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The 2004-2005 Officers at the Installation on 8 July. Left to right: Len Sousa, Forbes Getchell, Richard Dewing, Cliff Hodgdon, Dale Fadden, Don Crete, David Scott, and Paul Ladd. Missing from the photo are Harry Moore, Ed Lewis, Nelson Hersey and Mark Furber. This picture was taken in the Lodge Room on the third floor of the William Pitt Tavern. (Photo courtesy of Andy Hirst)

Masonic Service Association Appeal for Florida

August 16, 2004

MEMO TO: All Grand Secretaries of North America

SUBJECT: Appeal for Relief: FLORIDA

News reports have certainly confirmed how devastating the damage to people and property was after *Hurricane Charlie* pounded Florida. The devastation is very great and help is desperately needed.

Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brethren and their families in this stricken jurisdiction. 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!

Most sincerely,
RICHARD E. FLETCHER, PGM
Executive Secretary

Fall Meetings: Nashua and Tilton

Anniversery Lodge will visit Rising Sun Lodge No. 39, Nashua, NH, on Wednesday 20 October 2004. There is a free dinner at 6:15 P.M. and Lodge opens at 7:30 P.M. Please make reservations for the dinner with Mark Furber by 17 October. The Nashua Masonic Temple is located at 196 Main Street, Nashua, NH.

Anniversery Lodge will visit Doric Lodge No. 78, Tilton, NH on Monday 8 November 2004. There is a dinner at 6:30 P.M. and Lodge opens at 7:30 P.M. Please make reservations for the dinner with Mark Furber before 5 November. The Tilton Masonic Temple is located on West Main Street.

Directions to the Tilton Masonic Temple: From I-93, take the RT-132 exit toward Northfield/Franklin. Turn left onto Park Street/NH-132. Follow NH-132 approximately 1 mile, then turn left onto West Main St/US-3/Daniel Webster Highway. The Tilton Masonic Temple telephone is 603-286-4722

The agenda for both visits is similar to those of last year. We will have a short talk on Anniversery Lodge followed by a program on the history of Masonic ritual.



**Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175
F. & A. M.
Officers for 2004-2005**

Worshipful Master	Mark E. Furber
Senior Warden	Richard H. Dewing
Junior Warden	Donald M. Crete
Treasurer	Leonard S. Sousa
Secretary	L. Forbes Getchell
Chaplain	Nelson D. Hersey
Senior Deacon	Edward N. Lewis
Junior Deacon	Harry M. Moore, Jr.
Marshal	David W. Scott
Senior Steward	Clifton L. Hodgdon
Junior Steward	Dale R. Fadden
Tyler	Paul J. Ladd

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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.

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Lodge Web Site

Please visit the Anniversary Lodge web site at

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

Partial Calendar for 2004-2005

Date and time: Sunday, 29 August 2004, 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.
Event: Pot Luck Picnic.
Place: Leonard Sousa's house.

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There will be no meetings during December 2004 through February 2005. The Spring schedule will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

Date and time: Friday, July 8, 2005, 7:00 PM.

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

Event: Annual Meeting and Installation (semi-public)
Supper to be announced.



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.

Emblems of the Craft

Brother Rob Morris (1818-1888)

You wear the Square! but have you got
That thing the Square denotes?
Is there within your inmost soul
That principle which should control
Your actions, words and thoughts?
The Square of virtue,--is it there,
Oh, you who wear the Mason's Square?

You wear the Compass! Do you keep
With that circle due
That's circumscribed by law divine
Excluding hatred, envy, sin,--
Including all that's true?
The Moral Compass draws the line,
And lets no evil passion in!

You wear the Trowel! have you got
That mortar, old and pure,
Made on the recipe of God
Divulged within His ancient Word,
Indissoluble, sure?
And do you spread, `twixt man and man,
That precious mixture as you can?

You wear the oriental G!
Ah, Brother, have a care!
He whose All-seeing Eye surveys
Your inmost heart, with open gaze,
Knows well what thoughts are there!
Let no profane, irreverent word
Go up t' insult th' avenging God!

Dear Brother! if you will display
These emblems of our Art,
Let the great morals that they teach
Be deeply graven, each for each,
Upon an honest heart!
Then they will tell, to God and man,
Freemasonry's all perfect plan!



