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Masonic Service Association Appeal for Hurricane Katrina Victims

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NEWS RELEASE

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Appeal for Hurricane Relief Louisiana – Mississippi - Alabama

Hurricane Katrina has devastated several states. The full extent of the damage is still not known but the need is urgent. Because it is impossible to know the full extent of the damage, at the present time, the responses to the appeal will be divided equally between the Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. (There is a separate appeal out for Florida as well.)

Specific gifts will go to the Grand Lodge that is designated. Undesignated gifts will be divided with one third going to Louisiana, one third Mississippi and one third to Alabama.

All contributions, in whatever amount, from Grand Lodges, Lodges, Individuals, or Appendant Masonic Bodies will be acknowledged by MSA with most grateful thanks.

When making contributions, checks should be sent to:

MSA Disaster Relief Fund
8120 Fenton Street, Ste. 203
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785

Most sincerely,

RICHARD E. FLETCHER
P.G.M. (Vermont)
Executive Secretary



Fall Meeting

Anniversary Lodge will visit Grafton-Kane Lodge No. 46, North Haverhill, on Wednesday 16 November. Supper is at 6:30 and the lodge opens at 7:30. The lecture for the evening will be on the history of Grafton-Kane Lodge by members of that Lodge.

Please make reservations for supper with either Brother Dick Dewing at 603-868-7523 or Brother Dale Fadden at 603-947-3691 by the Monday before the meeting. There will be carpooling available from the Seacoast area courtesy of Brother Dewing.

Directions: The North Haverhill Masonic Temple is located at South Main Street. The telephone there is 603-787-6240. It is on Route 10 just before Route 116, on the left if one is heading north. From I-93 North:

- 1, Take Exit 26 (US-3/NH-25/NH-3A) toward Plymouth.
2. Merge onto NH-25 West/NH-3A South/Tenney Mountain Highway
3. Enter the next roundabout and take the first exit onto NH-25 West. Proceed about 30 miles.
- 4: NH-25 West becomes NH-10 North.



Len Sousa Update

Many Anniversary Lodge members are aware that our Treasurer, Brother Len Sousa, has been fighting some health problems this summer. We are happy to report that he came home on 28 September after over two months in the hospital and rehab center. He is very happy to be home and on the mend.



**Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175
F. & A. M.
Officers for 2005-2006**

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Unless otherwise indicated, other Masonic Bodies are welcome to reprint articles from this newsletter provided that the article is reprinted in full, the name of the author and the source of the article are indicated, and a copy of the publication containing the reprint is sent to the editor.

Submissions to the newsletter are solicited and should be sent to the editor. Electronic submissions in an Office 97-compatible format are encouraged if possible.

Any opinion expressed in this newsletter is solely that of the author and not that of any Constituent Lodge or Grand Lodge.



Partial Calendar for 2005-2006

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, N.H.

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

Date and time: Sunday, 21 August 2005, 1:00 P.M.
Event: Summer Cookout
Place: Horace Chase Lodge, Penacook, N.H.

Date and time: Wednesday, 16 November 2005
Event: Visit to Grafton-Kane Lodge No. 46
Place: Masonic Temple, South Main Street (Route 10), North Haverhill, N.H.
Supper at 6:30 P.M. Lodge opens at 7:30. Reservations to Richard Dewing 603-868-7523 or Dale Fadden 603-947-3691 by Monday 14 November.

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Event: Annual Meeting and Installation (semi-public)
Place: William Pitt Tavern, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, N.H.
Lodge opens at 7:00. 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.

Web Site Update

The Anniversary Lodge web site currently available at <http://www.furber.com/alor/> will be moving to our own domain within the next month or so. The new URL will be

<http://www.anniversarylodge.org>



**Annual Meeting and Installation
Friday 8 July 2005**

Anniversary Lodge held its 42nd Annual Meeting and Installation at the William Pitt Tavern in Portsmouth on Friday, 8 July 2005. Unlike the past few years, the weather was cooperative and the temperature in the third floor lodge room was tolerable. Before the meeting, the Brethren and Ladies enjoyed a chicken Monterey supper, prepared by Brother Phil Fraser of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56, Portsmouth, at the Portsmouth Masonic Temple.



