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Brother Forbes Getchell Retires as Secretary After Eighteen Years



After serving Anniversary Lodge as Secretary since July 1989, after the conclusion of his term as Master in 1988-89, Brother L. Forbes "Doc" Getchell has retired.

Brother Forbes is a resident of Newmarket, NH, where he had a dental practice for many years, and a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. He is a Past Master and long-term Treasurer of Rising Star Lodge No. 47 in Newmarket, a Past District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District, and a member of the York and Scottish Rites. He is married to Sylvia Fitts Getchell, who is a student of Newmarket history. He is also a Revolutionary War reenactor and sometimes provides an interesting talk on medical treatment on the Revolutionary War battlefield.

We thank him for his outstanding service to Anniversary Lodge, wish him the best and hope to see him at our meetings as time permits.



Schedule for 2007-2008

Annual Summer Picnic

Saturday, 26 August 2007 at 2:00 P.M.
At Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook
Cost \$5.00.
Reservations to Ed Lewis by 22 August:

Fraternal Visit to Horace Chase Lodge No. 72 Penacook, NH

Thursday, 15 November 2007 at 7:30 P.M.
Collation after meeting.

Fraternal Visit to Jerusalem Lodge No. 104, Keene, NH

Monday, 3 March 2008
Supper at 6:30 P.M. Lodge opens at 7:30.

Ladies at the Table

Saturday, 29 March 2008 at 5:30 P.M.
At Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook

Annual Meeting and Semi-Public Installation Tuesday, 8 July 2008

William Pitt Tavern, Portsmouth, NH
Dinner 5:30-6:30 P.M - Details to be
announced. Lodge opens at 7:00.

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F. & A. M.
Officers for 2007-2008**

Worshipful Master	Edward N. Lewis
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Submissions to the newsletter are solicited and should be sent to the editor. Electronic

submissions in a MS Office-compatible format are encouraged if possible.

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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.

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Harold C. McAllister	George B. Ward

The Structures of Life

Brother Robert D. Steel, Grafton Kane Lodge No. 46 and Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175

I heard a quote from Justice Cardossa, New York State Supreme Court. Unable to write it down at the time, I will paraphrase it, “there are three great mysteries in life itself, Birth, Death and our Life in-between”.

Birth, by whatever manner it arrives is the “Beginning of something”, an existence that had not been, virgin thought or a newborn life: A process we have each experienced.

Death, by whatever means it arrives, is the ending of something, as we know it.

Life, the period in-between is the “mystery” we each face every second. Like a buffet, it has numerous choices that satisfy. Do you make random selections? With food it is reasonably easy. Your senses take charge and you select your favorites and sometimes experiment with a strange dish. With LIFE, selections may enhance, degrade or end it. Without experimentation or investigation you will not gain knowledge. All decisions you make form a structure, the design of which is ultimately yours!

Consider the “working tools” of Masonry: The Twenty-Four Inch Gage is an instrument used to layout and measures our work: How? By managing our time. Thus permitting a multiple approach to life, an approach that includes choice! You are taught that there is time for service to God and a distressed worthy Brother, our usual avocation, refreshment and sleep. Inherent in these is plans to accomplish them. Those plans may be simple or complicated, much the same as those necessary when erecting structures, material or spiritual, which in fact you are in the process of accomplishing at this moment!

As we dig, pry, hammer and manipulate, we must keep our structure Plumb; Level and Square or it will collapse upon itself. Tools such as; shovel, crow, pick; gavel, maul, chisel; plumb-line, level, square and trowel are each necessary too the erection of an edifice. The lessons they teach are to be found and experienced as you explore the avenues of our

fraternity. The mortar of our life is the Mystical Tie an unseen Spiritual staff of Life that binds us as one. In the planning of your Structure, do not fail to beautify and adorn it as well.

