

# The Trestle Board



**Messalonskee Lodge #113**

**Oakland, Maine**

[www.messalonskeelodge.org](http://www.messalonskeelodge.org)

**Wor. Richard K. Penney**

**Meetings on the Third Tuesday at 7:30 PM**

## From the East

### February Message

Brethren,

Here we are early into the new year. The days are getting longer and I'm sure everyone is anxious for winter to be over. We have had a pretty busy month at Messalonskee Lodge. The Mount Lebanon Council #113 started off their Stated Meeting with a potluck supper on Jan. 5th. Then on Jan. 7th. Drummond Chapter #27 held their Stated meeting with a potluck supper. At our Stated Blue Lodge Meeting on Tues. Jan. 20th. R.W. Fred Milligan, along with R.W. Michael LeClair, R.W. Daniel C. Pratt, R.W. Steven Bucknam and Wor. Mayo Cookson, installed the 2009 Officers. They did a terrific job and it was a very nice evening for all.

The Brethren employed by the Sappi Paper Co. have been rehearsing to confer the M.M. Degree on F.C. Steven Craig. Bro. Gerald S. Leighton our Past M.W.G.M. will sit in the East for the evening of Jan. 29th. to confer this degree.

Coming up on February 28th, the Mt. Lebanon Council will be having their yearly inspection. There will be degrees conferred on numerous candidates. We hope all members will make a special effort to be present. In March we plan to have Bro. Paul Silverman receive his M.M. degree, hopefully on our March 17th. stated meeting. We will keep you informed in case of a change in the date for this degree.

I do hope in the near future to schedule some social events that will include family and friends.

Please call me or notify the Lodge if you know of any Brethren that are in bad health or are hospitalized. Hope to see you at Lodge soon.

**P.S. January 29th:** The Sappi crew did a great job tonight on conferring the M.M. degree on Steven Craig, I think there was about 36 or 37 Masons that turned out for the evening, the lodge actually looked busy. We had a very good supper and all had a good time.

### March Message

I sometimes feel that we have forgotten why we joined Free Masonry. If you think about it a moment a dozen reasons may come to mind but for me this short story puts it all in perspective, I came across this story

while reading the Southern California Research Lodge. F&AM Fraternal Review.

A traveling salesman breaks down in a remote country lane. A farmer in the adjacent field comes over and they discover that they are "Brothers", The salesman is concerned as he has an important appointment in the local town, "Don't worry" says the farmer "you can use my car, I will call a friend and get the car repaired whilst you go to the appointment". Off goes the salesman and a couple of hours later he returns but unfortunately the car is awaiting a part which won't arrive until the next morning. "It's not a problem", says the farmer, "use my telephone and re-schedule your first appointment tomorrow, stay with us tonight and we will see the car is done first thing"!

The farmers' wife prepares a wonderful meal and they share a glass of fine malt during an excellent evening. The salesman sleeps soundly and when he awakes there is his car repaired and ready to go. After a full English breakfast the salesman thanks them both for the hospitality. As he and the farmer walk to his car he turns and said "My brother, thank you so much but I have to ask, did you help because I am a Mason"? No was the reply, "I helped you because I am".

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Brethren, I can't express enough how much your presence at the stated meetings would mean to all those working and taking degrees. We hope to see you at the stated on Feb 17th. Come for the 6:30pm Pot luck supper.

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Fraternally,

**Wor. Richard K. Penney**

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## From the District Deputy Grand Master



**G**reetings Brethren, my name is Fred R. Milligan I am a 25 year member and Past Master (1988) of Messalonskee Lodge. I have the honor and privilege to be DDGM of the 12<sup>th</sup> Masonic District which includes:

Central Lodge in China, Messalonskee Lodge in Oakland, Waterville Lodge in Waterville, Negumkeag-Vassalboro Lodge in North Vassalboro, Siloam Lodge in Fairfield, Sebasicook Lodge in Clinton, Star In The West lodge in Unity, and Unity Lodge in Thorndike.

