

**History**

**of**

**Messalonskee Lodge #113**

**2008**



# Messalonskee Lodge No. 113

## AF&AM



**Wor. Paul D. Booker, Sr.**

**Master**

**JANUARY 1, 2008**

**The following email was sent to all brethren with email and was posted on the Lodge's website:**

**Subject:** The Start of a New Year

Good Day Brethren,  
Since it is snowing outside, and I am procrastinating on cleaning my yard up, I thought I would write a quick email.

First off, I hope your holidays have been great so far, and on the eve of the New Year, I wish you all a happy and healthful 2008!

Going into this New Year I wanted to distribute the list of the new officers of the lodge for 2008, and thank all of them for continuing to move through or take a new chair and to help our lodge to continue to function so well.

The new officers are:

Senior Warden - Dick Penney	Organist - Steve Bucknam
Junior Warden - Scott Bonnell	Senior Deacon - David Shorey
Chaplain - John Zimba	Junior Deacon - Thom Holz
Secretary - Dana Wrigley	Senior Steward - Dick Catteau
Treasurer - Blaine Ellis	Junior Steward - Still Vacant
Marshall - Kevin Davidson	Tyler - Bill Davis
Historian - Davis Couture	

As Dana said in a previous email, we will be having our public Installation on Saturday, January 5th at 7 PM at the lodge. There will be light refreshments afterwards, and I hope everyone who can will come and bring their families. The more the merrier, and the more nervous I will be :)

I want to thank Dana for putting this email list together. There are 47 names so far, which is around 40% of the lodge membership. This is a great way to disseminate information for absolutely no cost, so I intend to use it as my primary means for communication this year. As most of you know, I have been involved with the internet for a long time and communicate well with it. I am admittedly not so great with the phone! I will try to do better with this, and would always encourage any of you to give me a call or email me any time. Please let any other members you know who have an email address to get it to me and I will add them on to the mailing list. If you know someone without internet access, please help me out and if you see something important, print it out and give them a copy. I would also invite any of you to respond back to this email list with anything you think might be of Masonic interest to the lodge.

There are quite a few of you on this list who I have never met, and I sincerely hope that you will come into the lodge at least once this year, especially if you haven't been back in a while. The inside of the lodge looks awesome after all the renovations, and I promise we won't try to get you to fill in or take a chair! Please come in and introduce yourself to me and to the other new members of the lodge! We have had some tremendous Potluck Dinners lately. and I would encourage you to show up in time to eat with us as well. I am certain Scott Bonnell will carry on the fine tradition of overstuffing us before we go up to the meeting, so don't miss out! Our attendance has been down a bit, and I am determined that if we could get each member who hasn't been in a while to come into lodge at least once this year, our lodge would be the better for it. If you need a ride please let me know.

For those of you I have not met, I live out on McGrath Pond Road with my wife Audrey and 4 kids PJ, Owen, Grace and Asa. Between the kids and just starting a new job, I am rather busy right now as you can imagine. I have been living in this area for the past 15 years, but originally hail from Holden just outside of Brewer where I grew up. And yes, I am related to just about any Booker from this area. My grandfather grew up for a while out in Fairfield Center with his 16 brothers and sisters. Suddenly makes having 4 kids seem not quite so difficult!

Well, it has stopped snowing, so I will not procrastinate any longer and go get the snow blower out.

Have a safe New Years Eve!

Fraternally,

Paul D. Booker, Sr.

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## JANUARY 5, 2008

Worshipful Kevin Davidson opened a special meeting for the purpose of installing the elected and appointed officers . He welcomed everyone to the Lodge then had DDGM RW Michael LeClair escorted to the East to preside over the installation. RW LeClair introduced the installing suite consisting of RW Colby Waugh, RW Neil Hunnewell, RW Robert Ward, RW W. Dan Hill, RW Bruce Hutchins, and Wor. Mayo Cookson.

RW Waugh installed the Master, W. Cookson installed the SW, RW Hunnewell installed the Treasurer and Secretary, RW Hill installed the Chaplain, RW Hutchins installed the Marshall, SD, SS, and Tyler, RW Wood gave the charge to the Master, Wor. Cookson gave the charge to the SW, and RW Wood gave the charge to the officers. RW LeClair thanked the installing officers for the fine work and for helping out with the installation.

Officers installed were Paul Booker Sr.: WM, Richard Penney: SW, Wor. Blaine Ellis:Trea. , Wor. Dana Wrigley: Sec., Wor. L. John Zimba: Chap., Wor. Kevin Davidson: Marshall, Dave Shorey: SD, Richard Catteau: SS, W. Sumner Davis: Tyler. Scott Bonnell will be installed JW and Tom Holz will be installed JD at a later date.

The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony.

