



Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, NH

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January 2024

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David A. Hardy, PDDGM, through Jan. 2026

The Master's Message

Brethren,

As this is my last Master's Message as Master of Horace Chase Lodge, I would like to spend a little time reflecting on a journey that began almost ten years ago. When I started my journey to the East in 2015, I was a brand new Master Mason with little knowledge or understanding of what it meant to be an officer of a Lodge—or even a Mason, for that matter. I looked at taking a chair as an opportunity to gently force me to attend meetings regularly and to have a ready excuse to learn the practical nuts and bolts of Degree work; at the time, the ritual work itself I viewed as almost a quaint, ceremonial holdover from a bygone era, but I approached it with an open mind. As I moved up through the chairs and started memorizing more and more of the ritual—particularly the charges, histories, and lectures—I had the sudden realization that our ritual is FAR MORE than a pile of flowery, archaic words and strange floorwork.

This realization was both exciting and frightening. On the one hand, it was tremendously exciting to finally catch a glimpse of just some of the depth and power of our ritual (and to look forward to discovering more!), but on the other, I suddenly realized that I was staring down the barrel of eventually sitting...in the East... as the MASTER of this storied Lodge and would be personally responsible for carrying the torch of Masonry forward. As this sunk in and I watched the officers in the chairs ahead of me, my own doubts ate at me more and more until I finally expressed them to the Brother immediately ahead of me who did what Masons do best: he reached out a hand to save a falling Brother, whispered good council, and gently talked me off the ledge. Not only did he share his own doubts and fears, he reminded me that while the Master may be the guiding voice, he does not bear the weight of the Lodge on his shoulders alone. All of the Brothers of the Lodge work together—under the guidance of the Master—to carry the Lodge forward. Not only have I continued to lean on that friend and Brother for his sage advice, but have been blessed to be able to rely upon the strength and support of ALL of the Brothers of Horace Chase Lodge.

One could not ask for a better group of men to journey with. But now, the time has come to start the process of passing the torch to another, who will bring his own energies and strengths to the Oriental Chair. To do this, we must first complete the work that lies before us this month:

On Thursday, January 18th is our Annual Communication with the traditional “Stews and Chowders” dinner beforehand! At this communication will be heard the annual reports of those officers and committees which are required to submit them, along with the election of officers for next year (both HCL and PMA). Remember, while the appointed officers serve at the pleasure of the Master, the elected officers serve at the pleasure of the Lodge, so this is your time to make

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">1</div>  <p style="text-align: center;">New Year's Day</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">2</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">3</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">4</div> <p style="text-align: right;">6:30pm Night of Masonic Light</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">5</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">6</div>
<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">7</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">8</div> <p style="text-align: right;">9:00–11:00am Coffee social</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">2:00pm Funeral for Bro.: Bob Lawrie @ HCL</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">9</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">10</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">11</div> <p style="text-align: right;">6:30pm Night of Masonic Light</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">12</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">13</div>
<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">14</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">15</div> <p style="text-align: right;">9:00–11:00am Coffee social</p> 	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">16</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">17</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">18</div> <p style="text-align: right;">6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Annual Communication (open on MM Degee)</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">19</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">20</div>
<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">21</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">22</div> <p style="text-align: right;">9:00–11:00am Coffee social</p> 	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">23</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">24</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">25</div> <p style="text-align: right;">6:00pm Installation rehearsal</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">26</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">27</div>
<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">28</div> <p style="text-align: right;">2:00pm Installation of Officers</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">29</div> <p style="text-align: right;">9:00–11:00am Coffee social</p> 	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">30</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">31</div>			

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.

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sure your voice is heard. Please make every effort to attend. My intention is to open on the Master Mason degree, but if lower-degree Brothers wish to attend, we will adjust accordingly. As usual, dinner will be at 6:30pm with Lodge opening at 7:30pm.

Next, on Thursday, the 25th, there will be an installation rehearsal and potluck dinner at 6:00pm for all officers (both incoming and outgoing).

Lastly, on Sunday, January the 28th, at 2:00pm will be our installation of officers. This is a semi-public event, so please invite your family and friends to come and get a small taste of what Masonry looks and feels like! Light refreshments will follow.

Brethren, words cannot fully express what an honor and privilege it has been to serve our Lodge as your Master. I hope that I have been able to help impart a little more Light in Masonry to each of you, but now—to quote my immediate predecessor, W.: Nemchick—"I will return to what I once was and to what I have always been, your friend and Brother."

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,

John E. Glover
Worshipful Master
Horace Chase Lodge

The Past Master

Who's the stranger, Mother, dear?
Look, he knows us—ain't that queer?

Hush, my son, don't talk so wild -
He's your father, dearest child.

He's my father? It's not so!
Father died six years ago.

Dad didn't die, Oh love of mine,
He's been going through the line.

But he's been Master now so he
Has no place to go you see-

No place left for him to roam.
That is why he is coming home.

Kiss him, he won't bite you child.
All Past Masters are quite mild.

—Anonymous



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
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 January

Charles H. Bragg	January 5, 1961
Anthony R. Walker	January 11, 1967
Ronald C. Fuller	January 9, 1969
Edward N. Lewis	January 9, 1969
John F. Moore, Jr.	January 21, 1971
John W. Puckhaber	January 28, 1975
Kenneth A. Clay, Jr.	January 30, 1986
Herbert S. Carpenter IV	January 26, 1989
Stephen S. Goodwin	January 26, 1989
Paul G. Haddock	January 11, 2001
Thomas C. Arsenault	January 14, 2010
John H. Moore	January 14, 2010