News of Anniversary Lodge Members

In the New Hampshire Chapter of the Masonic Motorcycle Club, Brother Don Crete is serving as President and Brother Ed Lewis as Treasurer.

Brother Dennis Sheridan is serving as Secretary of Burns Lodge No. 66, Littleton.

Brother Lee Fisher and his wife Dot have been representing Dr. and Mrs. Hall Jackson at the North Cemetery in Portsmouth this summer. Hall Jackson was a Revolutionary War-era physician responsible for the introduction of digitalis into America, a Past Master of St. John's Lodge of Portsmouth and Grand Master of New Hampshire Hall during 1790-97. These appearances are

part of a series of programs by historical reenactors entitled "Spirits Past-2004" under the sponsorship of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Cemetery Commission. Now in its second year of operation, the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Cemetery Committee is raising funds and performing maintenance to make four of the City of Portsmouth's historic burial grounds: North, Point of Graves, Union and Pleasant Street, into sites that will highlight Portsmouth's Revolutionary and Victorian era history. We applaud the dedication of Brother and Mrs. Fisher to teaching the public about New Hampshire's history.

Brother Richard E. Melvin is serving as Treasurer for Bektash Temple.

Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire were installed on 15 May 2004 in Manchester. Anniversary Lodge members serving our Grand Lodge in 2004-2005 are:

The Late Albert P. Burgess	Grand Master
David J. Lamprey, Sr.	Deputy Grand Master/ Acting Grand Master
Jeremy J. Sawyer	Grand Treasurer
John C. Marden	Grand Secretary
Harold E. Fernald	Grand Historian
Stewart L. Aronson	Junior Grand Deacon
Andrew F. Hirst	Grand Marshal
Bernard R. "Skins" Watkins	Grand Steward
Sumner Goldman	Grand Sword Bearer

John F. Gordon
District Deputy Grand Master, First District

Mark E. Langis
D.D.G.M., Second District

Robert G. Bianchi
District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Second District

Gerald C. McHugh, Sr.
D.D.G.M., Fourth District

Walter W. Lovell
District Education Officer, Fourth District

Dale R. Fadden
D.D.G.L., Fifth District

Carroll M. Brown
D.D.G.M., Seventh District



Thought of the Day

"Money can help you get medicines, but not health; money can help you get soft pillows, but not sound sleep; money can help you get material comforts, but not eternal bliss; money can help you get ornaments, but not beauty; money will help you get an earphone, but not natural hearing. Attain the supreme wealth: Wisdom; and you will have everything." -- Brother Benjamin Franklin



A New Honorary Member of Anniversary Lodge



Brother Mark A. Tabbert receives his Anniversary Lodge dues card from W.M. Mark Furber at the 40th Anniversary Celebration. (Photo: Rodney A. Robinson)

At the 40th Anniversary Dinner on 5 June 2004, Brother Mark A. Tabbert, Curator of Masonic and Fraternal Collections at the Scottish Rite National Heritage Museum in Lexington, MA, received honorary membership in Anniversary Lodge of Research. For our out-of-state readers, we note that in New Hampshire honorary membership in a Lodge is rare and requires both the unanimous vote of the Lodge and the approval of the Grand Master. Anniversary Lodge has one other honorary member: Brother Stanley Georgy in Western Australia.

Mark Tabbert is the youngest of five children and was born and raised in Iowa. He grew up in Burlington along the Mississippi, and received a B.A. in European History from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA in 1986.

After a few years in the financial exchanges in Chicago, he moved to Pittsburgh, PA to work for the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and to begin graduate work in American history and museum studies at Duquesne University. During his graduate work he had become interested in Freemasonry and American fraternal organizations, and he did an internship at the Museum of Our National Heritage (MONH) in 1995. He received his M.A. in 1996. In 1997, he moved to Saint Louis and became the Exhibition Registrar at the Missouri Historical Society. This move allowed him to travel back to Burlington, Iowa, and to be made a Mason in his hometown, in Malta Lodge #318. He also continued his research in American fraternal organizations and maintained contact with the Museum of Our National Heritage.

In 1999 he accepted the position of Assistant Curator at MONH and moved to Massachusetts. In February 2000 he was promoted to his current position as Curator of Masonic and Fraternal Collections. Since 1999, he has written numerous articles, given several presentations and been curator for three exhibitions on Freemasonry. The most important is the long-term

exhibition "To Build and Sustain: Freemasons in American Community" that opened June 2002. He is currently writing a book based on that exhibition that will be jointly published with New York University Press in late 2004.