## JANUARY 15. 2008

Wor. Paul Booker Sr. opened a stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge at 7:30 pm in the MM degree with 21 Brethren present including the following officers;

Wor. Paul Booker Sr.	WM	Dave Shorey	SD
Dick Penney	SW	W. Sumner Davis as	JD
Scott Bonnell as	JW	Dick Catteau	SS
Wor. Blaine Ellis	Trea.	Wor. Fred Milligan as	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Wor. Kevin Davidson	Mar
Wor. L. John Zimba	Chap.	Wor. Keith Hall as	Tyler

Others present: RW Mike LeClair, Wor.Val Bard, Wor.John McCutcheon, Wor. Pat Holt, Wor. Kevin Madore, Eldon Bartley, Chuck Dennis, Greg Cormier, all of Siloam Lodge and Dwight Taylor.

Wor. Fred Milligan and RW Mike LeClair installed Scott Bonnell as JW and W. Sumner Davis as JD. Tom Holz is unable to do the JD job at this time. Bills for stamps for \$41.00 and labels and envelopes for \$23.00 were read and approved. Petition from Donald Hafford Jr. was read and referred to the committee of inquiry.

A moment of silence was observed for Marianne Pratt and a card was circulated to send to her husband RW Dan Pratt.

A MM degree on Scott Letourneau is planned for Feb. 26 with a supper at 6pm and the degree at 7 pm...

Practices were scheduled for the next few Sundays. A discussion was held on trying to improve attendance and getting some members back to the meetings. Wor. Kevin Madore from Siloam Lodge,

was escorted to the East and, after a count of his fellow members from Siloam Lodge, was presented the Traveling Gavel of the 12th Masonic District with a pledge that he wouldn't get to keep it long.

The Lodge was closed Peace and Harmony.

## **JANURARY 27, 2008**

Wor. Dana Wrigley opened the second special communication of Messalonskee Lodge at 2pm for a Lodge of Sorrow for our fallen Brother Lyle Bean Strickland. The Brethren proceeded to Knowlton, Hewins, and Roberts funeral home in Augusta for the 3 pm service with 16 Brethren present including the following officers:

Wor. Dana Wrigley	as	WM	Dave Shorey		SD
Wor. Fred Milligan	as	SW	Wor. Keith Hall	as	JD
Scott Bonnell		W	Dick Catteau		SS
Dick Penney	as	Sec.	Wor. Maurice Anderson	as	JS
Wor. L. John Zimba		Chap.	Dwight Taylor	as	Mar.
Wor. Gerald Libby	as	Tyler			

Other Brethren present were: Wayne Weeks, J. Hobart Pierce, Wor. Dale Blethen, Wor. Floyd Luce, Wor. Paul Brann.

After the service the Brethren returned to the Lodge and closed at 3:45 pm.

## **LYLE BEAN STRICKLAND**

Born July 27, 1926

Initiated November 1, 1997

Passed February 7, 1998

Raised March 7, 1998

Died January 24, 2008

## **FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

Wor. Paul Booker Sr. opened a stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the FC degree at 7:30 pm with 12 Brethren present including the following officers;

Paul Booker Sr.		WM	Dave Shorey		SD
Richard Penney		SW	RW Mike LeClair	as	JD
Scott Bonnell		JW	Dick Catteau		SS
Wor. Blaine Ellis		Trea.	RW Raymond Locke	as	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley		Sec.	Wor. Fred Milligan	as	Mar.
Wor. L. John Zimba		Chap.	Wor. Keith Hall	as	Tyler

Wor. Booker welcomed everyone to the Lodge and thanked the Brethren who filled in as officers. Many communications were read. Bill for \$73.83 for get well cards was read and approved.

Area meetings were discussed and it was announced that the 12<sup>th</sup> District traveling gavel has been retrieved from Siloam Lodge. It was voted to order new sheets for minutes and a new list of Lodges. SW Dick Penney read two poems.

The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony.

## MARCH 20, 2008

Wor. Paul Booker Sr. opened a stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the FC degree at 7:30 pm with 18 Brethren present including the following officers;

Paul Booker Sr.	WM	Dave Shorey	SD
Richard Penney	SW	W. Sumner Davis	JD
Scott Bonnell	JW	Dave Witham as	SS
Wor. Blaine Ellis	Trea.	Wor. Keith Hall as	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	RW Mike LeClair as	Mar.
Wor. L. John Zimba	Chap.	Pat Linehan as	Tyler

Others present were: Randy Stevens, Wor. Pat Holt, Wor. John McCutcheon, Charles Dennis, Wor. Fred Milligan and Mike Letourneau.

Wor. Booker welcomed everyone to the Lodge and thanked the Brethren who filled in as officers. He then introduced the dignitaries and thanked JW Scott Bonnell and his wife Jeweline for the great supper.

Michael Scott Letourneau was raised to the Sublimed Degree of a MM. Wor. Booker did the first part of the degree and Wor. Fred Milligan presided over the second part. Persisting Fellowcrafts 1st Scott Bonnell, 2nd Wor. Paul Booker, 3rd Wor. L. John Zimba, recanting Fellowcrafts were Wor. Dana Wrigley, speaking, Wor. Pat Holt and Randy Stevens. Wor. Fred Milligan did the first part of the lecture and Randy Stevens did the second part, and the Candlelight Charge was rendered by RW Steven Bucknam.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Communications were read. A petition from Paul Jeremy Silverman was read and referred to the committee of inquiry. It was voted to have Dick Penney look into a fun degree which the Rainbow Girls do.

