



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



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Annual Meeting and Installation Friday 8 July 2005

Our Annual Meeting and Installation will be held at the William Pitt Tavern, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH, on Friday, 8 July 2005. Anniversary Lodge will open at 7:00 P.M., and the semi-public installation will take place after a short business meeting. The agenda for the business meeting includes: Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for 2004-2005, election of officers, and remarks by the outgoing Worshipful Master. Dress for the event is business suit and tie. Refreshments will follow.

Before the meeting, we will dine at the Portsmouth Masonic Temple, 351 Middle Street, Portsmouth, at 5:30 P.M. Brother Phil Fraser, who is well known as an excellent cook at various Masonic events, will prepare Monterey chicken. Cost is \$10 per person. Rides to the Pitt Tavern after the meal will be available. Please make reservations for the supper with Brother Richard Dewing at 603-868-7523 by 1 July. Please contact Mark Furber if directions to the Portsmouth Temple are needed.



Officers' Jewels and Aprons

If you currently possess an officer's jewel or apron and will not be at the annual meeting on 8 July, please contact either Mark Furber at 603-431-2748 or Len Sousa at 603-622-1840 so the jewels and aprons can be available for the incoming officers. Thank you.



250th Anniversary of St. John's Sunday in Portsmouth

In 1755, the Masons of St. John's Lodge in Portsmouth first attended Divine Services at Queen's Chapel, now St. John's Episcopal Church, to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist. They then retired to a tavern on what is now State Street, owned by Brother John Stavers, to enjoy a

meal and fellowship. On Sunday, 26 June 2005, St. John's Lodge and the Masons of the Seacoast area will observe the 250th anniversary of that event by once again attending Divine Services at St. John's Episcopal Church. As has been the practice for the last few decades, a number of Seacoast Lodges will participate and there will be a short parade from the William Pitt Tavern (built in 1766 by Brother Stavers) to St. John's Church. At the 200th anniversary in 1955, 656 Masons marched through the city, an almost unimaginable number today.

The schedule for this important event is:

8:00 A.M.	Coffee and Donuts
9:00 A.M.	Open Lodges
9:45 A.M.	March from Tavern to Church
10:00 AM	Church Service
11:00 AM	Return from Church and Close Lodges
12:00 noon	<u>Free</u> Cookout at Masonic Temple

Cars will be provided for those unable to walk. This is a nearly-once-in-a-lifetime chance to participate in a memorable event. Your Editor first marched in the Portsmouth St. John's Sunday parade in 1975, with the DeMolay, and plans to be there.



Thought for the Day on Paying Dues

"It is the member's duty to pay his subscription rather than the Lodge's to extract it from him."

-- Board of General Purposes of the
United Grand Lodge of England.



**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/>>

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.

Date and time: Wednesday, 20 October 2004
• Dinner (free) at 6:15 P.M., Lodge opens at 7:30 P.M.
Event: Visit to Rising Sun Lodge No. 39
Place: 196 Main Street, Nashua, NH

Date and time: Monday 8 November 2004
• Dinner at 6:30 P.M., Lodge opens at 7:30 P.M.
Event: Visit to Doric Lodge No. 78
Place: West Main Street, Tilton, NH

Date and time: Saturday, 12 March 2005, 5:30 P.M.
Event: St. Patrick's Day Ladies at the Table
Cancelled

Date and time: Tuesday, 19 April 2005,
• Supper at 6:30 P.M., Lodge opens at 7:30 P.M.
Event: Visit to Benevolent Lodge No. 7, Milford, NH
Place: Milford Masonic Temple, 30 Mont Vernon Street, Milford, NH, 603-673-3681

Date and time: Monday, 25 April 2005
• Supper at 6:00 P.M., Lodge opens at 7:00 P.M.
Event: Visit to St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56
Place: Masonic Temple, 351 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH, 603-436-3712

Date and time: Friday, 8 July 2005, 7:00 P.M.
Event: Annual Meeting and Installation (semi-public)
Place: William Pitt Tavern, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH
Supper at Portsmouth Masonic Temple, 351 Middle Street, Portsmouth, at 5:30. Monterey chicken, \$10 per person.
Reservations to Richard Dewing by 1 July. 603-868-7523.



