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Annual Meeting Notice

The Annual Meeting and Installation of Anniversary Lodge will be held on Tuesday, 8 July 2008, at the William Pitt Tavern, Portsmouth, N.H. The Lodge will open at 7:00 P.M., with the semi-public installation at approximately 7:30 P.M. Dress for members and officers is a business suit.

Supper will be held at the Portsmouth Masonic Temple, 351 Middle Street, at 6:00 P.M. Brother Phil Fraser will serve beef tips at the cost of \$8.00 each. Please make reservations with the Secretary by 5 July:

603-436-1523, or

webmaster@anniversarylodge.org



Tentative Schedule for Fall 2008

North Star Lodge No. 8, Lancaster, N.H.
2 October 2008

Franklin Lodge No. 6, Lebanon, N.H.
22 December 2008



Brother Len Sousa Retires as Treasurer



Len and Georgia Sousa (Photos courtesy Ed Lewis)

After twenty-eight years as Treasurer of Anniversary Lodge, Brother Leonard Sousa will retire at our annual meeting this July.

Brother Sousa is a resident of Manchester, N.H., and a Past Master of Lafayette Lodge No. 41 in that city. He is a recipient of the Major General John Sullivan Award in 1988 and 1999, and served as a Grand Steward in 1992-1993. He was Worshipful Master of Anniversary Lodge of Research in 1989 and was installed as Treasurer in 1990. He is a member and past presiding officer of the Manchester York Rite bodies, and a recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor.

We wish Brother Len and his wife Georgia the best and thank them for their service to Anniversary Lodge and for hosting the annual August picnics for many years at their home.



**Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175
F. & A. M.
Officers for 2007-2008**

Worshipful Master	Edward N. Lewis
Senior Warden	Dale R. Fadden
Junior Warden	Paul M. P. Kelley
Treasurer	Leonard S. Sousa
Secretary	Mark E. Furber
Chaplain	Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.
Senior Deacon	Robert J. Norton
Junior Deacon	Mark E. Langis
Marshal	David W. Scott
Senior Steward	Brian A. Smith
Junior Steward	Robert D. Steel
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 Secretary 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 Secretary.

Submissions to the newsletter are solicited and should be sent to the Secretary. Electronic

submissions in a MS Office-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.



Membership

The by-laws of Anniversary Lodge establish two classes of members. Regular Members must also be members of a Constituent Lodge within the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, while Associate Members are members of Constituent Lodges within 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 and on our web site and are acted on by the Secretary as he receives them.

Although the bylaws do not provide for a class of membership for corporate bodies such as other Research Lodges or Masonic libraries, Anniversary Lodge is happy to exchange publications with other organizations. Please contact the Secretary.

Web Site

Please visit our web site at

<http://www.anniversarylodge.org>



Charter Members of Anniversary Lodge of Research

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

2008 Lodge Anniversary

Celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year is Moosehillock Lodge No. 63, Warren, N.H. Moosehillock Lodge was chartered on 9 June 1858, and originally met in Wentworth.



William Lowell Hill, Medal of Honor Recipient



(Photo from HomeOfHeroes.com, used with permission)

Since the first award of the Medal of Honor on 25 March 1863, there have been 3447 recipients. Today the Medal of Honor is our nation's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force, but before the creation of the many decorations we know today, primarily during World War I, the Medal of Honor was awarded for a variety of acts of heroism, including saving a life.

William Lowell Hill was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1846. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and in 1881, was serving as Captain of the Top (a petty officer rank) on board the training ship USS *Minnesota*, stationed at Newport, R.I. His citation reads,

“Serving on board the U.S. training ship *Minnesota* at Newport, R.I., 22 June 1881,

Hill jumped overboard and sustained William Mulcahy, third class boy, who had fallen overboard, until picked up by a steam launch.”

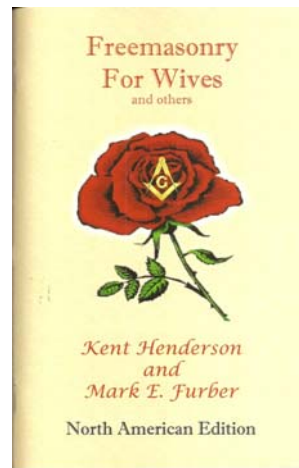
Hill later served in the Spanish-American War and World War I, reaching the rank of Chief Boatswain's Mate. He died at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on 2 August 1922.

Brother Hill was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth; entered 1 February 1905, passed 3 March 1905, and raised 5 April 1905.



