

History

of

Messalonskee Lodge #113

2011

January 18, 2011

Wor. Scott Bonnell opened the 1st stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 8 Brethren present.

Wor. Scott Bonnell	WM	RW Steven Bucknam	as SD
Wor. David Knowles	as SW	Stephen Craig	as JD
Wor. Kevin Davidson	as JW	Benjamin Clifford	as SS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Michael Brochu	as JS

Wor. Bonnell led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge on such a snowy night. A fine potluck supper was enjoyed before the meeting.

Communications were read and bills were paid.

The annual installation of officers was held with Wor. Dana Wrigley installing RW Steven Bucknam as Master and RW Bucknam installing the other officers present including: Wor. Kevin Davidson JW, Wor. Scott Bonnell Treas., Wor. Dana Wrigley Sec., Steve Craig JD, Mike Brochu JS, and Benjamin Clifford Mar.

RW Bucknam and the officers agreed to hold rehearsals each Sunday evening at 6pm to prepare for doing the EA degree on two candidates at the stated meeting on Feb. 15th.

The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 8:18 pm.

February 15, 2011

RW. Steven Bucknam opened the 2nd stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the EA degree at 7:30 pm with 19 Brethren present, including the following officers:

RW Steven Bucknam	WM	Wor. Linwood Hall	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	SW	Steve Craig	JD
Wor. Kevin Davidson	JW	Gerald Grams	SS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Michael Brochu	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Benjamin Clifford	Mar.
Wor. Maurice Anderson	Chap.	Shawn Craig	Ty.

Also present were Wor. Dwight Marshall, Wor. Bill Bachelder, Mike Davidson. Bob Pillsbury. RW Ray Locke, Wor. Keith Hall and Eric Spaulding.

RW Bucknam led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge. RW Bucknam announced that introductions and the business meeting would be after the degree work.

Wor. Kevin Davidson was escorted to the East for the work of the evening. Shawn Michael Gibson and Christopher Lauren Goldsmith were initiated as Entered Apprentices. The first lecture was given by Wor. Bill Bachelder and the second by RW Bucknam who also gave the Charge. RW. Bucknam was escorted back to the East where he congratulated the officers on the fine work and congratulated the new EAs and introduced them to the Brethren present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved; a bill from Grand Lodge for textbooks in the amount of \$ 38.16 was read and approved. Various communications were read.

An application from Travis Wade Wood was reread and balloted upon in the affirmative.

RW Bucknam announced that Siloam Lodge would be holding a MM degree on Thursday and he would like to have enough Brethren attend to get the Traveling Gavel. Wor. Dwight Marshall spoke on the CHIPs program. The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 10:18 pm.

March 15, 2011

RW Steven Bucknam opened the 3rd stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the EA degree at 7:30 pm with 11 Brethren present, including the following officers:

RW Steven Bucknam	WM	Wor. Linwood Hall as	SD
Wor. Richard Penney as	SW	Steven Craig	JD
Wor. Kevin Davidson	JW	Gerald Grams	SS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Michael Brochu	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec	Wor. Maurice Anderson as Chap. and as Tyler	

Others present; Shawn Gibson.

RW Bucknam led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge. RW Bucknam took a minute to explain the significance of the raps and the RW title to new Brother Shawn Gibson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Bills for lesson booklets from Grand Lodge in the amount of \$15.37 and leather aprons and tubes from JP Luther in the amount of \$278.43 were read and accepted for payment.

Special Grand Lodge session vote to remain in Portland was discussed. Steven Craig was elected as Proxy to Grand Lodge in May.

It was voted for the Lodge to pay \$25.00 towards a ¼ page ad in the Demolay magazine and to accept \$20.00 in donations from the Brethren.

RW Bucknam installed Gerald Grams as SS, Wor. Maurice Anderson as Chaplain, Wor. Richard Penney as Tyler, and Wor. Linwood Hall as SD.

Area meetings were announced. RW Bucknam presented a Masonic Bible to Gerald Grams. The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 8:40

MARCH 23, 2011

RW Steven Bucknam opened the 1st special communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the EA degree at 7:30 with 12 Brethren present, including the following officers.

RW Steven Bucknam	WM	Wor. Linwood Hall	SD
RW Bruce Hutchins as	SW	Stephen Craig	JD
Wor. Kevin Davidson	JW	Gerald Grams	SS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Michael Brochu	JS
Wor. Kenneth Libby as	Sec.	Wor. Maurice Anderson	Chap. and as Mar.
Wor. Richard Penney	Tyler		

Others present: David Stevens

RW Bucknam led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, welcomed everyone to the Lodge and thanked the Brethren for the fine supper. Wor. Kevin Davidson was escorted to the East for the work of the evening.

Jason Edward Stevens and Travis Wade Wood having paid the usual fee were initiated as Entered Apprentices.

RW. Bucknam presented the second lesson, RW Bruce Hutchins presented the third lesson and RW Bucknam rendered the Charge.

Wor. Davidson congratulated the candidates, had RW Bucknam escorted back to the East where he also congratulated the candidates, thanked the officers for the fine work of the evening and noted that the rehearsals seemed to work. Rehearsal dates and a date for the next degree were discussed.

Wor. Kenneth Libby filled in as secretary until Secretary Dana Wrigley's arrival.

The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 9:40 pm.

APRIL 19, 2011

RW Steven Bucknam opened the 4th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the EA degree at 7:30 pm with 13 Brethren present, including the following officers:

RW Steven Bucknam	WM	Wor. Nelson Bolduc	as	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	SW	Stephen Craig		JD
Wor. Kenneth Libby	as	JW	Gerald Grams	SS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Michael Brochu		JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Benjamin Clifford		Mar.
Wor. Maurice Anderson	Chap.	Wor. Richard Penney		Ty.

Others present Shawn Gibson.

RW Bucknam led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge for the stated meeting.

A bill in the amount of \$56.00 for the 12th District meeting which was held at Star in the West Lodge was read and approved for payment.

Applications for membership from Richard Nathan Baker and Ryan Mark Frederick were read, accepted and referred to the committee of inquiry.

RW Bucknam called a recess in the EA Lodge. Benjamin Clifford advanced to the East and presented an excellent Master Mason lesson with RW Bucknam asking the questions.

Plans for the upcoming FC and MM degrees were discussed. Also future programs were discussed such as Bikes for Books and a Past Masters night.

The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 8:44 pm.

