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Wor. Linwood Hall opened the 1st stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7pm with 15 Brethren present including the following officers.

Wor. Linwood Hall	as	WM	Travis Wood	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	as	SW	RW Daniel Pratt	as JD
Wor. Keith Hall	as	JW	Bro. Gerald Grams	Mar
Wor. Scott Bonnell		Treas.	RW Seven Bucknam	Chap
Wor. Dana Wrigley		Sec.		

Others present were MW A James Ross, RW James Maloy, VW R Charles King, Wor. Clayton Wentworth, Wor. Calvin Grams, Wor. Mayo Cookson, Wor. Robert Siviski. At 7:30 pm Wor. Linwood opened the semipublic meeting for the annual installation by leading the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and thanking everyone for coming and for providing the potluck supper. Wor. Linwood Hall explained Wor. Davidson's absence due to tests at the hospital. Jo Wood joined us for the semipublic portion of the meeting to take pictures of the installation suite for the evening.

RW Maloy and Wor. Cookson installed Wor. Linwood Hall as Master, VW King installed Travis Wood as JW, RW Steven Bucknam installed Wor. Scott Bonnell as Treasurer and Wor. Dana Wrigley as Secretary, and Gerald Grams as Marshall. Wor. Siviski installed Wor. Brett Hoskins as JS and Keith Hall as JD. RW Maloy installed RW Steven Bucknam as Chaplain. Travis Wood installed RW Bucknam as Organist. Wor. Cookson gave the Charge to the Master and JW and RW Daniel Pratt served as installing Marshall for the evening.

At a later date Steven Craig will be installed as SW and Shawn Gibson as SD. Wor. Linwood Hall thanked the installing team for their fine work.

Business was conducted and Fraternal Greetings were given by MW A. James Ross .The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony by Master Hall at 8:50pm. Attest Wor. Dana Wrigley.

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

RW Steven Bucknam opened the 2nd stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 7 Brethren present, including the following officers;

RW Steven Bucknam	as	WM	Wor. Scott Bonnell.	as	SD
Stephen Cra		SW	Gerald Grams	as	JD
Travis Wood		JW	Wor. Dana Wrigley		Sec.

Others present; Wor. Calvin Grams RW Bucknam led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that Wor. Linwood Hall was absent due to a vehicle accident his wife was in. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved and communications were read. Bill for \$20.00 for membership in the California Lodge of Research was read and approved. It was voted to buy ¼ page in the Demolay book for

\$50.00 but we will wait to send the payment until checking with Wor. Brett Hoskins who usually donates more to go with it.

RW Bucknam installed Stephen Craig as SW. The Bikes for Books program was discussed but chairman Shawn Gibson is out of town for work. Travis Wood updated us on the “chowder and chili challenge” he is promoting in the District. It is scheduled for March 22 from 5:30 to 8:30 with the proceeds being shared between the Bikes program and the Widows program.

No further business appearing before the Lodge RW Bucknam closed the Lodge at 8:10 pm

MARCH 13, 2014

Wor. Linwood Hall opened the 3rd stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge at 6pm after which the Brethren proceeded to Crosby and Neal funeral home for an evening memorial service for fallen Brother Ronald E. Greenwood. The Brethren arrived back at the Lodge at 7:59 and proceeded with the meeting with 10 Brethren present.

Officers for the service were;

Wor. Linwood Hall	WM	Wor. Brett Hoskins	as	SD	
Travis Wood	as	SW	Wor. Keith Hall	JD	
VW R. Charles King	as	JW	Tom Greenwood	as	SS
Wor. Dwight Marshall	as	Sec.	Stephen Craig	as	JS
RW Steven Bucknam	Chap.	Wor. Dana Wrigley	as	Mar.	

Officers for the meeting were;

Wor. Linwood Hall	WM	Wor. Brett Hoskins	as	SD
Stephen Craig	SW	Wor. Keith Hall	JD	
Travis Wood	JW	Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	RW Steven Bucknam	Chap.	

Others present were RW James Maloy and Wor. Ronald Bucknam. Wor. Hall led the Brethren in a moment of silence for fallen Brethren RW David J. Billings, Ronald E. Greenwood, and Harold E. Hoskins.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved and communications were read. The upcoming Chili and Chowder cook-off was discussed as was the Scholarship program. Wor. Brett Hoskins donated \$25.00 to add to our donation to the DeMolay annual program.

Wor. Hall introduced RW James Maloy who brought warm fraternal greetings from MW A. James Ross and the Grand Lodge of Maine and his own warm fraternal greetings. RW Maloy discussed all the upcoming meetings in the 12th district.