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.

Andy Hirst Receives 40-Year Award

Courtesy of Brother Richard Marks, Public Relations Representative, Saint James Lodge No. 102, Hampton, NH



On 22 May 2005, Anniversary Lodge Past Master Brother Andy Hirst was honored for having been a Mason for forty years, along with other Veteran Masons of Saint James Lodge No. 102, Hampton, NH. Shown in the photo are: front: Worshipful Master Paul Michael Patrick Kelley, back row from left to right: Forty Year Masons Brother David R. Chevalier and Brother Kendall W. Chevalier, Brother David J. Lamprey, Sr., Grand Master, and Forty Year Mason Brother Andrew F. Hirst.



From The East

This newsletter is the last during my two years as Worshipful Master of Anniversary Lodge. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Master, and I hope that we have been able to accomplish a little for the cause of Masonic Education in New Hampshire over the past two years. Masonic Education is the special mission of Anniversary Lodge, and it is something the Craft sorely needs.

We note with sadness the passing of Brother Stanley Johnson on 1 March 2005 at the age of 87. Brother Johnson was a Past Master (1972-1973) of Anniversary Lodge, a Past Grand Master (1970-1971) of New Hampshire, the author of *Historical Highlights of Freemasonry in New Hampshire*, and a true gentleman and Mason. A full obituary will be in the summer issue of *The New Hampshire Freemason*.

A few weeks ago, we were contacted by a Midshipman at the Naval Academy in Annapolis about the book on Brother Jonathan Belcher. He is a descendent of Governor Belcher and wishes to learn more about his famous

Colonial ancestor. We wish him the best in that endeavor and in his future service to our Country.

I have been asked to continue as Editor for our newsletter, and will do so for a few more years. Eventually, there will come a time when it is appropriate and desirable for me to retire as Editor and do something else for the Craft in New Hampshire, so be warned that in a few years I will be looking for a successor. I will also be working as Editor of *The New Hampshire Freemason*, so you will continue to hear from me in two publications. Your suggestions for both our newsletter and our Grand Lodge magazine are needed. Remember that effective communication is the key to the success of any organization, including Anniversary Lodge.

Given the snowstorm that struck on the Saturday in March when we had hoped to hold our Ladies at the Table, it was perhaps fortunate that poor ticket sales forced its cancellation. I hope the incoming Master will have more luck holding a social event.

In April, we scheduled a visit to St. Andrew's Lodge in Portsmouth, where I planned to give my lecture on the history of Masonic ritual. Unfortunately, a bug had me out of action that day, but I appreciate the attendance of several Anniversary Lodge members. I have offered to reschedule the talk at St. Andrew's this fall, and I appreciate their patience.

There are a number of people to thank for their work during my term, and I do not intend to overlook anyone by including only a short list. Our Secretary, Brother L. Forbes Getchell, and Treasurer, Brother Len Sousa, have been important in the functioning of the Lodge, and we all appreciate their efforts. I also appreciate the efforts of the members who have consistently attended our visits, among them Brothers Ed Lewis, Andy Hirst and Richard Dewing, and the assistance of Horace Chase Lodge, particularly Brother Ken Clay, and our Past Master Brother Lee Fisher, in the initial preparations for the Ladies at the Table.

It has been a pleasure to travel around the state and meet a number of Anniversary Lodge members whom I had not met before. Since we are a geographically dispersed group, it is important for those of our members who live in a particular area to come out and support our visit to that area.

The most important person, both in my life and in whatever success I have had as Master, is my wife Mary. She has assisted with the newsletter, maintained the mailing list database and the web page, and supports me wholeheartedly in my Masonic activities.