APRIL 27, 2011

RW Steven Bucknam opened the 2nd special communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the FC degree at 7:30 pm with 14 Brethren present including the following officers;

RW Steven Bucknam	WM	Wor. Linwood Hall	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	SW	Stephen Craig	JD
Wor. Kevin Davidson	JW	Gerald Grams	SS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Michael Brochu	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Wor. Maurice Anderson	Chap. & Mar.
Wor. Richard Penney	Tyler		

Others present were RW Richard Bergeron Jr., Wor. Keith Hall and Wor. Kenneth Libby.

RW Bucknam led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge.

Entered Apprentices Shawn Gibson, Travis Wood, and Chris Goldsmith were escorted into the Lodge and passed an excellent EA lesson.

Wor. Brett Hoskins was escorted to the East for the work of the evening and Shawn Gibson, Chris Goldsmith, and Travis Wood were passed to the degree of a FC. Wor. Richard Penney rendered the Charge.

Wor. Hoskins congratulated the new Fellowcrafts, thanked the officers for the fine work on the degree and had RW Bucknam escorted back to the East. RW Bucknam congratulated the new Fellowcrafts and thanked the officers for the fine work on the degree.

Dates for the MM degree were discussed with May 24 being the choice for the next degree. Dates for rehearsals were discussed and it was agreed to have rehearsals each Sunday except for May 8 which is Mothers Day.

The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 9:40 pm.

MAY 14, 2011

On May 14, 2011 a ME-Chips program was held in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Greater Waterville 3rd annual Children's Health & Safety Fair at the Messalonskee Middle School. Participating were RW Peter Davis Couture, Wor. Kenneth Libby, Wor. Scott Bonnell, Wor. Brett Hoskins, Wor. Richard Penney, Gerald Grams, Mike Letourneau, and Wor. Dana Wrigley. It was a very successful program with 61 children participating. Most of the folks waited in line for over an hour and a half to get through the program. In the future we should have either one or two additional computer stations. If we can get more computer stations we will need to train more operators and also train additional people to help with registrations and laminating the ID cards. We also would need more tables to spread the operations out and a second laminator. Thanks to everyone who participated for a very successful program.

MAY 17, 2011

Wor. Brett Hoskins opened the 5th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the FC degree at 7:30 pm with 11 Brethren present including the following officers:

Wor. Brett Hoskins	as	WM	Wor. Linwood Hall	SD
RW Peter Davis Couture	as	SW	Steve Craig	JD
Wor. Kevin Davidson		JW	Wor. Kenneth Libby	as
Wor. Scott Bonnell		Treas.	Wor. Richard Penney	Tyler

Wor. Dana Wrigley Sec. Wor. Maurice Anderson Chap.
Other present; VW James Maloy and Shawn Gibson.

Wor. Hoskins led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge. He also explained that RW. Bucknam is out of town today.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved with a discussion taking place about the MECHIPS program held on May 14th. The discussion centered on the need for additional equipment and personnel when we do this program again at the Middle School due to the excellent turnout. A bill in the amount of \$55.75 from JP Luther for badges was read and approved to be paid.

Applications for membership were reread from Richard Nathan Baker and Ryan Mark Frederick and both were balloted on in the affirmative.

The next MM degree is scheduled for May 24th and will start with a 6 pm supper and a 7 pm meeting. Interest in the "Bikes for Books" program was discussed, and more information will be sought. Timing of the next two EA degrees was discussed and will be determined later.

VW James Maloy brought warm fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of Maine and MW W. Louis Greenier II and his own warm fraternal greetings. VW Maloy discussed the Grand Lodge session and covered the items which would affect us including; no increase in per capita tax, background checks will be made available by Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge is asking lodges to be more careful with finance committees and financial records, ciphers will be made available with minor corrections, there are 20,960 members at this time. In regard to the proposal to move the Grand Lodge offices to Holden, it was voted to remain in Portland for now. VW Maloy also mentioned various meetings going on in the district.

The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 8:33 pm attest Dana Wrigley

MAY 24, 2011

RW Steven Bucknam opened the 3rd special communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 17 Brethren present including the following officers;

RW Steven Bucknam	WM	Wor. Linwood Hall	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	SW	Steve Craig	JD
Wor. Kevin Davidson	JW	Gerald Grams	SS
Peter Stinson as	Treas.	Michael Brochu	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Wor. Richard Penney	Tyler
RW Richard Bergeron Jr. as	Chap.	Wor. Maurice Anderson as	Mar.

Others present: VW James Maloy, Wor. David Knowles, Chad Smith, Wor. Kenneth Libby, Shawn Craig, Harold Hoskins and candidates Shawn Gibson and Travis Wood.

RW Bucknam led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge.

Shawn Gibson and Travis Wood were escorted into the Lodge and passed an excellent examination in the FC degree.

Wor. Brett Hoskins was escorted to the East for the first half of the degree on the two candidates. Wor. Hoskins thanked the JW and JD for the excellent supper they put on.

Shawn Michael Gibson and Travis Wade Wood were raised to the sublime degree of a MM. RW Bucknam did the second half of the degree on both candidates. First ruffian was Wor. Kevin Davidson, second ruffian was Wor. Kenneth

Libby and the third ruffian was Shawn Craig. Recanting Fellowcrafts were Wor. Dana Wrigley speaking, Chad Smith, and VW James Maloy. RW Richard Bergeron presented the first half of the lecture, and RW Peter Davis Couture presented the second half. RW Bucknam presented the Candlelight Charge. Wor. Linwood Hall told a story of when he was first in Masonry, and RW Richard Bergeron recited a poem.

VW James Maloy brought warm fraternal greetings from MW. W. Louis Greenier II and the Grand Lodge of Maine and his own warm fraternal greetings. VW Maloy spoke about meetings coming up in the District.

The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 9:00 pm.

JUNE 21.2011

RW Steven Bucknam opened the 6th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge at 7:30 pm in the MM degree with 22 Brethren and 1 candidate present including the following officers:

RW Steven Bucknam	WM	Wor. Linwood Hall	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	SW	Stephen Craig	JD
Wor. Kevin Davidson	JW	Gerald Grams	SS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Mike Brochu	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Shawn Gibson as	Mar.
Wor. Maurice Anderson	Chap.	Wor. Richard Penney	Tyler

Others present; RW Clair Lewis, RW Bruce Hutchins, RW Peter Davis Couture, RW Arthur Thompson Jr., Wor. Kenneth Libby, Wor. Keith Hall, Greg Cormier, Carlton Kaherl, Bob Pillsbury, Travis Wood, and candidate Christopher Lauren Goldsmith.