Brethren and Ladies at supper. (Photos: Andy Hirst)

After the opening, the Lodge held the usual short business meeting and heard remarks by the outgoing Master. The Treasurer, Brother Len Sousa, reported that the Lodge finances are stable and we are able to support the newsletter, which is our major expense. Then the Ladies were admitted and the officers were installed by The Installing Suite:

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| Installing the Worshipful Master and Wardens | David J. Lamprey, Sr. |
| Installing the Remaining Officers | Jeremy J. Sawyer |
| Installing Marshal | Andrew F. Hirst |
| Installing Chaplain | Richard A. Gilbert, Sr. |
| Installing Secretary | Roger M. Clark |

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| Charge to the Master | David J. Lamprey, Sr. |
| Charge to the Wardens | Jeremy J. Sawyer |
| Charge to the Brethren | Roger M. Clark |

After the installation, W.M. Brother Dewing spoke about his thoughts on the year ahead.

We were honored with the presence of Brother James E. Dufresne, Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Maine and President of the Masonic Library and Museum Association. The award for the longest drive went to Brother Dick Haldeman and his wife Jane, who drove to Portsmouth from Lancaster, N.H., leaving at 8:00 A.M.



The Installing Suite. Left to right, Brothers Sawyer, Lamprey, Hirst and Gilbert. (Photo: Andy Hirst)



The 2005-2006 Officers after the Installation. Left to right (both rows): Brothers Forbes Getchell, Paul Ladd, Cliff Hodgdon, Dick Dewing, Paul Kelly, Don Crete, David Scott, Dale Fadden and Richard Gilbert. (Photo: Mary Furber)



From the East

Looking back to July 8th of this year gives me both hope and joy well in advance of the hopeful and joy-filled Yuletide season. Our dinner at St. John's Lodge was a change from the recent history of going to local restaurants. The dinner was well attended and much fellowship was shared, setting the stage for our annual communication. We are fortunate and grateful that St. John's Lodge allowed us to use their facilities and that Brother Phil Fraser agreed to prepare a tasty dinner for us.

At the Pitt Tavern the Annual Communication took on a flavor of its own. The most able outgoing Master, Mark Furber, finished the business of his term and deserves much praise for his "Preston-Webb-Cross Lectures" and for raising the bar of research to a higher level. In addition to that, he is editor, publisher and producer of our quarterly newsletter. When talking to Brother Furber, he is quick to credit his lovely wife, Mary, for the support most necessary for his success. I am very happy that he is nearby and has agreed to continue his fine work with our newsletters.

My heartfelt thanks go out to the installing suite led by M. W. Grand Master David J. Lamprey, Sr., M.W. Past G. M. Jeremy J. Sawyer, Andrew F. Hirst, Richard A. Gilbert, Sr. and Roger M. Clark. The solemnity of the occasion was not diminished by several special moments of levity and humor which delighted us all. Our constitution stipulates that this event will be held on the 8th of July. This date made a tight schedule for many of the participants who had to be back at the Pitt Tavern the following day for Masons' Day at Strawberry Banke. I thank the brethren for having faith in me and electing me to preside in the East for the coming year.

One area of interest I have is insuring that all districts of New Hampshire Masonry enjoy the fruits of our labors. In more heavily populated areas such as south-eastern New Hampshire we may be prone to becoming a "Seacoast fraternity." I have begun to extend our scope by having our August picnic at the Horace Chase Lodge in Penacook. In all candor, I must add that Georgia Sousa mentioned that Lenny's health was not quite up to having the traditional picnic at their home, so the decision was then made to go to Penacook.

Our prayers at the picnic were answered and Lenny was improved enough by the end of September to return home. For those who didn't know, Lenny was a paratrooper in "the Big One".

The next scheduled visit is at North Haverhill, where our Senior Deacon, Brother Dale R. Fadden is making the arrangements. Those interested in attending might wish to car pool, so let me know your intentions if you would like to share a ride.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Richard H. Dewing



The Maine Masonic College

Our neighbors in The State of Maine have instituted a program that may make significant progress in Masonic education. The Maine Masonic College has been created to provide educational programs "for the purpose of inspiring Masons to explore the nature and purpose of Freemasonry which will lead to a deeper self-understanding of the founding principles, tenets, and lessons of the fraternity."

