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# Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, NH

## TRESTLEBOARD

### September 2023

### The Master's Message

Brethren,

I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy a relatively quiet summer and spend some much-deserved time with their families. The time has come, however, for us to return to the quarries and resume our labors. September marks the traditional beginning of fall, and with it, our Masonic calendar starts to fill up again. This month, Inspection and Visitation season begins for our District, as well as Grand Lodge "Lodges of Instruction."

Before discussing what lies before us this month, a quick update on the library. After receiving a handful of wildly different—and very high—estimates from various contractors, a couple of us decided that we have the requisite skills in-house to perform the necessary repair work, and so have started to tackle it ourselves. Upon closer inspection, we determined that the center of the wall was still quite structurally sound, which allowed us to work on sections of the wall, one at a time, rather than tearing it down all in one shot. This has allowed us to chip away at it over the summer, with a few hours here and a few hours there. As I write this, the majority of the reframing has been completed, with a clear path in front of us for the completion of the project very soon. A much more detailed update will be given at the September Stated Communication.

Laying out our labors for September, we do, indeed, have a busy Masonic month.

First up, is our District's Lodge of Instruction on Saturday, September 9th, at 1:00 p.m. (12:00 p.m. lunch), at King Solomon's Lodge in Elkins (453 Elkins Rd., Elkins), presented by the Grand Lodge. For those who may be unaware, Lodges of Instruction are a formalized way for the Grand Lodge to impart education across the entire Masonic spectrum—from handling business to investigating candidates to ritualistic excellence—to all the Lodges within the jurisdiction. One LOI is held per district per year and, while the top five Lodge officers (Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, and Treasurer) are required to attend, all Master Masons are strongly encouraged to attend! In particular, all newly raised Master Masons are encouraged to attend so that the Grand Master can personally recognize them and welcome them to the Fraternity. If you are unable to attend our district's LOI on September 9th, you may attend any of the scheduled LOIs and still receive credit for attending. (See the attached document from Grand Lodge for more information and the full LOI schedule.)

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## Brothers Raised in July

Paul W. Welcome

July 25, 1979

## Brothers Raised in August

Andrew F. Lane

August 16, 1986

Bruce E. Beckett

August 27, 1986

John M. Sanborn

August 27, 1986

Thomas G. Aznive

August 20, 2011

## Brothers Raised in September

Jeremy J. Sawyer

September 20, 1973

George R. Cushman

September 27, 1973

Kenneth L. Demick

September 16, 1980

Leslie J. Reid

September 7, 1985

Steven W. Frost

September 21, 1987

Richard D. Holden

September 11, 1999

James S. Blodgett

September 9, 2001

Michael A. Drotar

September 6, 2003

Jason R. Stiles

September 25, 2004

Robert E. Arata

September 30, 2006

Zacariah K. Derby

September 30, 2006

Dale A. Warner

September 26, 2007

Thomas Economides

September 6, 2008

James M. Griffin

September 22, 2012

John T. Willis

September 7, 2013

Joshua S. Craggy

September 12, 2015

Todd P. Doherty

September 12, 2015

Richard H. Hoeker

September 27, 2018

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Next up is our District's first Visitation of the year, which is a joint Visitation for Blazing Star Eureka and Jewell Lodges on Wednesday, September 20th at the Concord Masonic Temple (53 Iron Works Rd., Concord). This also marks the first Visitation for our new District Deputy Grand Master, RW Brother Arthur Aznive. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. with Lodge opening at 7:00 p.m. Please come and support both our DDGM and the other Lodges in our District if within the length of your Cable Tow!

Next up is our September Stated Communication on Thursday, September 21st. Lodge will open on the Entered Apprentice Degree so that all Masons—regardless of Degree—who have been longing to return to Lodge over the summer may attend. This month's education program will be a surprise, largely because I have several that I have been working on and have not decided which to go with yet, but all are appropriate for Masons of all Degrees and are intended to be open discussions, so please come and join in! Additionally, I've heard that the Stewards have a fun dinner in mind, but as they weren't 100% certain of it when I spoke with them, I don't want to accidentally commit them to it here. Needless to say, whatever they come up with will certainly be enjoyable!

Lastly, at the very end of the month on September 30th, we are reviving an old Horace Chase Lodge tradition by holding an OUTDOOR Master Mason Degree! Dispensation has been requested, initial site cleanup has been performed (thank you, Brothers Hardy, Hardy, and Willis!—sounds like a law firm!), and we have a Fellowcraft who has passed his proficiency and is ready to go! This Degree will also serve as our Inspection for this year. Combined with the fact that this is a Saturday afternoon Degree means we are expecting greater attendance than usual from other Lodges within the District.

Looking ahead beyond September, we have our own Visitation scheduled for Thursday, October 12th. In the old days, this was often considered the most important date on the calendar for a Lodge, as it provided the Lodge an opportunity to show its absolute best face to the Grand Master's hand-picked representative, to receive him with truly Grand honors, and to show off and be proud of the work that the Lodge was performing. In more recent times, however, this event has been viewed more as just another box to tick, just another meeting to attend. Our Lodge is known as one of the healthiest Lodges in the State, and it is due solely to the Brethren. Our Visitation is our chance to show that off and be an example that other Lodges can look to. Please save this date on your calendars so that we can have a large turnout for our DDGM!

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,

John E. Glover

Worshipful Master

Horace Chase Lodge

## September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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3	9:00–11:00am Coffee social    Labor Day	5	6	7	8	12:00pm Lunch 1:00pm District 4 LOI @ Elkins	
10	9:00–11:00am Coffee social  	12	13	14	15	16	
17	9:00–11:00am Coffee social  	19	6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm BSE/Jewell Joint Visitation (in Concord)	21	6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Stated Communication (open on EA)	22	7:00pm MM Degree practice
24	9:00–11:00am Coffee social  	26	27	28	29	30	
				6:30pm Night of Masonic Light  7:00pm MM Degree practice		1:00pm Outdoor MM Degree	

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).

## The Craft

Are we perfect? No, we never were, nor will we ever be,  
Yet our light has been a beacon for all the world to see.

Belonging to a brotherhood that shares a trust in God,  
We've left our mark upon the world, wherever we have trod.

Founded in antiquity and lasting through the years,  
A fraternity of friendship, a brotherhood of peers.

From the moment we are raised, until we are deceased,  
We always have the memory of our journey to the East.

When I knelt before the altar and then was brought to light,  
I looked upon the Bible and the brothers in my sight.

My brothers never left my side through many trying days.  
They made my life much richer in so many different ways.

I've felt the grip of brotherhood while traveling o'er the land.  
That grip of Master Mason that is passed from hand to hand.

I have felt the nervous handshake of a brother newly raised.  
And the cold hand in a hospice on a brother's final days.

I have labored in the quarries for I felt the cause was just.  
Now I wear this purple apron and I view it as a trust.

An apron's just a piece of cloth, although it's worn with pride.  
It's what it represents that counts a brotherhood worldwide.

—William E. Ogren



## 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