



Saint Andrew's 56

Trestle Board



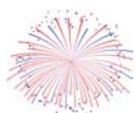
JULY 2018

JULY 2018

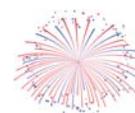
Inside this issue:

<i>Upcoming Events</i>	1
<i>Masters Message</i>	2
<i>More Light: Happy independence Day!</i>	3,4
<i>2018 Officers</i>	5
<i>Past Masters</i>	5
<i>Contact</i>	5
<i>Back Page</i>	6

UP COMING EVENTS



July 4th! Independence Day!



July 8, Saint Andrews by the Sea. Please join us for a special Sunday service. We will attend the 10am service. Meet up at the Lodge at 8:30 am to pick up regalia and dress, we'll carpool over to the Church in Rye. Officers Attire: tux

July 9, Saint Andrews Stated Communication. 6pm Dinner, 7pm Business. Officer's attire: Tux

July 25th, Masters Class. 7pm - 9pm. Star In the East Lodge, Exeter.

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

Greetings Brothers and friends,

Thank you to everyone who came out for our annual Strawberry Festival. After enjoying a great BBQ from chef Phil, we were treated to a program and demonstration from the NH State Police, Trooper Kevin Devlin and his partner Wyatt. While Wyatt was busy showing off his obedience skills, Trooper Devlin shared his training and live being a Canine Officer with the State Police. Many questions were asked, and a good time was had by all.

Saint Andrew's Lodge will be traveling again this year to Saint Andrew's by the Sea on Sunday July 8th. Services are at 10:00. The chapel is located at 30 Church Road in Rye. Officers attire is tuxedo with apron and jewel. We should meet up at the Lodge at 9:00 and carpool down.

At our stated on the 9th we will be having hamburgers, hotdogs and sausage. RW Brother William Sawyer will be joining us and presenting a program on his experiences traveling to England and visiting Lodges there. It proves to be a great program.

At the latest Masters and Wardens Association Meeting the Visitation schedule was set. Saint Andrew's Visitation will be on September 10th. There is a new format for visitations this year. As part of the evening the Officers will be performing the first section of the Fellow Craft degree.

Plans are underway for a baseball trip in August, so stay tuned. Also, in August we will be conferring the Fellow Craft Degree on Brother Browne on our stated meeting. This is also our Inspection and rehearsals are scheduled for August 6th and the 11th or 12th.

I hope that you all get a chance to spend some time enjoying the summer and get in some great cook outs and fun.

I hope to see you in Lodge,

Daniel Perry

MORE LIGHT

Happy Independence Day, July 4!
(or was it July 2, or August 2, or was it....)



On every July 4th we, as a nation, celebrate the signing of the *Declaration of Independence*, or as many have come to call it over the past century-and-a-half, the “birth certificate of the United States.” The “glorious fourth”, a term first used at a Philadelphia dinner party on July 4, 1777 in celebration of the first anniversary of independence, rapidly spread as a “Secondary name for Independence Day.” It wasn’t until 1783 however, that the “fourth” was recognized as an official holiday when North Carolina Governor, and Mason, Alexander Martin became the first American governor to issue a state order for celebrating the Fourth of July. Although it was celebrated in the majority of states by the mid 1800s, it was not until July of 1870 the “Glorious Fourth” became an “official” Federal Holiday. In 1968 Congress realigned most federal holidays so as to fall on a Monday, with the exception of four (due to the significance of the date the holiday fell on): New Years, Christmas, Independence Day, and Veterans Day.

Even though it took Congress nearly a century to make the “Glorious fourth” a holiday, as far back as the summer of 1776 there were visionaries like John Adams who knew the future of Independence Day would be a major day of celebration in America. While the Second Continental Congress met during that hot Philadelphia summer, Adams frequently wrote to his wife Abigail updating her on what was going on in the Congress. On July 3, 1776 Adams wrote a three page letter to his wife that included this passage:

The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.