A Board of Regents, chaired by Brother George Macdougall, P.G.M., will oversee the College. Most courses will be at centrally-located sites and in classroom settings, although some may eventually be offered on-line. A number of interesting offerings are planned for the next year:

February 2006: "Symbols: Who Needs Them?" Eric Kuntz

March 2006: "Eternal Symbols: Ancient Myths, Initiation Rites, and Freemasonry," Charles Plummer

April 2006: "The Philosophical Conversation and Freemasonry," Walter M. Macdougall, P.G.M.

Summer 2006: "An In-Depth Study of the Tenets of Freemasonry and the Four Cardinal Virtues," Charles W. Plummer

Spring 2006: "Development of Masonic Ritual 1390-1843," Christian A. Ratliff

Courses under development include:

The Four Cardinal Virtues and the Ethics of Aristotle
Public Speaking
The Four Cardinal Virtues
The Tenets of Freemasonry
Anti-Masonry Today
The Art of Debate
Leadership based on Abraham Lincoln
Communication Process
Is Freemasonry A Religion?
Masonic Music
Buddhist Thought in Freemasonry
The Real Pythagoras

The Inauguration of the Maine Masonic College will take place on Saturday 15 October 2005, at 10:00 A.M. in the Library of the University of Southern Maine, Forest Avenue, Portland. The guest speaker will be Joseph Wood, Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs of the University of Southern Maine.

Further information about the College is available on-line at

<http://www.mainemason.org/mmc/>

or from the Editor.

We Welcome New Members

Brother Mark A. Weir is a resident of Lee, NH and a member of Rising Star Lodge No. 47 of Newmarket, NH, where he is Secretary. He has long been active in the Scottish Rite and currently serves as Secretary of the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover. Many years ago he was an advisor for Portsmouth DeMolay, during the time your Editor was active there.

Brother George C. F. Niemann is a resident of Chicago, IL and has been a Mason for 56 years. He is a Past Master of King Oscar Lodge No. 855 of Chicago, the Prelate of Gourgas Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Chicago, and is serving a second term as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. He is a member of the Philalethes Society and writes a monthly column for his Lodge's newsletter. He writes that he is "88 years young and that Masonry is what keeps me among the living. Without it I would not exist." He also signs his e-mail with the motto "Chicken Hater – All Fowl Are Fowl!" which is thus explained: "As a teenager my father was a commission bulk agent for Sinclair. If accounts weren't paid up in 90 days the owed amounts were deducted from his commission. He had a number of farmers and some cross-road general stores who paid up with poultry every weekend. My last Christmas at home (1935) we had a 35 pound "dressed turkey" every meal (three a day) until New Years Day. Have never since eaten fowl of any kind! Period!"

Brother Richard (Rich) Leute is a resident of Grantham, NH. He is married to Kimberly and the father of two daughters, Samantha and Emma, and writes that he is a native of New York City and the grandson of a Mason who pioneered the luggage industry in Lower Manhattan. He moved to New Hampshire in 2001 due to a job change and writes "Our family loves living in New Hampshire and feel lucky in having everything we do living in this beautiful part of the United States." He was raised in Marble Stewart Winyah Lodge No. 702, Tuckahoe, NY, in 1999. He became a member of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of White Plains, NY, in 2000, and transferred his membership to New Hampshire in 2002. He is also a member of Bethlehem Crusader Commandery No. 53, Tuckahoe, NY and Bektash Shrine, Concord, NH.

Brother John P. Woolf is a resident of Pembroke, NH and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was raised in October 1995 at Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage, Alaska. He moved to New Hampshire in 1997 and later affiliated with Jewell lodge No. 94, Suncook, where he is serving as Senior Warden. He is also active in Hiram Chapter No. 24, R.A.M., in Pembroke, NH.



Companion Bob Steel - Grand High Priest 2005-2006



For the third year in a row, a member of Anniversary Lodge has been elected as New Hampshire's Grand High Priest. Companion Robert Steel was elected and installed at the Grand Chapter session in May 2005 and will lead Royal Arch Masonry in New Hampshire until May 2006.

