, and currently Captain of the Guard in Orient Council No. 14 of Rochester. He also served as Most Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of New Hampshire in 2001-2002.

In Chivalric Masonry, he is a Past Commander of the former St. Paul's Commandery No. 4 of Dover and currently Prelate of Palestine Commandery No. 11 of Rochester. He served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire in 1992. He is also a Past President of the Past Commanders' Association of New Hampshire and a Past State Coordinator for the Grand Encampment.

In the York Rite invitational and honorary bodies, he is a member of the Order of High Priesthood and the Order of the Silver Trowel, a Past Excellent Chief of Scenic Council, Knight Masons, a Past Governor of Profile York Rite College No. 100, a Past Prior of New Hampshire Priory No. 58, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, a Past Preceptor of Palestine Tabernacle No. XLI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, and Past Puissant Sovereign of Granite State Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

Anniversary Lodge offers Companion Gilbert our best wishes for an enjoyable and productive term.



From The East

As this newsletter is being put together, the Craft in New Hampshire is mourning the passing of Brother Albert P. Burgess. He was installed as our Most Worshipful Grand Master on 15 May and passed from Labor to Refreshment on 16 May. Anniversary Lodge joins with the rest of the Craft in offering our deepest condolences to his widow Carol and the rest of his family. Brother Burgess was a member of Anniversary Lodge and had worked hard for New Hampshire Masonry in a variety of roles.

Anniversary Lodge member Brother David J. Lamprey, Sr., who was installed last month as Deputy Grand Master, will serve as Acting Grand Master for the remainder of Brother Burgess's term. Anniversary Lodge offers our best wishes and our support to Brother Lamprey as he takes over leadership of the Craft in New Hampshire at this difficult time.

This is the last newsletter that you will receive before the Annual Meeting and Installation on 8 July. The meeting will be at the Pitt Tavern as usual, in the usual

format, but we will meet at Molly Malone's restaurant beforehand. Molly Malone's is located on State Street near the Tavern, opposite Temple Israel. If you need directions, please contact me. Also, if you would like a ride from the Strawberry Banke parking lot, I can arrange to meet you there before 5:30.

We were able to provide two programs for the residents of the Masonic Home. The first was the program on quilts that had been arranged to interest the Ladies residing there. After talking with some of the residents and at the request of the activities director, I went back on 7 May and presented a version of my talk on the history of Masonic ritual. Since the audience included both Masons and non-Masons, the content was slightly different than the one I have given for a Masons-only audience, but it was well received. I hope that Anniversary Lodge can continue to provide programs for the Masonic Home in the future.

On Saturday 5 June, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary with a dinner at the Cat 'N Fiddle restaurant in Concord. A full report on the dinner will appear in the next newsletter. Thank you for attending and supporting that event, and thank you to Brother Mark Tabbert, our speaker. I have received a number of favorable comments on his talk after the meeting, and by e-mail.

Dues continue to be collected, and I am still 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.

I also continue to collect e-mail addresses for Lodge members who have them. Please send your e-mail address to me at alor@furber.com.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve as Master of Anniversary Lodge in 2003-2004. I have worked hard for Anniversary Lodge over the last few years as Editor, and it is gratifying to see that we are capable of presenting good educational programs to Lodges, that we are growing in membership and that the members continue to enjoy one another's company. I hope we will only continue and improve.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our Secretary, Forbes Getchell, our Treasurer, Len Sousa, and the core members for their support during the year. I will not list the core members because I am afraid to leave someone out, but they know who they are and they can be found at all of our events.

And last but certainly not least, 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.

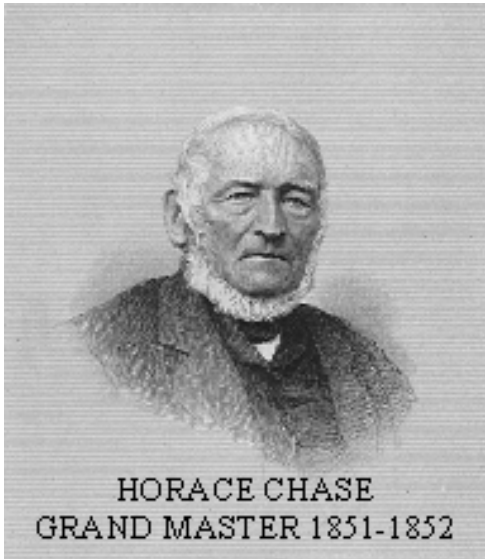
Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber



Horace Chase

Brother Sumner Goldman, P.M. (1989-90) Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, and member, Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175



Horace Chase was born on December 14, 1788 in Unity, New Hampshire. He attended and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1814, and read the law for two years in the Hopkinton law office of Matthew Harvey (1781-1866). Matthew Harvey later became Governor of New Hampshire, a Member of Congress and a Federal Judge, as well as a member of King Solomon's Lodge No. 14 in New London, NH. Horace Chase then moved to Goshen, NH, where he practiced law for three years before moving back to Hopkinton and becoming a law partner with Matthew Harvey. He also served as Postmaster for Hopkinton for 1829 through 1850.

Horace Chase was involved in town and state politics for thirty-two years; from the time he was first Town Clerk in Hopkinton in 1824 until he resigned from the Merrimack County Probate Court in 1856. The following is a chronological list of political offices held:

- Town Clerk: 1824, 1825, 1829-1835
- Town Treasurer: 1826-1835
- Representative to the General Court: 1829
- Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives: 1830-1832
- Moderator of Town Meeting: 1832 and 1837
- Judge of the Probate Court for Merrimack County: October 13, 1839 – July 14, 1856

In 1845, he published *The Probate Directory*, a manual of probate practices and procedures in effect at that time. He was considered a careful and conservative lawyer, thoroughly honest and highly esteemed personally and professionally by his peers throughout the state.

Horace Chase was married three times:

- On December 24, 1818, he married Betsy Blanchard, the daughter of Stephen Blanchard (a Past Grand Lecturer) and Betsy Eastbrook. They had four children. Betsy passed away on June 28, 1843 at the age of 54.
- On June 5, 1844, he married Lucy Blanchard, Betsy's sister. She passed away on December 22, 1848 at the age of 51.
- On November 15, 1849, he married Ruthanna Clark, the widow of Daniel Clark of Manchester. She passed away on February 1, 1905, outliving him by thirty years.

Horace Chase began his Masonic career in Blazing Star Lodge No. 11 in Concord. He took the Entered Apprentice Degree on May 23, 1815, was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on August 15, 1815 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 17, 1815. He then served as Tyler in 1815-1817 and Senior Warden in 1818.

When he moved to Goshen in 1816 to practice law, he demitted from Blazing Star and affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 28 in Newport, NH. There he was elected Worshipful Master on April 6, 1819. There appears to be no evidence that he served that Lodge in any other office prior to his election, but he may have been the most experienced Mason in the Lodge at that time. He was reelected Worshipful Master in 1820. Because of his ritualistic ability, previous to his election as Worshipful Master, he had been appointed Grand Lecturer in 1817-1818. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1820, 1822-1823 and 1829.

Corinthian Lodge No. 28 of Newport had been chartered in 1816 and was one of the twenty-six Lodges in New Hampshire to go dark during the Anti-Masonic agitation. Its charter was forfeited at the Grand Lodge meeting in 1840, when the rolls of the Grand Lodge were purged of those Lodges.

On May 20, 1845, Horace Chase reaffiliated with Blazing Star Lodge in Concord where he became Senior Steward in 1846 and Worshipful Master in 1847. In 1850, he was elected Deputy Grand Master and then served as Grand Master for the years 1851-1852. At the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1854, at the age of sixty-five, he was elected Grand Secretary, a position he held for sixteen years until 1870, when he relinquished it due to declining health.

His time in leadership positions in the Grand Lodge was marked by a number of accomplishments and events, including the Civil War, as well as a period of growth in the Craft after the anti-Masonic period. He oversaw a period of standardization of our ritual, as the Grand Lodge ritual committee worked to adopt the ritual as taught by Jeremy Ladd Cross, and the establishment of much of the constitutional and committee structure that exists in the Grand Lodge today. He also compiled, edited and had published the first two volumes of our *Grand Lodge Proceedings*, covering 1789 to 1841 and 1842 to 1856 respectively. Without those printed volumes, it would be

difficult to learn much about the work of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire in its early years.

