

The Trestle Board



Messalonskee Lodge #113

Oakland, Maine

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Wor. Scott E Bonnell, Master

Meetings on the Third Tuesday at 7:30 PM

September-October 2010 Edition

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

We have had a very busy year thus far and will continue to be busy through out the fall.

We have done 4 Entered Apprentice degrees, 4 Fellowcraft degrees and 3 Master Mason degrees and we will do 1 Fellowcraft Degree at the September Stated, then 2 more Entered Apprentice Degrees and 2 more Master Mason Degrees in the fall. One new member has affiliated.

We also did the ME-Chip program at the Taste of Maine on August 4th and will do one at Waterville Wal-Mart in the fall.

RW Brother Steven Bucknam has been trying to recover from a severe heart attack and a four way bypass. We wish him well in his recovery.

We certainly would like to see some of you Brethren that we haven't seen in a while. If you are having trouble getting out give me a call and someone will pick you up and take you home.

Fraternally,

Wor. Scott Bonnell, Master

FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,

We still have some members that have not paid their dues as of our last Stated Meeting. Would you please remit the dues at your earliest convince to the address below. If you are having problems, please call me at the address below and we can probably help.

Dana W. Wrigley, Secretary

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Past Masters

Messalonskee Lodge #113 AF & AM



By Wor. Blaine A. Ellis

On the east wall of our lodge hall there is a bronze plaque with all the names of the Past Masters of Messalonskee Lodge 113. The plaque was donated to the lodge in memory of Rt. Wor. Merton E. Leech, who served as Master in 1938. The names on the plaque represent those who served in the office of Master of the lodge and the year or years that they served. Three living Past Masters have served more than that one year in that office. Bernard D. Bulmer served 2 years, Dana Wrigley served 3 years and David E. Knowles served 2 years.

The Past Masters used to gather on Past Masters night to participate in the degree work of the evening. That was usually the night we celebrated our Strawberry Festival in June each year. The meal consisted of home baked biscuits and bowls of strawberries and cream. The degree work of the evening might not be as good as the officers of the lodge could do, but it was a fun evening with lots of laughs if we made a miscue.

The picture below was taken at Past Masters Night in 1973 and as you can see we had a good turnout that evening. We haven't had a Past Masters Night in the last few years as it has been difficult to find Past Masters that wanted to participate in the degree work of the evening. Maybe it would take a good old fashioned Strawberry Festival to revive the interest in a Past Masters Night again.



Past Masters and officers of Messalonskee Lodge #113 A.F. & A.M. 1973
 Front row, L to R: Wor. Frank Baily, Paul Adams, Dana Wrigley, David Powell, Gaylon Greenleaf, Robert Poland, Timothy Williams, Blaine Ellis
 Back row, L to R: John Kerr, Alan Case, Edward Pullen, Kenneth Libby, James McMullen, Stanley Kamas, Valton Wood

Living Past Masters of Messalonskee Lodge #113 AF & AM		
John D. Kerr	1963	Edwin C. Wentworth 1990
Bernard D. Bulmer	1967-68	Peter Davis Couture 1992
Frank M. Crane	1969	David T. Pierce 1993
Timothy S. Williams	1970	Steven W. Bucknam 1995
Kenneth R. Libby	1971	David E. Knowles 1996-02
Robert W. Poland	1972	Ronald A. Bucknam 1997
Blaine A. Ellis	1973	Laurence K. Bushey 1998
James D. McMullen	1978	Kevin M. Bolduc 1999
Paul C. Adams	1979	Joseph E. Bolduc 2000
David A. Powell	1980	Nelson A. Bolduc II 2001
Dana W. Wrigley	1981-82-04	Robert D. Bartlett 2003
Gaylon D. Greenleaf	1983	L. John Zimba 2005
Arvid L. Good	1984	Maurice C. Anderson 2006
Linwood E. Hall	1986	Kevin G. Davidson 2007
James D. Hall	1987	Paul D. Booker Sr. 2008
Frederick R. Milligan Jr.	1988	Richard Penney 2009
Keith E. Hall	1989	Scott Bonnell 2010

MY DREAM

I have a dream, that one day, we as Masons, will rise up to the task for which Freemasonry was created and spread our light so wide that the whole world will admire.

