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Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, Penacook, NH

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July 2026

The Master's Message

Brethren and Friends,

When the American War of Independence broke out, the tenets of the Craft were put to the ultimate test on the battlefield. Numerous key figures of the Revolution were dedicated Masons who refused to view their fraternal duties as separate from their civic responsibilities; rather, their shared commitment to truth and liberty fueled their fight against tyranny. George Washington frequently attended Military Lodges during the conflict, utilizing the sacred bond of brotherhood to foster trust, unity, and resilience among a fragile, underfunded Continental Army facing overwhelming odds. Meanwhile, brilliant minds like Benjamin Franklin leveraged Masonic networks abroad to secure crucial foreign alliances, proving that the principles nurtured within quiet Lodge rooms were foundational to the birth of a new nation.

No one epitomized this devotion to the Craft quite like Dr. Joseph Warren, the Grand Master of Massachusetts. A respected physician and a chief architect of the early revolutionary movement, Warren refused to watch the conflict from a position of safety. Though newly commissioned as a Major General, he chose to enter the muddy redoubt at Bunker Hill as a volunteer private soldier, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with his fellow citizens. His death during the final British assault stripped the young nation of one of its most promising Founding Fathers, yet Warren's ultimate sacrifice remains a powerful testament to the lengths a Brother will go to defend his principles and his people.

Remarkably, this fierce devotion to liberty did not harden the hearts of the Brethren; instead, the tenet of Brotherly Love frequently transcended the brutal divides of the war itself. History records extraordinary instances where American and British Masons extended mercy across enemy lines. When the Masonic constitution and regalia of a British regiment were captured, General Washington famously ordered them returned under a guard of honor, proving that a shared commitment to higher principles outlasted any earthly conflict. Similarly, wounded soldiers on both sides who signaled their fraternal affiliation were routinely granted medical relief and protection by enemy officers who honored their sacred vows of Charity above the politics of the crown.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9:00–11:00am Coffee social 		1	2 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	3	4  <i>Independence Day</i>
5	6 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	7	8	9 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	10	11
12	13 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	14	15	16 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	17	18
19	20 9:00–11:00am Coffee social 	21	22	23 6:30pm Night of Masonic Light	24	25
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Ultimately, the story of these wartime Masons reminds us that true strength lies not in the weapons we wield, but in the values we refuse to surrender. They proved that even in our darkest hours of division, we can choose to elevate our shared humanity and build a society rooted in liberty and mutual respect. Their legacy is an enduring beacon, inspiring each of us to square our actions by the virtues of compassion and integrity, proving that, when we build on a foundation of brotherhood, the structures we create can withstand any storm.

Happy Fourth! I wish you a summer of fun and refreshment.

Fraternally,

Craig Cabot Willis
Horace Chase Lodge #72



Don't miss out on anything that happens at the Lodge. If you need a ride to an event, call (603) 568-2192 or email horacechase72@gmail.com.

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
Kenneth A. Clay, Jr., PGM	2005-2006
Robert C. Lethbridge, PDDGM, GC	2008
Peter D. Crouch, DDGM	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, JGW	2019-2020
Wilmer J. Nemchick	2020-2021
John E. Glover, DDGL	2022-2023
J. Scott Nichols	2024

Brothers Raised in July & August

Paul W. Welcome	July 25, 1979
Andrew F. Lane	August 16, 1986
John M. Sanborn	August 27, 1986
Thomas G. Aznive	August 20, 2011