RW Bucknam led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed all the members and visitors to the Lodge. He announced that this was our annual inspection with RW Arthur Thompson Jr. in attendance. Christopher Goldsmith was escorted into the Lodge where he was examined in the FC degree by Travis Wood. Travis and Chris both did an excellent job with the examination.

RW Bucknam presided in the East for the MM degree, and Christopher Lauren Goldsmith was raised to the sublime degree of a MM. Wor. Kevin Davidson was first ruffian, Wor. Kenneth Libby was second, and Travis Wood was the third. Recanting Fellowcrafts were Wor. Dana Wrigley (speaking), RW Clair Lewis and Bob Pillsbury. The first section of the lecture was given by RW Bruce Hutchins and the second by RW Peter Davis Couture. RW Bucknam presented the Candlelight Charge. RW Bucknam introduced Christopher to everyone present and congratulated him on becoming a MM.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved, and communications were read. It was voted to go dark in July, and August and reported that he and RW Bucknam had been to Presque Isle to present training on the ME-Chip program.

Wor. Libby announced some area meetings, and RW Hutchins announced the strawberry festival in Thorndike.

RW Thompson brought warm fraternal greetings from MW. W. Louis Greenier II and the Grand Lodge of Maine and his own warm fraternal greetings. RW Thompson spoke about some area meetings. The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 9:58 pm.

AUGUST 10, 2011

A ME-Chip program was held in Waterville for “The Taste of Greater Waterville” on August 10, 2011 from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm. Fifty children were processed. Attending were RW Peter Davis Couture, Wor. Scott and Jeweline Bonnell, Wor. Dwight Marshall, and Brother Jerry Grams.

September 10, 2011

Messalonskee Lodge participated in a ME-CHIPs program at the Waterville Wal-Mart on Sept. 10, 2011. Participating in the program were: RW Peter Davis Couture, RW Bruce Hutchins, RW Steven Bucknam, VW James Maloy, Wor. Dwight Marshall, Wor. Kurt Tidd, Wor. David Barnes, Wor. Dana Wrigley, Wor. Lee Hapworth, Meon Stephenson and his two children. There were 54 children processed in a very successful program. Future programs at Wal-Mart should have more computers to help shorten the wait for processing.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

RW Steven Bucknam opened the 7th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 10 Brethren present including the following officers;

RW Steven Bucknam	WM	Wor. Linwood Hall	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	SW	Wor. Kenneth Libby	as JD
RW Peter Davis Couture	as JW	Gerald Grams	SS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Michael Brochu	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Shawn Gibson	as Mar.

RW Bucknam led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the fall.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with corrections. Bills for textbooks for \$20.32, dues cards for \$15.88, and ciphers for \$32.41 were paid over the summer by the Treasurer.

Passing the hat for dyslexia research raised \$32.00 and selling the tickets to the Rainbow dance raised \$36.00. The “Bikes for Books” program was discussed, and more discussion will follow.

RW Bucknam closed the Lodge in Peace and Harmony at 8:39 pm.

OCTOBER 6, 2011

Messalonskee Lodge put on a ME-Chip program at Donna Doucette’s Cozy Corner Daycare on October 6, 2011. Sixteen (16) children went through the program. Participating were; Wor. Scott and Jeweline Bonnell, Wor. Ed Wentworth, Wor. Dwight Marshall, RW Steven Bucknam, and RW Peter Davis Couture.

OCTOBER 18, 2011

Wor. Brett Hoskins opened the 8th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the EA degree at 7:30 pm with 18 Brethren present including the following officers;

Wor. Brett Hoskins	as WM	Wor. Linwood Hall	SD
RW Peter Davis Couture	as SW	Stephen Craig	JD
Wor. Kevin Davidson	JW	Gerald Grams	SS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Michael Brochu	JS

RW Steven Bucknam as Chap. Benjamin Clifford Mar.
Wor. Kenneth Libby as Tyler

Others present were; RW Raymond Locke, RW Bruce Hutchins, RW Arthur Thompson Jr., RW Robert Farmer, VW James Maloy, Wor. Nelson Bolduc II, and Ralph Palmer.

Wor. Hoskins led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, welcomed everyone to the Lodge and also mentioned he was filling in for RW Bucknam who was recuperating from a stay in the hospital.

Wor. Hoskins had Wor. Kevin Davidson escorted to the East for the work of the evening, Wor. Hoskins was SW for the work, and RW Couture was JW.

Richard Nathan Baker was initiated as an Entered Apprentice with RW Peter Davis Couture presenting the 2nd lesson and RW Raymond Locke the 3rd lesson. RW Bucknam rendered the charge.

Wor. Hoskins was escorted back to the East for the business meeting. A bill for \$57.00 for our share of the 12th District meeting was read and approved for payment. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved, and correspondences were read. Wor. Hoskins introduced everyone present to Brother Baker.

Diplomas were presented to Benjamin Clifford, Michael Brochu, Stephen Craig, and Gerald Grams.

Wor. Hoskins suggested that the secretary should send a note of thanks to Wor. Dwight Marshall for his years of helping us with the ME-Chip programs.

The next ME-Chip program in this area will be at KVCC in Fairfield on Oct. 28 from 6 to 8 pm. Meon Stephenson will be the ME-Chip coordinator for this area.

A Fellowcraft degree for Nov. 15 was discussed, and rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings at 6 pm.

There being no further discussion among the Brethren Wor. Hoskins called on VW James Maloy who expressed his congratulations for the work of the evening and deferred further comments to RW Arthur Thompson Jr. who brought warm fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of Maine and MW. W. Louis Greenier II and his own warm fraternal greetings. RW Thompson congratulated the new brother and discussed the District meeting to be held on Oct. 27 at Seabastcook Lodge in Clinton. RW Thompson also mentioned that Grand Lodge acted within their prerogative to change the per-capita assessment on the second day of Grand Lodge session.

The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 9:28 pm.

OCTOBER 29, 2011

RW Peter Davis Couture, Wor. Kenneth Libby and Wor. Dana Wrigley participated in a MECHIPs program at the Shaw's supermarket in Augusta on October 29. Others participating were Meon Stephenson, Simka Stephenson, Wor. Dwight Marshall and Pat Marshall. There were forty-five (45) children processed in this very successful program. Thanks to the Shaw's staff for helping and providing snacks to the children during the program.

November 15, 2011

RW Steven Bucknam opened the 9th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 13 Brethren present including the following officers;

RW Steven Bucknam	WM	Wor. Linwood Hall	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	SW	RW Peter Davis Couture as	JD
Wor. Kevin Davidson	JW	Gerald Grams	SS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Michael Brochu	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Wor. Keith Hall as	Tyler

Wor. Maurice Anderson Chap.

