



# TRESTLEBOARD

## December 2023

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### The Master's Message

Brethren,

December closes out the year and traditionally symbolizes death and rebirth—both very strong Masonic themes. The symbolism of our Sprig of Acacia and the modern Christmas Tree both share a common origin in that, being evergreens, they symbolize eternal life; and with careful nurturing and cultivation, we can ensure that that spiritual part of us will never die.

After a very busy Fall season, our labors in the quarries lighten somewhat as we enter the final stretch of our Masonic year.

First, I would very much like to thank those Brethren who were able to journey down to West Boylston this past Saturday to participate in the funeral service for Brother Jim Meachen. It was a beautiful service and the family was extremely grateful and touched.

As mentioned in last week's Notes from the East, we have a Special Communication this Thursday, December 7th, where we will be hearing a Brother's Entered Apprentice proficiency and then conferring the Fellowcraft Degree upon him. Several of us unofficially heard his lesson this past week, and he has certainly proven his qualifications to advance. Lodge will open at 7:30pm, as usual, with light collations afterwards (NO dinner beforehand). Please come and support our Brother as he advances in his Masonic journey!

Saturday, December 16th will feature our bimonthly community breakfast (which, while on the 3rd Saturday, is actually BEFORE our Stated this month). Please come and enjoy some wonderful eggs, pancakes, omelets, and Brotherhood! I even hear that RW Olson's mother's famous scones may be making an appearance that morning! Also, the Rainbow Girls of Pemigewasset Assembly will be selling some baked goodies and pies during the morning as well. Come for breakfast and head home with some dessert for later!

On Thursday, December 21st, we will be holding our December Stated Communication. The featured speaker this month is a Brother who has a long tradition of giving excellent programs, but has been—until only recently—conspicuously silent due to major health issues. Thanks to his miraculous recovery, we are once again able to welcome our own Marshal and Historian RW Brother Karl Olson to share his knowledge of Penacook history and how Horace Chase Lodge and Masonry fit into it. As usual, dinner will be at 6:30pm with Lodge opening on the Entered Apprentice Degree at 7:30pm.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	5 7:00pm FC Degree rehearsal	6 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm EA Degree @ BSE Lodge	7 7:30pm FC Degree (no dinner)	8	9
10	11 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	12	13	14 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	15	16 7:30am Community Breakfast 
17	18 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	19	20	21 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Stated Communication (open on EA Degee)	22	23
24	25  Christmas	26	27	28 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	29	30
31	 New Year's Day			6:30pm Night of Masonic Light		

Don't miss out on anything that happens at the Lodge. If you need a ride to an event, call (703) 568-9593 or email [horacechase72@gmail.com](mailto:horacechase72@gmail.com).

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In an effort to "keep things fresh", we are departing somewhat from our tradition of delivering poinsettias to our Special Ladies this year. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Junior Warden and his technologically creative nephew (Brothers Craig and John Willis), we have a large collection of beautifully appointed holiday gift baskets that are in the final stages of being prepared to be delivered to our Special Ladies. Stay tuned for more information on when these will be ready to be delivered.

As we approach the darkest time of the year, please be sure to keep your families and Brothers close to your hearts and minds. Be safe! And happy holidays!

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,

John E. Glover  
Worshipful Master  
Horace Chase Lodge

## Appreciation

'Tis good to feel ourselves beloved of men  
To know that all our anxious cares and sighs  
For others' weal are given not in vain,  
But treasured up in grateful memories  
How light the toil for those we fondly love!  
How rich the wages grateful spirits prove!

But when those men are Brothers, strongly bound  
By bonds indissoluble, sweet and true, —  
When gratitude springs out of sacred ground,  
And prayers are mingled with the praises due  
Ah then, toil is no burden, gifts no load!  
We have full recompense for what's bestowed.

'Tis thus with you, my friend: the voice of all  
Yields willing tribute to your high deserts  
But from the Craft there comes a stronger call,  
From that great Brotherhood whose chain begirts  
The broad world round, the grateful wages come,  
Whose price is Honor and whose favor Bloom.

Long may you live in Bloom and Honor, long,  
To show the Christian in the Mason's guise!  
In Strength Omnipotent may you be strong!  
In Wisdom Heavenly may you be wise!  
And when to Death's dark portals you shall come,  
May Jesus banish all the fear and gloom!

—Rob Morris



## Living Past Masters

George A. Langwasser	1977
Terry S. Gregg	1979–1980
Dale C. Nudd	1981–1982
Sumner Goldman, PGSB	1989–1990
Albert W. Fifield	1991
Fred W. Courser III	1992–1994
Mark C. Roth, PDDGM, PGC, PGP	1994–1995
Robert W. Lawrie, Honorary	1995
Herbert S. Carpenter IV, PDEO	1996–1997
Dana B. Reddish	1997–1998
Robert S. Hansen	1998
Gary E. Roy, PDDGM	1999–2000
Andrew F. Lane	2003–2004
Roger A. Becker	2003–2005
Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., PGM	2005–2006
Donald H. Wheeler, Jr.	2006–2007
Robert M. MacLean, Jr., PGP	2007
Robert C. Lethbridge, GC	2008
Peter D. Crouch, DDGL	2008–2009
Robert W. Lawrie	2009–2010
David A. Hardy, PDDGM	2010–2011
Louis M. Corson	2011–2012
Joseph A. Hardy	2012–2013
Brian Stiles	2013–2015
Jason M. Valley	2014
James M. Triacca, Honorary	2015
Karl R. Olson, GH	2016–2018
Michael A. Drotar, PGS	2016
Glenn A. Patterson	2017
Rodney W. Sewall, Jr.	2018–2019
Andrew J. Bennert, SGD	2019–2020
Wilmer J. Nemchick	2020–2021

## Brothers Raised in December

Leo F. DeGreenia, Jr.	December 16, 1964
Ronald H. Ford	December 16, 1965
Robert W. Lawrie	December 27, 1967
Terry S. Gregg	December 11, 1969
David C. Nudd	December 11, 1969
Dale C. Nudd	December 3, 1970
Lawrence P. Clement	December 12, 1973
John P. Heffernan	December 8, 1977
Alan D. Lugg	December 7, 1978
Clark N. Lindley	December 16, 1980
William R. Weir, Jr.	December 8, 1982
Fred W. Courser III	December 22, 1982
Russell E. Breck, Jr.	December 10, 1986
Daniel L. Creighton	December 10, 1986
Bruce R. Eldridge	December 10, 1986
Arthur W. Hicks, Jr.	December 10, 1986
Robert B. Berube, Jr.	December 1, 1988
Dana B. Reddish	December 12, 1990
Michael D. Cutting	December 27, 1995
Charles W. Rice	December 27, 1995
Matthew M. Atkinson	December 2, 1997
Roger A. Becker	December 2, 1997
Louis M. Corson	December 2, 1997
George C. Cummings	December 2, 1997
Robert A. Downing	December 10, 2008
David M. MacAllen	December 13, 2012
Christopher M. Clark	December 18, 2019
Jeffrey M. Trombley	December 18, 2019