Our annual meeting is on Friday 8 July and I hope to see you there, unlike last year. I will try to avoid airports that day.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber

We Welcome Two New Members

Brother Walter "Joe" Lovell joined us a while ago but was unfortunately overlooked for a few issues of this newsletter, for which we apologize. Brother Joe is a resident of Somersworth, NH and a member and Past Master of Morrison Lodge No. 90 in Northwood, NH, where he is currently serving as Senior Deacon. During 2004-2005, he served as District Education Officer and Masters' Class Coordinator for the Fourth Masonic District, and is active in the Scottish Rite, where he is currently Sovereign Prince of John Christie Council, Princes of Jerusalem, in the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover. He is also Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Seacoast Center, 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, in Rochester, and one of the 2004 recipients of the Scottish Rite Meritorious Service Award in New Hampshire. He states that he joined Anniversary Lodge because he used some of the newsletter information in his DEO talks. As a note, this newsletter is sent free of charge to the District Education Officers in New Hampshire during their terms in office.

Brother Christopher D. Kelly is a resident of North Fort Myers, Florida, and a member of Noah Lodge No. 357 in North Fort Myers, where he is currently Junior Warden. He is also a member of the York and Scottish Rites and the Scottish Rite Research Society. Brother Kelly writes that he has had the pleasure of collecting what he believes to be the largest Masonic philatelic (stamps) and numismatic (coins) collection in the world, at least in private hands. The collection weighs about 800 pounds and about one-third is foreign 19th Century material. He also has some 18th Century material. Brother Kelly is a student of Thomas Holland's *The History of Freemasonry from the Great Pyramids of Ancient Times*, published in 1885.



Washington, DC, Exhibition

The Octagon Museum, 1799 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., is hosting an exhibition "The Initiated Eye: Secrets, Symbols, Freemasonry and the Architecture of Washington, D.C.," which focuses on the many contributions of Freemasons to the design and architecture of Washington.

The Octagon Museum is operated by the American Architectural Foundation, and is the oldest museum in the United States dedicated to architecture and design. The exhibition is being done in collaboration with the Freemasons of the D.C. area and features twenty original paintings by history painter Peter Waddell. The exhibition shows hidden Masonic symbolism found in the architectural details and decorative ornamentation on many magnificent 19th and 20th-century buildings and monuments throughout Washington, D.C., as well as Masonic artifacts from the area Lodges.

The exhibition will run from 18 May through 31 December 2005. For information, call 202-638-3221 or visit the museum web page:

<http://www.archfoundation.org/octagon/>



News of Anniversary Lodge Members

Brother William Thomas, of New York City, has had an article published in the April 2005 issue of *the philalethes*. His article "Early History of Shakespeare Lodge No. 750, F. & A.M., Grand Lodge of New York" traces the origins of his Lodge, which was originally chartered by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York.

Brother Richard A. Gilbert, Sr., has completed his term as Grand High Priest, and we congratulate him on a successful year. We note that he continued the worthwhile practice of having educational talks presented at the Chapters of Instruction during his term.

The Annual Assembly of Profile York Rite College was held on 7 May 2005. Anniversary Lodge members serving as 2005-2006 officers for that body are:

Pre-Eminent Governor	Dennis A. Sheridan, OPC
Treasurer	Rodney A. Robinson, OPC
Primate	Robert D. Steel

Note: OPC indicates a recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross of York, which is the highest honor given by the York Rite College.

Also in the York Rite, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council of New Hampshire held their annual sessions in Portsmouth on 14 May. Serving as officers in the Grand Chapter are Anniversary Lodge members:

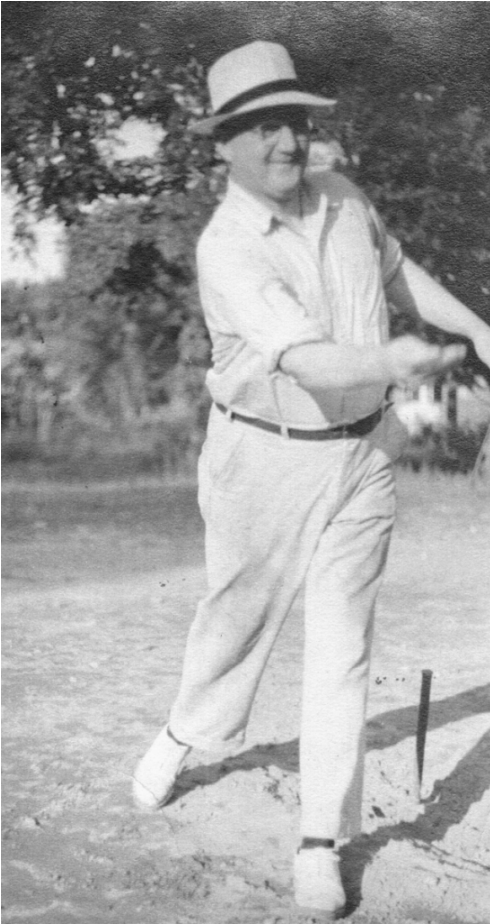
Robert D. Steel	Grand High Priest
Rodney A. Robinson	Assistant Grand Treasurer and Grand Organist
Arnold M. Ashley	Grand Secretary
William F. Curtis	Grand Captain of the Host
James S. Ryan	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Richard Asa Gilbert, Sr.	Deputy Grand Captain of the Host

