



Saint Andrew's 56



# Trestle Board

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## UP COMING EVENTS

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**September 8, Outdoor EA° for District #1.** Annual outdoor EA° for District #1. Lunch by RSVP only. If driving west on North Road from Rt.125, the address "273" is on the left. Look for signs posted. 10 am - Open in EA° 12 pm - BBQ For 2018: RSVP: \$15/ticket thru District #1 M&W Assn.

**September 9, Officers Assemble! Degree Team Assemble!** Rehearsal for reception of the DDGM, and FC degree work for Inspection. Time, TBD

**September 10, Saint Andrews Stated Communication/DDGM Visitation!** Visitations will start at 7:15, preceded by at Dinner at 6:30.

**September 26 , Masters Class for Dist. 1 - Star in the East Lodge #59, 63 Water St, Exeter, NH 7-9pm**

**September 27, Masters and Wardens Assn. Meeting. Host: Saint Andrews Lodge.** Supper 6:30. Meeting 7:15. Casual attire. All MMs welcome and Lodge officers especially encouraged to attend.

**Saturday September 29, District 1 Lodge of Instruction.** 12pm Lunch, 1:00pm GLNH LOI for District 1. Portsmouth Masonic temple.

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



**The George Washington Masonic National Memorial**

# MASTERS MESSAGE



I would like to start of this month's message by congratulating the officers for a job well done on our Inspection. Brother Browne received an excellent Fellow Craft Degree and RW Caron, DDGL gave us very nice remarks on our work for the evening.

Thank you also to all those who came out to the Fisher Cats/ Sea Dogs game on the 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a perfect night for baseball. Thank you Worshipful Long and Gouzoules for handling all the arrangements.

Our stated meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> is also our Official Visitation from RW DDGM Kenneth Weyler. I hope to see as many members of our Lodge there filling up the sidelines as can make it. Your officers have been working hard on our ritual work, and it shows. We will be presenting the first half of the Fellow Craft degree as part of the Visitation program. DDGM Weyler has requested that Lodges open at 7:15 for Visitations so we will delay our opening to accommodate him.

After the Visitation we will have a short business meeting to take care of anything that comes before the Lodge.

The First District outdoor EA Degree and cookout on September 8<sup>th</sup> has been moved to 273 North Road in Freemont. The degree starts at 10:00 am.

Condolences to Dale Mills on the passing of his father

Congratulations to our Secretary Craig Brown PM on being installed Grand Sentinel for the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire Order of the Eastern Star.

If you know of any sick or distressed, please let the secretary or me know.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge,

Fraternally,

Daniel Perry, WM

# MORE LIGHT

## So whose house was it anyway???

Most members of St. Andrew's Lodge who have been "lifers" to this area, are probably aware of that yellow colonial house about 300 yards up middle street going towards downtown that has the sign in the front yard "John Paul Jones House". Most of us also know it's a historic fact this house never belonged to John Paul Jones. However, it seems most tourist coming to the area are not aware of this -unless they have taken the tour of the house where they are told John Paul Jones did not own the home. I've often been questioned about this from tourists going through the Masonic Museum at the Pitt Tavern and usually get that "deer-in-the-headlights" when I say he never owned the house. I even had one visitor say "Oh, so it is not named after THE John Paul Jones, but another John Paul Jones." At that point I really have to confuse things by saying, "It is named after THE John Paul Jones. Then comes the follow up "but... he never lived there?" The minute I give this response "yes he did live there" I now am committed to put everything together to explain the "Who's-on-First?" situation I've created.

I have to start with the fact that John Paul (Jones was added later) was born in Scotland in 1747 and came to America in 1773-74. When he offered his services as an experienced captain to the fledgling Continental Navy, the Continental Congress offered him a Commission as the First Lieutenant of the first ship Congress authorized as a Naval vessel – the *Alfred*. In June of 1777 Jones was given orders to report to Portsmouth, N.H. to oversee the completion of a new naval vessel being built for Congress: the eighteen gun sloop-of-war *Ranger*. Upon completion, Jones would take command of the warship. Jones, like many travelers in his era, was looking for accommodations while in Portsmouth (remember this is prior to "Holiday Inns"), and wound up renting a room in the boarding house of one Sarah Purcell". Sarah Purcell was the widow of Captain Gregory Purcell. She and husband had the house built in 1758, but upon his death in 1776, she had to take in boarders to make ends meet. John Paul Jones became one of her "long term" tenants while he supervised the completion of the *Ranger* from 1781 to 1782. Sarah did not survive long after Jones left – she died in 1783. So there you have it, the John Paul Jones House is named after its most famous tenant not its owner!

Of course before I let our bewildered tourist get away, I let them know there is a "Masonic Connection" to the story. John Paul Jones had become a Mason in Bernard's Masonic Lodge No. 122, of Kirkcudbright Scotland in 1770, and was said to have attended several Masonic meetings while "stationed" in Portsmouth. But it was not the first time a ship's captain who was a freemason had occupied the house - Sarah Purcell's husband Captain John Purcell had also been a Mason. Just before Sarah passed away, she sold the house to another Portsmouth Freemason, Woodbury Langdon (brother of Governor John Langdon). Woodbury Langdon's family is generally credited with saving the "John Paul Jones House" from several attempts to rip it down in the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

So now, when you are walking near the intersection of Miller and State Street and overhear several visitors to the city saying, "Oh look, that is where John Paul Jones lived!" you have one of three options you can exercise – (1) Stop, and recite this whole story to them, (2) recommend they visit the house (and it is definitely worth the visit), where they will get the "straight story" about the dwelling, or (3) send them down to the Masonic Museum at the Pitt Tavern on Court Street, and we will give them the "straight" story, but also, for free, "throw-in" the story of Masonic Connection to the house's rich history.

Rod MacDonald

St. Andrews Historian

## 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

Fist Masonic District of NH

## *Officers 2018*

R. Daniel Perry Joseph J. Rella, PM Christopher E. Lillicotch Winston Gouzoules, PM Robert L. Sutherland Jr. PM Craig I. Brown, PM George Milliken, PM Robert Canney	Worshipful Master Senior Warden Junior Warden Treasurer Asst. Treasurer Secretary Asst. Secretary Grand Lodge Representative
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## *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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Return Service Requested