



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



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## Annual Meeting Saturday 8 July in Portsmouth

The Annual Meeting and Installation of Anniversary Lodge will be held at the William Pitt Tavern, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, on Saturday 8 July 2006. The Lodge will open at 7:30 P.M. After the usual short business meeting, guests will be admitted for the semi-public installation.

Before the meeting, we will have supper, chicken by Brother Phil Fraser, at 6:00 P.M. at the Portsmouth Masonic Temple. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Reservations are due to Brother Don Crete by 1 July. His telephone number is 603-483-0714, and his e-mail is ctedamm@comcast.net.

That day is also "Masons' Day" at Strawberry Banke. The Annual Meeting of William Pitt Tavern Lodge No. 1789 will be held at 9:30 A.M., in the Tavern, and the Banke opens at 10:00 A.M. Admission to the Strawberry Banke Museum is free for Masons and their guests, upon presentation of a current dues card.

There will be several events at Strawberry Banke: a CHIPS (child identification) program, pony rides for small children, and a magician and puppeteer show. For more information, contact Brother Roger Clark at 603-772-6298 or rmclark@comcast.net



## Two Anniversary Lodge Officers Receive the Sullivan Award

Brother Donald Crete, our Senior Warden, and Brother Paul M. P. Kelley, our Junior Deacon, recently were honored with Major General John Sullivan Medal in their respective Lodges. Brother Crete is currently Senior Warden of Rockingham Lodge No. 76, Candia, NH, and Brother Kelley is a Past Master of Saint James Lodge No. 102, Hampton, NH.



Brother Crete being congratulated by our Grand Master David J. Lamprey, Sr., as his wife Kim and daughter Julie look on. The presentation took place at Rockingham Lodge's installation on 14 February 2006. (Photo courtesy of Brother Ed Lewis)



Brother Kelley receiving the Sullivan Medal from our Grand Master David J. Lamprey, Sr., on 2 April 2006 at the Saint James Lodge's Veterans' Awards. (Photo courtesy of Brother Andy Hirst)



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

Worshipful Master	Richard H. Dewing
Senior Warden	Donald A. Crete
Junior Warden	Edward N. Lewis
Treasurer	Leonard S. Sousa
Secretary	L. Forbes Getchell
Chaplain	Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.
Senior Deacon	Dale R. Fadden
Junior Deacon	Paul M. P. Kelley
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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.

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**Calendar for 2005-2006**

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.

Date and time: Thursday 9 March 2006  
Event: Visit to Star in the East Lodge No. 59  
Place: Masonic Temple, 63 Water Street, Exeter, 603-778-8052  
Lodge opens at 7:30. NH, on 9 March 2006. Supper is served at 6:30. Reservations for supper should be called made with Brother Doug Alman by 5 March, at 603-778-7645.

Date and time: Saturday, 8 July 2006, 7:30 P.M.  
Event: Annual Meeting and Installation (semi-public)  
Place: William Pitt Tavern, Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, N.H.  
Lodge opens at 7:00. Supper at 6:00 at the Portsmouth Masonic Temple. Chicken à la Brother Phil Fraser. Reservations due by 1 July to Brother Don Crete at 603-483-0714.



**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**

Please visit our web site at

<http://www.anniversarylodge.org>



## Obituaries

We report with sadness the recent passing of two members of Anniversary Lodge and offer our deepest condolences to their families.

Brother Francis N. "Whitey" Bridge passed from labor to refreshment on 2 April 2006 at the age of 85. Brother Bridge was born in Medfield, MA and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a long-term resident of Portsmouth and was retired from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, where he worked as a welding supervisor, and from the N. H. Technical College in Stratham, where he was a welding instructor. He was a member of the Middle Street Baptist Church of Portsmouth, and volunteered at Portsmouth Hospital for over twenty-five years.