I have a dream that our meetings will become learning adventures and nourishment for the mind and soul.

I have a dream that as brothers, we will have fun with one another, enjoy our camaraderie and make our Lodges and Valleys joyful places to return to.

I have a dream that every time we try shifting the blame on others for our downfalls and

weaknesses, we will find the courage and wisdom to admit our faults and work toward our self betterment for the good of all.

I have a dream that one day we will be asked instead of being told.

I have a dream that we will start planning visions instead of meetings.

I have a dream that we will stop asking what our brothers can do for us, but what we can do for our brothers.

I have a dream that we will stop thinking as lodges and valleys only and work together towards one common goal and destiny.

I have a dream that we will become Freemasons not because it is cool, but because its right.

[By Eric Hanan, 32^o Santa Ana Scottish Rite News]

CHARITY

There is a difference between 'charity' and 'Masonic charity'. In its broadest sense, charity is the practice of rendering aid – giving relief to the poor, volunteering for community service, donating money and time, etc. Things Masons do with regularity.

But Masonic charity is much more particular and while it encompasses the common definition of charity, it is more closely associated with the Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. To quote Brother Albert G. Mackey from his *Lexicon of Freemasonry*:

“Charity is the chief cornerstone of our temple, and upon it is to be erected a superstructure of all other virtues which make the good man and the good Mason.”

“The true Mason will be slow to anger and easy to forgive. He will stay his failing brother by gentle admonition and warn him with kindness of approaching danger. He will not open his ear to his slanderers and will close his lips against all reproach. His faults and his follies will be locked in his breast”.

The word 'charity' as used Masonically is in reality 'Love' – Brotherly Love - that mystic tie which binds the brotherhood. We get a

glimpse of its meaning in the first degree when the candidate receives the lecture. We get another glimpse in the charge of the second degree, and yet a further look in the second section of the third degree. In fact, the concept of 'love' is taught through the degrees. Too often, in the practical world of candidate advancement, the spirit of Masonic charity is lost. Old timers and candidates alike often forget the lessons of the degrees and treat charity according to its common meaning – a charitable donation to a favorite cause.

To re-emphasize Albert G. Mackey, "Charity (love) is the chief cornerstone of our temple, and upon it is to be erected a superstructure of all other virtues, which make the good man and the good Mason." Thus, Masonic charity is all the things that are good about the Craft – its morality, its mystic tie among the Brotherhood, and above all its endeavor to unite men of every country, sect and opinion. Masonic Charity if given a chance, will cause true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. [*Norm Leeper, Editor, Southern California Research Lodge F&AM*]

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Most student entering college for the first time this fall were born in 1992. They are 19 years of age, and we can admit them into ranks of Freemasonry. Beloit College created a list that tells us about the lives of these 19 year olds.

The Green Giant has always been Shrek, not the big guy picking vegetables.

They have never used a card file to find a book.

Margaret Thatcher has always been a former prime minister.

Salsa has always outsold ketchup.

They have been preparing for the arrival of HDTV all their lives.

Chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream has always been their favorite choice.

Babies have always had a Social Security Number.

They have never had to "shake down" an oral thermometer.

There has always been a Cartoon Network.

Women have always outnumbered men in college.

There have always been flat screen televisions.

Everyone has always known what the evening news was before the Evening News came on.

There has always been blue Jello.

They have grown up with bottled water.

Pete Rose has never played baseball.

The World Wide Web has been in existence since before they were born.

Gas stations have never fixed flats, but serve cappuccino.

IBM has never made typewriters.

Agent Starling always feared the Silence of the Lambs.

Caller ID has always been available on phones.

Ice Tea has always been available in cans or bottles.

[*Terry W. Posey, Grand Master of Masons of Ohio.*]

THE SPREAD OF FREEMASONRY

The spread of Freemasonry in the United States was supported by itinerant Masonic Lecturers, sometimes appointed by Grand Lodges but often operating as independent entrepreneurs. They taught Craft ritual based on William Preston's lectures as rearranged and edited by Thomas Smith Web of Massachusetts, which is basis of the ritual in nearly all American Grand Lodges. They also taught the Royal Arch and Knights Templar rituals, sold ritual monitors and regalia, and peddled other degrees and orders.

[*Philip C. Tucker, GM of Vermont*]