Book Announcement

Freemasonry for Wives and Others by Kent Henderson and Mark E. Furber



Several years ago, prominent Masonic author Brother Kent Henderson, of Victoria, Australia, published *Freemasonry for Wives and Others*. Written with an Australian focus, the book is a basic guide to Masonry for petitioners' wives and family members.

A North American edition of the book is now available from Southern California Research Lodge. With the kind permission of Brother Henderson, your Secretary revised it to address Masonry as practiced in the United States and Canada.

The book may be ordered for \$6.00 plus shipping from

Southern California Research Lodge
PO Box 939
Ashland, OR 97520-0032

<http://www.calodges.org/scrl/>
e-mail: scrlfam@aol.com



News of Anniversary Lodge Members

At the 2007 Scottish Rite Supreme Council session, our Master, Brother Ed Lewis, was elected to receive the 33rd Degree in August 2008. Brother Lewis has worked hard for the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Concord and the N.H. Council of Deliberation.

Brother John Dutchman-Smith, one of our members in England, has been appointed to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon in the Province of East Lancashire.

Brother William Thomas is serving as Senior Warden of the American Lodge of Research in New York City.

Brother Robert Steel is serving as Sovereign Master, and Brother Dennis Sheridan as Senior Warden, of Paul Revere Council No. 401, Allied Masonic Degrees, in Massachusetts.

At the recent reorganization of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, three Anniversary Lodge members took positions of leadership:

Grand Commander - Dennis A. Sheridan
Deputy Grand Commander - Robert D. Steel
Grand Recorder - Thomas X. Tsirimokos

On 10 May 2008, the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of New Hampshire met and installed officers for 2008-2009. In the Grand Chapter, Anniversary Lodge members are serving as:

Grand Scribe - William F. Curtis
Grand Treasurer - Rodney A. Robinson
Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer – Dennis A. Sheridan
Grand Secretary Emeritus – Arnold M. Ashley

In the Grand Council, we find:

Grand Master – William F. Curtis
Grand Treasurer and Grand Organist – Rodney A. Robinson
Grand Recorder – Dennis A. Sheridan
Grand Recorder Emeritus – Arnold M. Ashley
Grand Captain of the Guard – Robert D. Steel
Grand Lecturer – Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.

Anniversary Lodge Ladies at the Table

Brother Ed Lewis, Master

On March 29, 2008 in Penacook NH some brothers, their ladies and guests gathered in the dining room of Horace Chase lodge to enjoy a Prime Rib dinner. Enjoy they did, the meat was prime and served with a choice of how it was cooked. The ladies enjoyed a fine evening with many toasts to them and time to enjoy the company of those at the table. Servers for the evening were Mike Ripenburger, Mike Drotar, Warren Wells and Don Taylor. The Kitchen crew headed by Jason Valley was Harry Lewis and Jim Triacca.

One of the behind the scene things that happened is that the Master of Anniversary Lodge was out of town to a Scottish Rite Secretaries conference. This is where people came together and helped out in time of need. Not being there I may miss someone but I know Judi Lewis, Dave and Pam Hardy worked all day getting everything set-up and ready. Dave called on his brother Joe to come on over and assist getting things ready. So with my Wife, Pam and the Hardy boys things came together in the dining room for the gala event of the evening. Most people arrived early which worked well as this allowed time to find a good chair prior to the start at 5:30. Those that arrived latter well then you take one of the left over chairs.

Missing were long time strong supporter of Anniversary Lodge the Sousas, Len and Georgia, who were both home with colds, also Jerry and Donna Becker could not make it as Jerry was not feeling well enough to go out that evening. We wish all of them speedy recovery and hope to see them out and about before they read this article.

When it was time to leave each lady took with them a perfect long stem red rose, each person had their souvenir water glass and shot glass as well as for those who wanted plastic coffee or summer drink cups. With the meal served family style they all also left with a few more pounds than when they arrived.

Question – Did someone forget to serve the Master his wine for one of the toasts?

**Anniversary Lodge Visits Jerusalem Lodge
No. 102 in Keene NH**
Brother Ed Lewis, Master

Jerusalem Lodge opened right at 7:30, after a great dinner prepared by Brother Bernie Russell, his wife Sandy, and Brother Eric Anderson. This opening was joined by an opening of Anniversary Lodge No. 175. Business of the evening was attended to by Jerusalem Lodge members including work on their bylaws.

When the business was concluded the floor was turned over to the Master of Anniversary Lodge. After the polite thanks to the Master, he explained to those present, which numbered around twenty Brothers, what Anniversary Lodge was, when it started, the requirements to join, and the purpose of the lodge. The Master introduced the other members of Anniversary Lodge members attending: – Brothers Don Crete, P.M., Lee Fisher P.M., and “Skins” Watkins.