Wor. Pat Holt of Siloam Lodge was presented the traveling gavel of the 12th District. RW Mike LeClair brought warm fraternal greetings from Grand Lodge and his own warm greeting and updated us on meetings in the area.

The Lodge was closed Peace and Harmony.

## March 29, 2008

Wor. Dana Wrigley opened the 3<sup>rd</sup> special communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 1pm for a Lodge of Sorrow for our fallen Brother Charles Horace Boterf Jr... The Brethren proceeded to Wheeler's Funeral home for the 2pm service with the following Brethren participating.

Wor. Dana Wrigley	as	WM	Dave Shorey	SD
Richard Penney	as	Sec.	Wor. Fred Milligan as	JD

Wor. Blaine Ellis as SS Scott Bonnell as JS  
Wor. Maurice Anderson as Chap. Dwight Taylor as Mar.

After the service the Brethren returned to the Lodge and closed at 2:30 pm.

Charles Horace Boterf, Jr.  
Born Dec. 12, 1928  
Initiated February 26, 1951  
Passed March 12, 1951  
Raised March 26, 1951  
Died March 25, 2008

Brother Boterf was Raised in Felicity Lodge No. 19 in Bucksport on 03/26/1951. He affiliated with Messalonskee Lodge No. 113 on 12/1/1956 and was installed as Junior Steward in 1958 He was presented with his 50 year pin on 6/12/2002.

### **APRIL 15, 2008**

Wor. Paul Booker Sr. opened a stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 14 Brethren present, including the following officers:

Paul Booker Sr.	WM	Dave Shorey	SD
Richard Penney	SW	Sumner Davis	JD
Scott Bonnell	JW	Wor. Maurice Anderson	as SS
Wor. Blaine Ellis	Trea.	Pat Linehan	as JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Wor. Kenneth Libby	as Mar.
Wor. Fred Milligan	as Chap.	Wor. Keith Hall	as Tyler

Others present were Bill Pulsifer and Terry Hughes Sr.

Wor. Paul Booker Sr. welcomed everyone to the Lodge, and thanked the Brethren who filled in as officers. Wor. Booker thanked everyone for the fine supper and introduced the dignitaries. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved, and communications were read. Application from Paul Jeremy Silverman was read and balloted on in the affirmative. Wor. Fred Milligan was elected as proxy to Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge meeting and candidates running for office were discussed. Rainbow Fun Degree for Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> was discussed.

A CHIPs program at the Messalonskee Middle School on May 10 was discussed, then various things we could do as "public functions" were suggested. Pat Linehan will see the school about participating in something for Project Graduation. Wor. Booker had Bill Pulsifer escorted to the East and presented him with his 50 year medal. Bill joined Messalonskee Lodge on May 12, 1956.

The Lodge was closed Peace and Harmony.



## **APRIL 18 2008**

A special meeting was opened by on April 18 at 7:30 PM for the purpose of a fun night put on by the Rainbow Girls. They presented the "Father's Degree " to the 15 brethren attending. The entertainment was enjoyed by all.

SW Richard Penney thanked the Rainbow Girls for their work and closed the meeting in peace and harmony.

## **MAY 10 2008**

Messalonskee Lodge did a CHIPs program at Williams Elementary School on May 10 in conjunction with the Kiwanis Child Health and Safety Fair. Thirty five children were processed during the four hour program. Participating in the event were Wor. Paul Booker, Wor. Ken Libby, Wor. John Zimba, Wor. John McCutcheon, RW Fred Milligan, Dave Witham, W. Sumner Davis and Dick Penney. RW Davis Couture helped with setup and Betty Zimba interviewed the children while Paul Booker Jr. ran the VCR.

## **MAY 20 2008**

In the absence of the Wor. Master, Wor. L. John Zimba opened a stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 13 Brethren present including the following officers:

Wor. L. John Zimba	as	WM	David Shorey		SD
Richard Penney		SW	Wor. Kenneth Libby	as	JD
Scott Bonnell		JW	Wor. Arthur Thompson Sr.	as	SS
Wor. Blaine Ellis		Trea.	VW Arthur Thompson Jr.	as	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley		Sec.	RW Frederick Reginald Milligan Jr.	as	Chap.

Others present were: Dwight Marshall, Wor. Fred Carter, and Ronald Greenwood.