No further business appearing. Wor. Hall closed the meeting in Peace and Harmony at 8:31 pm

APRIL 15, 2014

Wor. Linwood Hall opened the 4th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 9 Brethren present including the following officers;

Wor. Linwood Hall	WM	VW R. Charles King	as	SD	
RW Steven Bucknam	as	SW	RW James Maloy	as	JD
Travis Wood	JW	RW Steven Bucknam	Chap.		
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.		

Other present were Ryan Lindall and Wor. Ronald Bucknam. Wor. Hall led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved and communications were read. Wor. Hall discussed the funeral arm bands which need to be replaced. Due to the cost other options will be looked into before purchasing any. Various embroidery options were discussed. Travis Wood discussed the planning for the Chili and Chowder cook off that he is working on. Scholarship program was discussed and applications should be in shortly. Wor. Hall led a discussion of the candidates running for office at the Grand Lodge session in May for guidance on voting at the annual session.

Wor. Hall introduced RW James Maloy who brought warm fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of Maine and MW A. James Ross and his own warm fraternal greetings. RW Maloy discussed the meetings going on in the District and said that this would be his last official meeting as our DDGM and VW R. Charles King is scheduled to replace him at the annual meeting in May.

No further business appearing Wor. Hall closed the meeting in peace and harmony at 8:08 pm.

MAY 17, 2014

Messalonskee Lodge participated in a MECHIPs program at the Messalonskee Middle School again this year in conjunction with the 7th annual Kiwanis Children's Health and Safety fair. Forty-seven (47) children were processed through the program this year. Participating in the event this year were, Wor. Ed and Rosemary Wentworth, Wor. Linwood Hall, RW Steven Bucknam, Wor. Scott Bonnell, Wor. Brett Hoskins, Wor. Meon and Joel Stephenson, RW Peter Davis Couture, Shawn Gibson, Wor. Dana Wrigley, and Kayla Knowles. Thanks to everyone who participated it was a very successful program.

MAY 20, 2014

RW Steven Bucknam opened the 5th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 7 Brethren present, including the following officers;

RW Steven Bucknam	as	WM	RW Peter Davis Couture	as	SD
Wor. Scott Bonnell	as	SW	Gerald Grams	as	JD
Wor. Ronald Bucknam	as	JW	Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	

Others present; Wor. Calvin Grams..RW Bucknam led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge. RW Bucknam introduced all the Brethren present and thanked Jerry Grams for bringing in a casserole for supper.

RW Bucknam went over some of the highlights from the Grand Lodge session and the outcome of some of the elections, including that of MW David A. Walker as the new MW Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved with corrections. An application for affiliation from Christopher Cook was read and referred to the committee of inquiry. RW Peter Davis Couture announced he had a bookcase with videos and books he would like to donate to the Lodge and would need help moving it when he was ready.

No other business appearing before the Lodge RW Bucknam closed the Lodge in Peace and Harmony at 8:10 pm

BIKES FOR BOOKS 2014

On June 12 a boys and girls bike were presented to each of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th, grades at the Williams Elementary School. Participating were Shawn Gibson, Jerry Grams, RW Steve Bucknam, Wor. Scott Bonnell, and Wor. Dana Wrigley.

On June 13 a boys and girls bike were presented to each of the Pre-K, K, 1st, and 2nd grades at Atwood Primary School. Participating were Shawn Gibson, Jerry Grams, Wor. Scott Bonnell, and Wor. Dana Wrigley.

JUNE 17, 2014

Wor. Linwood Hall opened the 6th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 13 brethren present including the following officers;

Wor. Linwood Hall	WM	Shawn Gibson	SD
Stephen Craig	SW	Wor. Kevin Davidson	as JD
Travis Wood	JW	RW Peter Couture	as JS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Wor. Brett Hoskins	as SS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Gerald Grams	Mar.
RW Steven Bucknam	Chap.		

Others present were: RW Charles King and Wor. Ronald Bucknam.

Wor. Hall led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, welcomed everyone to the Lodge and introduced our new DDGM RW R. Charles King. Wor. Hall led the Brethren in a moment of Silence for fallen Brother Fred Carter who was a good friend of RW Dwight Marshall. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved, a report on the recent Bikes for Books program was given by Shawn Gibson, and a card of appreciation from Sarah Libby was read. The application for Affiliation from Christopher Cook was reread and voted on in the affirmative.

RW Bucknam installed Shawn Gibson as SD. RW King and Wor. Hall presented 25 year pins to RW Peter Davis Couture and RW Steven Bucknam. The educational award for this year will be presented to Dalton Gamache who is the Grandson of Wor. Kenneth Libby.