Life or a structure never turns out exactly as planned. To prevent its collapse you must adapt, rearrange and modify your plans! One of the beauties of the mind is the ability to adjust, rebuild or redesign your life; God has given us this marvelous ability! Develop and use it! Become a positive force for the betterment man and yourself by circumscribing your actions and keeping within God’s and Man’s due bounds. The tools and Great Lights of Masonry serve a greater purpose than mere symbols; they are the sure guides to becoming successful as a human being! We can always improve ourselves, in Masonry and Life; Start now, it is never too late!



Masonic Service Association Appeal For Relief – Kansas

May 10, 2007: A tornado has completely destroyed Greensburg, Kansas. Destruction in that area has left utter devastation in the wake of this tornado. The need is urgent.

Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel will be appropriate to help our devastated Brethren in this stricken jurisdiction. Please make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send to 8120 Fenton Street, Ste. 203, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785. Remember all monies received – 100% - go to the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

Thank you very much for your help!

Most sincerely and fraternally,
Richard E. Fletcher, PGM
Executive Secretary



We Welcome Five New Members

Brother Brian E. O'Hair is native of Boston, Mass., a resident of Tampa, Florida and a member of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 in Tampa. He works as a salesman.

Brother Michael B. Strong is a native of London, England and resides in Leicester, England. He works as an insurance broker. He was raised in Gartree Lodge No. 7778, Leicester, and is currently a member of Dale Abbey Lodge No. 5603, Long Eaton, Derbyshire. He is also a member of the Mark, Royal Arch, Royal Ark Mariners, the Allied Masonic Degrees, Order of the Secret Monitor, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the Knights Templar, the Operatives, the Order of Athelstan, S.R.I.A. (the Masonic Rosicrucians) and the Order of St. Thomas of Acon. He is married with three daughters.

Brother Ronald F. Scovil is a resident of Loudon, NH, and is enjoying retirement. He is a member of Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, NH.

Brother Robert M. MacLean is a resident of Concord, NH, and works as administrative assistant. He is a member of Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, NH and is currently serving his Lodge as Master.

Brother David E. "Ed" Lewis is a resident of Lemington, VT, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a retired Naval Officer. He was raised in Evening Star Lodge No. 37, Colebrook, NH, where he is a 53-year member. In the York Rite, he is a Past High Priest, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Past Commander, a Knight of the York Cross of Honor and a member of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and the Red Cross of Constantine. In the Scottish Rite he is a Past Thrice Potent Master and holds the Meritorious Service Award. He is also Past President of Kamehameha Chapter of the National Sojourners in Hawaii.



From the East

Brother Ed Lewis, Worshipful Master

Elections and installation for the year have come and gone. The installation team worked as a team and did a wonderful job. It seemed like they must have had a lot of rehearsals, it went so smooth. Brother Sawyer led the team in fine fashion and the room seemed just perfect for Christi Meachen as she did the solos for the Master and then for the Wardens. We credit Brother Roger Clark for his assistance in choosing a couple of appropriate songs for this. Now, if you were there for supper you know it was one of the better chicken meals that you have ever had, but for those you that did not make it Brother Fraser cooked up a meal that was fit for serving to any group.

Anniversary Lodge is a research lodge, thus we assist our brothers in New Hampshire to preserve our history. While some members have written papers on various subjects, some collect and catalogue information from Blue Lodges and some contribute by finding pieces of information that should be kept somewhere to help preserve the history of Masons in this state.

Activities for the year started with an annual picnic which this year was held in Penacook at Horace Chase Lodge. A thank you to Brother Norton and his helpers for the food.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is the schedule for this year's activities. Seating is limited for the Ladies-at-the-Table so mark that date on your calendar early.