Wor. Zimba welcomed everyone to the Lodge and introduced the dignitaries and welcomed Dwight Marshall and Wor. Fred Carter as first time visitors to Messalonskee Lodge. Wor. Zimba explained that he was filling in for Wor. Booker who was out due to a death in his family. Bro. Ron Greenwood was escorted to the East and presented a 25 year pin. It was voted to buy a Past Masters medal for Wor. Kevin Davidson. Dwight Marshall, a coordinator for the Grand Lodge Child Identification Program (CHIP) spoke on the CHIPs program and gave us his phone number, 338-2076, if we need to contact him. VW Arthur Thompson Jr., District Educational Representative, spoke about area meetings and plans which are being formulated by Grand Lodge for various programs for the year.

RW Fred Milligan, DDGM, brought warm fraternal greeting from Grand Lodge and his own fraternal greetings and spoke about The Grand Masters plans for the year.

The Lodge was closed Peace and Harmony

## **JUNE 4 2008**

Wor. Paul Booker opened the fifth special communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7 pm for a Lodge of Sorrow for our fallen Brother C. John Bonnell with 24 Brethren present including the following officers:

Wor. Paul Booker Sr.	WM	David Shorey	SD
Richard Penney	SW	Pat Linehan as	JD
Scott Bonnell	JW	Richard Catteau	SS
David Witham as	JS	Wor. Maurice Anderson as	Tyler
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Wor. Blaine Ellis as	Marshall
Wor. L. John Zimba	Chap		

Others present were; Wor. Bernard Bulmer, Wor. Ernest Lowell, Wor. Bruce Clark, RW Peter Davis Couture, RW Daniel C. Pratt, RW Fred Milligan, Wor. David Barnes, Wor. Kenneth Libby, Wor. Nelson Bolduc, Dick Gerry, RW Steven Bucknam, Mike Letourneau, and Roger Bard.

**Clarence John Bonnell**

**Born July 14, 1920**

**Initiated May 20, 1974**

**Passed Sept. 7, 1974**

**Raised Nov. 18, 1974**

**Died June 2, 2008**

After opening the Lodge the Brethren gathered at Wheeler's Funeral Home for the 7:30 service, then after the service returned to the Lodge and closed at 7:45 pm.

## **JUNE 17, 2008**

In the absence of the Wor. Master, Wor. L. John Zimba opened a stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 13 Brethren present including the following officers:

Wor. L. John Zimba as	WM	Dave Shorey	SD
Dick Penney	SW	Wor. Kenneth Libby as	JD
Scott Bonnell	JW	Dave Witham as	SS
Wor. Blaine Ellis	Trea.	Peter Davis Couture as	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	RW Mike LeClair as	Mar
RW Fred Milligan	as Chap.		

Others present were VW Arthur Thompson Jr. and Pat Linehan.

Wor. L. John Zimba welcomed everyone to the Lodge and introduced the dignitaries. He explained he was filling in while Wor. Booker attended his son's graduation from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. A petition from Stephen George Gregory Craig was read and accepted and referred to the committee of inquiry.

A CHIPs program for the annual Lions Fun Fest was discussed and Paul will be looking for volunteers later. A CHIPs program for Wal-Mart was discussed and it was voted to offer to do one for them on Sept. 20 or 27 and invite other Lodges in the district to participate.

RW Fred Milligan spoke about the 12<sup>th</sup> District calendar and the need to have it funded. It was voted to donate \$50.00 and JW Scott Bonnell offered \$50. 00 from the Junior Wardens fund to cover our cost. R.W. Peter Davis Couture will look into moving the calendar to a site which will be free.

It was voted to go dark during the months of July and August and have the Sec. and Trea. Take care of any bills which come up.

There will be an EA degree on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> stated with rehearsals at 6pm on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Wor. Booker will be contacting people about a cookout for August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Linehan reported there was \$14,214.00 in the scholarship fund and also spoke about calling it a Citizenship award to avoid conflict with other awards.

VW Arthur Thompson spoke about area meeting and RW Fred Milligan brought warm fraternal greetings from Grand Lodge and his own warm fraternal greetings.

The Lodge was closed Peace and Harmony

## **JULY 26, 2008**

Messalonskee Lodge again hosted the Maine CHIP program at the annual Lions Fun Fest at the Oakland Williams Elementary School. Set up started at 9:00 AM and the program was opened at 11:00 AM. Participating were: RW Peter Davis Couture, CHIP Committee member, Wor. Kenneth Libby, Scott Bonnell, RW Fred Milligan, Richard Penney, Wor. L. John Zimba, Wor. Dana W. Wrigley, Pat Linehan helped put up the tent which he loaned the lodge for the event and Dr. Charles Terrio, DDS did the DNA testing. Wor. Don Pratt from Weeks Mills visited with us to discuss the upcoming CHIP program which his lodge would be doing early in August.

## **SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

In the absence of the Wor. Master, SW Richard Penney sat in as WM and opened a stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 15 brethren present including the following officers:

Richard Penney	as	WM	Dave Shorey		SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	as	SW	Pat Linehan	as	JD
Scott Bonnell		JW	Dave Witham	as	SS
Wor. Blaine Ellis		Trea.	RW Peter Davis Couture	as	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley		Sec.	RW Steven Bucknam	as	Mar.
Wor. L. John Zimba		Chap.	Wor. Kenneth Libby	as	Tyler

Others present were; VW Arthur Thompson Jr., RW Fred Milligan, and Harold Hoskins.