and in the Grand Council:

Rodney A. Robinson	Deputy 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
Robert D. Steel	Deputy Grand Lecturer

A Chaunce Encounter

by Brother Clifton L. Hodgdon, Member, Anniversary Lodge of Research and P.M., Morrison Lodge No. 90, Northwood, NH



Chauncey Cheever “Chan” Hodgdon was born August 9, 1892, in Newington, NH. He was the first of three children born to Herbert E. and Febronia (Theriault or Terrio) Hodgdon. Raised on the family farm in Newington, and then in Portsmouth, he graduated from Portsmouth High School with the Class of 1910. He enjoyed the outdoors, particularly hunting and fishing, and playing baseball in the role of pitcher. As a young man he trapped skunks and sold their pelts for his spending money.

Being mechanically inclined, he became an apprentice machinist for Chadwick and Trefethen Machine Shop, then on Bow Street in Portsmouth. Chadwick and Trefethen was founded in 1892, the year of his birth, and still exists today as a specialty manufacturer of reamers, but on Borthwick Avenue. At that time, this shop had all the machinery centrally powered by a complex system of leather belts and pulleys. In 1916, he was hired by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a toolmaker. By the time he retired from the shipyard in 1948, Chan had advanced to Chief Quartermen Machinist. He was involved with rescue operations for the submarine *USS Squalus*, which sank in 1939 off the Isles of Shoals in the icy depths of the Atlantic.

Chan Hodgdon petitioned St. John’s Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, NH, on January 6, 1915. He was initiated on February 10, 1915, and on April 14, 1915, he was ready to receive his Master Mason degree. The Lodge had several Fellowcrafts ready and waiting, and the Lodge had scheduled two Master Mason degrees to be performed that evening, with a banquet in between, so all five eligible Fellowcrafts could take part. Also that night, Leon A. Robinson became a Master Mason. He would not only be Chauncey’s Lodge Brother, but soon became his brother-in-law by marrying Hodgdon’s younger sister, Elsie, the following year. Chauncey’s younger brother Harold Hodgdon would later join St. John’s as well. Chauncey, Harold and Leon would all serve their Lodge as Master in years to follow, in 1924, 1927-1928 and 1932 respectively.

Brother Hodgdon was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Washington Chapter No. 3, Portsmouth, on May 31, 1918, and he became a member of Davenport Council No. 5 as well. On December 16, 1918, he was knighted in DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2, in Portsmouth. He also belonged to Bektash Temple. In 1920, he was elected by St. John’s Lodge as their Junior Warden and voted in as Worshipful Master for 1924.

1924 was an important year for St. John’s Lodge, as this was the year the Lodge acquired the Wallace Hackett property on Middle Street. St. John’s had been renting and leasing meeting space for umpteen years and wanted a place to call home. Hodgdon worked on the building committee to buy the property, which included a stately mansion and ample room for expansion. On June 26, 1924, he presided over the first meeting of St. John’s Lodge in its new home, up on the third floor of the mansion, where the recreation room is now, with fifty-nine brethren in attendance. Four years later, the adjoining auditorium and lodge room addition were dedicated. Chauncey and his brother Harold, as well as his brother-in-law Leon, served on the building committee for this fine yellow brick Oz.

