



# Trestle Board

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## UP COMING EVENTS

**May 14, Saint Andrews Stated Communication.** White Apron Night! We will also have a visit from our local Cub Scout Pack. Please join us for dinner at 6pm (Steak Tips), Business at 7pm.

**May 19, Grand Lodge Annual Communication.** Bring dues card, credentials and the apron & collar of your office. All MMs welcome. 9:00 registration 9:30 GL opening. Coffee and doughnuts until opening, luncheon after closing. Regalia, books, etc. are usually for sale.

**May 30, Masters Class.** 7pm - 9pm. Star In the East Lodge, Exeter.

### Save The Dates!

**June 11, Saint Andrews Stated Communication**

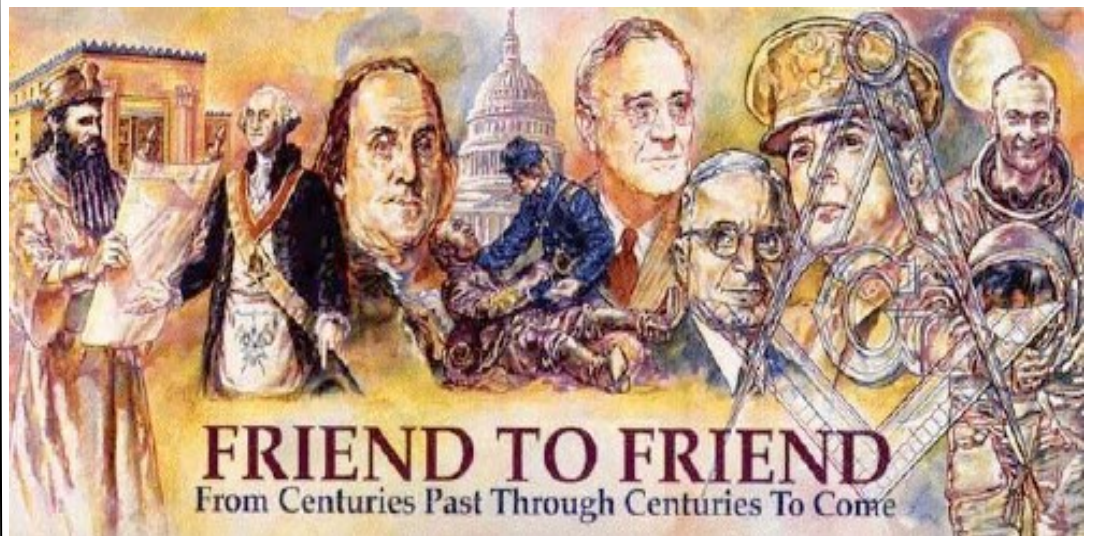
**June 18, Saint Andrews FC Degree (tentative)**

**June 24th Saint Johns Sunday!**

Stated Communications will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Dinner at 6:00 P.M Meeting at 7:00 P.M, Officers Attire: Tux, Reservations to Craig Brown 436-9208

Special Communications may be called at the pleasure of the Worshipful Master.

\*Examinations may be held at Stated or Special Communications



## MASTERS MESSAGE

Wow what a busy month April was. At our stated meeting we were honored to be joined by Brother Clinton Wadlington, PM. You may recall that RW Weyler WM Johnson and myself presented him his 50-year pin on behalf of The Grand Lodge of California. We invited him to our next meeting and he was able to come and join us. After he and his wife Pat joined us for dinner, Brother Clint joined us in the Lodge. He told us he enjoyed being in the Lodge and shared some memories with us all. While we met, Pat was entertained by the Ladies down stairs and we all enjoyed collation after the meeting. It was a great night that was enjoyed by all. I hope they can join us again soon.



Next, at our Special Communication on the 23<sup>rd</sup> we initiated Brother Stephen Browne. It was an excellent EA degree. Our Junior Warden, Christopher Lillicotch, sat in the East for his first time and did an outstanding job! Thanks to Wor. Johnson for filling in as Senior Deacon at the last minute due to illness. A great job was done by all our officers and a great time was had by all.