S.W. Richard Penney welcomed everyone to the Lodge and introduced the dignitaries and visitors. Wor. Paul Booker Sr. is away due to the loss of Audrey's Mother and Grand Mother. A sympathy card to him and his family was circulated. The application from Stephen Craig was reread and balloted on in the affirmative. An application for affiliation from Bill Chouinard was accepted and referred to the committee of inquiry. It was voted to buy two Past Masters jewels.

The slide show planned for October 18 will be turned into an open house and supper. Ken Libby, Dick Penney, and Davis Couture will be the committee to organize the program. The open house will start at 5pm with supper at 6 and the program at 7. There was a lengthy discussion about not having a Trestle Board to keep the Brethren informed about Lodge happenings. There was also a discussion about having a special for the EA degree in October.

RW Fred Milligan brought warm fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge and his own warm fraternal greetings. He talked about happenings in the 12<sup>th</sup> District, especially the EA School on Oct. 22 and the District Meeting on Oct. 24. which is being held in Oakland.

The Lodge was closed Peace and Harmony

## **OCTOBER 7, 2008**

**The following email was received from Wor. Paul Booker, Sr.**

From: Paul Booker [paulbooker@tds.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2008 6:36 AM  
To: Blaine Ellis; Dana Wrigley; dcouture@airolink.net; fred milligan; John Zimba; kevin davidson; Patrick Linehan; Paul Booker; Richard K. Penney; scott bonnell; Steven W. Bucknam; W. Sumner Davis  
Subject: Stepping Down  
Categories: Lodge

Hi,

Unfortunately due to the continued problems my family and I are facing I feel I am not able to perform my duties appropriately as the Master of Messalonskee Lodge. I will be stepping down immediately, and apologize for having let everyone down. I am not demitting, I just need time to take care of my family right now. They are my main focus. I hope those of you that know me and what I have been through can understand. I am traveling the rest of this week, and most of next week on business which does not help either, but I am thankful that my job which is also requiring much more of my time is going well for my family.

I feel this is the best thing for my family and the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Paul

## **OCTOBER 17, 2008**

SW Richard Penney sat in as WM and opened the 6<sup>th</sup> special communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the EA degree at 7:30 pm with 15 Brethren present, including the following officers.

Richard Penney	as	WM	RW Steven Bucknam	as	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	as	SW	Wor. Kenneth Libby	as	JD
Scott Bonnell		JW	RW Peter Davis Couture	as	SS
Wor. Blaine Ellis		Trea.	Wor. Maurice Anderson	as	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley		Sec.	Wor. Kevin Davidson	as	Mar
RW. Fred Milligan	as	Chap.	Wor. Keith Hall	as	Tyler

Other Brethren present were; Pat Linehan, Ronald Greenwood, and Dwight Marshall.

Brother Penney thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for the fine supper. Wor. Kevin Davidson was escorted to the East where Dick presented him a Past Masters Jewel.

Paul Jeremy Silverman paid the usual fee and was escorted into the hall and initiated as an EA. SW Dick Penney presided in the East, RW Peter Davis Couture gave the second lesson, RW Steven Bucknam gave the third lesson and RW Fred Milligan rendered the charge. After his initiation Dick took Paul around the hall and introduced him to all the Brethren present.

RW Frederick Milligan brought warm fraternal greetings from Grand Lodge and his own warm fraternal greeting. RW Fred went over area meetings including the FC school on Oct. 30 at Star in the West Lodge in Unity.

The Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

## **OCTOBER 18, 2008**

SW Richard Penney sat in as WM and opened the 7<sup>th</sup> special communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 5pm for the purpose of an "Open House" and program by Wor. Richard Blodgett. There were 21 present at the meeting including Dick and Jackie Penney, Scott and Jeweline Bonnell, Wor. Kenneth and Sarah Libby, Wor. Maurice and Joyce Anderson and their daughter and grandson Shelly and Seth Lane, Paul and Raina Silverman and their daughter Hope, Wor. Keith and Nancy Hall, Pat Linehan, Carleton and Marylyn Pratt, and Wor. Dana Wrigley, and special guests for the evening Wor. Richard and Jean Blodgett.

Wor. Ken Libby and Scott and Jeweline Bonnell prepared and served an excellent supper which was enjoyed by all.

Wor. Richard Blodgett a member of Crooked River Lodge did a slide program and talk about his 40 plus years of working in the woods for Great Northern Paper Co. The program was very interesting and enjoyed by all and covered logging in the Maine woods from the horse and bucksaw days right up to the timber harvesters used today.

SW Dick Penney closed the Lodge in peace and harmony at 8:30 pm.

