



January Trestle-Board

Brethren,

We are encouraged to increase knowledge of Freemasonry and to that end, I'd encourage you all to visit the various websites that we have at our disposal. The Grand Lodge of Maine has a site at www.mainemason.org with a giant amount of information. On the homepage there are links to forms and resources. Forms are mostly for Secretaries and resources is for the rest of us. You'll also find a calendar of events in each district as well as state-wide. Newly included is the Maine Mason Magazine online. The current issue is highlighted but there are also back issues in the archive. When you talk to men that you know about joining Masonry, this is a great resource. There's a Maine Masonry Brochure on the homepage as well.

Related to the Grand Lodge's page is the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation's website at www.masoniccharitablefoundation.org. Here you'll learn more about the wealth of work done across the state by the Foundation. Each year the Foundation spends just under \$600,000 to support the work of Maine Masons. You'll find details on the matching grant programs that are available to all lodges. There's a simple one-page application that allows us to get up to \$1,000 from the Foundation for \$500 that we raise for our various programs. Should a Brother fall on hard times, there are programs for financial relief including the new Brotherhood Program. You can see what other lodges have done as well on the News section of the site. Take the time to learn a little more about Masonry in Maine.

Scott Whytock

Secretary's Message:

I hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Years! Lets hope NO more snow & warmer weather returns soon!!

We are looking for a few chairs to be filled for the 2018 year. Jeff Simonton has offered himself as Master, Sr. Warden, Scott Whytock, Secretary, John Gallant & Treasurer, Chris Volan. Jeff is looking to fill several more chairs: Jr. Warden, Marshall, Chaplain & Tyler, if anyone is interested in these chairs or would like to head a committee please contact the Secretary or Jeff. jeffry.simonton@gmail.com, gwksecretary@gmail.com.

Dues have been coming in steadily. I have collected about half at this time. Payment is due this month. Please submit soon if you haven't done so. Second notices will be sent in February. Speaking of dues, Grand Lodge has been rolling out a new Our Lodge Page web site, GWK's page is at: <https://219-me.ourlodgepage.com>, I have already posted some items such as lodge meetings, photos, officer list, google map, links to other 17th district lodge pages & more will follow. Next year your dues notice will be sent & available to pay on line or option to print notice and mail check.

John Gallant, Sec. secretary@gmail.com - 207-671-9872

Upcoming Lodge Meetings at GWK Lodge:

Thursday January 11th Annual/Stated Election of Officers Meeting 7:30PM

17th District Meetings:

Wednesday January 17th **EA Degree** at Harmony Lodge #38 Gorham
6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Degree

Thursday January 18th **FC School of Instruction** at Hiram Lodge #180,
39 E St. South Portland.
School starts at 7:30pm and ends at 9:00pm

Saturday, January 20th Harmony Lodge #38 Installation of Officers
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Public Event Lunch at Noon, 1:00 Installation
Location: 33 Cressey Rd. Gorham, ME
Friends and Family are welcome to attend.

Lodge Building News:



The Lodge Building received some much needed attention over the summer.

1. Our degree work slide projector was replaced with an over head projector which will gives us the ability to project our slides degree from a lap top. Guest and other presentations can now be enhanced with photos, powerpoint slides & videos.
2. A window sill and basement window were replaced, all other sills & window trim painted. Front portico & columns were repaired and painted.
3. The foundation leak in the boiler room has been sealed and is 99% better. No water has leaked into other parts of basement sense repair.
4. A failing Stove was replaced in the kitchen. The donation also included a dish washer & microwave.
5. A piece of flashing on the front of building that came loose recently was voluntarily repaired thanks to the Fire Department next-door. (see pictures below).

Photos



Toys For Tots



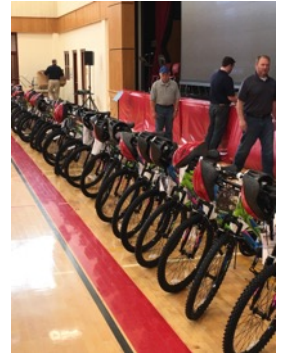
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Scott speaks at assembly



Bikes @ Wentworth School



James Cobb 50 Year Metal



Jerry Applebee 50 Year Metal



Walter Lovett 50 Year Metal

Loose Flashing



Temp. Repair