Others present were RW Arthur Thompson Jr. and Wor. Arthur Thompson Sr.

RW Bucknam led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, welcomed everyone to the Lodge and introduced all the Brethren.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A bill for \$32.00 from Grand Lodge for ciphers was read and accepted.

Communications were read including a notice of a Grand Lodge session to dedicate the new Lodge in North Anson and a session to vote on moving the Grand Lodge office to Holden. RW Thompson explained the details of the building and the plan to move to Holden. A discussion followed and it was voted to support the vote to move to Holden. RW Peter Davis Couture was voted as our proxy for this meeting. RW Bucknam reported on the District meeting and displayed a plaque given to Messalonskee Lodge for supporting the Veterans Visitation program at Togus VA Center. Wor. Kenneth Libby, Wor. Brett Hoskins, Wor. Scott Bonnell, Jeweline Bonnell, Wor. Richard Penney and Michael Letourneau have participated in this program.

Installation of officers will be held on Jan. 17, 2012, and the annual meeting of the Oakland Masonic Association will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13th. All members of Messalonskee Lodge, Drummond Chapter, Mt. Lebanon Council and Rebekahs were encouraged to attend the annual meeting.

RW Bucknam introduced RW Arthur Thompson Jr. who brought warm fraternal greetings from MW. W. Louis Greenier II and the Grand Lodge of Maine and his own warm fraternal greetings. RW Thompson discussed the following schools: EA school at Siloam on Nov. 30, FC school at Waterville on Dec. 28, MM school at Oakland on Jan. 25, and the non-ritual school in Thorndike on Feb. 29.

The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 8:33 pm.

DECEMBER 10, 2011

Messalonskee Lodge participated in a ME-Chip program at Shaw's Supermarket in Waterville on Dec. 10, 2011. Participating were RW Peter Davis Couture, Wor. Lee Hapworth, Wor. David Barnes, RW Steven Bucknam, Gerald Grams. RW Mike Leclair, Wor. Dana Wrigley and Sierra and Kyra Kahel from Waterville Assembly of Rainbow.

December 20, 2011

RW Steven Bucknam opened the 10th stated communication of Messalonskee Lodge in the MM degree at 7:30 pm with 16 Brethren present including the following officers;

RW Steven Bucknam	WM	Wor. Linwood Hall	SD
Wor. Brett Hoskins	SW	Steve Craig	JD
RW Peter Davis Couture	as JW	Gerald Grams	SS
Wor. Scott Bonnell	Treas.	Michael Brochu	JS
Wor. Dana Wrigley	Sec.	Shawn Gibson	as Mar.
Wor. Maurice Anderson	Chap.	Wor. Richard Penney	Tyler

Others present; VW James Maloy, Wor. Bernard Bulmer, Wor. Kenneth Libby and Travis Wood.

RW Bucknam led the Brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed everyone to the Lodge. He also introduced all the Past Masters and dignitaries.

A bill for \$20.00 from the California Lodge of Research was read and approved. An application for membership from Luigi Ernani Santilli was read and referred to the committee of inquiry.

The annual reports of the Treasurer, Secretary and Finance committee were read and voted to be spread upon the records.

Wor. Bernard Bulmer was escorted to the East where he was presented with a 50 year service medal by RW Bucknam. RW Bucknam had previously presented 50 year service medals to Howard Swett, George Leighton and Raymond Collier.

An election of officers for 2012 was held, and Wor. Elect Brett Hoskins presented a list of his appointed officers. This list is attached to these minutes.

Rules for the annual scholarship award were discussed and will be finalized to present to the Brethren.

Shawn Gibson did a follow up and progress report on the "Bikes for Books" program which will be started after the first of the year at Atwood School.

RW Peter Davis Couture explained the recent vote to move the Grand Lodge office to Holden.

VW James Maloy was introduced and brought warm fraternal greetings from MW. W. Louis Greenier II and his own warm fraternal greetings. He discussed area meetings for installations and a Wood Choppers degree to be held at Siloam Lodge on Jan 21.

ELECTED OFFICERS:

WM	Wor. Brett Hoskins
SW	Wor. Kevin Davidson
JW	Wor. Linwood Hall
Treas.	Wor. Scott Bonnell
Sec.	Wor. Dana Wrigley
SD	Stephen Craig
JD	Michael Brochu

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

SS	Benjamin Clifford
JS	Travis Wood
Mar	Shawn Gibson
Tyler	Gerald Grams
Chap.	RW Steven Bucknam
Historian	RW Peter Davis Couture
Organist	RW Steven Bucknam

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wor. Dick Penney
 Wor. Keith Hall
 RW Peter Davis Couture
 Wor. Maurice Anderson

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Wor. David Knowles	exp. 2012
RW. Peter Davis Couture	exp. 2013
Wor. Linwood Hall	exp. 2014
Bro. Pat Linehan Chairman	exp. 2015
Wor. Brett Hoskins	exp. 2016

OMA TRUSTEES

Wor. Kevin Davidson	exp. 2012
Wor. Dana Wrigley	exp. 2013
RW Peter Davis Couture	exp. 2014

The Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony at 9:03 pm.

The Trestle Board



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Meetings on the Third Tuesday at 7:30 PM

January-February 2011 Edition

RW Peter Davis Couture, Editor

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

My year as Master is coming to a close. I would like to thank my slate of officers for an exceptional year and work well done. Also, thanks to all brethren that attended our stated meetings. 2010 has been a very busy year having raised five candidates to Master Mason. Hopefully in 2011 we will continue to have more growth in our lodge. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Master of Messalonskee Lodge 113.

Fraternally,
Wor. Scott E. Bonnell Sr., Master

FROM THE MASTER ELECT.....

Officers, we'll need to decide on a date for installation that is convenient for everyone.

I've been gathering your email addresses into a database, and I hope to call each of the new officers after the holidays.

Congratulations to Scottie for a great year. I hope that we can keep things rolling, as he has.

Happy New Year!

RW Steven W. Bucknam

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 convenience to the address below. If you are having problems, please call me at the number below and we can probably help.

Dana W. Wrigley, Secretary
453 Fairfield Street
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Brother Robert Reed Receives 50 year medal



Story by Wor Blaine Ellis

Brother Robert Reed, a member of Messalonskee Lodge #113 A.F.&A.M. received the 50 year Veterans Medal from the Grand Lodge of Maine A.F.&A.M. The medal was presented to Bro. Reed by his friend and physician, Rt.Wor.Thomas Boduch MD., at Union Lodge #38 in Kingston, Tennessee. Rt. Wor. Boduch is the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tenn.