He then introduced Lee Fisher – for the main program of the evening which was a talk about “Masonic Libraries in New Hampshire.”

With thanks to Lee Fisher for the fine talk and Master Al Chesley for inviting us to Keene, and a presentation of Anniversary Lodge pins to Master and Wardens of Jerusalem Lodge, Anniversary Lodge joined the Blue Lodge in closing. A fun filled evening was finished and the brothers traveled their separate ways home with new acquaintances made. The ride home was most enjoyable as the temperature was above freezing and there was no fresh snow falling.



From the Secretary

Dear Brethren:

It has been a long time since the last newsletter, for which I apologize. Family matters and work have kept me occupied, but I hope that the remainder of 2008 will permit me to spend more time on Anniversary Lodge. Thankfully, our W.M. Ed Lewis had a full program this year, with visits to Keene and Penacook, and a

successful Ladies at the Table. He should be congratulated on his efforts. Brother Lee Fisher should also be congratulated on providing an interesting program on Masonic libraries for the Lodge visits. Reports of these events appear in this newsletter.

Dues bills were mailed out a few weeks ago and the response has been good, with approximately half of the dues paid by the end of May. Although I know that in the past dues bills were sometimes sent out on a calendar year basis, our bylaws state that dues are payable by the annual meeting in July. If you do not have a dues card stating that you are current through July 2009, you owe dues. When this year’s collection is more nearly complete, I will contact those who owe more than one year’s dues. If for some reason you are unable to pay without hardship, please contact me in confidence and we will be happy to remit your dues.

Death has a way of making us thoughtful .In May, two members of my family passed away, a day apart. Although they were actually my first cousins once removed, I always called them “Uncle Phil” and “Aunt Marion.” Both were in their 80’s. I did not know Aunt Marion well, since she lived in Rhode Island for many years, but I have many fond memories of Uncle Phil, who was a 67 year member of my Lodge, St. John’s No. 1 in Portsmouth. In particular, I remember his many stories about the Army Air Corps in World War II, being stationed in Iceland as a meteorologist, and his many practical jokes. When someone passes away, so much history is lost forever. Consequently, I would urge us all to think about preserving the stories of our relatives and Masonic brothers. Perhaps we could interview older members of our Lodges and write down or record their experiences for succeeding generations. Even stories about the most minor things may be of interest to someone, someday.

As always, a big thank you to my wife Mary for her support of all of my endeavors.

I hope to see many of you on 8 July at the Pitt Tavern.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark E. Furber

Horace Chase Visit – 15 November 2007

Brother Ed Lewis, Master



Front row: Sumner Goldman, Wm Lee Fisher, Richard Melvin, Edward Lewis, Ronald Scovil, Robert MacLean, Jr., Master of Horace Chase Lodge. Back row: Mark Roth, Robert Norton, Dale Fadden (Photo courtesy of Ed Lewis)

Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, N.H., opened right at 7:30 as is the custom for the lodge; this opening was joined by an opening of Anniversary Lodge No. 175. Business of the evening was attended to by Horace Chase Lodge members.

When the business was concluded the floor was turned over to Anniversary Lodge and after the polite thanks the Master explained to those present, which numbered around fifty Brothers, what Anniversary Lodge was, when it started, requirements to join, and the purpose of the lodge. The master called on the members of Anniversary Lodge to stand and introduce themselves. There were ten members attending: Brothers Bob MacLean, Sumner Goldman, Mark Roth, Bob Norton, Ron Scovil, Dick Melvin, Dale Fadden, Richard Fadden, Wm. Lee Fisher, and Ed Lewis.

He then introduced Lee Fisher for the main program of the evening which was a talk about "Masonic Libraries in New Hampshire."

With thanks to Lee Fisher for the fine talk and Master MacLean for inviting us to Penacook followed by a presentation of Anniversary Lodge pins to Master and Wardens of Horace Chase Lodge, Anniversary Lodge joined the Blue lodge in closing.



Brother Wm. Lee Fisher speaks at Horace Chase Lodge
(Photo courtesy of Ed Lewis)



Research Lodge News – Vermont

Our Brethren in Edward J. Wildblood Lodge of Research No. 110 in Vermont will hold their St. John's Day Festive Board at the South Station restaurant in Rutland on Tuesday, 24 June 2008.

The Lodge is also sponsoring a short paper competition for Vermont Masons. Papers of fewer than 500 words are solicited on any Masonic topic and those selected will be published on the Lodge web site. The goal is provide papers that can be read in Lodge as 5-10 minute educational presentations. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Grand Lodge of Vermont meeting in June 2009.

More information is available on their web site:

<http://www.vermontlodgeofresearch.com/>