Brother Bridge was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, serving that Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1963, and at the time of his death was the oldest living Past Master. He was also a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies in Portsmouth and had been honored with the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Ilene (Huckins) Bridge; a daughter, Karen Freda and her husband Joseph of Strafford; two sons, Keith Bridge and his wife Elaine of Rye and Kim Bridge of Portsmouth; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Brother George C. F. Niemann, of Chicago, Illinois, passed from labor to refreshment on 29 April 2006, at the age of 88. He was a Past Master of King Oscar Lodge No. 855 of Chicago, where he wrote a column for the Lodge newsletter, a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite in Chicago, and was serving as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. He was a member of the Philaethes Society and had a paper published in the Society's magazine only a few months ago.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth and is survived by his son Norman and wife Christine, his granddaughters Lori and Sheri and great-grandsons Brendon and Ethan.



## Our National Anthem

Courtesy of the Seventh Masonic District Blue Lodge Council Newsletter, Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Brother Sam Walker, Editor

Brother John Stafford Smith (1750-1836) was a member of Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4, London, England. He wrote the music which later became our national anthem. Its original use is not known, but at an early date it was used by an Irish Masonic orphans' home as its song. By the War of 1812, it was used for a popular drinking song known as *To Anacreon in Heaven*.

## Precepts of Modern Masonry

Brother Luther W. Osborn, Grand Orator, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 1875, courtesy of the electronic newsletter *Cinosam*, March 2006

Be just -- because equity sustains the human race.

Be good -- because goodness enchains all hearts.

Be indulgent -- because, feeble yourself, you should bear with the feebleness of others.

Be kind -- because kindness secures affection.

Be grateful -- because gratitude is the food that nourishes liberality.

Be modest -- because pride is offensive to your fellow beings.

Pardon injuries -- because vengeance perpetuates hate.

Render good for evil -- because in this way you will rise superior to the evildoer, and make him your friend.

Be forbearing, temperate, and chaste -- because voluptuousness, intemperance and sensuality are destructive of your existence; and they will render it miserable.

Be a citizen -- because your country is necessary for your security, happiness, and well being.

Defend your country with your life -- because it is she who secures you in your property, and in the possessions of all those things near to your heart;

but

never forget that humanity has rights; if your country wrong you, if she refuse you happiness and suffer you to be oppressed, leave her in silence, but never trouble her.



## Sharpshooter

The term "sharp shooter" comes from the Sharps rifle, the famous breechloader of the Civil War invented by Brother Christian Sharps, Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia, PA.



## March Meeting At Star in the East Lodge in Exeter

Brother Richard Dewing, Worshipful Master, Anniversary Lodge of Research

Star in the East Lodge No. 59 in historic downtown Exeter, NH hosted the Anniversary Lodge of Research on the evening of March 9, 2006. After Worshipful Master Steve Miller took care of his lodge's business he welcomed the visiting Lodge of Research.

Brother Dick Dewing then introduced the following members from our lodge: L. Forbes Getchell, Roger Clark, Paul Ladd, Ed Lewis and Lee Fisher. Brother Dewing then distributed a flyer presenting, a brief history of freemasonry on one side, and on the other side, an explanation of each phrase in Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 which all Master Masons recognize as the Scripture passage recited during the Master Mason's Circumambulation. Both articles were copied by material printed by the Masonic Service Association of North America. The first is from the booklet *Focus* and the other from *The Short Talk Bulletin*.

Brother Dewing then gave a brief description of our functions and purposes and then distributed a copy of the last issue of our Quarterly Newsletter to all present.

The theme of the evening was the celebration of the Star in the East's 150 years of Masonry. Brother Dewing then called on Brother Roger M. Clark to give his slide show presentation. Roger started by taking us back to the early days when "the Morgan Affair" cast its shadow on many lodges nationwide. The Exeter lodge did not escape those tough times. At one point in those early days, it was known as The Phoenix Lodge, a reference to the mythical bird, the phoenix that rose from its own ashes. The lodge gathered momentum in the middle 1800's and flourished from then on.

