



Trestle Board

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UP COMING EVENTS

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June 11, Saint Andrews Stated Communication. 6pm Dinner , 7pm Business. Officer's attire: Tux



June 18, Saint Andrews Degree Team Assemble! All officers are hereby summoned!! Join us 6:30 for a first rehearsal of the upcoming Fellow Craft Degree.

June 24th Saint Johns Sunday! The purpose of the Special Communication in Portsmouth will be to march to and attend the Sunday services at St. John's Episcopal Church, an old tradition of Saint John's Lodge. Brethren should assemble at William Pitt Tavern before 8:30 A.M. The march to the church will commence at 8:50 A.M., and the service will be at 9:30 A.M. Attire for Lodge Officers, tuxedo or dark suit for with regalia; and for members, a dark suit.



June 25th, Sain Andrews Annual Strawberry Festival. That's right ! It's time once again for our **Annual Strawberry Festival!** This is a Semi Public Event Friends and Family Welcome! 6pm, BBQ will be on the menu! Attire is casual!

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

Hello Brothers and friends,

I would like to start off by thanking Brothers George Milliken PM and Robert McGuire for traveling to Grand Lodge with us as last-minute proxies.

June is full of graduations and celebrations and of course Father's Day. For my family it also includes two birthdays, a dance recital covering four shows on two days and our Wedding Anniversary. I hope you all get a chance to celebrate with those in your life and take time to honor our Father's.

June is shaping up to be a busy month. We will have our stated on the 11th and on the 24th we will participate in St. John's Sunday. We will assemble at the William Pitt Tavern at 8:30am and step off at 9:00am. On the 25th we will have our annual Strawberry Festival. It is open to all and a great chance for everyone to get together. The festival is public, and dress is casual, and a great program is being planned.

Our first rehearsal for our upcoming Fellow Craft degree will be on the 18th. The degree itself will be on our July stated meeting. This is our inspection for the year.

If you know of any sick or distressed or if you need a ride to any of our meetings, please reach out to our secretary or myself.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge,

Daniel Perry

MORE LIGHT

Evolution of a holiday



When it comes to American Holidays most anybody can tell you that the Fourth of July celebrates American Independence. Thanksgiving is “day of thanks” that has been officially celebrated since the American Civil War. Christmas – oh come on ---that is too easy! But, when it comes to the Holiday we recently celebrated, Memorial Day, you can gather a list of descriptions that may leave you thinking those asked were not all talking about the same day. There are those who will describe the holiday as the “kick-off to summer”, “the first family BBQ day of the season”, “ the weekend we open our camp for the summer.” Others may call it “the same thing as Veterans Day only in May rather than November”. Still others will describe it as “the day we place flowers on the graves of family, friends, and loved ones” or “the day we decorate veterans graves”. Lastly, there will be a group who describes it as “the day we honor those members of the American armed forces who gave their lives for their country.” So why such varying descriptions of the same day? The answer may lie in how Memorial Day came evolved.

On April 25, 1866 a women’s group in Columbus Mississippi met to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had died in the nearby battle of Shilo. Several members of the group discovered the graves of Union soldiers mixed in among those of southern soldiers. After some discussion they decided to place flowers on those stones as well. Columbus has long claimed that this was the start of Memorial Day. This claim did not go unchallenged , several other cities, both in the north and south, claimed similar events taking place, giving them just as valid a claim, as Columbus, to being the start of what were called “Decoration Days”. These “Decoration Days” rose in popularity until in 1868, Major General John A. Logan a veteran of the Union army, a member of Mitchell Lodge No. 56 in Pinckneyville, Illinois and the head of the Grand Army of the Republic (the dominant veterans organization for Union soldiers numbering well over 400,000 members at its height) declared that a national “Decoration Day” should be observed annually on May 30th.

By the end of the 19th century, “Decoration Day” was being celebrated nationwide, but the G.A.R. kept the observance strictly for those members of the Union armed forces that had fallen during the Civil War. It was not until after World War I that a push began in some states to make “Decoration Day” a day to honor those who fell in all America’s conflicts. At this point it should be noted that “Decoration Day” was not a federal holiday so each state and sometimes municipalities “wrote their own rules” as to how it would be celebrated. In fact before the 19th century closed many Southern states had set up separate “Memorial days” to honor Confederate soldiers and sailors who had fought in the Civil War.

To add to the confusion, Congress passed a resolution in 1926 declaring that November 11th, or Armistice Day (marking the end of World War I) would be recognized annually and beginning in 1938 would be officially regarded as a federal Holiday. Apparently a significant number of people believed the holiday was being created to give American soldiers, who fought in World War I, their own Memorial Day.

At the time America was moving into the 1950's, each state was observing "Decoration Day" in its own way: a separate "Decoration Day" was being observed in many southern states: in some places "Decoration Day" was becoming "Memorial Day" and Armistice Day was either a day to recognize the end of World War I, or another "Decoration Day" to honor those American servicemen who fought in World War I. In the end It looked like it would take an act of Congress to sought through these days and determine what each represented – and that is exactly what happened.

On June 1, 1954 the U.S. Congress passed an act that officially renamed Armistice Day as Veterans Day and declared it a day to recognize all American Veterans. This was followed up by then President Dwight D. Eisenhower issuing Proclamation 3071 instructing Federal Agencies to see that the day was "a proper and widespread observance." In 1966 Congress and President Lyndon Johnson even made an effort to end the argument over the "birthplace" of Memorial Day by declaring that a veteran's ceremony that took place in Waterloo, New York on May 5, 1866 was the first true Memorial Day Ceremony (the primary reason Waterloo was selected seemed to be the fact it was the first "Decoration Day" organized as an entire community event). Finally, in 1971 Congress declared "Memorial Day" a Federal Holiday that was to be observed annually on the last Monday in May. Some states, however, including N.H., decided to stay with the G.A.R.'s established May 30th observance date. Those states wound up with two Memorial Days – the traditional day and the Federal holiday. By the time this act had passed, Memorial Day had already become a day for many Americans to place flowers on the graves of friends and loved ones as well as those of both veterans and those who had fallen while in the armed forces. It had become the "kick-off" weekend for summer – celebrated by family B.B.Q.s. It had become the weekend for the annual "Indy 500" auto race.

In an effort to be sure that the intended meaning of Memorial Day should not be lost, Congress passed the *National Moment of Remembrance Act* in 2000 which led to the creation of the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. This commission issued a statement calling for all Americans wherever they are at 3:00 p.m., local time, on Memorial day to observe a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to their nation. The Commission hoped this would be the start of putting "the memorial back in Memorial Day".

Rod MacDonald,

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56, Historian

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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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