Annual Meeting Photos – 7 July 2007



The installing suite. (Courtesy of Ed Lewis)

The installing suite consisted of:

Installing the Master	Jeremy J. Sawyer
Installing the Remaining Officers	David J. Lamprey, Sr.
Chaplain	Mark C. Roth
Marshal	Andrew F. Hirst
Secretary	Ronald N. Crane
Charge to Master	Russell S. Bell
Charge to Wardens	Aldine J. Tillotson
Charge to Brethren	Roger M. Clark
Soloist	Christi Meachen

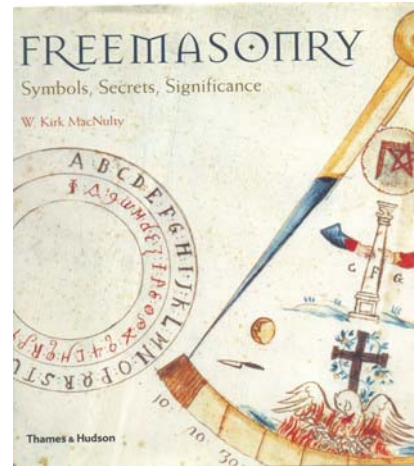


The officers: from left to right, Brothers Bob Norton, Len Sousa (seated), Paul Kelley, David Scott, Bob Steel, Richard Gilbert, Ed Lewis and Dale Fadden. (Courtesy of Ed Lewis)



Book Review

Freemasonry – Symbols, Secrets, Significance
Brother Tony Porter, Internet Lodge, No 9659,
United Grand Lodge of England



With nearly 400 illustrations, mostly in colour, this lavishly produced book is the knowledgeable work of Brother W Kirk McNulty, a Mason of over 40 years. He is a member of Lodges both in England and America.

Following the Introduction, the book is neatly divided into seven sections: 1. The Broken Column – The Dawn of Freemasonry; 2. Rebuilding the Temple – The History of Freemasonry; 3. The Making of a Mason – The Craft Degrees; 4. The Freemason's Path – Higher Degrees; 5. Liberty, Equality, Fraternity – Freemasonry in Society; 6. "Novus Ordo Seclorum" – Masonic Puzzles and Secrets; 7. Brothers in Craft – Prominent Freemasons.

Although it is common knowledge that formal Freemasonry began in the 18th century, the author delves much further into the past. The references to the Knights Templars being the forerunners of Freemasonry particularly interested me. Reference is made to their connection with the fabulous Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland. It was founded in 1446 and contains many symbolic features that are recognisable as Masonic. (If you are ever in Edinburgh, don't miss the opportunity to visit.)

The book plots the "proper" history of Freemasonry from 1717. Within thirty years the Order had spread internationally – Europe, India, China and perhaps most importantly, North

America. Even though it suffered persecution from governments and the Church, by the 19th century it was truly global – Masonry Universal.

The three Craft Degrees are at the heart of Freemasonry and here the philosophy behind the rituals and the formation of the Lodge are described in depth.

Brother McNulty moves on to the higher degrees and records that the first recorded Chapter was in Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia, in 1753 – a fact that will not be lost by readers of this Newsletter! The Knights Templar are first mentioned in a Masonic context in the minutes of St Andrews Royal Arch Chapter in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1769.

The function of the secrecy and some of the more popular myths and puzzles surrounding the Order are examined in some detail. Readers of this Newsletter will doubtless be well aware of the conspiracy theory regarding the layout of Washington, D.C., and also with the design of the U S Dollar Bill. Both are mentioned in the book.

A survey of many very well known personalities were Freemasons and details are faithfully recorded in the book. George Washington was, of course, made a Mason in Fredericksburg Lodge; Theodore Roosevelt in Matinecock Lodge, No 806 in Oyster Bay, New York. Many members of the British Royal Family were members of the craft. King Edward VII was initiated in Stockholm by the King of Sweden and became Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1875. Sir Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime Prime Minister, is possibly the best known English Freemason and he was initiated in Studholme Lodge in London in 1901. Perhaps less well known is the French Freemason, Frédéric Bartholdi, who designed the Statue of Liberty. It was presented in 1894 as a gift to the American People from the People of France. The work was designed to act as a symbol of the values which the two countries shares (and which Freemasons hold dear). Brother Bartholdi was one of the first members of Lodge Alsace-Lorraine in Paris, which was largely composed of writers, artists and intellectuals.