Wait a minute. What did Adams mean by July 2nd ... didn’t he mean the fourth??? And did he lose track of time and by mistake date his letter to Abigail the third instead of the fourth? The answer to both questions is no: Adams was accurate about both the second and the third. And for those who insist he had to be wrong about the second, then how does one account for the fact that in the late afternoon of July 2, 1776 the *Philadelphia Evening Post* published the story that the Continental Congress had, that day, declared the American colonies independent of the British Empire? Maybe we need to go back and retrace events to figure out what actually occurred on and near “the Fourth”

When the Second Continental Congress convened in May of 1775, the British army and American militia forces had already clashed at the battle of Lexington-Concord in Massachusetts. By the late spring of 1776 Massachusetts' two "irritating little neighbors" to the north and south (New Hampshire and Rhode Island, respectively) had already established state governments: both declaring themselves independent of British authority. By early June of 1776 the Congress felt it was losing control of the political situation in the colonies. With a third of the delegates to the Congress still wanting to find a way to "patch things" up with the mother country and near another third not sure what to do, the independence faction found it still had an uphill struggle on its hands.

A breakthrough came in mid-June when an agreement was finally made to appoint a sub-committee of five men to draft an independence document that would state Congress reasons for severing the political bonds between the thirteen colonies and England. This did not necessarily mean independence was going to be declared, but if that did happen Congress would at least have a document ready that explained the break and the reasoning behind it. Most of that document was written by committee member Thomas Jefferson, but it was heavily edited and sent back several times for revisions. In mid-June a Virginia delegate and Mason, Richard Henry Lee made a motion to declare the colonies independent of Great Britain, but it was tabled for a period of two weeks. On July 2, 1776, Lee's resolution was again before Congress: this time it passed – America had declared itself independent. A problem surfaced though in that the resolution was passed ahead of the supporting document being finished.

Now a "scramble" started to get a final draft of the declaration completed. What came before Congress on July 4th was a document that was marked-up with numerous editorial and last minute wording changes. After a heated debate, the final version was agreed to and the declaration accepted - but now several other problems surfaced. The declaration Congress passed had, mark-ups, editorial, and wording changes in just about every paragraph of the document with the exception of the preamble: a "clean copy" was needed for signing. It would take two "painful weeks" to hand copy the completed document on to parchment, and get it to Philadelphia printer and Mason John Dunlap to have 200 copies made. In addition the New York legislature would not allow their delegates to vote or sign for anything until it had a chance to review the final draft. Together these two delays held-up the signing of the Declaration until August 2, 1776, when the majority of delegates to the Congress showed up to endorse the Declaration on behalf of their respective states. This of course included the then President of Congress and Mason John Hancock as well as two of the three New Hampshire delegates who were also Masons, William Whipple and Matthew Thornton.

Sought this all out, and what you have is a resolution calling for independence from England being passed by the Second Continental Congress on July 2, 1776; a final draft document declaring that Independence being agreed to on July 4th; and the signing of that *Declaration of Independence* taking place on August 2nd. Thus we are left with the question which day really is Independence Day?? I guess you could build a case for any one of those three days, but since the fourth has been with us so long, let's just leave it and move on. I'm sure John Adams would be more concerned with the fact we recognize and celebrate what the Second Continental Congress accomplished during that summer of 1776, than debate exactly what day should be designated Independence Day.

Rod MacDonald,

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 56, Historian

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

Contact

Worshipful Master: R. Daniel Perry (603) 799-6996

Senior Warden: Joseph J. Rella P.M. (603) 957-8119

Treasurer: Winston Gouzoules, P.M. (603) 436-5008

Junior Warden: Chris E. Lillicotch (478) 998-2307

Secretary: Craig I. Brown P.M. (603) 436-9208



SAINT ANDREWS LODGE

**351 Middle Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

Saint Andrews Lodge #56
c/o Craig Brown, Secretary
76 Nimble Hill Road
Newington, NH 03801
Return Service Requested