Roger showed many mileposts in which the Star in the East celebrated various anniversaries. In a city that was the capitol of New Hampshire during the Revolutionary War and the birthplace of the GOP during President Lincoln's political campaign; one wonders what impact our forefather brothers had on many important events.

The forty minute presentation was enjoyed by all and Roger received a much deserved hearty round of applause.



## Keeping Discouragement at Bay

Overheard on the Internet

A man stopped to watch a Little League baseball game. He asked one of the youngsters what the score was. "We're losing 18-0," was the answer." "Well," said the man. "I must say you don't look discouraged." "Discouraged?" the boy said, puzzled. "Why should we be discouraged? We haven't come to bat yet."

## From the East

(Written 15 May 2006)

Rain, rain and yet more rain. The first fifteen days of this month have toppled all records for the State of New Hampshire for rainfall in May. We just went past eleven inches here on the Seacoast and the end is not yet in sight.

All this rain, however, has not dampened my feelings of gratitude for the helpful guidance and timely suggestions of our recent Past Master and Editor, Brother Mark Furber. He is a jewel of a Mason and a pillar of the Lodge of Research. In addition to these chores, he is the editor of *The New Hampshire Freemason* and he also has a full-time job. He never fails to credit his wife, Mary, for her vital support that makes it possible for him to accomplish all this. Most of us Masons have someone in the background who keeps us focused and on course. My wife, also named Mary, gives me great support by taking my hand-crafted hieroglyphics and not only turns them into readable print but also sometimes surprises me by what I wrote. So, I offer hearty thanks to Mark and to the two Marys.

As my year in the East winds down, I'm encouraged by the enthusiasm and desire of Brothers Don Crete and Ed Lewis to move up and prepare for their turn in the East. It is a good feeling to know that our lodge will strengthen as it ages. The year has sped past and I know that Don is looking forward to receiving the gavel even though it seems as though Mark just passed it to me.

Reflecting on the past year, I still think it was the best corn I ever ate at our picnic over at Horace Chase Lodge last August. And I know Brother Paul Ladd won't forget the hours of pelting rain we drove through to visit the Grafton-Kane Lodge last November. But it was well worth the trip going to the birthplace of Jeremy Ladd Cross in Haverhill, NH. That man had a huge impact on Masonic ritual in the U.S. and the public meeting where much of his life was reviewed was enjoyed by all present. Lastly, the history of the Star in the East Lodge in Exeter presented by Brother Roger Clark will long be remembered.

And now, as my time as Master runs out, I wonder how many stones I've left unturned and what visits I might have squeezed in or what I might have done more effectively. As I ponder these questions I look forward to an outstanding annual meeting on July 8, 2006.

Fraternally,

Richard H. Dewing, W.M.



## News of Anniversary Lodge Members

Brother Mark Tabbert, now at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, was interviewed for a recent documentary on Freemasonry for the National Geographic Channel.

Brother Robert Steel is serving as Marshall of Grafton-Kane Lodge No. 46, North Haverhill, and as Tyler of Burns Lodge No. 66, Littleton. Brother Dennis Sheridan is Secretary of Burns Lodge. Brother Dale R. Fadden is serving as Marshall of Gorham-Sabatis Lodge No. 73, Groveton. In North Star Lodge No. 8, Lancaster, Brother Aldine J. Tillotson is serving as Junior Warden, Brother Allvin Leonard as Treasurer and Brother Richard Fadden as Marshall.

In our Cryptic Councils, Brother Richard Melvin is serving as Recorder of Horace Chase Council No 4, Concord, and Brother James Ryan is serving as Recorder of Oliver Council No. 11, Exeter.

For 2006, Brother Bill Thomas is serving as Senior Deacon of The American Lodge of Research in New York City.

The annual meetings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of New Hampshire were held in Portsmouth on 13 May 2006. Anniversary Lodge member Brother Robert D. Steel was reelected to a second term as Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Anniversary Lodge member Brother Dennis A. Sheridan was elected as Most Illustrious Grand Master. Biographies of both Brother Steel and Brother Sheridan have appeared in past issues of this newsletter. We wish them success during their terms.

