



# Saint Andrew's 56 Trestle Board



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## UP COMING EVENTS

**August 1, Visitation - Saint Johns #1.** Dinner at 6:30pm, Open at 7:150pm

**August 6, Degree team Assemble!** FULL rehearsal for our upcoming Fellow Craft Degree with DDGL in attendance. 6:30 pm

**August 12, Degree Team Assemble!** Second rehearsal for the Fellow Craft Degree. Time, TBD

**August 13, Saint Andrews Stated Communication/Inspection/FC Degree.** Dinner at 6pm, Open at 7pm.

**August 20, Ball Game!** Seadogs vs Fisher Cats baseball game in Portland, ME. More info at the Stated Communication.

**August 29, Joint Veterans Award Program.** Please join Saint Andrews and Saint Johns Lodge in welcoming Most Worshipful Grand Master John E. Lobdell to Portsmouth as he presents some very special awards to some very special Brethren. The event is semi public, so please invite the family! 6pm dinner, 7pm awards program begins. Collation to follow.

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 hope that your summer is going well and that you are dodging the many summer thunderstorms that are rolling through.

If you are aware of any sick or distressed or are in need of a ride to Lodge, please reach out to me or our Secretary so that we can arrange a ride for you.

I want to first thank RW William Sawyer PM for a great and very informative program about Masonic Lodges in England. It was enjoyed by all who were in attendance.

August is again shaping up to be a busy month. We started with the first visitation of the season at St. John's Lodge on Wednesday night. Rehearsals for our Inspection are on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and start at 6:30. It is important that all officers are present so that we can do a great job for our candidate but also to do great for our Inspection

Save the date, Monday August 20 St. Andrew's Lodge will be traveling to Portland, Maine to watch the NH Fisher Cats take on the Portland Sea Dogs. It promises to be a great event. More information will be available at the stated meeting. Thank you, Terry Long PM, for putting this together for us. Also, on the 29<sup>th</sup> we will be having our joint Veterans program with St. John's Lodge.

Now that visitation season is upon us, I hope that the Officers can attend as many as possible. But you don't have to be an officer to go. Brothers who attend will get to see a portion of ritual given by the host Lodge. Its always interesting to watch other Lodges perform ritual. Plus, if you are not an officer we get more points for your attendance. Last year St. Andrew's came in third. We lost out on second place by two points. Maybe this is the year we come in first! Won't you join us?

Daniel Perry, WM

# MORE LIGHT

## A Four Square In August????

Every February for more than half a century St. Andrew's Lodge has been one of the seacoast area lodge's that participates in Four Square: our annual Masonic observance of brother George Washington's birthday. Now you might ask why bring up this "mid-winter" event in the middle of summer (those few months of the year we can forget about winter). Well it is because I want you to be aware of something and it has nothing to do with anything relating to where you have stored the snow shovels, or when should you buy this coming winter's heating fuel. No, I bring this up simply because I want to ask if we should have something similar to four square celebration in August?? Obviously we cannot change Washington's birthday, but are we, as Masons, overlooking something that should be celebrated with an observance equal to our Washington's Birthday observance? Let me give you a hint August 4<sup>th</sup> .....does that ring a bell???

Okay, time is up! If you have not figured it out (or like most "Googled" it) here it is - on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1753, George Washington was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Fredericksburg Lodge in the Crown Colony of Virginia. For nine months Washington underwent his journey to Master Mason beginning on November 4, 1752 when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice and four months later passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on March 3, 1753. Interestingly, Fredericksburg Lodge had only been in existence for two months when Washington began as an E.A. (although there is some evidence that indicates the lodge may have had its roots in a British Army military Lodge that met in Fredericksburg as far back as 1730).

There was a problem though - when the brothers meeting in Fredericksburg decided to officially declare themselves Fredericksburg Lodge, they did so without seeking a charter. We might debate whether or not this was an early act of American colonial independence, but there was no doubt in the reaction of the Grand Lodge of England. By the mid-1750's the GLE ordered any and all unchartered Lodges in the American Colonies to seek a charter from a recognized Grand Lodge, or be regarded as "clandestine". Shortly after the Grand Lodge of England's issued this edict, Daniel Campbell, one of Fredericksburg Lodge's founding officers, travelled to see family in Edinburgh, Scotland, and while in Scotland filed a petition and submitted the sum of seven (7) pounds from Fredericksburg Lodge Funds (which in today's dollars would represent a little more than \$1,550) to the Grand Lodge of Scotland requesting to be "constituted" under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. On July 21, 1758, the Grand Lodge of Scotland issued a formal Charter to "The Lodge at Fredericksburg".

I guess we could argue that seeking this charter was a "second" act of independence in that England may have intended for the Lodges in its American Colonies to seek a charter from the Grand Lodge of England, but, in defiance, Fredericksburg Lodge sought its charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. There may, however, have been another "motivator" at play. If you had looked around Washington's "mother lodge" in 1752, you would have found officers such as Daniel Campbell, Hugh Mercer, Dr. John Sutherland, and other lodge members all of Scottish descent. So looking to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter may have been as much about heritage as defiance or independence. When the Revolution came, however, there can be no doubt about where the sentiments of the lodge rested - after George Washington was named Commander of the Continental Army many members of Fredericksburg Lodge helped form the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment - a frontline regiment of the Continental Army.

So, now that we are aware George Washington was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a Virginia Lodge that was constituted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland - should St. Andrew's Lodge consider spearheading a "four square" type August observance recognizing these historic Masonic events..... Cherry pie, wearing of kilt, extra saltires flying, and a "wee dram of scotch" next August anyone???

Rod MacDonald, Historian

St. Andrews Lodge No. 56

## VISITATION SEASON 2018

Wednesday August 1, 2018

SAINT JOHN'S LODGE #1

Portsmouth, NH

Monday October 22, 2018

SAINT JAMES LODGE #102

Hampton, NH

Monday September 10, 2018

SAINT ANDREWS LODGE #56

Portsmouth, NH

Tuesday November 6, 2018

GIDEON LODGE #84

Kingston, NH

Thursday October 11, 2018

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE #59

Exeter, NH

Tuesday November 13, 2018

ROCKINGHAM LODGE #76

Candia, NH

Tuesday October 16, 2018

TUCKER LODGE #99

Raymond, NH

Tuesday December 6, 2018

MAJ. GEN. JOHN SULLIVAN  
LODGE #2

Epping, NH

## REGARDING ALL VISITATIONS

For consistency, Visitations will start at 7:15, preceded by at Dinner at 6:30.

There will be a role for visiting WM's. The DDGL and DDEO will explain how you visitors will participate. Let's enjoy this new format and help each other. I am hoping to see a good participation by other lodges to cement our friendships within our district. Our District has a reputation to uphold and I know you will help us stay on top.

Looking Forward to the Visits,

Fraternally,

Ken Weyler, DDGM

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## 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		

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