Companion Steel joined Anniversary Lodge in early 2004, and a biography of him appeared in the Second Quarter 2004 issue of this newsletter. He is a resident of Benton, N.H., and a retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer. He is a Past Master of Grafton-Kane Lodge No. 46, North Haverhill, NH, and a member of 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 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 over 43 years of marriage.

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



Thought for the Day

It has been said that dignity is the ability to hold back from the tongue that which never should have been on the mind in the first place.

Anonymous



Ed Lewis – Our Junior Warden

Courtesy of Brother Ed Lewis



Brother Edward N. Lewis was elected Junior Warden at the recent Annual Meeting. As is customary, here is his biography so our widely-dispersed membership can become better acquainted with our leadership.

Ed Lewis was born May 10, 1944, in Concord, NH, and has lived there most of his life. After graduating from Concord High he moved to Clemson, SC, to attend college. A change of study brought him back to what was then New Hampshire College of Accounting and Commerce in Manchester, NH, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree.

Ed had a long career with the State of New Hampshire, starting in the Accounting Office at the Department of Transportation and then with the Department of Employment Security. There he worked his way through the Accounting Department then switched into Property Management and Administrative Services. At his retirement party his boss said "Many times when I found out about a problem Ed had a solution already in place".

Ed has always been a very busy person with many activities outside of work. Early on in his adult career of volunteer work, Ed was instrumental in the birth of a CB radio group in Concord called REACT (Radio Emergency Active Communications Team). It was through this organization Ed became instrumental in establishing "Operation Crime Stop," with the Concord Police department. In the Red Cross, he held the position of Disaster Director for Concord for over 25 years, seeing to the needs of people left homeless by fires or storms. He served for many years on the Board of Directors for both Red Cross and the March of Dimes.

His Masonic career started on November 21, 1959 in Rumford Chapter, Order of DeMolay, where he later served as Treasurer, and became a Representative DeMolay. He was raised in Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, on January 9, 1969. In Horace Chase he is on the Finance Committee and serves as Marshall. He has been New Hampshire's Grand Lodge representative to Israel since 1999, and joined Anniversary Lodge in 1996. He is also a member of Major General William Whipple

Military Lodge, and William Pitt Tavern Lodge No. 1789. On October 14, 1997, he completed visiting every Blue Lodge in New Hampshire.

In 1997, he joined Priscilla Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, along with his wife Judi, who went on to become Worthy Matron. Together they have been in many of the affiliated groups.

In 1990, Ed joined the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Concord. In 1995 he became the Secretary of his Valley and in 1998 became the Secretary for the N.H. Council of Deliberation. He received the Meritorious Service Award in 1997. He has also worked on wardrobe behind the scenes in Concord and in the Consistory. In 1997-1998 he joined the York Rite in Concord. He is also a member of Scenic Council No. 37, Knight Masons, and in 2003 joined the Royal Ark Mariners, sponsored by Victoria Council No. 4 in Canada. In 1999, he joined Bektash Temple where he has participates in the First Section.

Since 1983, he has been active in the Masonic Motorcycle Club (MMC), serving as Secretary and then Treasurer of the New Hampshire Chapter, and is chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee for MMC International.

He married Clarice Knowlton and has one daughter, Annette, who works at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. In addition to his daughter, Ed also raised four children; the closest of which is Julie who lives in Osseo, Wisconsin, with her three children. Grandpa Ed enjoys his time with the grandkids whenever he gets a chance (which isn't nearly often enough). On July 25, 1987 he married Judith {Judi} Dalrymple and added to the list of children and grandchildren. Judi has a son that with his wife have provided four more granddaughters and a grandson, who live in Danbury, NH.



Summer Picnic

Brother Richard Dewing, W.M.

Horace Chase Lodge in Penacook, NH was the site of our Sunday afternoon picnic held on August 21st, 2005.

Many thanks go to Bob and Loraine Norton and to Judi Lewis for the tasty burgers, hot dogs and salads. Also, Bob served some of the best fresh corn that many of us had ever tasted. Loraine provided a memorable, gourmet quality ice cream cake for dessert.

Worshipful Master Dick Dewing led a prayer for the recovery of Lenny Sousa, following which Ed Lewis was installed as Junior Warden. Meetings to facilitate attendance of members in northern districts are planned.