Keeping active in Masonry after serving as Master, Brother Hodgdon would assist in putting together degree teams for special events and meetings alike. In 1932, St. John’s Lodge held a 200th birthday party for George Washington, which was attended by some 700 Masons. A Master Mason degree team was assembled with all its members in full colonial costume, representing Masons of the Revolutionary War era. Hodgdon portrayed Major General Henry Dearborn and was Master of the degree team. Also in 1932, he took part in a road trip adventure to Indianapolis, Indiana, in a Graham Paige automobile, accompanying Brother William B. Randall who was to receive his 33rd Degree. A good part of the trip was on dirt roads. Actually, the good parts were when the roads were paved.

Brother Hodgdon was appointed District Deputy Grand Lecturer for the First Masonic District in 1934 and 1935, and District Deputy Grand Master for 1936 and 1937. In 1936, St. John’s Lodge celebrated its own 200th birthday, and Brother Hodgdon participated. He put together an Entered Apprentice degree team, again in colonial attire, and this time portrayed Brother George Mitchell, Worshipful Master of St. John’s in 1736. There was such a

huge crowd on hand for the proceedings and festivities that the roast turkey banquet was served in two sittings, at 5:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

The Proceedings of the Grand Council of New Hampshire shows that Companion Hodgdon was appointed as Grand Marshal on June 4, 1945 by Companion Charles Francis Waterman, Most Illustrious Grand Master, in Concord. He was installed as M.I.G.M. on June 5, 1950 by M.I. Allen C. deRochemont, M.I.P.G.M. and also a P.T.I.M. of Davenport Council No. 5. There were fifteen Councils in New Hampshire then, and 1638 members. Today we have eight Councils, and 653 members (on April 1, 2004).

In his address on June 4, 1951 in Portsmouth, Chan offered pretty straightforward remarks, noting that "For the ninetieth consecutive year, we are gathered here for our annual assembly ..." He notes that "It is fitting that we acknowledge the blessed privilege of meeting here peacefully, while the outside world is torn by hatred and strife. We are fully aware of the fact that there is abroad a mighty force which would destroy our Fraternity and those things we love most: namely, our homes, our freedom, and our country. Even at this moment, some of our boys are combating that force, and giving their all on the battlefields of Korea, that we may meet here today in security. These are critical times for our Country and its people, and demand the uttermost in leadership, and guidance. May our Supreme Grand Master, above, give courage and wisdom to those in high places, that they may chart the right course for our nation to pursue."

Somehow during all of the above, he managed to find time to raise a family. Chan married Mildred E. Walker in 1917, and they had three children. Their two sons Richard and Philip joined St. John's Lodge, and their daughter Marion married Wendell P. Clare, Jr., who became a member of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56 in Portsmouth. One of Chan's grandsons became Master of Morrison Lodge No. 90 in Northwood, NH, many years later. Chan enjoyed fishing, bird hunting and pitched a mean game of horseshoes.

On February 26, 1959, Chauncey Cheever Hodgdon was called from Labor to Refreshment. His funeral service on March 1, 1959, was held in the Lodge room of the Portsmouth Masonic Temple. This writer did not attend. I was four.

Note: Thanks to Brother Rodney Robinson for the information from the Grand Council Proceedings.



A Letter From A Mason's Wife

Author Unknown

Courtesy of Brother Ken Baril, P.M., Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire, CT

Dear Sir,

How many wives of Masons
Have given very much thought,
To the wonderful Biblical lessons
That Masonry has taught?

Have you asked yourself this question?
When you sit alone at night?
While hubby is away at Lodge,
"Is my reasoning wrong or right?"

The nights are lonely and long, I know,
But then this thought occurred to me,
"If my husband wasn't a Mason,
What kind of man would he be?"

They call us "Masonic Widows,"
I've been one for many a year,"
I have spoken my piece on lonely nights
And even berated my hubby dear.

But sometime later, I regret those words,
And with compassion try to see,
"If my husband wasn't a Mason,
What kind of man would he be?"

I attempt to be a patient wife,
And while alone I meditate,
I try to see *his* point of view,
It's only fair; he *is* my mate.