## **OCTOBER 24, 2008**

SW Richard Penney opened a special communication of Messalonskee Lodge at 6:45 pm in the MM degree for the District meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> district. There were 57 members and guests in attendance. The following officers filled the chairs for the evening.

Richard Penney	as	WM	Wor. Keith Hall	as	SD
Wor. Kirt Tidd	as	SW	Clayton Wentworth	as	JD
Pat Linehan	as	JW	RW Steven Bucknam	as	Chap.
Wor. Dana Wrigley		Sec.			

Others in attendance were: MW Robert R. Landry, RW W. Louis Greenier II. RW Alan R. Heath, RW Lester F. Smith, RW Ralph G. Knowles, RW Daniel C. Pratt, RW Fredrick R. Milligan, RW Bruce A. Hutchins, RW Raymond G. Locke, RW Steven W. Bucknam, RW Clair H. Lewis, RW Karl D. Julian, RW Michael P. LeClair, Wor. Thomas A. Heath, RW Ronald W. Fowle II, Wor. Mayo A. Cookson Jr., Wor. Robert C. King, RW Steven Nichols, Wor Gordon Kimball Jr., Wor. Dan Carey, Marjorie Milligan, Wor. Arthur Thompson Sr., Joan Sheldon, Maurice Call, Charlene Call, Sue King, Welman Rood, Sam Smiley, Rich Dumont, Judy Ashe, Gail Smith, Diane Landry, Genie Heath, Diana Rowe, Wor. Roger McCallister, Nancy Hall, Mary Lewis, Sam Goldsbury, Decker Lenard, Jeremy Harmon, Sue Tidd, Sandy Cormier, Alice Bickford, Stephanie Getchell, Samantha Getchell, Emily Linehan, Vicki Simoneau, Catheen Simoneau, Jessica Bickford, Betty Whitney.

Past and present Grand Lodge officers were escorted into the Lodge, SW Dick Penney introduced MW Robert R. Landry and after giving him the public grand honors presented him the gavel of Messalonskee Lodge. MW Landry had the remaining officers introduced, and gave them the public grand honors..

MW Landry gave the gavel to RW Fred Milligan and he introduced his mother, thanked Scott and Jeweline Bonnell for the fine supper and made their apologies for having to leave as their son was in the hospital.

Sue Tidd introduced The Rainbow girls and they gave a short program then showed slides of the Merrill Rainbow camp. Wor. Gordon Kimball Jr. introduced the Demolay boys who gave a short program.

RW Fred Milligan introduced the Wor. Masters or their representative of the Lodges in the 12<sup>th</sup> District and they each gave an update of happenings in their Lodge.

RW Lester Smith, RW Ralph Knowles, and RW Louis Greenier and MW Robert Landry each presented some information about Grand Lodge programs.

MW Robert F. Landry closed the Lodge in ample form at 9:05 pm.

## NOVEMBER 14, 2008

SW Richard Penney opened a special communication of Messalonskee Lodge FC degree for the for the conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree. There were 15 members including the following officers:

SW. Richard Penney	as	WM	Bro. David Shorey	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	as	SW	Wor. Kenneth Libby	JD
Bro. Scott Bonnell		JW	RW Peter Davis Couture	as SS
Wor. Blaine Ellis		Tres	Wor. Maurice Anderson	as JS
Wor. Dana W. Wrigley		Sec	Wor. Kevin Davidson	as Mar
RW Steven W. Bucknam	as	Chap	Wor. Keith Hall	as Tyler

Others present were: R.W. Fred Milligan, Patrick Linehan, Mike LeTourneau and VW Robert Farmer Dist Rep. #13

Wor. Brett Hoskins was escorted to the east to confer the Fellowcraft Degree. Having paid the usual fee, Bro. Steven Craig and Br. Paul Silverman were passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft in the usual manner. RW Peter Davis Couture took over from SD David Shorey and did the Staircase Lecture and finished out the work of the Senior Deacon. RW Fred Milligan presented the Charge. SW Richard Penney, was escorted to the East, congratulated the officers and the candidates for a great evening.

RW Fred Milligan, DDGM, brought warm fraternal greetings from Grand Lodge, the Grand Master MW Robert Landery and his own warm fraternal greeting. He also updated us on happenings in the dist incl the MM school on Nov 24<sup>th</sup> at Sebasticook Lodge and a non ritual school in Central Lodge on Dec 29.

The lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

### **NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

SW Richard Penney sat in as WM and opened a stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 10 brethren present including the following officers:

SW Richard Penney	as	WM	RW Fred Milligan	as	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	as	SW	Wor. Kenneth Libby		JD
Bro. Scott Bonnell		JW	RW Peter Davis Couture	as	SS
Wor. Blaine Ellis		Tres	RW Steven W. Bucknam		Chap
Wor. Dana W. Wrigley		Sec	Wor. Keith Hall	as	Tyler

SW Penney welcomed the Brethren and had the Secretary read the minutes and communications. Bills were paid with approval of the finance committee: Book of Lodges, \$8.23, Stamps, \$42.00 and ½ of the new wing for the Past Masters Plaque, \$465.86.