It was a great moment for me as well as I asked my Father Richard Perry, PM to do the EA history. I

know we all remember the first time we heard the EA history and for me that was in 1992 by my dad.

This past week a few of the Girl Scouts from Troop 14906 in Strafford traveled to Evergreen Place in Manchester to deliver the cookies that Saint Andrew's donated to the troop. The girls plan and run their own meetings and voted to donate them to Evergreen Place. Our dog Nugget made a visit too and the girls got to meet some of the residents and enjoy some snacks together.



Grand Lodge will be meeting on Saturday May 19. Your officers will be there to vote on the business of the day. At our Stated Meeting we will discuss any business in our Lodge that may come up for a vote, so our Grand Lodge Representative will be able to vote the will of the Lodge.

Dinner this month will be steak tips with roasted potatoes.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge,

R Daniel Perry

Worshipful Master

# MORE LIGHT

**HAPPY 170TH ANNIVERSARY SAINT ANDREWS!!**

**1848 - 2018**

Have you ever been in a greeting card store and noticed THAT you can purchase specialty birthday cards that list important historical events that took place in the year the individual was born. For instance I saw a card with my birth year, 1949, and took a look at some of the things listed:

RCA Developed a method to broadcast the first TV signals in color!

NATO was founded (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization)

The first Polaroid instant photo Camera sold for \$89.95 (that would be \$925.15 in today's money)

Seeing as St. Andrews 170<sup>th</sup> birthday is coming up next month, I began to wonder.....what was going on the year St. Andrew's Lodge was constituted- 1848? I could not find one of those "For-a-particular-year birthday" cards for St. Andrews Lodge so I created my own and... well.....Hold on ....this was quite a year!!! - here is what was happening....



- In January, A few flakes of gold were discovered in northern California in a river running through a lumber mill owned by one John Sutter. It was this discovery that triggered the famed California Gold Rush.
- In February, the U.S. and Mexico negotiated the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo officially ending the Mexican-American war. In this treaty Mexico seceded most of its northern provinces to the U.S. thus increasing the size of the U.S. by a third.
- In March “the father of American Education” Horace Mann was sworn in as a U.S. Senator representing the state of Massachusetts.
- On April 3, The Chicago Board of Trade was founded by a group of Chicago merchants and business leaders. Today it is recognized as the world’s oldest futures and options exchange market.
- On May 29, Wisconsin became the 30th state to enter the Union.
- On June 24, St. Andrews Lodge No. 56 was constituted by the Grand Lodge of N.H.
- In Mid July a convention took place in Seneca Falls New York that came to mark the beginning of the American women’s rights movement when convention delegates issued a document that became known as “The Declaration of Sentiments”.
- On August 14<sup>th</sup>, the United States Congress officially created the Oregon Territory (after having negotiated Britain out of the northwest in 1846). Eventually the territory would be divided into Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and part of Montana and Wyoming.
- On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert made their first ever visit to Balmoral Castle in Scotland .
- In late October Spain opened the nation’s first railroad line between the cities of Barcelona and Mataro.
- On November 7<sup>th</sup> Zachary Taylor, a hero of the Mexican War, was elected President of the United States . It marked the first time in U.S. History that a Federal Election took place on the same date in every state.
- On December 26, a slave couple, William and Ellen Craft, absconded the plantation on which they were held in Georgia, and fled North to Pennsylvania, in what became one of the most daring, open, and celebrated slave escapes in American history.

Happy 170<sup>th</sup> St. Andrews, 1848 was quite the year!

*-Rod MacDonald, St. Andrews Lodge No. 56, Historian-*

# FURTHER LIGHT IN MASONRY

The following excerpt is from *The Maryland Master Mason*, Volume 7, No.8 Originally published in October 1969, and has come to us from the collection of RW Ronald E. Metcalf, our venerable Tyler.