I knew what this situation was
The day I said "I do;"
So why complain after all this time,
I'm sure I speak for you.

Some say that men make Masonry
And this I understand,
But deep in my heart I am still convinced,
It's Masonry that makes the man.

As we journey along our highway together,
Finding the inner dreams of life,
I pray Masonic ideals keep him the way he is,

Yours truly, a Mason's wife.



April Meetings

Brother Ed Lewis, Senior Deacon, Anniversary Lodge of Research

Anniversary Lodge of Research visited Benevolent Lodge No. 7, Milford, NH, on Tuesday, 19 April 2005. A supper of cheese-stuffed pasta shells was enjoyed, and then Benevolent Lodge and the other bodies in the Milford Masonic family made donations to the Boys and Girls Club, which is moving into the building next door. The donations will be used to provide recreational equipment for the Club. Worshipful Master Mark Furber spoke on Anniversary Lodge and presented a talk on the history of Masonic ritual. Anniversary Lodge members in attendance were Brothers Mark Langis, Ed Lewis, Don Crete, Andy Hirst and Richard Dewing.

Anniversary Lodge visited St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56, Portsmouth, NH on Monday 25 April 2005. Anniversary Lodge was represented by Brothers Richard Dewing, Ed Lewis and Len Sousa. After a lasagna supper, with several members going back for seconds, there was a short meeting followed by a planning session for St. Andrew's. This planning meeting in an informal setting gave the members of the lodge input as to what activities the Lodge was interested in having over the coming months and was a good place to find volunteers to share the work and allow them to be an active lodge. The main speaker was ill so no talk was given.



Masonic Anniversaries in 2005

We congratulate these New Hampshire Masonic Bodies on reaching milestones in 2005:

150th Anniversary

Charter Oak Lodge No. 58, Effingham, chartered 13 June 1855

Star in the East Lodge No. 59, Exeter, chartered 13 June 1855

125th Anniversary

Jewell Lodge No. 94, Suncook, chartered 19 May 1880

100th Anniversary

Tucker Lodge No. 99, Raymond, chartered 17 May 1905



Masons Who Have Received the Nobel Peace Prize

Courtesy of Brother Kent Henderson, Victoria, Australia, Secretary, Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council

The Nobel Peace Prize was established in 1901 by the terms of Alfred Nobel's will to recognize people or organizations who have made major contributions to world peace. It is awarded by the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

1901: The first Nobel Prize winner, Henry Dunant of Switzerland (1828-1910). Founder of the International Red Cross.

1902: Elie Duccomun (1833-1906). The first Secretary of the peace bureau of Bern was a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alpina (Switzerland).

1906: Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) President of the United States. He was recognized for his contribution to the end of the Russo-Japanese War and the Treaty of Portsmouth in 1905.

1911: Alfred Hermann Fried (1864-1921). The founder of the German Peace Federation.

1913: Henri Lafontaine (1854-1943). The founder and president of the peace bureau of Bern, and the Vice President of the Belgian Senate.

1920: Leon Victor Auguste Bourgeois (1851-1925). President of the Council of the League of Nations and French statesman.

1925. Charles Gates Dawes (1865-1951). American politician and Vice President of United States.

1926. Aristide Briand (1862-1932). French attorney, journalist and politician, Prime Minister of France 1909-1911, and 1921-1922.

1929. Frank. B. Kellog (1856-1937). U.S. Secretary of State.

1935. Carl von Ossietzky (1889-1959). The editor the German weekly magazine *Weltbühne*, and the founder of the German peace bureau.

1953. George Marshall (1880-1959). Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense of the United States, and originator of the Marshall Plan.



Research Lodge News

Civil War - Virginia

Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865 of Virginia has published its transactions for 2003. This is the second volume of papers from CWLR and contains seventeen papers by members of the Lodge, addressing: the commerce raider CSS ALABAMA, military Lodges, the prison camp at Point Lookout, Maryland, the role of Delaware in the war, a Masonic walking tour of Charleston, South Carolina, the burning of Chambersburg and the battle of Chancellorsville, among other topics. CWLR is to be congratulated on continuing to provide a forum for the study of the Craft at that critical point in American history.