Mark is currently Senior Warden of Russell Lodge in Arlington, MA, a 32^o member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Boston and a Royal Arch Mason.



The Origins of Anniversary Lodge

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was organized on 8 July 1789, and the year 1964 marked the 175th Anniversary of our Grand Lodge. The year saw a full schedule of events, including a trip to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Virginia and a service at the Cathedral of the Pines, under the leadership of Grand Master George B. Ward.

A group of sixteen New Hampshire Masons interested in Masonic history, philosophy and literature petitioned the Grand Lodge to charter a research lodge, to be named and numbered in honor of the 175th Anniversary. Their petition stated:

It will be the purpose of this Lodge of Research, if our Petition be granted, to undertake the research of any and all subjects of a Masonic nature which may be of aid and assistance to our Jurisdiction and to prepare formal papers recording the results of such research. It would be our aim to heed the call of any Blue Lodge in our Jurisdiction for help in obtaining the fullest and best information on any problem vital to Masonry in our time. We would undertake to help Lodges prepare studies to make their programs and their discussions of greater meaning and helpfulness. In summary, our aims and objectives would at all time be to serve as a tool of Masonic Education within this Grand Jurisdiction.

Charter Members of Anniversary Lodge of Research

Herbert E. Kimball
Carl A. Buswell
Ralph L. Sloan
Harold O. Cady
Melvin B. Dunbar
Stanley A. Johnson *
Robert H. Danelson *
Thomas W. Hood
Carroll M. Fogg
Roger E. Hopkins
Raymond A. Ellis
Ellis W. Howard *
Carroll H. Ingalls
Leslie F. Murch
Harold C. McAllister
George B. Ward
* Still a member

40th Anniversary (1964-2004) Celebration

Anniversary Lodge celebrated forty years of contributions to Masonic education with a dinner at The Cat 'n Fiddle restaurant in Concord, NH, on Saturday 5 June 2004. Approximately thirty-five members and their ladies attended.

The evening included a social hour and a dinner with entrées of prime rib, baked stuffed chicken and broiled haddock. After brief remarks by Worshipful Master Mark Furber and Acting Grand Master David Lamprey, Mark Tabbert from the Scottish Rite National Heritage Museum in Lexington, MA, gave a talk on “Why Paul Revere and Other Leaders of the Revolution Became Freemasons.” He addressed some of the social and economic reasons that so many men who were to become prominent in 18th Century America, such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere and Prince Hall, joined the Craft early in adulthood. Brother Tabbert was then presented with honorary membership in Anniversary Lodge.



A scene from the dinner. (Photo: Mary Furber)



Acting Grand Master David Lamprey speaking to the guests. (Photo: Mary Furber)



40th Anniversary Coins for Sale

Those attending the 40th Anniversary dinner in Concord received commemorative coins. The coins are pewter and enamel, approximately 1.5 inches in diameter, and show the Lodge logo.



The coins are available from Mark Furber and recipients of this newsletter may buy them at cost, \$3.00 each, plus shipping of \$1.50. You may avoid shipping by picking it up in person from Mark Furber at one of our meetings, but please contact him in advance to make sure he has one for you.



We Welcome Four New Members

Brother Wesley Rowe is a resident of Greenland, NH, and a Past Master (1993) of St. John's Lodge No. 1 in Portsmouth, NH. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Boston, MA, and York Rite Bodies in Boston. He is a retired educator who has taught at the high school and junior college levels.

Brother John Dutchman-Smith resides in Chorley, Lancashire, England. He is a retired Chartered Accountant, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and holds several other positions of achievement in his profession. He and his wife Joyce have two daughters, a son, and three grandchildren. Brother John was raised in Anderton Lodge No. 8470, Province of West Lancashire, England, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1995-96 and is currently Secretary. He is a Founder and current Worshipful Master of Internet Lodge 9659, East Lancashire, England, and was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Deacon in the Province of West Lancashire in May 2003. He is a member of the Royal Arch, the Red Cross of Constantine, the Ancient Accepted Rite, the Knights Templar and the Knights Templar Priests, and is a past presiding officer in many of these. He is also a lifetime supporter of the Bolton Wanderers soccer team.