News of Anniversary Lodge Members

At the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire annual meeting on 21 May 2005, the following Anniversary Lodge members were installed:

David J. Lamprey, Sr.	M.:W.: Grand Master
Jeremy J. Sawyer	R.:W.: Grand Treasurer
John C. Marden	R.:W.: Grand Secretary
Roger M. Clark	W.: Secretary to the Grand Master
Max L. Jenness	R.:W.: Grand Chaplain
Harold E. Fernald, Jr.	R.:W.: Grand Historian
Stewart L. Aronson	W.: Senior Grand Deacon
John F. Gordon	W.: Junior Grand Deacon
Andrew F. Hirst	W.: Grand Marshal
William E. Higton	W.: Grand Steward
Sumner Goldman	W.: Grand Sword Bearer
Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.	W.: Grand Pursuivant

R.:W.: District Deputy Grand Masters

J. Peter Masterson	District 1
Robert G. Bianchi	District 2
Gerald C. McHugh, Sr.	District 4
Carroll M. Brown	District 7

R.:W.: District Deputy Grand Lecturers

Dale R. Fadden	District 5
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W.: District Education Officers

Donald A. Crete	District 2
Walter W. Lovell	District 4

Also at the Grand Lodge session, Brother Bernard "Skins" Watkins was made a permanent member of Grand Lodge.

Brother Dennis A. Sheridan has been appointed the Ambassador to New Hampshire by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. His duty will be to serve as a liaison between the General Grand Chapter and Capitular Masonry in New Hampshire.

In our North Country York Rite bodies, Brother Robert Steel is serving as Deputy Master and Brother Dennis Sheridan as Chaplain of Evening Star Council No. 13 in Colebrook. Brother Robert Steel is serving as Captain of the Host, Brother Dennis Sheridan as Principal Sojourner and Brother Aldine J. Tillotson as Master of the 2nd Veil for North Star Chapter No. 16 of Lancaster.

We also congratulate these veteran Brothers of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56, Portsmouth: Nelson K. Ward – 60 years and Nelson D. Hersey – 50 years.



Anniversary Lodge Members Receive Scottish Rite Honors

At the meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, last month, Brother Allvin L. Leonard, of Lancaster, N.H., received the 33rd Degree.

Three New Hampshire Masons were elected to receive the 33rd Degree in Chicago, Illinois in 2006. Two are members of Anniversary Lodge: Brothers Walter W. "Joe" Lovell, M.S.A., of the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover, and Robert G. Bianchi of the Valley of Nashua.

Honorary Member Brother Mark A. Tabbert, of Arlington, Mass, and the National Heritage Museum, was elected to receive the 33rd Degree next year.

The Scottish Rite in New Hampshire also presents up to three Meritorious Service Awards each year to Masons in recognition of distinguished service of a Masonic character. The Late Brother Donald M. Sumner, 32^o, the recently retired Treasurer of the Valley of Portsmouth-Dover, was one of the three 2005 recipients.



Do The Right Thing

"One of the things my mother and my minister taught me was to always do the right thing. I've tried to live up to this requirement, not always being successful – but I've always tried. The right thing may not be what you as an individual would like, but if it is the right thing, then do it. Major decisions become a lot easier when the right thing is used as a benchmark."

Brother Joe M. Jackson
Coweta Lodge No. 60, Newman, Georgia
Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for action at Kham Duc, Vietnam, 12 May 1968.



Research Lodge News

ANZMRC

The Australian New Zealand Masonic Research Council has published a quarterly newsletter *Harashim* for a number of years. *Harashim* is an excellent source of information about Masonic research organizations worldwide, as well as "Down Under." The newsletter is now available by e-mail in PDF format, for free. See the ANZMRC web site at

<http://www.anzmrc.org>

for information.

South Carolina

The South Carolina Masonic Research Society met in June at Eau Claire Lodge No. 344, Columbia, SC, for the presentation of a paper "Standing on the Threshold: Viewing Ourselves in a Historical Context," by Brother Paul Graham, and in September at Fort Jackson Lodge No. 374, also in Columbia, for the presentation of a paper "Prince Zerubabel and the Building of the Second Temple at Jerusalem," by Brother Layne Waters.