Other Anniversary Lodge members serving these Grand York Rite bodies are:

### Grand Chapter:

Rodney A. Robinson	Assistant Grand Treasurer and Grand Organist
Arnold M. Ashley	Grand Secretary
William F. Curtis	Grand Captain of the Host
Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.	Deputy Grand Captain of the Host

### Grand Council:

William F. Curtis	Grand Principal
Rodney A. Robinson	Conductor of the Work
Arnold M. Ashley	Deputy Grand Treasurer and Grand Organist
Robert D. Steel	Grand Recorder
Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.	Grand Marshall
	Grand Lecturer

In the New Hampshire York Rite honorary and invitational bodies, Anniversary Lodge members serving as officers in 2006 are:

### Granite State Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine

Rodney A. Robinson	Treasurer
Dennis A. Sheridan	Standard Bearer
William F. Curtis	Herald
Robert D. Steel	Sentinel
Glen R. Gordon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aide

### Palestine Tabernacle No. XLI, H.R.A.K.T.P.

Dennis A. Sheridan	Fourth Pillar
Thomas X. Tsirimokos	Third Pillar
William F. Curtis	Second Pillar
Robert D. Steel	Inner Guard

### Profile York Rite College No. 100

Robert D. Steel	Chancellor
Rodney A. Robinson	Treasurer

### New Hampshire Priory No. 58, K.Y.C.H.

William F. Curtis	Prelate
Dennis A. Sheridan	Orator



## Book Reviewers Still Needed

Over the last year or so, a number of interesting Masonic books have appeared. Although your Editor may eventually have time to review one or more of them, any Anniversary Lodge member who would like to write a review for this newsletter, or for our Grand Lodge magazine, would be very welcome. Although all book reviews are welcome, some books of recent interest are:

*The Secret History of Freemasonry: Its Origins and Connection to the Knights Templar* by Paul Naudon, Inner Traditions, 2005, ISBN: 159477028X

*Turning the Hiram Key: Rituals of Freemasonry Revealed*, by Robert Lomas, Fair Winds Press. 2005 ISBN: 1592331343

*The Origins of Freemasonry: Facts & Fictions*, by Margaret C. Jacob, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005, ISBN: 0812239016

*Understanding Manhood in America*, by Robert G. Davis, Anchor Communications, 2005, ISBN: 0935633375

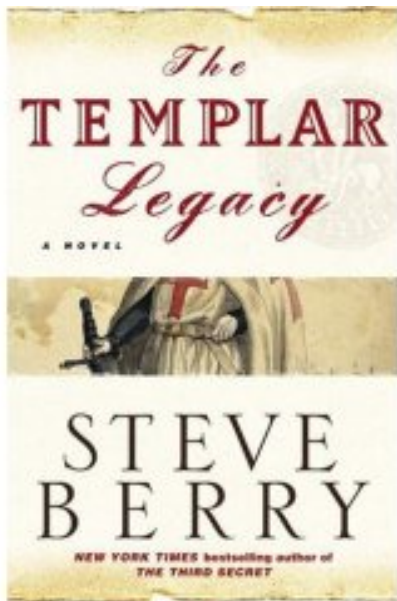
*Washington's God*, by Michael Novak and Jana Novak, Basic Books, 2006, ISBN: 046505126X



## Book Review

### *The Templar Legacy: A Novel*

Brother Mark A. Weir, Secretary, Rising Star Lodge No. 47, Newmarket, NH, and member, Anniversary Lodge of Research



*The Templar Legacy*, a novel by Steve Berry, begins with the imprisonment of Jacques DeMolay, with King Philip IV trying for seven years to find the treasures of the “Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon.” DeMolay had foreseen impending trouble when he was called to Paris and so he had the Templars’ treasures hidden for safe keeping, but among the treasures is an even more valuable treasure known as the “Great Devise.”