Texas

Texas Lodge of Research (TLR) met in Goliad, TX, on 15 January 2005 with Goliad Lodge No. 94. Goliad is significant in Texas history because of the 1835 Declaration of Independence signed there and of several notable events in the Texas War of Independence from Mexico. The members and guests heard two papers: "Que Hombrel!" on the life of President and Brother William McKinley, by Brother Herbert Arbuckle III, and "Dr. R. Andrews: Pioneer and Mason" by Brother Truitt Bradly.

This past year, Worshipful Master Doug Collins has been working to increase the visibility of TLR. He estimates that only 1% of Texas Masons are members of TLR and fewer than 5% have even heard of the Lodge. His efforts have included asking full members of TLR to wear their special aprons and name badges, and his presentation of a program on TLR in various places around the state. Given that Texas is a bit larger than New Hampshire, we commend his efforts and his stamina.

TLR then met at River Oaks Lodge No. 1311 in Fort Worth on 19 March for its annual meeting and to hear two papers. Brother David Dibrell presented "Henry Eustace McCulloch: Soldier, Statesman, Christian Gentleman." The paper described the life, times, and accomplishments of this brave Texas and Masonic pioneer and ancestor of Brother Dibrell. Brother Brett L. Doyle presented "Captain Peter F. Tumlinson: Texian Ranger and Mason." This paper described the exploits and pre-Republic efforts and accomplishments of this selfless law-enforcement officer and Mason. Brother Doyle was then made a Full Member of TLR and presented with his apron. Brother James C. "Jerry" Yelvington, III, was installed as the 46th Worshipful Master. A project for his term will be making all TLR publications available on CD.

We also note that the Grand Lodge of Texas web site

<http://www.grandlodgeoftexas.org>

contains a number of short educational articles about Masonry under the Monthly Masonic Education Program. It is worth a visit.

Tennessee

Tennessee Lodge of Research met in Columbia, TN on 11 December 2004 for its annual meeting. Brother George C. Ladd, the Junior Past Master, spoke on "Talking About My Generation." He was then presented a Fellow Award for his service to the Lodge. The Lodge also met in Memphis on 12 March to hear a talk by Brother Donald E. Brooks on "Christianity in Masonry." Brother Brooks is a Christian minister as well as a Past M.I. Grand Master (2003) of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Tennessee.

Tennessee Lodge of Research meets several times a year around the state of Tennessee, as well as publishing a quarterly newsletter and an annual volume of papers. Their meetings feature talks by their members. Brother Charles M. Thames is serving as Worshipful Master in 2005.

The 2004 volume of proceedings for this research lodge was issued in early 2005. This softcover, 86 page volume contains the Masonic Service Association Short Talk Bulletins for 2004 and a number of interesting papers: Several of the papers are by Brother, a member of Hiram Lodge No. of . Brother Dr

The Phylaxis Society

At the 32nd Annual Session of The Phylaxis Society, the premier Prince Hall Masonic research society, held in Metairie, Louisiana, the Society inducted Brother Nelson King, of Toronto, Ontario, into The Phylaxis Society's Harry A. Williamson Hall of Fame. Brother King is Editor of the Philaethes Society. Past inductees have been Allen E. Roberts, Silas Shepard, and Melvin Maynard Johnson, to name just a few.

Minnesota

Educational Lodge 1002 of Minnesota met on 29 March 2005 at the St. Paul Masonic Center to hear Brother Austin Harris speak on "The Meaning of Myth as used in Religion and Masonic Study." The Lodge has also published its first paper, "Freemasonry in Saudi Arabia" by Brother Arthur S. Lingo. Brother Lingo was the first to present a paper in the newly reactivated Lodge.

Robert Cooper ANZMRC Tour

An earlier issue of the newsletter reported on the tour that Brother Robert Cooper, Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland Museum and Library, will make of the Lodges in the Australian and New Zealand Masonic Research Council. We now learn that his tour will extend across the Pacific to the Western United States, where he will speak at Southern California Lodge of Research, Phoenix Lodge No. 144 in San Francisco, and Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research in Washington State, all in August 2005.