The SCMRS has also issued Volume 17 of its *Transactions*, for 2004. This 137-page softcover volume contains a number of interesting papers, including: "The History of Orange Lodge No. 14 During the Civil War Period," by Brother R. A. Adams; "The Evolution of the South Carolina Masonic Funeral Ceremony" by Brother G. L. Carver; "Brother Horace E. 'Sally' Crouch and the Dolittle Raiders" by Brother C. L. Simmons; and "Bringing Down the Spanish Empire: Peculiarities of Latin American Freemasonry" by Brothers P. Rich and G. De Los Reyes. It also contains "Journey Completed: Lt. George E. Dixon, the *H.L. Hunley* and the Last Confederate Funeral," by Brother H. E. Smoak. This article summarizes the story of Lt. Dixon, the last commander of the Confederate submarine *Hunley*, and a member of Mobile Lodge No. 40, Mobile, Alabama, and gives details on and photographs of the funeral service for the recovered *Hunley* crew, including Masonic services for Brother Dixon, in April 2004. We note that the *Hunley* was recovered from the bottom of Charleston, S.C., harbor in August 2000 and has been excavated since, leading to the recovery of the bodies of the crew.

Louisiana

An interesting outgrowth of Masonic research activity in Louisiana may be the foundation of the Lodge of Nine Muses, U.D. (Under Dispensation). This is the first new Blue Lodge in over fifty years in Louisiana, and met for the first time in February 2005. The Lodge is formed in the "traditional" or "European" format, and is named for Benjamin Franklin's Lodge in Paris during the late 1700's. Many believe that The Enlightenment had some roots in that Lodge. "European format" Lodges are a somewhat new development in English-speaking jurisdictions but are enjoying considerable success in several areas. The concept is to make the Lodge a more serious and scholarly organization than is often the case.

Membership limited to 33 and attendance is required at all six meetings each year unless the member notifies the Master in advance. Tuxedos are worn by all members and Masonic music accompanies all meetings. A period of silence lasting three to five minutes is observed immediately after opening. A formal Festive Board is held after each meeting. Chairs not progressive and officers can serve as many terms as deemed fit. The annual dues are \$300. Papers on Masonic subject must be routinely presented by all members. An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft may progress only after a paper has been

submitted in open lodge proving his understanding of the previous degree. All members must sign a Covenant agreeing to these requirements.

On 9 November 2005, in Baton Rouge, the Lodge has planned a Table Lodge with guest speaker Brother Robert G. Davis, of Oklahoma, the author of *Understanding Manhood in America* (published by Anchor Communications in June 2005) and a noted Scottish Rite scholar.

Editor's Note: Information courtesy of Brother Glenn Cupit, P.M. of Louisiana Lodge of Research and Secretary of the Lodge of Nine Muses, U.D.

France

An unusual research organization has been organized in Nantes, France (on the Atlantic Coast of France) by Masons from a number of French jurisdictions. The Link No. 2 is a group dedicated to the study of Masons who have been mariners and old rituals connected with the sea. Membership is limited to current or former mariners. The first such body, The Link No. 1, was formed in Belgium in the early 1980's. The Link No. 2 was organized on 25 September 2004 and first met aboard the historic French destroyer *Maillé-Brézé*. It meets twice a year, in March and September, and has published a dictionary of Masonic seamen. The website is

<http://thelinknantes.iffrance.com/>

Victoria, Australia

The Victorian Lodge of Research No. 218 has met monthly during their winter months of June, July and August, and listened to several lectures: "United Grand Lodges of Australia" by Brother K. Henderson, "The Operative Legacy within Scottish Freemasonry" by Brother R. Cooper and "German Masonic History" by Brother G. Tweedle.

Georgia

After a short hiatus, Georgia Lodge of Research has resumed publishing its transactions. Volume XV for 2001 was recently issued to the members and the volumes for 2002-2004 are in the works. We congratulate Brother Richard S. Sagar for taking on editorial duties for this Lodge.

The 2001 transactions contain a number of interesting papers: "Robert Toombs: The Tribune of Georgia," by Brother W. S. Cleland, "Research Lodges in Georgia" by Brother J. E. Turner, "Dewey H. Wollstein: The Poetic Grand Master," by Brother G. D. Lemmons, and "The Southern Masonic Female College," by Brother E. D. Harris.