Brother Richard R. Fadden is a resident of North Haverhill, New Hampshire during warm weather and Florida during the winter. He is currently Marshal of Grafton-Kane Lodge No. 46, North Haverhill, NH. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force after twenty years service

and also retired as an auto mechanic. He is married, the father of two children and has two grandchildren.

Brother Dale R. Fadden is a resident of Woodsville, NH and was raised in January 1997 in Burns Lodge No. 66, Littleton NH, but considers his home lodge to be Grafton-Kane No. 46, North Haverhill NH. He served as Master of Grafton-Kane in 2002-2003, and as District Education Officer of the Fifth Masonic District in 2002-2003. He is currently serving as Treasurer of Grafton-Kane and as District Deputy Grand Lecturer of the Fifth Masonic District. He is married to Terri and has two children, Shane and Karissa and 2 grandchildren, Kera and Shania. He is self-employed and his wife is a Registered Nurse at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville. He writes "My only hobby is Masonry and I just enjoy every day I have."

Brother Dale Fadden is the son of Brother Richard Fadden, and we note that Brother Dale was Master of Grafton-Kane Lodge when his father was raised. A rare event indeed.



From The East

First, let me apologize for being absent from the Annual Meeting on 8 July. That was not my intention, of course. I had to travel "Out West" earlier that week for work, and had intended to fly into Logan around 2:30 that afternoon, which would certainly have given me time to get to Portsmouth for the meeting, and probably for the supper. Unfortunately, things did not work out, I spent 8 July in Denver and did not get home until the next day.

I wish to thank everyone who filled in and made the meeting a success, particularly the always-reliable Andy Hirst, who stepped in as Master for the meeting, and our Installing Master Rodney Robinson.

In recent years, it has been the custom for the Master of Anniversary Lodge to serve a single one year term. Some changes in the line of officers made it more efficient for me to serve one more year, and we have two Wardens who are committed to the future of Anniversary Lodge, so the immediate future looks secure. My hope in appointing the officers is that we will develop a progressive line that will produce the interested and effective leadership we need. I do appreciate the opportunity to continue in office and the confidence shown in me.

On Sunday, 29 August, a small but happy group gathered at Georgia and Len Sousa's house for the annual cookout. Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, etc., were enjoyed by all in spite of intermittent torrential rain. We appreciate the Sousa's hard work and grace in hosting this get-together for us.

This fall we have two conventional visits to Lodges and we will follow a similar format as last year. For the spring, we are working on a Ladies at the Table event at a centrally-located site in the Concord area. My informal e-mail poll earlier this year produced a Ladies at the Table without an invited speaker as the most popular choice. I am also working with the Masonic Home staff to provide

another program for the residents there. The nature of that program is still to be determined, but I hope it is of particular service to the Masons living there, who have difficulty getting out to Lodge.

Goals for this year include:

- Publication of a bound volume of papers and other items of interest to the Lodge.
- A review of our bylaws and the start of the process for any changes that are identified. The particular goal here is to address the questions of encouraging the members of the Lodge to contribute to its publications and the handling of the growing number of out-of-state members.
- Working with the Wardens to ensure that the next few years are secure.

As is always the case in Masonry, these goals can be met only with the participation of the Brethren.

The 40th Anniversary Dinner was a success, and I appreciate all who attended. On the financial side, I note that the total cost of the dinner was approximately \$950 with nearly all of the costs covered by the ticket sales. The Lodge contribution was approximately \$50.

As a personal travel note, I recently had the opportunity to visit Fort Niagara, on Lake Ontario in New York State. That fort, which was established by the French in 1726 and last used by the U.S. Army in 1963, is now a state park. There are two Masonic items of note. In 1768, Brother Richard Rogers, of Roger's Rangers fame and a member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, NH, was imprisoned there on charges of treason related to his attempts to find the Northwest Passage. (There is an interesting story there for an interested member to write about). We note that Brother Rogers received only the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees in St. John's, in 1756, since the Master Mason degree was not worked regularly in St. John's Lodge at that early period (another interesting story for someone to write about). In 1826, William Morgan was reportedly imprisoned overnight in the then-disused powder magazine by Masons who were incensed about his publication of a book exposing our ritual. His disappearance the next day sparked the Anti-Masonic period. A small sign in the powder magazine marks that event. If you are in the area, I would recommend a visit.