Bro. Reed attended schools in Oakland and joined the Navy during WW-II. He was on the ship that transported President Roosevelt to the Yalta Conference in 1945. Bro. Reed retired after 30 years of government service and he has enjoyed traveling since that time. He mentioned that he enjoyed riding in a Jeep with his friend Dwight Taylor in a Memorial Day Parade here in Oakland a few years ago. He was pleased that Wor. Bro. Dana Wrigley made arrangements for him to receive his 50 year Veterans Medal that was presented to him in Tennessee where he makes his home.

EAST MEETS WEST

Story by Wor Blaine Ellis

Pictured above is Wor. Bro. Dana Wrigley, Sec. as he greets Wor. Bro. Dr. Ralph Hathaway, Sec. of a Masonic Lodge in Colorado.

Masonic tradition tells us about the Wayfaring Man. Every now and then we hear from one of our members who after joining our lodge has moved to other parts of the country. Some have even moved to other countries. They joined our lodge and still maintain their membership in our lodge. This year we were pleased to hear from two of our members who live in other states. Bro. Bob Reed of Tennessee who recently received his 50 year membership medal from the Grand Lodge of Maine. and Wor. Bro. Dr. Ralph Hathaway, of Colorado.

Wor. Brother Dr. Ralph Hathaway, joined our lodge in 1965. He practiced medicine here in Oakland from 1965 to 1975 when he left to join the Air Force. He practiced medicine in the Air Force for many years and saw much of the world. Wor. Brother Ralph, on a recent trip to Maine, visited our lodge at our Stated meeting in Sept. He shared some stories of his experiences in the Masonic bodies and when he served in the Air Force. He now lives in Colorado and is the Past Master of Cripple Creek Lodge where he has dual membership. He currently serves as the Secretary of that Lodge. It was a pleasure to visit with Wor. Bro. Ralph and to hear his comments about his introduction to Masonry here in Oakland.

HISTORICAL FACTS By Blaine Ellis
RELIEF LODGE #108, F.& A.M, BELGRADE MAINE

A friend who is active in the Oakland and Belgrade Historical Society shared the following

information with me. There was once a Masonic Lodge in the town of Belgrade, Me. The name of the lodge was Relief Lodge #108, F.& A.M. The Stated Meetings were on or before the full moon. A charter was issued on May 8, 1862 by the Grand Lodge of Maine. The lodge first met in a store in town. In 1873 they built a lodge hall at Belgrade Depot with rooms upstairs for their meetings, the large room below was used for town meetings, elections and entertainment. At one time there were over 100 members and it was one of the foremost lodges in the state. In later years the lodge suffered financial problems and the Charter was revoked in 1894 by the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Belgrade Grange No. 292, P of H. was organized in 1887 and their meetings were held at the Masonic building. The Grange purchased the building for \$350 in 1894 after the Masonic Lodge ceased to exist. After the lodge disbanded the members affiliated with the lodges in Sidney, Readfield or Oakland. Many of the Masons residing in Belgrade are now members of the Readfield or Oakland Lodges. The building still stands and is now a Montessori School owned by Dru King Aslam, daughter of our lodge brother Bud King.

RESULTS OF THE 2010 ANNUAL ELECTION

Worshipful Master:	RW Steven W. Bucknam
Senior Warden:	Wor. Brett Hoskins
Junior Warden:	Wor. Kevin Davidson
Treasurer:	Wor. Scott E. Bonnell, Sr.
Secretary:	Wor. Dana W. Wrigley
Senior Deacon:	Wor. Linwood Hall
Junior Deacon:	Bro. Steve Craig

Appointments will be made at the installation.

FROM THE EDITOR

My sincere thanks to Wor. Brother Blaine Ellis for his continuing efforts in producing the articles & pictures he sends for each edition of the Trestleboard. With out them I would be hard pressed to produce the interesting newsletters that I know you expect.

Fraternally, RW Peter Davis Couture, Editor

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April, May, June 2011 Edition

R.W. Peter Davis Couture, Editor

FROM THE EAST

I've been told that it's time to write another blurb (today it's called blog!) about the current doings of the Lodge.

It has been busy, and I had not allocated time to keep everyone posted. I want you all to know that without the assistance of a few of the brethren of Messalonskee Lodge, that doing a good job as Master is not possible. I may have bitten off more than I can chew, but hopefully the Lodge will maintain its' momentum, and that Brother Hoskins will take charge of an active bunch next year.

The candidates have been studying hard under the direction of Dick Penney and Kevin Davidson. They will be available on Wednesday the 27th for the Fellowcraft degree. The officers have been rehearsing every Sunday, and our Senior Deacon is ready to explain three, five and seven. All are working diligently to assure a good degree is experienced by the candidates.

The Lodge will be assisting in a CHIPs --- Child Identification Program at the Middle School, here in Oakland on the 14th of May. Bring your kids and grandkids over, and let them take advantage of this truly great program. It starts at 8 in the morning. The Grand Lodge of Maine sponsors this, so that (Heaven Forbid) if a child is lost, there will be pictures and other data to help in their safe return.

See you at Lodge!

RW Steven W. Bucknam, Master

Music, Music, Music

By Wor. Blaine Ellis

There has been a piano in our lodge many years before I became a member over 50 years ago.



In 1973 we moved from our Main St. location to our present lodge. We were able to move the piano with the expert help from some of our lodge brothers. They tied rope around the piano and successfully lowered it from a window to the ground which was four floors below. At that time Wor.Bro.Ernest Bates promoted the idea of purchasing an organ for our new lodge hall. Wor.Bro.Bates searched for an organ that he thought would be suitable for our needs. He found an organ that was privately owned and could be purchased for \$ 650. We proceeded to raise the funds needed for the purchase thru donations from our membership. Wor. Bro. Bates was an accomplished musician and enjoyed playing the organ at many of our special functions. There is no music played during our degree work in Blue Lodge but can be enjoyed during intermission or when the lodge is at refreshment. Wor.Bro. Stephen Bucknam has entertained us with his talents at the piano. Music is played at special functions such as Installations and when public guests are in attendance. We've had people entertain us with organ music and singing accompanied by the piano. At the Installation of officers when I became Master of this lodge a friend of mine who was a trumpet player along with his three granddaughters. They all played their trumpets for our

entertainment. Over the years we have had a wide range of musical entertainment in our lodge hall.