It was voted to go dark for July and August and the Secretary and Treasurer be empowered to take care of any bills. Wor. Hall introduced

RW Charles King who brought warm fraternal greeting from MW Grand Master David A. Walker and his own warm fraternal greeting. RW King discussed the upcoming area meeting in the District and wished everyone a great summer. No further business appearing Wor. Hall closed the meeting in Peace and Harmony at 8:22 pm

AUGUST 2, 2014

Members of Messalonskee Lodge participated in a MECHIP program in China for the China Community Days on August 2, 2014. Thirty-two children went through the program . Participating were RW Peter Davis Couture, RW Steven Bucknam , Wor. Linwood “jake ‘ Hall, Travis Wood, Jo Wood, Irene Belanger, and Wor. Dana Wrigley.

September 16, 2014

Wor. Linwood Hall opened the 7th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge at 7:30 pm in the MM degree with 10 Brethren present, including the following officers;

Wor. Linwood Hall	WM	Shawn Gibson	SD
RW Peter Davis Couture as	SW	Wor. Keith Hall	JD
Wor. Brett Hoskins as	JW	Gerald Grams	Mar.
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	RW Steven Bucknam	Chap.
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.		

Others present RW R. Charles King Wor. Hall led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge. Wor. Hall then led the Brethren in a moment of silence for our fallen Brother RW Michael LeClair...Wor. Hall discussed the Educational Aid program and the quality of the letter that Dalton Gamache sent with his application for the award. Minutes of previous communication was read and approved and communications were read.

The work on the downstairs water problem was discussed. Our inspection for the Oct. stated was discussed.

Wreaths across America was discussed and the following Brothers made donations of \$15.00 for a wreath to; Wor. Brett Hoskins in memory of Wor. Richard Penney
Wor. Scott Bonnell in memory of Wor. Richard Penney
Wor. Dana Wrigley in memory of Wor. Kenneth Libby

Wor. Hall introduced RW Charles King who brought warm fraternal greetings from MW David A. Walker and his own warm fraternal greeting. RW King discussed all the area meetings including the public breakfast at Sebasticook Lodge on Sunday mornings from 7 to 10 am.

RW King listed the following District schools and meeting.

Oct. 29.	EA School	Unity Lodge in Thorndike
Nov. 12	FC School	Siloam Lodge in Fairfield
Dec. 10	MM School	Star in the West in Unity
Jan. 14	Non. Ritual	Vassalboro Lodge in Vassalboro
Jan. 28	District Meeting	Central Lodge in China

No further business appearing Wor. Hall closed the meeting in peace and Harmony at 8:15 pm.

OCTOBER 21, 2014

Wor. Brett Hoskins opened the 8th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm for our annual inspection with 18 Brethren present . Wor. Hoskins led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge . Wor. Hoskins introduced District Deputy Grand Master RW R. Charles King and welcomed him to Messalonskee Lodge for his official visitation and presented him the private Grand Honors.

Officers for the evening were;

Wor. Brett Hoskins	as WM	Wor. Kevin Davidson	as SD
Wor. Linwood Hall	as SW	Wor. Michael Philbrick	as JD
RW Peter Davis Couture	as JW	Wor. Nelson Bolduc II	as SS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Stephen Craig	as JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Wor. Brandon Keene	as Mar.
RW Steven Bucknam		Chap.	
	Wor. James Hall	as tyler	

Others present were; Wor. Dale Blethen, Wor. Pete Johnson, Wor. Ron Bucknam, Wor. David Knowles, Ed Libby, Matt Litalien. Wor. Hoskins changed the Lodge to a FC Lodge and presented the FC degree on substitute candidate Wor. David Knowles. After the degree Wor. Hoskins changed the Lodge back to a MM lodge and had Wor. Hall escorted to the East. Wor. Hall thanked Wor. Hoskins for the fine work of the evening then introduced all the Brethren present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved with corrections. A card was circulated for Terrence Hughes Sr. RW Couture was escorted to the East and made a presentation of Masonic items to the Lodge and announced he would be moving to Florida shortly.

Wor. Hall introduced RW King and presented him the gavel of Messalonskee Lodge. RW King brought warm fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of Maine and MW David A. Walker and his own warm fraternal greetings. RW King congratulated the officers on the fine presentation of the FC degree and discussed all the area meetings and schools coming up and reminded everyone to check out the 12th district calendar.

Wor. Hall closed the meeting in Peace and Harmony at 8:39 pm

OCTOBER 29, 2014

Wor. Linwood Hall opened the first special communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:00 pm for a Lodge of Sorrow for our fallen Brother Terrence G. Hughes Sr. After opening the Brethren proceeded to Wheelers Funeral Home where the following brethren participated in the Evening Memorial Service for Brother Hughes.