Harold “Cotton” Malone is a retired agent of the Department of Justice and is now an owner of a bookstore in Denmark. Little did he know that he would be drawn back into the world of covert activities and life and death decisions, when his former boss, Stephanie Nelle asks Cotton to have a friendly lunch. Neither of them knew that Stephanie’s late husband, who had spent years researching and searching for the Templar’s treasures, had kept a journal that would become the prime target since it holds a key that could reveal the directions to the treasure.

We also learn that the Knights Templars are still secretly in existence these past seven hundred years, and have been hiding their existence from the world. The secrets to their treasure and its location were never passed on before Jacques DeMolay was slowly burned at the stake.

But who would benefit the most in the Templars to find the “Great Devise?” Raymond De Roquefort, the newly elected Master, or the Seneschal, who was the last Master’s closest aide. And even if discovered, should the “Great Devise” be shared with the world?

The book is written in the now famous style of Dan Brown (*The DaVinci Code*) with more and more players entering the story as a search for clues and the keys to

open the clues to reveal the hidden location. And then there is the problem of who can be trusted as certain characters are caught withholding information, using spying equipment, leaving false trails only to be helping one side and later finding that they are aiding a new character that enters the story.

The writing is fast-paced with many twists and turns in the plot and the characters’ motives as more and more unknown factors are revealed. The clues are not well-known landmarks or to be found in famous historic sites, but they do seem believable and the locales and landmarks make for an interesting and entertaining backdrop. The action is not wildly sensationalized but it is written with just enough chases, escapes, encounters and heroics to make for an active and believable story.

The story is peppered with possible insights as to what the Knights Templar did and their organizational structure and rituals. The Templars are also hinted to be involved with many holy relics and findings that definitely make for a more interesting read.

This is Steve Berry’s fourth novel and like his others that have been on the bestseller list, this one also is a bestseller and may be his best work yet.

*The Templar Legacy*, by Steve Berry, hardcover, 496 pages, published by Ballantine Books, February 21, 2006, ISBN 0345476158, List price \$24.95



## From The Editor

About three years ago, I wrote a review of *Freemasonry for Wives and Others*, a book by the noted Australian Masonic author Brother Kent Henderson. In it I mentioned that a North American version might be of interest, and Kent took me up on that idea, to my considerable surprise. After a variety of delays, we have reached an agreement with Southern California Research Lodge to publish a North American version through them. SCRL is well known for making good Masonic books available to the Craft at low prices. The book will be out later this year.

There is little other news this quarter, but I do want to offer my congratulations to Brother Dick Dewing on the completion of his term as Master of Anniversary Lodge, and to thank him for his kind words.

As always, I greatly appreciate the partnership of my wife Mary in my Masonic activities and in our life together.

I hope to see many of you at our annual meeting in July.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber

## **Fall Meeting at Grafton-Kane Lodge in North Haverhill**

Courtesy of Brother Robert Steel, P.M. and Secretary, Grafton Kane Lodge No. 46, and member, Anniversary Lodge of Research

Anniversary Lodge of Research visited Grafton-Kane Lodge No. 46, North Haverhill, NH, at their Stated Meeting on 16 November 2005.

Grafton-Kane Lodge was opened by Worshipful Master Brother Chad C. Mitchell, and after a short business meeting, the Brethren enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Brother Sylvester with the assistance of Mr. Richard Niles and the Three Mrs. Mitchells. The Masons and Ladies then retired to the Lodge Room to enjoy the evening's program concerning the history of Grafton Kane Lodge No. 46.