A friend who is active in the local historical society provided me with a copy of a book written by Steven C. Bullock, "Freemasonry and Musical Life in Early New England". During the 18th century the cities were constructing new buildings. The Masonic Lodges were often called upon to assist in the ceremonies of laying the cornerstones of public buildings even churches. Music was an important part of these functions. Some lodges owned their own band instruments, where chorus music was also performed for public performances. Lodges needed members with musical talents who could represent the fraternity in its public activities.

Many musicians joined the fraternity for the same reason that attracted other men: its moral training, close fellowship, and enormous prestige in a period when its membership included Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Henry Clay and Andrew Jackson. Lodge meetings and other Masonic activities brought them together with well to do men who might hire them as teachers or instrumentalists.

Although the fraternity's original three degree rituals did not include music, a number of further, or higher, degrees did. Thomas Webb, an important figure in this development inserted his songs into the Mark Master's, the Most Excellent Master's, and the Red Cross Knight degrees. After conducting business and performing lodge rituals. Singing was allowed during lodge meetings, noting that singing was allowed only when there was *"no Brother...present whom singing is disagreeable."*

MOMMY, IS THAT MAN A MASON?

by Ex. Comp. Don Maybaugh, Jr. (Ohio)

The Royal Arch Mason - Spring 1977

The following story was related to me by my daughter.

A couple of months ago, my five-year-old granddaughter was in the front yard, jumping rope with her sister. The one end of the rope was tied to a tree, the other end, in the hands of her sister was being twirled. My granddaughter was jumping when suddenly the rope became tangled.

Just then a retired neighbor from the next street came walking by. Seeing the girls were in trouble, he stopped to help untangle the rope and retied it properly. He then took hold of the other end and spent several minutes showing them how to twirl it properly. My granddaughter then thanked him.

His answer to her was, "Honey, you don't have to thank me it was my duty," after which he continued walking down the street.

My granddaughter then went into the house and asked her mother, "Mommy, is that man a Mason?" Her mother smiled and said, "Yes, honey, that man is a Mason!"

They say that out of the mouths of babes come words of wisdom. That same man was senior warden 30 years ago, when I was raised a Master Mason. Although, due to ill health, he had not attended lodge in the last few years, he still remembered his obligations. When he was active, he inspired me enough that I vowed to myself that someday I would become master. Due to my work for 20 years, I was unable to fulfill that vow. But, in the last few years, I have been privileged to serve as master, high priest, and now as generalissimo of my Commandery. I am hoping to serve as commander next year.

As such, I have often heard, "Why is attendance in all bodies on the decline?" We strive for perfection in our lodge ritual work, but do we, as Masons, let our light shine before men that they may see our good works?

The Mason of whom I have spoken, although unable to attend lodge, was able to impress a five-year-old girl. Can we not learn from this event that our everyday lives in lodge, work and the home are what it is all about? My little granddaughter has seen me rush home from work, dress and hurry to lodge. The night I was installed as master, she gave me a worshipful master's pin to wear on my lapel. She may be only five years old, but she seems to know what Masonry is about.

I ask each of you who read this now ... during your lifetime, how many times has the question been asked about you by your neighbors, adults and children alike, is he a Mason?

Earlier this evening we gave this man a Masonic burial service. I then related this event to his widow and family. Upon returning home, I asked myself: How many times has this man let his light before other that they could see his good works?

He served Wellington Lodge as master and was high priest of Wellington Chapter during the year 1947. His name: Lloyd Irish.

CARE & SHARE

If any one knows of a brother in need of help or would like a ride to lodge, please contact the Secretary:

Dana W. Wrigley (207) 465-3830

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October-November-December 2011 Edition

FROM THE EAST

The transition from summer to fall is upon us. The kids are back at school, the trees are turning, and there seems to be a bite in the air. I hope that all of you had a great summer break.

We have a busy schedule ahead of us. There are a couple of new candidates in line to introduce to the beauties of Masonry.

We've been working to properly prepare them for their journey. The officers of Messalonskee Lodge are geared up to show these fellows good degrees.

With everything that is going on in the world, what better way is there to teach these young men the way to do good deeds, extend charity and learn lessons to become better citizens.

We have some committees to reward young students at the local schools for reading. This Bikes for Books program has been well received around the state, and we hope to make it a success here in Oakland.

Our Lodge has also been active in the CHIPs program sponsored by the Masons in Maine. This program gives parents a set of data that will help them in case their child is lost or abducted. It provides a video, digitized fingerprints, a DNA sample and information cards that can be a big help in locating a lost child. Bring your young kids, grandkids or great-grandkids to one of these CHIPs programs. Recommend it to others.

See you at Lodge!

RW Steven W. Bucknam, Master

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

By Wor. Blaine A. Ellis

This story was told to me by Bro. Harley Moorecraft, who was a member of our lodge and owned a barber shop here in Oakland for many years. The time was in the 60's when Gov. John H. Reed was Governor of the State of Maine. Governor Reed was spending the summer with his family at a cottage at North Pond in Smithfield. The Governor came into Bro.

Moorecraft's barber shop one day and sat down in one of the chairs to await his turn for a hair cut. When it was his turn to sit in the barber's chair Bro. Moorecraft said to the Governor, "It's been a long time since I've cut your hair". Gov. Reed looked at him and said, "I don't think you have ever cut my hair". Bro. Moorecraft went on to explain, "I gave you a haircut when your uncle, and he told him the uncle's name, brought him into the barber shop in the town of Fort Fairfield, Maine to get his first haircut". The Governor and the barber had a good laugh that day at how this story unfolded. The Governor went to his car and asked his two daughters who were waiting for him, to come and meet Bro. Harley Moorecraft, the man who gave him his first haircut so long ago.

RELIGION AND MASONRY

A quote by George Bernard Shaw puts it into perspective

"There is only one religion, though there are a hundred versions of it."

Yes, each denomination has its own belief in what the Church should be. Masonry takes no preference in this separation of thought about the church; accepts the universality and the individual member's preference.

[From *The North Dakota Mason*, May 2009]

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

If nobody measures up, check your yardstick.
If there is one thing I can't stand it is intolerance.
If you don't think women are explosive, drop one.

[Rural Lodge, Quincy, Mass]

ATTITUDE

The most significant decision I can make on a day-to-day basis is my choice of attitude. It is more important than my past, my education, my circumstances, or my positions. When my attitudes are right, there's no barrier too high, no valley too deep, no dream too extreme, no challenge too great.