And last but certainly not least, thanks to my wife Mary for her help with the newsletter, the web page and for all of her support over the years.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber



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

Anniversary Lodge of Research held its Annual Meeting and Installation at the William Pitt Tavern, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, on Thursday 8 July 2004. Before the meeting, approximately thirty members and guests enjoyed supper at Molly Malone's restaurant on State Street in Portsmouth. The short business meeting included the usual Treasurer's and Secretary's reports and the election of officers. The officers elected and appointed for 2004-2005 are shown elsewhere in the newsletter.

In the absence of the Worshipful Master, who was detained in Denver, Brother Andy Hirst, Past Master of Anniversary Lodge, presided. We were privileged to have as a guest Brother James Dufrense, from The Maine Lodge of Research and Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

After the business meeting, the Officers were installed by:

The Installing Suite

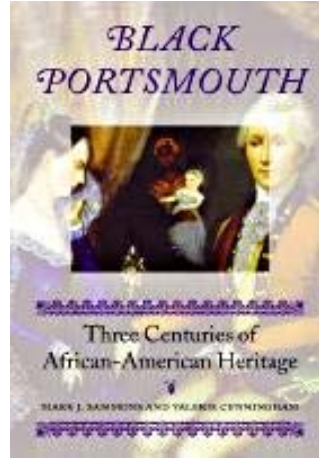
Installing Master	Rodney A. Robinson
Installing Marshal	Andrew F. Hirst
Installing Chaplain	Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.
Installing Secretary	William S. Sawyer
Charge to the Master	Jeremy J. Sawyer
Charge to the Wardens	David J. Lamprey, Sr.
Charge to the Brethren	William S. Sawyer

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a Past Master's apron to the William Pitt Tavern Museum by Mrs. Alma A. Healey. The apron was used by her late husband, Brother Philip H. Healey, Past Master of Anniversary Lodge (1993-1994) and by his father, Brother Benjamin A. Healey, Past Master of Winthrop Lodge in Winthrop, MA (1934-1935).



Brother Andy Hirst displaying the Healey apron and plaque. (Photo courtesy of Paul Ladd)

Book Review: *Black Portsmouth: Three Centuries of African-American Heritage*



This book is a recent work by two Seacoast residents: Mark Sammons, Executive Director of the Wentworth Coolidge Mansion and an experienced museum manager, and Valerie Cunningham, a local historian, the founder of the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail and community activist.

The book traces the story of African-American people in Portsmouth, from the earliest years of slavery through the Revolution, the

Civil War, the World Wars, the Civil Rights movement, until today. Topics include Portsmouth and the slave trade, religious life, economics, home life, education, and social life and institutions. It is written in a somewhat anecdotal style, using the stories of individuals to illustrate larger events.

Your Editor recommends this book to members of Anniversary Lodge for several reasons. It is a well-written, and indeed fascinating, history of an aspect of New Hampshire that most of us know little about. It is a required textbook for anyone seeking a more complete understanding of Portsmouth's past. We learn a little about Masonry among African-Americans in New Hampshire. We read about Brother Richard Potter (c. 1783-1835), a member of African Lodge No. 459, the Mother Lodge of Prince Hall Masonry, and an entertainer who settled in Andover, NH; about The Octagon Club, a Masonic club for Prince Hall Masons in Portsmouth in the 1940's; and about today's Triple-8 Travelers Lodge. In it we also meet a number of New Hampshire Freemasons with whom we are familiar. For example, the cover depicts the family of Benjamin Thompson, a member of St. John's Lodge, including a "favorite slave" Dinah holding Thompson's daughter. The book provides insight into the lives of these famous figures, sometimes in the role of slave owners, and helps round out our understanding of these men.

The reader should be aware that *Black Portsmouth* addresses the difficult topics of slavery and racism in our own communities in depth, and consequently is somewhat disturbing and frustrating to read and understand at times.

We also note that Anniversary Lodge member Lynn Sanderson at the Whalley Masonic Library and Museum in Portsmouth assisted with some of the illustrations used in the book.

Black Portsmouth is published by the University of New Hampshire Press/University Press of New England. 280 pages, 56 illustrations, 7" by 10" paperback. ISBN 1-58465-289-6. Price \$19.95. It is available from local bookstores or on the Internet, at <http://www.upne.com>.