## Masonic System Of Philosophy

By V. M. BURROWS

In medieval times the kings were careful to prohibit the forming of any group which might be used as a nucleus of an uprising. It was therefore necessary that the permissible group should possess a satisfactory charter of authority.

In England, in 1388, a writ of Returns demanded that all groups show the charter of their authority to continue their existence. It is believed that the Operative Freemason of that time presented a document under the authority of a Royal Charter which had been granted in 926 A.D. by King Athelstan. That document is not now in existence, but the oldest document which we do possess is supposed to have been written in 1390 by someone who had before him the original. The manuscripts such as that of 1390 known as the Halliwell Manuscript are termed Old Charges.

The Old Charges were used by Operative Freemasons in the same sense as we now use Charters issued by our Grand Lodges.

Masonic tradition inform us that in the time of King Athelstan, his son Edwin was a lover of Freemasons and caused an assembly to be made in 926 for the purpose of bringing together Operative Freemasons from all parts of the realm. The purpose was to have government representatives attend that assembly and consider all different copies of regulations which might be brought forward, so that a decision might be made as to proper regulations to be adopted and a Royal Charter issued. They determined on Fifteen Articles, for

governing the supervising Master, and Fifteen Points, for direction of the individual workers.

In the first half of Operative Freemasonry, lodges were temporary; when the work on a structure was complete the members separated, and the building in which the lodges had met was torn down or used for other purposes. At about 1350 A.D. Freemasons here and there began to continue such Lodges permanently, and it is from them that our Speculative Lodges have descended.

It is a significant fact that there is not now in existence a true copy of the Old Charges as used by the Operative Freemasons.

Modern Masonry is a wise and well-equipped means of enriching human life as it now is and in this familiar world. As individuals, we need to learn more of the potential power of this grand system of philosophy and more of how to make effective application of its good influence in our daily lives.

Masonic principles and teachings were not originated by the Fraternity. It has merely selected certain virtues which are as old as mankind and which have, through the ages proved sound and indispensable to moral and spiritual integrity and to well-ordered society.

Masonry teaches the Cardinal tenets which underlie and are the foundation of all religions. In that sense Masonry is the universal morality which is suitable to all men.



## Officers 2018

R. Daniel Perry	Worshipful Master
Joseph J. Rella, PM	Senior Warden
Christopher E. Lillicotch	Junior Warden
Winston Gouzoules, PM	Treasurer
Robert L. Sutherland Jr. PM	Asst. Treasurer
Craig I. Brown, PM	Secretary
George Milliken, PM	Asst. Secretary
Robert Canney	Grand Lodge Representative
Robert Canney	Senior Deacon
Richard Perry, PM	Junior Deacon
Andrew Gosselin	Senior Steward
Jim Lee, PM	Junior Steward
Nelson Hersey, PM	Chaplain
Terry Long, PM	Associate Chaplain
Robert McGuire	Marshal
Rod Macdonald, PM	Historian
Ronald E. Metcalf, PM	Tyler
Jack D. Hartman, PM	Electrician

## Past Masters

Nelson Hersey	1961	Mark Goodman	1988
Knute Lundgren	1967	Edward Wright	1991
William Reed	1968	William Burke	1994
Ronald Metcalf	1969	Philip Fraser	1996/2001/2011/2013
Florido R. Katsanos	1972	Thomas LaBerge	1998
Gerald Philbrick	1973	Brian Sanderson	1999/2005/2006
Robert L. Sutherland Jr.	1974/1978	Craig I Brown	2000/2003/2004/2007
Frederick Smith	1975	Winston Gouzoules	2009/2010
Gerald Buehrer	1976	Terry T. Long	2014/2015
Arthur Weeks	1982	Dale A. Mills	2016
George Milliken	1983/2012	Joseph J. Rella	2017

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