FREEMASONRY

[An editorial in Autumn 1993 publication of the Masonic Lodge of Research, Lodge 200, Ireland]

One hundred and fifty years ago the Rev. Moses Shinn, a Methodist minister in Iowa who was also a Freemason, was ordered by the General Conference of his church to renounce his membership of the Order. This placed him with a serious problem, for he depended on his church to support him and his family. After pondering the situation he said 'I have for many years endeavored to perform my duty as a faithful Minister of this Church, and I believed I had extended the field of my usefulness, without violating my vows to the Church, by becoming a loyal and zealous Freemason. Now you demand that I renounce my Freemasonry or retire from the Church. The decision is a harsh and painful one; I have friends both in Church and Freemasonry from whom I do not wish to be separated. It is not for me to question whether your requirement is right or wrong, wise or just, so at your bidding I separate myself from the Methodist Episcopal Church.'

Conference was hushed in shock, and in the silence one member who had been active in proposing the resolution rose and extended his hand to Shinn saying 'My brother, there must be something good about Freemasonry or you, whom we all love so well, would not adhere to it so tenaciously. I want to be a Freemason. Will you recommend me and present my petition to your Lodge?' It is recorded that in the years following there was a huge increase in members of the church joining Lodges in Iowa.

I joined the Order in similar circumstances. I had a friend - an ordained clergyman - who was just, upright, honorable, loving and good to all who knew him. He made no secret of his membership of the Order and through him I was able to join.

At once I found myself one of a world-wide brotherhood founded upon Truth, Brotherly Love, Tolerance and Understanding. In Lodge I re-avowed my belief and trust in God and my utter dependence on Him. I accepted a copy of the Bible - 'The Volume of the Sacred Law' - a copy which rests on the Altar in every Masonic Lodge, and on that volume I made solemn vows of loyalty, chastity and charity, and pledged myself to practice brotherly love.

In reply to my critics let me quote a wiser man than me, who wrote: For more than two centuries Freemasonry as we know it has pursued its peaceful way alone. It has sought no public acclaim; it has asked no help from outside its circle; it has permitted the world to think what it may about its objects and its works. Its best advertisement has been the fact that it does not advertise itself or its works. It has had, and today has, only one job to perform, only one reason for its existence. That job is to take material that comes to it and make good men and better men out of that material.

Everything else, our charities, all our works, are incidental to that one purpose. If Masonry does that job - if it works at it honestly, even only with a measure of efficiency - it has lived up to its purpose and fulfilled its highest ideal.

RT. WOR. PETER DAVIS COUTURE

By Wor. Bro Blaine A. Ellis

Assisted by Wor Dana W. Wrigley and Bro. W. Sumner Davis

Messalonskee Lodge #113 has been fortunate to have Rt. Wor. Bro. Peter Davis Couture as a member of our Lodge since 1988 when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Since joining Messalonskee Lodge he has served in several offices of our lodge before and after becoming Worshipful Master in 1992. He served as our Treasurer in 1998-99 and has been our Lodge Historian since 2006. He serves as the editor of our newsletter, "The Trestleboard", and has established the Web Sites for Messalonskee Lodge and Drummond Royal Arch Chapter. Bro. Couture is one of our representatives to the Oakland Masonic Assoc. where he has been the Treasurer since 1998. Under his guidance the Merton E. Leech Scholarship Fund has prospered. While a member of the Oakland Masonic Association the lodge building has had many improvements.

Bro. Couture's activity in Masonry goes far beyond our own Lodge. He was Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1993 and District Deputy Grand Master of our 12th Masonic District 2000 to 2002. He assisted the Grand Lodge of Maine in setting up their computer system. He also served as High Priest of Drummond Chapter, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Maine, Illustrious Master of Mt. Lebanon Council, Commander of St. Omer Commandery, and Most Wise Master of Emeth Chapter of Rose Croix. He received the 33rd Degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in 2000 and is a member of Maine Past Officers' Assoc., Knights of the York Cross of Honor, and Maine College Societas Rosicruciana.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Couture was born in Topeka, Kansas Oct. 7, 1938, the son and grandson of Freemasons. He was educated in Kansas schools, earning his BA degree in Economics from Washburn University. He trained as a pilot and earned ratings for single engine/multiengine land and sea, and airline transport. He was a flight instructor and charter pilot before being hired by Trans World Airlines in 1965 as First Officer and then as Captain in 1968. Due to a heart attack in 1988 he retired in 1990.

Besides his Masonic activities he and his wife Jane were active with the local food bank. They spend the winter months in Florida but the rest of the year they are here in Maine where they spend much of their time with their grandchildren. Messalonskee Lodge and Masonry in general is very fortunate to have Rt. Wor. Bro. Peter Davis Couture as a member.

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December 2011, February 2012 Edition

FROM THE EAST

It is hard to believe that a year has passed. We've had a fairly eventful year at Lodge. There were a couple of candidates starting their Masonic journey. Committees for the Bikes for Books programs have been checking on this great endeavor to encourage kids to read. The Grand Lodge MECHIPs (Maine Child Identification Program) project has called upon the brethren of Messalonskee Lodge to participate and make IDs for probably several hundred kids in the area. Scott Bonnell and others have visited at Togus to assist our veterans.

As this year draws to a close, let's keep in mind what Masonry is about. We think and act with charitableness, and I'm proud to be a part of this organization.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and healthy and prosperous New Year.

With fraternal warmth,
Steven W. Bucknam
Worshipful Master.

50 YEAR JEWELS PRESENTED

Two brothers of our lodge, Raymond Nutter and Robert Reed, who are also members of Drummond Royal Arch Chapter 27, were presented with 50 year pins from The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine.

THE- FORGET-ME-NOT

Last year I mentored a young man in his lessons during his advancement in Freemasonry. We spent many hours in the basement of Messalonskee Lodge. During that time we became not only Brothers but friends.

The father of this young man was Raised in a lodge in Germany and was present at his son's Raising.

At the end of the evening, after his Raising he requested that I be conducted to the East and he presented me with a 'Forget-Me-Not' lapel pin.

This is the story of the 'Forget-Me-Not'

"In 1934 soon after Hitler's rise to Power, it became evident that Freemasonry was in grave danger, the Freemasons went undercover and adopted a little blue flower,

the forget-me-not, to replace the Square and Compasses as the symbol whereby the Brethren could identify each other in public as well as the concentration camps of Europe. In 1948, when the lodges reopened following World War II, This became the official Masonic emblem in honor of the valiant Brethren who carried on their Masonic work under very adverse conditions."