The book lists addresses of Masonic organisations worldwide, together with a short

list of Masonic museums and libraries. An extensive list of books for further reading and other useful resources are included. Finally, the book is very well indexed.

All in all, I have found this an excellent reference book. You can dip into it at will and be sure of making an advancement in your Masonic knowledge.

The book is published by Thames & Hudson, High Holborn, London, (2006) and is priced at \$45. The ISBN is 0500513023. It can be purchased through Amazon, and at relatively low prices through AbeBooks. <http://www.abebooks.com/>

Thoughts on the Two Pillars

Brother Gunnar A. Cerda, P.M. Hiram Lodge No. 9, Claremont, NH, and Pastor, Zion United Church of Christ, Delaware, Ohio

I would offer a few interesting things. First, I will begin with the Hebrew Scriptures (known by many as the Old Testament of the Bible). The construction of the Temple is recounted in both 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles. I list the two passages specific to the Pillars here (from the TNK or TaNaK):

TNK 1 Kings 7:21 He set up the columns at the portico of the Great Hall; he set up one column on the right and named it Jachin, and he set up the other column on the left and named it Boaz.

TNK 2 Chronicles 3:17 He erected the columns in front of the Great Hall, one to its right and one to its left; the one to the right was called Jachin, and the one to the left, Boaz.

Both accounts detail a time period after individuals named Boaz and Jachin had lived. Boaz, as you may recall from the book of Ruth, took Ruth the Moabite as his wife which allowed for the lineage to continue toward David. Thus Boaz was a very important person in Israelite history. Jachin was one of the sons of Simeon, and grandson of Jacob. He had been a Priest, though not altogether noteworthy.

However, when the text is viewed in the Hebrew and word study done on these names, it becomes evident that they are not specifically proper names. They also represent concepts, as seen in the ISBE Bible Dictionary, entry #4756: Heb: yakhin, "he shall establish"; Heb: bo`az, "in it is strength." Thus Jachin is also used for passages which illustrate establishment and strength, and do not appear as proper names in such passages. (I remember the passage from the Webb ritual I learned in New Hampshire: "The two together allude to the promise of God to David, that he would establish his kingdom in strength.")

Another interesting detail: when doing a search of Jachin (yakhin) through scripture in the Hebrew language, one passage where the word is used is Judges 12:6: (you're going to love this one!...)

TNK Judges 12:6: They would say to him, "Then say shibboleth"; but he would say "sibboleth," not being able to pronounce it correctly. Thereupon they would seize him and slay him by the fords of the Jordan. Forty-two thousand Ephraimites fell at that time. (the Hebrew yakhin is where the English words "not being able" are used, in other words, the passage means the person was "not able to establish the correct pronunciation")

It seems as though our Ancient Brethren may have had some knowledge of Hebrew, to have properly tied those passages together, and in the same ritual lecture!

All this is to say that I am not sure that the names of the pillars were desired by God, but perhaps that Solomon named them for several intrinsic meanings.

Now the disclaimer: This exploration and explanation is purely from a biblical exegetical perspective. It does not take into account cultural anthropology and they influence (if any) of ancient near-eastern societies such as Babylon or Mesopotamia.



“A Boy Named Sue” - 2007 John Baker Night Essay

Brother Richard Wood, W.M. of Gorham-Sabatis Lodge No. 73, Gorham, NH

Editor’s Note: Brother David S. Collins, Secretary of the Fifth Masonic District Association, was kind enough to provide the following article.

John Baker Night is a unique Masonic event that happens every year in the northern part of New Hampshire. Annually on the fourth Wednesday in April, all of the Lodges of the Fifth Masonic District meet in Lancaster, NH for dinner, fellowship, and to relate some Masonic information to each other. This event began in 1978 and is named in honor of Brother John W. Baker, a prominent Mason in the Fifth District.

