

# 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**



Scott E. Bonnell, was installed as Wor. Master of Messalonskee Lodge #113, Jan.18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. He was Initiated as a member of our lodge on March 23, 2004, and was appointed to an office later that same year. Wor. Scott has diligently worked his way up through the chairs as well as in Drummond Chapter where he is in his second year as High Priest.

Scott Bonnell, was born in Farmington, Maine and attended schools in Stratton and Oakland, Me. His father John Bonnell, was a member of our lodge and a proud Mason for over 30 years. His mother Marion, was a member of the Eastern Star. Scott is a veteran of the US Navy and is an active member of the American Legion. In 1982 he entered into an apprenticeship of Local 496 Union of Iron Workers and for 25 years traveled throughout the United States as an iron worker. He and his wife Jeweline, make their home here in Oakland. They also enjoy traveling and camping in their motor home. Scott, is an avid sportsman enjoying hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and riding around on his All Terrain Vehicle.

Scott mentioned that this has been a busy year in our lodge having already worked all three degrees on several candidates. We will be working the Entered Apprentice Degree on the Stated Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. There are four more candidates in line for degrees this year. He is looking forward to a busy year as Wor. Master of Messalonskee Lodge #113.



## Wig Wag

By Blaine Ellis

I was talking to an old classmate and friend recently. He reminded me of an event that took place during our grammar school days at Tapley School here in Oakland in the mid-forties. Our teacher, Mrs. Walton, told the class to walk over to the windows where they would see something unusual. A blimp was drifting just below a lifting fog. When my friend Alan Charles, walked home at noon for lunch, the blimp was cruising south above Church St. When he got home his father Howard Charles had also arrived home for lunch. He saw the blimp and hurried to the attic to get his old signal flags that he used when he was in the Navy. He went into the back yard and wig wagged the signal flags to the blimp. Wig Wag is the nautical term for signaling with flags. The men

on the Navy blimp saw him with the flags and they turned right to hover over the neighbor's house. One of the men on the blimp didn't have signal flags but he proceeded to wig wag or signal with his hands. It appeared that the crew on the blimp had lost radio communications and in the heavy fog had lost its bearings. They wanted directions to the Augusta airport. Mr. Charles directed them to go east to the river (Kennebec) follow it south and they would find the Augusta airport.

Howard Charles was a Brother Mason and a member of Messalonskee Lodge #113. He was able to assist the crew on the Navy blimp with the skills he learned when he was in the Navy many years before.

Our teacher Mrs. Walton was right that day more than 60 years ago, we did see something unusual. I don't think there have been many blimps fly over Oakland since that day.



**Dwight L. Taylor**  
**1910-2010**



Dwight Taylor our oldest living member of Messalonskee Lodge #113 Passed away Jan. 5, 2010, he would have been 100 years old on March 18, 2010. Dwight joined our lodge in 1962 and served for many years as our Marshall. Many of our brethren still remember the Charge lecture given by Dwight when they received their first degree

Dwight will be remembered for his integrity, he had it, and it was prevalent in his dealings with everyone he came in contact with each day. He will be missed by his many friends and the brethren of this lodge.

**Birthdays March - April**

Maurice C. Anderson	3-Mar
John L. Bucknam Jr.	9-Mar
Kenneth R. Libby	10-Mar
Douglas K. McCafferty	14-Mar
Robert H. Bridges	17-Mar
Linwood E. Hall	23-Mar
James D. Hall	26-Mar
Scott E. Bonnell	31-Mar
Robert H. Wheeler	3-Apr
Steve Craig	10-Apr
Shawn A. Craig	11-Apr
Gordon R. Drysdale	17-Apr
Edwin C. Wentworth	22-Apr
Brett E. Hoskins	23-Apr
Olav N. Cook	25-Apr
Kevin D. Rhein	7-May
Emmons M. Pinkham	8-May
Kevin G. Davidson	12-May
William A. Trafton	14-May
John D. Kerr	14-May
David A. Witham	16-May
Courtney S. Blood	18-May
J. Hobart Pierce Jr.	21-May
Robert H. Reed	23-May
Arthur W. Greeley	23-May
Horace M. Pullen	24-May
Michael N. McKenney	24-May
Paul C. Adams	27-May

**From the Editor**

My thanks for the help of Wor. Blaine Ellis, Wor. Dana Wrigley and Wor. Scott E. Bonnell, Master for their help on this Months Trestleboard. I thought I had brought the information for the month of March but I left it in Maine when I left Florida. I am deeply indebted to them for their assistance.

R.W. Peter Davis Couture, Historian.