Wor. Linwood Hall	WM	Steve Craig	as SS
Wor. Kevin Davidson	as SW	Wor. Brett Hoskins	as JS
Wor. John Zimba	as JW	Shawn Gibson	SD
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Wor. Keith Hall	JD
Wor. Scott Bonnell	as Mar.	Wor. Lee Hapworth	as Chap.

Others participating: RW Raymond Locke, RW Don Pratt, Wor. Nelson Bolduc II, Wor. Terrence Hughes Jr., Wor. Robert Landry, Wor. John Lord, Wor. Dale Blethen, Larry Perkins, Chris Bartsch, and Matt Litalien.

After the ceremony the Brethren returned to the Lodge and closed in Peace and Harmony at 8pm.

OCTOBER 31, 2014

Wor. Dana Wrigley opened the 2nd special communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7pm for the purpose of a Lodge of Sorrow for our fallen Brother J. Hobart Pierce Jr. with 8 Brethren present including the following officers:

Wor. Dana Wrigley	as	WM	Wayne Weeks	as	SD
Wor. Scott Bonnell	as	Sec.	Wor. Keith Hall		JD
RW Steven Bucknam		Chap.	Stephen Craigas		SS
Gerald Grams		Mar	Wor. John Zimba	as	JS

After opening the Brethren proceeded to Wheelers funeral home for the Evening Memorial service and back to the Lodge after the service and closed the Lodge at 8pm

NOVEMBER 18, 2014

Wor. Linwood Hall opened the 9th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 9 Brethren present including the following officers;

Wor. Linwood Hall		WM	Shawn Gibson		SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	as	SW	Gerald Grams	as	JD
Wor. Keith Hall	as	JW	RW Steven Bucknam		Chap.
Wor. Scott Bonnell		Treas.			
Wor. Dana Wrigley		Sec.			

Others present; Wor. Ronald Bucknam Wor. Hall led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, welcomed everyone to the Lodge and wished Wor. Ron Bucknam a happy birthday.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Communications were read.

Wor. Hall discussed the dinner to be held at the annual meeting on Dec. 16 and the presentation of the educational award to Dalton Gamache.

No further business appearing Wor. Hall closed the meeting in peace and harmony at 7:50 pm .

DECEMBER 16, 2014

Wor. Linwood Hall opened the 10th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 12 Brethren present including the following officers:

Wor. Linwood Hall	WM	Shawn Gibson		SD
Steve Craig	SW	Wor. Brett Hoskins	as	JD
Travis Wood	JW	Wor. Maurice Anderson	as	SS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Gerald Grams		Mar.
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	RW Steven Bucknam		Chap.

Others present were; Wor. Ronald Bucknam and Wor. Calvin Grams. Wor. Hall led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the annual meeting.

Prior to opening the meeting Wor. Hall invited Sarah Libby, widow of Wor. Kenneth Libby, and Ken's daughter Brenda and her husband Jules Gamache and their three sons Dalton, Kennan and Brice into the Lodge to present the annual educational award to Dalton Gamache and congratulated him on the fine essay he had written about his grandfather Ken.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved and communications were read. The letter from the Masonic Charitable Foundation was read and discussed. We will try to find a charitable organization to sponsor.

Wor. Hall suggested that we put on some breakfasts to raise money for the Widows program.

Wor. Hall called for the reports for the annual meeting to be read, and the Treasurer's, secretary's and finance committee reports were read and approved to be spread upon the records of the Lodge

Wor. Hall called on RW Bucknam to lead the annual election of officers, the list of which is attached to this report

No further business appearing Wor. Hall closed the meeting in peace and harmony at 8:56 pm.

MESSALONSKEE OFFICERS 2015

WM	Wor. Stephen Craig	
SW	Travis Wood	
JW	Shawn Gibson	
Treas	Wor. Scott Bonnell	
Sec.	Wor. Dana Wrigley	
SD	Wor. Kevin Davidson	
JD	Gerald Grams	
*SS	Wor. Ronald Bucknam	
*JS		
*Mar.		
*tyler	Wor. Brett Hoskins	
*Chap.	RW Steven Bucknam	
*Historian		
*Organist	RW Steven Bucknam	* appointed
FINANCE COMMITTEE		
	Shawn Gibson	
	Wor. Keith Hall	
	Wor. Brett Hoskins	
	Wor. Maurice Anderson	
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE		
	Steve Craig	exp. 2018
	Shawn Gibson	exp. 2015
	Wor. Brett Hoskins	exp. 2016
	Travis Wood	exp. 2017
	Wor. Linwood Hall	exp. 2019
OMA TRUSTEES		
	Wor. Kevin Davidson	exp. 2015
	Wor. Brett Hoskins	exp. 2016
	Wor. Ronald Bucknam	exp. 2017
CHARITY COMMITTEE Master and two appointees		

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