The event is opened on the Master Mason Degree and has Officers from each Lodges of the Fifth District in the chairs. One participant from each Lodge presents a short talk on a Masonic topic of their choosing. Then three judges from Parker Lodge No. 97 of North Woodstock, NH, in the Eighth Masonic District judge the winner.

For 2007, Brother Richard Wood, Master of Gorham-Sabatis No. 73, Gorham, NH, was selected. Brother Wood is blind and spoke about the issues he had learning the ritual. He showed how being blind has not held him back.



Brother Wood (with plaque), members of Gorham-Sabatis Lodge No. 73, and D.D.G.M. Dale Fadden (Photo courtesy of David Collins)

Good evening, brethren! Does anyone remember a song called "A Boy Named Sue?" The message in that song is a little cloudy. But, I think what it is saying is that adversity has the potential to make you tough. I have learned a lot about adversity thus far in my life; and, like the boy in that song, I "had to get tough or die." I have also learned that there are a lot of people who will make coping with adversity much easier. Funny thing is that they all have one thing in common. They are all members of the Masonic fraternity.

My first experience came during the process of taking my degrees. I gave Brother Tyler a very hard time. Why did I have to be "hoodwinked?" I was already hoodwinked "permanently!" He made me understand that this was just part of the process of becoming a mason. This same brother took the time to dictate the lessons of all three degrees so I could memorize them independently. We became good friends and remained so until his death a few years ago.

I also learned not to take myself too seriously during the process of taking my degrees. There was another brother who was also a Past District Deputy Grand Master who had the habit of swatting me on the rear end with his apron case when I would walk into the social hall. He was the only one who did this. So, I would greet him by name every time I got hit.

I got into line because I wanted to contribute and not just sit on the side lines. While serving as steward, I usually wound up pouring coffee for the brothers during collations. One night, a brother poked his head around the door jam and remarked that I was probably the only person who could give the brothers the finger and get away with it. If you see me pouring a cup of coffee you will observe me placing my finger over the edge of the cup and pouring until the coffee touches the tip of the finger.

The acceptance of me by the brethren continued after I got involved with Franklin Lodge in Grafton, Massachusetts. By this time, I was Senior Warden and had given the "Stair Lecture," which I brailled with the aid of the same brother who had helped me with my lessons. I was still getting help from various brothers, much of it related to ritual, and to

driving me around to various customers in my piano tuning business. I spent many a lunch period learning the Master's ritual mouth to ear.

Moving to Maine twenty years ago did not stop the kind assistance of Masonic brothers. By this time, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had brailled the entire ritual. That action has borne fruit. There has been a second blind person who has been able to serve as Master of a Lodge.

I stayed out of line but made sure I was around for rehearsals as often as possible. I was learning ritual mouth to ear all over again. It was similar but not the same as what I had learned in Massachusetts. The Grand Lodge eventually put Maine Ritual into braille just before I became Senior Warden of Blazing Star Lodge in Rumford, Maine. I still have that ritual.

I have drawn on my own experiences as a Mason for this little talk because that is all I have. Other talks you will hear this evening will probably be taken from bulletins produced by the Masonic Association or from books about Free Masonry. They are all in print and thus not accessible to me. Adversity does have the potential to make you tough and quite adaptable, because "life ain't easy for a boy named Sue!" I thank you!



Research Lodge News - Kenya

The Mombasa, Kenya, Lodge of Instruction held a short conference on 7 July 2007 to mark the 50th Anniversary of Lodge of the Coast No. 7518, English Constitution. Four Mombasa Masons presented papers:

"My Experience to the World of Freemasonry" by Brother Shaahid Sheikh

"Ladder to Mastership" by Brother Dr. Rajesh Vaghela

"Growing and Sustaining Interest" by Brother Oliver Onyango

A pictorial presentation on King Solomon's Temple by Brother Jinal Shah