

The Trestle Board

**Messalonskee Lodge #113
Oakland, Maine
Wor. Richard K. Penney, Master**

Meetings on the Third Tuesday at 7:30 PM

From the East

September Message

Brethren,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and is as eager to get back to Lodge as I am. I believe that we have a couple of new candidates to vote on and investigate.

There has been some mention from members that haven't been to Lodge in a while that if we were to put on a Woodchoppers Degree or have semi public evenings once in a while, they would come more often. Sounds like a plan to me. Please encourage another Brother to attend Lodge with you in September, especially if that person hasn't been in a while. To the officers of the Lodge, please start thinking about the work of the chair you hold, we want to give our best to the new candidates. We always need people to give lectures and charges if anyone would like to learn one or more, it sure would be a big help. You don't have to be an officer or hold a chair to participate in a degree, just willing.

We will go back in September and start off with a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. I will be making calls in advance as usual. At our 7:30 p.m. meeting we need to discuss our scholarship direction and decide on any new changes if any that may be needed.

I hope to see you all on the third Tuesday of September.

Fraternally,

Wor. Richard K. Penney, Master

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ATTENTION

On the stated meeting September 15th, the Lodge will be voting on a change of the Dues, to cover a raise in the rent. Please try to attend this important meeting. If you need transportation to or from the Lodge hall, don't hesitate to call the Master: 465-2939 or the Secretary Dana Wrigley: 465-3830



Dwight Lemuel Taylor

One rainy afternoon in July, Wor. Master Richard Penny and I visited with Bro. Dwight Taylor who is 99 years young. Dwight is our oldest living Brother of Messalonskee Lodge. We swapped a few yarns and stories over coffee and snacks provided by our hostess Ann Brooks. Dwight is well cared for and now lives with close friends Bro. Colin Brooks and his wife Ann at their home in Oakland.

Born in Madison, Me. on March 18, 1910 his family moved to Oakland when he was 8 years old. His father loaded their possessions onto a railroad car for the move from Madison to Oakland. Dwight helped stack their 8 cords of wood in the same railroad car. He received the sum of \$2.00 per week from the town for being the janitor at the one room grammar school he attended on the Middle Road. His 7th and 8th grade classes were held at the Oakland High School building on School St. His class was also the first to attend all four years at the new William's High School building.

Dwight at the age of 33 joined the Army in 1943 during the WW 11 conflict. He was attached to the 3rd Armored Division. He was proud of the fact that he was in a picture when President Harry S. Truman and General Dwight Eisenhower inspected the troops. He said he had his picture taken with the President. After he was discharged from the Army in 1945 he returned to his home town of Oakland. He got a job in Michaud's Grocery Store where he worked for two years as a meat cutter. After a short time at the BFD wood products mill he landed a job at the Cascade Woolen Mill and was a supervisor for many years in the Finishing Dept.

He married his sweetheart Charlene Scott at the Methodist Church on Aug. 1st, 1943. It was his wife Charlene who introduced him to the sport of horse racing. They both became avid horse racing fans and attended races with friends at the country fairs all over the state. Dwight enjoyed working with horses and eventually became involved in exercising and training them. Well known over the years with the horse racing crowd he made many lifelong friends.

Dwight was Commander of the local VFW and received citations for his service by the State and National VFW Commanders. With those awards he won a trip to Washington, DC where he met with Sen. Margaret Chase Smith. He also served as Treasurer of the VFW and was responsible for keeping the local unit active until the present time. He served on the Oakland Town Council and was Interim Town Manager for 1 week. He said that he received no funds and spent no funds during that time.

Dwight joined Messalonskee Lodge #113 in 1962 and served in the office of Marshall for many years, only recently finding it difficult to attend meetings. He had joined the Cascade Grange at the age of 14 and was a member for over 80 years until it disbanded.

Dwight has been a good citizen over the years having served our country, our town and our lodge with distinction.

Dwight's Recognition Night:

On June 16th, 2009, starting at 5PM, Dwight was escorted to the Lodge hall. Many of his friends and brothers were there to celebrate his life. It was tiring for him but he said it was enjoyable and thanked everyone for attending.



Thanks to Dana and Blaine Ellis for this story

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 we are now sending the Trestle Boards by First Class Mail which is a great expense.

Wor. Dana W. Wrigley, Secretary
207-465-3830

My new email is: dwwrig@myfairpoint.net

From the Editor

This has been a very busy summer. Many of our brethren have been involved in the Maine Child Identification Program (ME-Chip) sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Maine. In addition, I have traveled to many locations to give instruction to members of those lodges that have not used the new computer system. I also helped some lodges in their program.

The ME-Chip Program scheduled for the Oakland Fun Fest was cancelled because the Oakland Lions Club decided to no longer sponsor that event.