As DDGM, I am expected to visit all Lodges in my district at least once a year to inspect their Charter or Certificate of Charter, Bylaws, Records, Mode of working, Condition of Lodge Buildings, Furniture, and Regalia and assist them in any way I can with resources I have at my disposal.

I set up and attend Schools of Instruction in EA, FC, MM, and Non-Ritual, for the officers and brethren of every Lodge. Schools are rotated through the Lodges each year to help any brethren learn ritual work correctly and answer any question they may have.

I also prepare and present an Annual District Meeting which is attended by The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maine and his Grand Lodge Officers. A report of the operations of each Lodge in the district is presented to him at this meeting.

I install Officers of the Lodges in my district with the assistance of and thanks to a great suite of Installing Officers. This is one of the truly enjoyable responsibilities of my office. My Suite consists of:

Myself as Installing Master  
RW Dan Pratt Installing Chaplin  
RW Bruce Hutchins  
RW Mike LeClair Installing Marshall  
Wor. Mayo Cookson

### Oakland Masonic Association

Other Fraternal Bodies  
Oakland Maine

**Mt. Lebanon Council #13 Royal and Select Masters  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 7:30, normally Pot Luck Supper**

**Drummond Royal Arch Chapter #27  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. at 7:30 with a 6:30 Pot Luck Supper.**

**Acme Rebekah Lodge #75 meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thur. at  
7:00 with a 6:00 get-together.**

### BIRTHDAYS

L. John Zimba 02/01/1951  
W. Sumner Davis 02/02/1960  
Arvid L. Good 02/05/1941  
Wendall C. Black 02/08/1924  
Theodore R. Gradie 02/11/1940  
David V. Shorey 02/12/1947  
George B. Leighton 02/21/1935  
Randell A. Corson 02/23/1940  
Donald W. Prew 02/23/1944  
Lowell E. Swett 02/29/1936  
Maurice C. Anderson 03/03/1951  
John L. Bucknam Jr. 03/09/1939  
Kenneth R. Libby 03/10/1937  
Douglas K. McCafferty 03/14/1956  
Robert H. Bridges 03/17/1943  
Dwight L. Taylor 03/18/1910  
Linwood E. Hall 03/23/1955  
James D. Hall 03/26/1956  
Scott E. Bonnell 03/31/1952  
Gordon R. Drysdale 04/17/1947  
Peter J. Bolduc 04/17/1972  
Brett E. Hoskins 04/23/1957  
Olav N. Cook 04/25/1927

### Happy Birthday to all of You

**My apologies to those whose Birthdates were in February, I neglected to include your names in the January Trestle Board.  
Dave.**

### From the Secretary

**Would all of you that have an email address please forward it to me so we can send future Trestle Boards to you by email. We are now sending the Trestle Boards by First Class Mail which is a great expense.**

**Wor. Dana W. Wrigley, Secretary  
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453 Fairfield St, Oakland Maine 04963  
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### DID YOU KNOW?

All sectarian discussion, all argument or statement pro or con as to the merits of civil politics, or any given religion or theological creed, or racial questions, or private business, or of any other non-Masonic subject by which Masons might be divided into classes, feuds, schisms, or opposed schools, is at all time forbidden in the Lodge.

**March 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> Mar	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
	7:30p - 9:00p Mt Lebanon Council #13	7:30p -9:30p Stated=Star in The West Lodge (Unity)	7:30p -9:30p Stated=Central Lodge(China) 6:30p - 9:00p W/S Drummond Chap	7:30p -9:30p Stated=Siloam Lodge (Fairfield)		
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<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
		7:30p -9:30p Stated=Messalonskee Lodge (Oakland)	7:30p -9:30p Stated= Unity Lodge (Thorndike) MM Degree 6:30 Supper 7:30 Degree	7:30p -9:30p Stated=Sebasticook Lodge (Clinton)		12:00p - 5:00p Acme Rebekah District Meeting
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
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<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Apr	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
			7:30p -9:30p Stated=Central Lodge(China)	7:30p -9:30p Stated=Siloam Lodge (Fairfield)		

**April 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			EA School of Instruction Messalonskee 6:30 PotLuck 7:30 School			