I will cherish this pin forever and thank him for his friendship. (Editor)

Daddy WARBUCKS

of Little Orphan Annie fame was a Mason - Did you know that?

The long-running newspaper comic strip *Annie* ended in 2010 after 85 years, with the last cliffhanger installment on Sunday, June 13th.

Brother Harold Lincoln Gray (1894-1968) created the strip originally as Little Orphan Annie on August 5, 1924 in the *New York Daily News* and later in the *Chicago Tribune*. According to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon web site it's height it was syndicated in some 250 newspapers; now it appears in just twenty. While few today would ever think the strip was controversial, at various times, *Annie* got herself involved with gangsters, vigilantes, pirates, evil labor union socialists, and even a plot involving the bombing of a German U-boat.

As the frame illustrates, Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks was clearly a Freemason, so naturally he



would care for an orphan. According to his Wikipedia biography, Oliver Warbucks studied engineering for a few semesters in college, became a

successful industrialist, and amassed a fortune of 'ten zillion dollars?' In recognition of his service during WWII he was promoted to Lieutenant General. It is thought that Bro. Warbucks was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary by a Supreme Council in the orient; though no records exist...

Brother Gray continued to write and draw the comic strip up until his death in 1968. He was a charter member of Lombard Lodge No. 1068, Lombard, Illinois.

From the Scottish Rite Journal, July-August 2010

MASONIC APRON

The white, cloth apron familiar to most as the Masonic attire usually worn in lodge is somewhat new to the scene. In an article appearing in the *Kansas Mason* (February 2011) Brother Patrick Craddock opines on the development of the apron from its origins to the present day usage. According to Craddock, Masons traditionally were responsible for their own aprons, sometimes making them themselves, or crafted by a family member, and they brought them to lodge with them. Additionally, many of these aprons were decorated with Masonic symbolism from the simple to the intricate.

It is a comparatively recent development that Masonic lodges supply white aprons to their members and guests," but it hasn't always been.

GRAND LODGE OFFICES TO MOVE

At a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maine, a proposal was put to the Brethren to rent a building from the Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation which the Foundation had taken an option to purchase subject to obtaining a rental agreement from the Grand Lodge of Maine. The conditions of the purchase were that a rental agreement be signed between the Grand Lodge and the Charitable Foundation, that the building not be sold for 5 years and the sale be completed by Dec. 31, 2011.

The 6000 sq/ft building was built for a Bank in Holden, Maine and has been empty for several years due to that bank being bought out by another bank in the area. The building is at the intersection of US 1A and SR46 and is about 7 miles from Bangor.



View of the North side of the building.

The vote was held and the results were 263 for and 233 against. The Grand Lodge now needs to complete a rental agreement with the Charitable Foundation and complete the sale by the end of the year.

ELECTED AND PROPOSED OFFICERS

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Senior Warden	Wor. Kevin G. Davidson
Junior Warden	Wor. Linwood E. Hall
Treasurer	Wor. Scott E. Bonnell
Secretary	Wor. Dana W. Wrigley
Chaplain	R.W. Steven W. Bucknam
Marshal	Bro. Shawn M. Gibson
Senior Deacon	Bro. Steven G. Craig
Junior Deacon	Bro. Michael S. Brochu
Senior Steward	Bro. Benjamin F. Clifford
Junior Steward	Bro. Travis W. Wood
Tiler	Bro. Gerald Reese Grams
Historian	R.W. Peter Davis Couture
Webmaster	Bro. Gerald Reese Grams

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Self-respect is the root of discipline; the sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself."

I believe that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but, we are responsible for who we have become.



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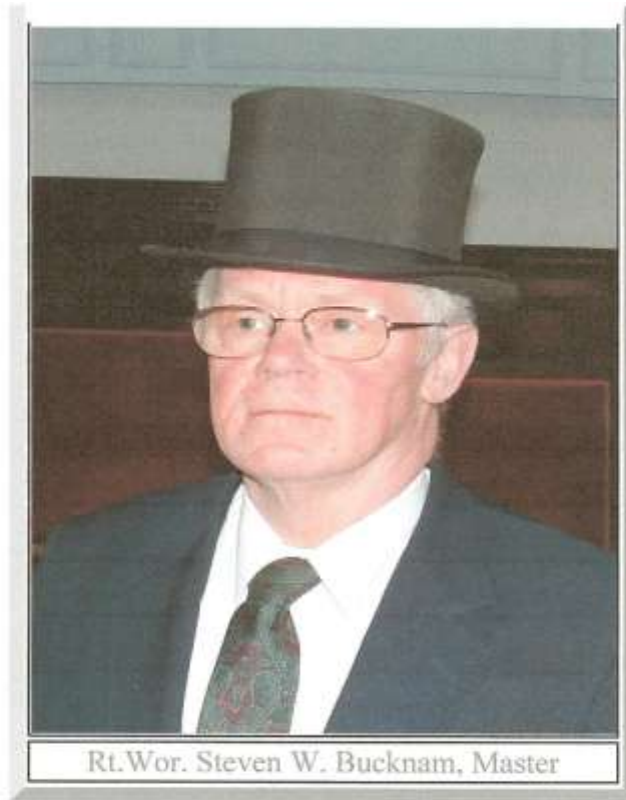


Coming Events: Updated 2/06/2011



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>
Jan. 18, 2011	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting Installation of Officers,
Feb.15, 2011	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting EA Degree 6:30 Supper Next EA Rehearsal Feb. 13th at 6:00PM
Mar. 15, 2011	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
Mar. 23, 2011	7:30 PM	Special Meeting EA Degree 6:30 Supper Next EA Rehearsal Mar. 13th and 20th at 6:00PM
Apr. 19, 2011	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
Apr. 27, 2011	7:30 PM	Special Meeting FC Degree 6:30 Supper
May 14, 2011	9:00-12:00 AM	ME-Chip, Oakland Middle School
May 17, 2011	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
May 24, 2011	9:00-12:00 A7:30 PM	Special Meeting MM Degree 6:30 Supper
Jun. 21, 2011	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting MM Degree, 6:30 Strawberry Fest
July & August	Summer Vacation	See Everyone in September
Sep. 20, 2011	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting Rehearsals Starting Sunday Oct 9th 6:pm
Oct. 18, 2011	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting EA Degree 6:30 Supper
Nov. 15, 2011	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting FC Degree, 6:30 Supper
Dec. 20, 2011	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers, 6:30 Pot Luck





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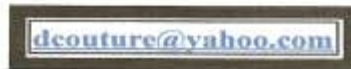
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