W.M. Mitchell introduced W.M. Dewing of Anniversary Lodge who introduced the members of Anniversary Lodge present: Brothers Edwin Lewis, Dennis Sheridan, Robert Steel; Paul Ladd, Hazen Calhoun; and the visitors from Edward Wildblood Lodge of Research of Vermont: Brothers Joe Truss, Len Morse, Palmer Martin, Glenn Dow. Guests were Mrs. Eula Mitchell, Grand Mother and Mother of the W.M., S.W. and J.W.; Mrs. Rebecca Mitchell, wife of the S.W.; and Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell and their two sons Jarred and Joseph, the immediate family of the W.M. Also present was Mr. Richard Niles who was to receive the Entered Apprentice degree on 25 November 2005 in Grafton-Kane Lodge.

Brother Dewing then thanked the Lodge for the hospitality extended to all and gave a short explanation of the function of Anniversary Lodge. He distributed copies of the Quarterly Newsletter and turned the floor over to the Lodge Historian, Brother Wayne Mitchell, J.W.

Brother Mitchell spoke about the origins of the name of Grafton Lodge, which was for an early explorer of the New England area before it was divided into individual states. He then continued with a history of Kane Lodge and Dr. Elisha Kane for who it was named. Dr. and Brother Kane was a man of many talents and accomplishments, an author, U.S. Navy surgeon, astronomer, chemist, mineralogist and a member of the U.S. Embassy Staff in China. He explored volcanoes, jungles and other unknown areas of the planet including two expeditions to the Arctic. He had an interest in ancient civilizations and locations like the Himalayan Mountains, Egypt and Greece.

Brother Kane was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. He was a bright flame for a scant 35 years and accomplished his life's work before the Civil War. He was a participant in the Mexican War and was intrigued with the Caribbean Islands; particularly Cuba where there was a Lodge named after him. He was best known for his attempts to find the English explorer (and Brother) Sir John Franklin who along with the other members of his expedition disappeared. While he did find the physical remnants of a camp, no members of the expedition were ever found.

Brother Mitchell then spoke about Brother Jeremy Ladd Cross (1783-1860). Brother Ladd was born in Haverhill, NH and returned to live out his years there after much success as an instructor in Masonic Ritual. Brother Ladd was a student and protégé of Brother Thomas Smith Webb, who was made a Mason in Rising Sun Lodge, Keene, NH. For many years Brother Cross traveled to different Jurisdictions as a "Traveling Lecturer". His greatest strength as a Lecturer was his ability to recall word for word and in the correct sequence, each word of the Masonic Rituals. He also published two monitors. Brother Cross is also referred as the Father of Cryptic Masonry, since he spread the Royal and Select Master degrees. From history recorded elsewhere, it is thought that Brother Cross served Grafton Lodge as a Junior Warden after his retirement as a Lecturer. The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire named its highest award for Distinguished Service "The Jeremy Ladd Cross Medal".

Brother Cross is interred in the Ladd Street Cemetery, just around the bend from the Ladd Street School in Haverhill, NH. The Lodge looks after his grave and those of our other departed Brethren to this day.

The records of this Lodge were lost to fire twice in the past and it is difficult at best when searching for knowledge contained from the beginning years to around 1900. We know of three locations where this Lodge met prior to our present location. This present building was erected about 1965 under the guidance of Brother Carroll Ingles, P.G.M.



## **Plans for Civil War Event in 2008**

Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865, Grand Lodge of Virginia, is the only research lodge dedicated to the study of the Craft in the Civil War. CWLR meets at various places around the country, but has never met in New England, although there are a few members here.

Anniversary Lodge of Research, in partnership with The Maine Lodge of Research, is working on bringing CWLR to New England for their July 2008 meeting. This event will be held in conjunction with Masons' Day at Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, on the weekend of 11-13 July 2008.

Although plans are still in the formative stages, we are considering:

- A Civil War reenactor encampment at Strawberry Banke.
- A Ladies at the Table.
- Talks on the Craft during the war.
- A visit to the home and grave of Brother and General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, in Brunswick, Maine.

Further information will follow as it becomes available. Please save that weekend for a unique and interesting event.

## Research Lodge News

### The Phylaxis Society

The Phylaxis Society, the Prince Hall Masonic Research, has suffered two blows in the last few months but is regrouping. First, the Society's records suffered greatly in Hurricane Katrina and operations have been relocated.