Plans were discussed on ringing the bells for the Salvation Army on December 6<sup>th</sup>. A change in the language of the By-Laws to allow us to change when we go dark was read and approved and will be voted on at the December Stated Meeting. A discussion was held on potential officers for 2009. RW Peter Davis Couture, Bro. Scott Bonnell and Wor. Blaine Ellis will create a trestle board every other month in 2009 starting with January. Installation for the 2009 Officers will be on the Stated meeting on January 20, 2009. RW Fred Milligan, DDGM, welcomed everyone and discussed things going on in 12<sup>th</sup> District including and Entered Apprentice School in April at Messalonskee Lodge.

The Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

### **DECEMBER 16, 2008**

SW Richard Penney opened the 10<sup>th</sup> stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 11 Brethren present including the following officers:

Richard Penney	as	WM	Dave Shorey	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	as	SW	Wor. Keith Hall	as JD
Scott Bonnell		JW	Dick Catteau	SS
Wor. Blaine Ellis		Trea.	Mike LeTourneau	as JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley		Sec.	Wor. Maurice Anderson	as Tyler
RW Fred Milligan	as	Chap.		

SW Dick Penney welcomed everyone to the Lodge, and thanked everyone for the fine supper. The Master's hat was passed and \$82.00 was collected for the Central Maine Family Christmas Dinner. It was voted to change the bylaws to allow us to close for up to any three consecutive months by a vote of the Lodge. Dick opened the annual meeting and the Trea., Sec, and Finance committee reports were read and approved to be spread upon the records.

There was a discussion about the ratio used by the OMA for the rent for Blue Lodge and the other bodies. This will be brought up at an OMA meeting at a later date.

RW Fred Milligan led the annual election of officers. Officers elected for 2009 are: WM Richard Penney, SW Scott Bonnell, JW Dave Shorey, Trea. Wor. Blaine Ellis, Sec. Wor. Dana Wrigley, SD Wor. Brett Hoskins, JD Wor. Keith Hall, Finance committee, Scott Bonnell, Wor. Keith Hall, RW Peter Davis Couture, Wor. Maurice Anderson, Scholarship Committee, Wor. Dave Knowles until 2012, Wor. Brett Hoskins until 2011, OMA Trustee until 2011 RW Peter Davis Couture. Appointed officers, SS RW Peter Davis Couture, JS Mike Letourneau, Mar. Wor. Kevin Davidson, Tyler, Wor. Kenneth Libby, Chap. RW Steven Bucknam, Historian, RW Peter Davis Couture, Organist, RW Steven Bucknam.

It was voted to notify the Brethren that we will be voting on a \$10:00 assessment at the January meeting

RW Fred Milligan brought warm fraternal greeting from MW Robert F. Landry and his own warm fraternal greeting and spoke about Ambassador training, adding members, and thanked the Brothers who rang the bells for the Salvation Army. He also spoke about area meetings including the non-ritual school at China on Dec. 29.

Richard Penney closed the Lodge in peace and harmony at 9:48 pm.



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# The Trestle Board



Messalonskee Lodge #113  
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Meetings on the Third Tuesday at 7:30 PM

## From The East

Happy New Year to you and your families, I would like to thank you for electing me Wor. Master. of Messalonskee Masonic Lodge for 2009. The support I have been shown is over whelming. I will do my best, I assure you. To our Brothers that haven't attended lodge lately, I would like to invite you to come and see the quality improvements made to your lodge in the past two or three years. I think you will be pleased.

Many of the brethren know me, but for those that don't my name is Richard Penney, my wife and I reside at 35 Cottle Rd. Oakland, Me. We moved to Oakland in 1978, our three children graduated from Messalonskee High School. We have found this to be a fine community to live and raise a family.

I was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1981, Wor. Master Dana Wrigley was in the East that year. can honestly say Masonry would be a big loss if the time ever came that it was not available to me. Oh well, as it is said about anything worth pursuing, you only get out of it what your willing to put into it.

Please Brethren, I encourage all of our members to come out on Stated Meeting Night, have supper and attend a lodge meeting, show your support for the incoming candidate taking his degrees. I hope you will consider this, you might find the evening could bring back a bit of joy and entertainment that has been missing in your regular routine. I hope everyone enjoys the newly revised trestle board and that it keeps you well informed of the upcoming events / activities of Messalonskee Lodge for 2009.

My personal thanks to the Brothers on the trestle board committee, Bro. Blaine Ellis, Bro. Peter Davis Couture and Bro Scott Bonnell, for their time and efforts.

Fraternally,  
Richard Penney, Master Elect

## PLEASE READ This affects You

During the last few years the Oakland Masonic Association has subsidized the Masonic Bodies up to \$4,000.00 per year out of the profits of the Association's investments. This was an effort to keep the dues low.

Due to the financial downturn and the price of heating oil, there are no profits to use to lower the assessments of the bodies resulting in an increase in those assessments.