Wor. Richard Penney, Master, has at least two petitions and may have another by the stated meeting in September. If any of you know of a man who would make a good Mason, let him know what you think and tell him if he is interested you will get him an application.

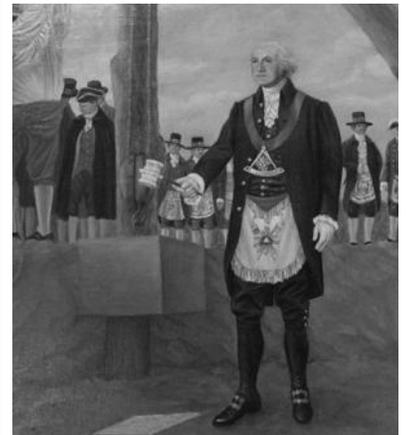
I apologize to those who had birthdays in July and August. I thought I had them in the last edition and they are listed in this Newsletter.

This summer Brother Steven Craig fell from the roof on a building he was constructing for the Oakland Lions. He was out of work for more than a month.

If you hear of a Brother who is sick or injured please email me at: dcouture@yahoo.com or call me at: 465-7277.

Masonic History

On September 18th in 1793, the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building in Washington D.C. was laid in an elaborate, formal Masonic ceremony, with George Washington personally playing a key role and wearing Masonic regalia.



Dave Couture, Editor

Oakland Masonic Association

Other Fraternal Bodies
Oakland Maine

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

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

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

Birthdays Jul., Aug., Sept. & Oct.	
Howard W. Swett	07/02
Daniel B. Carey Jr.	07/03
Alton L. Mosher	07/10
George D. Pullen	07/13
Dean F. Harding	07/16
Roger E. Brown	07/20
Ralph R. Palmer	07/20
Alex J. Phair	07/21
Dana W. Wrigley	07/23
Raymond Nutter	07/30
Stephen A. Foster	07/30
Franklyn R. Mosher	07/31
Parker H. Tyler	08/06
Michial C. Heino	08/13
Bruce T. Webber	08/24
Earlen J. Norman	08/27
Gary J. Levesque	08/27
Wayne A. Ireland	09/04
Harold L. Butler	09/05
Harry J. Isbister	09/06
Richard C. Wakefield	09/06
Keith E. Hall	09/13
Paul D. Smith	09/19
Ronald E. Greenwood	09/21
Louis R. Caret	09/22
Thomas Holz	09/23
David S. Easton	09/27
Charles E. Beaver	09/27
Thomas W. Riker	10/03
William C. Tukey	10/07
Kevin M. Bolduc	10/07
Peter Davis Couture	10/07
Blaine A. Ellis	10/07
Wayne R. Guite	10/07
Richard K. Penney	10/10
David M. Palmer Jr.	10/13
David P. Coughlin	10/18
Gerald G. Libby	10/19
David M. Stevens	10/21
Rodney C. Thibodeau Jr.	10/23
Bernard D. Bulmer	10/24
Charles R. Hewett	10/24
Timothy S. Williams	10/26
David T. Pierce	10/29
<p>The Officers and Members of Messalonskee Lodge wish all of you a very Happy Birthday.</p>	

MASTER'S HAT

The Master Wears a hat as a symbol of his authority or power over the Lodge. The Master does NOT have to wear a "Masonic Hat" –but it is the privilege of the Master, and only his – to remain with his head covered while others do not. This is a symbol of the greatest respect of his office, keeping in mind that the Master is the one of the three lesser lights of the Lodge (Sun, Moon, and Master of the Lodge). He is NOT required to wear a hat, but rather is permitted to do so. In this context the Master has but three superiors: God, Death and the Grand Master (or Deputy). This is why the Master removes his hat during prayer, in the presence of Death and in the presence of the Grand Master or Deputy.

While the hat is not one of the landmarks of Masonry, it does signify that the Master is the highest ranking officer and is a symbol of authority or the person who should command respect.

[Contributed by Alan L. Whittenberg, PM, Lyndhurst, Ohio] From the Southern California Research Lodge.

FROGS

How to deal with difficult decisions: "If the worst thing you have to do in the morning is to eat a frog, then do it and get it out of the way.....The rest of the day is easy.

But if presented with two frogs.....then eat the ugliest one first.

[Wisconsin Masonic Journal, Summer 2009, play on Mark Twain' *Frog Storm*]

SCOTTISH RITE

The Supreme Council , AASR met in Boston last week end. Among those receiving the 33rd Degree were our Grand Master, MW Robert R. Landry, and MW Claire V. Tush Past Grand Master.

Elected to receive the 33rd Degree in Philadelphia, PA in 2010 are: Bradford Blake, Steven Sherman, Guy Chapman, Roland Morgan, John Lagerquist, Darryl Flagg and Lee C. Hapworth of Waterville Lodge.

We congratulate them in this honor.