Research Lodge News

Toronto

The Toronto Society for Masonic Study and Research (TSMR) will present a free public lecture on 26 October 2004. The speaker will be Margaret C. Jacob, Professor of History at the University of California at Los Angeles, an expert on the Enlightenment Period in Western History. She will speak on "Freemasonry at its Origins: Freethinkers, Freemasons and Other Radicals and Romantics of the 18th Century." TSMR has a web site at <http://www.tsmr.org/>

Montana

The Grand Lodge of Montana, A.F. & A.M. has granted a charter to Mullan Pass Historic Lodge No. 1862.

This is only this second historic lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Montana. Montana Historic Lodges are unique in many ways. Only life memberships are offered, and members must be a current member of the Grand Lodge of Montana or a jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Montana.

The Purpose of this Historic Lodge shall be to establish and maintain a fund for the preservation and improvement of the Mullan Pass Historic Site, and promote it as a Masonic treasure. The first record of any meeting of Masons in what is now the State of Montana occurred on Mullan Pass on 23 September 1862, when three Master Masons with the first Fisk expedition, then camped on the Mullan road at the summit of the Rockies, went through the ritual of opening and closing a lodge. For over 50 years, the local lodges have commemorated this event with an outdoor, tyled meeting as near that spot on the Continental Divide as is possible to determine.

More information and a petition are available at the Grand Lodge of Montana web site:

<http://www.grandlodgemontana.org>

England

The Prestonian Lectures were established by the will of William Preston in 1818, and remain one of the most prestigious lecture series in the Craft. They are the only lectures held under the authority of the United Grand Lodge of England. The Trustees of the Prestonian Fund have appointed Brother G. W. S. Davie, PSGD, as Prestonian Lecturer for 2005. Brother Davie states that the title of his Lecture will be "Women and Freemasonry."

Massachusetts Prince Hall

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is working with the Massachusetts Historical Society to publish a collection of primary sources documenting the life of Prince Hall, the history of African Lodge #459 and

of Prince Hall Freemasonry from the eighteenth century to the Civil War. Historian Peter Hinks, Ph.D. is gathering these papers for the volume and they will be edited using the most rigorous scholarly standards. Dr. Hinks will also write a lengthy introduction detailing the early history and significance of Prince Hall Masonry.

The book is one component of a multi-faceted enterprise--the Prince Hall History Project--organized by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Boston National Historical Park, the Museum of Afro-American History, the Massachusetts Historical Society, and the National Heritage Museum, Lexington, MA, which will also include a scholarly conference in 2007, an educational program under development by the Museum of Afro-American History, and a possible exhibition of Prince Hall material culture.

Further information about this effort is available from Brother Mark Tabbert at the National Heritage Museum. Financial support for the early stages of the effort is being sought.

Texas

Texas Lodge of Research met in Amarillo on 19 March 2004, as guests of Palo Duro Lodge No. 1239. The 2004 Anson Jones Lecturer, Brother Sean D. Graystone, presented his talk on the early journeys of Albert Pike through Texas and New Mexico in 1831-1832. Brother Graystone was then presented with Full Membership in Texas Lodge of Research and a replica of the apron worn by the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas, which is worn only by Full Members of Texas Lodge of Research.

Brother Pike (1809-1891), who later became the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite (1859-1891) and the developer of the Southern Jurisdiction rituals, was at that time an impoverished young man who left his job as a schoolteacher in Massachusetts to take the ten-year-old Santa Fe Trail in search of prosperity. After a number of adventures, he returned to "civilization" and ended up in Arkansas. Brother Pike was the first writer to use the Southwestern area as a locale and detailed a number of the prominent civil and government personalities of that area, many of whom were somewhat unsavory characters.

Also at the Amarillo meeting, the 2001-2002 James D. Carter Award for Literary Excellence was presented to Brother Gordon Kelso, for his 2002 paper "Lone Star Omitted: The Remarkable Judge Edwin Waller."

Brother Doug Collins, this year's Worshipful Master of Texas Lodge of Research, has developed an informational program suitable for open meetings of Texas Lodges. The program consists of a short history of TLR, a discussion on Masonic topics suitable for research and how to get started on a research paper and overcome the mental block that 99% of us have when considering writing a paper. He will present this program a number of times this fall.