At the annual meeting of the Oakland Masonic Association it was voted to raise the assessments to an amount that will hopefully just cover the expenses for the 2009 fiscal year.

At the December stated meeting of Messalonskee Lodge, a motion was entered to assess the members \$10.00 over the dues to be able to pay the new assessment. This will be voted on at the January meeting.

**Please plan to attend.**



### 2009 Officers

Wor. Master: Dick Penney  
Senior Warden: Scott Bonnell  
Junior Warden: David Shorey  
Treasurer: Blaine Ellis  
Secretary: Dana W. Wrigley  
Senior Deacon: Brett Hoskins  
Junior Deacon: Keith Hall  
Sr. Steward: Peter Davis Couture  
Jr. Steward: Mike Letourneau  
Chaplin: Steven Bucknam  
Marshal: Kevin Davidson  
Tyler: Kenneth R. Libby  
Historian: Peter Davis Couture  
Organist: Steven W. Bucknam

**January 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Dec	29	30	31	1 Jan	2	3
	District 12 Non Ritual School Central Lodge China 6:30 Supper 7:30 School	Star In The West Installation 6pm supper 7:30 Inst. Semi public		7:30p -9:30p Stated=Siloam Lodge (Fairfield)		Waterville Lodge Installation 5PM inst meal after
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Central Lodge Installation semi public 3pm refreshments after	<b>Mt. Lebanon Council 7:30 Mtg.</b>	7:30p -9:30p Stated=Star in The West Lodge (Unity)  <b>Drummond Chap 6:30 Supper 7:30 Mtg.</b>	7:30p -9:30p Stated=Central Lodge (China)			Ambassador training Madison Lodge 8am coffee class 9am noon
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	7:30p -9:30p Stated=Waterville Lodge (Waterville)	7:30p -9:30p Stated=Vassalboro Lodge (Vassalboro)  Installation 6:30PM Refreshments following		7:30p -9:30p Stated=Sebastiack Lodge (Clinton)		Unity Lodge Installation 1PM inst meal after
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		7:30p -9:30p Stated=Messalonskee Lodge (Caldan)	7:30p -9:30p Stated= Unity Lodge (Thorndike)			Siloam Installation 6:30PM at Lodge 4:30PM Hafforde
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Installation of Officers 6:30 Pot Luck 7:30 work		Messalonskee Lodge MM Degree on Steve Craig 6:30 Supper 7:30 Degree SAPPI Degree Team		

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12th District - Grand Lodge of Maine

<p><b>Drummond Chapter #27</b> Meets on the 1st Wed. 6:30 Pot Luck Supper at all Meetings.</p> <p align="center"><b>2009 Officers</b></p> <p>Scott Bonnell HP Dave Shorey K Kevin Davidson S Ronald Bucknam Sec Davis Couture Trs Dana Wrigley CH Ken Libby PS Steve Bucknam RAC Richard Penney 3V Maurice Anderson 1V Dick Gerry Sent Daniel Pratt Chap</p>	<p><b>Mt. Lebanon Council #13</b> Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. All three degrees given on the Last Saturday in February beginning at 3PM. Richard Penney is IM</p>	<p><b>MASONIC HUMOR</b></p>
	<p align="center"><b>Birthdays</b></p> <p>Steven Bucknam 1/6 Alfred Wheeler 1/7 Bruce Jackson 1/11 Michael Ellis 1/11 Robert K. Bartlett 1/18 Gaylon Greenleaf 1/20 Daniel Wood 1/26 Mark Rancourt 1/28 Stuart Libby 1/28 Robert Poland 1/29 Lionel Trask 1/29</p>	<p>A little before Lodge is about to open an old man walks up to the Tyler and says, "I'm here to receive my 2nd degree." Well, they all look at this guy, who looks over a 100 years old and they ask him to explain. "I was entered on July 4, 1930. Now I'm ready for my 2nd degree." So they go scurrying for the records, and sure enough, there was his name, entered on July 4, 1930. In amazement they ask, "Where have you been all these years? What took you so long to be ready for your 2nd? We will have to contact the Grand Lodge. What reason shall we give". He calmly replied: "I was learning to subdue my passions</p>



## Messalonskee Lodge #113 AF&AM

Wor. Paul D. Booker, Sr., Master

Wor. Dana W. Wrigley, Secretary

Stated Meeting on the Third Tuesday at 7:30 pm  
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Coming Events: Updated 10/28/08

Date	Time	Program
11/14/08	7:30 PM	Special Meeting, EA Degree, 6:30 Supper
11/24/08	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
12/09/08	6:00 PM	Oakland Masonic Annual Meeting
12/18/2008	7:30 PM	Annual Meeting, Election of Officers
TBA	TBA	Installation of Officers



Worshipful Paul D. Booker, Sr., Master



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Fraternally Submitted,

*Dave*

R.W. Peter Davis Couture, PDDGM  
Historian, Messalonskee Lodge #113