



Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, NH

TRESTLEBOARD

March 2024

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Robert S. Hanson, through Jan. 2027

The Master's Message

Brethren,

We are rapidly moving into March, a month for which weather is always a wild card, where we hope it goes out like a lamb! Please continue to monitor the Lodge calendar as requests for its use continue to come in. You will receive this Trestleboard just prior to the start of March, which means we are having our Master Mason degree on February 29th. The March Stated will be on the Master Masons degree with a special closing charge. The end of the month is likely to see a double Entered Apprentice degree. Suffice to say your Lodge Officers have hit the ground running with no early signs of slowing down!

Inspiration is often like faith, love, and hope. We all generally have a good understanding of the definition, but to each of us they mean something a little different, and all are important parts of our life. As a Mason of Horace Chase Lodge, I have had the privilege of being inspired by many a Brother during my journey. Some are still with us, and some are quarrying elsewhere, whether it be on Earth or the Celestial Lodge above. Life can throw us many curves, one day becomes another, and before you know it, you have missed a month, many months, or longer of Lodge and Masonic activities. You still very much want to be a Mason but are not sure how to re-engage yourself. Or there are many more pressing items that need to be addressed. I understand both. I happened across the following short story which I hope brings inspiration to you to re-engage your journey.

The Silent Summons

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, had stopped going. After a few months went by, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace, and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After a few minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember, and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold,

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	5 6:30pm EA degree practice		6	7 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	8
10	11 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	12 6:30pm EA degree practice		13	14 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	15
17	18 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	19 6:30pm EA degree practice		20	21 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Annual Communication (open on MM Degee)	22
24/31	25 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	26 6:30pm EA degree practice		27	28 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm “double” EA Degree	29
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Don't miss out on anything that happens at the Lodge. If you need a ride to an event, call (603) 682-6482 or email horacechase72@gmail.com.

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dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for the fiery summons, my Brother. I will be back in our Lodge next meeting." — Anonymous

Your attendance at Lodge meetings, whether you are a Past Master, an Officer working your way up, or a member attending a Masonic function, is important for every aspect of what a Lodge should be and how it should function. Masonry is a Fraternity of men who meet and have fellowship with each other. Fellowship is especially important to our own existence as human beings. We were not meant to be alone. I know when first joining Lodge you do not understand everything that is going on, what to expect, or what is expected of you. This can be intimidating and sometimes overwhelming. Some will wade in right away, and others may slowly fade away. After many years, you may not feel as important or that your opinion is no longer needed. Every one of us has a talent and brings value to the Lodge! Masonry is a brotherhood and combined collection of these talents. Horace Chase Lodge and Masonry needs your talents and contributions; do not be that single ember fading away!

Until we meet again, please stay safe, and let us know how we can help you.

Fraternally,

Scott Nichols
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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
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
John E. Glover	2022-2023

Brothers Raised in March

Richard D. Jones	March 29, 1949
Robert E. Hansen	March 3, 1960
Robert C. Lethbridge	March 11, 1965
Kenneth O. Taylor, Jr.	March 11, 1967
Donald J. Percy	March 27, 1969
Roy E. Fanjoy	March 8, 1973
Jonathan H. Ruggles	March 28, 1974
Mark H. Tompson	March 25, 1976
Robert B. Hartford	March 8, 1984
Thomas B. Jelley	March 8, 1984
Karl R. Olson	March 7, 1985
David A. Croft	March 28, 1991
David S. Case	March 5, 1992
Harry A. Lewis	March 30, 2000
Jeffrey Allan	March 22, 2007
Glenn A. Patterson	March 29, 2007
Timothy J. Lynch	March 11, 2010