In the York Rite, he was a member of Trinity Chapter No. 2 of Hopkinton, and served as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire from 1849 through 1869, or twenty-one consecutive years. He was a member of Horace Chase Council No. 4 of Concord, which was named for him. He was a Knight Templar and most likely a member of Mt. Horeb Commandery, now No. 3 but not numbered in those days, which was originally located in Hopkinton but later relocated to Concord when it was revived in 1859. He served as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire for 1860-1865, 1867-1869 and probably in 1866 as well, although no record of the election for that year exists.

The Scottish Rite in what is now the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction was in a period of disorganization during most of Horace Chase's active Masonic career, and it was far less prominent and popular than it is today. Brother Chase was a Scottish Rite Mason and received the 33rd Degree on 27 November 1866 in recognition of his work for the Craft in New Hampshire.

Brother Chase was honored with two Masonic bodies named for him during his lifetime. On June 12, 1861, a petition for a new Lodge in Fisherville, NH, was approved by the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodges, to be called Horace Chase Lodge No. 72. Horace Chase, as Grand Secretary, gave his approval for the new Lodge to carry his name and the number 72 that was his age in 1861. It was the first and last time in New Hampshire that a Lodge was named after a living person. He was present in the East when that Lodge was constituted by the Grand Lodge and the first officers installed. Horace Chase Lodge continues to work today in Penacook.

Horace Chase Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters, was chartered in June 1862 at the convention that organized the Grand Council of New Hampshire. The charter is dated 24 June 1862 and the petition of nine Concord area Cryptic Masons for the charter was approved on 11 June 1862. Horace Chase was present at that event but was not one of the petitioners. The Council named in his honor continues to work in Concord today.

Horace Chase died on March 1, 1875 in Hopkinton at the age of 86 years. His funeral was held on March 6, 1875 in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hopkinton, and he is buried with his three wives in the Old Village Cemetery in Hopkinton.

Over the years, the gravesite had deteriorated, but due to the efforts of our late Brother Oran Cochran, the area has been cleaned and weeded and the fence around the site has been sanded and painted. With funds from Horace Chase Lodge, the monument has been cleaned and a bronze plaque erected indicating that the gravesite is maintained by the Lodge.

For Further Reading about Horace Chase:

Foss, Gerald D., *Three Centuries of Freemasonry in New Hampshire*, The New Hampshire Publishing Company, Somersworth, NH, 1972, pp. 300-303

Cheney, Harry M., *Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and Scottish Rite in New Hampshire*, Rumford Press, Concord, NH, 1935



Research Lodge News: Australia and New Zealand

The Australian New Zealand Masonic Research Council (ANZMRC) installed a new Vice President in December 2003, Brother Peter Verrall. This is as a result of the retirement of Brother Arthur Hartley of Western Australia, at the age of nearly 98, after serving as a Vice President of ANZMRC for the past three years. We wish Brother Hartley the best for his well-deserved retirement, and note that he may hold a record for longevity in the research lodge community.

Brother Hartley was born in England in 1906 and immigrated to Australia at the age of 20, where he was a teacher until his retirement in 1972. He was initiated in Lodge Menzies No. 870, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, joined several Lodges in Western Australia, and served as Master of United Press Lodge No. 134 and University Lodge No. 154. He is a Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

He is the longest serving member of the Western Australian Lodge of Research, having joined the Lodge soon after its formation in 1951. He served as Master in 1972-1973 and as the Robin Hewitt Memorial Lecturer in 1995. He was selected as a Kellerman Lecturer in 1998, 2000 and 2002. The Kellerman Lecturers are named in honor of the prominent Australian Freemason and educator Harry Kellerman and selection is a very prestigious appointment. The Lecturers present their lectures at the biennial meetings of the Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council, with one Lecturer selected from each of the seven Jurisdictions that are represented on the Council.



New Web Site

Anyone researching Masonry in England will be happy to learn that the Library and Museum of Freemasonry at the United Grand Lodge of England is now on-line at

<http://www.freemasonry.london.museum/resource.htm>

There are some on-line resources currently available, including a searchable database of Lodges chartered between 1717 and 1894, and many more are planned.