Secondly, on 4 March 2006, Brother Joseph A. Walkes passed from labor to refreshment. Brother Walkes was a member of King Solomon No. 15, M.W.P.H.G.L. of Missouri and had served the M.W.P.H.G.L. of Missouri as Grand Historian for many years. He was the Founder and President of the Phylaxis Society, as well as the author of several books on the Prince Hall branch of our Craft. He will be greatly missed by all Masonic historians.

### Scottish Rite Research Society

The Scottish Rite Research Society has published its transactions for 2005, *Heredom*, Volume 13. *Heredom* is edited by Brothers S. Brent Morris and Aaron T. Kornblum, and remains one of the best publications worldwide in the area of Masonic scholarship. Volume 13 contains:

“Benjamin Franklin: A Masonic Enlightener in Paris” by Brother R. William Weisberger

“Freemasonry for Bobos” by Brother W. Kirk MacNulty

“Brother Weems and Washington's Cherry Tree” by Brother Paul Rich and Mr. Daniel Gutierrez

“The Initiated Eye: Secrets, Symbols, Freemasonry and the Architecture of Washington, D.C.” by Brother Paul D. Dolinsky and Mr. Peter Waddell

“The Golden Age of Fraternalism” by Ms. Harriet W. McBride

“The Mortar & Pestle Degree” by Brother Paul Scheeler

“Unspoiled by the Attention of Historians” by Ms. Larissa P. Watkins

“European Freemasons and the Greek War of Independence” by Brother Andreas C. Rizopoulos

Further information about the SRRS can be found at:

<http://www.srmason-sj.org/web/srrs.htm>

## Connecticut

The Masonic Lodge of Research in Connecticut is one of two Research Lodges in that jurisdiction. The Lodge meets five times per year, in New Haven, and was warranted in 1966. The Lodge was the first to publish its transactions electronically – on floppy disk. The 2005 volume of transactions, edited by Brother Ronald M. Goldwyn, Secretary of the Lodge, has been issued and contains several interesting papers: “American Indians & Freemasonry on the Frontier” by Brother Martin Ede, Master of the Lodge in 2005, “Masonry in the Public Eye – Post Millennium,” Brother Jonathan R. Tomlinson, “A History of Women's Masonry” by Barbara L Thames, a member of a Co-Masonic (male and female members) Lodge in Atlanta, Georgia, Atlanta Lodge, No. 21, “The Ancient Landmarks of the Craft” by Brother Harvey A. Eysman and “Solving the Riddle of ‘Our Vows’” on the origins of “The Canadian Charge,” by Brother Ronald M Goldwyn.

In 1971 the Masonic Lodge of Research of Connecticut presented its first Fellowship to James Royal Case and named the annual award after him. On 24 May 2006, the Lodge presented the Case Fellowship to Brother Paul Bessel of Washington, D.C.

## Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will meet on 10 June 2006 in Irwin, PA, to hear two papers: “To Advance the Race: Prince Hall Freemasonry and the Founding of the Niagara Movement” by Brother Richard P. Mulcahy, and “The Silver Wreath on the Wall: George W. Guthrie, Mayor, Past Master and Ambassador” about one of Pittsburgh's leading citizens, by Brother Kenneth J. Faub.

The Lodge will also invest Brothers Thomas W. Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, and David Mello, with the membership grade of Fellow.

## Virginia

Virginia Research Royal Arch Chapter No. 1753 met on 29 April 2006 in Virginia Beach, VA, to participate in the Grand Chapter of Virginia's annual walkathon for Alzheimer's disease.

Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865 will meet on 8 July 2006 at Concord Lodge No. 307, Vienna, Virginia. The speaker will be Brother David K. Moore, who will speak on the Raid of Lawrence, Kansas in 1863. Brother Moore is the author of *Vengeance in My Heart*, a novel about the raid.

